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Introduction

Home to the Huron-Manistee National Forest and the Pere Marquette State Forest, nearly 80% of the County's land cover is forested, with about 41% of its total acreage managed by the National Forest Service and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Nearly 15% of the County's surface area consists of water features, which include several major lakes and a federally designated Wild and Scenic River. These assets provide Wexford County residents and visitors with countless year-round opportunities for activities such as camping, hiking, fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, cross country skiing, or horseback riding.

The County's lakes, rivers, forests, trails, community events, and recreation programming provide other benefits as well. Recreation activities and events bring residents and visitors together, fostering opportunities for cultural activities, education, and civic engagement. They promote public health and wellness by encouraging opportunities for physical activity, which is critical in staying healthy, reducing stress, fighting obesity, and preventing chronic health conditions.

Parks also act, increasingly, as economic drivers, raising property values, drawing new residents to the community, and encouraging new development and tourism. Because of the important role it plays in the community's quality of life and desirability, recreation improvements and enhancements support and encourage—and in some cases, create—new investment and economic development.

To help guide future recreation improvements and enhancements, the Wexford County Board of Commissioners initiated an update to the 2013 Wexford County Recreation Plan in 2017. This Recreation Plan presents an evaluation of Wexford County's recreation opportunities and needs. It is intended to identify the County's highest recreation priorities and to offer an implementation road map for the recreation goals and objectives identified by the community. The Plan is organized as follows:

Chapter 1, Community Description, includes information regarding the County's population, natural features, and other community information. The intent of this section is to provide a context for the plan that will assist in establishing goals.

Chapter 2, Administrative Structure, summarizes the process through which recreation decisions are made.

Chapter 3, Recreation Inventory itemizes the County's existing recreational facilities.

Chapter 4, Planning and Public Input, explains how public input was gathered and used in developing and prioritizing recreation goals, objectives, and action program, and identifies recreation goals of existing county plans for consideration and in goals, objectives, and actions.

Chapter 5, Goals, Objectives, and Action Program describes proposed recreation goals and improvements, and suggests specific implementation activities to achieve those goals.

DNR Recreation Planning Guidelines

This Plan was developed according to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans*.

Through its recreation grants program, currently funded through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) provides financial assistance to communities that would like to purchase land for parks, or are planning to improve or develop recreation facilities.

To be eligible to apply for these grant programs, a community must have a 5-year recreation plan, approved by the DNR, that meets certain requirements. This Recreation Plan was developed to comply with all MDNR requirements for recreation plans.

Chapter 1: Community Description

Wexford County is located in the northwestern part of the Lower Peninsula, surrounded by Manistee, Grand Traverse, Missaukee, Osceola and Lake Counties.

The natural features and vast public land in Wexford County provide a diversity of recreational opportunities, including areas for hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, skiing and hiking, among others.

Population Characteristics

The region's natural resources, scenic beauty, and high quality of life have long made the area a desirable location for second homes, as well as for retirees and families. This contributed to substantial population growth through the 1970's, '80's, and '90's – Wexford County's population grew by 55% between 1970-2000. However, significant changes in the economy over the years, combined with changes in development patterns throughout the region, have had an impact on the population in Wexford County. Economic decline resulted in loss of manufacturing jobs, particularly in communities like Cadillac, which hosts numerous industries with close connections to the automotive industry. As the region contended with these and other economic challenges, its historically high growth rates slowed. Between 2000-2010, Wexford County's population grew by 7% - the County's slowest growth rate since 1960.

Age and Household Characteristics

The age of a community's residents is an important factor in determining recreation needs. Communities can work to provide diverse recreation opportunities to accommodate the varying abilities and interests of residents at different stages of life.

Almost all of Wexford County's population growth between 2000-2010 was concentrated in age cohorts of 45 years and up. With fewer jobs available, many residents and their families left the area to find

employment opportunities elsewhere, reflected by a 20% decline in individuals aged 35-44 in Wexford County. Because this age group is most likely to be part of a household with children at home, the County also experienced a decline in all age groups between the ages of 5-19 years. Yet, as younger people and families left the region, the numbers of those aged 45 and older increased. Between 2000-2010, the number of households in Wexford County with one or more people over the age of 60 increased by about 27%. Some of this growth reflects natural age increases, as the Baby Boomers begin to reach retirement age; while some growth can be accounted for by new residents that moved to the area following retirement.

Between 2010-2017, Wexford County continued to grow in age cohorts of 55 years and up. Population in the younger cohorts has remained relatively steady when compared to the previous decade,

As individuals age, needs increase for facilities that accommodate passive recreation such as walking. Barrier-free access to recreation is particularly important for an aging population, and the provision of barrier-free and universally accessible recreation will become an increasingly high priority as the population ages. Passive recreation activities, such as walking, also increases in importance for an aging population.

Despite declining numbers of children and family households, individuals under the age of 19 make up a quarter of Wexford County's total population (25.5%). Youth-oriented recreation opportunities will continue to be important for both current residents and as an amenity to draw new families to the County.

Income and Poverty

When planning for recreation, it is important to ensure that activities and amenities in the community are within the financial means of the majority of residents. The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

reports that 2016 per capita income in Wexford County was \$33,435, compared to \$44,253 for the statewide per capita income. In 2016, the median household income in the County was \$40,417, which is 25.7% below the state’s median household income of \$50,803.

Despite lower incomes, however, costs of living are typically higher, and many households in the area struggle to make ends meet. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the 2016 poverty rate was 18.8% in Wexford County, compared to 16.3% in Michigan.

Lower-income residents can face greater challenges in accessing recreation, and providing recreational opportunities to those with limited needs is an important consideration when planning for recreation in Wexford County.

Seasonal Population

Wexford County’s outdoor recreation opportunities contribute to a significant seasonal population. Tourists and seasonal residents alike travel to the region to take advantage of the state and federal forest lands, prime inland lakes and streams, and trails.

Data available from the Northwest Michigan Seasonal Population Study (2014) shows changes in population by month in each county in Northwest Michigan, including Wexford County. Wexford County’s population is estimated to increase by 21% in the summer months to over 41,000. This includes seasonal residents, overnight visitors, and other transient residents that are staying in second homes, campgrounds, RV parks, hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts, and cottages. This increased activity brings added visitor spending throughout the County, but also comes with community costs in the form of added maintenance for trash removal, landscaping, and other activities. With limited recreation budgets and staff in many communities, some communities struggle to plan for, budget, and address seasonal usage patterns at local parks.

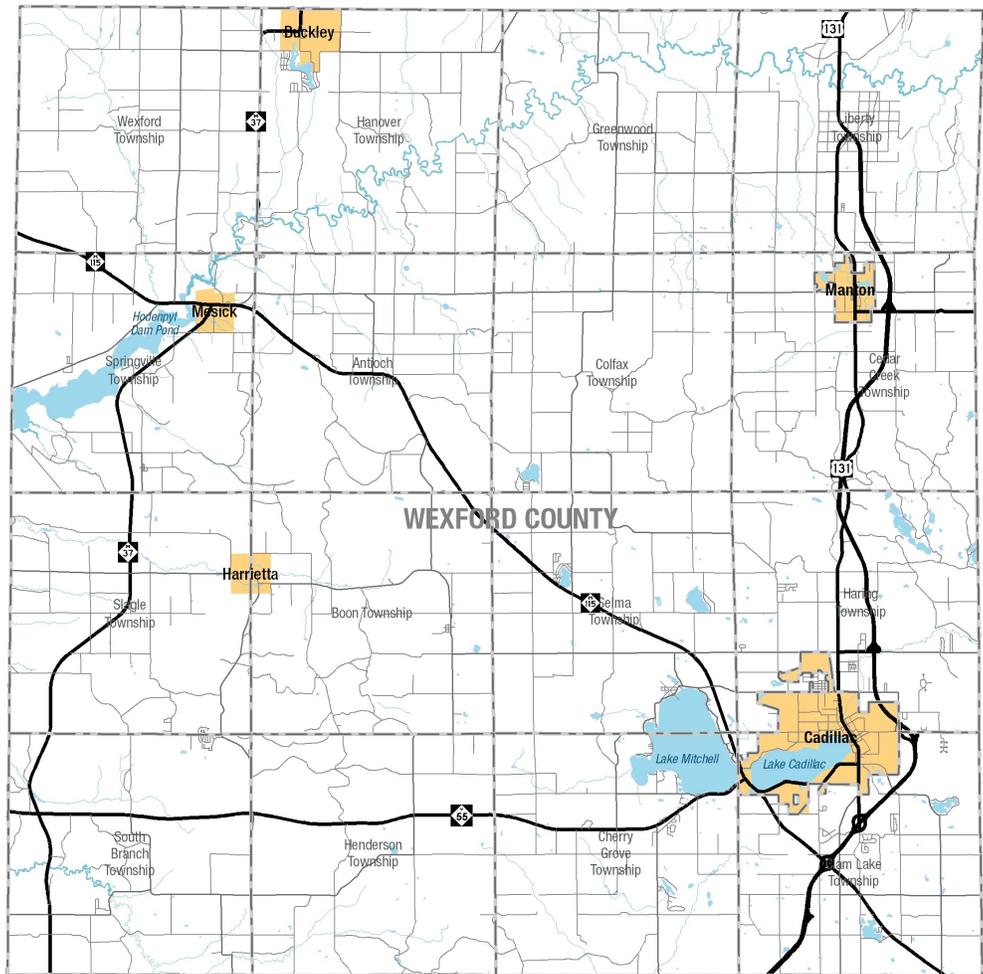
Land Use & Planning

Any recreational expansion or newly-created recreational facilities should be coordinated with the community to insure appropriate location for the proposed activity, and consistency with the township, village, or city master plan and zoning ordinances as applicable.

Table: Change in Wexford County Age Cohorts, 2010-2017

Age Cohort	2010 Population	2017 Population	Change	% Change
Under 5 years	2,223	2,056	-167	-7.5%
5 to 9 years	2,181	2,213	32	1.5%
10 to 14 years	2,186	2,283	97	4.4%
15 to 19 years	2,139	1,924	-215	-10.1%
20 to 24 years	1,735	1,807	72	4.1%
25 to 34 years	3,713	3,826	113	3.0%
35 to 44 years	3,920	3,676	-244	-6.2%
45 to 54 years	5,063	4,284	-779	-15.4%
55 to 59 years	2,365	2,568	203	8.6%
60 to 64 years	2,018	2,416	398	19.7%
65 to 74 years	2,863	3,663	800	27.9%
75 to 84 years	1,680	1,819	139	8.3%
85 years & over	655	741	86	13.1%
Total	32,741	33,276	535	1.6%

Source: US Census Population Estimates



Data Source: Michigan Open Data; Networks Northwest; Wexford County
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Transportation Systems

Highways

The County is served by six state/federal highways including U.S.-131, Old US-131/Business US-131, M-115, M-55, M-37, and M-42.

Public Transportation

The Cadillac/Wexford Transit Authority, or WexExpress, is a door-to-door public transit service for residents and visitors of Wexford County.

Air and Rail Service

The Wexford County Airport is open to the public and is a general aviation airport. It is located two miles north of the City of Cadillac on land owned by the

City of Cadillac and Wexford County. The airport is operated by the Wexford County Airport Board Authority.

Wexford county is serviced by the Great Lakes Railway Company from Clare, Mt. Pleasant, Midland and points south to Traverse City, Yuma, and toward Petoskey. The rail north of Yuma has been removed.

Trails

Trail facilities enhance recreation opportunities, and provide a unique opportunity to combine physical activity with transportation, linking destinations while providing alternatives to motorized transportation. Trail development and connections between existing trails are increasingly recognized as important economic strategies, generating tourism and visitor spending, and even drawing new residents.

Access to a diverse and vast trail network is especially great in Wexford County. The County hosts a number of both motorized and non-motorized trail systems. Information on the specific trails is provided in Chapter 3, *Recreation Inventory*.

Snowmobiles and off-road vehicles (ORVs) are authorized to use road shoulders on County road rights-of-way, and a number of motorized trails are available on the County's public land. Trail opportunities for ORVs were recently expanded with Public Act 288 of 2016, which opens state forest roads to ORV use unless posted.

Natural Features

The natural resources of Wexford County are vital to the economic health and quality of life of area residents. The abundance of quality public forest land and water resources make this area a popular tourism destination, particularly for hunters, fishermen, and snowmobilers, and are an invaluable asset in attracting new visitors and investment to the area.

Topography

About 50 percent of Wexford County is made up of rolling to steep glacial moraines, with most of the remainder undulating or nearly level glacial out wash plains. The highest point in Wexford County is Briar Hill at 1,706 feet elevation.

Soils

The main soil types found in Wexford County include:

Sandy Soils. Nearly level to steep, somewhat excessively drained and well drained sandy soils. Not fertile, thus not productive for crops or trees. Fast leaching, which tends to make groundwater vulnerable to contamination from the surface. These include: Rubicon-Montcalm-Graycalm, Grayling-Graycalm,, Kalkaska, Croswell sand, and Pits.

Sandy Loam Soils. Nearly level, undulating, to steep, well drained loamy and sandy soils. These include: Emmet-Montcalm and Hodenpyl-Karlin.

Loam and Clay-Loam Soils. Nearly level to steep



well drained and somewhat poorly drained loamy and sandy soils. Tends to be the more fertile, productive soils. Also tends to be soils that are problems for use of on site sewage disposal systems. This includes: Nester-Kawkawlin-Manistee.

Wetland and flood plain Soils. Nearly level and undulating, very poorly drained and moderately well drained mucky and sandy soils in bogs, depressions, drainage ways. These soils include: Tawas-Croswell-Lupton, Au Gres-Finch sands, Allendale loamy sand, Fluvaquents and Histosols, and Winterfield sands.

Vegetative Cover

The forests of Wexford County include hemlock and other coniferous trees, such as red and white pine, spruce and fir, and deciduous trees, such as birch, beech, maple, basswood, and oak. Swamp and wetland vegetation patterns are also found along with a multitude of shrubs. As a result of intensive lumbering in the past, most of these forested areas are second growth and, to some degree, the original forest habitat patterns have been altered.

Forest cover types represent the largest land cover in Wexford County. The three principal segments are the United States Manistee National Forest, the Michigan Pere Marquette State Forest and the large tracts of land owned by Consumers Energy (formerly Consumers Power) along the Manistee River. All of these areas are under some degree of woodland-wildlife-recreation management plan.

Water Resources

The County is divided between two major watersheds, or drainage areas: the Big Manistee River and the Muskegon River (Clam River/Lakes Cadillac/Mitchell). Both flow into Lake Michigan. Much of the County is within the watershed of the Big Manistee River/Pine River.

Wexford County' surface waters are major attractions for recreation and tourism. The Big Manistee River and the Pine River, a federal Wild and Scenic River, run through Wexford County. The lower 26-miles of the Pine River was designated a National Scenic River in 1992. The Pine River has the fastest average flow of any river in lower Michigan. The Manistee has had a long standing reputation for being a top-quality trout stream, and provides cold water habitat for over 75 species of fish, including trout and salmon.

There are a large number of named and unnamed feeder creeks to the Big Manistee River in the north central part of Wexford County, which represents artesian flow from groundwater moving north from the glacial hills toward the river.

Major Lakes in Wexford County include:

- Lake Mitchell,
- Lake Cadillac,
- Hodenpyl Dam Pond,
- Long Lake,
- Lake Gitchegume,
- Pleasant Lake,
- Stone Ledge Lake,
- Lake Meauwataka (Dayhuff Lake),
- Berry Lake,
- Woodward Lake
- Round Lake

The streams in Wexford County are quality trout streams because of abundant groundwater discharge into the surface water resulting in cold water streams. The protection of groundwater and riparian zones is therefore important for maintaining and protecting the County's fisheries.

Climate

Wexford County seldom experiences prolonged periods of hot, humid weather in the summer or extreme cold during winter due to the movement of pressure systems across the nation.

Wexford County is located about 21 to 28 miles east of Lake Michigan. As a result of prevailing westerly winds, crossing Lake Michigan, Wexford County experiences a lake effect influence on the weather. The lake effect is mainly in the winter, providing increased cloudiness and snowfall. With northeast winds the sky may clear and provide lower temperatures more commonly experienced at interior locations. The lake effect has almost no effect in the summer, or for agricultural purposes. Wexford's climate is characterized by larger temperature ranges than in areas at the same latitude near the Great Lakes.

Chapter 2: Administrative Structure

Organizational Structure

The Wexford County Board of Commissioners (BOC) consists of nine members that are elected by the public every two years. The County Board adopts budgets, approves contracts, adopts policies, and oversees staff. Budgets, planning, staffing, and other issues related to parks, recreation, and other County facilities are also overseen by the BOC's Recreation and Building Committee.

Staff, Relationship with Other Agencies, & Volunteers

Under contract with the County, the Boon Sports Management Board oversees the maintenance and operations of the complex, and reports to the BOC's Recreation and Building Committee. Boon Sports Management is responsible for maintaining all of the Civic Center facilities. The County and Boon Sports Management are operating under a ten year contract.

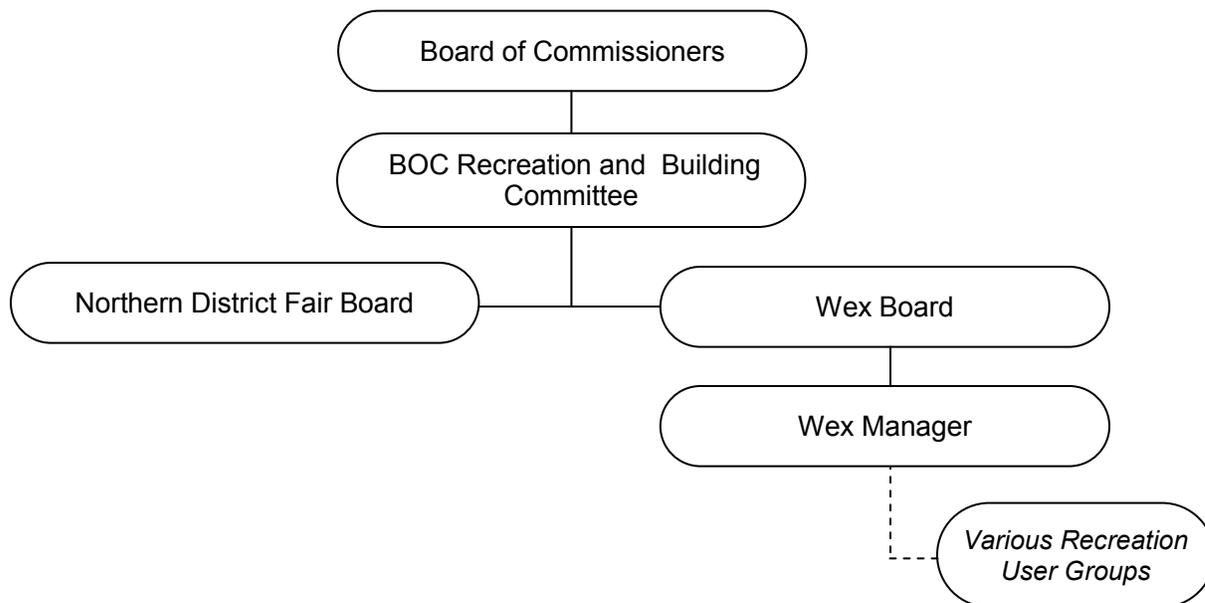
Boon Sports Management staffs the Wexford Civic Center with one full-time staff member (the manager),

and 10-12 part-time employees. The manager is in charge of day-to-day operations, part-time staff, promotion and marketing activities, maintenance of the grounds. User groups and different community groups provide key support for the facilities.

Wexford County also partners with the Fair Board for use of the fair grounds. The Fair Board has complete access and use of the facilities at the Fairgrounds and Civic Center for three weeks every August. The County maintains the buildings located on the Fairgrounds.

Funding & Budgeting

The County General Fund is the primary source of funding for park maintenance, improvements, and activities. The 2017-2018 parks and recreation budget was \$58,000; the 2018-2019 budget (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31) is \$58,000. The proposed budget for 2019-2020 is \$58,000.



Chapter 3: Recreation Inventory

A wealth of recreation opportunities are available to Wexford County residents and visitors. These opportunities are fundamental to the overall quality of life, and can serve as a strategic asset in new economic activity and community enhancements. An understanding of the current recreation facilities in Wexford County—beyond those owned by the County—will provide greater context for determining gaps, needs, and priorities, and for identifying opportunities for support, promotion and partnership.

The following recreation inventory is based on information acquired through site visits, input from recreation stakeholders, and a review of local and regional plans. The map on the next page shows the location of the County-owned facilities, as well as other public recreation facilities in the County. For the County-owned facilities, information is provided on facility type, size, service area, amenities, and accessibility. Discussion from the public and stakeholder input is also reflected on the following pages. Because of their importance to residents, the inventory also identifies parks and recreation facilities found regionally.

Accessibility

The accessibility evaluations for the Wexford County parks and recreational facilities were completed as part of the recreation inventory with assistance from County staff and Boon Sports Management. The evaluations were conducted using the criteria provided in the MDNR *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans* (MDNR, 2016). These criteria are based on the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design. To assist with the assessments, the planning committee referenced the New England ADA Center “Checklists.”

The following ADA Ranking system was used for the evaluations:

- 1 = none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 2 = some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 3 = most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 4 = the entire park meets accessibility guidelines
- 5 = the entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design.

Grant Inventory

Wexford County has received one recreation grant from the MDNR. A copy of the DNR Grant History, which includes descriptions of the grant, is included at the end of this chapter. The required Post Completion Self Inspection Reports are included in the Appendices.

The Wexford Civic Center & Northern District Fairgrounds

The 40 acre site is home to the Wexford Civic Center, including the Civic Arena and Ice Arena, and the Northern District Fairgrounds. The facilities serve residents from around the County as well as members of nearby communities. Public input received through the survey emphasized the importance of the facility to its residents and businesses.

The Wexford Civic Arena and Ice Arena is an important connection for indoor recreation and entertainment in the County. The Wex is an important hub for hockey, as well as all kinds of events and activities. Efforts to promote use of the space to different user groups and organizations, and partnerships with area businesses, have helped increase activity at the Civic Center in recent years.

The facility hosts a number a large community events, including Project Christmas, the annual Governor's Breakfast, the annual Senior Expo, Cadillac Pop Culture Con, gun and knife shows, blood drives, and professional wrestling events.

Ice Arena: The Wex is a regional hub for hockey and figure skating. The Ice Arena hosts adult hockey leagues, high school youth hockey practice and games, learn-to-skate programs, and public open skate. The ice is ready by October and typically removed by April. When the ice is removed, the arena is used for a variety of other activities, including roller derby and dryland training.

Civic Arena and Auditorium: The 20,000 sq. foot Auditorium is used for a diversity of public and private events including banquets, concerts, trade and consumer shows, wedding receptions, a circus, and more. The space can accommodate a large number of vendors and customers, even RVs. The bleachers fold out with seating for 1,800. There is additional chair seating for approximately 800.

A commercial kitchen services both the Ice Arena and Civic Arena/Auditorium, which each have their

own concession stands. The facilities also share a large parking area.

Civic Center Accessibility Assessment = 4

Northern District Fairgrounds: Annual community events are hosted here, most notably, the Northern District Fair. 2018 marked the 110th Northern District Fair here. Events include the Farm Stock Tractor Pull, Demo Derby, livestock judging, pie baking contest, livestock market sales, garden tractor pulls and a battle of the bands in the grandstand. The Northern District Fair Board has access to the entire Civic Center for the full month of August every year.

The Octagonal Building is located on the Fairgrounds. The historic building was closed in 2015 by the Wexford County Board of Commissioners as a safety precaution. Originally built in 1908 for the first fair in Cadillac, it is said to be one of two left in Michigan (the other is on the Calhoun County Fairgrounds in Marshall). The Octagonal Building Committee was dissolved by the Board of Commissioners in 2018.

Fairgrounds Accessibility Assessment = 1

Public & Stakeholder Input: At 84%, the majority of survey respondents indicated that they use the Wexford Civic Center facilities. The Ice Arena and Civic Auditorium had nearly the same reported usage (50%) among survey respondents. Use of the Fairgrounds was only slightly lower (46%).

Survey comments addressed the need for improvements to the Wexford Civic Center, ranging from general updates to specific areas for improvement. Many were general comments about the need for updates/upgrades to the "Wex" facilities. Others cited specific areas for improvement, the most common of which were the parking lot (21 comments), locker rooms, octagon building, fairgrounds, and auditorium.

The facility is in need of some large capital improvement projects including the HVAC system in both the ice arena and auditorium, the auditorium roof, and the parking lot.



Pinoco Park

This 40-acre County-owned parcel is located in Boon Township (*number three on the Wexford County Recreation Map, page 13*). The park's service area is Wexford County. However, the property does not appear to be well known or used by County residents. There are no facilities on the site. An unpaved access drive leads to a turn-around on the property.

The parcel was previously owned by 4-H and MSU Extension. The County has owned the parcel since

the late 1990s. There may have been a previous interest in using the site for a horse arena and/or camping. However, the site remain undeveloped.

Accessibility Assessment = 1

Public & Stakeholder Input: In response to use of Pinoco County Park, the majority of respondents indicated that they “never” use the park. Few indicated “rarely” or “occasionally” using it. Conversations had with the recreation stakeholders throughout the planning process also indicate a lack of awareness about the facility.



Recreation Assets

A wide variety of public and private recreation opportunities are available within Wexford County as well as a short distance away. Townships, cities, and villages maintain local parks and recreation facilities, and the extensive state and federal land includes a number of trail systems, campgrounds, boat launches, and more.

Non-profit organizations such as the Cadillac Area Land Conservancy (CALC) also contribute to the recreation and scenic opportunities in the County. CALC has four public preserves including Waldeck Island Nature Preserve, Oliver Family Nature Preserve, Carl T. Johnson Nature Preserve, and the Kohn Family Nature Preserve. CALC also protects land by working with landowners through conservation easements.

Private recreation facilities, such as Caberfae Peaks Ski & Golf Resort and Evergreen Resort, are also widely available. The County is home to numerous



privately owned campgrounds, golf courses, downhill and cross country ski facilities, snowmobile clubs, horseback riding facilities, and more.

State and Federal Land

The Huron-Manistee National Forests and Pere Marquette State Forest encompass hundreds or thousands of public land in and around Wexford County. The United States Forest Service and State of Michigan are a big part of what makes Wexford County a four season playground. These public lands provide areas for rustic and improved camping, hunting, fishing, motorized and non-motorized trails, public access to rivers and lakes, and opportunities for wildlife and bird watching.

Wexford County's two National Scenic Rivers are surrounded by large areas of public land providing quality canoeing and kayaking, and fishing opportunities. Much of the land along the Pine River is owned and managed by the United States Forest Service, and much of the land along the Big Manistee is owned by the State of Michigan and Consumers Energy.

Trails

Public and stakeholder input received during the planning process indicates a strong interest in trail development in Wexford County. Comments most commonly addressed the need for more trails, including paved bike trails, ORV/ATV trails, horseback riding trails, and unpaved mountain biking trails; trail connections and extensions; improved maintenance; and more mapping/signage.

An understanding of trail systems in the area is important in identifying opportunities for trail linkages and enhancements. Wexford County is host to a number of significant trail systems, which are organized by use on the following page. Additionally, a number of regionally significant non-motorized trail systems are located just outside of the County, such as the Big M and Marzinski Equestrian Trail.

Snowmobile Trails

Snowmobiling is a popular winter activity for both residents and visitors. Some trails within the

Manistee National Forest also permit snowmobile and ORV usage. The majority of snowmobiling is on the DNR Designated Snowmobile Trails, which are concentrated in the southern and western parts of the County. Staging areas are located along the routes. Snowmobiles are also allowed on the White Pine Trail.

Cadillac Winter Promotions is a volunteer snowmobile trail grooming group sponsored by the State of Michigan. The group is responsible for maintaining and grooming around 200 miles of snowmobile trails.

ORV Trails

Long Lake Wexford Motorized Cycle Trail

This 27-mile ORV trail is motorcycle-only. The trail is sandy and mostly wooded. It is located south of Manton.

Missaukee Junction ORV Trail

Over 15 miles of ORV Trail located north of Cadillac on state land.

Michigan Cross Country Cycle Trail

The Michigan Cross Country Cycle Trail (MCCCT) covers hundreds of miles and connects many trail systems throughout Michigan's lower peninsula. The MCCCT trail is designed for off-road motorcycles and runs through Henderson, Boon, and Antioch Townships.

North Missaukee Trail/Route

The ORV Route and Trail run through the northwest corner of the County in Liberty Township. The Route is for ORVs of all sizes, where as the Trail is for ORVs 50 inches in width or less, including off-road motorcycles. The Route connects to the MCCCT.

Hiking, Biking, Cross-Country Ski Trails

Cadillac Pathway

The Pathway has over 11 miles of maintained trail for non-motorized use. During the winter season, both the Cross Country Ski Trail and Winter Sports Trail are groomed by volunteers from the Friends of the Cadillac Pathway. During the non-winter months, the Pathway is used by hikers and bikers.

Clam River Greenway

This paved greenway in the City of Cadillac features a wooden boardwalk, sound garden, sun dial, gardens, and bridge opening to the Clam River. The Greenway connects Lake Cadillac trails to the Cadillac Area Sports Association Soccer & Baseball fields.

North Country Trail/Iron Belle Trail

The North Country Trail is a National Scenic Trail, stretching 4,600 miles over seven states, from New York to North Dakota. Ten national forests, and more than 150 public lands, the North Country Trail is the longest National Scenic Trail in the United States. The Trail enters Wexford County in Springville Township and follows county roads until reaching a large block of public land along the Big Manistee River. The trail follows the north side of the Manistee River to the east side of Wexford County, where it exits the County toward Fife Lake. The trail connects to the Manistee River Trail at Coates Highway to the South and the Suspension Bridge to the North. Hikers can continue on to Seaton Creek Campground and many primitive sites along the trail.

White Pine Trail

Hendrick Meijer White Pine Trail follows the former rail road grade south of Cadillac ninety-two miles to Grand Rapids. This trail system is operated as a state park by the Department of Natural Resources, and is maintained with assistance from the Friends of the White Pine Trail.

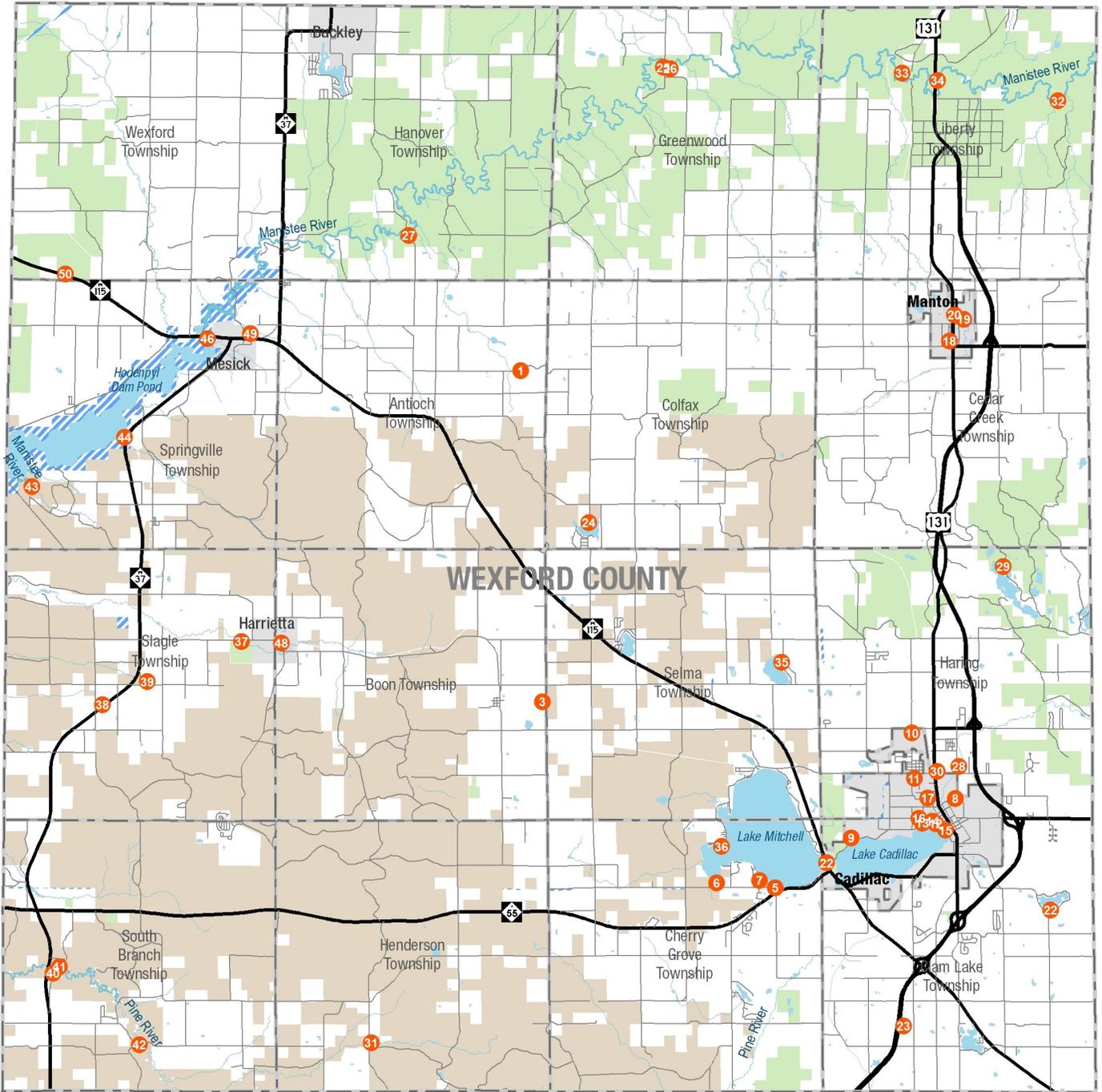
Mackenzie Trail

The trail includes over 10 miles of loops of varying lengths for cross-country skiing and mountain biking. The trail is located in the Huron Manistee National Forest, northwest of the Caberfae ski area. The loops range in difficulty.

Equestrian Trails

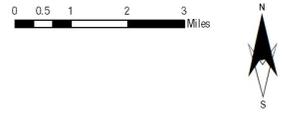
Shore to Shore Trail

A southern spur off the main 220 mile Shore to Shore trail comes down into Wexford County towards Cadillac, passing through Hopkins Creek and Log Lake State Forest Campgrounds. The trail is open to horseback riders and hikers.



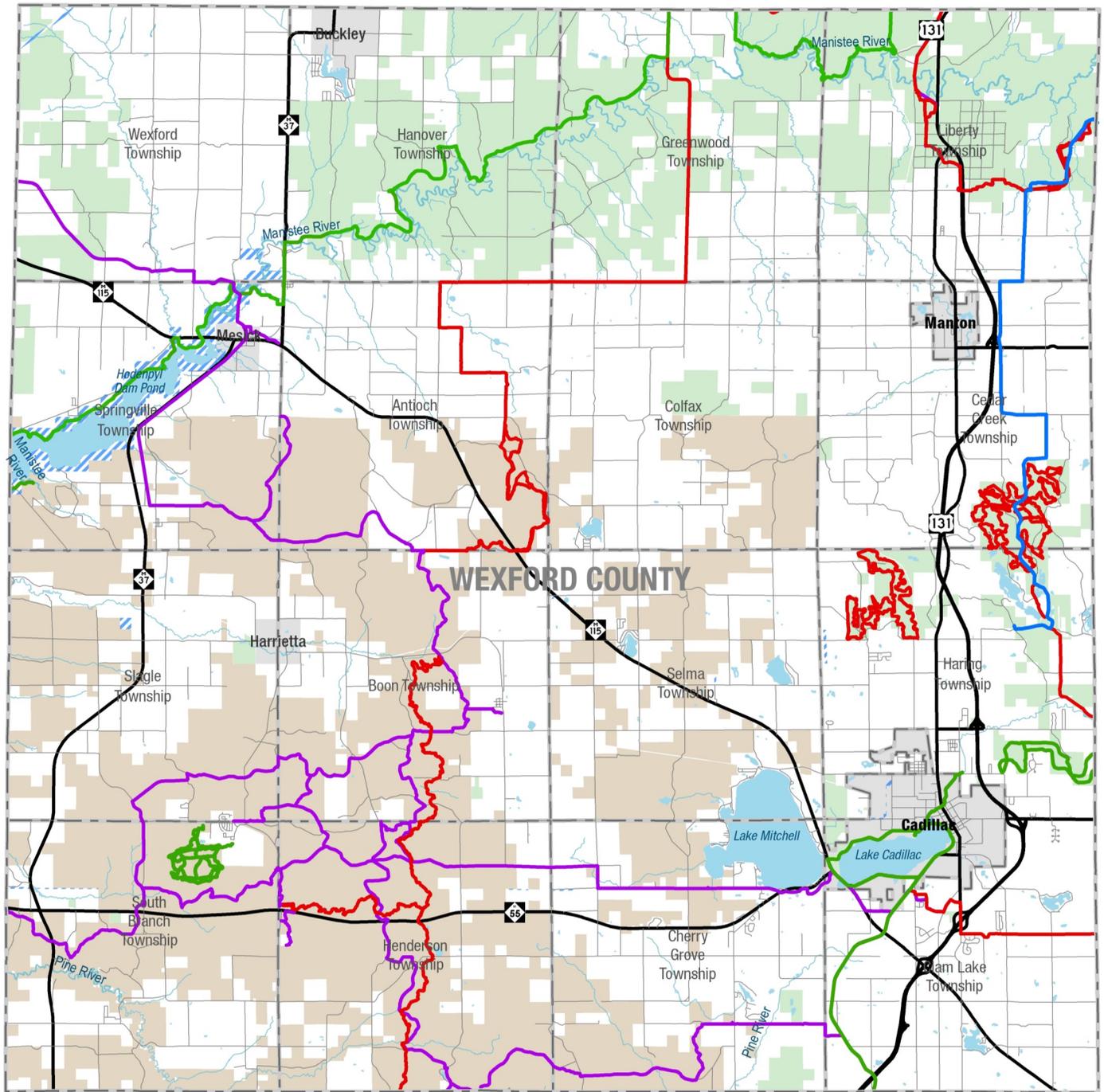
Wexford County Recreation

- Recreation Assets
- State Land
- Huron Manistee National Forest
- Consumers Energy
- Local and County Roads
- State Trunkline
- City or Village
- Township
- ~ Rivers
- Lakes



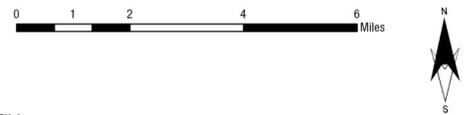
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Wexford County Trails

- Non-Motorized Trail
- Equestrian Trail
- ORV and/or Motorcycle
- Snowmobile Trail
- Local and County Roads
- State Trunkline
- City or Village
- Township
- State Land
- Consumers Energy
- Huron Manistee National Forest



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Other Public Recreation Assets

No.	Location/Name	Owner	Description of Facilities Available	Size
Antioch Township				
1	Antioch Township Park	Twp	Fishing	40 acres
Boon Township				
2	Boon Township Park	Twp	Playground	
3	Pinoco Park	County	<i>See Page 10</i>	40 acres
Cedar Creek Township				
4	Manton Free Methodist Campground	Church	Camping, Children's Play equipment, Playfields	50 acres
Cherry Grove Township				
5	Forest Lawn Drive Boat Launch	Twp.	Boat Launch	.2 acre
6	Hemlock Campground	USFS	Camping, Boat Launch, Fishing	7 acres
7	West Shore Park Boat Launch	Twp.	Boat Launch	.1 acre
City of Cadillac				
8	Diggins Hill	City	Sledding, Tennis Courts, and Disc Golf	14 acres
9	Kenwood Beach, Park and Boat Launch	City	Picnic Sites, Beach, Swimming, Boat Launch, Children's Play Equipment, Nature Trail, Disc Golf	80 acres
10	Wexford County Airport	County	Paved Runway, Turf Runway	100+ acres
11	Cadillac Area Dog Park	City	Large and small dog fenced-in areas, water, and a small covered shelter	2.5 acres
12	Lakefront Park	City	Shuffleboard, Picnic Sites, Benches, Boat Launch/Docking, Pier/Fishing, Playground Equipment, Restrooms, 1.25 mile paved and lighted Keith McKellop Walkway. The park is officially part of the Cadillac Commons site (#15).	15 acres
13	CASA Fields	City	Baseball Field, Softball Field	6 acres
14	Chris Blackburn Memorial Skate Park	City	Skate Park Equipment	.5 acres
15	Cadillac Commons	City	Picnic Areas, Dock, Performing Arts Pavilion, Amphitheatre, Restroom, Splash pad, Fireplace, Synthetic Ice Rink, Covered Marketplace, bike racks, and in 2020, a trailhead for the White Pine Trail. The site hosts concerts, music in the park, and several markets and festivals.	5.3 acres
16	Community Tennis Courts	CAPS/ City	Tennis Courts	2 acre
17	Kiwanis Park	CAPS	Soccer, Basketball, Children's Play Equipment	.75 acre
City of Manton				
18	Railroad Park	City	Shuffleboard, Picnic Sites, Band Shell	1 acre
19	Lake Billings Park	City	Camping, Picnic Sites, Swimming, Playfields, Fishing	16 acres
20	Rotary Memorial Park	City	Swimming, Picnic Sites, Fishing, Horseshoes, military museum	4.7 acres

No.	Location/Name	Owner	Description of Facilities Available	Size
Clam Lake Township				
21	Mitchell State Park	State	Camping, Swimming, Picnic Sites, Boat Launch, Play	32.4 acres
22	Berry Lake Access Site	State	Boat Launch, Fishing	1 acre
23	NB Rest Area Ed Eckert Roadside Park	State	Picnic Sites	28 acres
Colfax Township				
24	Lester A. Barnes Memorial Park		Camping, Picnic Sites, Boat Launch, Fishing, Swimming	67 acres
Greenwood Township				
25	Baxter Bridge Access Site	State	Fishing, Boat Launch	1 acre
26	Baxter Bridge, Campground and Canoe Camp	State	Camping, Boat Launch	25 acres
Hanover Township				
27	Harvey Bridge Access Site	State	Boat Launch, Fishing	1 acre
Haring Charter Township				
28	CASA Complex	CAPS		50 acres
29	Long Lake S.F. Campground	State	Camping, Fishing, Boating	10 acres
30	Wexford Civic Arena	County	<i>See Page 9</i>	40 acres
Henderson Township				
31	Ravine Picnic Area and Campground	USFS	Picnic Sites, Camping, Hiking Trail, Fishing	3 acres
Liberty Township				
32	Chase Creek Campground		Camping, Boat Launch	10 acres
33	Old 131 Bridge Campground and Canoe Camp	State	Camping, Boat Launch	10 acres
34	Casey Jones Roadside Park	State	Picnic Sites	15 acres
Selma Township				
35	Pleasant Lake Park	Twp	Picnic Sites, Swimming	.3 acre
36	Camp Torenta	CAPS	Picnic Sites, Ball Diamond, Tennis Courts, Archery, Swimming, Fishing, Hiking/Nature Trails, Basketball	160 acres
Slagle Township				
37	State Fish Hatchery	State	Picnic Sites, Exhibitions	160 acres
38	Julius Becker Roadside Park	State	Picnic Sites	5 acres
39	Slagle Township Park	Twp	Horseshoe Pits, Ball Diamonds, Picnic Sites, Volleyball	5 acres

No.	Location/Name	Owner	Description of Facilities Available	Size
South Branch Township				
40	Peterson Bridge South Camping Area	USFS	Camping, Picnic Sites, Fishing, Canoe Launch	11 acres
41	Peterson Bridge North Canoe Access & Camping Area	USFS	Boat Launch, Picnic Sites, Fishing	10 acres
42	Dodson Bridge Canoe Landing	USFS	Boat Launch, Picnic Sites, Fishing	10 acres
Springville Township				
43	Seaton Creek Picnic Area and Campground	State	Camping, Picnic Sites, Boating, Nature Study Trail	12 acres
44	Hodenpyl Backwater Scenic Turnout	State	Picnic Sites	2 acres
45	Mesick Wildlife Sanctuary	State	Fishing, Nature Study, Walking Trails	785 acres
46	Mesick Memorial Park		Picnic Sites, Fishing	2 acres
Village of Buckley				
47	Buckley-Hanover Activities Center	Village	Basketball, Tennis/ Shuffleboard	1 acre
Village of Harrietta				
48	Harrietta Community Park	Village	Children's Play Equipment	.3 acre
Village of Mesick				
49	Mesick Community Park	Village	Ball diamonds, Tennis/Shuffleboard, Basketball/ Horseshoes, Children's Play Equipment	5.7 acres
Wexford Township				
50	Keith Baguley Roadside Park	State	Picnic Sites	3 acres

MDNR Grant History

Grantee

Wexford County - Wexford County

Project No. BF91-360

Project County: Wexford

Project Year: 1991

Project Title: Wexford Arena-Project 2

Project Status: Grant Closed

Grant Amount: \$108,000.00

Scope Item:

Heating System

Insulated Doors

Main Entrance Canopy

Pave Lot and Roadway

Replace Roofing

Project Description: Parking lot/roadway and main building entry improvements, heating system and replace roof.

Chapter 4: Planning Process

The Wexford County Recreation Plan update was developed by the Wexford County Board of Commissioners Recreation and Building Committee, with assistance from Networks Northwest. The Plan was developed using the Systems Approach to Planning, that first examines the information already available; collects public input; and develops goals and objectives based on areas of need from public input and the existing information. This is one of the recommended planning methods by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Information and feedback were collected through a Recreation Inventory update; public input received through a questionnaire; committee discussions; stakeholder interviews; and additional research and analysis conducted by Networks Northwest. Data and public input were used to develop a set of goals and objectives that accurately reflect the needs of Wexford County residents and visitors, and capacity of the County. By using this Systems Approach, the community can be confident that their goals, objectives, and action strategies accurately reflect the needs of County residents and visitors.

Public Input

In order to identify public interest and perceptions around Wexford County recreation opportunities, a questionnaire was developed with input from the BOC Recreation and Building Committee. Recreation and Building Committee released the Recreation Survey in April 2018. The survey was made available online through email and on the County's website, and was promoted widely on social media by a number of County partners. Hard copies were also distributed. Over 800 responses were received through May 7, 2018. A summary report of the survey responses and the raw data is included in Appendix A. Input received about the County's recreation facilities is also summarized in the Recreation Inventory.

Recreation Plan Review

The Board of Commissions Recreation and Building Committee reviewed the draft plan at their November 1, 2018 meeting, and agreed to release the draft plan for public review. Notice was posted in the Cadillac News indicating that copies of the draft plan were available online at the Networks Northwest website, as well as at the Wexford County Administration Offices. Copies were also made available at the Networks Northwest website. Comments were received from November 5, 2018 to December 4, 2018.

Public Hearing & Adoption

Following the 30-day public review period, the Wexford County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on December 5, 2018 to obtain additional public input. Following the public hearing, the Board of Commissioners approved the 2019-2023 Wexford County Recreation Plan for submission to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources at their regular meeting on December 19, 2018. See Appendix B for the approval documents.

Chapter 5: Goals, Objectives, & Action Plan

The goals, objectives, and action plan are intended to guide future decisions about recreation in a manner that reflects the County’s values and priorities. These goals were developed based on existing facilities, public input obtained through the 2018 Community Survey, discussions with the BOC Recreation and Building Committee, conversations with recreation stakeholders, and other local and regional plans and strategies.

Definitions

In order to appropriately administer goals, objectives and actions it is important to understand the roles of each and their relationship to each other.

Goals provide general direction and serve as a description of the desired future. They address issues and specific needs, but are broad in scope.

Objectives are a means of achieving goals, and are attainable.

Actions set forth the specifics necessary to accomplish objectives. One strategy might be used to accomplish multiple objectives; or an objective might require multiple strategies. Action strategies identify implementation tools (such as zoning changes) and the players involved in meeting goals and objectives.

Goal #1: Provide recreation facilities that are available to residents of all ages and abilities, and that are operated on a year-round basis.

Objective	Expand recreation opportunities throughout Wexford County
Objective	Encourage the use of the Wex facilities for a variety of activities
Objective	Explore potential uses of Pinoco Park
Objective	Pursue barrier-free features at Wexford County owned recreation facilities
Objective	Support local efforts that enhance recreational opportunities in the County
Objective	Encourage a diverse range of recreation opportunities throughout the County
Objective	Provide more opportunities for the general public to enjoy the County Fairgrounds year-round
Objective	Encourage trail projects for all four seasons and for all trail users, including motorized and non-motorized uses as well as for accessibility.
Objective	Encourage and support the improvement and expansion of recreation activities in all communities throughout Wexford County
Objective	Support enhanced communications and marking efforts of recreation opportunities in Wexford County
Objective	Support improved signage and wayfinding

Objective	Encourage development of barrier free facilities at all parks and recreation sites
Objective	Support improved water access to the County's lakes and rivers
Objective	Support development of barrier free water access facilities

Goal #2: Maintain and improve existing County parks and recreation facilities

Objective	Continue to support maintenance of the County's recreation facilities
Objective	Provide for ongoing funding to provide maintenance and improvements at County facilities
Objective	Provide improvements to the Wexford Ice Arena and Wexford Civic Arena/Auditorium

Goal #3: Support and promote Wexford County as a trail destination with an interconnected trail system

Objective	Support the construction, improvement, and maintenance of trails and trail crossings to connect with the existing trail network and to communities within and around Wexford County
Objective	Support trail development in and around Wexford County
Objective	Promote the use of designated trails for a variety of activities, including motorized and non-motorized uses
Objective	Support and coordinate with local, state, and federal governments and partner organizations, including the Cadillac Trails Collaborative
Objective	Support marking efforts that promote Wexford County as a trail destination
Objective	Support more continuous user experiences for motorized and non-motorized trail users, including more connections to communities and other trails
Objective	Support trail events in Wexford County such as the Bear Claw Epic
Objective	Support and encourage collaborative trail projects
Objective	Support the creation and development of water trails
Objective	Support motorized and non-motorized trail connections to communities within and around Wexford County
Objective	Support improved trail signage and wayfinding

Action Program

Actions

- ◆ Maintain an updated 5-year recreation plan in support of recreation activities and to help ensure grant funding eligibility through the MDNR
- ◆ Replace HVAC in the Auditorium/Civic Arena at the Wexford Civic Center
- ◆ Replace HVAC in the Ice Arena at the Wexford Civic Center
- ◆ Replace the roof of the Auditorium/Civic Arena at the Wexford Civic Center
- ◆ Replace the parking lot at the Wexford Civic Center
- ◆ Support an inventory of the facilities at the Fairgrounds and explore additional uses of the facilities
- ◆ Improve signage at County Recreation facilities
- ◆ Build relationships with a diversity of groups to encourage use of the County's facilities for a diversity of uses and interests through all four seasons
- ◆ Coordinate and cooperatively promote activities and events at County facilities
- ◆ Encourage and support wayfinding signage for recreation facilities throughout the County
- ◆ Encourage and support coordination of trail development projects within and connecting to Wexford County
- ◆ Support trail development by acting as the grant applicant for trail development projects or by providing letters of support to grant applicants, and by participating in local and regional trail planning efforts
- ◆ Support the development of trail heads along motorized and non-motorized trails
- ◆ Support the development of trail heads along motorized and non-motorized trails
- ◆ Support maintenance, improvements, extensions, and connections to area trails including the White Pine Trail, North Country Trail, Manistee River Trail, Mackenzie Trail, Cadillac Pathway, Betsie Valley Trail, DNR designated snowmobile trails, and designated ORV and ATV routes.
- ◆ Support the extension of a snowmobile trail from Cadillac to Manton, and from Manton to both Lake City and Fife Lake
- ◆ Encourage and support connecting the White Pine Trail to the Betsie Valley Trail
- ◆ Explore and support opportunities to expand the White Pine trail north towards the Traverse City area.
- ◆ Encourage and support Pure Michigan Trail Town designations

Appendices

Appendix A: Public Input Documentation

- Wexford County 2018 Recreation Survey Report
- Wexford County 2018 Recreation Survey Raw Data
- Public Notice for Public Review
- Public Notice for Public Hearing

Appendix B: Approval Documentation

- Wexford County Board of Commissioners - Meeting Minutes for public hearing
- Wexford County Board of Commissioners - Meeting Minutes for adoption
- Wexford County Board of Commissioners - Resolution to Approve Plan

Wexford County

2018 Recreation Survey Report

As part of the 2018 Wexford County Recreation Plan update, the BOC Recreation and Building Committee released a Recreation Survey in April 2018. The survey was made available online and in hard copy format through May 7, 2018. Eight hundred eleven (811) surveys were received. The following report summarizes the results and feedback received from respondents. Complete survey results are available upon request.

Note: This survey was not designed as a scientifically valid random-sample survey. Rather, the intent was to provide the opportunity for as many residents, property owners, and visitors to participate in the survey as possible. While survey results are not statistically valid, they do represent an important and detailed source of information relative to the priorities and concerns of residents and visitors.

Q1. Please select the township, city, or village in which you reside.

Survey responses were received from residents of each township, city, and village in Wexford County. Representation was highest from the City of Cadillac (35%), Haring Charter Township (13%), Cherry Grove Township (12%), and Clam Lake Township (10%). Eighty-six (86) responses were received from respondents residing outside of Wexford County. Of these responses, McBain, Tustin, and Lake City were the most commonly cited locations. Eighty-four survey respondents opted not to respond to Question #1.

Q2. Please select the number of persons in your household by age:

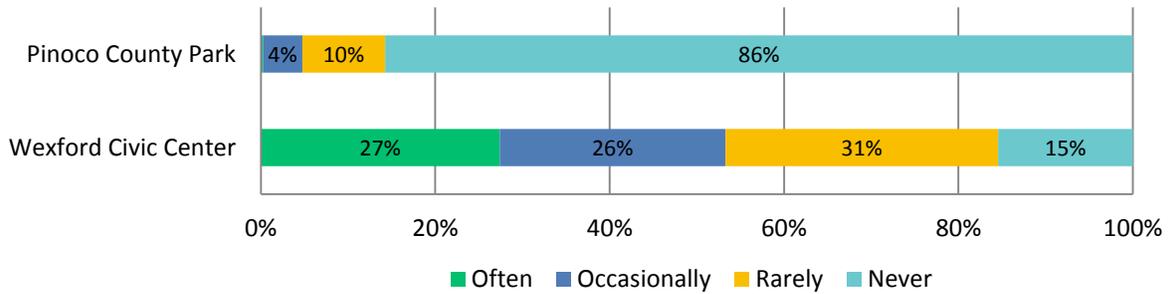
Respondents were asked to identify the number of people in their household by age range. Nearly 70% of respondents have individuals 19 and under in their household (38% of respondents have individuals 11 and under, and 31% have individuals between 12 and 19). The next largest demographic represented in respondents' households are individuals between the age of 40 and 64 (60%). 47% of respondents' households have individuals between the ages of 20 and 39. The smallest demographic represented among households are individuals 65 and older (18%).

Q3. What recreational activities do you and members of your household participate in?

Responses indicate that *walking/hiking* is the most popular recreation activity (578 respondents, or 72% of the total). Other activities selected by 50% or more of respondents include:

- Swimming/beach (62%)
- Bicycling (59%)
- Canoeing/kayaking (58%)
- Concerts/festivals (58%)
- Dog walking (50%)
- Fishing from dock/shore (50%)

Q4. How often do you and members of your household use the following County recreation facilities?

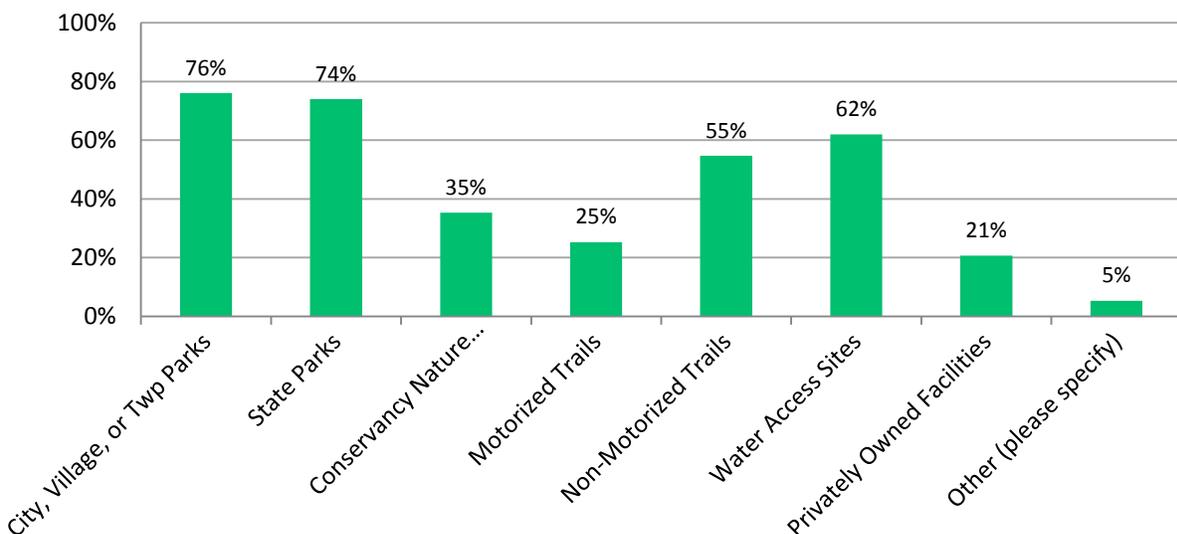


The majority of respondents (84%) use the Wexford Civic Center facilities with over 50% using it “often” or “occasionally.” In response to use of Pinoco County Park, the majority of respondents (86%) “never” use the park, and 14% indicate “rarely” or “occasionally” using it. Fewer respondents selected an answer for Pinoco County Park (736 of the 805 respondents that answered Question #4).

Q5. Which facilities do you or members of your household use at the Wexford Civic Center?

The Ice Arena and Civic Auditorium had nearly the same reported usage (50%) among survey respondents. Use of the Fairgrounds was only slightly lower (46%). The number of respondents that selected “not applicable” (132) is reflective of the number that responded “never” to use of the Wexford Civic Center in Question 4. There were twenty-six (26) “other” responses, several of which identified specific events attended at the Wexford Civic Center.

Q6. What other recreation facilities do you or members of your household use within Wexford County?



The highest reported usage for other recreation facilities were *City, Village, or Township Parks* (76%) and *State Parks* (74%). *Water access sites* and *Non-Motorized Trails* were also selected by more than 50% of respondents. There were forty-one (41) “other” responses. The YMCA was the most frequently identified “other” recreation facility.

Q7. What improvements are needed to Wexford County's existing recreational facilities?

Question #7 was designed to solicit ideas from survey respondents about improvements needed at existing County recreational facilities. Three hundred thirty-seven (337) responses were received. Eighty-one (81) comments addressed the need for improvements to the Wexford Civic Center, and ranged from general updates to specific areas for improvement. Many were general comments about the need for updates/upgrades to the “Wex” facilities. Others cited specific areas for improvement, the most common of which were the parking lot (21 comments), locker rooms, octagon building, fairgrounds, and auditorium.

Trail improvements were also commonly cited among respondents (47 comments), with comments addressing the need for more paved bike trails, improved maintenance, mapping/signage, and more. Other notable comments addressed concerns and needs related to safety, accessibility, cleanliness, and the Octagon building.

Q8. What new or expanded recreational opportunities are needed in Wexford County?

Question #8 was open-ended and designed to solicit ideas from survey respondents for new or expanded recreational opportunities in the County. Three hundred two (302) responses were received. Over sixty-five (65) comments addressed trails including the need for paved trails for biking and hiking, ORV/ATV trails, horseback riding trails, unpaved mountain biking trails, trailheads, and trail connections and extensions, and more. Responses also indicate a strong desire for more facilities and activities for children (45 comments), as well as families; and more indoor recreation opportunities (34 comments).

Q9. Please share any additional comments and/or suggestions you may have regarding recreation in Wexford County:

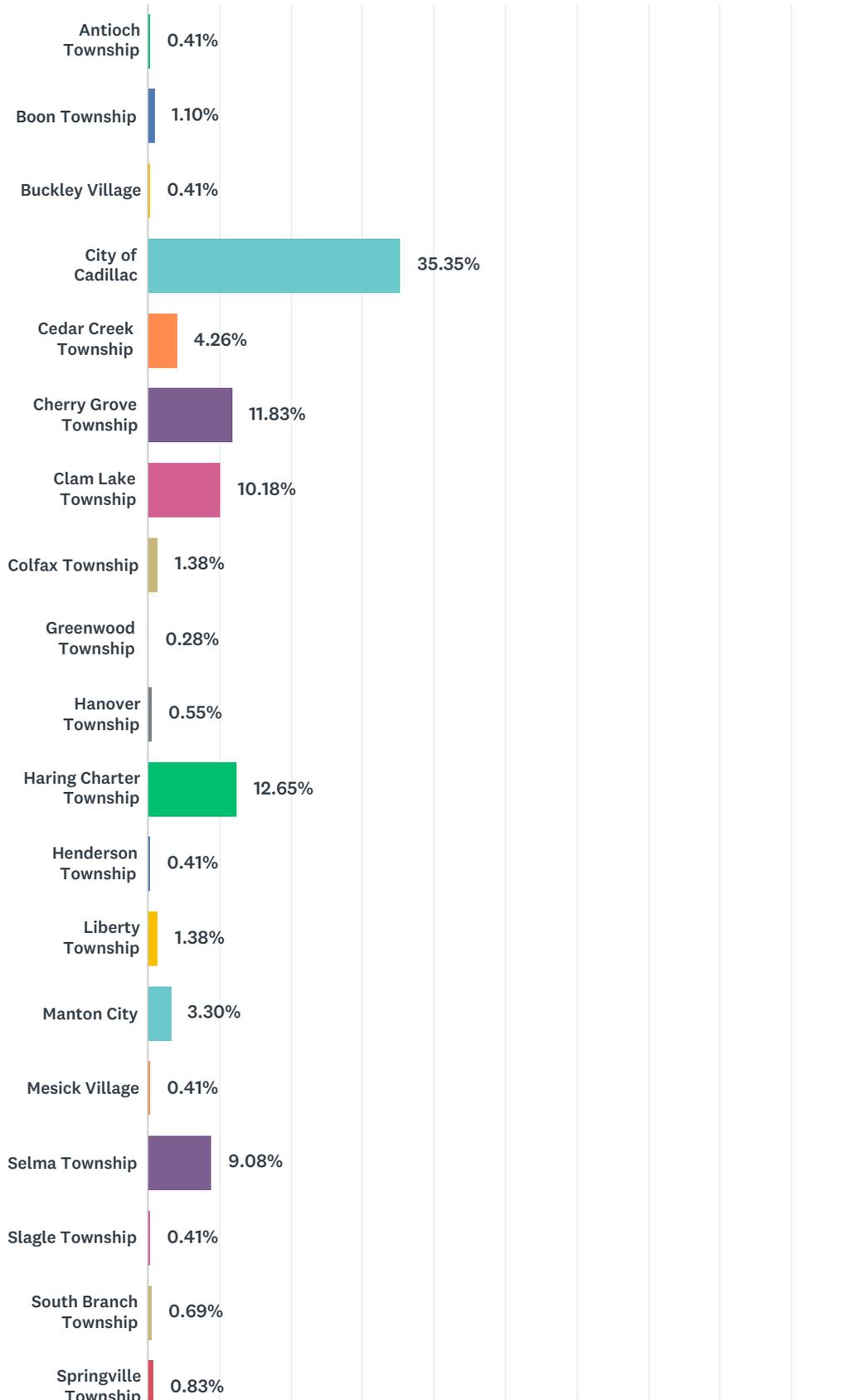
Question #9 was an open ended question allowing for any additional comments and/or suggestions regarding recreation. One hundred seventy-two (172) responses were received. Many respondents emphasized the importance of the Wexford Civic Center to residents, families, and businesses.

Other notable comments addressed the need for more activities for children and their families; the importance of hockey to the community; the need for collaboration among local units of government and the state; and the importance of recreation in supporting the quality of life of residents.

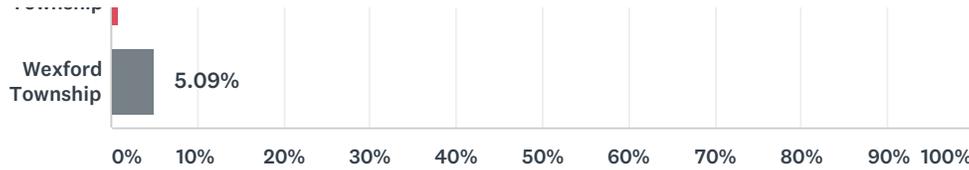
Question #10 provided survey respondents with the opportunity to provide an email address to receive information about future public input opportunities as part of the Wexford County Recreation Plan update. It was optional. One hundred nineteen (119) respondents provided contact information.

Q1 Please select the township, city, or village in which you reside.

Answered: 727 Skipped: 84



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Antioch Township	0.41%	3
Boon Township	1.10%	8
Buckley Village	0.41%	3
City of Cadillac	35.35%	257
Cedar Creek Township	4.26%	31
Cherry Grove Township	11.83%	86
Clam Lake Township	10.18%	74
Colfax Township	1.38%	10
Greenwood Township	0.28%	2
Hanover Township	0.55%	4
Haring Charter Township	12.65%	92
Henderson Township	0.41%	3
Liberty Township	1.38%	10
Manton City	3.30%	24
Mesick Village	0.41%	3
Selma Township	9.08%	66
Slagle Township	0.41%	3
South Branch Township	0.69%	5
Springville Township	0.83%	6
Wexford Township	5.09%	37
TOTAL		727

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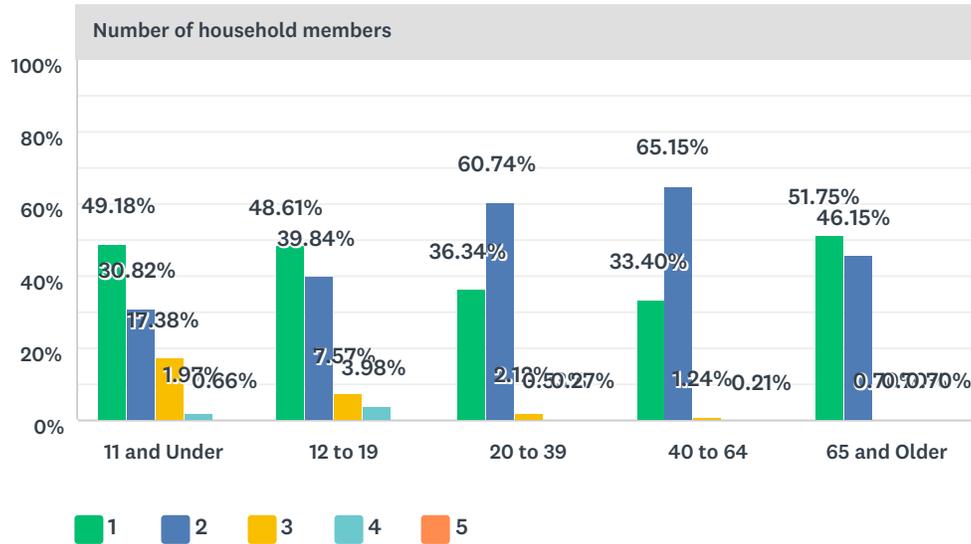
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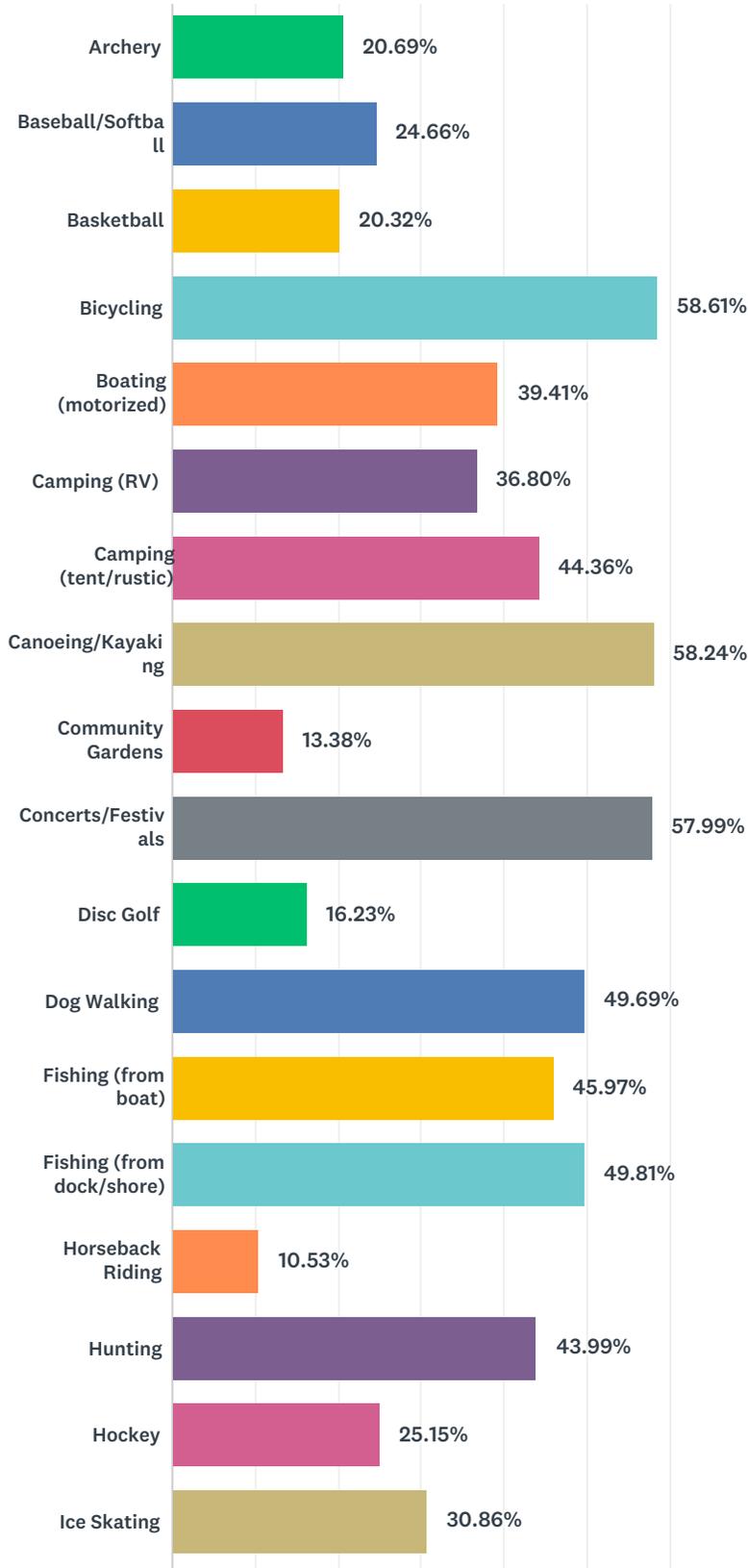
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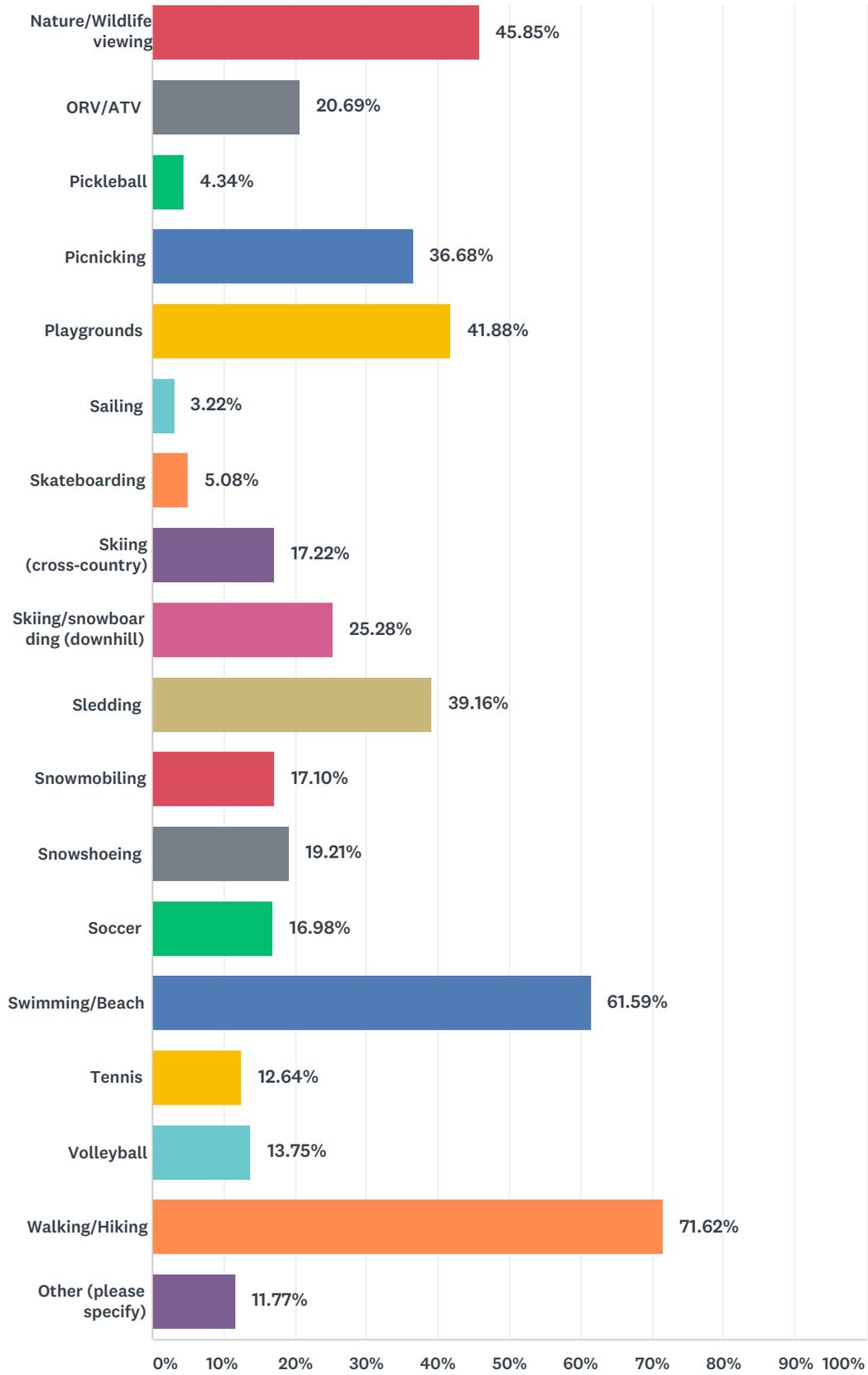
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	150	94	53	6	2	
12 to 19	48.61%	39.84%	7.57%	3.98%	0.00%	251
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20 to 39	36.34%	60.74%	2.12%	0.53%	0.27%	377
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40 to 64	33.40%	65.15%	1.24%	0.00%	0.21%	482
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65 and Older	51.75%	46.15%	0.70%	0.70%	0.70%	143
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Q3 What recreational activities do you and members of your household participate in (check all that apply)?

Answered: 807 Skipped: 4



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Archery	20.69%	167
Baseball/Softball	24.66%	199

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Basketball	20.32%	164
Bicycling	58.61%	473
Boating (motorized)	39.41%	318
Camping (RV)	36.80%	297
Camping (tent/rustic)	44.36%	358
Canoeing/Kayaking	58.24%	470
Community Gardens	13.38%	108
Concerts/Festivals	57.99%	468
Disc Golf	16.23%	131
Dog Walking	49.69%	401
Fishing (from boat)	45.97%	371
Fishing (from dock/shore)	49.81%	402
Horseback Riding	10.53%	85
Hunting	43.99%	355
Hockey	25.15%	203
Ice Skating	30.86%	249
Nature/Wildlife viewing	45.85%	370
ORV/ATV	20.69%	167
Pickleball	4.34%	35
Picnicking	36.68%	296
Playgrounds	41.88%	338
Sailing	3.22%	26
Skateboarding	5.08%	41
Skiing (cross-country)	17.22%	139
Skiing/snowboarding (downhill)	25.28%	204
Sledding	39.16%	316
Snowmobiling	17.10%	138
Snowshoeing	19.21%	155
Soccer	16.98%	137
Swimming/Beach	61.59%	497
Tennis	12.64%	102
Volleyball	13.75%	111
Walking/Hiking	71.62%	578
Other (please specify)	11.77%	95
Total Respondents: 807		

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#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	fishing in stream (trout)	5/11/2018 1:05 PM
2	Visiting historic sites	5/11/2018 12:59 PM
3	Golf	5/11/2018 11:20 AM
4	Running	5/9/2018 12:29 PM
5	shooting	5/4/2018 11:08 AM
6	Running	5/4/2018 10:32 AM
7	Golf	5/4/2018 9:22 AM
8	Target shooting	5/3/2018 1:33 PM
9	Geocaching	5/3/2018 12:21 PM
10	LaCrosse	5/2/2018 8:50 PM
11	Corn hole game	5/2/2018 6:41 PM
12	Swimming. Pool	5/2/2018 10:51 AM
13	Roller Derby	5/2/2018 9:29 AM
14	none	5/2/2018 9:08 AM
15	Golfing	5/2/2018 8:48 AM
16	Mushroom picking	5/2/2018 7:56 AM
17	Except for the Wex..nothing you support.	5/1/2018 1:36 PM
18	Golf	5/1/2018 12:25 PM
19	lacrosse	5/1/2018 7:35 AM
20	Golf,exercing	5/1/2018 7:21 AM
21	Roller skating	5/1/2018 1:31 AM
22	Horse shoes	4/30/2018 9:52 PM
23	miniature golf	4/30/2018 9:45 PM
24	Lacrosse and Football	4/30/2018 8:50 AM
25	MOUNTAIN BIKING	4/30/2018 8:18 AM
26	Roller skating	4/29/2018 7:42 PM
27	Rollerblading	4/29/2018 4:26 PM
28	SUP, Rollerblade, Raquetball	4/28/2018 10:30 AM
29	Jeeping	4/27/2018 11:14 PM
30	Golf and bowling	4/27/2018 9:12 PM
31	Rollerblading	4/27/2018 8:30 PM
32	Golf	4/27/2018 8:30 PM
33	Golf	4/27/2018 7:21 PM
34	running	4/27/2018 2:12 PM
35	shooting	4/27/2018 7:44 AM
36	Lacrosse and football	4/26/2018 7:09 PM
37	motorcycling	4/26/2018 1:01 PM
38	running, weight lifting	4/26/2018 11:01 AM
39	PADDLE BOARDING	4/26/2018 10:51 AM
40	Weight lifting and Tabata, running, mountain biking, winter fat biking	4/26/2018 7:01 AM

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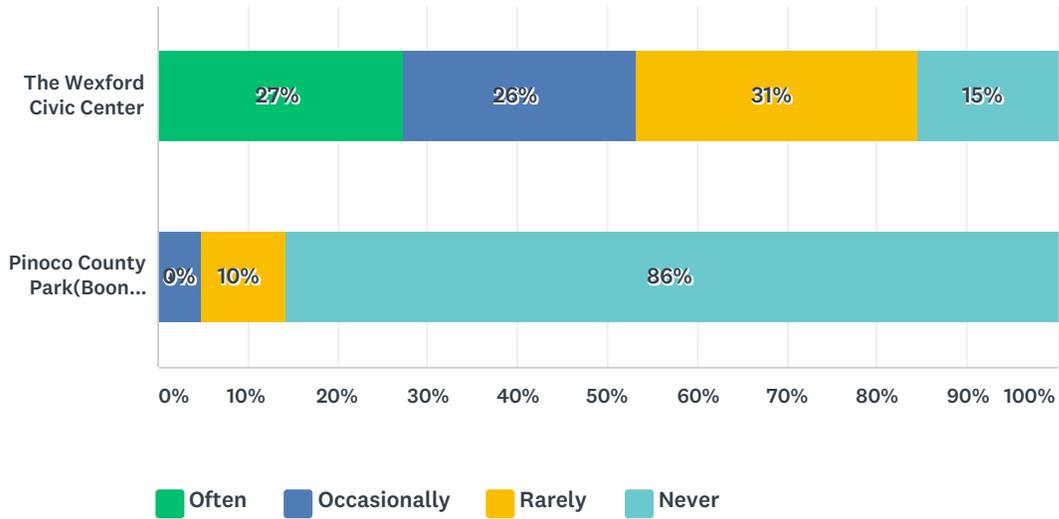
41	Target shooting	4/26/2018 12:12 AM
42	Lacrosse	4/24/2018 4:23 PM
43	Lacrosse, orchestra	4/24/2018 2:45 PM
44	Running	4/24/2018 6:57 AM
45	Lacrosse	4/23/2018 10:27 PM
46	jogging	4/23/2018 2:13 PM
47	Golf	4/23/2018 8:30 AM
48	Playing board games & cards; bowling	4/22/2018 10:42 AM
49	Horseshoes, crochet.	4/21/2018 10:53 AM
50	geocaching	4/20/2018 10:06 PM
51	Golf	4/20/2018 10:12 AM
52	Golf	4/20/2018 9:53 AM
53	Running	4/20/2018 7:43 AM
54	Mountain biking	4/19/2018 11:14 PM
55	Attending movies and socializing with friends at restaurants in Downtown Cadillac.	4/19/2018 7:35 AM
56	Roller Derby	4/18/2018 10:06 PM
57	Roller Derby	4/18/2018 8:13 PM
58	Roller skating as a family	4/18/2018 7:43 PM
59	Roller derby	4/18/2018 7:03 PM
60	Roller Skating	4/18/2018 2:13 PM
61	Motorcycle Riding	4/18/2018 1:42 PM
62	Skating / Roller Derby	4/18/2018 10:15 AM
63	Roller Derby/ skating	4/18/2018 9:07 AM
64	antique car and truck shows	4/18/2018 8:47 AM
65	Roller der	4/18/2018 8:36 AM
66	Roller Derby	4/18/2018 8:34 AM
67	Art Center and senior center	4/18/2018 12:53 AM
68	Trapping	4/17/2018 11:33 PM
69	Running, Lacrosse	4/17/2018 11:26 PM
70	Running	4/17/2018 9:25 PM
71	Roller derby	4/17/2018 4:22 PM
72	jogging	4/17/2018 4:05 PM
73	Art events and music concerts	4/17/2018 12:13 PM
74	running	4/17/2018 11:29 AM
75	Running	4/17/2018 10:56 AM
76	Karate	4/17/2018 10:15 AM
77	Motorcycling	4/17/2018 9:34 AM
78	Lacrosse	4/17/2018 9:18 AM
79	Farmers market	4/17/2018 7:38 AM
80	Reading	4/17/2018 6:48 AM
81	Running	4/17/2018 6:06 AM

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82	Football	4/16/2018 11:06 PM
83	Gardening	4/16/2018 10:57 PM
84	Jeeping	4/16/2018 10:48 PM
85	Rollerblading	4/16/2018 10:41 PM
86	Roller derby, lacrosse	4/16/2018 10:29 PM
87	Jogging	4/16/2018 10:08 PM
88	Biking to too broad. Mtb. Road bike, Gravel Road biking, winter fat biking.I select all.	4/16/2018 10:02 PM
89	Jeeping	4/16/2018 9:39 PM
90	I would swim in the lake if it wasn't green!	4/16/2018 2:08 PM
91	Motorcross	4/16/2018 1:34 PM
92	Going for trips	4/16/2018 1:30 PM
93	Mud bogging	4/16/2018 1:20 PM
94	Sunrise & Sunset watching	4/16/2018 1:09 PM
95	Kiteboarding	4/16/2018 11:32 AM

Q4 How often do you and members of your household use the following County recreation facilities?

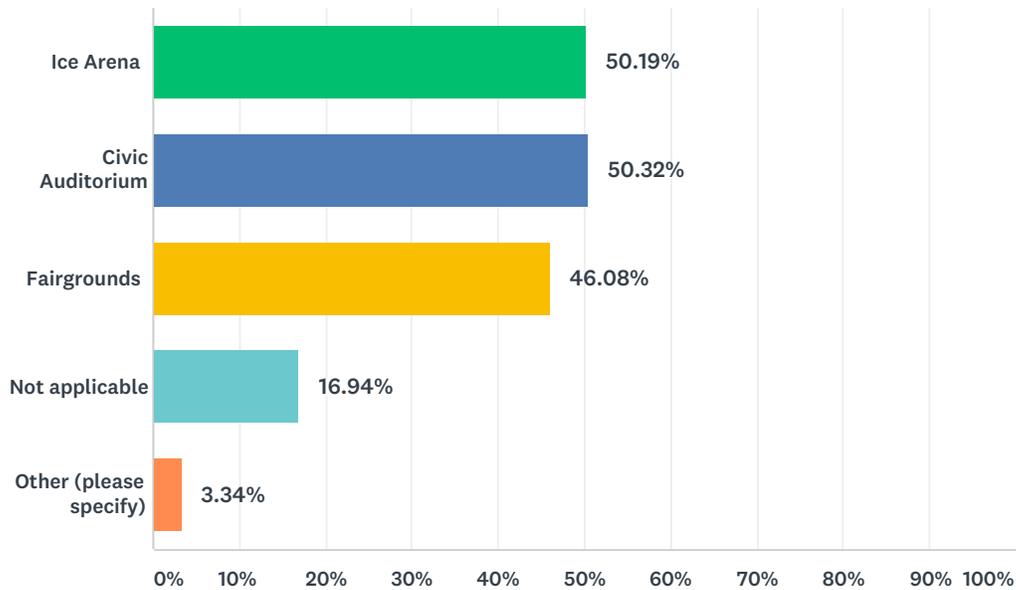
Answered: 805 Skipped: 6



	OFTEN	OCCASIONALLY	RARELY	NEVER	TOTAL
The Wexford Civic Center	27% 220	26% 208	31% 251	15% 124	803
Pinoco County Park(Boon Township)	0% 2	4% 33	10% 70	86% 631	736

Q5 Which facilities do you or members of your household use at the Wexford Civic Center?

Answered: 779 Skipped: 32



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Ice Arena	50.19%	391
Civic Auditorium	50.32%	392
Fairgrounds	46.08%	359
Not applicable	16.94%	132
Other (please specify)	3.34%	26
Total Respondents: 779		

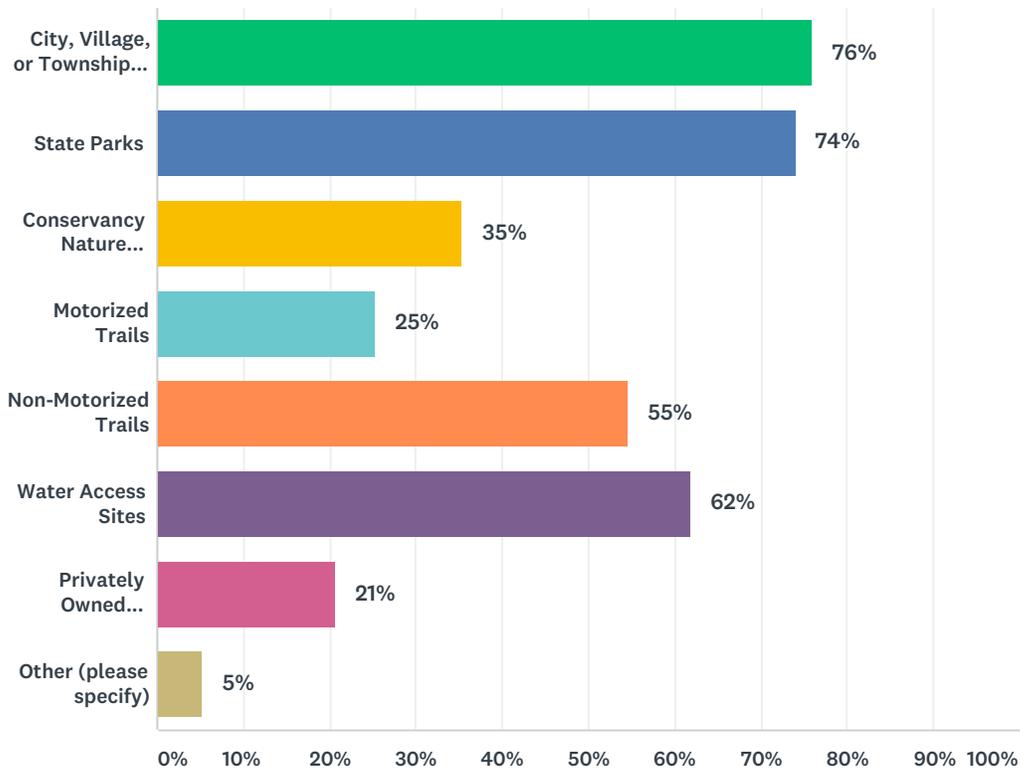
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Octagon building	5/5/2018 5:19 AM
2	RC Track	5/3/2018 10:35 AM
3	State land and national forest all rivers	5/2/2018 4:55 PM
4	My girlfriend is a part of the Roller Derby team that practices at the wex.	5/2/2018 9:29 AM
5	CASA fields	4/27/2018 9:42 AM
6	Public Meetings	4/27/2018 9:00 AM
7	Northern District Fair	4/26/2018 9:15 PM
8	Event	4/26/2018 1:35 PM
9	Lake Billings park and Cadillac city park	4/26/2018 9:12 AM
10	I	4/23/2018 4:36 AM
11	Walking at the wex in winter -nice !!!	4/22/2018 1:49 PM
12	Senior Expo	4/21/2018 11:51 PM

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13	Splash pad.	4/21/2018 10:53 AM
14	watch one or two Cadillac high school hockey games	4/19/2018 7:56 PM
15	Roller Derby	4/18/2018 7:43 PM
16	O	4/18/2018 12:08 AM
17	Yoga	4/17/2018 9:27 PM
18	octagon when open	4/17/2018 7:01 PM
19	Ymc	4/17/2018 10:08 AM
20	Mostly ice arena	4/17/2018 8:40 AM
21	Gun shows	4/17/2018 8:39 AM
22	Govonor's Breakfast	4/16/2018 10:02 PM
23	Gun Show and Motorcycle Swap Meet	4/16/2018 8:15 PM
24	lol	4/16/2018 8:02 PM
25	RC Track	4/16/2018 1:34 PM
26	Gun shows	4/16/2018 12:27 PM

Q6 What other recreation facilities do you or members of your household use within Wexford County?

Answered: 776 Skipped: 35



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
City, Village, or Township Parks	76%	590
State Parks	74%	574
Conservancy Nature Preserves	35%	274
Motorized Trails	25%	196
Non-Motorized Trails	55%	424
Water Access Sites	62%	481
Privately Owned Facilities	21%	160
Other (please specify)	5%	41
Total Respondents: 776		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Forest Campgrounds, City Park Cadillac for festivals and Farm market	5/11/2018 11:46 AM
2	NA	5/11/2018 10:08 AM
3	None	5/6/2018 5:44 PM
4	YMCA	5/6/2018 1:01 AM

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5	Golf	5/4/2018 9:22 AM
6	YMCA. NORTH COUNTRY TRAIL	5/2/2018 10:51 AM
7	Not county funded except Wex	5/1/2018 1:36 PM
8	None	5/1/2018 8:29 AM
9	CASA fields	4/30/2018 10:20 AM
10	State/ National Forest	4/27/2018 4:34 PM
11	Mostly exercise around Selma Township area.	4/26/2018 9:52 PM
12	I have been more active in Nature Preserves than at present.	4/26/2018 9:15 PM
13	Dog Park	4/26/2018 2:29 PM
14	Clam river pathway. The ymca. Cadillac commons splash paf	4/25/2018 8:54 PM
15	National Forest	4/24/2018 10:19 AM
16	YMCA	4/24/2018 8:13 AM
17	YMCA	4/23/2018 1:54 PM
18	Pavilion	4/22/2018 1:49 PM
19	Kayak / Canoe rental	4/22/2018 10:42 AM
20	Bike path and Cadillac pathway	4/21/2018 9:32 PM
21	Roads / Bike paths	4/19/2018 1:07 PM
22	Disc golf trails	4/19/2018 12:47 PM
23	White Pine Trail	4/19/2018 11:22 AM
24	YMCA	4/19/2018 7:35 AM
25	Art Center and senior center	4/18/2018 12:53 AM
26	State and National Forests	4/17/2018 10:47 PM
27	YMCA	4/17/2018 9:25 PM
28	hatcheries, Carl T center	4/17/2018 7:01 PM
29	White Pine Trail, Cadillac Pathways, Carl T Johnson Nature Center, & USDA FS Manistee National Forest	4/17/2018 10:57 AM
30	YMCA, Made in Michigan Market, Farmers Market, local businesses down town.	4/17/2018 9:58 AM
31	City park	4/17/2018 5:50 AM
32	CASA fields	4/17/2018 5:16 AM
33	Cadillac Pathways trails	4/17/2018 12:55 AM
34	School play grounds and fields	4/16/2018 11:06 PM
35	x country trails by ISD	4/16/2018 10:59 PM
36	Rollerblading	4/16/2018 10:41 PM
37	YMCA	4/16/2018 10:19 PM
38	Live on lake Cadillac	4/16/2018 10:02 PM
39	Ymca	4/16/2018 9:21 PM
40	Pine River and Manistee River	4/16/2018 8:15 PM
41	High school tennis courts	4/16/2018 8:05 PM

Q7 What improvements are needed to Wexford County's existing recreational facilities?

Answered: 337 Skipped: 474

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Funding - County responsibility, Maintenance - county responsibility - needs improvement	5/11/2018 1:16 PM
2	octagon upgrade wex Fix the historic "Octagon" building at Fairgrounds. Need better list/directory/map of County facilities available to all.	5/11/2018 1:05 PM
3	octagon upgrade wex - Maintain octagon building and County fairgrounds - preserve for future - most of facilities we use are city or State or federal. Not sure what all county facilities there are. Need more visibility.	5/11/2018 12:59 PM
4	The aloe smell in summer	5/11/2018 12:46 PM
5	None	5/11/2018 11:48 AM
6	I don't think improvements are needed.	5/11/2018 11:47 AM
7	Fishing in both Mitchell and Lake Cadillac is declining - Pike and bass population low.	5/11/2018 11:46 AM
8	None that I know of.	5/11/2018 11:41 AM
9	trail Extend White Pine Trail	5/11/2018 11:23 AM
10	upgrade wex Updating and more opportunities	5/11/2018 11:16 AM
11	upgrade wex Fairgrounds updates	5/11/2018 10:31 AM
12	State Park is good.	5/11/2018 10:29 AM
13	upgrade wex Update Civic Arena.	5/11/2018 10:28 AM
14	Drumsticks, wooden spoons in Sounds Garden	5/11/2018 10:26 AM
15	None	5/11/2018 10:24 AM
16	upgrade wex Building upkeep at the Wex. It looks much, much better, but still needs work and support	5/11/2018 10:22 AM
17	upgrade wex Ice Arena improvements.	5/11/2018 10:18 AM
18	upgrade wex The Wex needs updates so it will be around for the future generations.	5/11/2018 10:17 AM
19	NA	5/11/2018 10:12 AM
20	Unknown. Don't use them because they only offer ice skating.	5/11/2018 10:12 AM
21	Sell it	5/11/2018 10:02 AM
22	More shows	5/7/2018 10:29 PM
23	They need to be kept in good condition for all to use, there needs to be more playground areas for kids, most specifically in the South side of the city,	5/7/2018 4:53 PM
24	The disc golf course that is located at diggins hill is in need of some improvement. There is broken glass ALL over. There is also a vast amount of poison ivy on the first 5 holes.	5/7/2018 12:52 PM
25	octagon upgrade wex Fix the Octagon building at the Wex, update the Wex grandstands, build a better actual concert venue	5/5/2018 5:19 AM
26	upgrade wex A long term commitment to the Wex- brings revenue and people to our community	5/4/2018 11:09 AM
27	please have the county retirement system fully funded before spending any additional money	5/4/2018 11:08 AM
28	Years ago we had a large softball program. Both slow and fast pitch. I believe most of the ball fields we used are no longer in existence. Bringing this back might be a good option.	5/4/2018 9:22 AM
29	Better maintenance	5/4/2018 9:19 AM

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30	None	5/3/2018 10:42 PM
31	bike trail More paved bike trails	5/3/2018 9:29 PM
32	trail Need more access for RTV trails and access on county roads.	5/3/2018 8:31 PM
33	The doggie poop bags are very small when you have a big dog, also doggie fountains would be nice.	5/3/2018 4:23 PM
34	trail There can always be improvement made to any recreational facilities. Where I find the most need is to put State parks and ORV Trails	5/3/2018 2:43 PM
35	The lake is dying. Over my life here, it's gotten more polluted and gross. When I was a child I swam a lot, and got cut by glass which is still an issue. But now the water is so polluted I do not feel safe swimming. Just 4-5 years ago I spend my summer on the path by the river, swimming and fishing. The river is no longer clean, no one can use it like we did anymore	5/3/2018 1:44 PM
36	Some places are becoming an eye sore	5/3/2018 1:33 PM
37	trail More hiking trails	5/3/2018 12:21 PM
38	trail I enjoy the rustic qualities of the Carl T. Johnson Hunting & Fishing Center. Would like to see trails that would go into the newly purchased areas to the north. Would like to see Hemlock and Ravine campgrounds open year around, we enjoy winter camping. More parking in lakefront area, rehab the Kenwood Heritage Park area with better facilities.	5/3/2018 11:40 AM
39	More parking by the lakeside parks. More picnic areas also along those areas.	5/3/2018 11:15 AM
40	More bathrooms., Cleaner	5/3/2018 11:04 AM
41	More swings at lakeside,updated play area and equipment at Kenwood beach,benches,adult swings,and big kid swings	5/3/2018 11:00 AM
42	Clean up the parks and writing all over. Update Kenwood park toys. Clean up Kenwood beach.	5/3/2018 10:57 AM
43	Bathrooms to be open earlier in the year, when the weather turns nice, I like to be out, and for the facilities to not close so early in the year.	5/3/2018 10:48 AM
44	Like to see some water features for kids to run through like sprinklers.. but they are designed	5/2/2018 6:41 PM
45	Variety of stuff to do	5/2/2018 4:55 PM
46	I'm not sure.	5/2/2018 3:54 PM
47	In the city of Cadillac, we have stupid signs that say the park is tobacco-free but no ordinance to enforce them. Clean up the abandoned buildings in town and help stop the opoid epidemic!	5/2/2018 1:24 PM
48	safety trail Clear snow along the lake and clam river path's during the winter. Help the community stay active during the winter. maintenance of clam river path (sweeping) in general.	5/2/2018 11:36 AM
49	bike trail Trestle in Mesick needs repair for trail. WLking snowmobiling biking	5/2/2018 10:51 AM
50	Make lake Cadillac & Mitchell more appealing by getting rid of the weeds & cleaning up the beach areas	5/2/2018 10:18 AM
51	Advertise what's going on and when civic center is open for events	5/2/2018 10:01 AM
52	Additional ramps/re-organize ramps at the Skate Park, with the help of active users in the community. Clean up down trees/branches/sticks/etc on the fairways at the disc golf course (kenwood)	5/2/2018 9:29 AM
53	More family friendly areas	5/2/2018 9:09 AM
54	none...this is basically an old people town. You have ski slopes and walking trails . Money spent other ways is needed, such as homeless housing, roads not tar patch.	5/2/2018 9:08 AM
55	Happy with how it is now.	5/1/2018 9:48 PM
56	Decrease fees so families can afford to utilize them	5/1/2018 7:31 PM
57	bike trail Better trail head for biking	5/1/2018 6:11 PM
58	upgrade wex Upgrade Wex. Support county wide recreational activities only..should be based on citizens served in the entire county	5/1/2018 1:36 PM
59	bike trail More protected bike trails	5/1/2018 12:25 PM

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60	upgrade wex Fairgrounds seem underutilized. Could be used for more outdoor play, but better grass maintenance would be needed.	5/1/2018 10:04 AM
61	Keep things clean and cared for.	5/1/2018 9:20 AM
62	Knowledge of Cadillacs lakes, campgrounds at South end and busy North end for traveler. I was at Meijer gas station and a traveling customer was looking for a local campground. Cashier and another customer tried to explain to the asking customer. Everyone was confused and trying to over talk one another. Easy to follow maps available and/signage on streets to follow. If you are a traveler and you come to the North end for directions, you might not want to travel back south for the location of water/camping, so knowledge of water/camping on freeway by signage at South end might be ideal.	5/1/2018 8:29 AM
63	The walk way by the river is absolutely disgusting! It needs to be cleaned up! The river has garbage in it.	5/1/2018 8:14 AM
64	upgrade wex wex parking Parking lot at the Wexford Civic Center, both paving and drainage!	5/1/2018 7:35 AM
65	upgrade wex The Civic center needs some repair	5/1/2018 5:21 AM
66	Parking and rest rooms	5/1/2018 4:30 AM
67	upgrade wex Fairgrounds need upgrade, help preserve our past	5/1/2018 3:13 AM
68	Need new roller rink or maybe a laser tag arena for kids and teens to enjoy	5/1/2018 1:31 AM
69	upgrade wex Updates to the wex	4/30/2018 11:42 PM
70	trail The wild life trail over by Kenwood park needs some revamping!!	4/30/2018 11:23 PM
71	They need to be cleaned and maintained better or more often. Eliminate the drug paraphernalia, etc.	4/30/2018 10:13 PM
72	more activity upgrade wex More stuff at Civic center so it can support community	4/30/2018 10:02 PM
73	More roller blading	4/30/2018 9:54 PM
74	Larger docking access.	4/30/2018 9:51 PM
75	accessible Better handicap areas	4/30/2018 9:51 PM
76	sell it	4/30/2018 5:27 PM
77	bike trail upgrade wex More locker rooms at the ice rink Improve trail around lake to make it safer and off the shoulder of the road all the way around Improve walking and biking accessibility to west side of Cadillac from Lake Cadillac and city	4/30/2018 5:22 PM
78	Turn on the heat for games.	4/30/2018 8:50 AM
79	lighting safety wex parking PARKING LOT LIGHTING AND SAFTY	4/30/2018 8:18 AM
80	Get new management	4/30/2018 7:34 AM
81	trail More non motorized trails for hiking.	4/30/2018 5:15 AM
82	upgrade wex Fairground buildings upkeep of ice arena a county maintained sledding hill	4/29/2018 9:12 PM
83	trail Hiking Trails Long Distance Rail Trail (Many miles)	4/29/2018 4:26 PM
84	More activities for families with teens and younger children.	4/29/2018 10:08 AM
85	trail upgrade wex The White Pine Trail needs to go all the way in to downtown. The WEX needs a major facelift.	4/29/2018 8:43 AM
86	trail Kenwood park needs improvement. Not the lake side but the side with the trails.	4/28/2018 6:51 PM
87	upgrade wex The wex needs updates and more open skate times.	4/28/2018 4:39 PM
88	wex parking General maintenance-painting, cleaning Locker room bathrooms Better upkeep of grounds and parking lot	4/28/2018 7:47 AM
89	Less punk druggies	4/28/2018 3:15 AM
90	None	4/28/2018 12:38 AM

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91	upgrade wex I am happy with most things offered in Wexford County. I would like to see more improvements done to the auditorium though. The county has let it go for too long and now it has created a drag on the rest of the Civic Center.	4/28/2018 12:10 AM
92	Updated and cleaned	4/27/2018 11:14 PM
93	Free parking and admission to the fair grounds.	4/27/2018 9:31 PM
94	Clean up lake Cadillac and Mitchell. The water isn't the best quality and beach improvements would really help the city gain more business during the summer.	4/27/2018 8:30 PM
95	upgrade wex Larger locker rooms	4/27/2018 8:22 PM
96	New Zamboni?	4/27/2018 7:23 PM
97	Things for Autistic adults to enjoy.	4/27/2018 5:17 PM
98	upgrade wex I think the Ice Arena locker rooms could use an upgrade to the shower area.	4/27/2018 4:50 PM
99	None	4/27/2018 2:06 PM
100	none	4/27/2018 2:00 PM
101	upgrade wex wex parking The usual building upgrades and parking lot repairs/lighting upgrades at Civic Arena	4/27/2018 1:43 PM
102	trail upgrade wex Trails groomed for xcountry skiing, continued upgrades to hockey arena.	4/27/2018 12:57 PM
103	upgrade wex The wex could use some updates.	4/27/2018 12:05 PM
104	Maintenance	4/27/2018 11:37 AM
105	upgrade wex Continue updating THEWEX. Better advertising of events.	4/27/2018 11:17 AM
106	Non smoking signs/ enforcements Toddler accessible playgrounds	4/27/2018 10:36 AM
107	Making sure they stay open and available.	4/27/2018 9:42 AM
108	safety I would love to see a safe, dog park, you have done so much for the community of CADILLAC and it is wonderful! The safe fun dog park would be an amazing addition for all of us dog owners/dog walkers. And if it could be a convenient location to places we most frequently walk out pets that would be an added bonus.	4/27/2018 9:41 AM
109	upgrade wex The Wex needs more financial assistance as this facility is important to the community.	4/27/2018 9:00 AM
110	Close the wex	4/27/2018 7:44 AM
111	Upkeep on them yearly	4/27/2018 7:08 AM
112	It would be nice if you could drive to these places and not worry about damaging your car. Instead of worrying about the places maybe you should look to see how people get there. If I was to visit this town I'd be very turned off by the state of our roads especially down by the lake.	4/27/2018 6:03 AM
113	safety trail Maintain walking paths so dog friendly when walk my dogs.	4/26/2018 9:52 PM
114	accessible safety trail paths for wheel chairs	4/26/2018 9:15 PM
115	upgrade wex wex parking Updates at the Wex (facilities, parking lot, etc)	4/26/2018 7:09 PM
116	They should put a better water system at the dog park. Traverse city has doggy size drinking fountains perfect for when we forget to bring our water bowls and want our thirsty dogs to have a drink while playing at the doggy park.	4/26/2018 5:58 PM
117	upgrade wex The Wex needs an overhaul. Double the size.	4/26/2018 5:45 PM
118	More picnic areas	4/26/2018 2:29 PM
119	It would be nice to have indoor soccer!	4/26/2018 1:49 PM
120	octagon upgrade wex wex parking Parking lot has pot holes in both dirt and pavement sections. The Wex needs a new roof, with bathrooms and kitchen upgrades. Octagon building restoration needs to take place. Fairground buildings/stand upgrades.	4/26/2018 12:43 PM
121	More water stations around lake	4/26/2018 11:01 AM
122	The lakes need cleaning up	4/26/2018 10:34 AM

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123	Cleaner beaches and picnic areas.	4/26/2018 9:57 AM
124	bike safety trail Bike paths	4/26/2018 8:19 AM
125	I didn't know the county offered anything other than the Wex.	4/26/2018 7:43 AM
126	Clean up the water! Gross...	4/26/2018 7:16 AM
127	Upkeep	4/26/2018 7:11 AM
128	Stop investing in ice skating at the Wex. I'm tired to supporting a "rich kid sport."	4/26/2018 7:01 AM
129	upgrade wex Expand the Wexford Civic Arena hours available to the public. Put an outside walking track in, expand indoor walking hours to after work hours so the public can use the facility. Currently the hours offered are 2 hours available in the middle of the work day. Same thing with open skate, limited access to the public. This is why the community doesnt support a mileage to improce the facility because it isn't available for them to use.	4/26/2018 5:49 AM
130	They need to be unkept and taken care of, also maybe adding to them.	4/26/2018 5:47 AM
131	Another boat launch, maybe.	4/25/2018 10:55 PM
132	Beautification of outlying communities	4/25/2018 10:28 PM
133	accessible increased parks in Manton including small child/handicapped accessible;	4/25/2018 10:21 PM
134	upgrade wex Update locker rooms at the wex.	4/25/2018 10:00 PM
135	Grounds need a face lift and more activities that are cost friendly, especially families.	4/25/2018 9:24 PM
136	I don't even know what they are.	4/25/2018 9:06 PM
137	upgrade wex Consistent funding source for operation and maintenance of existing buildings. Stop threatening to sell out county recreational resources	4/25/2018 8:54 PM
138	upgrade wex Maintain the Wex and Fairgrounds so that they are well kept, sightly and so the buildings are kept up properly. Its disgraceful how little recreational opportunities are available in this county versus other Northern Michigan counties and its even more disgraceful how hard it has been to keep an ice skating facility that was built on donated land with a DNR grant open.	4/25/2018 8:50 PM
139	Heat for rink, at least for games.	4/25/2018 8:12 PM
140	The ice arena needs a water recycling system. I believe that the cost of running the facility could be reduced if it had thay	4/25/2018 7:17 PM
141	The ice arena needs a larger entrance area.	4/25/2018 6:28 PM
142	upgrade wex wex parking Parking lot at the WEX	4/25/2018 4:34 PM
143	Cleaned of trash!!	4/25/2018 2:17 PM
144	Fixing Kenwood Beach Park motorcycle ride on toy	4/25/2018 1:45 PM
145	trail More nature trails, ice skating options in the summer	4/25/2018 12:55 PM
146	upgrade wex The county really needs to put resources together to commit to the future of the Wex both in the arena and the ice arena. That facility is a huge recreation piece for the county and it gets ignored by the county. It would be nice to see the county get behind the place that provides so many different recreation opportunities. The walking, different events in the civic center, the ice arena. It is a great place that needs some support to get up-to-date.	4/25/2018 10:38 AM
147	New restroom in Kenwood Park on the picnic side.	4/25/2018 8:59 AM
148	Wexford County currently offers extraordinary recreation opportunities. Maintain and continue to develop current infrastructure.	4/24/2018 10:13 PM
149	upgrade wex Some areas need bathroom improvements and the heaters and the web during the hockey season	4/24/2018 7:56 PM
150	upgrade wex wex parking Wex parking lot. Updating of locker rooms	4/24/2018 6:45 PM
151	Bathroom improvements	4/24/2018 4:23 PM
152	lighting upgrade wex The rink/civic center needs to be fixed up so it looks nicer. A new floor should be considered in the civic center so it could be used to host indoor sports tournaments (basketball, volleyball, etc). The outdoor lighting seems to need work.	4/24/2018 2:45 PM

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153	Better maintenance to the bathrooms around the City parks.	4/24/2018 2:21 PM
154	Offer more. Some townships don't have parks	4/24/2018 10:51 AM
155	I think Wexford County has very good recreational facilities at present.	4/24/2018 10:19 AM
156	upgrade wex Updating in general. The Wex in particular. The bathrooms there (especially the auditorium part) are very out dated, most doors don't close properly, etc. They have been the same for at least 25 years. The kitchen area is in a similar state.	4/24/2018 9:29 AM
157	upgrade wex wex parking The wex hvac system The wex parking lot and storm drain	4/24/2018 8:57 AM
158	Food bar, more choices. Maybe parents could help with this	4/24/2018 8:13 AM
159	Maintenance	4/24/2018 7:53 AM
160	safety More safety features along all pathways, including postings about leash laws for dogs.	4/24/2018 7:40 AM
161	Need volleyball courts for adult leagues.	4/24/2018 6:57 AM
162	upgrade wex Continuing to maintain the WEX and update facilities as needed.	4/24/2018 12:10 AM
163	upgrade wex wex parking Parking lot and updated facilities at the Civic Center	4/23/2018 10:27 PM
164	bike Set a standard time and day for open skate every week. I hate showing up to find hockey taking over during normal public skate, Makes me never want to come back. Speed limits around Lake where bike lanes are need to be lowered, 40mph on Sunnyside is too fast, not pedestrian friendly, and has too many hidden curves in the road, I fear letting my child/family ride their bikes around the lake because of that section of road.	4/23/2018 10:27 PM
165	bike safety trail bike path near the library	4/23/2018 10:11 PM
166	upgrade wex wex parking Parking lot at civic center	4/23/2018 10:04 PM
167	Use the heat at the Wex during hockey.	4/23/2018 9:57 PM
168	upgrade wex wex parking The parking lot needs work. The drain in the parking lot tends to not drain, or back up.	4/23/2018 9:38 PM
169	proper maintenance is important for existing facilities.	4/23/2018 2:22 PM
170	trail Improved bicycle trails to connect to existing trail system thereby comprehensively connecting city and townships.	4/23/2018 1:54 PM
171	upgrade wex Continued Maintenance on the Wex	4/23/2018 10:50 AM
172	Maintenance to all facilities as well as a commitment to the public that Wexford County is serious future maintenance, upkeep and development to recreational facilities.	4/23/2018 10:27 AM
173	Keeping up maintenance on what we do have is crucial.	4/23/2018 10:12 AM
174	upgrade wex wex parking The Wex is very well managed but it needs infrastructure help - roof, parking lot, HVAC.	4/23/2018 8:30 AM
175	Marketing of them. Had never heard of the park in Boon!	4/23/2018 6:19 AM
176	Improve roads and continue upkeep of parks.	4/22/2018 3:20 PM
177	trail Keeping clean, signage for rails to trails ...hard for tourists to know where to go when down town	4/22/2018 1:49 PM
178	upgrade wex Need to invest taxpayer funds in Civic center, lakes & parks	4/22/2018 12:41 AM
179	More Senior Opportunities	4/21/2018 11:51 PM
180	trail Groom Mackenzie ski trail Build pickleball courts	4/21/2018 9:32 PM
181	It would be nice if the docks were left out longer for boating season!	4/21/2018 7:55 PM
182	trail Connections of trails, upgraded signage, coordination with other stakeholders	4/21/2018 6:16 PM
183	Better bathrooms/ access	4/21/2018 6:00 PM
184	We need a new roller rink. Maybe something with indoor and outdoor skating.	4/21/2018 10:53 AM
185	accessible More handicap accessibility .	4/21/2018 9:32 AM
186	Regular clean up at city parks. No smoking to be enforced!	4/21/2018 8:16 AM

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187	upgrade wex wex parking Parking lot at the wex	4/20/2018 4:42 PM
188	Improvements to bathrooms and drinking fountains. Better resources available at beaches and better parking.	4/20/2018 12:29 PM
189	Need indoor walking area for winter that is free.	4/20/2018 9:58 AM
190	Cleaned up, up dated, better mowing and trimming	4/20/2018 9:53 AM
191	bike trail Keeping the bike trails and walking trails free of drug dump sites, used needles, and general filth from the local addicts.	4/20/2018 7:52 AM
192	upgrade wex Help fix the Wex.	4/20/2018 5:18 AM
193	trail upgrade wex Civic center needs to be brought up to standard. Been neglected too long. White pine trail needs to be extended thru the city of Cadillac. New fields for newer sports like lacrosse etc.	4/19/2018 11:54 PM
194	lighting safety better walking areas with safer and lighted parking areas	4/19/2018 7:56 PM
195	It would be nice to have something year round	4/19/2018 7:27 PM
196	Boat washing station at launches	4/19/2018 6:16 PM
197	Money needs put into what we have to keep them family friendly and to makes people want to use them.	4/19/2018 5:07 PM
198	More entertainment facilities. Updated bowling alleys, roller skating, updated Adventure Island.	4/19/2018 4:39 PM
199	more activity upgrade wex The Civic Center needs to be updated to encourage additional use for a variety of activities. The walkway around Lake Cadillac needs more trash cans.	4/19/2018 3:30 PM
200	Too many spiders on the dock by the pavilion	4/19/2018 2:53 PM
201	upgrade wex more money into the wex so our ice bills aren't outrageous every year. the lobby could use some sprucing up as well. and heat! the heat is never on in the rink. more trash cans on disc golf courses (Kenwood and diggins) we carry our own bags to pick up trash because its everywhere.	4/19/2018 2:21 PM
202	bike safety trail I personally believe that the bike path around lake Cadillac should be kept pristine. Additionally, there are sections where bikes must use the roads which are nearing disrepair. Lake Mitchell doesn't have a bike path. The roads around the lake for biking use need to be improved.	4/19/2018 1:07 PM
203	safety trail Updated bathrooms & A joggers path with the rubber asphalt next to the wall path for runners would be nice. The cement is too hard on joints	4/19/2018 1:03 PM
204	more activity upgrade wex I feel cadillac needs to have more activity in the civic center, or outside if the civic center and not have to pay an arm and a leg for parking.	4/19/2018 12:47 PM
205	more activity More events that better utilize the facilities and don't cost an arm and a leg.	4/19/2018 12:22 PM
206	cleaner facilities at various city, village or township parks	4/19/2018 12:19 PM
207	upgrade wex 1. The County Board of Commissioners needs to really get concerned/interested in developing and maintaining rec. facilities. At this time they are not. 2. Either improve the Wex and its associated site to a quality facility or eliminate it. 3. Greater effort needs to be placed on the management of Lakes Mitchell and Cadillac for both recreational use and environmental quality. 4. Improve the coordination among local units of government regarding the hosting/timing and promotion of festivals and events. 5. Improve the quality of the Clam River its length (i.e. removal of junk and debris in the Cadillac urban area, erosion control, stream bank maintenance. 6. Improve the walkability of the Cadillac West area in and around Mitchell State Park and environs.	4/19/2018 7:35 AM
208	octagon The County maintain's their facilities good without any unnecessary improvements. Basic facilities that aren't complicated are easy for upkeep. Lets figure out how to save the Octagonal Building.	4/19/2018 7:14 AM
209	accessible Upgrades even just fresh coats of paint brighten up the parks. Better maintained restrooms. More handicap accessible areas to enjoy our great outdoors for people that don't have the ability to walk.	4/18/2018 11:19 PM
210	New sign, roller skating rink!	4/18/2018 10:06 PM
211	A new sign out front	4/18/2018 7:43 PM

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212	upgrade wex New floor in civic area badly	4/18/2018 7:03 PM
213	Updated picnic facilities, repairs to failing buildings, update swimming/beach areas	4/18/2018 6:15 PM
214	If the arena would be upgraded to a sport court.	4/18/2018 3:00 PM
215	Maybe some easily accessible maps/information.	4/18/2018 2:18 PM
216	Upgrade the basketball floor to sport court	4/18/2018 2:13 PM
217	Save the health of the lake before it's too late ... non-motorized craft only	4/18/2018 10:57 AM
218	Sports arena conversion to a sport court.	4/18/2018 10:50 AM
219	It would be a great improvement for the arena floor was upgraded to a sport court. Giving more opportunities for everyone. Instant skating rink!	4/18/2018 10:15 AM
220	Sport court in the Civic arena	4/18/2018 9:07 AM
221	lighting safety upgrade wex wex parking civic center needs parking lot repairs and drainage repaired. The entrance needs new lighting for safety.	4/18/2018 8:47 AM
222	Arena floor into a sport court floor	4/18/2018 8:36 AM
223	The floor needs to be upgraded to sport floor	4/18/2018 8:34 AM
224	octagon Redo octagonal building. Use for 4 H program.	4/18/2018 7:27 AM
225	Support and improvements to existing and future plans for a larger inclusive community arts center	4/18/2018 12:53 AM
226	Good maintenance	4/18/2018 12:08 AM
227	More bathrooms, we need more actual playgrounds or places for families/ children not run out by smokers, adults w/ no children and teens...	4/17/2018 11:33 PM
228	upgrade wex wex parking Volleyball courts at the Wex Civic Center. And resurface the parking lot	4/17/2018 11:26 PM
229	bike trail There need to be more trails for walking/hiking/biking	4/17/2018 11:15 PM
230	The Wed, solar power/wind power to reduce energy and maybe give back to the community.	4/17/2018 10:52 PM
231	not sure, haven't been out much the past few years and my boyfriend does most the hunting, fishing, and camping anymore.	4/17/2018 10:47 PM
232	accessible bike trail Roads that are more biker friendly. Barrier free activities. Bike trails that are paved — not terrain. Pickle ball for year round access and low cost (number 1 request)!!!!!! Better Lake water quality for swimming.	4/17/2018 10:25 PM
233	I am pretty happy with what we have. There are events like the fair that could be improved, but those items cost money the county may not have.	4/17/2018 9:44 PM
234	Upgraded bathrooms at Kenwood park.	4/17/2018 9:27 PM
235	Human activity has harmed natural areas (health of lakes, habitats of native species & plants). Area around lakes and in town should be more pedestrian and family friendly, it is more built for car accessibility. Playgrounds and natural areas outside of immediate downtown could be turned into park areas.	4/17/2018 9:25 PM
236	Updating the building and adding more activities	4/17/2018 7:38 PM
237	Consistent maintenance	4/17/2018 7:01 PM
238	upgrade wex Updating at the Wex.	4/17/2018 6:59 PM
239	Not sure	4/17/2018 6:12 PM
240	trail upgrade wex wex parking New pavement at the Wex. Expanded hours of ice time at the Wex. Upgrades to picnic areas at Kenwood Park. Open more trails to ATV's.	4/17/2018 6:11 PM
241	Water park. Large playground.	4/17/2018 4:28 PM
242	upgrade wex New flooring on the civic auditorium	4/17/2018 4:22 PM
243	The ice arena need the bleacher heaters hooked up.	4/17/2018 4:21 PM
244	Basic upkeep.	4/17/2018 4:05 PM

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245	upgrade wex Nothing in particular, but funding for general upkeep for the Wexford Civic Center should not be withheld so that it can continue to be a valuable county resource.	4/17/2018 4:05 PM
246	kids More activity's for kids and teens. Playgrounds and parks.	4/17/2018 3:44 PM
247	Improve sledding hills (Diggins). More diverse music at the Wex.	4/17/2018 3:16 PM
248	upgrade wex The ice rink has some door issues particularly in the locker room areas. Rusted out door frames, doors that dont always latch properly	4/17/2018 2:48 PM
249	More inside placesfor kids	4/17/2018 2:36 PM
250	More signage	4/17/2018 2:18 PM
251	trail A greater patrol presence at the Cadillac Pathays trail system. The lakefront by the city docks need to be cleaned up regularly.	4/17/2018 2:14 PM
252	upgrade wex Clear out the currently unused space at the fairgrounds. Make a decision on the octagon building and be done with it. It has drug on far too long.	4/17/2018 2:01 PM
253	We need indoor space for children to play in the winter- the y is the only place now.	4/17/2018 1:30 PM
254	lighting Night use - lighting.	4/17/2018 11:58 AM
255	safety trail Better clearance of walking paths in town after a snowfall.	4/17/2018 11:41 AM
256	Having more opportunities for children.	4/17/2018 11:12 AM
257	Bathrooms at Ken wood park need remodeling	4/17/2018 11:00 AM
258	Mote Promotion of them & USDA FS Manistee National Forest	4/17/2018 10:57 AM
259	upgrade wex Support the civic center	4/17/2018 10:51 AM
260	Lots, maybe quit thinking if tourists and start considering what the people who live here might want and need especially our younger generations	4/17/2018 10:43 AM
261	I don't know.	4/17/2018 9:58 AM
262	upgrade wex wex parking Parking lot at the wex civic center. Floods and need more of it paved	4/17/2018 9:56 AM
263	trail More ATV trails	4/17/2018 9:51 AM
264	more activity More activities to justify the Wex	4/17/2018 9:46 AM
265	trail Need more access to trails or side roads with orvs the city doesn't allow them anywhere should have a route or a rule stating people can drive them to the designated trails and or fuel stops would be great for the tourists	4/17/2018 9:34 AM
266	upgrade wex Updated heating system in the ice arena for spectators.	4/17/2018 9:22 AM
267	Maintain the recreational facilities. These facilities are used by both residents and tourist. I believe more by tourist. If we don't keep these facilities appealing in the end we loose tourist,	4/17/2018 9:20 AM
268	Dual ice rink, more locker rooms	4/17/2018 9:18 AM
269	upgrade wex Continued improvement to the civic center, seeing it come alive again has been wonderful!	4/17/2018 8:46 AM
270	Bathroom updates. Mitchell State Park Beach needs updating and clean up.	4/17/2018 8:46 AM
271	trail The wex could use another sheet of ice. This could be an outdoor rink such as the one that used to exist. This would allow for more ice time that would be free or of minimal cost. Cadillac trail systems will need continual maintenance due to erosion.	4/17/2018 8:44 AM
272	Upgraded bathroom at Lake Cadillac. Keeping the playgrounds that are build clean and clear vandalism. (Teenagers burning holes in equipment, writing profanity on them as well)	4/17/2018 8:40 AM
273	Indoor walking	4/17/2018 8:39 AM
274	Manton could use a updated playground or an additional... a place where toddlers can ride try cycles	4/17/2018 8:36 AM
275	safety General upgrades to ensure safe use	4/17/2018 7:50 AM

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276	There needs to be more security / policing at our local parks as many people in our community do not know how to throw trash away and pick up their dog poop. After spending 17 years at the Wexford Ice Arena I would say that it would be a whole lot more welcoming if we could use the heaters once in a while. Outsiders avoid coming in because our rank is one of the coldest. Although it makes for good ice, it would be nice to have a little bit of warmth for our visitors. We all know that Cadillac people can hack the cold but some of those other folks just can't cut it. In addition, it would be great if we could clean up our Lakes. We tend to keep our boat elsewhere because when we bring it to Cadillac it comes out of the water covered with sludge and a plugged motor. It's very sad because so many people like to come to our community to go boating.	4/17/2018 7:50 AM
277	Heat in the ice rink for spectators at the Wex.	4/17/2018 7:05 AM
278	Better Bathrooms in parks etc No SMOKING in parks etc Better quality of lake water Better sticking of lakes	4/17/2018 6:48 AM
279	Update bathrooms at the state beach and possibly a snack stand would be nice	4/17/2018 6:39 AM
280	Up keep..	4/17/2018 6:21 AM
281	upgrade wex I'm not sure what improvements are needed but I'm very happy that our community has such facilities. Maybe more updates and repairs to the Wex and surrounding buildings.	4/17/2018 6:06 AM
282	Better soccer facilities.	4/17/2018 5:16 AM
283	Kenwood beach needs to be updated	4/17/2018 5:07 AM
284	upgrade wex wex parking Updated parking lot at The Wex	4/17/2018 2:33 AM
285	The city boat ramp by the railroad tracks needs to be longer and/or improved. It isn't long enough especially late in the summer to get the boats on and off the trailer without issues. The water level becomes too low and you end up driving off the ramp end.	4/17/2018 12:51 AM
286	upgrade wex Civic Center complex, including the fair grounds, should be a treasure for the County & a place everyone should be proud of, but it's the opposite. It requires significant investment and subsidy from all tax payers, not unlike how successful park & recreation districts are funded.	4/16/2018 11:57 PM
287	Need a community pool all can afford	4/16/2018 11:31 PM
288	trail better mapping of trail systems	4/16/2018 11:23 PM
289	More indoor play space for children during the winter	4/16/2018 10:59 PM
290	More for seniors	4/16/2018 10:57 PM
291	NA	4/16/2018 10:50 PM
292	trail Clean up trails a lot of trash along trails	4/16/2018 10:48 PM
293	trail Trail head restrooms, esp white pine trail. Resurfacing white pine trail on buckled areas.	4/16/2018 10:41 PM
294	Heat for the spectators watching hockey	4/16/2018 10:29 PM
295	upgrade wex I have seen 1 Commissioner at hockey events. If you all had any idea home many people utilize this facility you would be shocked. These folks spend a lot of time and money in our county. It is shocking the lack of support for that facility!	4/16/2018 10:26 PM
296	octagon upgrade wex Fairgrounds needs capital improvements especially saving the octagonal barn!	4/16/2018 10:13 PM
297	upgrade wex wex parking Wexford Civic Center parking lot needs repair	4/16/2018 10:13 PM
298	The beach at the blue park could use some sand. With the new park it's become a great family place but not a great beach area for the littles to swim.	4/16/2018 10:09 PM
299	trail Keeping the pavement on the white pine trail in decent shape. Continued vigilant control of milfoil in lakes mitchell/Cadillac.	4/16/2018 10:08 PM
300	More basketball courts	4/16/2018 10:04 PM
301	bike safety trail SAFE winter sledding hill. With tow rope would be ideal. More hiking, biking, skiing trails.	4/16/2018 10:02 PM
302	Paddle boarding	4/16/2018 9:44 PM

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303	upgrade wex Fair grounds needs to be updated and more events held on them	4/16/2018 9:39 PM
304	accessible We need swimming gs in the park that accommodate wheelchairs for children.	4/16/2018 9:23 PM
305	Security, prosecution of destructive abusers and updates to existing equipment	4/16/2018 9:12 PM
306	Bathrooms needed at city park across from Jr high school on Lake Cadillac.	4/16/2018 9:10 PM
307	Indoor walking during inclement weather.	4/16/2018 9:09 PM
308	There are few playgrounds outside of Cadillac city limits.	4/16/2018 9:03 PM
309	lighting safety upgrade wex Security in parks. Lighting in parks and walkways. Make the civic center look more appealing beyond improvements already made.	4/16/2018 8:50 PM
310	bike trail Trail head for white pine trail in town Bike racks in town	4/16/2018 8:43 PM
311	Outdoor pickelball courts	4/16/2018 8:42 PM
312	upgrade wex wex parking The Wex needs major improvements to the hvac system and the parking lot	4/16/2018 8:38 PM
313	Kayak lift ramps / docks for easy entry	4/16/2018 8:31 PM
314	safety There needs to be civic center with a big safe fenced in playground and splash pad for kids under 10. The parks out there aren't safe now because they are too close to the water. Having 2 kids under 4 i look if the place is safe.	4/16/2018 8:08 PM
315	upgrade wex The We has improved thanks to the management company. Needs to still be maintained as it is a valuable asset to our county.	4/16/2018 8:02 PM
316	octagon upgrade wex The Wex, fairgrounds all need improvements. Octagon bldg should be fixed!	4/16/2018 7:44 PM
317	Emergency phone in case of emergency	4/16/2018 4:20 PM
318	Kenwood beach bathrooms need a make over	4/16/2018 4:10 PM
319	Cleaning up the trashy people at the beaches and parks	4/16/2018 4:01 PM
320	trail Plow white pine trail in the winter	4/16/2018 3:34 PM
321	Clean up the lake. It's our biggest tourist attraction an it is unusable 75 percent of the summer	4/16/2018 2:08 PM
322	Waterways need to be cleaned along with the beaches and parks.	4/16/2018 1:53 PM
323	clean up kenwood park.....new bathrooms....cut down some trees.. ,make it more inviting	4/16/2018 1:33 PM
324	I dont know where to began	4/16/2018 1:30 PM
325	more teen opportunities for down time Indoor options ie trampoline center, or something in that area.	4/16/2018 1:22 PM
326	Cleaning up the leaves	4/16/2018 1:16 PM
327	We have a very limited amount of activities for the amount of residence. Kids are turning to crime due to their idle hands. Seems most activities have a unaffordable cost attached. If you can find things to do, then you can't afford it.	4/16/2018 1:09 PM
328	Sown of them need to be updated	4/16/2018 1:04 PM
329	More	4/16/2018 1:01 PM
330	bike safety trail I would love to see the bike path cleaned up and monitored more. We ride bikes every weekend during the summer.	4/16/2018 12:51 PM
331	Serve the residence of Wexford county including the City. I don't think I get a break because I also pay city taxes. Population centers are important. There is a reason the Wex isn't in Manton	4/16/2018 12:45 PM
332	lower cost	4/16/2018 12:36 PM
333	trail More trashes, tables, parking spots. I would love to see more dog friendly nature trails or additions to the current dog park	4/16/2018 12:31 PM
334	None	4/16/2018 12:27 PM

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335	Additional police presence on the clam river boardwalk. Seems to be a lot of questionable activity around the "old dam" area.	4/16/2018 12:03 PM
336	accessible swings for wheel chairs	4/16/2018 11:47 AM
337	More upkeep	4/16/2018 11:46 AM

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Q8 What new or expanded recreational opportunities are needed in Wexford County?

Answered: 302 Skipped: 509

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	None	5/11/2018 1:16 PM
2	trail - More non-motorized "quiet" areas, "quiet sports" areas/access - Additional public water access on Lake Mitchell - Bird/wildlife viewing pull-offs on busy roads for safety while viewing - More unpaved (foot traffic only) trails in natural areas, along streams and lakes - Well-signed interpretive nature trails for students and public education	5/11/2018 1:05 PM
3	dogs kid trail - Would like more non-motorized quiet areas for "silent" sports. - More natural place to walk my dog and get exercise without bikes and snowmobiles - Interpretive nature trails to get kids out to learn about nature in area with native plants and wildlife opportunities - Nature center that is not hunting and fishing focused - natural focus with water would be great	5/11/2018 12:59 PM
4	kid More playgrounds	5/11/2018 11:48 AM
5	I don't think new or expanded opportunities are needed.	5/11/2018 11:47 AM
6	kid More places for teens	5/11/2018 11:43 AM
7	NA	5/11/2018 11:41 AM
8	trail More snowmobile trails	5/11/2018 11:23 AM
9	In any or every area. Lots of opportunity for improvement. Structured recreation is lacking.	5/11/2018 11:16 AM
10	Better Fair	5/11/2018 10:28 AM
11	indoor More indoor walking	5/11/2018 10:24 AM
12	The Civic Auditorium is underutilized and has so much more potential!	5/11/2018 10:22 AM
13	family More parks and family friendly areas. Cleaner and safer areas.	5/11/2018 10:17 AM
14	NA	5/11/2018 10:12 AM
15	kid More than just ice skating; teen center maybe	5/11/2018 10:12 AM
16	NA	5/11/2018 10:02 AM
17	I would like to see a "rec center"	5/9/2018 12:29 PM
18	More shows and conventions	5/7/2018 10:29 PM
19	I would like to see a new roller rink in Cadillac, maybe at the wex? It would bring in more money for the wex!	5/7/2018 8:51 PM
20	activities More opportunities for "all" to be able to get out and enjoy the outdoors, expand the types of sports or athletic activities available,	5/7/2018 4:53 PM
21	kid Improving the playgrounds at kenwood, as well as making the water cleaner for swimming would be great.	5/7/2018 12:52 PM
22	Roller Skate rink	5/6/2018 5:44 PM
23	An actual Concert venue that can bring in national headlining bands. Fans would come to Cadillac for the shows this increase in hotel stays, people eating at restaurants and shopping as well.	5/5/2018 5:19 AM
24	activities trail volleyball A commitment to recreation, trail heads, more summer activities ,expand volleyball courts, tennis courts (pickle ball) swimming at the beach, etc	5/4/2018 11:09 AM
25	when was the last time county workers received a raise in pay. take care of county workers before spending additional money.	5/4/2018 11:08 AM
26	See above	5/4/2018 9:22 AM

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27	None. Take better care of what we have.	5/4/2018 9:19 AM
28	kid Something more for youths. Such as maybe a roller skating arena or a place for crafts that are affordable for kids or something they can share there talents	5/4/2018 8:43 AM
29	kid More playgrounds for kids on the east side of cadillac	5/3/2018 10:42 PM
30	Pickleball courts disc golf or soccer golf course	5/3/2018 5:09 PM
31	Wexford County needs to take advantage of the growing ORV community. Become more friendly to the ORV community. There is a lot of revenue in this recreation today.	5/3/2018 2:43 PM
32	We need more dance/yoga places. I love dancing but I never get the opportunity. Clubs wold help.	5/3/2018 1:44 PM
33	More two tracks and camping locations	5/3/2018 1:33 PM
34	volleyball outdoor basketball court, volleyball courts along the lakeside	5/3/2018 12:38 PM
35	Roadside picnic area's.	5/3/2018 12:21 PM
36	trail Kayak rental, winter equipment rental. Horseback riding opportunities, canoe and paddleboat rentals, pull the White Pine Trail into town, add rest room area, and then connect it to the greenway.	5/3/2018 11:40 AM
37	New roller skate place. Young adults/professionals need something to do just as much as teenagers.	5/3/2018 11:15 AM
38	None	5/3/2018 11:04 AM
39	More places for people without boats to get to the water.for.fishing.	5/3/2018 10:48 AM
40	trail Horseback riding trails Hiking	5/2/2018 4:55 PM
41	activities family More water/beach activities for the younger families that come to our area on vacation.	5/2/2018 3:54 PM
42	activities indoor kid BOUNCE/INDOOR ACTIVITY CENTERS FOR CHILDREN. We have Nothing except the library which is a germ fest most of the time.	5/2/2018 1:24 PM
43	trail Bike/Walking trail along Boon rd. Move towards accommodating Bike commuters all over wexford county.	5/2/2018 11:36 AM
44	trail More biking trails further out than Cadillac. Not mnt bikes. FIX TRESTLE IN MESICK.	5/2/2018 10:51 AM
45	open county roads for orv county wide not per each township	5/2/2018 9:59 AM
46	Concert venue! There is a thriving music scene in Cadillac and the surrounding areas, and the only real venue besides bars north of Grand Rapids is in Traverse City.	5/2/2018 9:29 AM
47	kid Cleaner playgrounds	5/2/2018 9:09 AM
48	none	5/2/2018 9:08 AM
49	a place like reeds county park by Ithaca.	5/2/2018 1:22 AM
50	indoor More hours at the Civic for indoor walking.	5/1/2018 9:48 PM
51	trail Expand fat bike trails	5/1/2018 6:11 PM
52	River access points	5/1/2018 1:36 PM
53	indoor Larger park by the lake. Blue park is small, but more convenient to get to than Kenwood beach. Permenant indoor facility for play during colder months.	5/1/2018 10:04 AM
54	I don't know.	5/1/2018 9:20 AM
55	Hotel at busy North end of Cadillac. Also TLC for south end of Cadillac.	5/1/2018 8:29 AM
56	our main attraction is our lakes and they too are disgusting.	5/1/2018 8:14 AM
57	trail ORV trails	5/1/2018 6:16 AM
58	kid Something for kids to do	5/1/2018 5:21 AM
59	Need better attractions at the fair grounds	5/1/2018 4:30 AM
60	More accessible outdoor events	5/1/2018 3:13 AM

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61	Roller skating rink	4/30/2018 11:42 PM
62	We need more places for teenagers to go and have clean and safe environments for fun.	4/30/2018 10:13 PM
63	activities family kid Ice skating year round, kid friendly activities , family activities	4/30/2018 10:02 PM
64	More disc golf courses	4/30/2018 9:54 PM
65	A way to get orv into town	4/30/2018 9:52 PM
66	Camping	4/30/2018 9:51 PM
67	trail More motorcross trails	4/30/2018 9:47 PM
68	none	4/30/2018 5:27 PM
69	outdoor roller hockey park	4/30/2018 8:50 AM
70	trail MORE MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS	4/30/2018 8:18 AM
71	Sports	4/30/2018 7:34 AM
72	activities kid More support for arts and after school programs for children and youth in the community like ones that MSU-Extension and YMCA provide. Keeping our youth engaged in appropriate social activities keeps them out of trouble. More support for farm to table health conscious meals for famlies and local farmers. Full funding for MSU-Extension would support that.	4/29/2018 9:12 PM
73	Roller skating	4/29/2018 7:42 PM
74	Outside Roller Hockey Rink	4/29/2018 4:26 PM
75	We need something for teenagers that doesn't cost a small fortune. Yes we have the YMCA but they charge a lot if you are a non memeber.	4/29/2018 10:08 AM
76	trail More events need to occur in the summer at the track part of the WEX. Perhaps some guided tours of available walking trails until more people are aware of where they are	4/29/2018 8:43 AM
77	Atv	4/28/2018 6:51 PM
78	Buckley doesn't have much to offer often have to travel to another town	4/28/2018 4:39 PM
79	indoor Outdoor and Indoor Community Basketball Courts, Tennis Courts, Raquetball Courts, etc..., Access to recreational equipment rental or purchase, Quality Community Theater, Clubhouse on the Water w/ Sup, Kakak, Canoe rental, food, beverage, dancing, music, and bands. (Marina Restaurant location would be nice).	4/28/2018 10:30 AM
80	indoor It would be nice to be able to host some indoor sporting events such as soccer, basketball, lacrosse and tennis in the civic auditorium through our snowy months.	4/28/2018 7:47 AM
81	Like the new farmers market.	4/28/2018 7:16 AM
82	Have to clear out the drugs	4/28/2018 3:15 AM
83	Outdoor pool	4/28/2018 12:38 AM
84	trail I would love it if there were more ORV trails, but that is a state and federal decision.	4/28/2018 12:10 AM
85	kid Something for little kids 5 and under to do. I recommend like a bounce house or an inside Playland.	4/27/2018 11:31 PM
86	Actual gymnastics progam/facility. An actual outdoor ice skating rink,with real ice not that plastic garbage that's by the fire pit. Open skate nights at the wex need to be better supervised/stricter rules. Better rental skates that are properly sharpened and maintained. Plastic skate aides.	4/27/2018 9:35 PM
87	Not sure at this time	4/27/2018 7:23 PM
88	Things for Autistic adults to enjoy.	4/27/2018 5:17 PM
89	Better bike lanes around Lake Mitchell.	4/27/2018 4:34 PM
90	A community pool	4/27/2018 3:23 PM
91	winter ice rink at new "Cadillac Market"	4/27/2018 2:06 PM
92	none	4/27/2018 2:00 PM
93	More organized sports leagues for adults and kida	4/27/2018 1:43 PM

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94	Another ice rink added on to the wex as it would encourage more teams to come play here which brings Lots of money to cadillac	4/27/2018 12:05 PM
95	Outdoor winter ice rink	4/27/2018 11:59 AM
96	kid More staff to allow for more opportunities for kids	4/27/2018 11:37 AM
97	More ice time available. Snowmobile access to THEWEX.	4/27/2018 11:17 AM
98	The Public bathrooms at Kenwood Park and beach need help.	4/27/2018 11:03 AM
99	Additional kayak launch sites would be nice	4/27/2018 10:51 AM
100	trail More walking/bike paths - with safer cross walks	4/27/2018 10:36 AM
101	Not aware of any at this time.	4/27/2018 9:42 AM
102	trail Improved access to white pine trail at additional locations	4/27/2018 7:44 AM
103	Sledding hill and tow rope restored in Cadillac. Water sports highlighted for our lakes	4/27/2018 7:08 AM
104	Roads are awful. I drove down to Kenwood park yesterday and that road and leeson rd was horrible	4/27/2018 6:03 AM
105	Larger outside skating rink	4/27/2018 1:44 AM
106	dogs More dog friendly parks and pathways.	4/26/2018 9:52 PM
107	dogs perhaps more to attract all school children how about recycling produce to make compost how about available water for walking dogs	4/26/2018 9:15 PM
108	dogs dog park	4/26/2018 6:31 PM
109	activities indoor More indoor gym space for winter activities	4/26/2018 5:45 PM
110	trail I would like to see more equine trails for horseback riding and pack animal trail rides. Or at least more shared trails where horses are allowed.	4/26/2018 4:09 PM
111	indoor Indoor soccer	4/26/2018 1:49 PM
112	Roller skate facility	4/26/2018 12:43 PM
113	activities kid You should encourage people to use the parks for rollerblading and bicycles instead of banning them. It's nice to see kids doing physical activities.	4/26/2018 10:34 AM
114	need a large outdoor skating pond in the winter	4/26/2018 10:19 AM
115	indoor kid Indoor playground for kids	4/26/2018 9:30 AM
116	trail Hiking trails	4/26/2018 9:12 AM
117	dogs Dog walking areas and dog swim areas	4/26/2018 8:19 AM
118	trail Improved public access to Lake Mitchell. Non-motorized bike trails.	4/26/2018 7:43 AM
119	dogs Drinking fountains for dogs	4/26/2018 7:16 AM
120	kid Something for kids.	4/26/2018 7:11 AM
121	trail More trails for; biking, hiking, running, etc	4/26/2018 7:01 AM
122	activities family kid Summer rec programs for kids at area schools. Activities for families.	4/26/2018 5:49 AM
123	activities family More family related activities, parks, gardens etc.	4/26/2018 5:47 AM
124	indoor Indoor swimming lanes,	4/26/2018 12:12 AM
125	dogs A dog "beach", or park near the water for dogs to swim in.	4/25/2018 10:31 PM
126	trail biking trails, Manton community hiking, biking, snowshoeing, snowmobiling trails	4/25/2018 10:21 PM
127	Swimming pool.	4/25/2018 10:00 PM
128	trail Better trails to get around without big detours.	4/25/2018 9:24 PM
129	Outdoor pickle ball courts	4/25/2018 9:06 PM
130	activities kid Better playgrounds (9 yr olds input) and activities for kids (9 yr old had no suggestions...just wants more...she said Cadillac is boring)	4/25/2018 8:54 PM

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131	Lets properly maintain the facilities we currently have and if there is millage money remaining, let the people in outlying communities have a voice in what they would like to see in their ltowns/areas.	4/25/2018 8:50 PM
132	indoor Indoor and outdoor Pickle-ball courts	4/25/2018 8:09 PM
133	kid State Park playground day use area needs new pavilion and some additiional playground equipment	4/25/2018 6:25 PM
134	Lacrosse Fields, a tie in for road biking to the northside from south and downtown. Better crosswalks downtown Cadillac	4/25/2018 4:34 PM
135	Sidewalks!	4/25/2018 2:17 PM
136	indoor kid Indoor Play area for kids!	4/25/2018 1:45 PM
137	activities family More recreational activities geared towards families and teenagers	4/25/2018 12:55 PM
138	Wexford County is lacking in motorized (ORV) recreational opportunities. The Michigan DNR is helping this with the passage of PA288 to allow ORV on their roads. County should lobby USFS to consider opening their road system up to ORVs as well.	4/24/2018 10:13 PM
139	trail None I can think of, we use the walking and biking trails the most	4/24/2018 7:56 PM
140	indoor Indoor tennis courts/place to practice	4/24/2018 4:23 PM
141	We need a Cadillac High School lacrosse team.	4/24/2018 2:45 PM
142	It would be nice to set-up exercise equipment for walkers on the Keith McKellop Walkway (Reference Hines Park in Wayne County)	4/24/2018 2:21 PM
143	We would love to see year-round ice at the Wex. When open we are there 3 to 4 times a week for practice and open skate.	4/24/2018 1:21 PM
144	trail More Fat Tire trails near Caberfae	4/24/2018 11:31 AM
145	trail Biking trails Baseball/softball fields	4/24/2018 8:57 AM
146	indoor Indoor winter play ground	4/24/2018 8:29 AM
147	indoor Tennis Courts - Indoor	4/24/2018 8:26 AM
148	Goalie camp- longer sessions	4/24/2018 8:13 AM
149	Beach improvements	4/24/2018 7:40 AM
150	volleyball Adult volleyball leagues. Gym space with volleyball nets is hard to find for leagues.	4/24/2018 6:57 AM
151	indoor kid Teen center. More for youth that is indoor	4/23/2018 11:47 PM
152	trail The trails on Blueberry Lane, off Hodenpyle/Beers road in Mesick are stunning!!! Lived here my entire life and didn't discover them until I was almost 30. Trails need to be better marked, mapped and advertised!	4/23/2018 10:27 PM
153	kid trail More paved trails or extended "pathway" to the north end. It would be nice to be able to bike from our house in Haring Township to the lake. Maybe a public playground on the north end.	4/23/2018 10:17 PM
154	trail bike path out to the north end from downtown	4/23/2018 10:11 PM
155	Ice should be on year round. It would promote more interest in hockey and keep people here versus going to TC or BR.	4/23/2018 10:06 PM
156	More sport parks	4/23/2018 9:57 PM
157	volleyball It seems there is a big need for volleyball in Cadillac. The Auditorium could be used for adult and youth volleyball.	4/23/2018 9:38 PM
158	indoor Indoor tennis/pickle-ball/soccer facility. Campground facilities in other areas of county away from the state park. Over 50 basketball - pickup and league. Public incentives for private recreational enterprises such as water parks, sports parks, other attractions.	4/23/2018 1:54 PM
159	The only new thing that Wexford County needs is to have renewed sense of the value and importance that it's only recreational facilities, the Civic Center, has to offer to it's citizens.	4/23/2018 10:27 AM
160	More parking for city park and walkway.	4/23/2018 10:12 AM
161	We have very few. Get people outside.	4/23/2018 8:30 AM

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162	indoor trail ORV/ATV trails. Indoor soccer facility for winter.	4/23/2018 7:50 AM
163	Maintenance of existing	4/23/2018 6:19 AM
164	More small parks outside of city.	4/22/2018 3:20 PM
165	trail More bicycle trails - paved and mountain bike. Sports equipment rental at parks Parking at public beaches	4/22/2018 10:42 AM
166	Need new attractions. Community pool, parks, etc.	4/22/2018 12:41 AM
167	trail Amenities at trail heads such at pavilions, bathrooms, etc	4/21/2018 6:16 PM
168	Something for hunting more than FPS to shoot.	4/21/2018 6:00 PM
169	trail Safe bike trails around the lakes.	4/21/2018 11:18 AM
170	indoor kid Some kind of indoor playlands for kids. During the rainy day or winter time play areas.	4/21/2018 10:53 AM
171	More rustic camping.	4/21/2018 9:32 AM
172	indoor Indoor rec options for the winter months	4/21/2018 8:16 AM
173	trail Appropriate access for bike commuters. More sidewalks and bike paths along busy roads. In our case it would be amazing to bike to work but Boon road is not safe. are also people walking the thin shoulder of Boon Rd all the time, also not safe.	4/20/2018 8:36 PM
174	Sledding hills would be awesome and an bigger and better splash pad.	4/20/2018 12:29 PM
175	trail Expanded ORV/ATV trail system	4/20/2018 11:32 AM
176	indoor Indoor walking facility for winter.	4/20/2018 9:58 AM
177	trail Bike path around Lake Cadillac Espically by city park, rail road building, pretty narrow.	4/20/2018 9:53 AM
178	Safer places to walk in the evenings. I refuse to walk anywhere in Cadillac after dusk due to lack of security. You can't even go for a walk near the lake due to the after dusk activities that trickle down to the city park after hours. Nothing like going to see the lake at night from the comfort of your locked running car while.	4/20/2018 7:52 AM
179	Extended ice time at the Wex	4/20/2018 7:43 AM
180	We could use more nice restaurants, NOT fast food , pizza or coffee	4/20/2018 6:35 AM
181	More hockey and skating programs for adults. Lacrosses for adults. Open gym time for all ages (ie drop in basketball etc).	4/19/2018 11:54 PM
182	trail More hiking/cross country skiing trails in Wexford County's forests.	4/19/2018 11:18 PM
183	trail The Cadillac Pathway is a nice mountain biking area, but it isn't big enough. Perhaps the Forest Service or DNR could be convinced to create another mountain biking trail close to Cadillac.	4/19/2018 11:14 PM
184	clean up and take better care of what we already have	4/19/2018 7:56 PM
185	trail More trails open to ATVs	4/19/2018 6:52 PM
186	activities indoor kid Kid activities. We need kid friendly places to help our kids stay out of trouble! Even indoor activities... bounce houses etc.	4/19/2018 5:07 PM
187	More swimming areas with beachfront.	4/19/2018 3:30 PM
188	more bars and restaurants. I know were getting some, but we need less fast food- less pizza- less coffee and more sit down restaurants and bars. and live music as often as possible	4/19/2018 2:21 PM
189	Some pickle ball courts.	4/19/2018 1:07 PM
190	volleyball I would like to see them add in a basketball court and new volleyball nets and not over in "mosquito heaven" a lot of people dont use that area because if how bad the mosquitos are. Maybe if you took some trees out and acted like you actually caref about the visitirs they would appreciate it more.	4/19/2018 12:47 PM
191	More events at the Wex and/or concerts. Is there potential for a semi-pro hockey team?	4/19/2018 12:19 PM
192	When repaving/reconstructing roads, the county should consider adding paved shoulders or bike lanes	4/19/2018 8:33 AM

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193	trail 1. Bike trails and lanes. The Wexford County Road Commission seems to have no interest in promoting bike lanes along any of their roadways. What are they doing with their non-motorized funds? 2. The townships surrounding Cadillac need to get more serious about developing recreational facilities or be willing to help the city build and maintain the ones in the city that township residents commonly use such as Kenwood Park, the Cadillac Walkway, Senior Center, etc. 3. The YMCA needs additional space for programming and use. 4. Extend the White Pine Trail into Downtown Cadillac. 5. Development a non-motorized hiking/cycling trail connecting the cities/villages of the county, such as Cadillac to Manton.	4/19/2018 7:35 AM
194	trail All parts of government need to work together to improve our trail system and keep supporting the WEX.	4/19/2018 7:14 AM
195	trail Handicap accessible swings, board walks and foot trails.	4/18/2018 11:19 PM
196	Roller skating!	4/18/2018 10:06 PM
197	A roller skating rink	4/18/2018 7:43 PM
198	I'd love to see the ice arena open all year for ice skating and hockey	4/18/2018 5:13 PM
199	Pool	4/18/2018 10:57 AM
200	Outdoor pickleball courts	4/18/2018 1:47 AM
201	Support and improvements to existing and future plans for a larger inclusive community arts center	4/18/2018 12:53 AM
202	An enclosed playscape one way in one way out comparable to one in West Branch or in Davison.	4/17/2018 11:33 PM
203	volleyball Volleyball leagues at the Wex	4/17/2018 11:26 PM
204	trail More trails	4/17/2018 11:15 PM
205	Lacrosse, shuffleboard, chess, backgammon, checkers etc	4/17/2018 10:52 PM
206	family kid If any additional opportunities were added, I think most of them should be family oriented, but we DO need a few things for the teens.	4/17/2018 10:47 PM
207	Pickelball	4/17/2018 10:25 PM
208	Removing older unoccupied structures and replace with green space.	4/17/2018 9:44 PM
209	Public dock seasonal rentals would be great!	4/17/2018 9:27 PM
210	family kid trail More hiking trails, more bike friendly roads, outdoor basketball courts, picnic pavilions and playgrounds outside of immediate downtown. Nature & environmental educational opportunities for families.	4/17/2018 9:25 PM
211	family Different sports and more places for active families	4/17/2018 7:38 PM
212	cleaner water entities. Less pesticides.	4/17/2018 7:01 PM
213	We have a great hockey program, is there room or the resources for figure skating too?	4/17/2018 6:12 PM
214	trail Bike trails	4/17/2018 5:04 PM
215	New bicycle facilities. Including protected bike Lanes.	4/17/2018 4:28 PM
216	I'm always in favor of more outdoor opportunities, but that is often met by the city and state parks too.	4/17/2018 4:05 PM
217	indoor Public indoor swimming pool.	4/17/2018 3:16 PM
218	Roller skating at the ice arena in the non-hockey season	4/17/2018 2:48 PM
219	kid Wintersports, just recreation for the teens.	4/17/2018 2:36 PM
220	Safer main road walking.	4/17/2018 2:18 PM
221	I'd like to see Diggins Hill area improved further	4/17/2018 2:14 PM
222	Some type of basketball courts that are kept up and maintained.	4/17/2018 2:01 PM
223	indoor Indoor soccer	4/17/2018 1:30 PM
224	kid Something for kids who are too big for a playground but not old enough to drive that doesn't involve skateboarding.	4/17/2018 11:41 AM

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225	pickleball courts at the Wex? outdoor pickleball courts	4/17/2018 11:29 AM
226	trail More trails for snowshoeing and walking paths would be nice.	4/17/2018 11:12 AM
227	trail paved bike trails	4/17/2018 11:02 AM
228	trail Better maps and signage for biking trails	4/17/2018 11:00 AM
229	trail More snowshoeing area(s) & trails	4/17/2018 10:57 AM
230	trail Biking trails.	4/17/2018 10:51 AM
231	indoor Indoor sports complex with turf	4/17/2018 10:49 AM
232	Something that will give the younger generations something to do	4/17/2018 10:43 AM
233	USDA Rural Business Development Grant and build a commercial kitchen like Harrison Mi.	4/17/2018 9:58 AM
234	Roller hockey	4/17/2018 9:56 AM
235	indoor kid Something indoors for winter months. Indoor playground or something	4/17/2018 9:47 AM
236	More art sculptures...perhaps through out our walk ways.	4/17/2018 9:46 AM
237	A safe public boat launch on Pleasant Lake. The present one is dangerous and not really a boat launch. Maybe put the boat launch at the public beach?	4/17/2018 9:20 AM
238	Dual ice rink, more locker rooms, year round ice	4/17/2018 9:18 AM
239	Better use of the "tree zoo" space	4/17/2018 8:46 AM
240	none except expanding the use of the ice rink as there are almost double the members there were 5 years ago	4/17/2018 8:44 AM
241	kid We need an in door play area for kids under 12. Something to burn off steam during the winter if kids can't go outside.	4/17/2018 8:40 AM
242	indoor Indoor walking	4/17/2018 8:39 AM
243	trail 4 foot wide walk way in Manton from the school up to Sturdavent street	4/17/2018 8:36 AM
244	indoor kid Indoor play for kids	4/17/2018 8:28 AM
245	The city park in a Cad looks great, however, the outdoor ice rink was an exceptional disappointment.	4/17/2018 7:50 AM
246	kid Outdoor basketball courts would be really nice. Currently I know that people use the school gyms in the YMCA and some of the local playgrounds which are in very rough shape. Would be nice to have a basketball facility.	4/17/2018 7:50 AM
247	The Auditorium at the wex could be used for so much more. Concerts would be a huge success	4/17/2018 7:05 AM
248	A pool would be nice	4/17/2018 6:21 AM
249	trail Fat bike trails	4/17/2018 6:06 AM
250	Public pool ,not the ymca. Something cheaper for people who can't afford it. The splash pad is awesome but too small	4/17/2018 5:07 AM
251	Ice skating, Hockey	4/17/2018 2:33 AM
252	Would love to see community outdoor basketball courts.	4/17/2018 12:51 AM
253	activities dogs More activities and places for dogs Food truck area Cooking classes	4/17/2018 12:29 AM
254	indoor kid More indoor play options for the winter. Trampoline park, children's museum, bounce house, indoor playgrounds, swimming pool or other options besides the YMCA.	4/17/2018 12:05 AM
255	activities Everything! There needs to be structured programmed recreational activities for people of all ages and abilities. Athletics, hobby, outdoor pursuits, everything. Only way to improve property values and quality of life is to actually do something meaningful to improve the quality of life. Starts with the county, the agency with the most opportunity to raise significant funding spread out over all tax payers.	4/16/2018 11:57 PM
256	kid More open areas for kids to play not just park downtown	4/16/2018 11:31 PM
257	trail more atv friendly trails and allowance in the city limits	4/16/2018 11:23 PM

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258	indoor A community garden A indoor pool for senior citizens	4/16/2018 10:57 PM
259	dogs Keep things dog friendly. Keep having different events and things to do. better bike lanes would be nice.	4/16/2018 10:51 PM
260	kid Maybe something safety for kids to do in winter, like somewhere to sled safely.	4/16/2018 10:50 PM
261	trail Open up more trails for jeeps	4/16/2018 10:48 PM
262	Pavilion/shelter with picnic tables for gatherings in the Cadillac city park.	4/16/2018 10:41 PM
263	trail More hiking and biking trails	4/16/2018 10:13 PM
264	trail Bike trails	4/16/2018 10:04 PM
265	Public beach downtown, would bring a lot of foot traffic downtown.	4/16/2018 10:02 PM
266	trail Increased number of trails of all uses.	4/16/2018 10:02 PM
267	indoor Indoor soccer/ball fields/tennis courts	4/16/2018 9:47 PM
268	Camping, fishing, atv	4/16/2018 9:44 PM
269	trail I'd like to see a trail system that goes through wexford county that goes into other counties through the state that opens legal trail riding for not just snowmobiles and motorcycles but also FULL SIZE ORV and atvs too	4/16/2018 9:39 PM
270	More concerts	4/16/2018 9:23 PM
271	kid A playground or park on the west side that doesn't require state sticker	4/16/2018 9:12 PM
272	indoor Indoor walking.	4/16/2018 9:09 PM
273	indoor kid Indoor play area for children!!!	4/16/2018 9:05 PM
274	kid I would really like to see more playgrounds outside of the Cadillac city limits.	4/16/2018 9:03 PM
275	trail More hiking trails	4/16/2018 9:00 PM
276	dogs kid More opportunities for teens. Roller rink. More places to walk dogs off leash.	4/16/2018 8:50 PM
277	Safe sledding area	4/16/2018 8:47 PM
278	Outdoor pickelball courts	4/16/2018 8:42 PM
279	family How bout a community walking park with a small pavilion a man made small pond with a bridge and flowers something simple and picturesque for pictures and family gatherings specifically think of a space on division street right where class street splits away. There are a few vacant lots and if possible acquiring a few houses could make it a good size and space. This is an extremely complicated and probably very expensive but could possible be planned for in the future like 20 or a hundred years. It's just an idea.	4/16/2018 8:28 PM
280	kid A community center with something for kids to do either in the winter or summer so they are not out running the streets getting in trouble.	4/16/2018 8:15 PM
281	kid Playgrounds -	4/16/2018 8:02 PM
282	kid More playgrounds Hiking areas More kayak docks (lake Mitchell side of canal would be nice)	4/16/2018 7:59 PM
283	trail The old rail road bridge off of n. 11 Rd in mesick. Should be made into a crossing for foot traffic. There should be a trail made that includes this lovely old bridge.	4/16/2018 7:56 PM
284	Additional picnic areas	4/16/2018 7:51 PM
285	Cou ty should properly support rec projects. We pass mileage for the Wex and you spend it on small rural programs. Population based do matter. Do you think the Wex would succeed in Mesick? I don't get a discount on county taxes because I live in the city. I pay twice for most services. Cadillac-Wexford library?	4/16/2018 7:44 PM
286	county campgrounds, county boat launches	4/16/2018 7:26 PM
287	trail More trails for walking	4/16/2018 4:01 PM
288	Playgrounds need to be more disability accessable	4/16/2018 3:35 PM
289	trail Should be designated snowmobile ATV trails within the city limits during their respective seasons.	4/16/2018 2:22 PM

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290	trail Snowmobile trail that brings snowmobiles downtown	4/16/2018 2:08 PM
291	Free rustic camping	4/16/2018 1:30 PM
292	kid I think there needs to be more options for young teens in the area. The two options as of now are for breaks are bowling and the Y.	4/16/2018 1:22 PM
293	None	4/16/2018 1:16 PM
294	activities family Activities that are free or low cost. Things for 7-25 year olds to do. Drugs seem to be the new activity in Wexford. Teaching these activities is also important. Every weekend we should have an agency that coordinates activities. This would help our local families, our crime rates, and add to our tourist attractions.	4/16/2018 1:09 PM
295	family trail More trails and family friendly camp grounds that don't break the bank	4/16/2018 1:04 PM
296	kid Need to have more swings for older kids, adults in park by lake	4/16/2018 1:01 PM
297	family We need places for families to be able to go and enjoy that won't break the bank.	4/16/2018 12:51 PM
298	We voted for the Wex and the money is allocated to rural activities with little participation	4/16/2018 12:45 PM
299	dogs trail More hiking trails , dog friendly areas like a dog friendly beach, etc	4/16/2018 12:31 PM
300	Shooting range	4/16/2018 12:27 PM
301	indoor More indoor recreation for the wintertime and cold months	4/16/2018 11:46 AM
302	trail more bike trails and hiking trails	4/16/2018 11:09 AM

Q9 Please share any additional comments and/or suggestions you may have regarding recreation in Wexford County:

Answered: 172 Skipped: 639

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Need more effort to protect the environment as part of the plan, for example, less motorized use of trails	5/11/2018 1:16 PM
2	Collab "Parks" are for nature, not ball-fields. Cooperate with State and City on extending White Pine Trail (non-motorized) - Stop short-sighted "weed" laws that remove cover/habitat in "unused" areas especially along Clam River (sun = fewer trout, more algae!) - Restrict snowmobile/ATV use of more County roads (trails only), like Forest Service policy	5/11/2018 1:05 PM
3	- Limit ATV and snowmobile use on roads and road sides. Very disturbing when driving and to my recreational experience. - Work closely with city, state, and federal to coordinate	5/11/2018 12:59 PM
4	I have seen advertisements in various magazines promoting all of the activities in the area which is great for tourism	5/11/2018 11:46 AM
5	I don't use recreational facilities in our township because they don't have much. CAPS soccer and baseball fields are good and get used.	5/11/2018 11:20 AM
6	arts support \$ to wex Need to establish a strong County-wide funding system. This public service needs public support. Recreation is much more than just outdoor activities; it is the arts and sciences too!	5/11/2018 11:16 AM
7	Families wex - important The Wex is very important for children and families. With very little activities in our County, the Wex is a safe environment for everyone to have fun and participate in healthy activities.	5/11/2018 10:17 AM
8	My only comment, I do not need more taxes	5/11/2018 10:13 AM
9	NA	5/11/2018 10:12 AM
10	Hockey -too much:(No more taxes for a one sided recreation facility that is for ice skating.	5/11/2018 10:12 AM
11	No wex Sell it	5/11/2018 10:02 AM
12	Kids We need more for the kids to do in this County.	5/9/2018 12:29 PM
13	Families Kids I think that wexford county is a great place for young families to raise their children. There are great things happening here, I can't wait to see what new things pop up for kids in the next couple of years.	5/7/2018 12:52 PM
14	please have the county retirement system fully funded before spending any additional money.	5/4/2018 11:08 AM
15	I think the efforts to get the community involved in our rec plan is a great start.	5/4/2018 9:22 AM
16	Kids More things for younger kids to do during the cold months	5/3/2018 10:42 PM
17	We take many walks in the summer, see lots of cigarette butts everywhere, they need to put out the ashtrays that was bought, just because some people dont like it is dumb.	5/3/2018 4:23 PM
18	There are a lot of ORV friendly communities in Michigan that Wexford County can look to for support.	5/3/2018 2:43 PM
19	Fairgrounds Kids are left out of so much	5/3/2018 1:44 PM
20	Drop the emphasis on winter snowmobilers. The ones with \$\$ do not stop here, and the ones that do seem to cause damage to our area and are inconsiderate of residents and residential property. Do more to promote cross country skiing and trails, snowshoeing, and other winter sports that are less intrusive on area land and wildlife.	5/3/2018 11:40 AM
21	Bathrooms	5/3/2018 11:04 AM
22	What I just wrote	5/3/2018 11:00 AM

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23	More parking spaces by the canal for people that want to fish. I cant walk real good and there is never any parking spaces.	5/3/2018 10:48 AM
24	Fairgrounds more events I think overall we have good area's to enjoy the great outdoors. But, younger folks with family's would probably want more outdoor activities for families. The downtown area of Cadillac is making great strides. The west end could use more things to draw people to the area.	5/2/2018 3:54 PM
25	WE ARE BORED and bored people do silly things.	5/2/2018 1:24 PM
26	No wex Stop pouring sooooo much into the WEX. Better and more roadside stops for picnic.	5/2/2018 10:51 AM
27	not needed	5/2/2018 9:08 AM
28	Say "NO" to the proposed \$10 kayak/SUP registration fee!!!!	5/2/2018 7:56 AM
29	we need a large park or two with rangers/ workers maintaining it. making sure is being respected.	5/2/2018 1:22 AM
30	Stupid to send money to one communities softball field at not others.	5/1/2018 1:36 PM
31	support \$ to wex We support the Rec millage.	5/1/2018 9:20 AM
32	Would like for Indoor Walking times that are in mid-evening. Currently is just 11a-1 on Tu/Thurs, which is work hours for many.	5/1/2018 9:20 AM
33	Cadillac really needs a hotel at the busy North end of town. When we travel we stay at hotels where we can grab any essentials we need before hitting the road. Cadillacs south end has 2 hotels almost next door. You go down the hill to the nearest gas station both appear gross and offer very little. Cadillacs south end needs a lot of TLC.	5/1/2018 8:29 AM
34	Fairgrounds I am not sure anything new is needed, but some upgrades are needed at the fairgrounds.	5/1/2018 7:35 AM
35	Get rid of the drugs in this town...lived here 43 years...sad to see the direction it's going	5/1/2018 4:30 AM
36	The area that was turned into the splash pad and such needs some sort of shade! When there were bounce houses and rides last year, it was hard to be there for very long!	4/30/2018 11:23 PM
37	Better advertiing.	4/30/2018 10:24 PM
38	Kayak/canoe/paddle board rental for our lakes. Free WiFi at the pavilion. More agriculturally related places to learn about the outdoors (ie. community greenhouse, signs on nature trails, dog parks, etc)	4/30/2018 10:13 PM
39	Kids More attractions to occupy growing teens and adolescents	4/30/2018 9:54 PM
40	For the most part I dont have any complaints	4/30/2018 9:51 PM
41	Would enjoy a public water access site for Lake Cadillac on south side of the lake.	4/30/2018 10:20 AM
42	Get new management	4/30/2018 7:34 AM
43	Continue to be future minded with capturing ways to make our communities shine! Supporting the local libraries keeps kids off the streets after school as well.	4/29/2018 9:12 PM
44	Need rollerskating	4/29/2018 7:42 PM
45	more events We need a Recreation PROGRAM. I have started plans for one actually, it's in the works. I have my B.S. in Recreation Administration, M.Ed. with a concentration in Phys. Ed, Recreation, Health and Computer Science. I also hold multiple certifications including: yoga, pilates, group fitness, etc... I have experience working in schools, parks, and rec facilities. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to learn more about my program plans. Angela Lijewski 2314990909 angelalijewski@hotmail.com	4/28/2018 10:30 AM
46	Installation of net post set ups in the floors and nets Roll out turf for soccer lacrosse Nets for soccer and lacrosse	4/28/2018 7:47 AM
47	Enjoy all the activities in the City park. Enjoy boating. Enjoy taking grandchildren to swings in park area. Kenwood beach could use a clean up and better sand.	4/28/2018 7:16 AM
48	Get rid of the drugs	4/28/2018 3:15 AM
49	Hockey-support:) I know this is mainly focused on the ice arena and that is a good thing. It provides so much for the community. All of the local businesses benefit from hockey families that stay in town on top of the opportunities available for kids to improve their lives through hockey.	4/28/2018 12:10 AM

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50	Need a real sledding/tubing hill. Not just diggins hill.	4/27/2018 9:35 PM
51	Hockey-support:) Having a hockey facility is very important to the businesses of the area. Personally I enjoy the recreation	4/27/2018 7:23 PM
52	Things for Autistic adults to enjoy.	4/27/2018 5:17 PM
53	Hockey-support:) wex - important The Wex Ice Arena is one of the reasons I chose to move to the Greater Cadillac area. Having the ice arena literally puts Cadillac above comparable populations without an ice arena. Thank you!	4/27/2018 4:50 PM
54	More maps for hiking and biking.	4/27/2018 4:34 PM
55	wex - important We love to watch our grandson play hockey at the Wex. Please support that facility!	4/27/2018 3:04 PM
56	wex - important The WEX is important for bringing events to this area.	4/27/2018 2:00 PM
57	Support Wex wex - important I think boon sports mgmt has done a remarkable job with the ice arena. If the county can continue this partnership, more people will benefit. I have seen more people taking advantage of this facility since boon mgmt took over.	4/27/2018 12:57 PM
58	Support Wex wex - important Stop the continuing fight over THEWEX. Make it a showplace that all can be proud of.	4/27/2018 11:17 AM
59	I love the Clam River walkway, The Sound Garden, CASA softball and soccer fields, the Boon playground and the new playground near the CAPs Jr. High. Splash pad. Great work.	4/27/2018 11:03 AM
60	I look forward to seeing Wexford county become more family friendly and continue to help our community grow.	4/27/2018 10:36 AM
61	Not all forms of recreation can pay for them selves.	4/27/2018 8:24 AM
62	thanks for all you do	4/26/2018 9:15 PM
63	We love it here. The community and the people are wonderful and friendly.	4/26/2018 1:01 PM
64	The county has not demonstrated any desire to develop recreational facilities in the past. Are they really interested now?	4/26/2018 7:43 AM
65	Hockey -too much:(I resent my taxes supporting the Civic arena when the majority of the money is used to maintain the ice arena. Only open to the privileged families in Cadillac. Minimal time open to the public.	4/26/2018 5:49 AM
66	I enjoy walking outdoors, so walking trails are my favorite. Better advertising of where walking trails are located would be great. I've seen pictures of walking trails with wooden sections in Manton but never found where those were located.	4/26/2018 5:21 AM
67	we are new to the area; good publicity would also be great	4/25/2018 10:21 PM
68	arts Would be nice to have a center for the arts....could dance, music. Art classes..etc..be incorporated with the recreational facilities?	4/25/2018 8:54 PM
69	Kids wex - important Money spent to keep kids occupied in fun, healthy recreation is money not spent on jails, prisons and drug rehab in the future. It also cuts down on vandalism and other crime in the community. The Wex also brings far more business to Cadillac than it is credited for. Our household will always contain 3 votes for recreational millage and a 4th voter will be 18 in a year. The people of this community need to stop stepping over a dollar to pick up a nickel. Recreational millages pay for themselves in multiple ways.	4/25/2018 8:50 PM
70	wex - important The Wex arena is an important part of our community.	4/25/2018 6:25 PM
71	It's great!!	4/25/2018 4:34 PM
72	Families What you offer as a community is definitely related to families deciding to move to this area or not	4/25/2018 12:55 PM
73	Improve b4 new Support existing recreation facilities instead of new ones.	4/25/2018 10:38 AM

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74	Collab Wexford County should lean on the City of Cadillac for financial support for priorities such as Wexford Civic Center. The City receives the vast majority of the economic benefit associated with the business that the WEX generates. The City should strongly consider a hospitality tax (ie. 1%) on hotel rooms. A very small amount of money that would not be noticeable to the users. Why not generate some direct income from our tourism. I'm disappointed that the county does not work closer with the city.	4/24/2018 10:13 PM
75	I think they have improved a lot over the last ten years so keeping things kept up is important.	4/24/2018 7:56 PM
76	Although this is a state issue, im disappointed that motorized scooter/moped owners are penalized at Mitchell State Park because they can't/don't have Recreational Passport stickers. I can't visit family camping there on my scooter. I feel like there's no justification for that exclusion.	4/24/2018 10:19 AM
77	More attention to existing facilities.	4/24/2018 8:57 AM
78	Could have regular workouts and dancing at different times at the civic building. Like during hockey practice. Could put in a weight lifting room with security doors.	4/24/2018 8:13 AM
79	Hockey-support: wex - important It's very important that the WEX ice rink stay open. It draws in people from all over our community an state. The hockey events alone that the WEX puts on raises thousands and thousands of dollars for our community.	4/24/2018 12:10 AM
80	Something needs to be done about Lake Cadillac. I have not used it in 2 years due to how awful it has become. I don't care if it needs to be drained!!! If we can't touch it for a year, etc just do something that works!!!!!!	4/23/2018 10:27 PM
81	Support Wex wex - important The Wex has gone through a tremendous uplift for the positive since Boon Sports Management took over. They need to continue to be supported to manage the rink.	4/23/2018 9:38 PM
82	Keep current facilities updated before adding new.	4/23/2018 2:13 PM
83	support \$ to wex Support Wex wex - important Keep the Wexford County Civic Center open. Provide more general financial support to its operation.	4/23/2018 1:54 PM
84	The county needs to get serious about it for quality of life.	4/23/2018 8:30 AM
85	Kids Involve children in smal school gardens.	4/22/2018 3:20 PM
86	Collab Collaborate with Michigan DNR and local cities and townships for recreational opportunities that connect with existing or future recreational opportunities in Wexford County.	4/22/2018 10:42 AM
87	Need structure.	4/22/2018 12:41 AM
88	We have been back in the area for about a year and a half, but haven't been able to utilize the recreational opportunities, which we hope to do starting this spring.	4/21/2018 7:58 PM
89	Venues have so many owners hard to understand offering other than on visitors bureau website	4/21/2018 6:16 PM
90	Kids more events Softball and baseball activities for teenagers.	4/21/2018 11:18 AM
91	We live in a small community with a decent park so if we go to other parks I am looking for things ours doesn't have: bathrooms, swimming/beach, picnic tables, splash pads, sledding hills, dark parks.	4/20/2018 12:29 PM
92	Perhaps have the police do a little more about keeping the park area safe as opposed to setting in parking lots stalking people minor things like rolling stops on to a street while turning or stopping you for some other random b.s. They could instead be arresting the people performing sex acts in the alleys behind the bars, in the park, near the lake, perhaps stop the after hour drug deals in those same locations as well.	4/20/2018 7:52 AM
93	support \$ to wex The boc needs to start supporting and investing in recreation instead of adopting the attitude that it's a waste of money. Recreational activities and facilities are a major attraction for qualified employees and businesses looking to grow. Sometimes you have to spend money to make money.	4/19/2018 11:54 PM
94	wex - important The Wex must remain open and viable. It is an awesome facility for our community.	4/19/2018 11:18 PM
95	Walking along Lake Cadillac is simply disgusting. The goose or other large bird/duck poop makes it near impossible at times. We need to clean up and take better care of the parks and rec areas that we currently have. Some tend to fall into disrepair when we get too many. Take good care of what we already have!!!	4/19/2018 7:56 PM

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96	Open snowmobile trails to orv and atv and side by side.charge trail permit fee and grade trails weekly	4/19/2018 6:52 PM
97	water quality Make Lakes Cadillac/Mitchell's water quality the first priority above all else.	4/19/2018 6:16 PM
98	Kids Please focus on our future. Our children. Drugs have over-run our town and I honestly think it's becUse we don't offer enough to keep our kids busy and on the right track. It's so sad!!	4/19/2018 5:07 PM
99	Take trees out of the park over accross ghe street from Lake Mitchel so then the mosquitos arent thag bad.	4/19/2018 12:47 PM
100	Hockey -too much:(wex - important I truly believe the WEx can be an asset but it can't always be about the hockey/ice arena. While that may not be 100 percent true that is what is perceived by many who currently don't use the facility. I also think more needs to be done to help connect people and visitors to those assets and promote those things.	4/19/2018 12:19 PM
101	So much to do here! Such a beautiful county in which to live and work and play.	4/19/2018 11:22 AM
102	Collab Neither the county, county road commission or a majority of the townships have shown any interest in the development and promotion of recreation in Wexford County. The same holds true for MDOT relative to the use of its roadways for cycling. Also, the county needs to take a serious look at possibly developing a Regional Recreation Commission.	4/19/2018 7:35 AM
103	wex - important Thank you for supporting the WEX.	4/19/2018 7:14 AM
104	I would love to see public roller skating at the arena now that we do not have a rink (Skatricity)	4/18/2018 9:07 AM
105	Families Kids Its good to have things for kids to do and families to do together.	4/18/2018 8:54 AM
106	The Cadillac soccer and baseball fields in the Plett rd area, need more parking.	4/18/2018 8:47 AM
107	arts Support and improvements to existing and future plans for a larger inclusive community arts center. The arts are supposed to be included in this plan. Why is there NO reference to the arts in this survey?	4/18/2018 12:53 AM
108	I do like the idea of dog parks however Everytime I've taken my dogs people let their dogs hump mine without correction.	4/17/2018 11:33 PM
109	wex - important The Wex is great, we use it all the time.	4/17/2018 11:26 PM
110	Whatever you decide I believe that now-a-days, some type of security so we might be able to stop the vandalism or at least capture the ones doing it.	4/17/2018 10:47 PM
111	The rec oppportunities in Cadillac drew us to this community 10 years ago.	4/17/2018 10:25 PM
112	No additional comments.	4/17/2018 9:44 PM
113	water quality We have a beautiful lake with road, factories, and city buildings occupying most of the waterfront. Iniatives to protect the health of the water should be taken to keep the lake water quality high for fishing, swimming, and boating. More natural spaces along the lakes needed.	4/17/2018 9:25 PM
114	more events More recreational activities and more places to shop/eat.	4/17/2018 7:38 PM
115	More public interaction with Carl T. They do a great job of promoting the area.	4/17/2018 7:01 PM
116	No wex The board needs to move on from the wex	4/17/2018 4:22 PM
117	I'm in favor of more recreational oppportunities for all, even if they are areas I'm not personally interested in. It is what makes Wexford County a great place to live.	4/17/2018 4:05 PM
118	Families more events It is great that the county offers recreation oppportunities for county residents. It is important that there are diverse choices. For example, my family doesn't raise animals, but I am pleased that the fairgrounds are there for people that do. Communities need access to positive activities. It improves quality of life.	4/17/2018 4:05 PM
119	Hockey -too much:(There is too much emphasis and expenditures on hockey.	4/17/2018 3:16 PM
120	Hockey-support:) Kids Need continued support for the hockey programs which call the Wexford Civic Center rink home. It is what my three children look forward to year round, we moved to cadillac in part because they had a hockey program, a must for my kids! Thank you for continuing tonsupport this at the county level!	4/17/2018 2:48 PM
121	More community wide Clubs-it's a common meeting place.	4/17/2018 2:18 PM

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122	water quality Taking care to make sure our lakes water quality is incredibly important. If Lake Cadillac and Lake Mitchell's water quality doesn't improve, we will lose one of the main things that brings people here. Better quality means better lakes for residents and increased tourism.	4/17/2018 2:01 PM
123	Indoor soccer for the kids would be awesome for year round exercise.	4/17/2018 1:30 PM
124	see above	4/17/2018 11:29 AM
125	Improve b4 new Support Wex wex - important Invest in the civic center before taking on something new.	4/17/2018 11:02 AM
126	Keep up the good work!	4/17/2018 11:00 AM
127	Please promote US Manistee National Fotest	4/17/2018 10:57 AM
128	Support Wex wex - important It is sad at the lack of support many of the Board members have for the Wex. Many communities would love to have a facility like that while some on our Board work hard to get rid of it.	4/17/2018 10:56 AM
129	Support Wex wex - important Please support the civic center.	4/17/2018 10:51 AM
130	In order to use some of these facilities it would be nice if you didn't have to worry about your car falling apart driving over all the pot holes on the majority of our roads	4/17/2018 10:43 AM
131	Kids Something thing for teenagers that don't skate board	4/17/2018 10:08 AM
132	Collab I feel there is quite a disconnect between the city organizations, businesses, and the people of Cadillac.	4/17/2018 9:58 AM
133	Hockey-support:) Support Wex wex - important STOP, trying to shut down the wexford civic center. Specifically the ice arena. People do not realize how much revenue the ice brings to the community throughout the operating season.	4/17/2018 9:22 AM
134	support \$ to wex Support Wex wex - important We as a county need to maintain all of these facilities. It is our responsibility to preserve these for our children, grandchildren and on. That is why we pay taxes and personally I do not mind paying taxes to keep these facilities functioning.	4/17/2018 9:20 AM
135	Wexford county is awesome! Encourage smaller communities to expand on beautifying trail systems.	4/17/2018 8:44 AM
136	Kids Learning center Inn mANTON for the kids! Toddler to K	4/17/2018 8:36 AM
137	Families wex - important Our family loves the wex!! Hockey and skating are so important to so many Wexford co and surrounding area families	4/17/2018 6:21 AM
138	Hockey-support:) wex - important I use the Wex days a week. Everytime I'm there the parking lot is full. It is loved by the community and is home for many.	4/17/2018 6:06 AM
139	Hockey-support:) wex - important Hockey is a thriving program here, drawing in hundreds of kids each season. CAHA does a fabulous job and needs the Wex to keep this tradition alive for so many!	4/17/2018 2:33 AM
140	It would be nice to have another roller skating rink around the city too!	4/17/2018 12:51 AM
141	more events Need more activities and places to take dogs	4/17/2018 12:29 AM
142	Do something, but only do something that will be meaningful.	4/16/2018 11:57 PM
143	support \$ to wex Support Wex wex - important I believe the County should fully fund the Civic Center/Ice Arena.	4/16/2018 11:06 PM
144	Stronger law on non disabled people parking in handicap areas!	4/16/2018 10:57 PM
145	NA	4/16/2018 10:50 PM
146	wex - important Love all the skating events at the wex this winter	4/16/2018 10:48 PM
147	It has come so far and Cadillac has so much to offer. Proud of what we currently have and excited to see future improvements!	4/16/2018 10:41 PM
148	Hockey-support:) Support Wex wex - important The Civic ice rink area has shown lots of improvement. My children enjoy being able to go to the glow dances and open skate times. Please help keep the rink going.	4/16/2018 10:13 PM
149	More parking for some of the hiking trails	4/16/2018 10:04 PM

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150	We love living here!! Moved to Cadillac a few years ago.	4/16/2018 10:02 PM
151	Keep up the good work	4/16/2018 9:44 PM
152	The octogegon building must be preserved. It's a vital part of the recreation of the fairgrounds.	4/16/2018 9:42 PM
153	Dont focus on snowmobiles our area is TRULY a four season area, with activities in every season for extensive out door fun.	4/16/2018 9:39 PM
154	Do not want to see tax payer monies go to Boon management or the operating cost of the Wex	4/16/2018 9:28 PM
155	water quality Something NEEDS to be changed with the allowable water levels on lakes C and M....it is destroying boating and fishing by increased weed growth, fish kills, and makes the (quite frankly) money making lakes dangerous, damaging, and costly to boaters	4/16/2018 9:12 PM
156	More enforcement of the no smoking rules around Lake Cadillac.	4/16/2018 9:09 PM
157	An indoor winter rec area is desperately needed, when it snows 7 months out of the year up here.	4/16/2018 9:05 PM
158	I love living in Wexford County.	4/16/2018 8:47 PM
159	Can we get a souviner or nick nak store that sells different kind of cadillac apparel. Most lake shore communities along Lake Michigan has atleast one store that sells all sorts of nick naks. Also, kilwins is a good touristy store/Restaurant, so is Grand Traverse cherry company. Love the new dog park.	4/16/2018 8:28 PM
160	Decrease property taxes so we can afford to do more things on our own. I prefer hands off government. Citizens can create their own fun.	4/16/2018 8:18 PM
161	Additional parking in and near the recreational sites.	4/16/2018 7:51 PM
162	Get serious about it. Important for our community that includes Cadillac	4/16/2018 7:44 PM
163	user fees should have a county resident fee and non resident fees	4/16/2018 7:26 PM
164	More bike trails so yiu don't have to ride on the roadways	4/16/2018 4:01 PM
165	Wildrness survival class	4/16/2018 1:30 PM
166	water quality Cleaning up our water	4/16/2018 1:16 PM
167	We have a very beautiful area that is not being used to its full potential. Money/ income seems to be a huge discrimination factor in this area.	4/16/2018 1:09 PM
168	Kids more events I would love to see more free events in the park for children.	4/16/2018 12:51 PM
169	Support out county but they should support as well. It's not a sin to live in the city	4/16/2018 12:45 PM
170	more events Maybe having more community events at some of these places	4/16/2018 12:31 PM
171	None	4/16/2018 12:27 PM
172	Get buy in from the residents.	4/16/2018 11:09 AM

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November 1

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

RECREATION PLAN PUBLIC REVIEW

The draft Wexford County Recreation Plan is available for public review beginning November 5, 2018. A copy of the plan is available online at www.nwm.org/wexfordrecplan. Hard copies are available upon request at the County Administration office, located at 437 E. Division St., Cadillac, MI 49601. Comments regarding the proposed Recreation Plan may be submitted to Elizabeth Calcutt at [networksnorthwest.org](mailto:ecalcutt@networksnorthwest.org) or 231-929-5048. Please submit comments by December 4, 2018 for consideration. Public comment will also be heard at a public hearing at the regular meeting of the Wexford County Board of Commissioners on December 5, 2018. November 1, 2, 3

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**WEXFORD COUNTY
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
RECREATION PLAN PUBLIC HEARING**

The Wexford County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the proposed Wexford County Recreation Plan on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Room, Third Floor of the Historic Wexford County Courthouse, located at 437 E. Division St., Cadillac MI 49601. A copy of the plan is available online at www.nwm.org/wexfordrecplan or at the County offices. Please contact Elizabeth Calcutt at Networks Northwest at ealcutt@networksnorthwest.org or 231-929-5048 with comments or questions.
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WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, December 5, 2018

Meeting called to order at 5:47 p.m. by Chairman Leslie Housler.

Roll call: Present – Commissioners Michael MacCready, Leslie Housler, Robert Hilty, Michael Bengelink, Michael Bush, Julie Theobald, Gary Taylor, Judy Nichols, and Bill Goodwill; Absent -

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Added – 9. Health Insurance HSA; 11. Implementation of PA 152 Health Care;

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the agenda, as amended.

All in favor.

Employee Recognition –

1. 20-year Service Award – Brian Rood, Sheriff's Department
2. 20-year Service Award – Arjay Schopieray, Sheriff's Department

Neither employee was present to accept their awards. They will be passed along to them.

Presentations and Reports – None

Public Comments

Gordon Maxwell, Cadillac, did not want the BOC to put the sale dollars from the Recycling Building into the Dispatch Building Fund. He would like to see it go toward the MERS liability.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the November 21, 2018, Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Acceptance of Resignation from the SWPL Board
3. Appointments to Standing and special Committees

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Public Hearing on the Recreation Plan
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Bush to open the Public Hearing on the proposed Recreation Plan. (5:50 pm)

All in favor.

No public comments were made. Chairman Housler closed public comments. (5.51 pm)

2. Veterinarian Services Agreement

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Bush to exercise the first option to renew the term of the Veterinarian Service Agreement by one additional year, extending the term of the agreement to December 31, 2019 and authorize the chairman to sign the letter of notice to Dr. Meyer on behalf of Wexford County, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

3. Year-end Budget Amendments

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the Interim Co-Administrators to transfer funds from one department to another without board approval to ensure no department is in the negative at the end of the year.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

4. Recycle Center Sale Funds

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the transfer of funds from the sale of the recycle center in the amount of \$130,000 to the Dispatch Building Fund, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

5. Sheriff Department's Request to Transfer Funds

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Hilty to approve the Sheriff Department's request to transfer \$51,365 from department 351 (Jail) to department 301 (Sheriff), as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

6. Resolution 18-36 Support of House Bill 4986

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve Resolution 18-36 Resolution in Support of House Bill 4986 – Equalization Department, as presented.

Roll call: Motion passed six to one with Comm Bush voting against the motion.

7. Resolution 18-37 Opposing Senate Bill 1031

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve resolution 18-37 Opposing Senate Bill 1031, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

8. Budget Amendments
 12/5/2018

**Wexford County Board of Commissioners
 Amendments to the 2018 Budget**

Adj #	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense
20181201	101.229.702.02	Supervisory Staff		\$ (6,600) (a)
	101.22.727.00	Office Supplies		6,600
		Purchase of Laptops		
20181202	260.363.702.05	Overtime		\$ 400 (b)
	260.362.726.00	Postage		60
	260.362.727.00	Office Supplies		40
	260.362.800.00	Contracted Services		3,600
	260.362.702.04	Temp. Part-time		(400)
	260.362.962.00	Misc.		(1,000)
	260.362.802.00	Transition House		(2,700)
		Year-end Adjustments		
20181203	261.325.677.00	Misc. Income	\$ 1,650	(c)
	261.325.703.05	Overtime Training		\$ 1,590
	261.325.800.00	Contracted Services		150
	261.325.728.00	Printing		(90)
20181204	101-131-721.00	Health Insurance		650 (d)
	101-136-721.00	Health Insurance		2,900
	101-141-721.00	Health Insurance		25,000
	101-148-721.00	Health Insurance		(13,000)
	101-166-721.00	Health Insurance		770
	101-172-721.00	Health Insurance		(200)
	101-215-721.00	Health Insurance		355
	101-225-721.00	Health Insurance		5,635
	101-229-721.00	Health Insurance		1,715
	101-236-721.00	Health Insurance		100
	101-253-721.00	Health Insurance		(2,500)
	101-265-721.00	Health Insurance		55
	101-315-721.00	Health Insurance		(4,700)
	101-335-721.00	Health Insurance		(8,000)
	101-351-721.00	Health Insurance		17,950
	101-253-421.00	PPT County Oper. Portion	26,730	
20181205	245.000.699.00	Appropriated Fund Balance	21,475	(e)
	245.904.970.29	Jail Improvements		21,475

20181206	101.290.677.04	Workers Comp Ref.	5,300	(f)
	101.290.677.00	Misc. Income	5,100	
	101.290.677.15	Misc. Reimburs.	4,900	
	101.191.675.00	School Reimburs.	8,900	
	101.253.421.00	CTY PPT Operating	14,500	
	101.290.931.00	Equip. Maint. & Repair		11,600
	101.290.935.00	DP Maint. Contract		(1,200)
	101.290.723.00	MESC		2,000
	101.290.871.00	Hazardous Waste		14,300
	101.648.800.00	Contracted Services		6,000
	101.215.728.00	Printing		6,000
	20181207	101.301.626.00	Service Contracts	7,190
101.301.702.07		Longevity		(930)
101.301.727.00		Office Supplies		(500)
101.301.746.00		Uniforms & Accessories		(1,000)
101.301.931.01		BJA K-9 Expense		(1,000)
101.301.957.00		Training		(2,000)
101.301.721.00		Health Insurance		(4,628)
101.301.702.08		Sick Pay		(1,200)
101.301.702.05		Overtime		8,000
101.301.702.15		Contracted Services		1,134
101.301.800.00		Contracted Services		4,000
101.301.802.00		Computer Services		606
101.301.930.00		TNT Supplies		1,500
101.301.931.00		Equipment Maint. & Repair		1,281
101.301.980.00		Equipment		1,927
20181208		225.000.699.01	Appriated Fund Balance	10,660
	225.000.740.00	Animal Supplies		(1,000)
	225.000.800.00	Contracted Services		(500)
	225.000.802.00	Computer Services		(500)
	225.000.811.00	Ordinance Fee		(1,000)
	225.000.931.00	Equipment Maint.		(800)
	225.000.934.00	Building Maint.		(500)
	225.000.702.07	Longevity		(540)
	225.000.702.08	Sick Pay		(800)
	225.000.702.05	Overtime		4,000
	225.000.721.00	Health Insurance		7,500
	225.000.746.00	Uniforms & Accessories		1,200
	225.000.810.00	Vet. Services		3,000
	225.000.860.00	Travel & Conference		100
	225.000.880.00	Newspaper		100
	225.000.962.04	Pet Spay Education		400

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the budget amendments dated 12/05/2018, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

9. Health Insurance HSA - *Added*

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Taylor to move to amend the Wexford County Health Savings Account on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. The employer's Annual Contribution to the Health Savings Account shall be credited or deposited to each participating employee's Health Savings Account in four equal pro-rata quarterly deposits on the first business day of each quarter, beginning January 2, 2019, April 1, 2019, July 1, 2-10 and October 1, 2019.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

10. Closed Session to Discuss Union Negotiations (6:05 p.m.)

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Taylor to enter into closed session to discuss labor relations, being three (3) tentative agreement with POAM and TPOAM and to discuss Attorney-Client privilege opinion issued by Cohl, Stoker, & Toskey dated December 5, 2018.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Bengelink to resume open session of the Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting and to accept the Minutes of the Closed Session as orally read by the Clerk. (6:27 pm)

All in favor.

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Taylor to ratify the terms of the Tentative Agreement reached in the TPOAM Supervisors Unit on November 28, 2018 and direct the Board Chair to executive the 2019-2021 Agreement when it is produced by the County's Corporation Counsel.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Taylor to ratify the terms of the Tentative Agreement reached in the TPOAM Courthouse/General /Circuit Court Unit on November 28, 2018 and direct the Board Chair to execute the 2019-2021 Agreement when it is produced by the County's Corporation Counsel.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Taylor to ratify the terms of the Tentative Agreement reached in the POAM Corrections Unit on November 29, 2018 and direct the Board Chair to execute the 2019-2021 Agreement as produced by the County's Corporation Counsel

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Bengelink to implement the same base wage increases on the wage scales for 2019, 2020 and 2021 for Wexford County Non-Union and Appointed Employees effective January 1, 2019 and to amend the 2019 Budget as necessary; and to implement the same vacation maximum accumulation and maximum pay-out amounts for Wexford County Non-Union and appointed employees; to implement the same MERS Defined Benefit Plan Employees Contributions and Hybrid Plan Employer Minimum Contributions to the Defined Contribution Plans, being 5% to be effective January 1, 2019 and further direct the County Clerk to contact MERS to secure the necessary MERS Motions/Resolution to effectuate such changes.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

11. Resolution 18-38 to Implement the Public Act 152 Health Care Requirements for 2019 – *Added*

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Bengelink to move that the Wexford County Board of Commissioners elect to impose Employer Contribution limits known as hard caps, which results in an employee cost share of an amount equal to an employee j10% health insurance premium contribution to satisfy the funding limitation requirements of Public Act 152 of 2011 for Health Plan Year 2019.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

Administrator's Report

Both Treasurer Stanton and Clerk Richardson explained that they have been very busy, but a lot has been accomplished over the past couple of weeks.

Correspondence

CWTA received two grants for the purchase of 13 new busses for 2019.

Public Comments - None

Liaison Reports - None

Board Comment

Comm Bush asked that we all keep Comm Theobald in our thoughts.

Comm Nichols echoed his remarks.

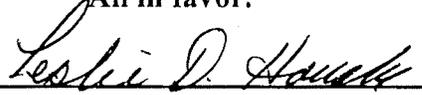
Chairman's Comments

Comm Housler thanked all for their hard work on getting the union negotiations settled.

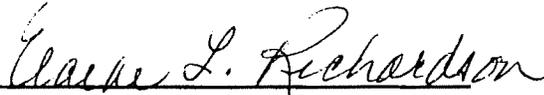
Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Bengelink to
adjourn at 6:40 p.m.

All in favor.



Leslie D. Housler, Chairperson



Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting * Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Leslie Housler.

Roll call: Present – Commissioners Michael MacCready, Leslie Housler, Robert Hilty, Michael Bengelink, Gary Taylor, Judy Nichols, and Bill Goodwill; Absent – Commissioners Michael Bush and Julie Theobald

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Added to Agenda – 13. Resolution 18-44 Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement; 14. Resolution 18-45 MERS Hybrid Plan Adoption Agreement; *Added Correspondence* – Letter Regarding RC Drones;

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve the agenda, as amended.

All in favor.

Employee Recognition –

1. 25-year Service Award – Lt. Marty Penney, Sheriff's Department
Mr. Penney was unable to attend the meeting. His award will be presented to him at a later date.

Presentations and Reports – None

Public Comments – None

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the December 5, 2018, Regular Meeting Minutes
 2. Appointment to the CWPL Board
- MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.**

All in favor except Comm Goodwill and MacCready voted against the motion.

Agenda Items

1. 2019-2023 Wexford County Recreation Plan
Elizabeth Calcutt, Networks Northwest, appeared before the Board to explain the changes and updates that has been made on the County Recreation Plan. A public hearing was held at the last Board meeting for any input from the community. Once the plan has

received the Board's approval it will then be submitted to the DNR. Recreation grants can be applied for after the submission.

2. Resolution 18-43 to Approve the Wexford County Recreation Plan
MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Resolution 18-43 to Approve Wexford County Recreation Plan, as presented.

All in favor.

3. FY 2019 Snowmobile Grant Agreement
MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve the FY 2019 Snowmobile Law Enforcement Program Grant Agreement for the period of October 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

4. 2019 MSU Extension Services Agreement
MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the Agreement for Extension Services between Wexford County and MSU on behalf of MSUE for a period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 and authorize the chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the County, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

5. Waste Relocation Escrow Trust Fund
Jayne Stanton, County Treasurer, explained that back in 2012 the County was required to put \$2.1 million into a trust account for part of the waste removal at the landfill. The trust is being held by a local title company. Initially, it was thought that the trust account would be open for a couple of years. However, it has been open for over seven years. The title company would like the County to take it over. We have tentative approval from American Waste. Ms. Stanton would like an agreement to be drafted for both American Waste and Wexford County to approve the funds to be taken from the title company and moved into a restricted account at the County.

6. Elected Officials Raises
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve a raise for elected officials equal to the raise and benefits of the non-union and appointed officials, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

7. Assistant 911 Director Position Description
MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve a part-time position for an Assistant 911 Director of Dispatch and the position description for the Assistant 911 Dispatch director, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved seven to one with Comm MacCready voting against the motion.

8. Budget Amendments
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the budget amendments dated 12/19/2018, as presented.

12/19/2018

Wexford County Board of Commissioners
 Amendments to the 2018 Budget

Adj #	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense	
20181209	101.290.677.19	Property Sale Revenue	\$325,088		(a)
	464.000.800.19	Design Engineering		\$50,000	
	464.000.800.00	Contracted Services		\$4,000	
	464.000.803.00	Legal Services		\$2,000	
	464.000.982.00	Capital Building		\$269,088	
	Create new fund for Dispatch Center				
20181210	101.136.702.04	Temp/Part-time		\$4,000	(b)
	101.136.744.00	Dues & Membership		\$110	
	101.136.760.01	Monitoring Services		(\$4,110)	
20181211	101.225.677.00	Misc. Income	\$200		(c)
	101.225.702.05	Overtime		\$200	
20181212	205.000.699.01	Appropriated Fund Bal.	\$53,000		(d)
	101.301.695.03	Transfer In	\$53,000		
	101.101.699.00	Appropriated Fund Bal.	(\$53,000)		
	205.000.999.00	Transfer Out		\$53,000	
20181213	101.290.677.00	Misc. Income	\$9,380		(e)
	101.290.800.01	Contracted Services		\$7,475	

	101.101.860.00	Travel & Conferences	\$1,900	
	101.101.727.00	Office Supply	\$5	
20181214	101.302.563.03	Miss/Wex FOC Sec.	\$12,630	(f)
	101.302.702.03	Permanent Empl.	\$7,200	
	101.302.719.00	Social Security	\$600	
	101.302.722.00	Workers Comp.	\$330	
	101.302.860.01	Travel	\$4,500	
20181215	249.000.607.00	Inspection Fees	\$18,000	(g)
	249.000.608.00	Electrical Fees	\$7,010	
	249.000.702.07	Longevity	\$70	
	249.000.716.00	Per Diem	\$125	
	249.000.720.00	Retirement	\$5,000	
	249.000.721.00	Health Insurance	\$9,825	
	249.000.724.00	Life Insurance	\$30	
	249.000.725.00	Sick & Accident Insurance	\$300	
20181216	101.141.800.07	Warrant Officer	(\$2,734.94)	(h)
	101.141.727.00	Office Supplies	\$1,510.87	
	101.141.800.05	Equipment Lease	\$1,102.72	
	101.141.860.00	Travel/Conference	\$121.35	

Roll call: Motion approved seven to one with Comm MacCready voting against the motion.

9. Resolution 18-39 Extending Appreciation for Commissioner Hilty
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve Resolution 18-39 Extending Appreciation for Commissioner Robert Hilty's Service and Leadership, as presented.
 Chairman Housler read Resolution 18-39 into the record.
Roll call: Motion approved unanimously. (Comm Hilty abstained)

10. Resolution 18-40 Extending Appreciation for Commissioner Housler
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Nichols to approved Resolution 18-40 Extending Appreciation for Commissioner Leslie Housler's Service and Leadership, as presented.
 County Clerk Richardson read Resolution 18-40 into the record.
Roll call: Motion approved unanimously. (Comm Housler abstained)

Clerk Richardson received a letter from Kenneth Hinton, former Wexford County Administrator, directed to Chairman Housler. Mr. Hinton pointed out some of the positive things Chair Housler has done for the County for the 14 years he has been in office.

11. Resolution 18-41 Extending Appreciation for Commissioner Goodwill
MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Resolution 18-41 Extending Appreciation for Bill Goodwill's Service and Leadership, as presented.

Comm Housler read Resolution 18-41 into the record.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously. (Comm Goodwill abstained).

12. Resolution 18-42 Extending Appreciation for Commissioner MacCready
MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Resolution 18-42 Extending Appreciation for Commissioner MacCready's Service and Leadership, as presented.

Comm Housler read Resolution 18-42 into the record.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously. (Comm MacCready abstained)

13. Resolution 18-44 Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement
MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Resolution 18-44 Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement, as presented.

Roll call: Motion passed seven to one with Comm MacCready voting against the motion.

14. Resolution 18-45 MERS Hybrid Plan Adoption Agreement
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve Resolution 18-45 MERS Hybrid Plan Adoption Agreement, as presented.

Roll call: Motion passed seven to one with Comm MacCready voting against the motion.

Administrator's Report

Interim Administrators thanked the Board for getting the union contracts done before the end of the year.

Correspondence –

1. Robert Scarbrough, Building Official – Retirement
2. Letter from Bill Paul regarding drones at the Airport

Public Comments

Wexford County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting, Wednesday, December 19, 2018

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Cathleen S. Graham, Cannabis Nurse, approached the Board to do a 10 week educational outreach project. Grant funding is available until 1/01/2019.

Liaison Reports

Comm Bengelink informed the Board that a new pathologist has been hired for the Morgue Authority.

Comm MacCready attended a Northern Lakes Community Mental Health meeting.

Comm Housler attended a Road Commission meeting. He also attended a North Flight meeting in Traverse City.

Board Comment

Comm Bengelink stated it has been an honor to serve with the retiring Commissioners.

Comm Taylor expressed the pleasure he had serving with the retiring Commissioners.

Comm Nichols thanked Comm Hilty for all his help on mentoring and watching ongoing projects in the County; she thanked Comm MacCready for all their discussions and bonding with cats and dogs; She will miss Comm Goodwill's mentorship; and Comm Housler is her brother-in-law and he too has provided mentorship and provided leadership to the County.

Comm Goodwill read a letter into the record thanking his constituents for their support; touching on County operation without an Administrator; reminding commissioners what their sworn into do according to statute.

Comm MacCready believes all things happen for a reason. He also feels that voters should be involved in government.

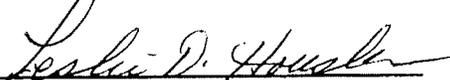
Chairman's Comments

Comm Housler thanked Comm Goodwill for being the parliamentarian. Comm Hilty has provided the county with a wealth of information while serving on the Board. It has been a pleasure serving and trying to make life easier for the residents of the County.

Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Nichols to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.

All in favor.


Leslie D. Housler, Chairperson


Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Wexford County Board of Commissioners, held at the Wexford County Courthouse, 437 E. Division St., Cadillac, Michigan on the nineteenth day of December, at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners Michael MacCready, Leslie D. Housler, Robert Hilty, Mike Bengelink, Gary Taylor, Judy Nichols, Bill Goodwill and Leslie Housler;

ABSENT: Commissioners Michael Bush and Julie Theobald

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Commissioner Taylor and supported by Commissioner Nichols.

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-43
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE WEXFORD COUNTY
RECREATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, Wexford County has developed a 5-Year Recreation Plan, which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and goals and actions for improving and maintaining recreational facilities during the five year period covering 2019 through 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Plan has been developed in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, public input was received through a community forum, meetings, questionnaires, a review period of at least 30 days, and a public hearing held on December 5, 2018 to obtain input on recreation needs and opportunities, and all other aspects of the recreation plan; and

WHEREAS, Wexford County has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the entire community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Wexford County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Wexford County Recreation Plan, with changes as discussed at the regular meeting held on December 19, 2018, as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the County.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Hilty, Bengelink Taylor, Nichols, Goodwill, MacCready and Housler;

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Leslie D. Housler

Leslie D. Housler, Chairman, Wexford County Board of Commissioners

Elaine L. Richardson

Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF WEXFORD)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of Resolution 18-43 adopted by the County Board of Commissioners of Wexford County at a regular meeting held on December 19, 2018, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.

Elaine L. Richardson

Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk