

PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN
2012-2017



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Executive Summary

Introduction

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan, 2012-2017 was developed to provide guidance on how the Township will fulfill the Department's mission over the next 5 years. The plan will not only provide guidance, but is necessary to be eligible for grant funding through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The format of this plan has been established by the State of Michigan, Department of Natural Resources, Grants Management Section. The plan was formulated based on information gathered, analyzed and compiled from the following sources:

1. Input from the citizens of Delta Township through:
 - A community survey
 - A programming survey
 - Senior Workshop – December 16, 2011
 - Public Meetings
 - A public input session on October 6, 2011
 - Park, Recreation and Cemeteries Commission – Initial Draft Review on December 1, 2011
 - Public hearings
 - Park, Recreation and Cemeteries Commission
 - Township Board
2. Collaboration with other planning efforts underway in the Township including:
 - The Comprehensive Plan
 - The Non-Motorized Transportation Plan
3. Evaluation of:
 - Demographics
 - Natural features
 - Parks and recreation trends
4. Review of the previous Recreation Plan

Accomplishments 2006-2011

Several projects were accomplished from the previous Parks and Recreation Master Plan, 2006-2011:

- Hawk Meadow Park – Parking lot, paved trails, crushed limestone trails, boardwalk and amenities
- Developed East-West Pathway – Paved path from Elmwood Road to Canal Road
- Fishing dock and 2 gazebos at Sharp Park
- All interior signs in parks replaced
- Delta Mills Park entry sign replaced
- Erickson Park entry sign replaced
- Worked in collaboration with the Michigan Mountain Bike Association to develop biking trails at Anderson Park

- Fenced and landscaped Leland Park
- Developed mowed hiking trails at Players Club



Hawk Meadow – Paved Trail



Hawk Meadow - Boardwalk



East-West Pathway - Boardwalk



East-West Pathway



Sharp Park –Fishing Dock



Sharp Park - Shelter



Delta Mills Park Entry Sign



Anderson Park – Mountain Bike Trail

Into the Future, 2012-2017

The benefits of parks and recreation are numerous as have been stated over and over again through the years. In a white paper titled, “The Benefits of Parks, Why America Needs More City Parks and Open Space” written by Paul M. Sherer in 2005 and published by The Trust for Public Land, it states parks offer 4 types of benefits including public health benefits, economic benefits, environmental benefits and social benefits. The same can be said for offering a variety of affordable recreation programs and events.

Even as the economy struggles the Township has maintained a high quality park system and programs. It is important that the Township continue these services and add selected park amenities even in an economic downturn because of the benefits parks and recreation offers to the community.

Goals and Objectives

GOAL	OBJECTIVE
Goal I: To maintain safe parks	Objective A: Quickly and effectively address public safety concerns
	Objective B: Continue to promote cooperation and citizen reporting programs
Goal II: Promote and enhance the financial stability of the Delta Township park system through the following methods:	Objective A: Building new partnerships and strengthening existing partnerships
	Objective B: Grants from Federal, State and local sources
	Objective C: Gifts, donations, endowments, corporate partnerships, bonds and loans
	Objective D: User fees and rental rates
Goal III: Maintain, assess, develop and preserve park lands and facilities in order to provide for the needs of present and future generations	Objective A: To continue to provide systematic and effective maintenance
	Objective B: To continue with efforts of meeting ADA accessibility requirements
	Objective C: To encourage environmental stewardship and preservation of natural resources
	Objective D: To continue physical development projects currently underway and new and innovative projects in the future
Goal IV: Promote the development of new recreation programs with active sports facilities and passive leisure opportunities	Objective A: To identify recreation/leisure program resources
	Objective B: To monitor service and participation levels for future planning efforts
	Objective C: To continue to provide systematic and effective maintenance
Goal V: Promote interaction, involvement and communication	Objective A: To develop and maintain partnerships/coalitions with community groups, educational institutions and faith based organizations
	Objective B: To implement high quality management principles at all levels
	Objective C: To acknowledge the importance of public input and contact with community leaders
	Objective D: To promote and market the park system and the benefits that are provided to the public

Action Plan

The Parks Department cares for parks by allocating funds to different scopes of work. The Department goes through an annual budgeting process where funds are allocated for planning, renovations, repair and maintenance and capital improvement projects that are grant eligible. Only items that are “grant eligible” are included in the Capital Improvement Schedule of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. It is anticipated that the completion of these individual projects will be accomplished through multiple phase projects for a period longer than 5 years.

Two types of action plans were developed for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The plans were developed based upon input gathered from surveys, public input meetings, Township-wide planning efforts, demographic data, land use trends, board input and efforts of adjacent communities. A master capital improvement projects list was developed with project that are eligible for funding through grant sources such as the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). The Planning Program identifies master plans, studies, marketing and management plans.

Many Capital Improvement projects from the 2006-2011 Parks and Recreation Master Plan were not completed in the last five years. These items are being moved forward into this Plan. Those items include:

- Anderson Nature Park - Park development including trails, restrooms, parking, landscaping and interpretive and entry signs.
- Delta Mills Park – Park development including parking lot, trails, landscaping, interpretive signs and amenities.
- Erickson Park – Park development including landscaping, shade sails, wall of fame, plaza, landscaping and playground.
- Grand Woods Park – Park development including entrance drive, restroom, pavilion, backstop improvements, amenities, trails, river access, overlook and landscaping.
- Hunter’s Orchard Park – Park development including landscaping and entrance drive.
- Lake Delta Park – Park development including trails, signs and amenities.
- Leland Park – Park development including entry sign, plaza, playground, landscaping and amenities.
- Lootens Park – Park development including entrance drive, parking lot, signs, pavilion, restroom, utilities, non-motorized path, landscaping, interpretive display and entry sign.
- Mt. Hope Park – Park development including soccer fields, baseball/softball fields, tennis courts, picnic shelters, playground, restroom/equipment building, utilities, parking, entrance drive, landscaping and signs.
- Players Club Park – Park development including site access, trail, amenities, accessible fishing pier/observation deck, signs and landscaping.

Capital Improvement Schedule

<u>Project</u>	<u>Township Match</u>	<u>Potential Grant Funds</u>	<u>Project Total</u>
ANDERSON PARK – Trails, restroom, parking, landscape, signs	\$245,000	MNRTF/LWCF/RPG	\$490,000
DELTA MILLS PARK – Parking lot, trails, landscape, signs, amenities	\$225,000	MNRTF/LWCF/RPG	\$450,000
ERICKSON PARK – Landscape, shade sails, wall of fame, plaza and playground	\$97,000	MNRTF/LWCF/RPG	\$194,000
GRAND WOODS PARK – Entrance drive, restroom, pavilion, backstop, amenities, river access, trails, overlook, landscape	\$262,500	MNRTF/LWCF/RPG	\$525,000
HUNTER’S ORCHARD PARK – Landscape and entrance drive	\$66,000	MNRTF/LWCF/RPG	\$132,000
LAKE DELTA PARK – Trail, landscape, amenities	\$12,500	MNRTF/LWCF/RPG	\$25,000
LELAND PARK – Plaza, playground, landscape, and amenities	\$21,100	MNRTF/LWCF/RPG	\$42,200
LOOTENS PARK – Drive, parking lot, signs, pavilion, restroom, utilities, trail and landscape	\$403,500	MNRTF/LWCF/RPG	\$807,000
MT. HOPE PARK - Soccer fields, baseball/softball fields, tennis courts, picnic shelters, playground, restroom/equipment building, utilities, parking and drive, playground, landscape and entrance sign	\$612,500	MNRTF/LWCF/RPG	\$1,225,000
PLAYERS CLUB PARK - Site access, site amenities, fishing pier/observation deck, landscape and signage	\$767,588	MNRTF/LWCF/RPG	\$1,535,176
DELTA MILLS PARK – Non-Motorized Trail	\$150,000	MNRTF/MDOT/LWCF	\$300,000
GRAND WOODS PARK – Non-Motorized Trail	\$1,000,000	MNRTF/MDOT/LWCF	\$2,000,000
LAKE DELTA PARK – Non-Motorized Trail	\$250,000	MNRTF/MDOT/LWCF	\$500,000
LOOTENS PARK – Non-Motorized Trail	\$750,000	MNRTF/MDOT/LWCF	\$1,500,000
MT. HOPE PARK – Non-Motorized Trail	\$500,000	MNRTF/MDOT/LWCF	\$1,000,000
PLAYERS CLUB PARK – Non-Motorized Trail	\$600,000	MNRTF/MDOT/LWCF	\$1,200,000
TOWNSHIP WIDE – Accessibility Repairs/ Improvements		LWCF/RPG	
TBD – Community Center	TBD	TBD	TBD
TBD – Splash Pad	\$187,500	MNRTF/LWCF/RPG	\$250,000

Planning Program

Project

Est. Cost

Collaborative Efforts with Other Departments:

Township wide – Non-Motorized Transportation NA

Delta Township Parks and Recreation Department

Anderson Park Master Plan \$ 5,000

Lootens Park Master Plan \$ 5,000

Mt. Hope Park Master Plan \$ 5,000

Players Club Park Master Plan \$ 5,000

Dog Park Location Study and Master Plan \$10,000

Splash Pad Location Study and Master Plan \$10,000

Community Center Study TBD

ADA Transition Plan TBD

Community Description

Political Boundaries

Delta Township is located in Eaton County and is bordered by Watertown Township and the city of DeWitt to the North, Oneida Township and the city of Grand Ledge to the West, Windsor Township and the city of Dimondale to the South and Lansing Township and the city of Lansing to the East. Delta Township is a suburb of Lansing.

Land Use, Development Trends and Zoning

The majority of development has occurred on the Northeast side of the Township between I-96/I-69 and 496. It is a mix of commercial, office and moderate to high density residential and 7 Township parks. The Southeast portion of the township between I-96/I-69 and 496 is mostly industrial with a small amount of office and residential and 3 Township Parks. The Southwest portion of the Township between St. Joe and I-96/I-69 is mostly agricultural except for a portion which is occupied by GM under a 425 Agreement, some newer housing developments near St. Joe and 1 undeveloped park property. The Northwest portion of the Township between St. Joe and I-96/I-69 for the most part has a lower density with agricultural/residential and lower residential zoning and 1 undeveloped park property. The majority of parks are in the northeast section of the township where residential land uses predominate.

The Township's Community Development Department is responsible for building safety, code compliance and administration of the zoning code, land use planning and the Township Comprehensive Plan.

Natural Features

Topography

There is generally very little change in elevation within the Township, except for areas that lie along the Grand River.

Water, Fish and Wildlife

The Grand River runs through the northern portion and southeast corner of the Township, Carrier Creek runs south to north on the eastside of the Township and Miller Creek runs south to north on the Westside of the Township. Wetland areas are mainly associated with the areas along the Grand River, Carrier Creek and Miller Creek. Lake Delta is a 40 acre man-made lake located in Lake Delta Park.

The waterways and small and large land holdings provide valuable habitat that benefit fish and other wildlife. The contiguous green space created from the proximity of several park areas in the Township as well as the rivers provide key wildlife corridors in the Township. A particularly significant area is the combined acreage of Anderson Park, Woldumar Nature Center (private) and Fine Park and Fulton Park (City of Lansing) which represents a 368 acre wildlife corridor along the Grand River in the southeast corner of the Township.

The abundant water resources provide fishing opportunities as well as wildlife habitat. Wildlife ranges from small rodents to wild turkeys, fox, deer, cranes and other birds.

Soil and Vegetation

In Delta Township, the majority of soils are loams except for soils associated with wetlands. The majority of the forested land is along the Grand River. In the "Potential Conservation Area Assessment" completed by the Michigan Natural Features Inventory for the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, they identified several areas in Delta Township as medium to high priority conservation areas. In the northeast quadrant of the Township they identified Grand Woods Park, the area on the north side of the river across from Grand Woods Park, the Audubon Society Property along the Grand River on Delta River Drive and Carrier Creek; in the southeast quadrant of the township they identified Woldumar Nature Center, Anderson Park and several spots along the Carrier Creek; in the southwest quadrant they recognized the GM Plant nature preserve and land near Royston and Nixon Road; and in the northwest quadrant they noted Lootens Park and property along the Grand River. Potential conservation areas are defined as "places on the landscape dominated by native vegetation that have various levels of harboring high quality natural areas and unique natural features." They may also provide beneficial features such as water quality benefits and wildlife corridors. There are not many forested areas remaining in Delta Township and they are mostly associated with parks, land along the Grand River and the areas identified above.

Climate

The Township experiences four-seasons, modulated by the effect of the Great Lakes. The climate is typical of most Michigan communities in the Lower Peninsula.

Transportation

There are several different types of transportation routes in the Township. There are surface roads, highways and expressways that run through and around the Township. Buses for public transportation are owned and operated by EATRAN and the Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA). The CATA buses run to shopping centers. EATRAN is a dial to ride service. There are also non-motorized transportation routes in the Township including on-street bike lanes, shared use paths, and sidewalks.

Non-Motorized Transportation Plan

The Township, with assistance of a planning consultant, has developed a Non-Motorized Transportation Plan. The goal of the plan is to develop a framework for creating a comprehensive network of sidewalks, shared use pathways, bike lanes, crosswalks and other non-motorized facilities in the Township. The plan includes maps of existing and proposed routes, guidelines, policies, objectives, strategies and actions for implementation of the plan. The Non-Motorized Transportation Plan Route Map is included in the Recreation Inventory.

Demographics

Current demographic information was gathered from the 2010 US Census, US Census American Community Survey and trends were studied by making comparisons to the 2000 US Census unless otherwise noted. The

following demographics are presented as they are relevant to planning for future parks and recreation acquisition, development and programming.

As of 2010, the population of Delta Township was 32,408 and the population has slowly increased over the past 10 years and at a faster rate than the County. Delta Township is the largest population center in Eaton County. The majority of the population is in the working age range, with a median age of 41. The population of people with disabilities is similar to the surrounding communities and State of Michigan (Eaton County 12.1%, Delta Township 11.8%, State 13.6%).

The majority of people in Delta Township live in households with families (60.4%). Most people live in houses they own and the vacancy rate for houses is similar to the surrounding Townships, but lower than the City of Lansing and the State of Michigan vacancy rates (Delta Township 6.5%, Lansing 10.6%, Clinton County 6.3%, Eaton County 7.6%, Ingham County 8.3% and 14.6% for the State). Although, Delta Township has lower vacancy rates than the adjacent communities it still has seen a moderate 3% increase in vacancies since 2000.

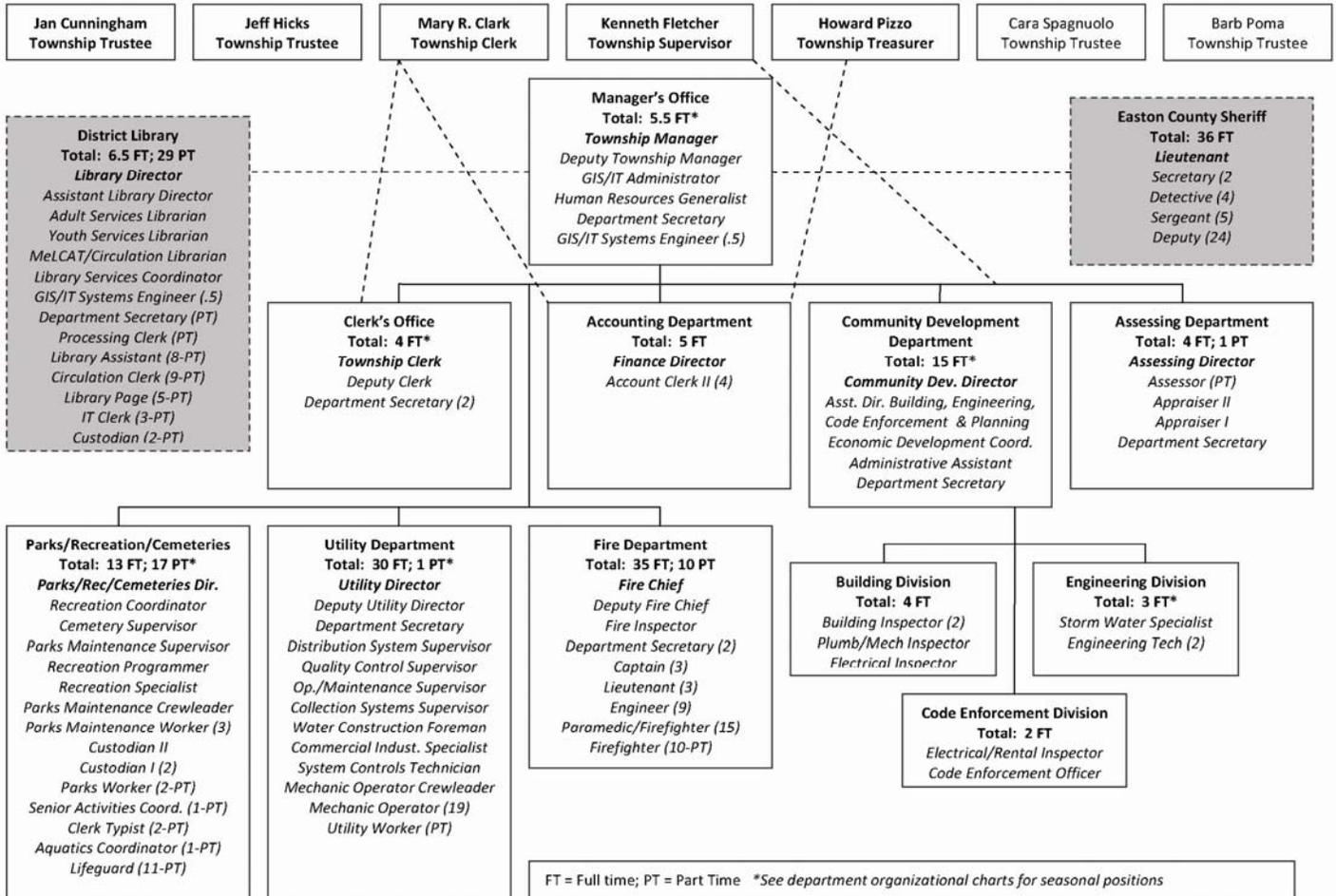
The educational attainment is evenly divided between those who have a high school degree or some college with no degree and those who have an associates degree or higher. The major industries are educational services, health care and social assistance; public administration, manufacturing and retail. Delta Township is a middle-income community with the median income at \$61,026. The unemployment rate is higher than in 2000, is similar to the surrounding communities, but less than the City of Lansing and State of Michigan (Delta Charter Township 6.9%, Clinton County 6.4%, Eaton County 7% and Lansing 11% per the 2010 US Census and Michigan was 10.6% as of October 2011 per the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget).

Most people in Delta Township drive to work alone and drive an average of 18 minutes to their job. Less than 3% used non-motorized transportation and less than 1% used public transportation to get to work.

Overall, Delta Township is a middle class community that has experienced economic hardships similar to, but not any greater than most of the neighboring communities. The Township can accommodate the various ages within the community by providing a variety of recreational programs and facilities. Most working residents are within 18 minutes of their jobs so by coordinating with the Township's Non-Motorized Transportation Plan and Eaton County Road Commission on future road improvement projects more residents will have an opportunity to travel safely to their jobs using non-motorized modes of travel.

Administrative Structure

Township Structure

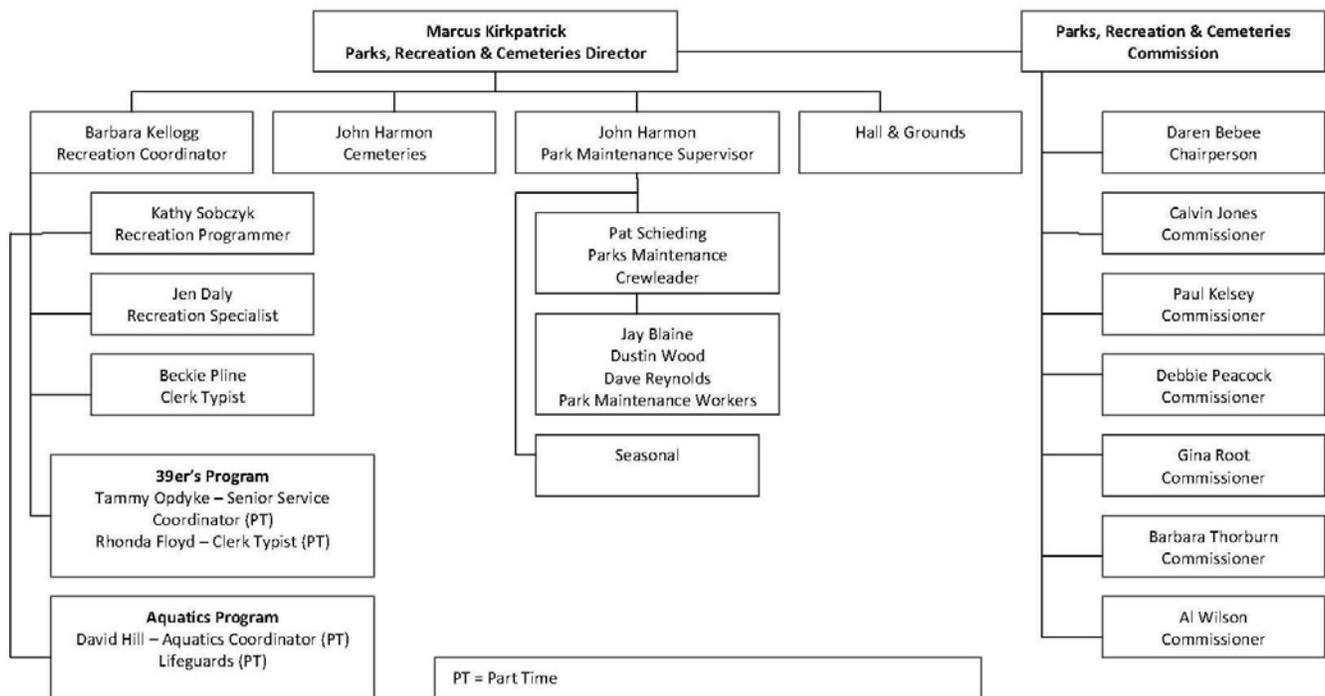


Parks and Recreation Department

The Mission Statement of the Department is “To acquire, develop, maintain and operate parks, recreation areas and open space for the use and enjoyment of all Delta Township residents and visitors along with offering quality leisure time activities, at a reasonable price, for the participation of all ages and interests.”

The duties and responsibilities of the Department are:

- Maintain existing park grounds and facilities.
- Acquire and develop lands for park use.
- Provide varied recreation programs for all ages.
- Enforce the Park Ordinance.
- Plan for the future in both park area requirements and recreation program needs.
- Maintain assigned Township grounds and facilities.



Recycling Center, Cemetery, Hall and Grounds

The Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries Department shares management responsibilities with the Clerk's Office for Cemetery management. The Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries Department handles burials and ground maintenance, foundations, and the showing of plots for purchase, while the Clerk's Office handles the official recordkeeping, deeds, purchases, transfers, and other similar functions. The Township owns and manages Hillside Cemetery, 6415 Delta River Drive and Delta Center Cemetery, 7301 W. St. Joe Highway.

The Recycling Center at 5717 Millet Highway is operated by the Department and is open 3 days per week year round.

The Community Center at 7550 W. Willow Hwy and Enrichment Center at 4538 Elizabeth Road are owned by the Township and operated by the Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries Department. The Community Center is used for programs and is available for rental Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The Enrichment Center is used as a Senior Center for the 39ers group and for various classes during the week, the classrooms are available for rental Monday through Sunday and the activity room can be rented Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries Commission

The Commission was established in 1971 by the authority granted by Act 156 of the Public Acts of 1917. It is a volunteer advisory commission made up of 7 members who are appointed by the Township Board. They serve a 3 year term and meet once a month to discuss programs, events and facility improvements.

Relationship with Other Organizations

Delta Township runs programs at several of the Waverly and Grand Ledge School District facilities including baseball fields, soccer fields and indoor courts. The Township has a cooperative lease agreement granting exclusive use of the Delta-Waverly swimming pool at Waverly East Intermediate School. With other facilities the school districts get first choice on facilities and the Township has next priority, however, individuals must reserve space on an annual basis. The school districts provide sports programming for middle and high school students while the Township provides sports programs for youth and older adults.

The Department works with various other groups and continues to explore expanding partnerships with private and public organizations. The Lions Club runs a concession stand at Erickson Park and contributes toward sponsorship of various special events athletic programs. The Department has also worked with the Delta Township Government Youth Council to beautify Sharp Park.

Ordinances

Parks and Recreation ordinances are covered under Chapter 13 of Delta Charter Township Code of Ordinances.

Funding and Budget

The Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries Department is supported by the Township general fund. General fund expenditures include personnel salaries and benefits, daily operational expenditures and capital improvements. Revenues include program fees, league participation charges and facility rentals.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
2009	\$1,360,168	\$299,090
2010	\$1,256,388	\$320,600
2011	\$1,304,918	\$323,350
2012	\$1,293,671	\$338,880

Recreation Inventory

The recreation inventory is an essential item to the Parks and Recreation Department. It allows the Department to assess the quantity and type of facilities and where they are located, showcase the variety of programs and events offered; identify where new facilities should be built, where ADA upgrades are needed and opportunities for programs and events. The Township continually updates the Facilities Inventory as renovations and additions occur. Programs and events administered by the Department within the past year are included in the program and event listing.

An ADA Assessment was completed for the Township parks during the update of the recreation inventory for this Plan. The ADA Assessment will be included in the Township's Transition Plan that is currently being drafted. Only the ranking is included in this document. It is a goal of the Department to continue to bring all facilities into compliance with ADA standards.

PARK FACILITIES INVENTORY																			
DELTA CHARTER TOWNSHIP																			
PARK NAME	ACRES	PLAY AREAS	SOFTBALL FIELD	SOCCER FIELD	BASKETBALL COURT	TENNIS COURTS	VOLLEY BALL	TRAILS	PICNIC SHELTER / PAVILION	MODERN RESTROOMS	HORSESHOE PITS	CANOE LAUNCH	FISHING (B=BANK, D=DOCK)	DISC GOLF	AMPHITHEATER	PARKING	ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT	CLASSIFICATION	SPECIAL PARK FEATURES & NOTES
ANDERSON PARK	151.3							●					B				1	NR	MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS, WATER FRONTAGE .85 MILES, PARKING AT FIRE STATION
DELTA MILLS PARK	32.0	4	2	1	1	2	1		1	●	2	1	B			●	2	C	WATER FRONTAGE .28 MILES, GRAVEL PARKING, PORTABLE TOILET
ERICKSON PARK	17.0	1	2							●						●	2	C	CONCESSIONS, GRAVEL PARKING
GRAND WOODS PARK	128.2	2	1				1	●	2	●	2		B	●		●	2	L	UNPAVED TRAILS, WATER FRONTAGE 1.36 MILES, RADIO CONTROLLED CAR TRACK, 2 PAVED HANDICAP SPOTS, GRAVEL PARKING, GRASS VOLLEYBALL COURT, LEASED CITY OF LANSING
HAWK MEADOW PARK	148.2							●					D			●	3	NR	PAVED AND LIMESTONE TRAILS, PAVED PARKING, PORTABLE TOILET
HUNTER'S ORCHARD PARK	26.4							●					DB			●	3	N	2/3 MILE GRAND RIVER FRONTAGE, PAVED AND NATURAL TRAILS, PORTABLE TOILET
LAKE DELTA PARK	65.0												2D,B			●	2	S	PORTABLE TOILET, LEASED LBWL
LELAND PARK	1.1	1															3	M	LBWL LEASE
LOOTENS PARK	84.0																1	C	UNDEVELOPED

PARK NAME	ACRES	PLAY AREAS	SOFTBALL FIELD	SOCCER FIELD	BASKETBALL COURT	TENNIS COURTS	VOLLEY BALL	TRAILS	PICNIC SHELTER / PAVILION	MODERN RESTROOMS	HORSESHOE PITS	CANOE LAUNCH	FISHING (B=BANK, D=DOCK)	DISC GOLF	AMPHITHEATER	PARKING	ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT	CLASSIFICATION	SPECIAL PARK FEATURES & NOTES
MOUNT HOPE PARK	60.0																1	C	UNDEVELOPED
PLAYER'S CLUB PARK	80.3							●								●	1	L	UNDEVELOPED, MOWED TRAILS
RIVERFRONT PROPERTY	5.39																	S	SECTION 6, WILLOW HIGHWAY
SHARP PARK	57.8	2	4		1	3	2	●	1	●			2D,B		●	●	2	L	PAVED TRAILS PART OF EAST-WEST PATHWAY, UNPAVED TRAILS, SAND VOLLEYBALL, PORTABLE TOILET
TOTAL ACRES	851.3																		

CEMETERIES

DELTA CENTER CEMETERY	16.9															●			
HILLSIDE CEMETERY	11.4															●			

TRAIL

EAST-WEST PATHWAY	2.2 MILE SHARED USE PATH																		CONNECT LIBRARY, MALL, TO CANAL RD.
CREYTS ROAD SHARED USE PATH	2.56 MILE SHARED USE PATH																		INTERSECTS EAST-WEST PATHWAY, CONNECTS TO DELTA MILLS PARK

COMMUNITY CENTERS

COMMUNITY CENTER										●						●	2		MEETING SPACE, DANCE FLOOR, KITCHEN
ENRICHMENT CENTER										●						●	1		ACTIVITY ROOM, CLASSROOMS, KITCHEN

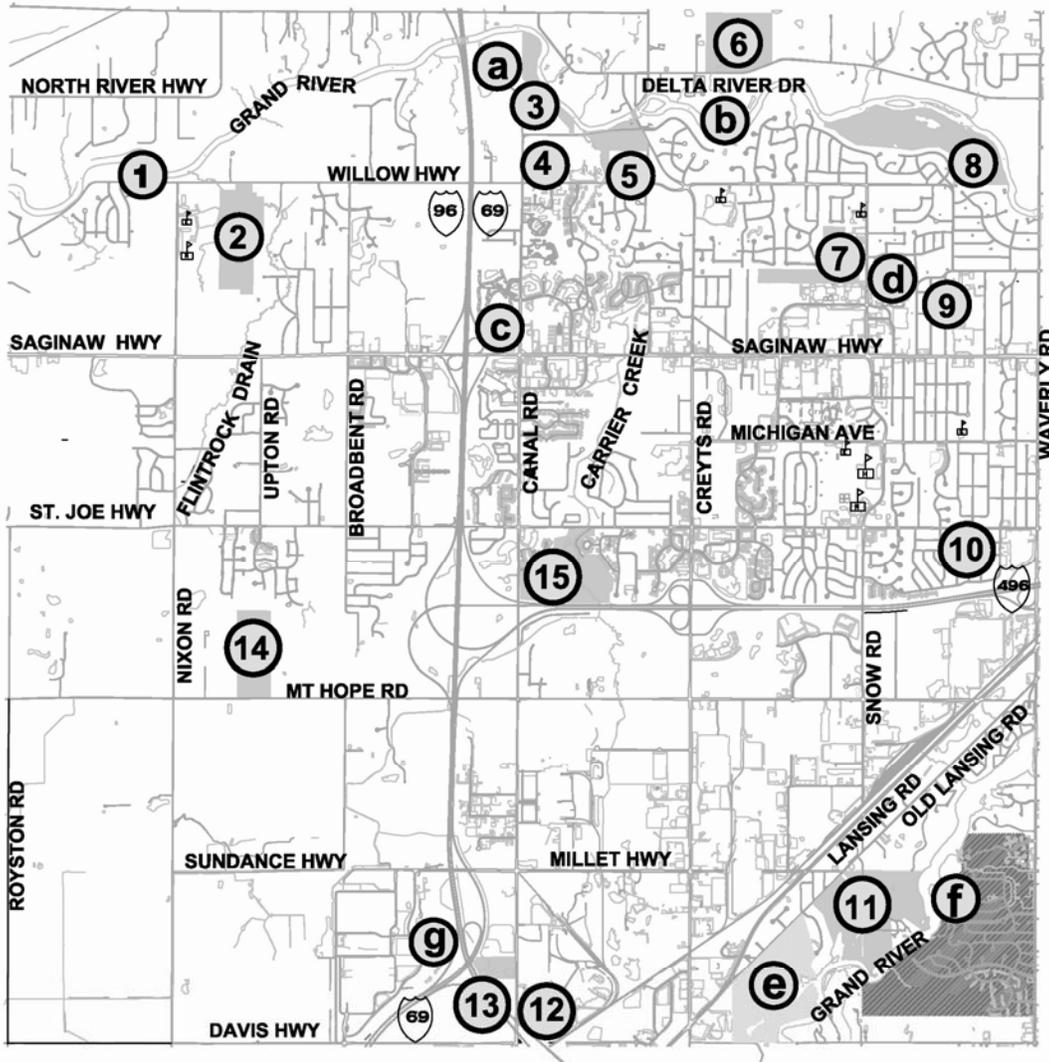
CLASSIFICATION

- C = COMMUNITY PARK
- L = LARGE URBAN PARK
- M = MINI PARK
- N = NEIGHBORHOOD
- NR = NATURAL RESOURCE AREAS
- S = SPECIAL USE

ADA ASSESSMENT RANKING

- 1 NONE OF THE FACILITIES/ PARK AREAS MEET ADA STANDARDS FOR ACCESSIBLE DESIGN 2010
- 2 SOME OF THE FACILITIES/ PARK AREAS MEET ADA STANDARDS FOR ACCESSIBLE DESIGN 2010
- 3 MOST OF THE FACILITIES/ PARK AREAS MEET ADA STANDARDS FOR ACCESSIBLE DESIGN 2010
- 4 THE ENTIRE PARK MEETS ADA STANDARDS FOR ACCESSIBLE DESIGN 2010
- 5 THE ENTIRE PARK WAS DEVELOPED / RENOVATED USING THE PRINCIPALS OF UNIVERSAL Design Barrier Free ranking based on MDNRE Guidelines for the Development of Community Parks, Recreation Open Space and Greenway Plans

DELTA CHARTER TOWNSHIP PARK MAP



	 <p>NORTH</p>	<p>LEGEND</p> <p>1. RIVERFRONT PROPERTY 2. LOOTENS PARK 3. HUNTER'S ORCHARD PARK 4. COMMUNITY CENTER 5. DELTA MILLS PARK 6. HAWK MEADOW PARK 7. SHARP PARK</p>	<p>8. GRAND WOODS PARK 9. ENRICHMENT CENTER 10. LELAND PARK 11. ANDERSON PARK 12. LAKE DELTA PARK 13. ERICKSON PARK 14. MT. HOPE PARK 15. PLAYERS CLUB PARK</p>	<p> SCHOOL a. CAPITAL AREA SPORTSMEN'S LEAGUE b. AUDUBON PROPERTY c. TOWNSHIP HALL d. DTDL LIBRARY e. WOLDUMAR NATURE CENTER. (PRIVATE) f. FINE / FULTON PARK (CITY OF LANSING) g. GM NATURE PARK</p>
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Park Classification

Six types of parks are identified in Delta Township. Classification is based on the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) 1996 edition of the *Recreation, Park and Open Space Guidelines*. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources recommends applying these standard classifications in order to meet the varied needs of the community.

The Delta Charter Township Service Area Map demonstrates how the Township parks serve the community based on park type and service area boundary. The service boundary is not shown on the map for the Township's two large urban parks, two natural resource areas or two specialty parks because they either encompass the entire Township or do not have a standard service area size. The service areas are shown for the Township's six neighborhood, mini and community parks.

Sharp Park is a large urban park that services the entire Township. Erickson Park and Delta Mills serve almost the entire Township except for an area west of Nixon Road between Mt. Hope Road and North River Highway. Although residential areas on the west side of I-96/I-69 are included within the service radius of these two parks the residents may have to travel up to 3 miles to use them and in many cases they may drive to these parks or others. In the future, when Mt. Hope Park and Lootens Park are developed as community parks they will be in closer proximity to residents on the west side of the Township. Non-motorized connections will provide important connections from neighborhoods to existing and future parks.

Mini Park

General Description: Used to address limited, isolated or unique recreation needs.
Location Criteria: Residential neighborhoods near multi-family housing or senior citizen housing.
Service Area: Less than ¼ mile radius
Standard Size: Between 2,500 square-feet and 1 acre. ¼ acre to ½ acre per 1,000 residents.

Neighborhood Park

General Description: Serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Focus is on informal active and passive recreation.
Location Criteria: Connection to pedestrian and vehicular circulation without significant physical barriers. Site with areas favorable to multi-use fields, court games, playgrounds, play equipment, picnic areas, etc.
Service Area: ¼ to ½ mile radius
Standard Size: 5 to 10 acres. 1 to 2 acres per 1,000 residents.

Community Park

General Description: Serves broader purpose than neighborhood park. Focus is on meeting community based recreation needs.
Location Criteria: Site with areas favorable to frequent, intense use. Unique landscapes and open spaces, i.e. diverse natural areas.
Service Area: ½ to 3 mile radius.
Standard Size: 30 to 50 acres. 5 to 8 acres per 1,000 residents.

Large Urban Park

General Description: Serves broader purpose than community park and are used when community and neighborhood parks are not adequate to serve the needs of the community. Focus is on meeting community based recreational needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.

Location Criteria: Site with areas favorable to frequent, intense use. Unique landscape and open spaces, i.e. diverse, natural areas.

Service Area: Entire community.

Standard Size: 50 to 75 or more acres. 5 to 10 acres per 1,000 residents.

Natural Resource Area

General Description: Lands set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open spaces and visual aesthetics/buffering.

Location Criteria: Resource areas are opportunistic and site specific. May include areas with development and use restrictions. Remnant landscapes, open space and visual aesthetics/buffering type sites.

Service Area: Entire community.

Standard Size: No standard.

Special Use Park

General Description: Covers a broad range of parks and recreation facilities oriented toward a single use.

Location Criteria: Special use areas are site specific. May include areas with development and use restrictions. Natural or man-made water bodies that have functional purpose, but may offer recreation opportunities, i.e. reservoirs.

Service Area: Entire community. May depend on specific use.

Standard Size: No standard.

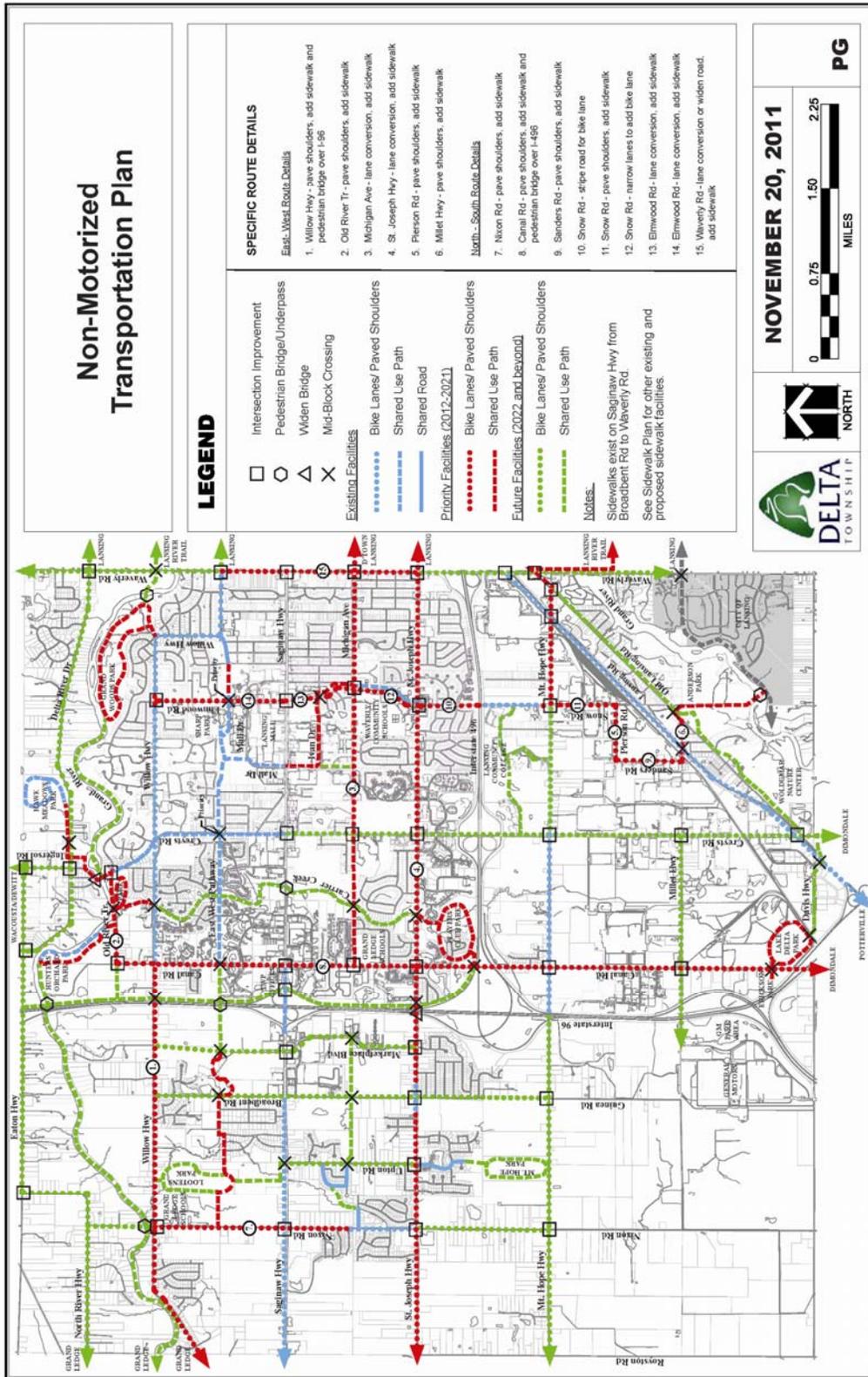
Park Acreage by Classification

The Township owns almost 857 acres of park land, plus pathways and cemeteries. The following chart shows the park acreage by park classification. A comparison is shown to the standards identified in the 1996 Recreation, Park and Open Space Guidelines. Though this guideline is not the only method used to identify community needs for opens space it is included for a general understanding of how many acres of each park classification the Township currently owns.

Delta Charter Township Park Acreage			
Park Type	Current Acreage	Current Acres/1000 people	NRPA Standard (acres/1000 people)
Mini Park	1.1	0.03	.25 to .5
Neighborhood Park	26.4	0.81	1 to 2
Community Park	193	5.96	5 to 8
Large Urban Park	266.3	8.22	5 to 10
Natural Resource Area	299.5	9.24	NA
Special Use	70.39	2.17	NA
Total	856.69	26.43	6.25 to 10.5
Other Department Owned Land			
EW Pathway	2.2 Miles		
Creys Road Shared Use Path	2.56 Miles		
Delta Center Cemetery	16.9 Acres		
Hillside Cemetery	11.4 Acres		

NRPA Standards from the 1996 Recreation, Park and Open Space Guidelines
 Population of 32,408 based on 2010 US Census





Programs and Events

Programs and events offered through the Department are advertised in the quarterly Delta Township Magazine, in e-mail newsletters and through social media updates.

Athletic Programs

Softball (A&Y)
Volleyball (A)
Kickball (A)
Soccer (Y)
Baseball (Y)
Co-Ed T-ball (Y)
Golf Classes (A&Y)
Tennis Lessons (Y)
Co-Ed Basketball (Y)
Basketball Leagues (Y)
Basketball Camp (Y)

Aquatics

Swim Class (A&Y)
Aerobics (A)
Family Swim / Lap Swim

(A) = Adult (Y) = Youth

Special Events

Daddy/Daughter Dance
Delta Rocks! Family Festival
Eats & Treats with Easter Bunny
Home Party Sale
July 3 Fireworks

Participation Numbers

Delta Township has been successful in their programs and events. They offer a variety of programs that cater to various age groups and interests. The 3 year comparison for 2009-2011 shows that many programs have remained relative steady and increased numbers of participation. Decreases in youth soccer and baseball coincide with the implementation of similar programs through the Grand Ledge Public Schools.

Monster Mash Family Halloween Dance
Mother/Son Dance
Music in the Park
Nursery School Olympics
Pacers Walking Club
Santa's Hotline
Sweets & Treats with Santa
Touch a Truck Day

39ers Programs

Lunches
Bingo
Bridge
Euchre
Pinochle
Chair Massage
Cribbage
Blood Pressure Checks
Foot Care
Yoga
Exercise Classes
Jazzercise Lite
Lunch Bunch

Travel Program

9 trips throughout the year

Program	Year		
	2009	2010	2011
Athletic Programs			
Adult Summer Softball	Delta	Delta	Delta
Township Leagues (Teams)	98	89	93
DNRE League (Teams)	8	8	7
Methodist Church League (Teams)	8	8	8
Adult Coed Sand Volleyball (S) (Teams)	15	16	16
Adult Coed Sand Volleyball (F) (Teams)	8	10	7
Adult Fall Softball (Teams)	41	43	35
Adult Kickball (S) (Teams)	10	16	15
Adult Kickball (F) (Teams)	9	16	6
Spring Youth Soccer	498	461	375
Fall Youth Soccer	328	337	274
Youth Boys Baseball	158	121	98
Youth Girls Softball	106	91	65
Youth Coed T-Ball	177	157	191
Youth and Adult Golf Classes	47	25	33
Youth Tennis Lessons	44	29	41
Youth Coed Basketball	163	184	130
Tri-County Basketball League (Teams)	6	5	5
Youth Basketball Camp		59	125
Aquatics			
Swim Class (estimate)	432	401	400
Adult Aerobics (estimate)	12,850	14,157	14,200
Family/Lap Swim (estimate)	2,290	2,275	2,275
Special Events			
Bike Helmet Program (tickets)	250	50	
Breakfast with Santa Claus	147		
Community Garage Sale (shoppers)	350		
Community Partners in Health Walk	75	75	
Daddy/Daughter Dance	321	330	285
Delta Rocks! Family Festival (estimate)	15,000	15,000	15,000
Eats & Treats with the Easter Bunny		43	41
Fall at the Farm	44		
Fishing Derby	67		
July 3 Fireworks (estimate)	30,000	30,000	30,000
Kids to Kids Sale (Shoppers)	30		
Lunch with Santa Claus	146		
Monster Mash Family Halloween Dance		174	180
Mother / Son Dance	253	184	189
Music in the Park	400	400	300
Nursery School Olympics	300	150	250

Program	Year		
	2009	2010	2011
Pacers Walking Club (per month est.)		140	140
Pumpkin Carving & Painting Party	45		
Santa's Hotline (estimate)	39	50	50
Sweets & Treats with Santa (estimate)		120	130
Touch a Truck Day	2,000	2,000	1,500
Walk Michigan	150	150	
39ers Programs			
Lunches Served (estimate)	6,043	6,043	4,440
Bingo (estimate)	3,917	3,938	4,070
Bridge (estimate)		1,145	1,170
Euchre (estimate)	2,440	2,685	2,810
Pinochle (estimate)	657	710	710
Chair Massage			70
Cribbage (estimate)		207	260
Blood Pressure Check (estimate)	169	227	170
Foot Care (estimate)	158	171	180
Tai Chi	293		
Yoga (estimate)	678	653	620
Computer Class	94		
Exercise Class (estimate)	129	595	3,220
Jazzercise Lite		466	1,200
Lunch Bunch	80	127	135
Travel Program			
9 Trips (estimate)	225	236	200

Recreation Grant History

Project No.	Year	Grant Amount	Description	Grant Status
26-00517	1973	\$220,937.20	Sharp Park – Land acquisition and development of 25 picnic sites, group shelter, 4 ball fields, 3 tennis courts, tot lot, multi-purpose court, restroom/concession building, entrance road, parking lot, 2.8 mile trail, winter sports area, landscaping, utilities	Closed
26-00981	1977	\$112,067.97	Anderson Nature Park – Land acquisition 128 acres	Closed
TF316	1979	\$185,000	Anderson Nature Park – Land Acquisition	Closed
2601098	1980	\$55,000	Lootens Park (formerly Beuerle Park) – Acquisition of 74 acres	Closed
TF1030	1985	\$68,000	Anderson Park	Withdrawn
TF00-0052	2000	\$65,000	Hunter’s Orchard Park – 1.5 miles non-motorized trail, entry road, parking lot, boundary fencing, picnic area, canoe landings	Closed
TF08-005	2008	\$244,700	Sharp Park – 10 foot wide 7,042 lineal foot shared use pathway, shelter, fishing dock, benches, tables, bike loops, signs, site work	Active

The Delta Township Parks and Recreation Department has been successful in obtaining grants from the MDNR for several decades. The Department has maintained the facilities constructed with grant funds to allow for aesthetically pleasing sites and safe use for the public.

Non-Township Owned Recreational Opportunities in the Lansing Area

Billiards

Barley's American Outpost: 727 E. Miller, Lansing
Freddie's Place: 2215 W. Holmes Rd., Lansing
Lansing Billiards: 5214 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing
Mr. Grumpy's Pockets: 1618 S. Washington, Lansing
Pinball Pete's: 220 Albert, East Lansing
Pockets: 1618 S. Washington, Lansing
Royal Scott Bowling Lanes: 4722 W. Grand River, Lansing
Tripper's: 354 Frandor, Lansing

Bowling

Holiday Lanes: 3101 E. Grand River, Lansing
Lansing Bowling Association: 3407 W. Herbison Rd., DeWitt
Marvelanes: 2120 M-78, East Lansing
Mason Bowling Center: 801 N. Cedar, Mason
Michigan State University Union: Abbot @ Grand River, East Lansing
Pro Bowl: 2122 N. Martin Luther King, Lansing
Redwing Bowling Lanes: N. US-27, St. Johns
Royal Scot Lanes: 5722 W Grand River, Lansing
Sky Lanes: 5141 S. Martin Luther King, Lansing

Campgrounds

Hickory Lake Campgrounds: 11433 S Beardslee Rd., Perry
Lansing Cottonwood Campground: 5339 Aurelius, Lansing
Moon Lake Campground: 12700 S. Colby Lake Rd., Laingsburg
Mullican's Riverside Resort: 3266 N. Ionia Rd., Vermontville
Wheel Inn Campground: 240 Fogg, Leslie

Camps

Aim High Sports: 7977 Centerline Dr., Dimondale
Eaton Rapids Camp Meeting Retreats: 606 Outer Dr., Eaton Rapids
Girl Scout Camp Wacousta: 13360 S. Wacousta Rd., Grand Ledge
Mystic Lake YMCA & Pa-Wa-Pi YMCA Day Camp: 2306 Haslett, Lansing
Tutor Time Adventure Camp: 2273 Club Meridian Dr., Okemos
1150 Commerce Park Parkway, DeWitt

Canoe/Boat Rental

Burchfield Park: 630 ½ N. Cedar, Mason
Harlow's Wacousta Canoe Rental: 9988 Riverside Dr., Eagle

Clubs

American Legion:
112 S Howard, Lansing
731 N Clinton, Grand Ledge
1240 E. Grand River, Laingsburg
Capital City Old Car Club: 2373 W. Barnes, Mason
Capital City Sportsmens League, 7535 Old River Trail, Lansing
Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club: 4667 Gunnell, Dimondale
City Club of Lansing: 213 S. Grand Ave., Lansing
Country Club of Lansing: 2200 Moores River, Lansing
Family Motorcycle Club: 1206 S. Washington, Lansing
Jug & Mug Ski Club: 2216 E. Michigan, Lansing
Kiwanis Club of East Lansing: MSU Union Building, Williamston

Lansing Association of Women's Club: 301 N. Butler Blvd., Lansing

Lansing Boat Club: 2901 W. Main, Lansing Township

Lansing Sailing Club: 6039 E. Lake Drive, Haslett

Leiderkranz Club: 5828 S. Pennsylvania, Lansing

Metropolitan Flying Club: 2216 E. Michigan, Lansing

Michigan State Grange: 1730 Chamberlain Way, Haslett

Michigan Trap Shooting Association: 1534 Service Rd., Mason

Okemos Seahawks Aquatic Club: 1632 Alpha, Lansing

Polish Home Federated: 1030 Mt. Hope, Lansing

Rotary Club of Lansing: 417 Seymor, Lansing

Spartan Water Polo Club

Ten Pound Fiddle: 431 Gainsborough Dr., East Lansing

Tri-County Bicycle Association: 5825 Oak Knoll, Lansing

University Club of Michigan State: 3435 Forest Rd., East Lansing

V.F.W. Post 6034: 412 E. Main, Potterville

V.F.W. Post 7309: 1243 Hull, Lansing

Dance and Gymnastics

Academy of Dance Arts: 2224 E. Michigan, Lansing

Ann's School of Dance: 3320 E. Lake Lansing, East Lansing

Assiff Studio of the Dance: 140 W. Grand River, East Lansing

Baur Nancie Dance Studio: 2018 Cedar St., Delhi Twp.

Synergy Dance: 1723 E Grand River, Okemos

Children's Ballet Theatre: 1235 Center St., Lansing

Dance Fusion: 2168 Cedar St., Delhi Twp.

Dance World: 16262 Chandler, East Lansing

Danzalot LLC: 1493 Haslett Rd., Haslett

DeMellio Studio of Dance: 1115 ½ N. Washington, Lansing

Donna Marie's Studio of Dance: 800 Thomas L. Parkway, W. Delta Twp.

Great Lakes Gymnastics: 1900 S. Cedar, Lansing

Greater Lansing Ballett Company: 2224 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing

Happendance Studio YWCA: 3448 Hagadorn, Okemos

Island Dance Center: 224 S. Main, Eaton Rapids

Karyn's Dance Place: 4462 Holt, Delhi Twp.

Lansing Chamber Dance: 2456 Cedar St., Holt

Red Cedar Gymnastics: 1860 ½ W. Grand River, Okemos

Rising Star Studio: 526 Lentz, Lansing

Studio de Dance: 1306 Michigan, East Lansing

Synergy Touring Company: 2002 Cedar St., Holt

Tari's Cornerstone Studio: 1673 Haslett, Haslett

Twistars USA Inc.: 9410 Davis Hwy., Dimondale

Watson Patsy Dancing School: 3222 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing

Williams School of Dance: 128 W. Grand River, Williamston

Golf Courses - Miniature

DeWitt Family Golf Center: 11890 US-27, DeWitt
Funtyme Adventure Park:

800 Hogsback, Mason

6295 E. Saginaw, Grand Ledge

3384 James Phillips Dr., Okemos

King Par Golf: 1410 W. Grand River, Okemos

WindRiver Adventure Golf: 5800 Park Lake Rd., East Lansing

Golf Courses – Practice Ranges

Applegate Golf Center: 2055 Towner, Haslett

Branson Bay Golf Course: 215 Branson Bay Dr., Mason

DeWitt Family Golf Center: 11890 US 27, DeWitt

El Dorado: 3750 W. Howell, Mason

Forest Akers Golf Course: 3535 Forest Rd., Lansing
Funtyme Adventure Park:

800 Hogsback, Mason
6295 E. Saginaw, Grand Ledge
3384 James Phillips Dr., Okemos
Highland Hills: 450 W. Alward, DeWitt
King Par: 1410 W. Grand River, Okemos
Lansing Golf Center: 5855 M-99, Dimondale
Eagle View Golf Club: 2602 Tomlinson, Mason
Royal Scot: 2722 W. Grand River, Lansing
Timber Ridge: 16339 Park Lake, East Lansing

Golf Courses - Private

Country Club of Lansing: 2200 Moores River,
Lansing
Walnut Hills: 2874 Lake Lansing, East Lansing

Golf Courses - Public

Bonnie View: 194 S. Michigan, Eaton Rapids
Branson Bay: 215 Branson Bay, Mason
Brookshire Inn: 205 W. Church, Williamston
Centennial Acres: 12485 Dow Road, Sunfield
Eagle View Golf Club: 2395 S. Washington, Lansing
El Dorado: 3750 W. Howell, Mason
Forest Akers: Mt. Hope & S. Harrison, East Lansing
Glenbrier: 4178 W. Locke, Perry
Governors Club of Michigan LLC: 4036 S. Hagadorn,
Okemos
Grand Ledge Country Club: 5813 E. St. Joseph,
Grand Ledge
Hawk Hollow Golf Course: 15101 Chandler Rd.,
Bath
Highland Hills: 450 E. Alward, DeWitt
Hunter's Ridge Golf Course: 8101 Byron Rd., Howell
Indian Hills: 4887 Nakoma, Okemos
Ironwood Links: 742 N. Eifert, Mason
Lake O' the Hills: 2101 LacDuMont, Haslett
Ledge Meadows: 1801 Grand Ledge Highway,
Grand Ledge
Meridian Sun Golf Club: 1018 Haslett Rd., Haslett
Oak Lane: 800 N. Main, Webberville
Pine Hills: 6603 N. Woodbury, Laingsburg

Prairie Creek: 800 Web Road, DeWitt
Royal Scot: 4722 W. Grand River, Lansing
The Falcon at Hawk Hollow: 555 Quarter Horse,
East Lansing
Timber Ridge: 16339 Park Lake, East Lansing
Twin Brook: 2200 Island Hwy., Charlotte
Twin Oaks: 6345 N. US-27, St. Johns
Wheatfield Valley: 1600 Linn Rd., Williamston

Health & Fitness

Court One:
1609 Lake Lansing, Lansing
2291 Research Circle, Okemos
Curves for Women:
2040 N. Aurelius Rd., Delhi Twp.
602 Elmwood Rd., Delta Twp.
Go Work Out: 6135 W. Saginaw, Lansing
Gold's Gym: 4790 S. Hagadorn, Lansing
Gym Bumz, 6135 W. Saginaw, Lansing
Hawaii Health Spa: 4979 Lansing Rd., Lansing
Michigan Athletic Club: 2900 Hannah, East Lansing
Mid-Michigan Academy of Martial Art:
5218 S. Martin Luther King, Lansing
2128 Hamilton, Okemos
One on One Personal Training: 4749 Central Park,
Okemos
Planet Fitness, 5833 W. Saginaw, Lansing
Powerhouse Gym: 12900 US-27, DeWitt
Spartan Swim Team
World Gym: 2380 N. Cedar, Holt
YMCA:
Dewitt Branch, 13161 Schavey Rd., DeWitt
Downtown Branch, N. Washington Ave., Lansing
Oak Park Branch, 900 Long Blvd, Lansing
Parkwood Branch, 2306 Haslett Rd, East Lansing
Westside Community, 3700 Old Lansing Rd.,
Lansing

Museums

Abrams Planetarium: Michigan State University, East Lansing
Impression Five: 200 Museum Dr., Lansing
Michigan Historical Museum: 717 W. Allegan, Lansing
Michigan Museum of Surveying: 220 Museum Dr., Lansing
Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center: 925 W. Ottawa
Michigan State University Kresge Art Gallery: Michigan State University, East Lansing
Michigan State University Museum: W. Circle Dr., East Lansing
Michigan Women's Museum & Hall of Fame: 213 W. Main Street, Lansing
R.E. Olds Transportation Museum: 240 Museum Dr., Lansing
Telephone Pioneer Museum: 221 N. Washington Sq., Lansing

Nature Centers

Audubon-Capitol Area: 2020 Mt. Hope, Lansing
Harris Nature Center: 3998 Van Atta Rd. Okemos
Woldumar Nature Center: 5739 Lansing Rd. Delta Twp.

Skating Rinks/Parks/Rental

Apple Sports: 1050 Trowbridge, Lansing
Edru Roller Skating Area: 1891 S. Cedar, Holt
Suburban Ice Sports: 2810 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing
Munn Ice Arena: Michigan State University, East Lansing
The Summit: 9410 Davis Hwy., Dimondale

Theatres - Cinema

Celebration Cinema: 200 E. Edgewood Blvd., Lansing
Lansing Mall West Cinema: 921 W. Mall Dr., Lansing
NCG Lansing Cinemas: 2500 Showtime Dr., Lansing Township
Sun Theatre: 316 S. Bridge, Grand Ledge

Theatres – Performing Arts

All of Us Express – Childrens: 3222 S. Martin L. King Jr. Blvd., Lansing
Lansing Civic Players Guild: 2300 E. Michigan, Lansing
Lansing Community College: 401 N. Capitol, Lansing
Michigan State University Department of Theatre: East Lansing
Riverwalk Theatre: 228 Museum Dr., Lansing
Wharton Center: Michigan State University, East Lansing

Waverly and Grand Ledge School District Facilities

The Waverly and Grand Ledge School District and the Parks Department share many facilities and programming choices. The schools use some park facilities for school activities and the Department's athletic and summer programming often use school facilities.

There are not any current relationships with the private schools in the Township for recreation facilities.

Other Park Facilities in Delta Township

Audubon Society Hawk Valley Farm, Private Park

The Audubon Society owns a 63 acre piece of natural woodland on Delta River Drive, Section 2 of Delta Township. The site can be accessed by appointment with the Audubon Society.

GM Park, Private Park

The GM Park is a 75 acre nature preserve on the GM Delta-Waverly Assembly Plant property. It is in Delta Township, but is under a 425 Agreement with the City of Lansing. It is open to the public and includes a trail network and access to 2 ponds. The property is located east of the GM plant on R.E. Olds Drive.

Regional Parks and Recreational Facilities

Sleepy Hollow State Park, State of Michigan

Sleepy Hollow State Park is located in Clinton County on Price Road and US-27, between St. Johns and Laingsburg. The park is operated by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), and contains over 2600 acres, with a 410 acre lake, Lake Ovid, which was developed from the Little Maple River.

The Park has a modern campground with 181 sites and restroom accommodations. Also available is a rustic youth organization site for youth groups, scouts and church and school group use. The camp sites are within a short walk to the park's beach area. Day use facilities at the park include a ½ mile beach with beach house and concessions, shelters and picnicking, play equipment, restroom facilities, ballfields, trails for hiking and mountain biking, groomed cross-country ski trails, and activities such as snowmobiling, hunting and trapping (during appropriate seasons) and year round bird watching.

Sleepy Hollow is also the site of the annual Native American Pow-Wow, hosted by the Lansing North American Center.

Rose Lake Wildlife Research Area, State of Michigan

Rose Lake Wildlife Research Area is located in Bath and Woodhull Townships with parking off Bath, Clark, Peacock, Robson, State, Stoll and Upton Roads. The park is operated by the MDNR and contains Rose Lake, Potter Lake and a portion of Mud Lake.

Existing facilities provide opportunities to study wildlife habitats, and activities such as hunting, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing and trails for hiking and mountain biking. Most of the facilities provide limited access. Parking and roadways are around the perimeter with facilities located in the middle.

Alliance Lake Softball Complex, Potterville

Alliance Lake Softball Complex includes 4 lighted ball fields that support softball, baseball and kickball. The complex is located southwest of Lansing in Potterville at 515 Alliance Drive.

Fitzgerald Park, Eaton County

Fitzgerald Park is a 78 acre park operated by the Eaton County Parks and Recreation Commission. It is located at 133 Fitzgerald Park Drive in Grand Ledge along the Grand River and is on top of ancient sedimentary rocks known as the “Ledges.” The park offers picnicking, trails, a Nature Center, ball diamonds, volleyball, basketball, horseshoes, a playground, and disc golf, sledding, and skateboard park. The park also rents canoes and cross-country skis seasonally.

Naturalist services are offered at the park, by the Eaton County Parks and Recreation Commission’s Park Naturalist, for civic groups, school groups, and any other organization. These services include presentations on ecology (i.e. trees, plants, wildlife, and natural history).

Lincoln Brick Park, Eaton County

Lincoln Brick Park is historically named after the decades of brick production that once took place on the site. The park is located just north of Grand Ledge on Tallman Road, one mile west of M-100 off State Road. The park consists of 90 acres and is positioned just across the river from Fitzgerald Park. The park is composed of a variety of habitats from woodlands and open meadows to over 6,000 feet of scenic river frontage. The park provides pavilions and picnicking, a tot lot, nature trails, cross country skiing, fishing, archery range and diversified wildlife. The park has proposed developments which would provide access across the Grand River to Fitzgerald Park.

Burchfield Park and Riverbend Natural Area, Ingham County

Burchfield Park contains the Riverbend Natural Area within it, making Burchfield Park the county’s largest park. The park contains over 540 acres and is located along the central western edge of the county, south of Lansing between Dimondale and Holt, along the Grand River. The land is mostly wooded with some grass areas. The park also contains the McNamara Canoe Landing, which is state owned land that Ingham County has a long-term operating agreement for.

Existing features include: more than 6 miles of hiking trails, over 10 miles of mountain bike trails, a softball diamond, bank and boat fishing, a beach with swimming on a natural spring fed pond,

canoe, kayak and pedal boat rentals, horseshoe pits, nature day camp, picnic grounds & shelters, playgrounds, volleyball courts, a stocked fishing pond, 6.9 miles of cross-country ski trails with rentals and lessons, ice skating, two sledding hills, dual 700 foot toboggan runs and a warming lodge & snack bar.

Hawk Island Park, Ingham County

Hawk Island Park is Ingham County's most recent development. The park is located in the city limits of Lansing, between Aurelius and Pennsylvania with access to the park on the north side of Cavanaugh Road. The north end of this park connects to Scott Woods, a City of Lansing park.

The park was built on the former Solomon Gravel Pits, reaching completion in 2001. Facilities at the park include a 35 acre lake, beach, bath house, boat rental, fishing in the stocked lake, picnic grounds and shelters, playgrounds, volleyball courts, ball diamonds, paved trails, a winter sports rental area and cross-country skiing extending through the park and cooperatively with the City into Scott Woods Park and Sycamore Golf Learning Center. There are walkways on Cavanaugh Road leading to the park.

In 2003 and 2004 the City was awarded MDNR and MDOT grant funding to extend the River Trail South from Potter Park to Hawk Island. This connection was completed in 2007. In 2009 the trail was extended south to Jolly Road. The long term goal is to extend the trail further south to Kenneth Hope Soccer Complex.

Kenneth A. Hope Soccer Complex, Ingham County

The Kenneth A. Hope Soccer Complex is a premier soccer complex in the tri-county area. The complex consists of six state-of-the-art fields that have earned World Cup ratings. The complex officially opened September 9, 2000. Located at 5801 Aurelius Road, between Jolly and Miller Roads in Lansing the complex will be utilized for youth recreational soccer, adult leagues and tournaments.

Lake Lansing Park - South, Ingham County

Lake Lansing Park – South contains 30 acres and is located at the northeast corner of Lake Lansing and Marsh Roads in Meridian Township. The park is formerly the site of a popular amusement park. The old carousel building was preserved and remains on location. The park is very popular during the warm months because of its sandy swimming beach. Overcrowding is typical during warm weekends with swimmers and boaters. Currently, the County Parks Department owns and leases out the house at the southwest end of the property. Access to the picnic shelter is paved and also handicap accessible.

Existing facilities include: an amphitheater/band shell, beach and bath house, horseshoe pits, pedal boat rental, picnic grounds and shelters, playgrounds and tricycle track, shuffleboard courts, snack bar, volleyball courts, and ice fishing.

Lake Lansing Park – North, Ingham County

Lake Lansing Park – North consists of 410 acres of land and is operated by Ingham County Parks Department. It is located to the northeast of Lake Lansing in Meridian Township, with a majority of the park lying north of Lake Drive. Only a small boat launch links Lake Lansing Park – North with Lake Lansing. A good portion of the park is wooded upland consisting of mature oaks and maples. Much of the park is marshlands, consisting of pine plantations and transitional field grasses.

Existing facilities include: softball diamonds, a boat launch, hiking trails and boardwalks, horseshoe pits, nature study area, picnic grounds and shelters, playgrounds, volleyball courts, cross-country skiing and rentals, ice fishing and winter warming lodge.

East Lansing Soccer Complex, East Lansing

The East Lansing Soccer Complex includes 7 full-size fields and one smaller practice field that are available for use for soccer, field hockey, lacrosse, football, Frisbee and kickball. There is also a shelter, concessions, restrooms and team rooms. It is located at 3700 Coleman Road, just off Chandler Road in East Lansing.

East Lansing Softball Complex, East Lansing

The East Lansing Softball Complex includes 4 lighted ball fields that support softball, baseball and kickball. It is located at 410 Abbott Road in East Lansing.

Harris Nature Center, Meridian Township

Harris Nature Center is a recently developed nature center located at 3998 Van Atta Road and is operated by the Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Department. The center consists of over 200 acres of land dedicated to promoting and interpreting the Red Cedar River and the surrounding ecosystems. The center provides programs and exhibits intended to assist in the learning process. Renovated buildings and facilities are used to complement hiking and nature observation opportunities. The nature center opened its doors in the summer of 1997.

Woldumar Nature Center, Nature Way Association

Woldumar Nature Center was established in 1966 when a land donation of 177 acres was made to the Nature Way Association; the governing body of Woldumar. It is located at 5539 Lansing Road, in Delta Township and currently maintains 188 acres of land. The Nature Way Association is a private, non-profit educational organization, providing outdoor education to 1,500 school children annually. Over 40,000 guests visit during the same period. The nature center provides an educational trail system through woodlands, fields, prairie, pine forests, orchards, and along the Grand River. There are over 5 miles of trails and at least 1 mile of river shoreline.

Planning Process

Concurrent Planning Processes

The Delta Township Comprehensive Plan and Delta Township Non-Motorized Transportation Plan were two major planning efforts that ran concurrently with the development of the Recreation Master Plan. Joint meetings were held to share information and discuss results of public input. The two efforts were still on-going at the time of the adoption of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The most up to date information available at the time was included in the plan.

Some of the common themes that arose between the different planning efforts were the desire to continue development of non-motorized transportation to connect parks and trails, close gaps in the existing system and maintain the non-motorized trails the Township currently has and to connect to other municipalities.

Neighboring Communities

City of Lansing – The City of Lansing borders the east side of Delta Township. The City has a Non-Motorized Transportation Plan adopted in 2010 with proposed connections to Delta Township on Delta River Drive, the Lansing River Trail near the intersection of Waverly Road and Tecumseh River Road, Willow Highway, Michigan Avenue, St. Joseph Highway, Lansing Road, Old Lansing Road, Mt. Hope Road and from the City of Lansing’s Fine Park into Anderson Park.

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) – In 2010, the TCRPC released the Greening Mid-Michigan Plan for Clinton, Eaton and Ingham County. The final Plan outlines the existing green infrastructure in the tri-county area and proposed links. The proposed trail identified in Delta Township follows Creyts Road to the north and along the Grand River to the West.

Public Input

Public Opinion Survey

A recreation opinion survey was made available from September through October 2011 on the Parks and Recreation website and in a Turning Point automatic response survey at the public input meeting.

Seventy-four surveys were collected on-line and 19 were collected at the public input meeting. The results represent citizens in all quadrants of the community as well as users from adjacent communities. The following is a summary of significant findings and the complete survey results are in the appendix.

Parks and Park Facilities

- The most popular parks were Anderson Park, Sharp Park and Hawk Meadows Park.
- Most of the respondents use the Township parks every week.
- About half of the respondents use the new East-West Pathway.
- The majority of people do not think there are any barriers to using the Township parks. The only barrier listed frequently is distance to parks.
- The Township does a good job maintaining the parks according to the respondents.
- The majority do not agree that the Township has enough Parks and Recreation facilities.
- If the Township were to expand their facilities people favored trails, a dog park, a splash pad and a community center.
- Other frequent miscellaneous write in comments expressed interest in maintaining and expanding mountain biking trails at Anderson Park; connecting parks and neighborhoods to parks with safe non-motorized routes and developing the Townships undeveloped park property.

Township Recreation Programs

- The majority of the respondents were not participants in Township programs.
- The majority did not think there are any barriers to participating in the Township recreation programs.
- Most people said that they would like to add more special events to the Township program offerings.

Communication

- Respondents thought that the Township did a fair to good job of communicating about parks, facilities, programs and events.
- Delta Township Magazine, social media, Township website and e-mail were the most popular means for communicating about parks and programs.

Program Survey

Because the Public Opinion Survey did not get a lot of response from Township recreation program participants, a survey specific to recreation programs was sent to participants of Delta Township programs. The Township received twenty-three responses. The following is a summary of the significant findings and the complete survey results are in the appendix.

Participation

- A little less than half of the participants have children under 18 participating in the Townships recreation programs.
- Of the people who have children participating in programs most have more than 1 child participating.
- The three top items identified by respondents that would increase participation in Township programs were having all fields in one location, permanent restrooms and having a playground in close proximity to fields.

Programs

- Respondent's answers indicated that spring and fall Soccer, T-ball and basketball all had similar participation levels.
- The location of games was most important for respondents in terms of soccer, softball, baseball and T-ball. For tennis location and scheduling were considered equally important.

Existing facilities –

- Respondents feel that the existing fields are well maintained, but too spread out especially when parents have multiple kids participating in programs.
- New non-motorized routes have made getting to parks easier.
- Pool programs are used and facilities are okay.

Senior Workgroup – Enrichment Center Access Improvements

Delta Township staff met with the Delta 39'ers, Seniors Group, on Friday, December 16 directly after their lunch at the Enrichment Center. There were approximately 50 seniors present. They were asked for their input on any changes, modifications, etc. in their facility (Delta Township Enrichment Center) that would make it easier for them to access and use the facility. The few comments received were: there are concerns about the "short" toilets in the restrooms, they would like handicapped bars in all the restroom stalls in all the restrooms both men's and women's, and in another group they said a handicapped button on the north wing door is needed.

Public Input Meetings

The Township held 3 advertised public input meetings during the development of this Plan. The meetings were advertised in two local newspapers, on the Township website, Township Facebook page, at the Non-Motorized Transportation Input Meeting, and through e-mail invitations. See appendix for advertisement, meeting agendas and minutes.

The first meeting was held on October 6, 2011. A presentation was given, attendees took the public opinion survey and were given the opportunity to provide general comments. Nineteen people participated including residents, Township board members, park commission members and planning commissioners.

The Draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan has been put on public display for a one month review period after which a public meeting was held, at 7:30 PM on August 2, 2012 at a Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries Commission Meeting. At this meeting it was moved and supported by the board to include river access specifically at Grand Woods Park in the action plan or other such park that allows for river access and supporting amenities in the C.I.P. The final Plan will go before the Township Board for a public hearing and adoption.

Goals and Objectives

Background

In order to develop the recreation goals the Delta Township Parks and Recreation Department, Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries Commission and consultant evaluated all of the information gathered throughout the planning process. The evaluation was based upon physical characteristics, demographics, input from the citizens who live in the Township, and other planning efforts in the Township and region. All of this information evolved into general goals and objectives for the Recreation Master Plan.

Many goals and objectives were identified through the process. They are numbered for ease of discussion and do not reflect any particular priority.

I. To maintain safe parks.

A. Quickly and effectively address public safety concerns.

B. Continue to promote cooperation and citizen reporting programs

1. Continue to promote cooperation and reporting programs with the Eaton County Sheriff's Department.

Rationale:

There have and probably always will be issues regarding crime and public safety in parks. The Department wants to be proactive to address safety by promoting cooperation between police departments and the community. When a crime does occur the Department will act quickly and effectively to mitigate public safety concerns.

II. Promote and enhance the financial stability of the Delta Township park system through the following methods:

A. Building New Partnerships and Strengthening Existing Partnerships

1. Identify strategies for improved services and/or funding for shared facilities.
2. Work with adjacent communities on common projects, joint grant applications and maintenance agreements can increase available funds for projects and avoid duplication of maintenance tasks.
3. Work with surrounding communities to develop regional park and trail systems.
4. Work with the surrounding communities, public and private organizations on common recreational programs when possible.
5. Continue to explore options where volunteers can provide useful assistance with programs and park development.

Rationale:

All of the communities in Michigan are struggling economically at this time. Partnering with public and private organizations allows for development of facilities and services that can provide access to a wider variety of destinations and experiences. Underutilized facilities exist in nearby communities and within public and private organizations in the Township. By sharing facilities the Township can avoid the expense of building duplicate facilities. Maintenance budgets continue to be cut in many communities. By developing cooperative maintenance agreements neighboring communities could also gain efficiency by avoiding duplication of services. Volunteers are a valuable asset to the community because they have a sense of ownership of the projects they undertake and are advocates for the Parks and Recreation programs and facilities.

B. Grants from Federal, State and Local Sources

1. The Township will apply for grants alone or with partners whenever feasible to extend available Township dollars and provide quality capital improvement projects. Grant sources may include the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Trust Fund, Land and Water Conservation Fund, and Recreation Passport; Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH), Tri-County Office on Aging and Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA).

Rationale:

The Township has been successful in obtaining grants in the past and will continue to pursue grant funds as a way to leverage local funds and accomplish more capital improvement projects than with local funds alone. The Township should also pursue partners for joint grant applications because it will increase the chances of being funded.

C. Gifts, Donations, Endowments, Corporate Partnerships, Bonds and Loans

1. Donations, gifts, endowments, Corporate Partnerships or other contributions toward maintaining and developing the park system need to be encouraged for specific projects.
2. Bonds and loans may be pursued for initial start up capital to create revenue generating facilities.

Rationale:

The Township has been successful in obtaining funding through these mechanisms in the past and will continue to pursue opportunities to enhance, preserve and maintain the park system to meet the communities' needs.

D. User Fees and Rental Rates

1. The Parks and Recreation Department will annually evaluate user fees and rental rates as a means to supplement the cost of developing and operating the facility and/or program.
2. User fees and rental rates should be comparable to competitive rates and fees in the private and public sector.

Rationale:

User fees and rental rates are a means of supplementing the cost to run programs and facilities. With less general fund dollars, fees are another way to recover some of these costs.

III. Maintain, assess, develop and preserve park lands and facilities in order to provide for the needs of present and future generations.

A. To continue to provide systematic and effective maintenance.

Rationale:

According to the Parks and Recreation Public Input Survey, the majority of respondents think the Department does a good job maintaining parks. The Department will continue to provide quality maintenance of parks and facilities.

B. To continue with efforts of meeting ADA accessibility requirements.

1. The Department will develop new projects to ADA (American with Disabilities Act) standards and guidelines and continue to follow recommendations outlined in the ADA Assessment completed during the development of this plan.

Rationale:

The goal of the Department is to provide parks and recreation programs and facilities to all Delta Township residents. Besides wanting to provide opportunities for all residents and visitors it is the law that everyone be provided equal access to public facilities.

C. To Encourage Environmental Stewardship and Preservation of Natural Systems

1. The Department will support environmental stewardship by:
 - a. Preserving, protecting and enhancing existing forests and open spaces for future generations.
 - b. Reducing the cost of storm water management by providing an adequate tree canopy and where feasible providing recharge areas to slow the accumulation of storm water and allow for the absorption of rainwater into the ground.
 - c. Enhancing the natural environment, flow of water and erosion problems on Township waterways through ecological best management practices and the use of Green Infrastructure.
 - d. Preserving, protecting and enhancing environmentally sensitive areas and enhancing appropriate areas for wildlife.

- e. Designing new buildings and enhancing existing structures for energy conservation and to meet environmental best management practices.
- f. Installing trees within parks that are appropriate for the area, especially native trees.

Rationale:

By being sensitive to environmental stewardship and practices the Department can reduce energy consumption, respect the natural systems and reduce the carbon footprint.

2. Planning for the Preservation and Interpretation of Natural Systems
 - a. Natural Features Management Plan – Identify important or significant natural features and develop a plan to manage those resources.
 - b. Interpretive Program – Develop interpretive displays and programs for the Township natural areas. Identify programming and staffing needs, potential partnerships with organizations such as local nature centers and schools and funding opportunities.

Rationale:

A Natural Features Management Plan will allow the Township to identify areas that should be preserved for ecological, educational as well as aesthetic purposes and an interpretive program will inform the public of the value of these natural features.

D. To continue physical development projects currently underway and new innovative projects in the future.

1. Develop master plans for undeveloped park land including Anderson Park, Lootens Park, Mt. Hope Park and Players Club Park to address the needs of the community.
2. Support and coordinate with the efforts of the Delta Township Master Plan in regards to future land use.
3. Continue the development of trails and collaborate with the efforts of the Delta Township Non-Motorized Transportation Plan to create a walkable and bikeable community linking parks to the community.
4. The Department will continue to develop and update the park facilities to meet the community needs.
5. The department will encourage the development of projects along the Grand River that will provide residents access to and use of the water resources and adjacent park lands.
6. Current standards and codes including ADA, green design principals and maintenance should be considered in conjunction with the development of projects.

Rationale:

Master planning allows for the community to provide their input into how they want their parks to be developed in the future as well as providing a tool to budget for elements over time. In planning for physical development other planning efforts need to be taken into consideration including the Delta Township Comprehensive Plan and Delta Township Non-Motorized Transportation Plan to create a cohesive effort that benefits the entire Township.

Developing trails was the number one priority identified in the public input process for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Non-Motorized Plan identifies trail development in parks as priority projects as well as creating connections between parks and to other non-motorized routes.

The Township has abundant river access to the Grand River. In the north it runs adjacent to Grand Woods Park, Delta Mills Park and Hunter's Orchard Park and Anderson Park in the south. Improving river access would provide opportunities for a water trail between parks and to adjacent communities including Lansing, Grand Ledge and Dimondale.

IV. Promote the development of new recreation programs with active sports facilities and passive leisure opportunities which are in high demand, or are innovative, unique or not presently provided by municipal or private sectors.

A. To identify recreation/leisure program resources.

1. Identify other recreational resources and potential for sharing programs with other Township or non-Township affiliated facilities, such as Eaton County, the Waverly and Grand Ledge School Districts, and the YMCA to name a few examples.

Rationale:

The Department continually evaluates ways to provide current as well as new programming at a cost that is affordable for residents. By avoiding duplication of programs, sharing facilities and other resources are means to provide the same variety of programs at less cost to the Township. The Township will explore these as well as other options.

B. To monitor service and participation levels for future planning efforts.

1. Produce a programming review and restructure activities as necessary to provide residents with convenient and appropriate opportunities.
2. Formulate and compile user records and numbers in quantified format to assist in determining participation rates and proposed trends.

Rationale:

The Department currently monitors programming on a quarterly basis to coincide with seasonal programming and compiles records to determine trends in participation. The Department will continue to monitor participation to determine programming needs.

V. Promote interaction, involvement and communication between the Parks and Recreation Department, the citizens of Delta Township and surrounding communities.

A. To develop and maintain partnerships/coalitions with community groups, educational institutions and faith-based organizations.

1. Continue to coordinate and communicate with local organizations including, but not limited to the Grand Ledge and Waverly School Districts.

2. Cooperate with Township departments and community organizations to assist in the response to recreational and community needs.
3. Identify opportunities for shared programming opportunities with faith-based organizations, social and civic groups.

Rationale:

The Department coordinates and has partnerships with organizations within the community and will continue to maintain these relationships. The partnerships provide mutually beneficial results with organizations and a connection to the community.

B. To implement quality management principles at all levels.

1. Prior to committing to a new facility the Department will solicit public input, develop reports, complete cost analysis and feasibility studies.
2. Within the financial resources available, the Department will maintain adequate department staff and facilities to accommodate the existing and future needs of the community.
3. Supplemental staffing assistance will be sought through other departments and volunteers.
4. Develop policies and procedures to direct high quality, productive relationships with volunteer groups.
5. Supplement the department's park research and design staff with outside consulting services and experts to update park plans, development plans, cost estimates and feasibility studies.
6. Evaluate programs and events through opinion surveys offered online or other formats.

Rationale:

The Department will continue to provide quality parks, programs and events to the community.

C. To acknowledge the importance of public input and contact with community leaders.

1. Request feedback on programs and events.
2. Solicit public input through informal meetings and formal public hearings during the planning and development of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, planning, program development and grant applications.
3. Encourage community involvement in the creation of park master plans.

Rationale:

The Parks and Recreation Department exists to provide a service to the community. Public input is a priority to ensure that the needs of the community are being addressed in planning for future parks and recreation opportunities.

D. To promote and market the park system and the benefits that is provided to the public.

1. Continue to use the Delta Township Magazine, Township website, Township Facebook page and other promotional materials to inform the public.

Rationale:

The Department should explore various means to promote and market the park system. Existing and proposed parks, programs and events should be promoted through various media efforts. This is not only important so that the community is aware what is available to them, but also for visitors, and potential homebuyers and business owners.

2. Develop an image and marketing campaign. This may include developing a brand, slogan, marketing materials and design standards.

Rationale:

Developing a cohesive image and marketing campaign, will not only help identify the Township parks and facilities to residents, but visitors as well. Quality of life factors have been proven to attract businesses as well as residents to communities as well as to retain those same people during an economic downturn.

Action Plan

Introduction

The action plan was developed as a way to identify how the Township intends to meet the goals and objectives set forth in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The actions are not listed in any particular order. The basis for the following actions are consistent with information gathered through the Parks and Recreation Public Opinion Survey, Program Survey, public input meetings, Township-wide planning efforts, demographic data, land use trends, the previous recreation master plan and recreation master plans of adjacent communities. All projects will be subject to the availability of funding through the general fund and the approval of the Delta Township Park, Recreation and Cemeteries Commission and Delta Township Board.

The action plan is divided into two separate focus areas including the Long Range Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and Planning Projects. Development projects that were identified as meeting the Recreation Master Plan goals and objectives and being grant eligible were included in the Long Range CIP. The CIP includes more projects than the Township can complete in the next 5 years. The intent was to identify the communities' recreation needs, but allow the flexibility to implement projects as partnerships and funding opportunities present themselves. Master plans, studies and marketing strategies that meet the goals and objectives and will be funded through the general fund and partnerships are included on the Planning Program.

The Parks Department cares for parks by allocating funds to different scopes of work. The Department goes through an annual budgeting process where funds are allocated to planning, repair and maintenance and capital improvement projects that are grant eligible. These items are not included in the Capital Improvement Schedule of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan because they are typically repair/maintenance projects, are smaller projects that can be funded through the general fund or they are not eligible for MDNRE grant funds. The items identified in the Capital Improvement Schedule meet Goals & Objectives as follows:

Location	Project	Goal
Anderson Park	Trails, restroom, parking, planting, interpretive displays, entry sign	IIID
Delta Mills Park	Parking lot, trails, landscape, interpretive displays, amenities	IIID
Erickson Park	Shade sails, wall of fame, plaza, landscape and playground	IIID
Grand Woods Park	Drive, restroom, pavilion, backstop, amenities, trails, overlook, landscape	IIID
Hunter's Orchard Park	Landscape and drive	IIID
Leland Park	Plaza, playground, landscape, amenities	IIID

Location	Project	Goal
Lootens Park	Drive, parking lot, sign, pavilion, restrooms, utilities, landscape, interpretive display, entry sign	IIIC2, IIID
Mt. Hope Park	Soccer fields, baseball/softball fields, tennis courts, picnic shelters, playground, restroom/equipment building, utilities, parking and drive, playground, landscape and entrance sign	IIID
Players Club Park	Club house, restoration of portions of the golf course, site access, site amenities, fishing pier/observation deck, landscape and signage	IIID
Delta Mills Park	Non-Motorized Trail	IIID
Grand Woods Park	Non-Motorized Trail	IIID
Lake Delta Park	Non-Motorized Trail, Landscape, Amenities	IIID
Lootens Park	Non-Motorized Trail and Signage	IIID
Mt Hope Park	Non-Motorized Trail and Signage	IIID
Players Club Park	Non-Motorized Trail and Signage	IIID
Township Wide	Accessibility Repairs/Improvements	IIIB
To Be Determined	Community Center	IIID
To Be Determined	Splash Pad	IIID

Capital Improvement Project Descriptions

Anderson Park – This is a 151.3 acre natural resource area located off Old Lansing Road. The proposed development will be preceded by a master planning process involving the public, Mid-Michigan Mountain Biking Association, Woldumar Nature Center and other interested individuals and organizations. The improvements will improve and enhance access into the park, provide additional parking and amenities for park users and educational, wayfinding and entrance signs will educate and identify the park for the public. Preliminary estimates include trail improvement and potential trail expansion, restrooms, parking, landscaping, interpretive displays and an entry sign.

Delta Mills Park

Park Improvements - This is a 32 acre community park located on Old River Trail. The proposed development will improve parking, provide access around the park, educate the public about natural features of the park and improve shade and aesthetics. Improvements will include paving parking lots, trails, landscaping, interpretive displays and amenities including benches.

Non- Motorized Trail – The proposed non-motorized trail will provide access to the Township’s non-motorized system and within the park. The path will be 8-10’ wide of hard surfaced material.

Erickson Park – This is a 17 acre community park located on south Canal Road. The proposed development will improve spectator and participant comfort, provide an updated playground and create an entrance space for functional use as well as aesthetics and recognition of donors.

Improvements will include shade sails or similar shade structures, a wall of fame, entrance plaza, landscaping and playground.

Grand Woods Park

Park Improvements - This is a 128.2 acre large urban park on north Willow Highway. The proposed development will improve visibility into and out of the park, provide convenient amenities for disc golfers including restrooms and pavilion, improve accessibility of trails using natural looking materials, improve river viewing, river access for canoes, kayaks or other launching facility and landscaping for aesthetics and erosion control. Improvements include entrance drive construction, restroom, pavilion, backstop repairs, amenities, crushed limestone trails, river overlook and landscaping.

Non-Motorized Trail - The proposed non-motorized trail will provide access to the Township's non-motorized system and within the park. The path will be 8-10' wide of hard surfaced material.

Hunter's Orchard Park – This is a 26.4 acre neighborhood park on Old River Trail. The proposed development will affect an approximate 16 acre portion of the site including reconstructing the entrance drive, landscaping and entrance sign.

Leland Park – This is a 1.1 acre neighborhood park on east St. Joe Highway. The proposed development will create an entrance feature for the park and enhance the existing playground. Improvements will include an entrance plaza, playground, landscaping and amenities.

Lootens Park

Park Development - This is an undeveloped 84 acre community park on west Willow Highway. Approximately 10 acres of the park will be developed for passive recreation with trails and opportunities for nature education. The proposed development will provide access and parking to the site, an entry, restroom facilities for users and interpretive displays for nature education.

Non-Motorized Trail – The proposed non-motorized trail will provide access to the Township's non-motorized system and within the park. The path will be 8-10' wide of hard surfaced material.

Mt. Hope Park

Development - This is a 60 acre undeveloped community park on west Mt. Hope Road. The development of this park will be preceded by a master plan process that will allow for community input into what features will be included at this park. The preliminary concept is to develop this park as a youth oriented sports facility for practices, games and tournaments. Improvements will include items such as soccer fields, baseball fields, softball fields, picnic shelters, restroom/equipment building, playgrounds, landscaping, signage, utilities, parking and entrance drive.

Non-Motorized Trail - The proposed non-motorized trail will provide access to the Township's non-motorized system and within the park. The path will be 8-10' wide of hard surfaced material.

Lake Delta Park

Development - This is a 65 acre special use park on south Canal Road. The proposed development will enhance aesthetics, park identification and usability. Improvements will include items such as an entry sign, landscaping and benches.

Non-Motorized Trail - The proposed non-motorized trail will provide access to the Township's non-motorized system and within the park. The path will be 8-10' wide of hard surfaced material.

Players Club Park

Park Development - This is an 80.3 acre undeveloped large urban park on Canal Road. The development of this park will be preceded by a master plan process that will allow for community input into what features will be included at this park. The preliminary concept is to develop this park for a combination of uses including passive use from trails to fishing. Improvements will include items such as site access, site amenities, fishing pier/observation deck, landscaping and signage.

Non-Motorized Trail – The proposed non-motorized trail will provide access to the Township's non-motorized system and within the park. The path will be 8-10' wide hard surfaced material.

Accessibility Repairs – A full inventory of accessibility issues are outlined in the ADA Inspections that will be included in the Township Transition Plan in the near future. A few examples of repairs include installing accessible routes, paving and striping handicap parking spaces and reconfiguring toilet partitions.

Community Center – At the current time the Township uses several buildings for various community programs and activities. A community center would allow all of these functions to be housed in one building. A study is proposed to determine community need, costs, potential locations and feasibility prior to planning for the development of a new community center.

Splash Pad – The location of a splash pad will be determined during the planning process for this feature. The splash pad improvements will include utilities, splash pad features, concrete and site work.

POTENTIAL GRANT SUPPORTED PROJECTS
LONG RANGE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN
 DELTA CHARTER TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN

TARGET YEAR	PARK LOCATION	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	POTENTIAL GRANT SOURCE	ESTIMATED GRANT AMOUNTS
TBD	ANDERSON	Trails, restroom, parking, planting, interpretive displays, entry sign	490,000	MNRTF/LWCF/RPG	245,000
TBD	DELTA MILL	Parking lot, trails, landscape, interpretive displays, amenities	450,000	MNRTF/LWCF/RPG	225,000
TBD	ERICKSON	Landscape, shade sails, wall of fame, plaza, landscape and playground	194,000	MNRTF/LWCF/RPG	97,000
TBD	GRAND WOODS	Drive, restroom, pavilion, backstop, amenities, trails, overlook, landscape	435,000	MNRTF/LWCF/RPG	217,500
TBD	HUNTERS ORCHARD	Landscape and drive	132,000	MNRTF/LWCF/RPG	66,000
TBD	LAKE DELTA	Landscape, amenities, signs	25,000	MNRTF/LWCF/RPG	12,500
TBD	LELAND	Plaza, playground, landscape, amenities	42,200	MNRTF/LWCF/RPG	21,100
TBD	LOOTENS	Drive, parking lot, sign, pavilion, restrooms, utilities, landscape, interpretive display, entry sign	807,000	MNRTF/LWCF/RPG	403,500
TBD	MT HOPE	Soccer fields, baseball/softball fields, tennis courts, picnic shelters, playground, restroom/equipment building, utilities, parking and drive, playground, landscape and entrance sign	1,225,000	MNRTF/LWCF/RPG	612,500
TBD	PLAYERS CLUB	Club house, restoration of portions of the golf course, site access, site amenities, fishing pier/observation deck, landscaping and signage	1,535,176	MNRTF/LWCF/RPG	767,588
TBD	DELTA MILLS	Non-Motorized Trail	300,000	MNRTF/MDOT/LWCF	150,000
TBD	GRAND WOODS	Non-Motorized Trail	2,000,000	MNRTF/MDOT/LWCF	1,000,000
TBD	LAKE DELTA	Non-Motorized Trail, Landscape, Amenities	500,000	MNRTF/MDOT/LWCF	250,000
TBD	LOOTENS	Non-Motorized Trail and Signage	1,500,000	MNRTF/MDOT/LWCF	750,000
TBD	MT HOPE	Non-Motorized Trail and Signage	1,000,000	MNRTF/MDOT/LWCF	500,000
TBD	PLAYERS CLUB	Non-Motorized Trail and Signage	1,200,000	MNRTF/MDOT/LWCF	600,000
TBD	TOWNSHIPWIDE	Accessibility Repairs/Improvements	400,700	LWCF/LPRFF	
TBD	TBD	Community Center	TBD	TBD	
TBD	TBD	Splash Pad	250,000	MNRTF/LWCF/RPG	187,500

Grant Codes:

MNRTF=Dept. of Natural Resources Trust Fund

LWCF=Dept. of Natural Resources Land & Water Conservation Fund

MDOT=Michigan Department of Transportation - MDOT Transportation Efficiency Act

MDNR FISHERIES=Boating Infrastructure Grant

WPG=Waterways Program Grants

RPG = MDNR Recreation Passport Grant

*** OTHER PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE GENERAL FUND ARE NOT LISTED ON THIS SCHEDULE. THIS LIST ONLY CONTAINS THOSE PROJECTS THAT FIT THE GRANT CRITERIA FOR GRANTS AVAILABLE AT THE TIME THIS PLAN WAS APPROVED.

*** THIS DOCUMENT IS A LONG RANGE PLANNING DOCUMENT THAT WILL CONTINUE TO EVOLVE AND IS REVIEWED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. ALL PROJECTS LISTED ARE SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING THROUGH THE GRANT SOURCE, THE GENERAL FUND AND THE APPROVAL OF THE PARK, RECREATION AND CEMETERIES COMMISSION AND TOWNSHIP BOARD. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT MANY OF THE PROJECTS WILL BE COMPLETED IN MULTIPLE PHASES.

*** THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK OUT OTHER SOURCES FOR GRANTS IN ADDITION TO THOSE LISTED ABOVE.

Planning Schedule

TARGET YEAR	LOCATION	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	PROJECT TYPE	POTENTIAL PARTNERS
Collaborative Efforts with Other Departments and Municipalities					
Ongoing	TOWNSHIPWIDE	Non-Motorized Transportation	NA	Planning	Delta Township Engineering and Planning Departments
Delta Township Parks and Recreation Department					
2012-2017	ANDERSON	Park Master Plan	\$ 5,000	Planning	MMBA
2012-2017	LOOTENS	Park Master Plan	\$ 5,000	Planning	
2012-2017	MT HOPE	Park Master Plan	\$ 5,000	Planning	
2012-2017	PLAYERS CLUB	Park Master Plan	\$ 5,000	Planning	
2012-2017	TBD	Dog Park - Location Study and Master Plan	\$ 10,000	Study	Pet Store, Veterinary Clinic
2012-2017	TBD	Splash Pad - Location Study and Master Plan	\$ 10,000	Study	
TBD	TOWNSHIPWIDE	Community Center Study		Study	Grand Ledge Schools, Waverly Schools
2012-2017	TOWNSHIPWIDE	ADA Transition Plan	\$ 25,000.00	Study	Delta Township
			TBD		

Appendix