

WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING
July 22, 2025
7:00 PM, Whitewater Township Hall
5777 Vinton Road, Williamsburg, MI 49690
Phone 231-267-5141/Fax 231-267-9020

Topic: Parks and Rec Advisory Committee Meeting
Time: July 22, 2025, 07:00PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

1. Roll Call of Committee Members
2. Set/Adjust Meeting Agenda
3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest
4. **Public Comment:** Any person shall be permitted to address a meeting of the committee. Public comments shall be carried out in accordance with the following rules and procedures:
 - a. Comments shall be directed to the Committee, with questions directed to the Chair.
 - b. Any person wishing to address the Committee shall speak from the lectern and state his/her name and address.
 - c. Persons may address the commission on matters that are relevant to township Parks and recreation issues.
 - d. No person shall be allowed to speak more than once on the same matter, excluding the time needed to answer Committee members' questions.
 - e. Public comment shall be limited to 3 minutes.
5. Approval of June 17 2025 regular meeting minutes
6. Correspondence: Emails
7. Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments:
[PRAC PROJECT LIST / GRANTS GOOGLE SHEET](#)
[PRAC PROJECT GOALS TIMELINES GOOGLE SHEET](#)
[PRAC ONGOING PROJECT SCHEDULES 2024 - 2030](#)
8. Unfinished Business:
 - 1) Hi Pray Bleacher Replacement project; reschedule finish
 - 2) Workbee on revisions to 5year Parks and Recreation Plan
9. New Business:
 - 1) Hi Pray Bleacher replacement/Tribal Grant form completion
10. Next Meetings: PRAC Regular meeting August 19th, 2025.
11. Public Comment
12. Adjournment

Whitewater Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities who are planning to attend. Contact the township clerk at 231-267-5141 or TDD 800-649- 3777.

Whitewater Township Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

Minutes of Regular Meeting

June 17, 2025

Draft

Call to Order 7:05pm

Township Hall Roll Call of Members

Present: Melton, Voice, Buczkowski, Koester (Board Liaison)

Absent: Hubbell, Cosgrove (Alt)

Others present:

Set/Approve Agenda-

No amendments

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Buczkowski, Seconded by Voice to approve May 20th regular meeting minutes. All Aye.
Motion passes

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments/Correspondence-

-Discuss grants under spread sheets

Unfinished Business-

Hi Pray Cleanup- Good amount of work done. 3 bleachers completed, flower bed cleaned up, playground weekend, baseball fields dragged, back fence weeds worked on.

Schedule time to build 4th bench, remove shed, more cleanup

Fix multiple small issues at hi pray- doors, etc.

Hi Pray Bleacher Replacement Project

Find a day to help put a day to build bleachers

Park Manager Replacement

Tom, Trip and Vicki are co-managing the parks, Tim is managing

Hope to have a more formal plan next year

Hope to be part of the PRAC

Rec Plan Items Survey

29 Paper surveys from trash day

Dashboard is at 43

- Adding more info in the tax bill, allowing residents to ask for a survey to be mailed to them

Going over results so far from survey

Getting an email list to send out survey

Due date for survey is July 30

Try to give more attention to the Park Survey link online

5-year Rec Plan

Decide which layout we want to use- previous layout vs new layout

Updating Pictures

Site plans of each park

Jill to ask Linda or Wendy about an update DNR Report for the boat launch

Figure out if we need to get updated assessments on parks for New Rec Plan

Service area do not apply to Whitewater township/ entire township is service area "rural area"

Board members read sections 1,2,3 before next meeting

Work bee meeting July 8th @ 7:00pm

New Business

- none

Next Regular Meeting (rescheduled)- July 22 @ 7:00pm

Special Meeting July 8 @ 7:00pm

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:22pm

Amber Voice

(Voted in) Secretary, Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

Task List to complete Recreation Plan

Who	Section	Title	What	Description	Page	Contact	Pic title #	Completed by date
			Contact Disability Networks of Northern Mich	Set Contract to evaluate Site				
			GIS Mapping	Contact GTCRC GIS to schedule map work				
			Survey Monkey	Set contract for conducting survey				
			Graphic Design	Identify person or company to complete graphics package				
Gary			New photo	Rural farm from Elk Lake Road looking west.	Cover			
Amber			New photo	Hi Pray baseball / Softball game	Cover			
Gary			New photo	Snow shoeing in woods	Cover		Fold 16-c	
Gary			New photo	Whitewater Boat Launch and Elk Lake	Cover		Fold -1	
Gary			New photo	Family walking on trail in Battle Creek	Cover		Fold 16-b	
			Copy of Plan certification	Copy of Plan certification	inside Cover	Clerk		
	#1	Introduction	Image from Masterplan	Aerial picture looking north from Park road pg. 64	5	Randy M		
Gary	#1	Location	New map CTCRC GIS Department	Map of Michigan depicting WWT location in State	6		Fold 17 -d	
	#1	Location	Image from Masterplan	Map of WWT Boundary Pg. 26	6	Randy M		
	#1	Demographics	Graphic image from Masterplan	2,688 population Pg. 28	7	Randy M		
	#1	Demographics	Graphic image from Masterplan	Age population chart Pg.28	7	Randy M		
	#1	Demographics	Graphic image from Masterplan	Income chart page 29	7	Randy M		
	#1	Demographics	Graphic image from Masterplan	Educational Attainment chart Pg. 30	8	Randy M		
	#1	Demographics	Graphic image from Masterplan	Household ownership chart pg. 29	8	Randy M		
	#1	Important Trends	Graphic image from Master Plan	Insert graph from MP pg 55 Pop Projection	9	Randy M		
Gary	#1	Important Trends	New photo	Elderly couple walking in woods	10		Fold 16 -a	
	#2	Admin Structure	Develop Organizational chart	of Board / PRAC/ Staff / Volunteers	11	Clerk ?		
	#2	Admin Structure	Develop chart	Previous Budgets for Parks and Recreation	12	Jill K		
	#2	Admin Structure	Develop Chart	Previous Grants Received	12	Clerk ?		
Mel	#2	Admin Structure	New Photo	Volunteers cleaning up Park	13			
Gary	#2	Admin Structure	Develop Chart	Compare WWT Park Acreage to NPRA Standards	13			
Gary	#3	Facilities Inventory	New map CTCRC GIS Department	New Map of WWT with Park properties locations	15	GTCRC GIS		
Gary	#3	Facilities Inventory	Develop site Map	New site Map of Whitewater Township Park	17		Fold 17-a	
Gary	#3	Facilities Inventory	New photo	WWT Park Boat Launch	18		Fold 1	
Gary	#3	Facilities Inventory	New photo	WWT Park Campsites	18		Fold 4	
Gary	#3	Facilities Inventory	New photo	WWT Park Shelter	18		Fold 2	
Gary	#3	Facilities Inventory	New photo	WWT Park Playground	18		Fold 5	
Gary	#3	Facilities Inventory	New photo	WWT Park Beach	18			
Gary	#3	Facilities Inventory	New photo	WWT Park Restroom	18		Fold 3	
	#3	Facilities Inventory	Inventory inspect Assets	WWT Park	18	PRAC/Staff		
	#3	Facilities Inventory	Assess ADA	WWT Park	18	Diability N		
Gary	#3	Facilities Inventory	Develop site Map	New site Map of Battle Creek Natural Area	19		Fold 17-b	
Gary	#3	Facilities Inventory	New photo	BC People walking on Trail	20			
Gary	#3	Facilities Inventory	New photo	BC Sign with State plaque	20			
Gary	#3	Facilities Inventory	New photo	BC Pond and Bench	20			
	#3	Facilities Inventory	Inventory inspect Assets	BC	20	PRAC		
	#3	Facilities Inventory	Assess ADA	BC	20	Diability N		
Gary	#3	Facilities Inventory	Develop site Map	New site Map of Petobego Natural Area	21			
	#3	Facilities Inventory	Inventory inspect Assets	Petobego	22	PRAC		
	#3	Facilities Inventory	Assess ADA	Petobego	22	Diability N		
Gary	#3	Facilities Inventory	New photo	Looking north from Angell	22		Fold 13-b-c	
Gary	#3	Facilities Inventory	New photo	Kiosk looking southeast	22		Fold 13-a	
Gary	#3	Facilities Inventory	New photo	Potogebog Creek	22		Fold 13-d	
Gary	#3	Facilities Inventory	Develop site Map	Hi Pray Park	23			
Gary	#3	Facilities Inventory	New photo	HP Playground	23		Fold 7-a	
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	#3	Facilities Inventory	New photo	HP Tennis courts	23			
	#3	Facilities Inventory	New photo	HP basketball Courts	23			
	#3	Facilities Inventory	Inventory inspect Assets	Hi Pray	24	PRAC		
	#3	Facilities Inventory	Assess ADA	Hi Pray	24	Diability N		
Gary	#3	Facilities Inventory	Develop site Map	Lossie Trail	25		Fold 17-c	
Gary	#3	Facilities Inventory	New photo	LT Bridge across Creek	25			
Gary	#3	Facilities Inventory	New photo	LT Trail	25			
	#3	Facilities Inventory	Inventory inspect Assets	LT	26	PRAC		
	#3	Facilities Inventory	Assess ADA	LT	26	Diability N		
	#4	Land Character	Image from Masterplan	pg 34 topo	29	Randy M		
	#4	Land Character	Image from Masterplan	pg35 Boardman Water shed map	30	Randy M		
	#4	Land Character	Image from Masterplan	pg 36 Gen lanscape Regions	31	Randy M		
Gary	#4	Land Character	New photo	Forest Picture	32			
Gary	#4	Land Character	New photo	Quite Sands Kosk	32			
	#4	Land Character	Image from Masterplan	pg 38 State Land	33	Randy M		
Gary	#4	Land Character	New photo	Wetlands Petobego	34		Fold 13-d	
Gary	#4	Land Character	New photo	LossieTrail wetlands	34			
	#4	Land Character	Image from Masterplan	pg 41 Wetland map	35	Randy M		
	#4	Land Character	Image from Masterplan	pg 43 Floodplain	37	Randy M		
Gary/TART	#4	Land Character	New photo	Bike on trail path	38			
Gary/TART	#4	Land Character	New photo	Bike with TART Trail sign	38			
	#4	Land Character	Image from Masterplan	pg 47 Area Trails map	39	Randy M		
	#4	Land Character	Image from Masterplan	pg 48 route 35 pg 17	40	Randy M		
	#4	Land Character	Image from Masterplan	pg 48 route 35 pg 16	40	Randy M		
Gary	#4	Land Character	New photo	ATV On Trail	41		Fold 16-e-f	
Gary	#4	Land Character	New photo	Snowmobile on Trail	41		Fold 16-g-h	
	#4	Land Character	Image from Masterplan	pg 51 TC ORV Trail map	42	Randy M		
	#4	Land Character	Image from Masterplan	Pg 52 TC Snowmobile Map	42	Randy M		
Gary	#4	Land Character	New photo	Boat & water Skier	43		Fold 16-c-d	
Gary	#4	Land Character	New photo	Kayaker	43		Fold 16 -ijk	
Gary/Deana	#4	Land Character	Image from Paddle Antrim	Map of Chain of Lakes WT	43	Deana		
Gary	#4	Land Character	New photo	Boat wirh person fishing	44		Fold 16 -L	
	#4	Land Character	Image from Master Plan	pg 74 image public meeting	46	Randy M		
	#5		Insert survey		47			
	#5		Survey analysis					
	#6		Develop goals and objectives					

Pic of Rural Farm from Elk Lake Road

Whitewater Township

Parks and Recreation Master Plan

2026-2031

Adopted by the Board _____

Pic Snowshoe in woods

Pic Hi Pray Baseball Game

Pic Whitewater Park Boat Launch

Pic Family walking in BC Woods

PLAN ADOPTION

This Recreation Plan, adopted by the Whitewater Township Board on December 14, 2021, is intended to serve as a planning guide for Whitewater Township Parks and Recreational Facilities through December 31, 2025. Implementation of this plan will play an important role in enhancing the quality of life for present and future residents, as well as visitors to the Township.

Image of Rec. Plan certification signed by Clerk

Acknowledgments

Township Board of Trustees

Linda Slopesema, Supervisor

Wendy Hoeksema, Clerk

Jill Koester, Treasurer

Randy Mielnik, Trustee

Tim Arends, Trustee

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Melissa Melton, Chair

Amber Voice

Brandon Hubbel

Gary Buczkowski

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Pic Aerial look Elk Lake Rd. looking north from Park Road pg 64

Section 1 The Whitewater Township Community description

Introduction

The Whitewater Township community recognizes the importance of investing in parks and recreation for the betterment of all its citizens. The Parks and Recreation Master Plan adopted by Whitewater Township provides a guide to recreational development for the next 5 years. This plan emphasizes property owned by the Township includes parks, natural areas, trails, and other recreational amenities located within its jurisdictional boundaries. The plan has been created

with the understanding that protecting unspoiled rural character of the Township is as important as meeting the communities' needs for recreational facilities. All those involved with creation of this plan recognize its importance in obtaining future grant funding to assist with the advancement of recreational opportunities for the citizens of Whitewater Township, surrounding communities and visitors to the Grand Traverse Region.

Location

Whitewater Township is in northeastern Grand Traverse County in the State of Michigan. The township totals 31,594 acres of which 49% is recreational land, and water comprises nearly 11% of the total. The land is primarily rural with agricultural, forest, residential and recreational areas. Commercial and industrial areas currently comprise a small portion of the Township along highway M-72. Whitewater Township is bordered on the west by Acme and East

Bay Townships (Grand Traverse County), on the south by Union Township (Grand Traverse County), on the east by Clearwater and Kalkaska Townships (Kalkaska County), and on the north by Elk Rapids Township (Antrim County).

School children are served by the Elk Rapids School District located to the north in Antrim County. Mill Creek Elementary (part of Elk Rapids schools) is located with the township of Whitewater

Make map of Michigan showing Grand Traverse County with
Exploded view of Whitewater township

Map of Whitewater boundary from MP Pg. 26

Whitewater Township Corporate Boundary Map

Demographics

Community demographics provide insight and understanding of the people who call Whitewater Township home. While the following statistics provide only a generalized view of residents, it helps provide more understanding of the community and potential preferences. To provide greater meaning to Whitewater Township statistics, comparisons to other areas are also provided to provide context and contrasts.

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population MP Pg 28

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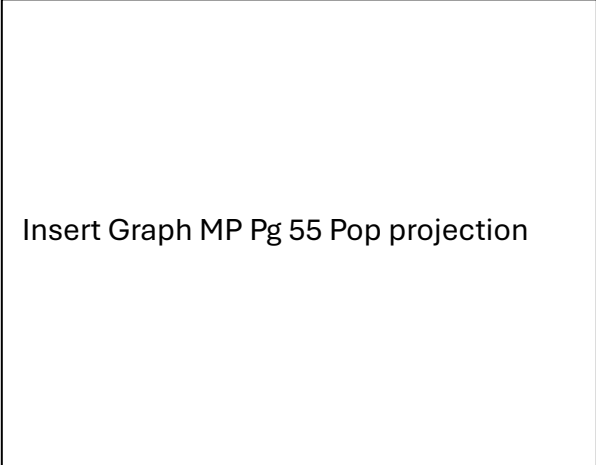
Insert households chart MP Pg. 29

Important Trends

Building on the previous description of Whitewater Township in the past and present, it is logical to briefly consider existing trends now at work shaping the future. Indeed, trends can and do change, but several trends identified below are quite evident. They are having an impact on Whitewater Township today and are likely to continue to affect how Whitewater Township changes in the future.

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

Projecting the population of a smaller community is difficult because even limited development activity can be far more consequential. Of course, many other factors contribute to local population growth or decline (birth rates, mortality rates, net migration), but physical development trends can be significant and less predictable in a small jurisdiction. One way to deal with the difficulty of projecting the population of a small Jurisdiction is to use the constant share method of population projection. In 2020, the population of Whitewater Township was reported to be 2,688, and the population of Grand Traverse County was 95,238. Whitewater Township, therefore, represented 2.82% of Grand Traverse County. The State of Michigan produced a report on population projections for each Michigan County in 2019. According to this report, Grand Traverse County will have 101,906 people by 2045. If Whitewater Township continues to represent 2.82 percent of Grand Traverse County, sharing proportionally in area growth, Whitewater Township will grow by nearly 190 people and will be approaching a population of 3,000 by 2045. Given that these projections are based on state projections, they may be regarded as being on the “low side,” given common local impressions of area growth pressure and demand for living in the Grand Traverse Region.



Insert Graph MP Pg 55 Pop projection

Insert new photo of elderly couple walking in the woods

AGING POPULATION

The trend toward an aging population is well known. According to the US Census, the share of the population that is 65 and older increased from 13.1% in 2010 to 16.8% in 2021. Further, by 2060, nearly one in four Americans will be 65 years and older. Interestingly, almost one in four residents of Whitewater Township is 65 years old or older today. It is therefore likely that older residents will continue to represent a larger and larger segment of Whitewater Township's population in the future. Given such dramatic national trends, it is perhaps unsurprising that the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) has been actively promoting and advocating policies to create Parks and Public Spaces for people of all ages. Keeping its members Active and engaged is a top priority of the organization.

Section #2 Administrative Governance Structure

Governance

The Whitewater Township Board is responsible for parks and recreation planning and program implementation. The five-member elected Township Board consists of the supervisor, clerk, treasurer and two trustees. The Township Board meets in regular monthly sessions and schedules special meetings as necessary. The Public is invited to speak at the beginning and end of all regular meetings. The exception being closed session meetings.

In 2012, Ordinance No. 48 was adopted by the Whitewater Township Board. In Section II, Purpose, it states “An Ordinance to create a Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for the Township of Whitewater, Grand Traverse County, Michigan, for the purpose of

preparing, reviewing and updating a Recreation Plan for the Township Parks and Recreation areas as a guide for recreational development within the Township for consideration by the Township Board. Further, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee shall recommend recreation programs, acquisitions and improvements to the Township Board as well as other duties that the Township Board may assign.”

In 2025, the Township Board designated the Treasurer to serve on the Parks and Recreation Advisory committee. This assignment has helped in both communication and the planning of the committee initiatives.

Staff Description and Organizational Chart

Develop Organizational Chart Board /PRAC/ Volunteers

Acceptance of outside funding ie. Grants is the sole responsibility of the Township Board through majority consensus.

Current Funding Sources

In 2025, the Township Board combined both the Whitewater Township Park Fund and the recreation fund. This Recreation Fund as it is now called, is for operations, maintenance and capital improvements at all Whitewater Township Park facilities.

Primary funding comes from revenue generated at Whitewater Park Campground from user fees and items sold. Grant funding has been another source of revenue from time to time.

Create Recreation Fund Chart with past years revenue and expenses

New Chart of previous Grants for the previous 20 years

Volunteers

Volunteers provide crucial support to many programs and activities in the township.

The Township relies on volunteers throughout the year for park clean-ups, coaching of youth athletic programs, assembling bleachers maintaining athletic fields and helping run special events like Halloween in the Campground.

Picture volunteer Clean-up Hi Pray

Park Land Provided by Whitewater Township Compared to NPRA Standards

Develop Chart showing Acreage of WWT compared to NPRA Standards

Relationships with Other Agencies

Whitewater Township recognizes and works with other agencies that are involved in recreation and water quality. These agencies include: The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Acme Township, Milton and Clearwater Townships, Grand Traverse

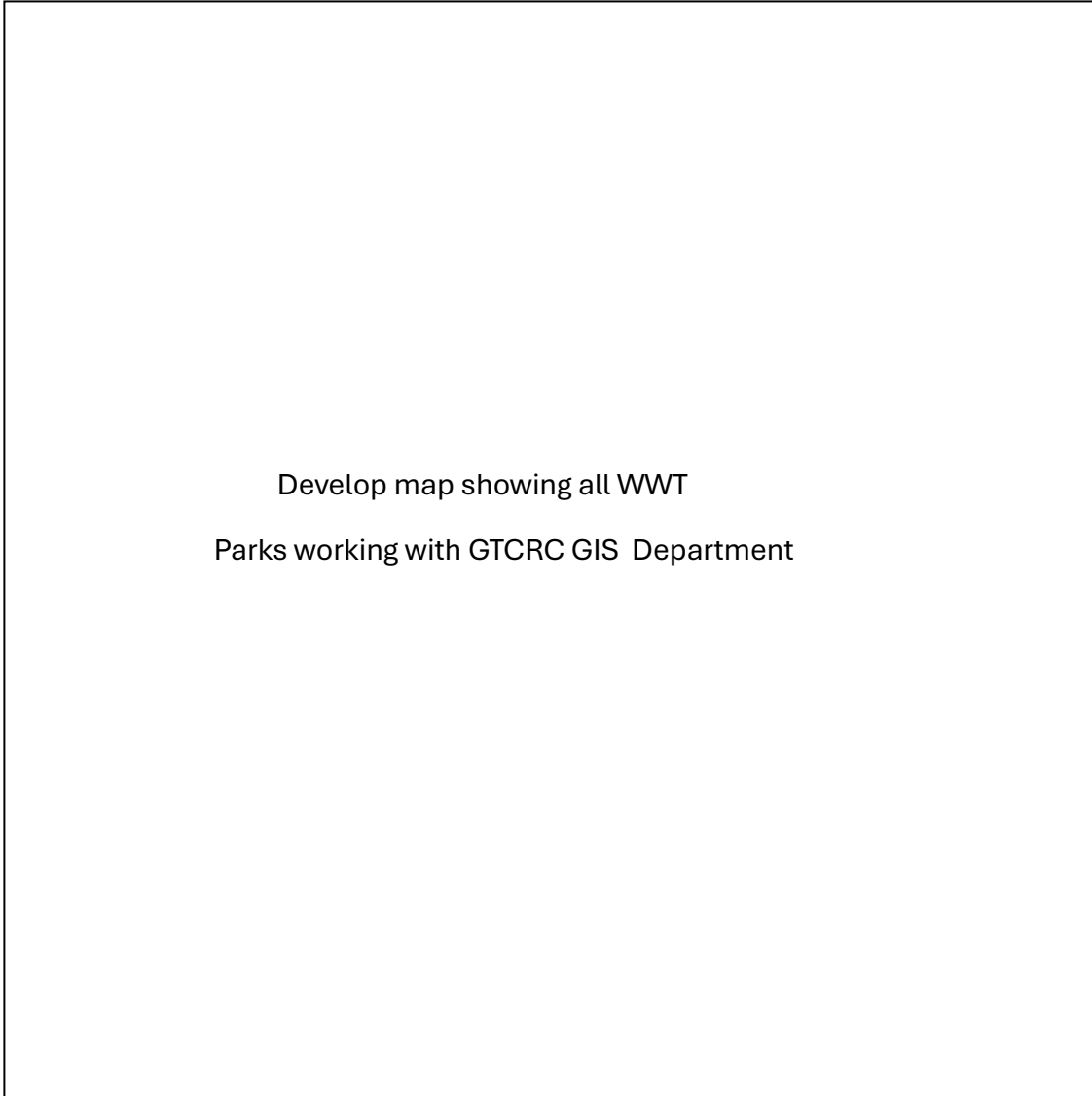
Regional Land Conservancy, TART Trails, Michigan DNR, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE), Conservation Resource Alliance, Elk-Skegemog Lakes Association, Paddle Antrim, Rotary Good Works, and Elk Rapids Youth Baseball.

Parks and Recreation Mission and Goals

- To protect and preserve Whitewater Township parks and recreational areas for all future generations of residents, the cleanliness and purity of its water, land and air; and to maintain, as much as possible, the unspoiled rural characteristics of township parks, including their forests, wetlands, water bodies, panoramic views, ridge lines, wildlife habitat and other landscape features. To protect historically, archaeologically and `
- To protect the township's natural resources through cooperation with various environmental organizations that are active in the area.
- To meet the community need for recreational facilities including parks, playing fields and trails, as well as undeveloped areas maintained in a natural state.
- Provide safe broad community-based recreation opportunities that improve the overall quality of life for all residents of Whitewater Township.
- Continue to improve and upgrade Whitewater Township recreational facilities so as to offer community parks that residents can be proud of.
- Provide recreational opportunities for people with disabilities. The Township will continue to provide spaces for all residents to enjoy the natural environment through the provision of open and easily accessed areas. Plan for a variety of recreational needs and preferences, and develop recreational opportunities for all residents, including complying with physical needs-based recreational standards.
- Provide Park and recreation facilities to help improve the health and fitness of Whitewater Township residents.
- All Whitewater Township owned property, and parks will be consistently and continuously maintained to ensure enjoyable user experiences for all, with improvements and updates being regularly assessed. Support and maintain existing Township recreation lands and facilities and explore future opportunities for waterfront access and utilization in the Township, as funding becomes available.
- Develop systems to meet future recreational needs of the Township.
- To continually improve the quality of and the opportunities for recreation in Whitewater Township by reassessing community recreation needs, trends and characteristics.

Section 3 Park Facilities and Inventory

Park Facilities owned and operated by Whitewater Township



Accessibility Assessment

The decision makers and planners of Whitewater Township recognize that it is essential that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy these facilities and any programs provided. Each of the five park properties owned by Whitewater Township was evaluated for its current level of accessibility. This evaluation was done by an independent organization (Disabilities Network of Northern Michigan) in the summer of 2025. Each of the five parks owned by Whitewater Township was evaluated on a scale of 1-5. *See table below*

DNR Accessibility Grading System for Parks and Recreation Facilities	
Accessibility Grade	Definition
1	None of these facilities meet accessibility guidelines
2	Some facilities meet accessibility guidelines
3	Most facilities meet accessibility guidelines
4	The entire park meets accessibility guidelines
5	The entire park was developed using the principles of universal design

Park Facilities owned and operated by Whitewater Township Inventory

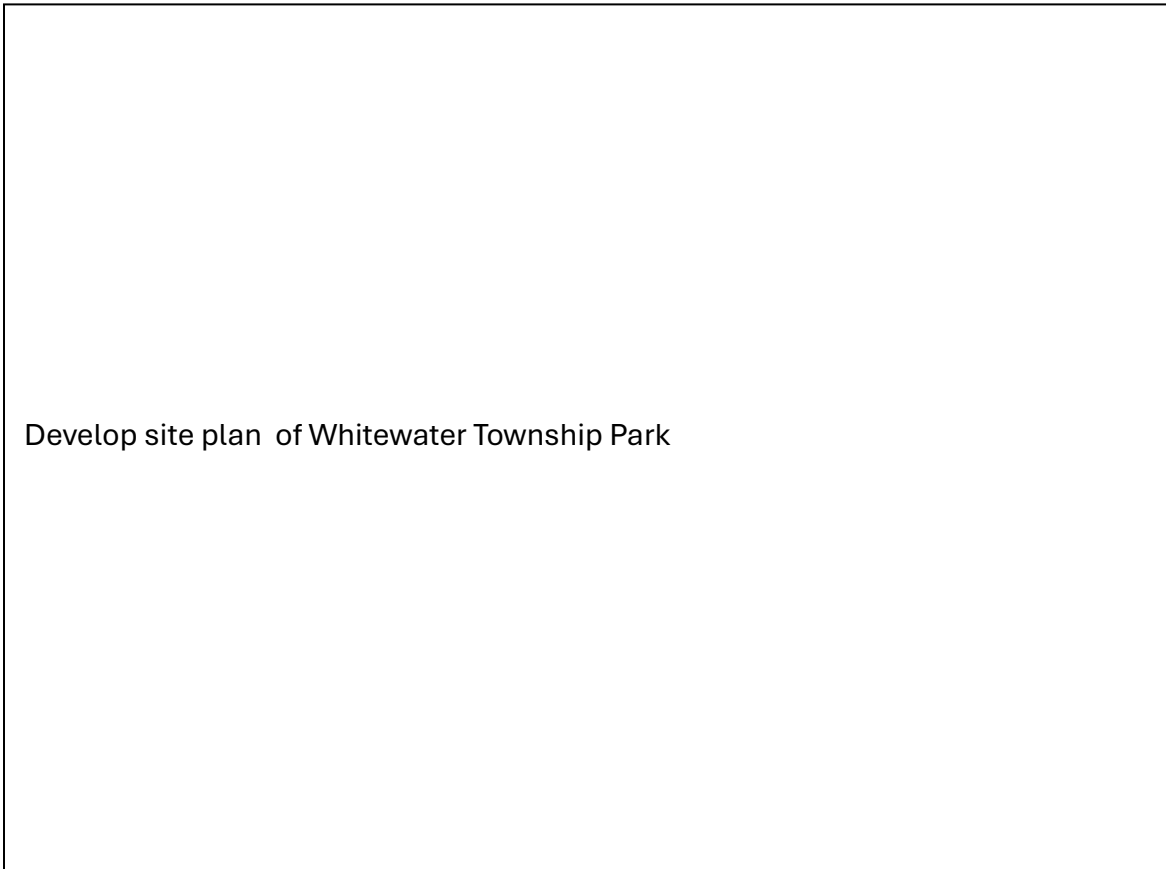
During the Summer of 2025, Township staff and PRAC members conducted a detailed inventory of the Park facilities owned and operated by the Township. This inventory also included an evaluation of all amenity conditions at the time of

inspection. The following is a table of parks and associated amenities. As a rural community, the NPRA suggested guidelines don't apply to Whitewater Township. Therefore, we did not include any "park's primary service area" data.

Whitewater Township Park

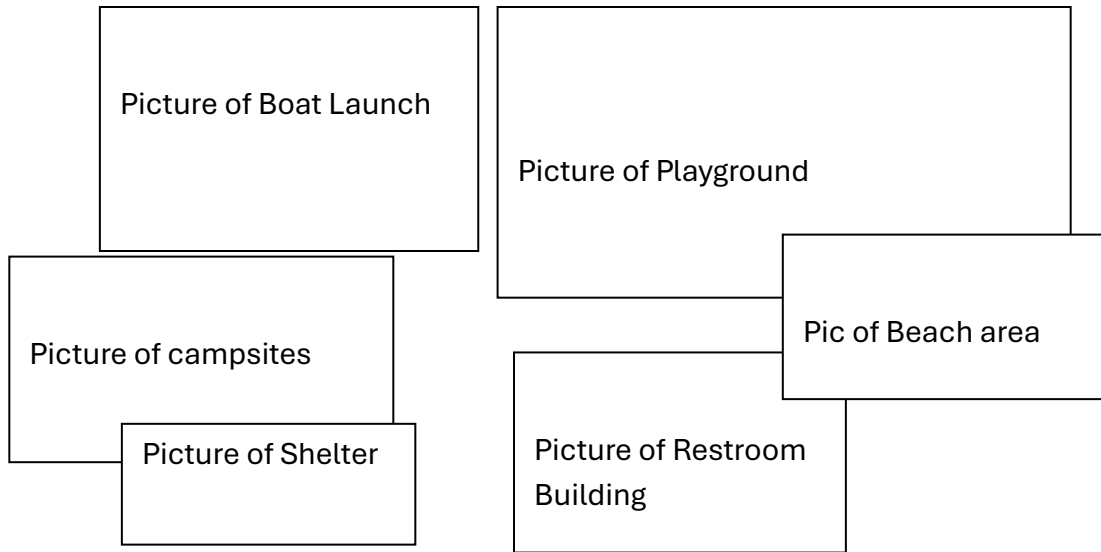
Size: 117 acres.

Location: Whitewater Township Park (WTP) is located on Park Road east of Elk Lake Road in section 15 of T28N, R9W. This is in the north central portion of the township on the west shore of Elk Lake near the south end of the lake.



Physical Features: Whitewater Township Park is a rolling parcel on the banks of Elk Lake that has a mixed vegetation cover with red pine plantation plantings, re-growth mixed forest, open area with scrub vegetation and turf areas. It is the only public campground and boat launch on Elk Lake in Grand Traverse County.

Activities: Camping, boating, fishing, playgrounds, picnicking, pavilion rental for group events, swimming, volleyball, hiking, cross country skiing, nature observation, trailhead to access Chain of Lakes Water Trail



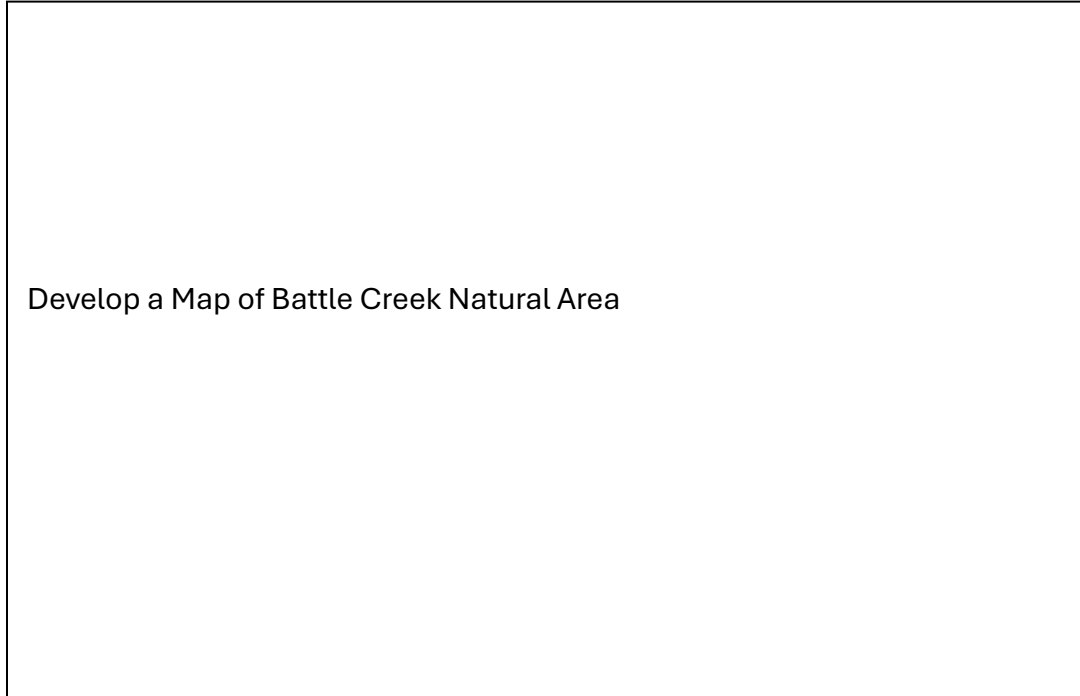
Accessibility evaluation facilities to be done by disability network of northern Michigan 231-922-0903 Overall Accessibility Score: ??????

Amenity	Quantity	Condition	Access	Notes/ Suggested Action
Main Access Road				
Parking Lot				
Park Greater Building				
Waste Dump Area				
Camping Restroom				
Playground				
Viewing Deck				
Stairs down to Lake				
Camping area drives				
Camp Sites				
Wooden bridge				
Electrical hook-up boxes				
Boat launch pad				
Boat launch Docks				
Boat launch Restrooms				
Beach				
Vehicle Barricades				
Benches				
Picnic Tables				
Park signage				
Entry Sign				
Trash Receptacle				

Battle Creek Natural Area Park

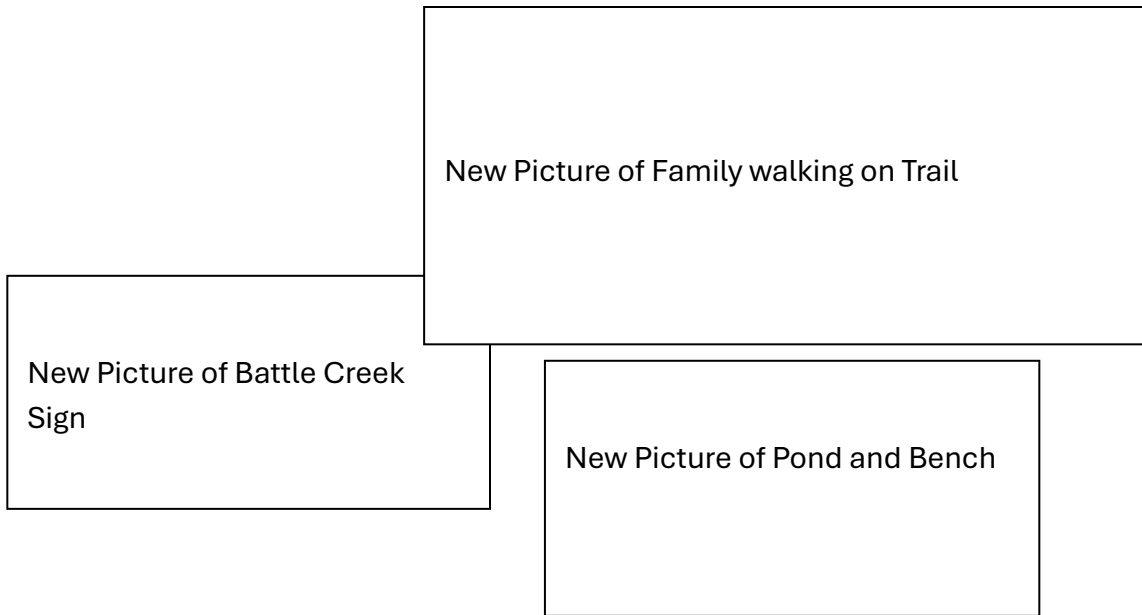
Size: 255.12 acres

Located west of Skegemog Point Road



The Battle Creek Natural Area is located at the south end of Elk Lake and includes 255 acres with approximately 2300 feet of lake frontage. The property lies 3.5 miles northeast of Williamsburg on the west side of Skegemog Point Road about one mile north of M-72. The Lossie Road Nature Trail crosses the south end of the property

providing two points of public access in addition to the main entrance located on Skegemog Point Road. The creek contributes approximately six billion gallons of clean water to Elk Lake and is especially important to water quality because of the size and quality of the wetland complex surrounding it. The wetlands are a valuable asset in the Elk Lake watershed and contributed to the naming of Battle Creek as a DNR-designated trout stream. Exceptional habitat and wildlife viewing opportunities are found throughout the Natural Area. Raptors, neo-tropical migrating songbirds, and a variety of waterfowl make use of the habitat provided by the creek and the large pond at the south end of Elk Lake.



Physical Features: The Battle Creek Natural Area includes a variety of diverse habitats and vast ecological systems. Battle Creek is a designated trout stream and one of the largest tributaries of Elk Lake. There is a footbridge spanning the creek along Lossie Road Nature Trail to provide safe crossing of the creek. Battle Creek widens into a large pond prior to flowing into Elk Lake and provides rich habitat and breeding grounds for a wide variety of wildlife including fish, waterfowl, amphibians, and reptiles. Huebner Pond and Dam is located in the southeast portion of the property on a tributary of Battle Creek and provides scenic viewing. Other features include wetlands, a red pine plantation, upland forest and approximately one-half mile of frontage on Elk Lake. This is one of the longest undeveloped shorelines remaining on Elk Lake. The shoreline is low, forested and offers expansive views.

Overall Accessibility Score: ???

Amenity	Quantity	Condition	Access	Notes/ Suggested Action
Access Road				
Parking lot				
Natural Trail				
Benches				
Trash Receptacle				
Vehicle Barricades				
Entry Sign				
Park signage				

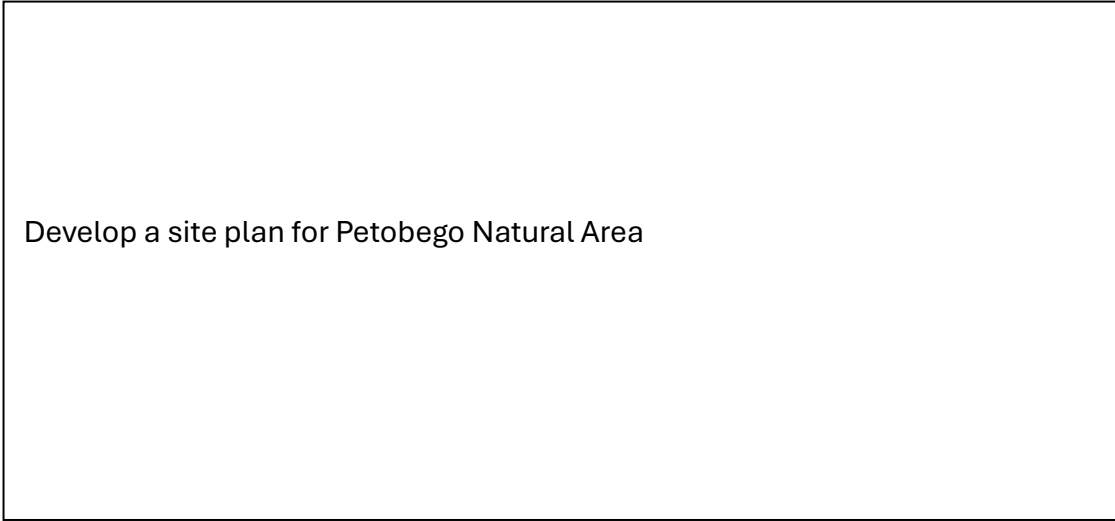
Petobego Natural Area Park

Size: 250 acres.

Location: The property is located in the northwest corner of T28N, R9W, sections 8 and 17, in Whitewater Township. Access is on Angell Road west of Elk Lake Road.

The property is adjacent to existing state-owned lands contained in the Petobego State Game Area and portions are within the State Game Area boundary.

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Physical Features: There are several ecological communities critical to the preservation of the natural, scenic and recreational resources of Tobeco Creek watershed within the area. Tobeco Creek flows through the property northward into the Petobego State Game Area which includes the Petobego Marsh and the Petobego Pond. There is approximately 7,500 feet of Tobeco Creek frontage, riparian wetlands, and uplands on both banks of Tobeco Creek. There is a wide diversity of wetland types which include emergent marsh, cedar swamp, and northern shrub thicket which host a variety of important wetland dependent plants and animal species. Forested wetland areas provide necessary thermal cover for white-tailed deer. The adjacent upland slopes and grasslands provide habitat for nesting waterfowl, neo-tropical passerine birds, upland game and non-game species.

Accessibility Score: ??????

Petobego Natural Area Facility and Amentiy Inventory

Amentiy	Quantity	Condition	Access	Notes/ Suggested Action
Parking lot				
Natural Trail				
Benches				
Trash Receptacle				
Vehicle Barricades				
Entry Sign				
Park signage				

New photo of Petobego looking north from Angell Road

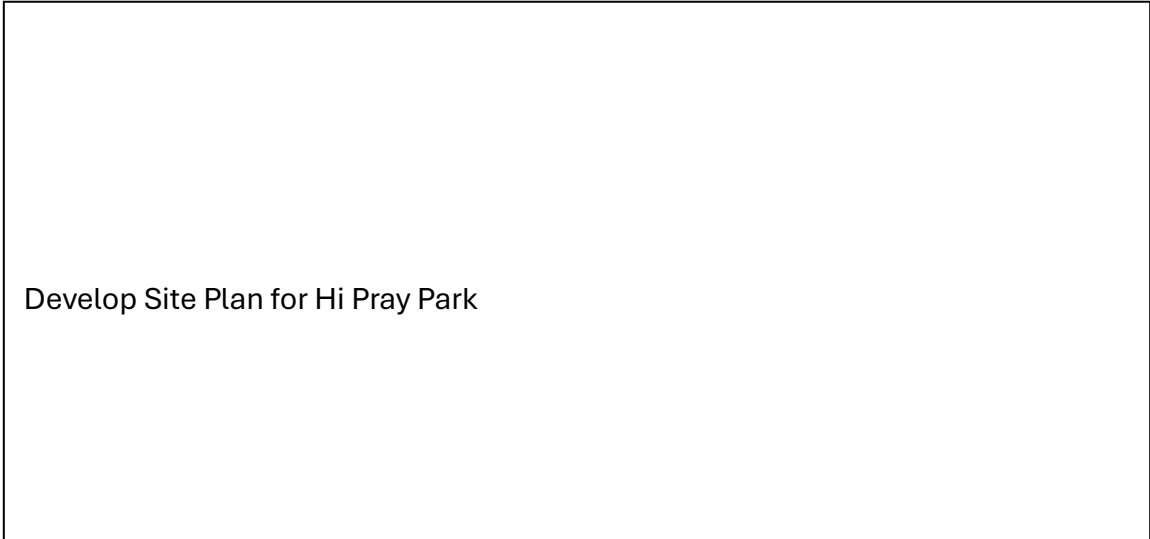
New Photo of Petobego Kiosk Looking South East

New picture of Gant Sign

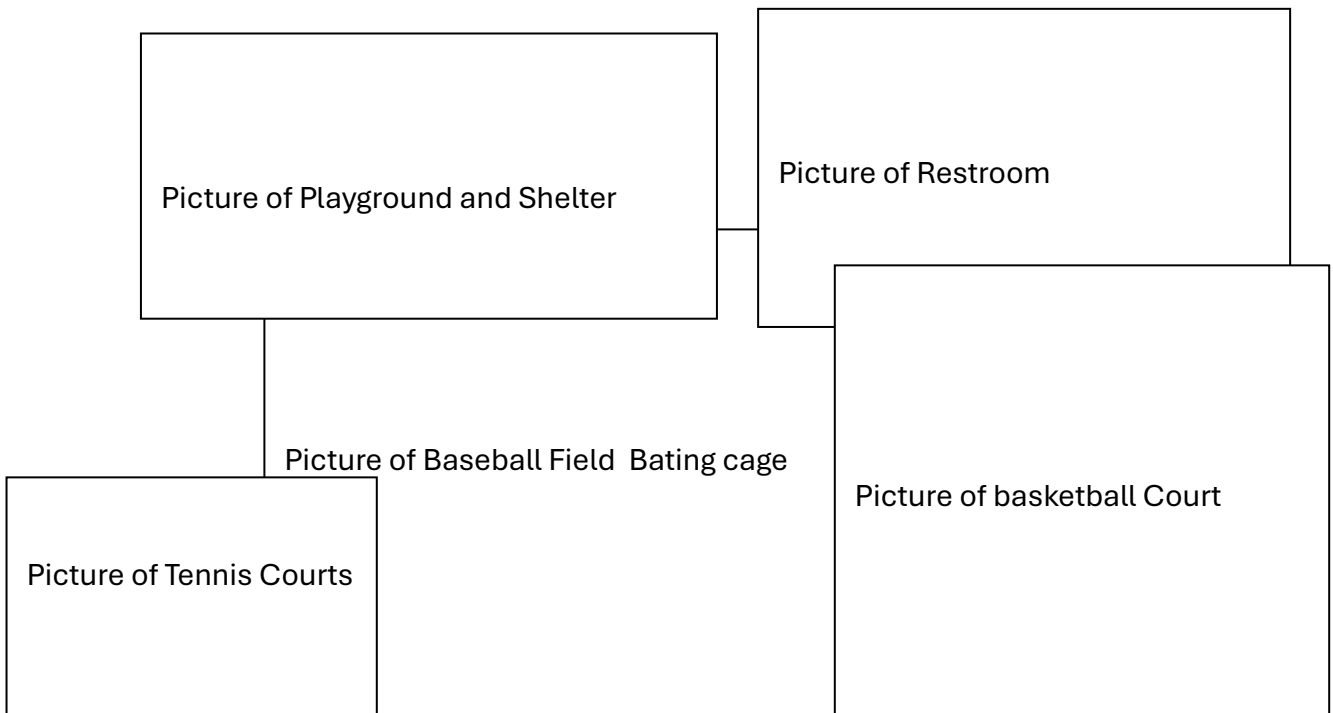
Hi Pray Park

Size: 12 acres.

Elk Lake Road and Old 72 Road



Physical Features: “Hi” Pray Park is primarily a flat parcel with turf areas and a wooded area that is predominately pine.



Accessibility Score: ??????

**Hi Pray Park Facility and Amenity
Inventory**

Type	Quantity	Condition	Access	Notes/ Suggested Action
Elk Lake Rd Parking				
Park Sign Elk Lake Rd.				
Shelter / Restroom				
Playground				
Ballfield East Turf				
Ballfield East Infield				
Ballfield East Fencing				
Ballfield East Dugouts				
Ballfield East Bleachers				
Ballfield West Turf				
Ballfield West Infield				
Ballfield West Fencing				
Ballfield West Dugouts				
Ballfield West Bleachers				
Basketball Court				
Tennis Courts				
Batting Cage				
Park Fencing				
Park Signage				
Park Benches				
Picnic Tables				
Trash Receptacle				
Vehicle Barricades				

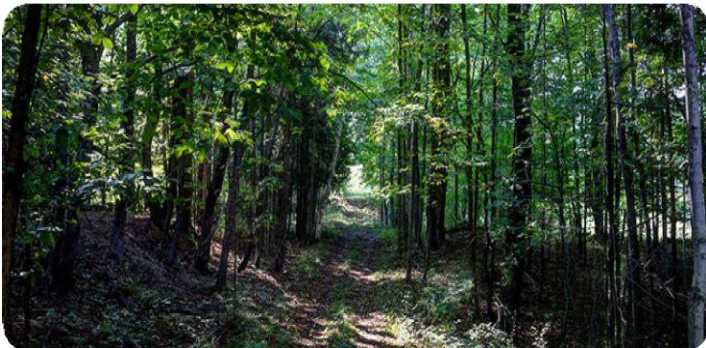
Lossie Road Trail Park

Size **????**

Location: Lossie Road Nature Trail begins at Cook Road where a stone marker has been placed honoring Edra “Mickey” Galligan, township supervisor 1985 to 1992, for her diligent efforts in acquiring Lossie Road Nature Trail from the Grand Traverse County Road Commission in 1992. The trail is a short distance south of the southwest corner of Elk Lake and continues east and slightly south to Skegemog Point Road. Physical Features: Lossie Road Nature Trail is a narrow linear park bordering a mixture of wooded and open areas.

Trail length: Approximately 3 miles one way.

Insert Site Plan of Lossie Trail



Overall Accessibility Score:

***Lossie Road Trail Facility and Amenity
Inventory***

Amenity	Quantity	Condition	Access	Notes/ Suggested Action
Parking lot				
Natural Trail				
Benches				
Trash Receptacle				
Vehicle Barricades				
Entry Sign				
Park signage				
Foot Bridge				

Parks and Natural Areas within Whitewater Township but not under control of the Township.

Petobego Natural Area

Location: The property is located in the northwest corner of T28N, R9W, sections 8 and 17, in Whitewater Township. Access is on Angell Road west of Elk Lake Road. The property is adjacent to existing state-owned lands contained in the Petobego State Game Area and portions are within the State Game Area boundary.

Size: 250 acres.

Physical Features: There are several ecological communities critical to the preservation of the natural, scenic and recreational resources of Tobeco Creek watershed within the area. Tobeco Creek flows through the property northward into the Petobego State Game Area which includes the Petobego Marsh and the Petobego Pond. There is approximately 7,500 feet of Tobeco Creek frontage, riparian wetlands, and uplands on both banks of Tobeco Creek. There is a wide diversity of wetland types which include emergent marsh, cedar swamp, and northern shrub thicket which host a variety of important wetland dependent plant and animal species. Forested wetland areas provide necessary thermal cover for white-tailed deer. The adjacent upland slopes and grasslands provide habitat for nesting waterfowl, neo-tropical passerine birds, upland game and non-game species.

Petobego State Game Area

A portion of the state-owned land that makes up the Petobego State Game Area is in Whitewater Township and is adjacent to the north boundary of the Petobego Natural Area. Tobeco Creek flows northward from the Natural Area into the State Game Area that includes the Petobego Marsh and the Petobego Pond (both of which are of state-wide significance as defined by the Michigan Natural Features Inventory), eventually emptying into Grand Traverse Bay.

Sand Lakes Quiet Area

Sand Lakes Quiet Area is a large natural area owned by the State of Michigan featuring five small lakes accessible by trail only. Several miles of nature trails traverse through the roughly 2,000 acre parcel. The area is used extensively for hiking, cross-country skiing, fishing, camping and nature viewing. With the interior of the Quiet Area closed to motor vehicles, a parking lot is located at the entrance for visitors. Vault toilets are available for park users.

Pere Marquette State Forest

Approximately 13-14,000 acres of forested land, lakes, rivers and streams, including the North Branch of the Boardman River, are available for hiking, fishing, hunting, nature viewing, and canoeing, kayaking, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling.

Shore to Shore Trail

This trail, used for horseback riding and hiking, runs from Lake Michigan to Lake Huron and passes through the southern end of the Township. It is a primitive trail with no facilities or accommodations.

VASA Trail

A portion of the VASA hiking, biking and skiing trail and the mountain biking annex passes through a small portion of the Township.

Baggs Landing Boat Ramp

A State of Michigan owned facility with concrete launching ramp and parking lot on Skegemog Lake. Vault toilets are located near the facility.

Samels Centennial Farm

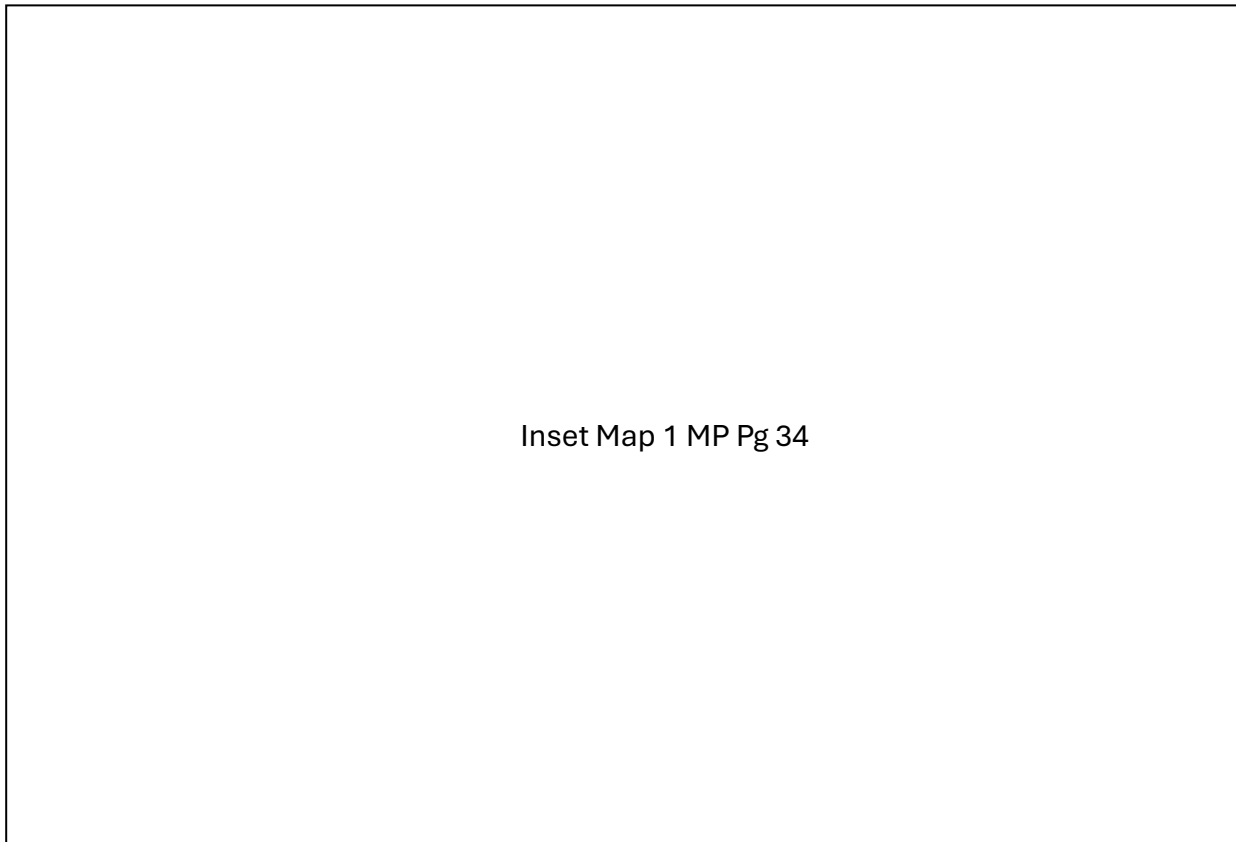
The Samels Centennial Farm is a 64 acre parcel located on Skegemog Point Road and bordering Skegemog Lake on the east. On the National Register of Historic Places, the site has yielded artifacts of many Indian cultures, some dating back to 9,000 BC. The family has entered into a trust agreement with the Archaeology Conservancy to preserve the entire farm, including the archaeological sites. A local group, the Samels Family Heritage Society,

SECTION 4 General Landscape Character

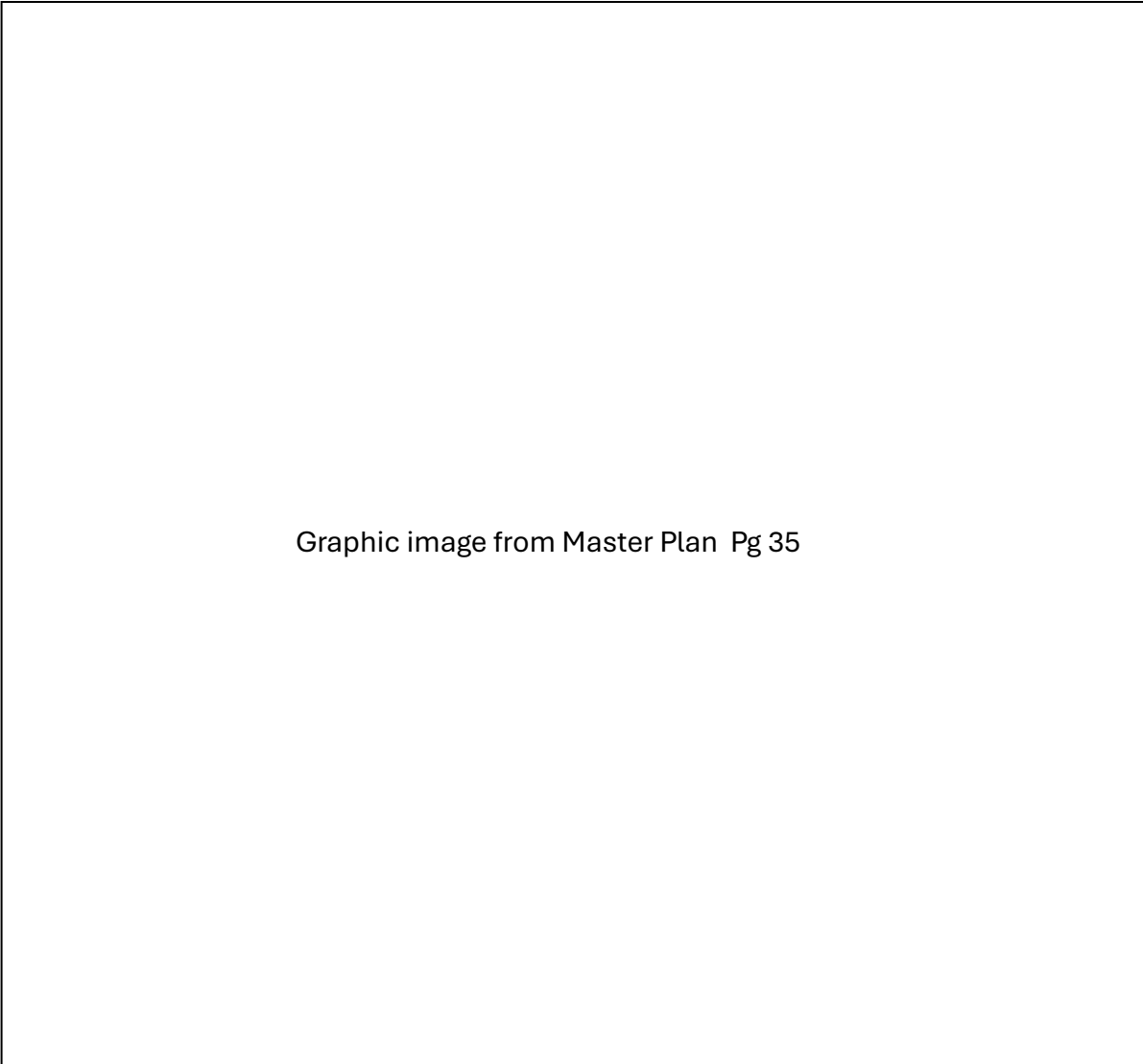
Whitewater Township is unique because it offers a diverse landscape with man-made features built on natural terrain with lakes and streams. The land itself is the product of glacial activity. Geologists estimate that the last ice sheet receded from the area thousands of years ago, carving out the deep

lakes and leaving rolling hills and sandy soils. The topography of Whitewater Township is such that higher elevations are found to the south. Rainfall that does not soak into the ground or evaporates, flows into streams and creeks that flow into Lake Michigan. Streams and creeks generally carry water northward into Elk Lake (and ultimately into the East Grand Traverse Bay in Elk Rapids) or south to the Boardman River (and ultimately into the West Bay of Grand Traverse Bay near Downtown Traverse City).

Map 1 shows the topography of Whitewater Township. Darker shades illustrate higher elevations, while lighter ones show lower elevations. There is about 500 feet of elevation difference between the lowest areas and the highest areas.



Whitewater Township Topography



Graphic image from Master Plan Pg 35

Map 2 Boardman River Watershed

Map 2 shows the watershed associated with the Boardman River in southern Whitewater Township. Water in the blue areas drains south, and west toward downtown Traverse City, where it empties into West Bay. The Boardman River is noteworthy because it is among Michigan's top ten trout streams. It is also designated as one of sixteen Natural River systems in Michigan. Natural River designation includes requirements for how land within the river corridor can be used.

Substantial efforts have been underway to remove dams and return the Boardman River to a more natural state. According to the Great Lakes Fishery Trust, this dam removal project is the largest in Michigan's history and one of the most significant in the Great Lakes Basin. The benefits of dam removal and the return to natural conditions include restoring aquatic habitats and improved outdoor recreation opportunities. 30

The Township Landscape is broken down into five Regions

Breaking down Whitewater Township's diverse natural and man-made landscape reveals at least five distinctive and unique regions that look, feel, and function differently from others. These areas uniquely combine natural characteristics with the presence (or absence) of human activity. The following five regions of Whitewater Township are identified on **Map 3**. The realization that Whitewater Township is blessed with an abundance of natural landscape resources will play a significant role in future development decision making.



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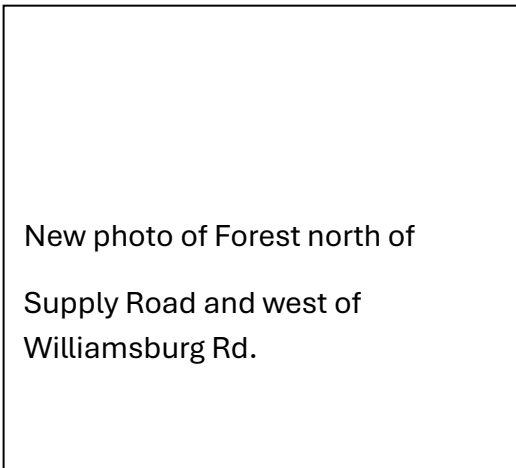
Map 3 General Landscape Regions of Whitewater Township

Region 1 – Northern Forests.

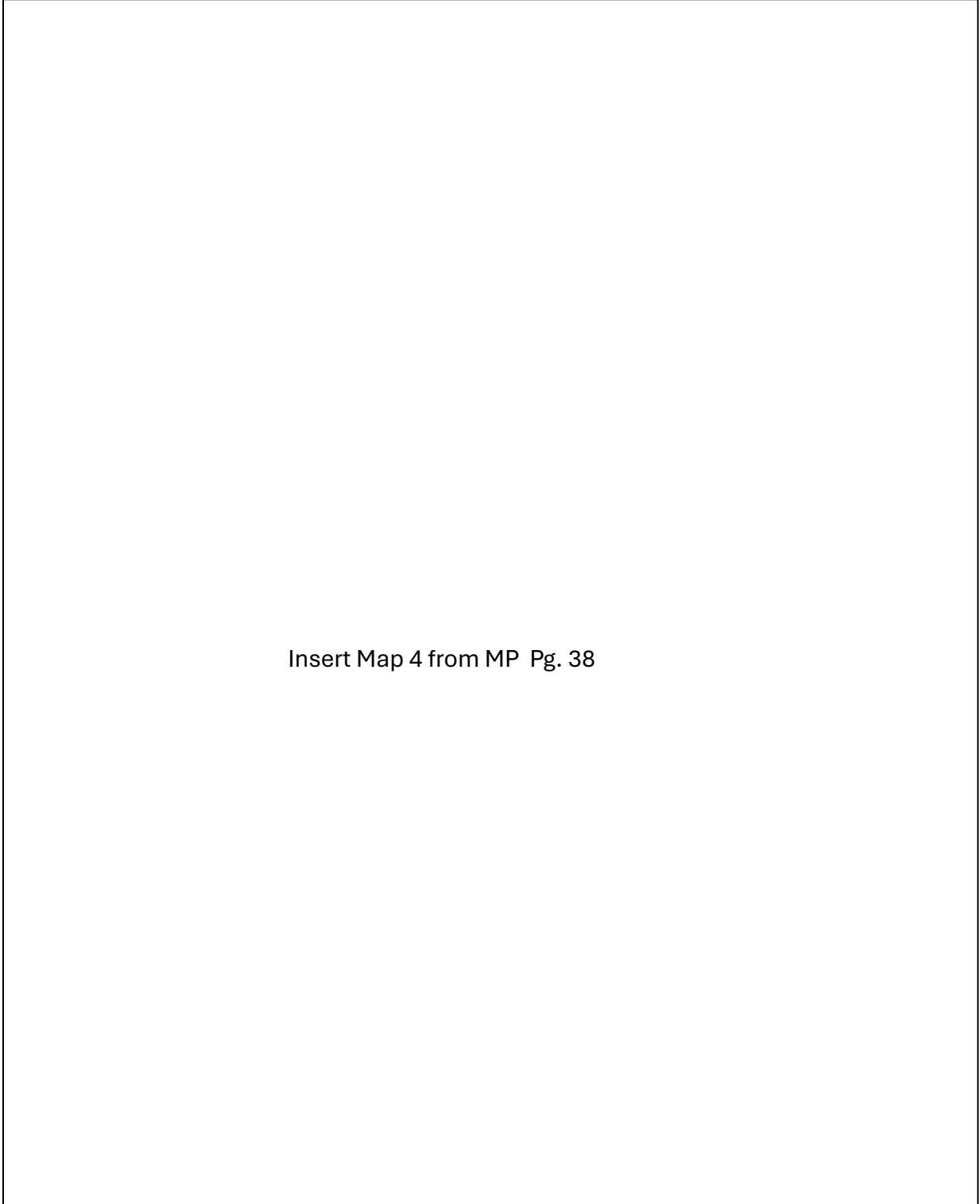
Generally, south of M-72, the landscape is heavily wooded, with trees extending across a gently rolling terrain. Tree species include northern hardwoods (maple, birch, oak, beech, etc.). Much of the land south of M-72 is part of the Pere Marquette State Forest, which extends throughout more than a dozen counties on the western side of Michigan’s lower peninsula. Permanent and seasonal homes on larger lots, along with seasonal roads and recreational trails, are found throughout this region. Also, within the

Pere Marquette State Forest and Whitewater Township, the Sand Lakes Quiet Area is a place where motorized activity is banned. This area is nearly 2,800 acres, and the terrain includes rolling hills and lakes. Walking trails extend more than seven miles, and places to camp are provided in this area. Outdoor activities include cross-country skiing, fishing, hiking, hunting, mountain biking, snowshoeing, and wildlife watching.

Map 4 illustrates the extensive land holdings of the State of Michigan in Whitewater Township, depicted in a shade of green. Whitewater Township, encompassing 34,957.99 acres, is significantly impacted by state land holdings, which include 15,044.8 acres. This represents approximately 43% of Whitewater Township.



Map 4 State Land in Whitewater Township

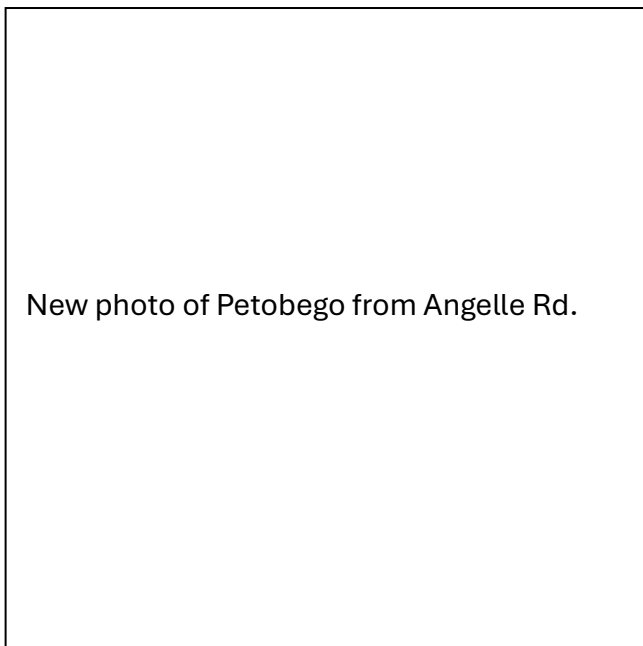


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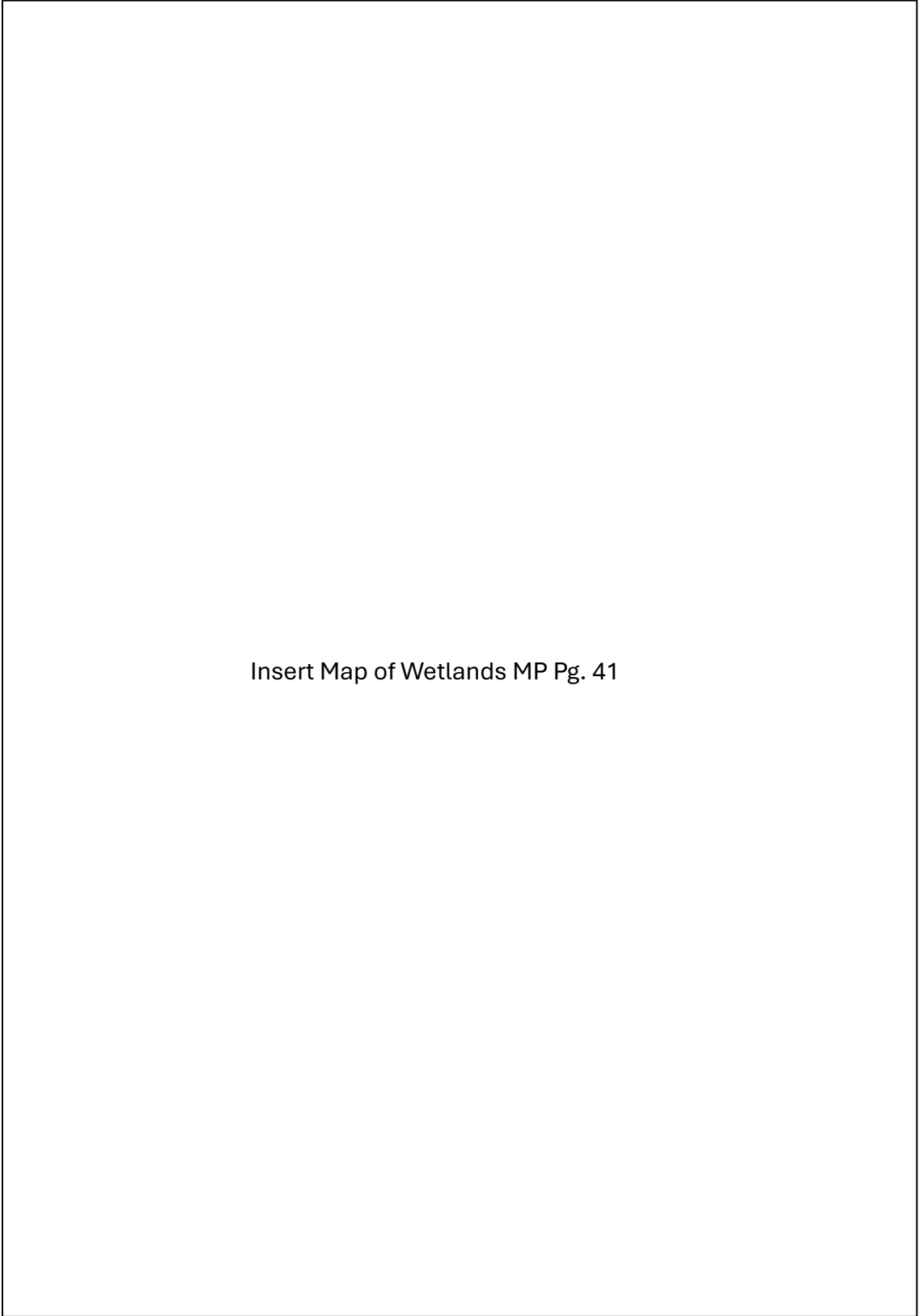
Region 4 – Extensive Wetlands.

Interspersed in the rural agricultural area and elsewhere are large tracts of land with ponds, standing water, and wetlands. Wetlands are valuable natural assets because they clean the water, recharge water supplies, reduce flood risks, and provide fish and wildlife habitats. State and federal laws require permits before dredging or placing fill material in wetlands, or construction activity in a regulated wetland. The presence of wetlands in and of itself is not unusual in the Midwest, but the amount of land locally identified as a wetland is. According to the National Wetlands Inventory, produced by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Whitewater

Township has about 2,640 acres of wetlands (or about 7.5% of Whitewater Township). This is depicted in greater detail on **Map 5** (blue areas are wetlands). It should be noted that this map is intended to show the large areas of wetlands in the area and is not a substitute for site-specific wetlands studies to determine the boundaries of regulated wetlands for permitting requirements. One area of extensive wetlands in Whitewater Township is the Petobego Natural Area and another is south of Elk Lake and Miami Beach Road where Battle Creek empties into Elk Lake. Both of these areas are visible on **Map 5**.



Map 5 Wetlands Map



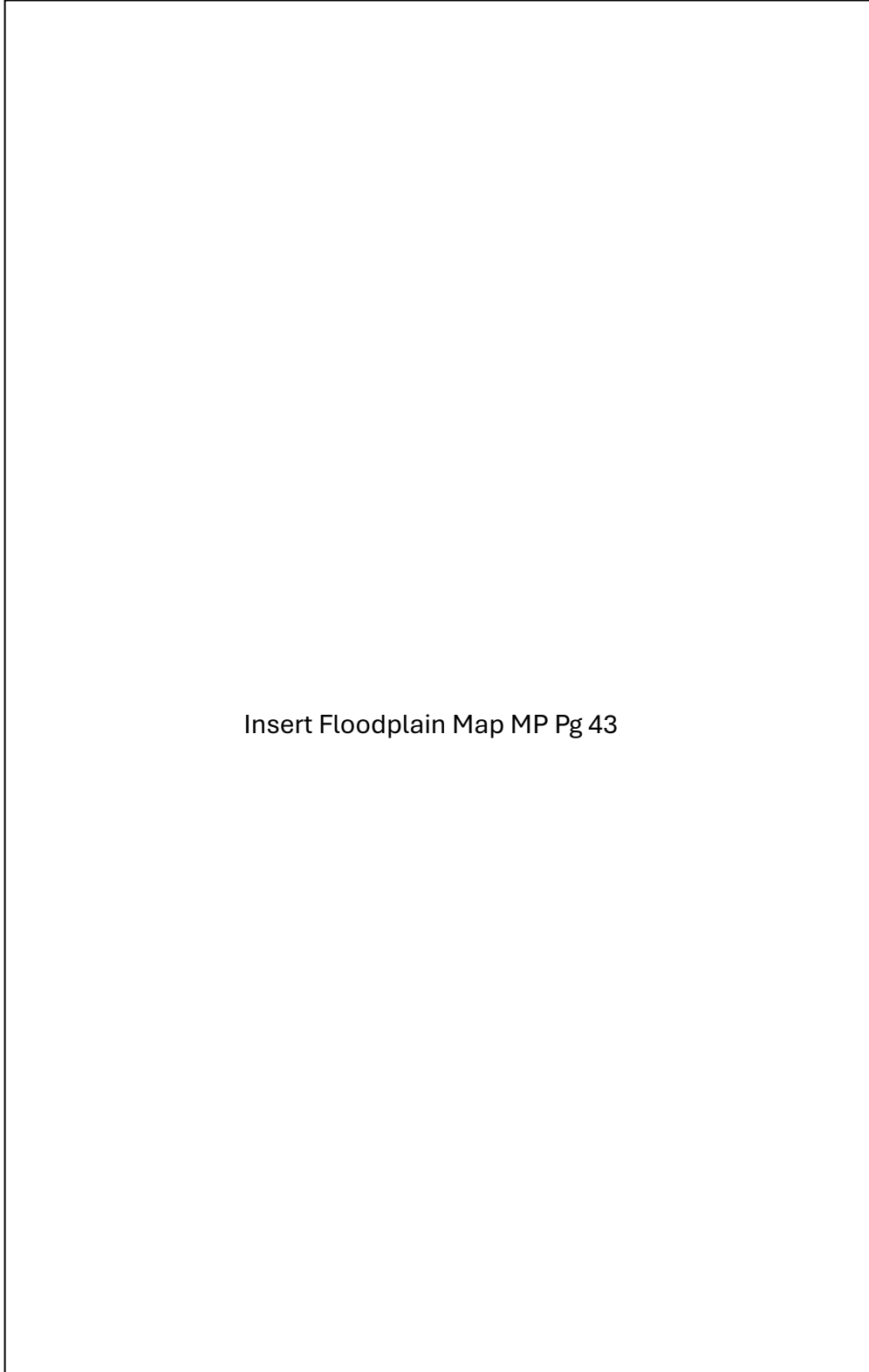
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Floodplains

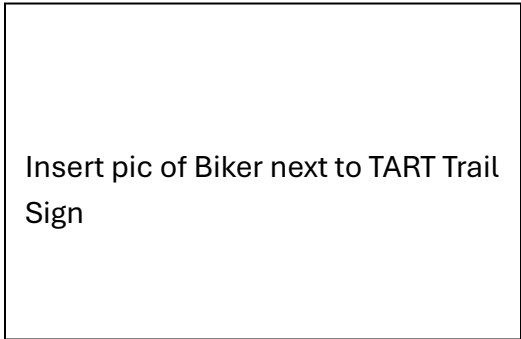
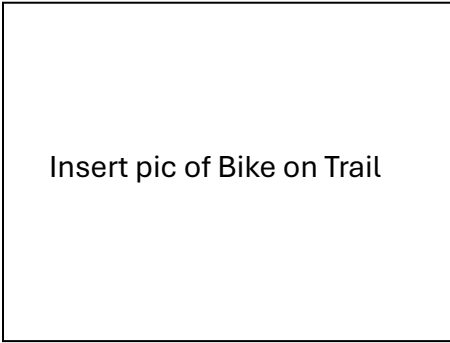
Related to the issue of wetlands is the matter of land subject to periodic flooding. The floodplain is the land next to a water body, such as a lake, river, stream, or creek that is subject to flooding when significant rain events combine with other conditions to force water above normal levels. Floodplains have been mapped nationally by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as part of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and are associated with a 100-year flood event. In other words, land included in the 100-year flood plain has a one percent chance of flooding in any given year. The NFIP enables property owners to purchase flood insurance. In return, communities agree to adopt and implement local floodplain management regulations that contribute to protecting lives and reduce the risk of new construction and substantial improvements from future flooding. The recently completed 2022 Grand Traverse County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan contains important floodplain-related information for all of Grand Traverse County. From a land use

perspective, the identification of 100-year floodplain boundaries helps understand general limitations on future development. The 100-year floodplain boundaries are depicted in greater detail on **Map 6**. This map is provided for general reference only and is based on the new Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) that became effective in April 2023. However, any questions about whether a particular property is in the regulatory flood plain should be made using actual FIRM maps by qualified individuals. It should also be understood that while flooding potential is an obvious and important limitation for how land can be used and built upon, land in the 100-year floodplain can be developed provided flood mitigation measures are met and compensated for. Whitewater Township is participating in the NFIP (pursuant to General Ordinance 53) and has an agreement with Grand Traverse County to enforce all Floodplain Management elements as FEMA requires. Grand Traverse County acts through its County Construction Code Office.

Map 6 Floodplain Map



Insert Floodplain Map MP Pg 43



Trails

One significant trail in Whitewater Township is the Iron Belle Trail which connects Belle Isle (in the Detroit River near Downtown) to Ironwood Michigan in the western Upper Peninsula. The Iron Belle Trail is 2,000 miles long and it crisscrosses more than half of Michigan’s counties along two distinct hiking and biking routes. The biking route utilizes many of the state’s existing bike paths, bike lanes and designated biking routes as it travels up the east side of the state. The hiking route (which goes through Whitewater Township) utilizes sidewalks, trails, and the 1,000-mile plus North Country National Scenic Trail traveling up the west side of the Lower Peninsula. The trail is still under development and is more than two-thirds complete. When done, it will be the longest state-designated trail in the nation. The west leg of the Iron Belle Trail travels through southern Whitewater Township. An illustration of all trails in Whitewater Township is provided on **Map 7**. It should also be noted that TART (Traverse Area Recreation and Transportation Trails, Inc.) is a local 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization. The mission of this organization is to provide and promote a trail network that enriches people and communities throughout the greater Grand Traverse region. The TART Trail network is within and near Whitewater Township. The Boardman/Ottaway River Trail is a 24-mile trail that crosses Supply Road west of Williamsburg Road. TART has many active trail development projects in and around the region. Another significant trail project in the area that is now underway is the Nakwema Trailway. When complete, this project will close a 45-mile gap between Charlevoix and the TART Trails’ networks in Acme. This project begins near the Deepwater Point Natural Area/Acme Bayside Park and continues north along US 31 through Elk Rapids, Eastport, Norwood, and Charlevoix.

Map 7 Area Trails

Insert Map 9 From MP Pg 47

Bike Route

Just to the west of Whitewater Township is U.S. Bicycle Route 35. U.S. Bicycle Route 35 is a 500-mile route that runs from Indiana through Michigan to Sault Ste. Marie, Canada, generally follows the Lake Michigan shoreline and through the eastern Upper Peninsula.

Insert Bike route 35 pg 17 MP Pg 48

Insert US Bike Route 35 pg 16 Map MP Pg 48

The Exiting TART Trail ends a mile west of Whitewater Township at M-72. Extension of this trail through the Turtle Creek Casino site and to the commercial / business area district of the Township could have a significant impact on growth development.

Off-Road Vehicles and Snowmobiles

Northern Michigan is a popular destination for people who wish to ride off-road vehicles (ORVs). Clubs and organizations exist to promote this activity. The State of Michigan has more than 4,000 miles of ORV routes on public land. A portion of this network is included in Whitewater Township (just north of Sand Lakes Road in the southern part of the township). This network is shown on the following map titled Traverse City ORV Route, and ORVs of all sizes are permitted on this system with an ORV license and trail permit. The Traverse City ORV route creates a loop extending from Kalkaska to points southwest toward East Bay Township and Paradise Township, **Map 8**.

Another category of recreational travel involves snowmobiles. Snowmobiles are allowed to operate in the right-of-way of a public highway if operated at the extreme right of the open portion of the right-of-way and with the traffic flow on the road. Snowmobiles also have access to a network of trails throughout Michigan with a certificate of registration, registration decals, and a trail permit sticker. As shown, the Grand Traverse Area Snowmobile Club (part of the Michigan Snowmobile & ORV Association) has developed a trail route that connects the Kalkaska area with areas south of Traverse City and extends well south of Fife Lake, **Map 9**.



New Pic of ATV in Woods

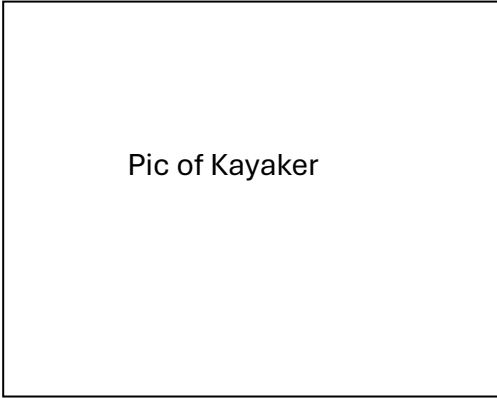
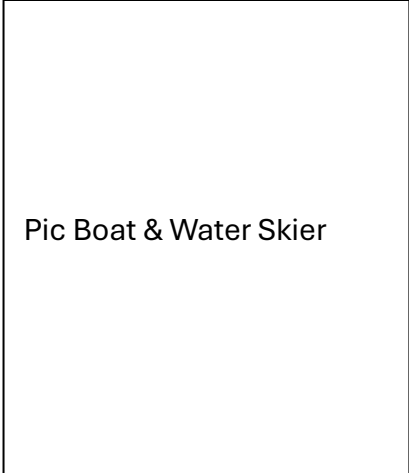


New Pic of Snowmobile on trail

Insert Traverse City ORV Route Map MP Pg 51

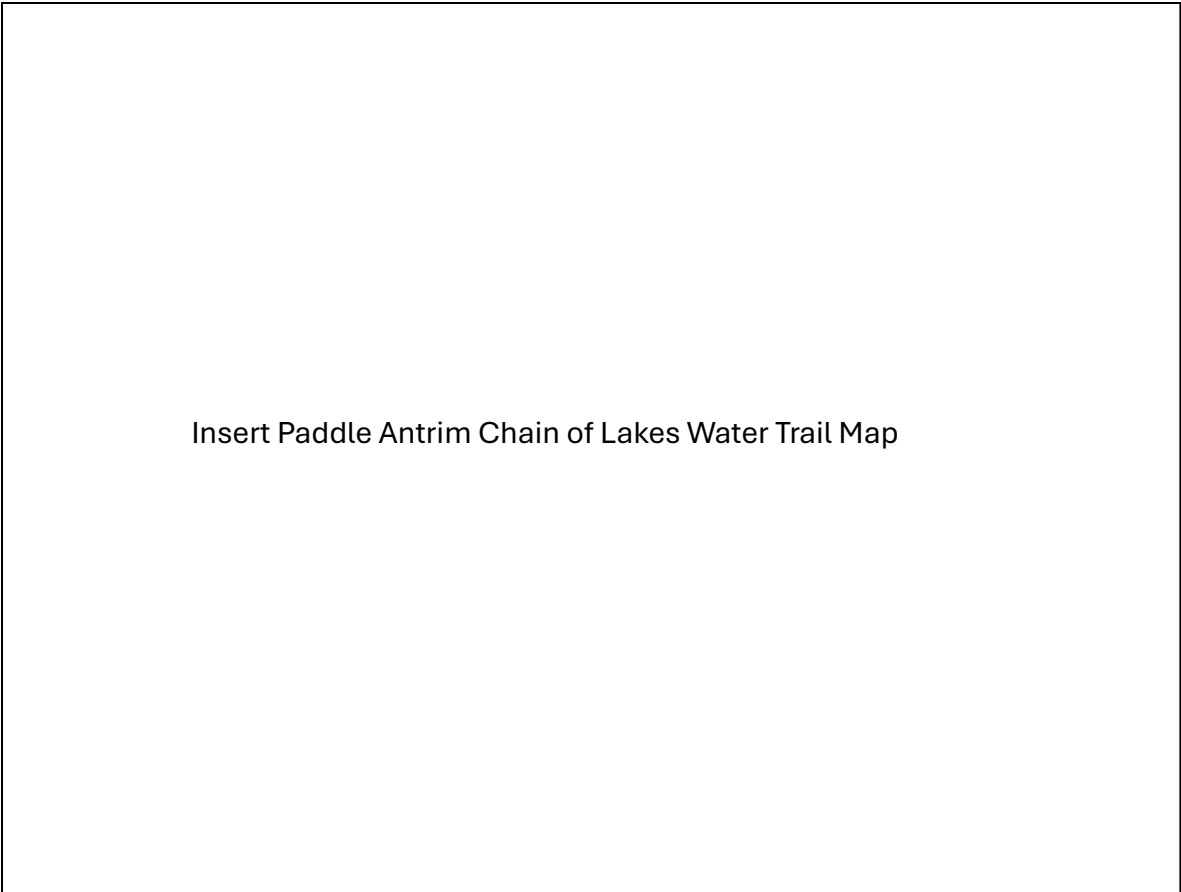
MAP 8 ORV Trails

Insert Grand Traverse Snowmobile Club Trail Map MP Pg. 52



Boating and Water Sports Recreation

Boat traffic can travel from Baggs Landing on Lake Skegemog or from Whitewater Township Park on Elk Lake to Elk Rapids or through the Torch River into Torch Lake. This water tributary offers inlet into the Northwest Michigan Chain O Lakes system, a system that consists of 14 lakes and is over 75 miles long. There is also access through designated locations within township parks to the Chain of Lakes Water Trail hosted by Paddle Antrim.



Natural Resources

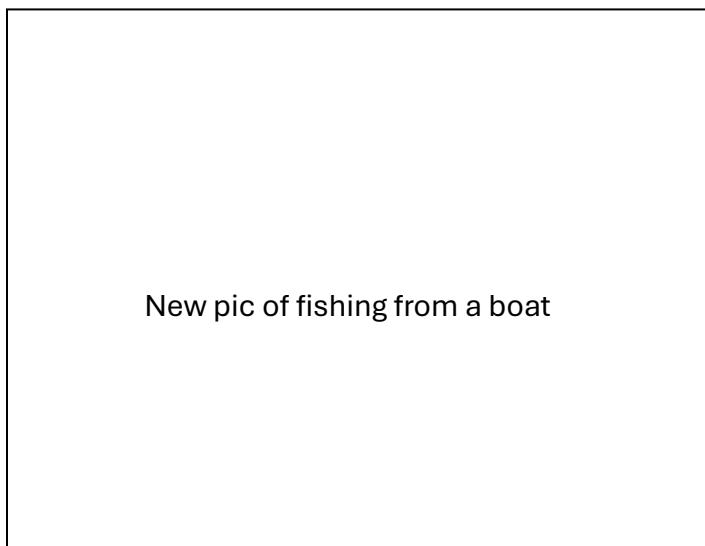
The biggest attraction to the Grand Traverse region is the natural resources of the area including Grand Traverse Bay, many inland lakes, rivers, streams and forested areas and extensive state forest land. The Township has several inland lakes including Elk and Skegemog Lakes, which are the largest. Others include Island Lake, Truax Lake, the five Sand

Lakes, Twin Lakes, Bullhead Lake, Roots Lake, Dollar Lake and Strombolis Lake. The North Branch of the Boardman River flows through the southeast portion of the Township. Major creeks flowing through the Township include Williamsburg Creek, Battle Creek, Tobeco Creek, Mabel Creek and Bissel Creek.

Fish and Wildlife Resources

Fishing has always been popular in the area and the lakes offer both warm and cold-water species. Many types of trout including brown, brook, rainbow and lake trout, along with Atlantic salmon, are found in the Elk, Skegemog and Torch chain of lakes and connecting streams. Many types of panfish are present in area lakes along with walleye, bass, pike and muskellunge. Wildlife of many types are

found in this area including whitetail deer, black bear, porcupines, bobcats, fox, coyotes, skunks, rabbits, opossum, weasel, mink, muskrat, beaver, otter, badgers, woodchuck, woodcock, grouse, wild turkeys and squirrels. Ducks, geese, swans, loons and other waterfowl abound in the area lakes, and many types of song birds and birds of prey including Bald Eagles and Osprey are seen in the area.



Climate

Lake Michigan and Grand Traverse Bay have a moderating effect on the weather with cooler summers and warmer winters near the Bay. Increased snow, or lake effect, is also prevalent in the township because of proximity to Lake Michigan. The difference in weather conditions from season to season contributes to the

enjoyment of diverse recreational activities in all four seasons. As Stuarts of the land, we recognize that climate change is “real”. How that change affects what we do in the future in the delivery of recreational services will need to be addressed sooner than later.

Rural Character

As the Township plans recreational opportunities that will meet the needs of the community, the Township recognizes that protecting and preserving the rural character of our parks and their natural resources is an integral part of the recreational planning process.

Section #5 Planning Process & Public Input

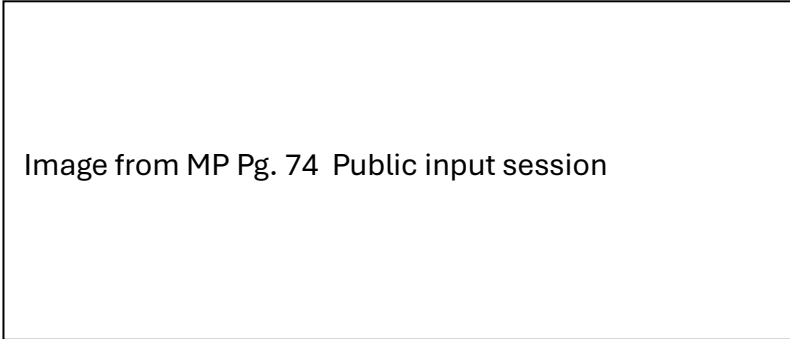


Image from MP Pg. 74 Public input session

The Whitewater Township Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meetings are typically held on the third Tuesday of the month. The meeting agenda and packets are posted on the Township website. Meetings are open to the public with recorded meeting minutes.

During the spring and summer of 2025, an Attitude and interest survey was open for the public. The survey was advertised on the Township website, flyers were handed out at the annual yard waste removal dump site and advertised in the local newspaper. The survey itself was available online on the Townships website. Hard copies were available during business hours to be picked-up at the Township Hall and if requested were mailed to interested residents.

The Township received **????** survey responses. Responses provided valuable feedback regarding current and future facilities interest. In addition to specific questions on the survey, residents were given space to provide additional comments an any requestion topic. A copy of the survey and results and those additional comments can be found in the appendix of this plan.

WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP 2026 RECREATION ATTITUDE AND INTEREST SURVEY

Q1. Have you or any members of your household visited any Whitewater Township Parks during the past 24 months?

- YES
- NO Please proceed with question Q-3

Q1a. If yes to question Q-1, Which Park does someone in your family frequent the most and how often? (Check only one at each Park Location)

BATTLE CREEK NATURAL AREA

- A few times a month
- Once a month
- Several times a year
- Once every few years
- Never

HI PRAY PARK

- A few times a month
- Once a month
- Several times a year
- Never

LOSSIE ROAD TRAIL PARK

- A few times a month
- Once a month
- Several times a year
- Once every few years
- Never

PETOBEGO PARK

- A few times a month
- Once a month
- Several times a year
- Once every few years
- Never

WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP PARK /CAMPGROUND

- A few times a month
- Once a month
- Several times a year
- Once every few years
- Never

Q2. Overall, how would you rate the physical condition of the parks in Whitewater township?

EXCELLENT

FAIR

GOOD

POOR

Q3. Please select all the recreational activities you or someone in your household enjoy doing.

Baseball

Basketball (outdoor)

Bicycling

Boating

Camping

Fishing (including Ice)

Hiking

Ice Skating

Hunting

Horse Riding

ORV / ATV

Paddle Water Sports (Kayak canoe)

Paddle Sports (Tennis Pickleball)

Picnic / BBQ

Roller Blade Skating

Snowmobile riding

Snowshoeing

Swimming

Walking /Jogging /Running

Wildlife observation

OTHER (PLEASE LIST UNDER THE COMMENTS SECTION)

Q4. Please **RATE** if YOU or any member of your HOUSEHOLD has a desire or need for each of the parks and recreational facilities listed below. 1 being your top choice / 5 being not at all.

- BASEBALL/ SOFTBALL FIELDS 1 2 3 4 5
- DISC GOLF 1 2 3 4 5
- FISHING DOCK / PIER 1 2 3 4 5
- LAKE ACCESS SWIMMING /BEACH 1 2 3 4 5
- IMPROVED NATURE TRAILS 1 2 3 4 5
- OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURTS 1 2 3 4 5
- OUTDOOR TENNIS COURTS 1 2 3 4 5
- OUTDOOR PICKLEBALL COURTS 1 2 3 4 5
- PICNIC SHELTERS / EVENT PAVILION 1 2 3 4 5
- PLAYGROUNDS 1 2 3 4 5
- HORSE RIDING TRAILS OR FACILITIES 1 2 3 4 5
- OUTDOOR FITNESS STATION S 1 2 3 4 5

Q5. Which PARK do you think should receive the most attention from the Township over the next five years? 1 being your top choice 5 being least choice

- BATTLE CREEK NATURAL AREA 1 2 3 4 5
- HI PRAY PARK 1 2 3 4 5
- LOSSIE ROAD TRAIL PARK 1 2 3 4 5
- PETOBEGO PARK 1 2 3 4 5
- WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP PARK 1 2 3 4 5

Q6. Please indicate park facilities outside of Whitewater Township that you or someone in your family frequent and the activity(s) that draws you there. Choose more than one if it applies

Acme Township

Activity _____

Clearwater Township

Activity _____

Elk Rapids Village

Activity _____

Eastbay Township

Activity _____

Milton Township

Activity _____

TART Trails

Activity _____

State Parks

Activity _____

Q7. How long have you lived in Whitewater Township?

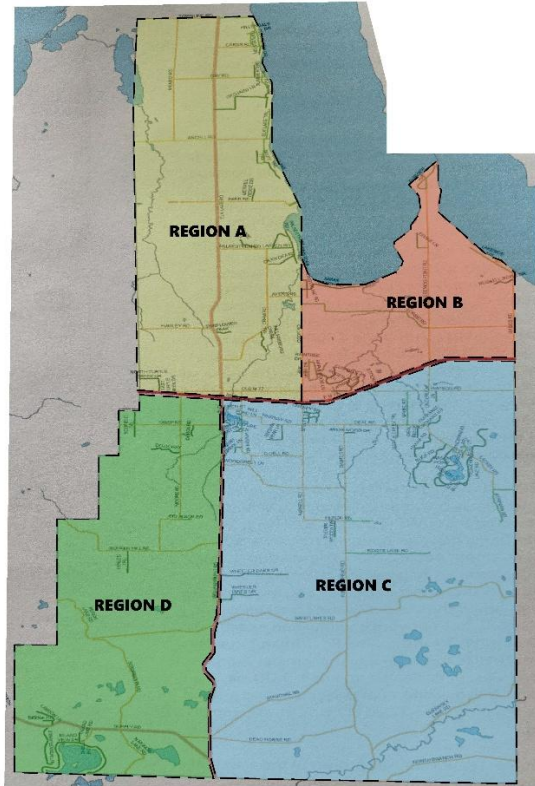
Less than 1 year

Over 10 years

1–5 years

I do not live in the township

6–10 years



Q8. Where do you live in Whitwater Township?

REGION A

REGION B

REGION C

REGION D

Q9. Including yourself, please indicate the number persons with the following **Ages** within your household.

UNDER 5 YRS 1 2 3 4 5

AGES 5-9 YRS 1 2 3 4 5

AGES 10-19 YRS 1 2 3 4 5

AGES 20-34 YRS 1 2 3 4 5

AGES 35-64 YRS 1 2 3 4 5

AGES 65-74 YRS 1 2 3 4 5

AGES 75 YRS AND OLDER 1 2 3 4 5

Q10. What barriers, if any, prevent you or your family from using local parks more often? (Check all that apply)

- Lack of time
- Inadequate facilities
- Safety concerns
- Poor maintenance
- Accessibility issues
- Lack of awareness
- Transportation issues
- Nothing prevents me
- Other (please specify): _____

Q11. If you could improve one thing about Whitewater Township's parks and recreation offerings, what would it be?

Q12. Would you be interested in volunteering or participating in community efforts to improve parks and recreation?

- Yes
- Maybe
- No

Q13. Would you like to be notified about public meetings or updates about the Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan?

Yes (Please provide email or contact info)

Please comment on anything we have missed, or any thoughts you might have regarding Parks and Recreation facilities and or programs in Whitewater Township.

Survey question analysis in the form of graphical representation

Usage

Any Whitewater township park?

How often?

Park amenities are most often used

Other Parks usage

Other Park facilities outside of Whitewater Township

Why other Parks

What activities or amenities should Whitewater Township plan for or develop

Survey question analysis in numerical form

Usage

Any Whitewater township park?

How often?

Park amenities are most often used

Other Parks usage

Other Park facilities outside of Whitewater Township

Why other Parks

What activities or amenities should Whitewater Township plan for or develop Listed Survey

Other Comments

Section #6 Goals & Objectives

Section #7 Action Plan

Capital development plan moving forward

Appendix

