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INTRODUCTION

The purposes of this Parks and Recreation Plan are to inventory existing recreational opportunities and facilities available to residents of Lenawee County, identify problems and future needs, and establish a plan which addresses identified problems and assures adequate recreation services and facilities in a programmed systematic manner for both the present and expected future population. The plan is intended to be a policy guide for Lenawee County officials in developing efficient recreational services and facilities.

This recreation plan evaluates the comprehensive recreational needs of the residents of Lenawee County for playgrounds, neighborhoods and community parks, and regional parks and prescribes a plan that accommodates and fulfills these needs.

The Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Commission is responsible for development of this plan with the assistance of the Region 2 Planning Commission staff acting as consultant to the Commission. The Commission assisted in the inventory of existing recreational facilities and programs and provided invaluable assistance in plan preparation and policy recommendations. The Commission consists of five members representing the County Board of Commissioners and the general public. Two commissioners are also members of the Lenawee County Planning Commission.

It is appropriate that the plan is periodically re-evaluated to ensure an up-to-date document that meets the needs and desires of Lenawee County. Recommended procedures for re-evaluation of the Plan shall be that the Parks and Recreation Commission re-evaluate the contents annually, particularly considering whether the goals and objectives are being met, and that the five-year short-range plan be kept current.

The 2010-2014 Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Plan was developed in accordance with the Guidelines for the *“Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans”* as revised by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in 2004.

COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Lenawee County is located in southeastern Michigan south of the I-94 transportation corridor between Detroit and Chicago. Nearby urban areas include Toledo, Jackson, and Ann Arbor (see Map 1).

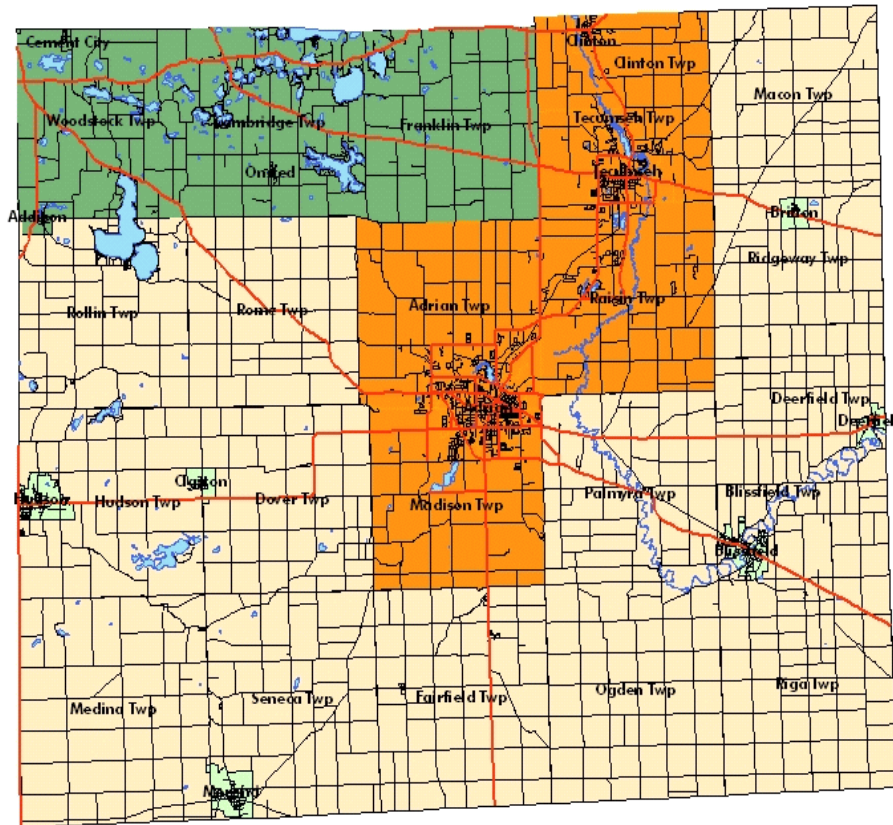
Lenawee County is characterized by an urban corridor extending from Adrian to the Village of Clinton. In addition to this urbanized area, there are 10 other cities and villages in the County (see Map 2). The urban corridor includes the cities of Adrian and Tecumseh, the Village of Clinton, and the townships of Clinton, Adrian, Raisin, Tecumseh and Madison. According to 2007 population estimates, the corridor accounted for 58,127 people, or 57% of County's population. The remaining incorporated rural cities and villages accounted for 11,743 people, or 12% of the county total. (More detailed information regarding the demographics of Lenawee County can be found in Appendix A).

Land Use

The most current source of data on land use is the Lenawee County Comprehensive Land Use Plan adopted in 2002. Existing land use data from the plan from 1998 indicate that of the 735 square miles in Lenawee County, 71 square miles are used for urban purposes such as residential, commercial, industrial, transportation and communications. The remaining 664 square miles were used for rural purposes such as agriculture, forest, water, wetlands, and barren lands. Though land use has changed considerably since 1998, Lenawee County remains primarily rural in nature. In some instances, the County has witnessed signs of urban sprawl as low-density residential development occurs in rural areas.

Over half of the population in Lenawee County is concentrated in the urban core. Because public sewer facilities are available in much of this area, the urban core contains some of Lenawee County's most intensive concentrations of residential, commercial and industrial land uses. The incorporated villages and cities outside of the urban corridor contain high-density residential, commercial and industrial uses but not at the intensities found within the urban core.

The US-12/Irish Hills area and the rural townships primarily contain agricultural and low-density residential land uses. However, there are small pockets of commercial and industrial use in these areas.

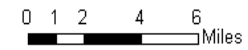


MAP 2

PLANNING REGIONS

Legend

- Urban Core Area
- US-12/Irish Hills Area
- Rural Cities and Villages
- Rural Townships



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Generally, future land use in Lenawee County is expected to retain the existing pattern of development. Most of the high-density residential, industrial and commercial development is likely to take place in the urban corridor and incorporated cities and villages. Low-density residential development is likely to take place in rural townships.

Topography

The topography of Lenawee County was determined by the movement of the continental glaciers. One element of topography is elevation which indicates the altitude of the land above sea level expressed in feet. When studying a relatively small area, such as Lenawee County, the actual measurements of elevation above sea level are not as important as the changes in these levels throughout the area. It is these changes in elevation that provide a feeling for the contour of the land as it rises and falls throughout the County.

The Thumb Upland, of which Lenawee County is a part, was formed as the glaciers moved south and retreated north across Michigan. This upland extends from the Ohio-Indiana line northeast to Huron County located at the tip of the Thumb of Michigan bordering Saginaw Bay and Lake Huron. Lenawee County lies at the southern portion of this upland and has elevations ranging from about 700 feet above sea level in the extreme southeastern corner of the County, to an elevation of slightly more than 1,200 feet in Woodstock Township. Elevations in the Irish Hills area of the County range from 1,000 feet to 1,200 feet above sea level.

Generally, the County is relatively flat to moderately hilly as a result of uneven deposition of glacial material. The portion of the County extending from Fairfield Township in a northeasterly direction to Macon Township, is a gently sloping or nearly level plain. The portion of the County extending diagonally from Medina and Seneca townships to Clinton and Tecumseh townships is composed of rolling hills, while the northwestern portion becomes heavily rolling with a number of lakes and peat swamps. The most rugged topography occurs in the townships of Woodstock, Cambridge, Franklin, Rollin and Rome. Prominent ridges also are located along the ancient beaches of the glacial lakes in the eastern area of the County.

Water Features

The largest watershed in Lenawee County is the River Raisin which drains eastward into Monroe County and Lake Erie and contains approximately 595 square miles or more than 78 percent of the County's area. The Bean Creek watershed which drains into Ohio contains approximately 135 square miles or about 18 percent of the County. A smaller area of about 24 square miles, approximately 3 percent of the County, mostly in Riga Township, drains in Monroe County and Ohio in manmade drainage ways and small creeks.

Surface water features can be classified in three major types in Lenawee County: 1) lakes, ponds, and reservoirs; 2) streams and rivers; and 3) wetlands. The 252 lakes and ponds cover a total area of 5,496 acres and were formed largely as a result of the

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depressions left during the glacial periods. These depressions were filled with groundwater to the level of the surrounding water table. Lakes and ponds are the major surface water reservoirs that either collect or release water to inlet and outlet streams. Streams and rivers are surface water features that are primarily responsible for drainage. Waters from precipitation, runoff, lake outlets, and the groundwater inflow drain through a series of small minor tributaries, streams and rivers that eventually lead to major rivers or the Great Lakes in this part of the County. Wetlands are similar to lakes and ponds in their formation and water source. They are also surface depressions, but because of their relative shallowness, they constitute a different type of environment from the lakes. Sources of water for wetlands include: flow from the water table, precipitation, inlet streams, and accumulation from poorly drained lands.

Water resources have important recreational values for fishing, boating, and swimming, as well as the intrinsic natural beauty they possess. Streams in Lenawee County have been rated by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources relative to the ability to navigate a stream by canoe. Factors which effect a canoe's navigational ability are stream width, depth, vegetation, and physical obstructions such as bridges, dams, rocks, or fences.

Streams in Lenawee County have been categorized as "readily canoeable", "canoeable with difficulty", and "non-canoeable". The length of the River Raisin from Tecumseh to Blissfield is designated by the DNR as readily canoeable, indicating that the River is at least 15 feet wide and is consistently deep throughout the year, being suitable for canoes as well as small motorized boats. Wolf Creek and the south branch of the River Raisin near Adrian are rated as canoeable with difficulty, indicating that dense vegetation plus seasonal variations in water volumes cause some difficulty in canoeing. The remaining streams in Lenawee County are designated as non-canoeable, due to their shallowness, narrowness, low water level or degree of physical obstructions.

Wildlife Habitats

Wildlife habitats are places where animal life naturally live with the necessary food and shelter they need to survive. These habitats can be extremely sensitive, especially for aquatic life, because of the delicate natural balances of food supplies and predators. The altering of any portion or element of the habitat can create severe consequences to all forms of life within the entire ecosystem.

Aquatic habitats are those wildlife environments within or primarily associated with water. The quality and quantity of fish life in lakes, streams, or marshes is determined by many factors including water temperature, velocity, and depth as well as the composition of the bottom material, the amount and types of aquatic vegetation, the availability of other food sources, and the quality of water including silt conditions, oxygen holding capacity, and chemical and mineral composition.

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The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has rated streams for their suitability as fish habitats. These categories include: 1) Top Quality Warmwater Mainstreams - these streams contain good self-sustaining populations of warmwater game fish including: bass, bluegill, and northern pike. Mainstreams are over 15 feet wide and include the River Raisin, part of Wolf Creek, Fitts Creek and Bean Creek; and 2) Second Quality Warmwater Mainstreams and Feeder Streams - these streams contain significant quantities of warmwater fish, but game fish populations are limited due to poor water quality, a limited food supply, and conditions causing inadequate natural reproduction, such as: pollution, currents, and poor stream bed quality. Slater Creek is designated as a second quality warmwater mainstream, with feeder streams scattered throughout the County.

Soils

The soils in Lenawee County are probably one of its most significant natural assets. Rich soils deposited by Lake Erie, as it receded, left some of the best farmland in the Midwest in the eastern and southern portions of the County. Although very little of the soils has the highest rating of Class I, 54% of the total land area of the County is Class II soil and 36% is Class III.

Roads

The road system within Lenawee County is anchored by three major highways - US-223, US-12 and US-127. US-223 bisects the County in the northwest-southeast direction, US-127 provides north-south access along the western portion of the County, and US-12 traverses the north part of the County in an east-west direction. State trunklines supplement these three major highways. There are a total of five state trunklines in the County: M-34, M-50, M-52, M-124 and M-156. M-34 and M-52 provide access to the urban center of Adrian. M-50 runs northwest-southeast, M-156 runs north-south between Morenci and Clayton, while only a small portion of M-124 extends into the County near Wamplers Lake. These major highways and State trunklines are further supplemented by a series of county arterial roads.

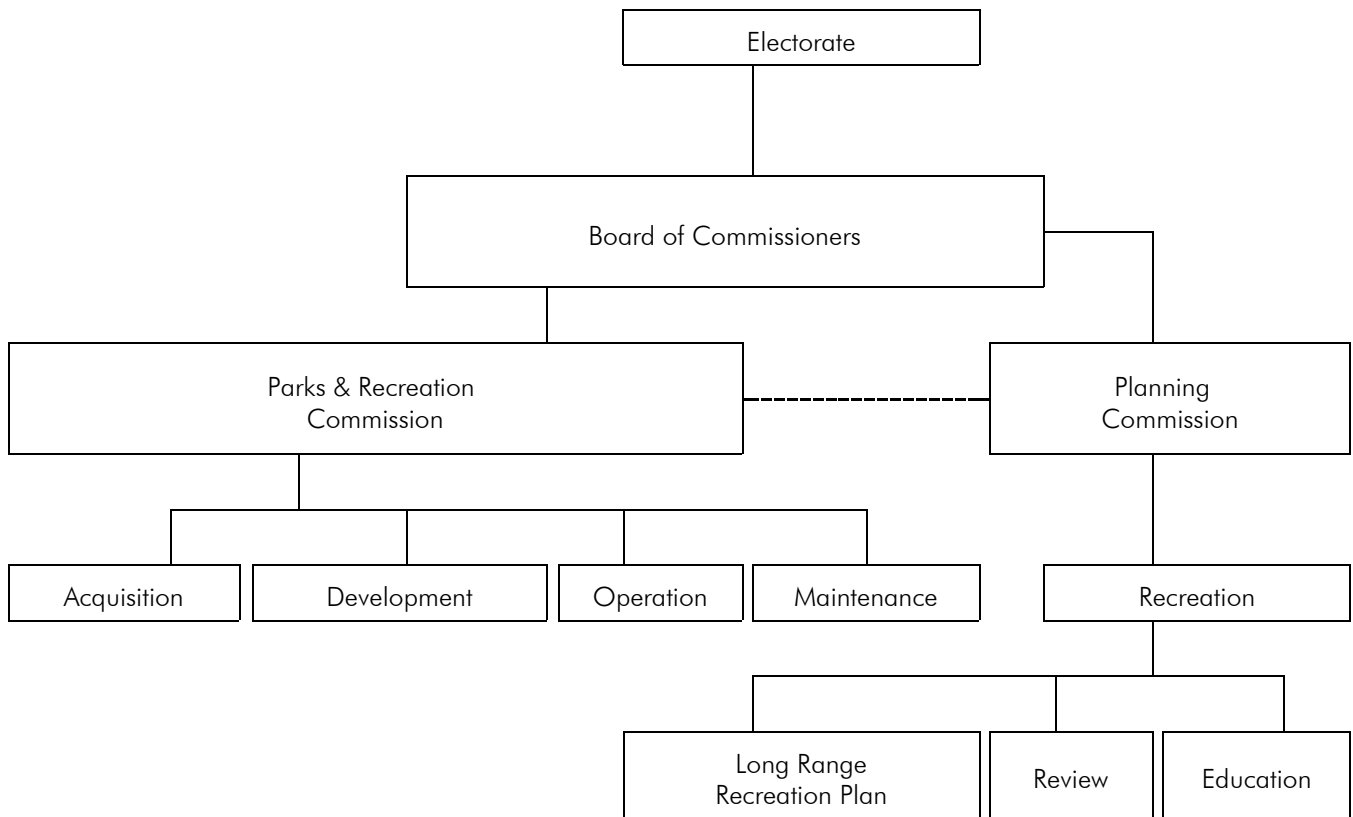
ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Legal Administrative Structure

Under the present system, as outlined in P.A. 156 of 1917, the Recreation and Playgrounds Act, the County Board of Commissioners created a Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Commission consisting of five members. This Commission is responsible for planning, development, preservation, administration, maintenance, and operation of park and recreation facilities. Thus, a commission whose sole responsibility is parks and recreation, can coordinate decisions and programs on a county level as well as make contractual arrangements with local units of government for the development and maintenance of park lands in the communities or neighborhoods.

The following table illustrates the administrative structure for county park development and recreation planning:

Table 1
Lenawee County Recreation
Proposed Functional Organization



The County Parks and Recreation Commission personnel structure consists of two full-time and two part time seasonal employees. The delivery system is supported by approximately 10 volunteers. Lenawee County does not have a full-time parks director. The parks and recreation program is under the supervision of the County Administrator. The Parks and Recreation Commission is made up of four members of the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners and one at-large member.

A successful recreation program usually relies on many sources of revenue. Presently, the Parks and Recreation Commission identifies several potential revenue sources. These include general tax dollars, grants, revenue sharing funds, donations, fundraisers, general funds, and charges as well as gifts from citizens. Annual parks revenues in Lenawee County for the period 2003-2007 averaged \$15,519 with expenditures averaging approximately \$16,700. Parks and recreation funds have been utilized primarily for maintenance and upkeep of the county's six park facilities. The largest expenditure categories are grounds upkeep and building repairs and maintenance.

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As an added source of parks and recreation revenue, the County has a long-term commitment in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). The CRP is administered by the U.S. Natural Resource Conservation Service and encourages the conversion of erodible lands to vegetative cover in order to reduce the risk of soil erosion, reduce sediment loading into streams, and establishment of wildlife habitat.

RECREATION INVENTORY

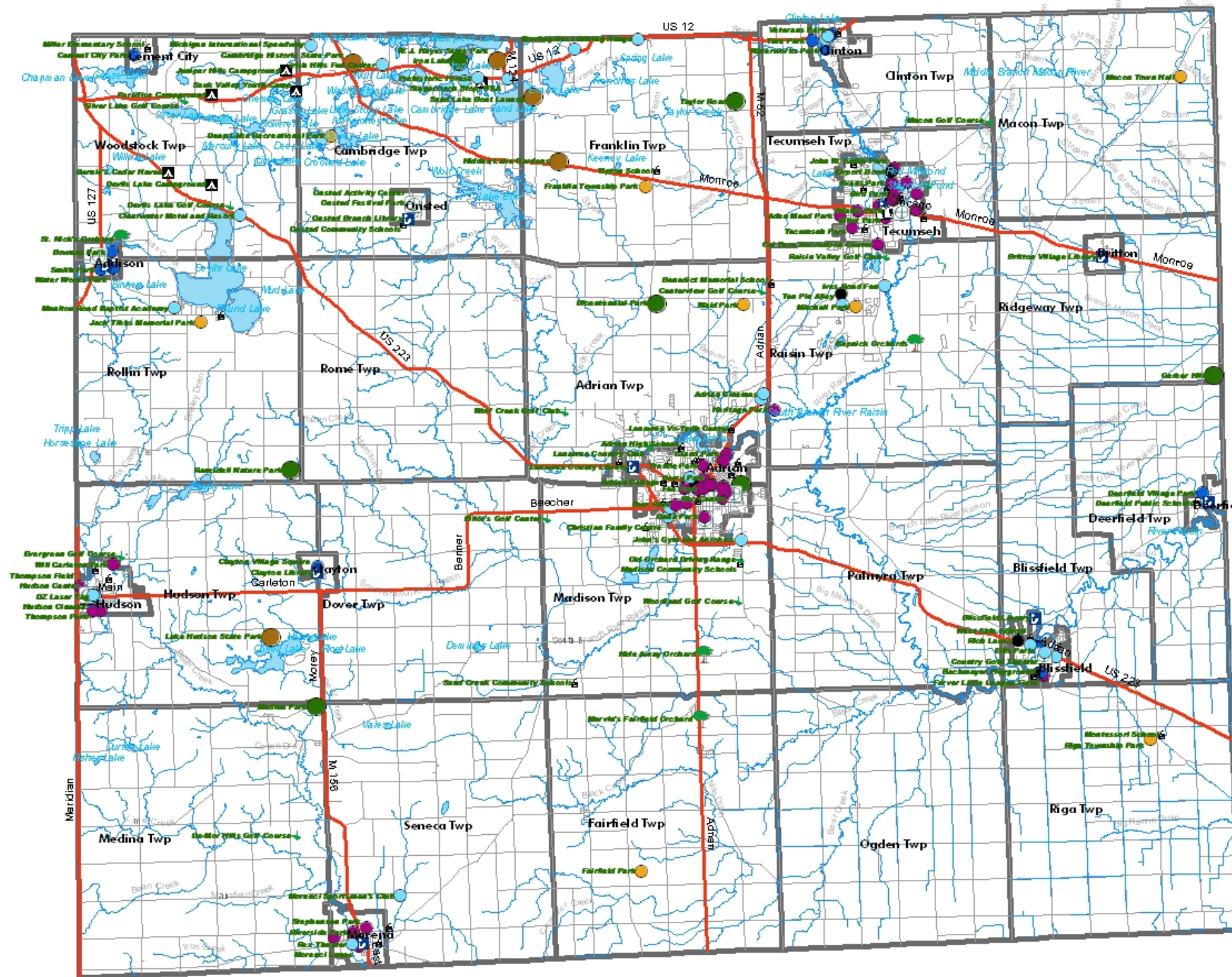
An inventory of the existing facilities in Lenawee County and its planning area is important in order to determine how the community stands in terms of the adequacy of recreation facilities provided. With existing facilities documented, a clearer view of the strengths and weaknesses of the present facilities becomes apparent, providing a foundation on which proper emphasis for improvements can be made.

The inventory of recreation facilities in Lenawee County is provided in Table 2 - Inventory of Existing Recreation Facilities in Lenawee County. Map 3 provides the location of the six county parks and three state parks that are present in Lenawee County. Maps 4 and 5 provide detailed location information on parks and recreation facilities in the cities of Adrian, Hudson, Morenci, and Tecumseh and the villages of Blissfield, Clinton, and Addison.

In terms of recreation land, the National Recreation Association recommends a minimum of 10 acres per 1,000 persons made up of playground and neighborhood parks, playfields and community parks, county parks, and large regional parks and preserves. This would mean, if strictly interpreted for Lenawee County, a minimum of approximately 1,000 acres of public parks and recreation lands. The County has unique circumstances which indicate an opportunity and a desire to achieve more than minimum because of low-density development character, large expanses of vacant land, and the uniqueness of water resources.

MAP 3

LENAWEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES



Community Parks

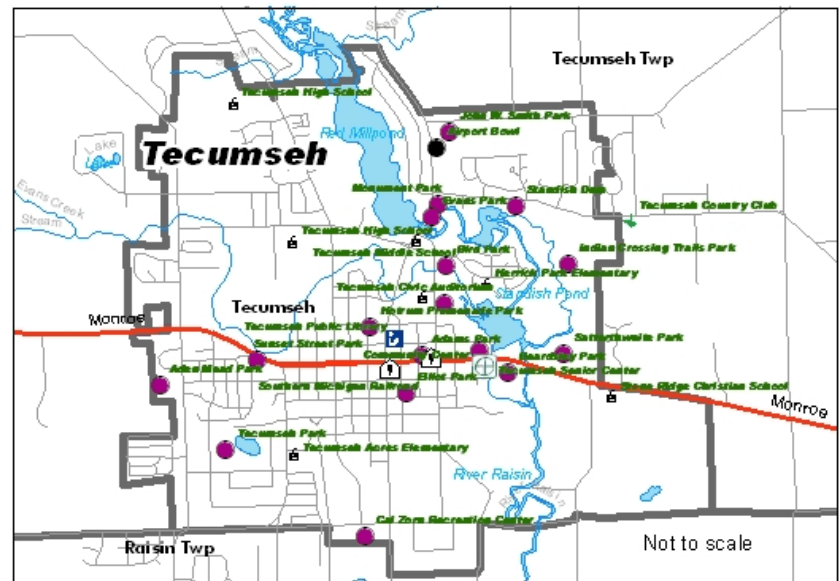
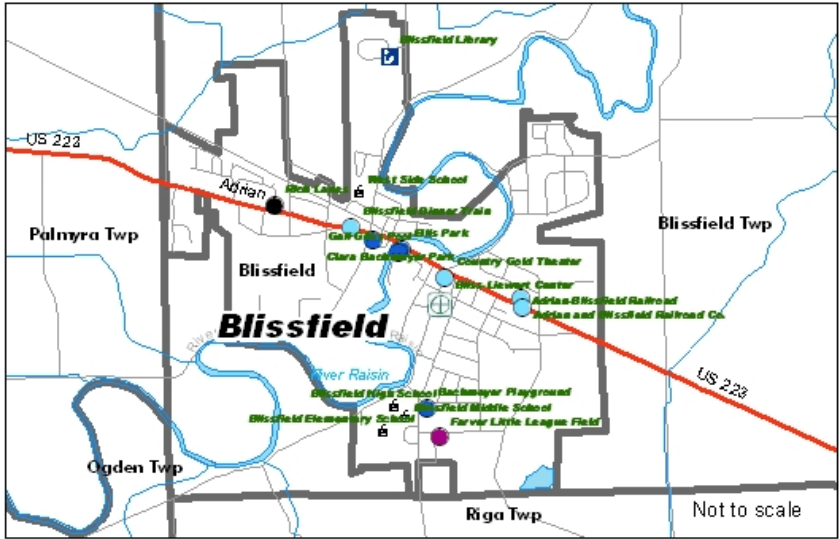
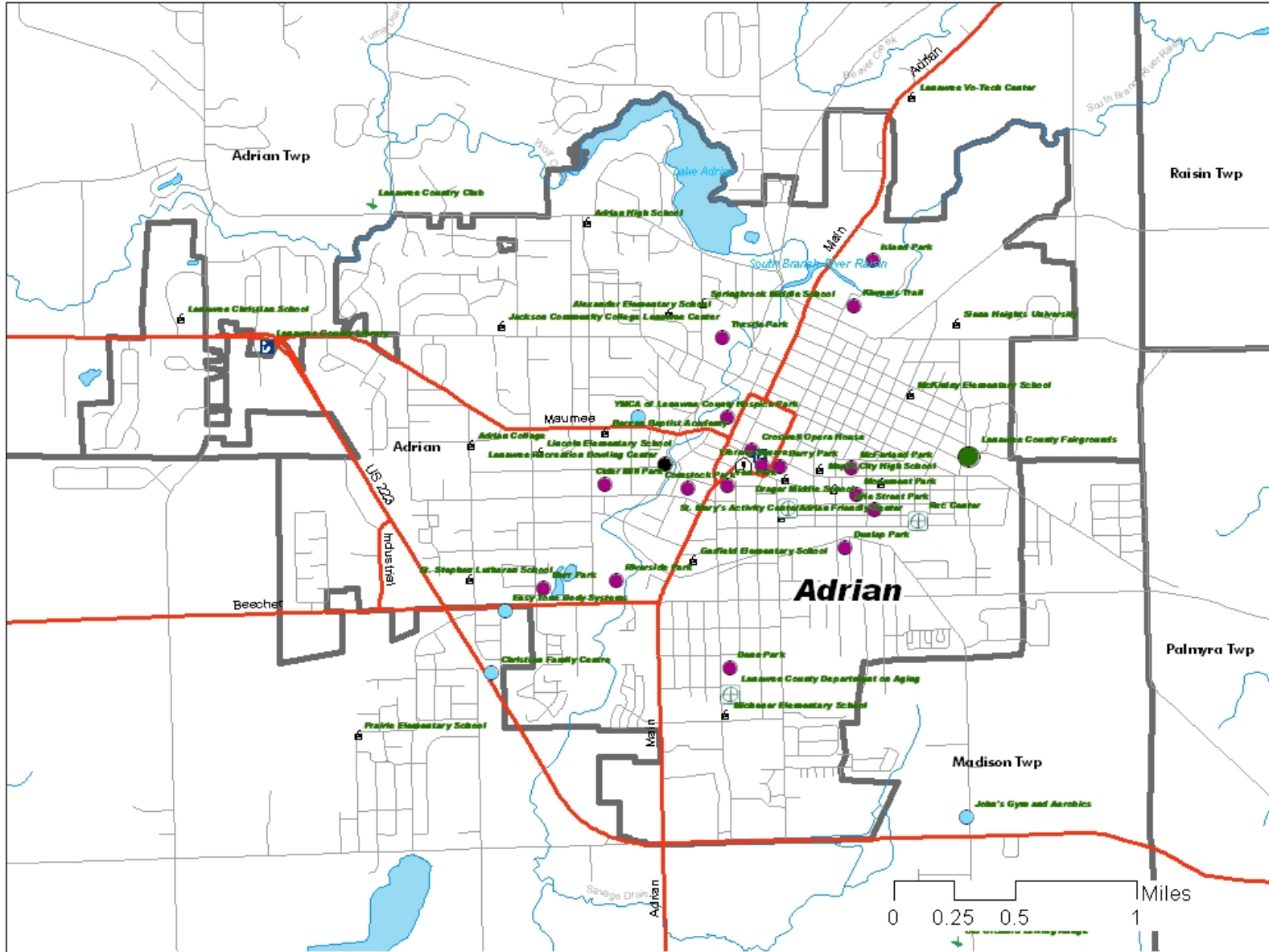
- County Parks
- State Parks
- City Parks
- Village Parks
- Township Parks

Recreation Facilities

- Museum
- School
- Bowling
- Campground
- Orchard
- Senior Center
- Library
- Golf Course
- Private (misc.)



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Map 4 **Parks and Recreation Facilities**
Adrian, Tecumseh, and Blissfield

Community Parks

- Village
- City

Recreation Facilities

- County
- ⊕ Senior Center
- 📖 Library
- ⚡ Golf Course
- ⚡ School
- 🏛️ Museum
- Bowling
- Private (misc.)



TABLE 2
INVENTORY OF EXISTING RECREATION FACILITIES
PARKS ADMINISTERED BY LENAWEE COUNTY
(INDICATED ON MAP 3)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Service Area</u>	<u>Facilities</u>	<u>Accessibility Code</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>MDNR Grant Funding</u>
Bicentennial Park	Lenawee County	Shelter areas with grills and tables, hand pump water and port-a-john, soccer field, volleyball, playground area, softball field, natural hiking trail	2	78.0	N
Medina Park	Lenawee County	Two picnic shelters with grills and tables, water, restrooms, tennis courts, softball field, fishing	2	40.0	N
Ramsdell Nature Park	Lenawee County	Shelter area with center fireplace, grills and tables, water, restroom, playground equipment	2	180.0	Y ¹
Gerber Hill	Lenawee County	Picnic shelter with grills and tables, port-a-john, soccer field, baseball field, horseshoe pits, basketball, playground equipment	2	31.0	N
Iron Lake	Lenawee County	Boat launch, fishing	2	1.0	N
Taylor Road	Lenawee County	Undeveloped	2	80.0	N

¹MDNR grant #TF86-178

**PARKS ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN
(INDICATED ON MAP 3)**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Service Area</u>	<u>Facilities</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
Cambridge Historic State Park	Lenawee County	Picnic area, visitor center	181.0
W. J. Hayes State Park	Lenawee/ Jackson counties	185 camp sites, mini-cabins, picnic area, picnic shelter, playground, beach house, concessions/store, boat launch, interpretive program, swimming, fishing, watchable wildlife	654.0
Lake Hudson State Park	Lenawee County	50 camp sites, picnic area, picnic shelter, boat launch, swimming, hunting, fishing, watchable wildlife.	2700.0
Sand Lake Boat Launch	Lenawee County	Public boat launch	

**OTHER PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES LOCATED IN LENAWEE COUNTY
(INDICATED ON MAPS 3, 4, and 5)**

Park Type	Park Name	Park Location	Facilities	Acreage (if available)
City	Burr Park	Adrian	Bicycle, walking, benches, picnic shelters/grills, fishing	
City	Riverside Park	Adrian	1 lighted baseball field, outdoor artificial ice rink, swimming pool, 2 fish ponds, 3 picnic shelters, 2 playgrounds, 2 basketball courts, 6 horseshoe courts, 3 sand volleyball courts	51.6
City	Comstock Park	Adrian	Picnic shelter, grills and benches, River Raisin access, river terraces (floral areas)	3.1
City	Island Park	Adrian	1 softball field (lighted), 2 youth baseball fields, playground, 2 picnic shelters, concession stand building (currently not used), picnic tables/grills, 3 restrooms, sliding hill, fishing (River Raisin), hiking trails, disc golf, open space	48.2
City	Berry Park	Adrian	Formal garden, picnic tables, benches	1.5
City	Cider Mill Park	Adrian	Picnic tables, River Raisin access, open space	0.4
City	Dana Par	Adrian	Youth baseball field, play equipment	1.4
City	Dunlap Park	Adrian	Play equipment, open space (undeveloped), building - used for boxing club and summer playground	2.0
City	Erie Street Park	Adrian	Basketball courts, picnic table and grill, shelter, playground, open space	1.0
City	Fee Park	Adrian	Picnic tables, flower beds, open space	2.5
City	Heritage Park	Adrian	4 softball fields, concession stand, restrooms, historic school and town hall, barber shop, farm house, buildings and barn, Stubnitz Environmental Education Center, pond, R.C. airplane strip, tractor pull area, dump station, compost restrooms, 2 picnic shelters, play equipment, open space, trails, nature walking/hiking, running, cross country skiing, 3 woodlot management plots, 150 acres undeveloped	347.0
City	Hospice Park	Adrian	Formal garden, benches	1.0

Park Type	Park Name	Park Location	Facilities	Acreage (if available)
City	Kiwanis Trail	Adrian	Bicycle and walk path	7.5 miles
City	Library Square	Adrian	Formal garden	1.0
City	McFarland Park	Adrian		
City	Monument Park	Adrian	Historic Site (war memorials), picnic tables	1.3
City	Trestle Park	Adrian	1 youth baseball field, restrooms, amphitheater, 2 picnic shelters, walking/bicycle trail	20.0
City	Piotter Center	Adrian	Senior citizen center, gym and locker room, cafeteria/kitchen, 6 classrooms	1.7
City	Memorial Park	Hudson		
City	Thompson Park	Hudson	Playground area, athletic field, two picnic tables, parking lot	2.5
City	Community Center	Hudson	Recreation hall with kitchen facilities, parking lot	0.8
City	Thompson Field	Hudson	Football field, two lighted tennis courts, playground areas, little league field, athletic field, two parking areas	17.3
City	Bean Creek Linear Park	Hudson	Pedestrian and biking trail	
City	Will Carleton Park	Hudson	Softball field, little league field, 2 tennis courts, basketball court, 3 picnic shelters, 2 playground areas, athletic field, restroom facility, 2 parking lots, 50 picnic tables, 8 grills, nature area (undeveloped)	22.3
City	Wakefield Park	Morenci	2 tennis courts, softball diamond, little league diamond, tee ball diamond, 3 shelter houses, concession stand, public rest room, playground equipment, horseshoe pit, volleyball, picnic tables, grills, war memorial with flower planter, basketball court, summer youth recreation program	11.6
City	Morenci Community Center	Morenci		
City	Riverside Park	Morenci	Natural park, trail	12.2
City	Stephenson Park	Morenci	Playground equipment, little league field, latrine	1.8
City	Cal Zorn Recreation Center	Tecumseh	Shelter, picnic tables, benches, grills, swings, climbers, spring toys, slides, merry-go-round, basketball hoop, soccer fields, baseball	15.0

Park Type	Park Name	Park Location	Facilities	Acreage (if available)
			diamonds, water fountains, lavatories, parking areas	
City	Tecumseh Park	Tecumseh	Volleyball courts, basketball hoop, tennis courts, parking, beach, swimming pond, picnic tables, grills, play structure, slides, climbing stairs, tot swings, swings, slides, climbing stairs, horseshoe pit, sled hills, drinking fountain, concession stand, handball courts, inline skating area	25.2
City	Aden Mead Park	Tecumseh		
City	John W. Smith Park	Tecumseh		
City	Monument Park	Tecumseh		
City	Evans Park	Tecumseh	Undeveloped historic site	6.0
City	Standish Dam	Tecumseh	Fishing, nature trails, parking	2.0
City	Indian Crossing Trails Park	Tecumseh	Nature preserve	130.0
City	Satterthwaite Park	Tecumseh	Tennis courts, slides, swings, shelters, grills, picnic tables, paved parking, fishing, boat launch, basketball court, community center, indoor horse shoe pits, senior center, lavatories, drinking fountains	61.0
City	Community Center	Tecumseh		
City	Beardsley Park	Tecumseh	Undeveloped	8.3
City	Adams Park	Tecumseh	Water fountain, benches, drinking fountain, lavatory, parking	1.0
City	Bird Park	Tecumseh	Sled run, swings, slide, grills, benches, picnic tables	23.7
City	Hotrum Promenade Park	Tecumseh	Gazebo, benches	1.4
City	Elliot Park	Tecumseh	Scout cabin, benches, grills, slide, swings, climber, swinging gate, parking area	1.4
City	Sunset Street Park	Tecumseh	Maintained green	1.0
City	Tecumseh Civic Auditorium	Tecumseh		
Village	Tate Park	Clinton	Pavilions, softball diamonds, concession stand, playground	59.0

Park Type	Park Name	Park Location	Facilities	Acreage (if available)
			equipment, soccer fields, Irene Stephens Memorial Gardens, canoe landing	
Village	Veterans Park	Clinton		
Village	Waterworks Park	Clinton	Picnic tables, grills	
Village	Clara Bachmayer Park	Blissfield	Picnic tables, play equipment	6.9
Village	Gail Giles Pool	Blissfield	Swimming	
Village	Farver Little League Field	Blissfield	Baseball field	4.7
Village	Bachmayer Playground	Blissfield	Little League ballfield, play equipment, picnic tables	4.4
Village	Ellis Park	Blissfield	Swimming pool, baseball, tennis courts, volleyball courts, women's softball, picnic tables, play equipment	17.6
Village	Onsted Festival Park	Onsted	Swings, play equipment, six baseball diamonds, two picnic pavilions with electricity, rest room, soccer field, stage, benches, shuffleboard court	20.0
Village	Deerfield Village Park	Deerfield	Picnic shelter, grills/outlets, sand volleyball court, 1 tennis court, basketball court, playground equipment, restroom facility, paved parking	1.0
Village	Cement City Park	Cement City	Hand pump well, playground equipment, baseball diamond, picnic shelter, grills, basketball court	1.0
Village	Smith Park	Addison	Community park	2.0
Village	Bowens Park	Addison	Community park	7.0
Village	Water Works Park	Addison	Community park	11.5
Village	Clayton Village Square	Clayton		
Township	Mitchell Park	Raisin Township	Soccer fields, ball diamonds, pavilions, merry-go-rounds, swing sets, slides, climber, playground equipment, tennis court	35.0
Township	Waid Park	Adrian Township	Picnic shelter	0.3
Township	Riga Township Park	Riga Township	Tennis court, two baseball/softball diamonds, volleyball court,	5.0

Park Type	Park Name	Park Location	Facilities	Acreage (if available)
			basketball court, playground equipment	
Township	Fairfield Park	Fairfield Township	Basketball, swings, teeter totters	1.0
Township	Jack Tibbs Memorial Park	Rollin Township	Baseball diamond, playground equipment, picnic shelter, open spaces	7.4
Township	Franklin Township Park	Franklin Township	Tennis courts, basketball court	1.0
Township	Macon Town Hall	Macon Township	Playground equipment	0.5
Township	Deep Lake Recreational Park	Cambridge Township		
School	Tecumseh High School	Tecumseh	Baseball diamonds, football/soccer fields, bathrooms, indoor pool, jogging track, parking	26.0
School	Tecumseh Acres Elementary	Tecumseh	Ballfields, swings, climber, ladder, play structure	10.0
School	Tecumseh Middle School	Tecumseh	Baseball diamonds, football/soccer fields, bathrooms, parking	
School	Herrick Park Elementary	Tecumseh	Swings, slides, basketball hoops, ballfields, wood climbers, parking	10.1
School	St. Elizabeth Catholic Church	Tecumseh	Slide, swings, merry-go-rounds, see-saws, basketball hoop	1.0
School	Blissfield High School	Blissfield	Football field, baseball field, soccer field, track, exercise course	70.0
School	Blissfield Middle School	Blissfield	(associated with high school complex)	1.7
School	West Side School	Blissfield	Playground equipment	1.7
School	Blissfield Elementary School	Blissfield	(associated with high school complex)	2.0
School	Clinton Community Schools	Clinton	Football field, track, 2 baseball fields, 1 softball field, practice football and softball field, practice soccer field, gym	

Park Type	Park Name	Park Location	Facilities	Acreage (if available)
School	Onsted Community Schools	Onsted	Two baseball diamonds, football field, track, gym, basketball court, soccer field	
School	Madison Community Schools	Madison Township	2 baseball fields, football field, running track, soccer field, gym, play equipment, picnic shelter, 2 sand volleyball courts	10.2
School	Sand Creek Community Schools	Sand Creek	Baseball diamond, football field, softball diamond, soccer field, track, gym	
School	Montessori School	Riga Township	Playground equipment	
School	Tipton School	Franklin Township	Playground equipment	
School	Deerfield Public Schools	Deerfield	Softball diamonds, basketball, playground equipment, gym, football field, latrine	
School	Miller Elementary School	Cement City	Football field, baseball diamond, basketball court, gym, playground equipment	5.0
School	Morenci Elementary School	Morenci	Gym, basketball courts, playground	
School	Morenci High School	Morenci	Baseball field, soccer field, football field, track, weight room and exercise facilities (open to public)	
School	Morenci Middle School	Morenci	Gym, basketball courts	
School	Addison School District	Addison	Neighborhood playground, community playfield	
School	Sacred Heart School	Hudson	Playground area, parking lot, gym	
School	St. John's Lutheran School	Adrian	Gym, play equipment	
School	St. Mary's Activity Center	Adrian		
School	St. Stephen Lutheran School	Adrian	2 softball fields, play equipment	5.6
School	Adrian College	Adrian	Running track, 6 tennis courts, 2 softball fields, soccer field, gym, indoor multi-purpose facility, 2 theaters, ice arena, football field	90.0

Park Type	Park Name	Park Location	Facilities	Acreage (if available)
School	Siena Heights University	Adrian	6 tennis courts, 1 baseball field, 2 soccer fields, indoor multi-purpose facility	140.0
School	Jackson Community College Lenawee Center	Adrian		
School	Benedict Memorial School	Adrian Township		
School	Berean Baptist Academy	Adrian	Play equipment	
School	Lenawee Christian School	Adrian	Picnic/park area, soccer field, baseball field, 2 softball fields, walking/running track, 4 tennis courts, 2 playgrounds, indoor pool, racquet courts, 2 gyms, bowling lanes, health/fitness club	80.0
School	Manitou Road Baptist Church and Academy	Rollin Township	Swing set	
School	Stone Ridge Christian School	Tecumseh		
School	Adrian High School	Adrian	Football field, running track, 1 baseball field, 6 tennis courts	50.6
School	Maple City High School	Adrian		
School	Drager Middle School	Adrian	Running track, play field	5.0
School	Springbrook Middle School	Adrian		
School	Alexander Elementary School	Adrian	1 baseball field, 1 softball field, 1 basketball court, play equipment	4.0
School	Comstock Elementary School	Adrian	Play equipment	0.3
School	Garfield Elementary School	Adrian	Basketball court, 1 softball field, play equipment	1.4
School	Lincoln Elementary School	Adrian	Basketball court, play equipment	2.0
School	McKinley Elementary	Adrian	Basketball court, play equipment	7.8

Park Type	Park Name	Park Location	Facilities	Acreage (if available)
School				
School	Michener Elementary School	Adrian	1 softball field (lighted), 3 soccer fields, play equipment	16.5
School	Prairie Elementary School	Adrian	Play equipment	7.4
School	Lenawee Vo-Tech Center	Adrian	Conferences	
School	Hudson Middle School and High School	Hudson	Softball field, baseball field,	
School	Lincoln Elementary School	Adrian	Basketball court, play equipment	2.0
Library	Addison Public Library	Addison		
Library	Adrian Public Library	Adrian		
Library	Blissfield Library	Blissfield		
Library	Britton Village Library	Britton		
Library	Clayton Library	Clayton		
Library	Clinton Township Library	Clinton		
Library	Hudson Public Library	Hudson		
Library	Lenawee County Library	Adrian		
Library	Onsted Branch Library	Onsted		
Library	Roberts Ingold Memorial Library	Deerfield		
Library	Stair Public Library	Morenci		
Library	Tecumseh Public Library	Tecumseh		
Museum	Southern Michigan Railroad	Tecumseh		

Park Type	Park Name	Park Location	Facilities	Acreage (if available)
Museum	Lenawee County Historical Museum	Adrian	Historical museum	
Museum	Hudson Museum	Hudson	Library, museum	
Museum	Tecumseh Area Museum	Tecumseh	Historical museum	
Golf Course	Devils Lake Golf Course	Woodstock Township	18-hole golf course	
Golf Course	Silver Lake Golf Course	Woodstock Township	9-hole golf course, driving range	
Golf Course	Evergreen Golf Course	Hudson	9-hole golf course	
Golf Course	De-Mor Hills Golf Course	Medina Township	18-hole golf course, driving range	
Golf Course	Woodlawn Golf Course	Madison Township	18-hole golf course	
Golf Course	Old Orchard Driving Range	Madison Township	Golf driving range, baseball/softball indoor batting cages	
Golf Course	Wolf Creek Golf Course	Adrian Township	18 holes, driving range	
Golf Course	Elliot's Golf Center	Madison Township	Driving range, putt putt golf	
Golf Course	Centerview Golf Course	Adrian Township	18-hole golf course	
Golf Course	Tecumseh Country Club	Tecumseh	Golf	
Golf Course	Macon Golf Course	Macon Township	18-hole golf course	
Golf Course	Raisin Valley Golf Club	Raisin Township	Golf	
Golf Course	Lenawee Country Club	Adrian Township	18 hole golf course, driving range, 2 tennis courts, outdoor pool	
Campground	Devils Lake	Woodstock	50 seasonal campsites, bathroom/shower facilities, sewer, boating,	

Park Type	Park Name	Park Location	Facilities	Acreage (if available)
	Campground	Township	electrical, water hookups	
Campground	Irish Hills Campground	Cambridge Township	Over 100 camp sites, pool, store, bathroom/shower facilities, electrical and water hookups, playground	
Campground	Juniper Hills Campground	Woodstock Township	Over 100 camp sites, swimming, store, bathroom/shower facilities, electrical and water hookups, playground	
Campground	Paradise Campground	Woodstock Township	105 seasonal campsites, playground, recreation building, water and electric hookups, shower/restroom facilities	
Campground	Sauk Valley Youth Camp	Woodstock Township	Cabins, lake access, shower/electric facilities, fishing	
Campground	Bernie's Cedar Haven	Woodstock Township	Over 20 campsites, overnight camping, cabins, store, water and electric hookups	
Bowling	Morenci Lanes	Morenci	Bowling	
Bowling	Ten Pin Alley	Tecumseh	Bowling	
Bowling	Lenawee Recreation Bowling Center	Adrian	Bowling -24 lanes, pro shop	
Bowling	Hudson Bowling Lanes	Hudson	Ten bowling lanes	
Bowling	Addison Lanes	Addison	Bowling	
Bowling	Rich Lanes	Blissfield	Bowling	
Bowling	Airport Bowl	Tecumseh	Bowling	
Private (misc.)	Morenci Sportsman's Club	Morenci	Trap shooting, archery, rental hall	
Private (misc.)	Irish Hills Twin Towers	Cambridge Township	Observation towers, putt-putt golf, gift shop	
Private (misc.)	Michigan International Speedway	Cambridge Township	Automobile racing, camping, concessions	
Private (misc.)	Port-to-Port Adventure Golf	Franklin Township	Putt-putt golf, batting cages, arcade	

Park Type	Park Name	Park Location	Facilities	Acreage (if available)
Private (misc.)	Prehistoric Forest	Cambridge Township	Amusements	
Private (misc.)	Stagecoach Stop, USA	Cambridge Township	Amusements	
Private (misc.)	Irish Hills Fun Center	Cambridge Township	Amusements	
Private (misc.)	Ives Road Fen	Raisin Township	Natural area	
Private (misc.)	Manitou Road Baptist Academy	Rollin Township	Swing set	
Private (misc.)	Croswell Opera House	Adrian	Live theater, 1 historic structure, mini-park bench tables	3.0
Private (misc.)	Christian Family Centre	Adrian	Picnic/park area, soccer field, baseball field, two softball fields, walking/running track, four tennis courts, two playgrounds, indoor pool, racquet courts, two gyms, bowling lanes, health/fitness club	80.0
Private (misc.)	Easy Tone Body Systems	Adrian	Workout/aerobic equipment	
Private (misc.)	John's Gym and Aerobics	Madison Township	Workout/aerobic equipment	
Private (misc.)	Sunsations Tanning and Fitness Center	Raisin Township	Workout/aerobic equipment	
Private (misc.)	Rex Theater	Morenci	Movie theater	
Private (misc.)	Hudson Cinema	Hudson	Movie theater	
Private (misc.)	DZ Laser Tag	Hudson	Laser tag, indoor amusement	
Private (misc.)	Adrian and Blissfield Railroad Co.	Adrian	Railroad, amusement	
Private (misc.)	Blissfield Dinner Train	Blissfield	Railroad, amusement	
Private (misc.)	Southern Michigan Railroad	Clinton	Railroad, amusement	
Private (misc.)	Clearwater Motel and Resort	Woodstock Township	Resort	

Park Type	Park Name	Park Location	Facilities	Acreage (if available)
Private (misc.)	Adrian Skatery	Adrian Township	Roller skating	
Private (misc.)	Adrian Cinemas	Adrian Township	6 theaters	
Private (misc.)	Clinton Theater	Clinton	Movie theater	
Private (misc.)	Country Gold Theater	Blissfield	Theater	
Private (misc.)	Adrian-Blissfield Railroad	Blissfield	Railroad, amusement	
Private (misc.)	YMCA of Lenawee County	Adrian	2 gyms, indoor pool, indoor track, handball courts, play equipment	3.0
County	Lenawee County Fairgrounds	Adrian	Exhibit Hall, race track grandstands, horse stalls, concession, restrooms, rental hall	29.0
State	Hidden Lake Gardens	Franklin Township	Arboretum, picnicking, hiking trails, scenic drives, educational classes	671.5
Orchard	Hide Away Orchard	Madison Township	Fruit production, processing	
Orchard	Kapnick Orchards	Raisin Township	Fruit production, processing	
Orchard	Marvin's Fairfield Orchard	Fairfield Township	Fruit production, processing	
Orchard	St. Nick's Orchard	Woodstock Township	Fruit production, processing	
Senior Center	Addison Senior Center	Addison	Senior citizen-oriented activities	
Senior Center	Adrian Friendly Center	Adrian	Senior citizen-oriented activities	
Senior Center	Bliss-Liewert Center	Blissfield	Senior citizen-oriented activities	
Senior Center	Hudson Center	Hudson	Senior citizen-oriented activities	
Senior Center	Lenawee County Department on Aging	Adrian	Senior citizen-oriented activities	

Park Type	Park Name	Park Location	Facilities	Acreage (if available)
Senior Center	Onsted Activity Center	Onsted	Senior citizen-oriented activities	
Senior Center	Rec Center	Adrian	Senior citizen-oriented activities	
Senior Center	Tecumseh Senior Center	Tecumseh	Senior citizen-oriented activities	

Source: Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Survey

PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

Public input was gathered by two methods - an internet parks and recreation survey and a public hearing. The results of these efforts are presented in this section. Overall, the amount of public input that was gathered was enhanced due to the Parks and Recreation Commission's public outreach effort.

Public Opinion Survey

The Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Commission conducted an online public opinion survey which was placed on the county web site. The survey covered a wide range of questions regarding county park usage, level of satisfaction with parks, needs for park facility improvements, suggestions for improvements, and general comments. Demographic information was also requested in order to ascertain the validity of the response and to cross-tabulate responses to demographic sector.

The survey was placed on the county web site (www.lenawee.mi.us) in November, 2008 for the purpose of providing an additional tool for gathering public opinion. A total of 100 responses were received.

The survey opened with a series of demographic questions. First, respondents were asked to indicate their age bracket. This was preferable to asking for the specific age of the respondents which is both too personal and beyond the needs of the survey. As it turned out, a 100% response was received to this question. The results are provided in the following table:

1. Please indicate your age:

Age Bracket	Number of Responses	Percent of Total
0-18	6	6
18-25	7	7
26-35	28	28
36-45	18	18
46-55	20	20
56-65	20	20
66-75	1	1
75 and above	0	0
TOTAL	100	100

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2. What is the City, Village or Township that you live in?

While the leading response came from the City of Adrian as expected, other responses were not always in proportion to community population. For example, a larger response was received from Palmyra Township (2000 population of 2,366, or 2% of the county population) with 9% of the response whereas no response was received from several communities. The following table lists the leading responses by community:

Community	Number of Responses	Percent of Total
City of Adrian	29	29
Palmyra Township	9	9
Adrian Charter Township	8	8
Raisin Charter Township	6	6
Blissfield Village	5	5
Madison Charter Township	5	5
Cambridge Township	5	5
Hudson Township	4	4
Tecumseh Township	4	4
Franklin Township	3	3
Rollin Township	3	3
Rome Township	3	3
City of Tecumseh	2	2
Deerfield Township	2	2
Dover Township	2	2
Clinton Village	2	2
City of Hudson	1	1
City of Morenci	1	1
Clinton Township	1	1
Macon Township	1	1
Ogden Township	1	1
Seneca Township	1	1
Clayton Village	1	1

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Community	Number of Responses	Percent of Total
Addison Village	1	1
TOTAL	100	100

No responses received from the following communities: The townships of Blissfield, Fairfield, Medina, Ridgeway, Woodstock, and the villages of Britton, Cement City, Deerfield and Onsted.

3. *How many adult family members have you?*

The results from this query are as follows:

Number of Adult Family Members (over 18)	Number of Responses	Percentage of Total
1	16	16
2	70	70
3	9	9
4	3	3
5	2	2
<i>Total</i>	100	100

4. *How many non-adult family members have you?*

The results from this query are as follows:

Number of Non-Adult Family Members (under 18)	Number of Responses	Percentage of Total
0	43	43
1	21	21
2	25	25
3	4	4
4	3	3
5	2	2
<i>Total</i>	98	98

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Data on County Parks

Next, the survey asks a series of questions on the frequency of visits to county parks during the previous year.

5. *How many times did you visit Bicentennial Park during 2008?*

Number of Park Visits	Number of Responses	Percentage of Total
0	68	69
1	11	11
2	7	7
3	3	3
4	1	1
5	6	6
6+	2	2
<i>Total</i>	98	99

6. *How many times did you visit Gerber Park during 2008?*

Number of Park Visits	Number of Responses	Percentage of Total
0	84	87
1	5	5
2	4	4
3	2	2
4	1	1
5	1	1
6+	0	0
<i>Total</i>	97	100

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7. *How many times did you visit Iron Lake boat launch during 2008?*

Number of Park Visits	Number of Responses	Percentage of Total
0	85	90
1	3	3
2	3	3
3	1	1
4	0	0
5	0	0
6+	2	2
<i>Total</i>	94	99

8. *How many times did you visit Medina Park during 2008?*

Number of Park Visits	Number of Responses	Percentage of Total
0	84	86
1	5	5
2	3	3
3	3	3
4	2	2
5	0	0
6+	1	1
<i>Total</i>	98	100

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9. *How many times did you visit Ramsdell Nature Park during 2008?*

Number of Park Visits	Number of Responses	Percentage of Total
0	71	74
1	5	5
2	3	3
3	1	1
4	3	3
5	5	5
6+	8	8
<i>Total</i>	96	99

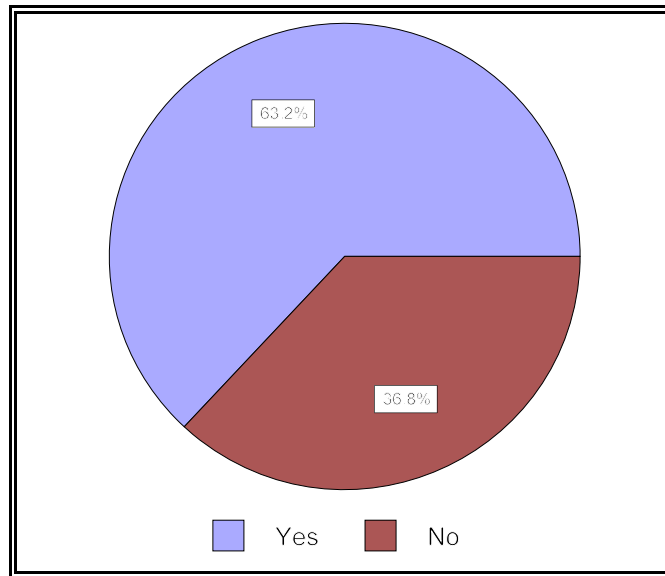
10. *How many times did you visit Taylor Road Park during 2008?*

Number of Park Visits	Number of Responses	Percentage of Total
0	90	94
1	4	4
2	1	1
3	0	0
4	0	0
5	1	1
6+	0	0
<i>Total</i>	96	100

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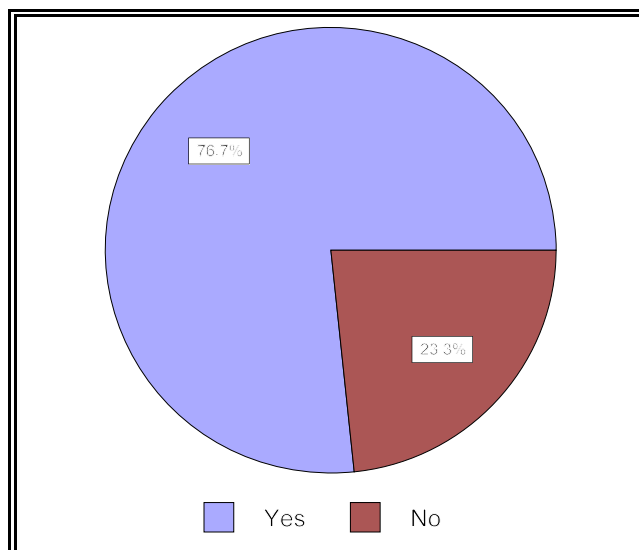
Questions 11 through 13 regard the level of enjoyment of and needed improvements to the county parks.

11. *If you have visited our parks during 2008: Did you like them the way they are?*



Though there were only 60 respondents to this question, the percentage of people who liked the parks the way they are were in the majority.

12. *Did the park need improvements?*



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A majority of respondents saw a need to make improvements to the parks. Sixty-three people responded to this question.

13. If the park needs improvement, what do you suggest?

Improvement	Bicentennial Park	Gerber Park	Iron Lake Boat Launch	Medina Park	Ramsdell Nature Park	Taylor Road Park	Number of Responses
<i>Paved parking</i>	3	2	1	1	6	1	14
<i>New playground equipment</i>	10	7	0	3	4	1	25
<i>New docks</i>	1	1	4	0	3	1	10
<i>Shelter improvements</i>	4	2	3	2	4	3	18
<i>Trail improvements</i>	7	5	2	1	7	3	25
<i>Benches added</i>	8	5	3	2	4	3	25
<i>More picnic tables</i>	4	3	1	3	1	3	15

Survey results generally suggest the greatest need for new playground equipment, trail improvements, and benches. The highest individual response was the identified need for new playground equipment, benches, and trail improvements in Bicentennial Park. Other high-ranking needs include the need for new playground equipment in Gerber Park, and trail improvements and paved parking in Ramsdell Park.

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Question 14 asked for opinions on a number of proposed improvements to county parks. A number of park themes were explored.

14. *Our committee has discussed various possibilities to make our parks a “destination”. Please see the suggested items below and mark your top five you would like to see.*

Proposed Park Themes Response		
Suggested Improvement	Response Count	Response Percentage
<i>A natural science lab park with instructional rooms where everyone can experience nature at its best.</i>	28	29
<i>A farm park that highlights our agricultural community with small livestock and possibly horse rides.</i>	41	42
<i>An RV campground with trails, fishing, tubing and kayaking, and possibly individual cabins.</i>	41	42
<i>A "winter wonderland" park with a sledding hill, ice skating, cross-country skiing, and hockey.</i>	57	59
<i>A dog park which includes a fenced-in area with training obstacles, benches, and compost station.</i>	34	35
<i>An adventure park with low impact ropes, climbing, bridges, and theme.</i>	37	38
<i>An improved boat launch.</i>	9	9
<i>A health park with various degrees of exercise stations and challenges.</i>	37	38
<i>A meeting location for conferences.</i>	10	10
<i>A game park that could include volleyball nets, frisbee golf, miniature golf, life size game boards, zero depth water park, etc.</i>	40	41
<i>An artists park with an outdoor theater and sculptures along a trail.</i>	22	23

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Proposed Park Themes Response

Suggested Improvement	Response Count	Response Percentage
<i>A golf course for youth with shorter fairways.</i>	10	10
<i>Increasing the number and size of our current soccer fields.</i>	3	3
<i>Other</i>	16	17

"Other" was an open-ended question with suggestions from respondents that included the following: "no dogs", "leave them as is" (4 responses), "improved trails for hiking, biking, cross-country skiing" (4 responses), "would like a dance pavilion similar to Wampers Lake in the 1950's", "ecology conservation displays in all parks", "activities for young children and swimming beaches", "ice and roller hockey", and "each park should have its own specialty".

15. What suggestions would you have to help fund these projects?

This open-ended question received a wide variety of responses. A majority of the 47 responses that were received called for private funding through sources such as donations, fundraisers, user fees, grants, estate funds, corporate sponsorships, "buy a brick", bake sales, and participation of various non-governmental agencies. A few respondents identified state and federal grants as potential sources of funds. Approximately 5 respondents suggested a millage for park funding.

16. Do you have any other questions or comments for the Lenawee County Parks Committee?

Many respondents suggested that the parks should be advertised better, and that they didn't know that some of the parks even existed; another suggested that all parks be funded evenly, requests for exercise areas and dog runs in parks, request for more parks and facilities in Adrian, more connections to the Kiwanis Trail, request for snow shoeing, cross-country skiing, and snowmobile trail.

17. Please enter you name and telephone number to be entered into a drawing for a \$50.00 gift certificate to Dunham's Sporting Goods.

Sixty-seven respondents provided their name, 62 gave their email address, and 56 provided their telephone number.

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Public Hearing

In accordance with Michigan Department of Natural Resources guidelines, a public hearing was held to gather additional public input for this plan. To advertise the public hearing, an advertisement was placed in the Adrian Daily Telegram and the public meeting was advertised in accordance with the Open Meetings Act (see Appendix D).

After the completion of the 30-day comment period, the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing to solicit public input on January 28, 2010. After closing the public hearing, the plan was adopted by the Board (see Appendix C).

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Through a statement of long-range goals and objectives, the County's commitment to future recreation needs can be determined. By setting long-range goals and objectives, the County is taking a major step toward recreation planning.

To adequately state the objectives of recreation planning in contemporary living, it is necessary to think in broader terms than merely the provision of space for outdoor active sports or passive activities in natural surroundings. To develop a plan for viable recreational system within Lenawee County requires a new look at the concept of recreation.

The general goal of recreation is to provide the space, facilities, programs and opportunity for county residents to satisfy their recreational needs. The provision of recreation facilities should be accomplished through the interaction of various levels of local units of government and the private sector. Coordinated planning among these units is essential in assuring a system of adequate recreational facilities providing citizens of the County with diverse choice and maximizing the potential for utilization.

The formulation of goals is one of the more difficult tasks facing those who are charged with deciding upon some aspect of the future environment. A good portion of this difficulty has to do with the fact that most of us are not oriented to the future because of the press of day-to-day activities with which we all are confronted. This is not to say that we should necessarily be spending more of our time stargazing, rather, it is to say that we should not be afraid to set our sights on what may seem to be remote and then strive to achieve that goal.

After establishing goals, it is necessary to translate these goals into specific actions. In other words, what action is needed to achieve our expressed goals? To do this, it is necessary to develop other kinds of statements, which are called "objectives". To illustrate this concept, consider the following:

Goals involve such considerations as equal opportunity, full employment, an end to pollution, decent, safe and sanitary housing for every family, etc. There is seldom any serious disagreement with goals, although there may be some differences of opinion with regard to methods of achieving them.

Objectives can best be described as achievement approaches. They are somewhat more concrete and may be specific with regard to a particular locality. An example of an objective would be: "All local governments in Lenawee County should concentrate all of their available resources for recreation in projects which are aimed at tourists". There may be those that agree with this statement, but on the other hand there may be a substantial segment of the population which believes that the cities and townships should develop parks for local use and depend on the county, federal government and the private sector to meet

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the needs of the tourist. If this is indeed the case, then the above statement becomes an issue of the day which can only be resolved by the legislative machinery of local government.

The following list of goals and objectives are deemed appropriate for Lenawee County. They are based upon previous studies of the county, observation of the type of recreation projects which are being planned by other local units of government, analysis of inventory data, and the standards in this report.

Rationale

The Parks and Recreation Commission created the following goals and objectives for Lenawee County parks:

Goal 1: *Provide all residents of Lenawee County with park and recreation areas and activities that meet acceptable standards, thus providing wholesome and safe leisure time opportunities.*

Objectives: Maintain the physical quality of existing facilities and grounds through aggressive renovations and repair projects.

 Improve the environment of the River Raisin for recreation purposes.

Goal 2: *Increase park visitor usage and tourism at county park facilities.*

Objectives: Promote county park attractions and community festivals.

 Seek out opportunities for special events in County parks.

 Develop avenues and opportunities for joint or private sector operation of leisure time programs or facilities.

Goal 3: *Develop a greenways system as a means of preservation, and to provide a linkage of existing parks systems utilizing river front parks, parkways, scenic drives, boulevards, biking and hiking trails, and rivers and streams.*

Objectives: Develop the Irish Hills Lakes Greenway which traverses Deep, Dewey, Little Stone, Dotys, Washington, Mud, Marrs, Wolf, Allens, Meadow, Kellys, Killarney, and Iron lakes.

 Develop the Bean Creek Greenway which traverses Bean Creek, Mallory Lake, Devils Lake, and Round Lake.

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Develop the River Raisin Greenway which traverses the River Raisin, Wolf Creek, Black Creek (tributary of Wolf Creek), and South Branch River Raisin.

Develop the Black Creek Greenway which traverses Black Creek and Lake Hudson.

Goal 4: *Establish staging areas for a variety of programs that would be beneficial to the residents of all ages of the County.*

Objectives: Coordinate current programs that are presently being offered through the auspices of the school districts, various leagues, and municipal parks and recreation departments.

Develop facilities for additional activities, especially of long nature adaptable to leagues, for age levels not presently being served.

Develop staging areas for self improvement year-round program for all ages in nature study, physical fitness, outdoor individual sports, and enrichment programs.

Develop more facilities for children's leagues, i.e. soccer, football, tennis.

Develop more staging areas for senior citizens leagues, i.e. shuffleboard, horseshoes, and lawn bowling.

Goal 5: *Improve and expand administrative and personnel management in the area of the County's park and recreation delivery system.*

Objectives: Explore the potential for a full or part time park and recreation manager/director/curator.

Explore the potential for private sector involvement.

Develop policies for contracting with the private sector to deliver some recreation services traditionally performed by park department employees.

Develop cooperative recreation programs with local units of government and school districts.

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Involve area residents in the planning of proposed facilities and programs.

Goal 6: Improve and expand financing management in the area of the sources of revenue and the way funds are spent.

Objectives: Develop a mechanism for receiving and implementing estates, trust, donations, and memorials.

Develop a policy to establish and implement fees and charges.

Develop a "Gifts Catalog" that identifies ways that donations can help parks and recreation facilities in Lenawee County.

Develop strategies for cost cutting.

Develop a creative and unique acquisition process "scrounging".

Develop land conservation and preservation techniques.

Explore fund-raising methods.

Set up a long-range program for application for land and water grants.

Goal 7: Improve and expand maintenance management in the areas of quantitative maintenance, qualitative maintenance, standards establishment, equipment availability, personnel, and scheduling.

Objectives: Develop a "maintenance impact statement" which sets forth the dollar costs to the County Parks and Recreation Commission and taxpayers of operating and maintaining a proposed facility or programs.

Develop energy planning and management.

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Action Program and Capital Improvement Schedule

Action Program

Recreation Needs

Over the course of several meetings, the Parks and Recreation Commission identified the need for improvement to existing parks facilities and equipment and the need to add new facilities in the six parks operated by Lenawee County. The improvements are listed in Table 3.

Table 3
Lenawee County Park Improvements, 2010-2014

County Park	Proposed Improvement
Ramsdell Nature Park	-New storage building (32' by 32')
	-Establish a livery with building.
	-Playground equipment (toddler type)
	-Tall grass prairie restoration
	-Cross-country skiing facilities.
	-Farm museum to be located in existing building.
Iron Lake	-Cement launch (20'x30')
Gerber Hill	-Completion of parking lot
	-Toboggan run (designate area using signage)
	-Fishing pier
	-Playground equipment (south side of road)
	-Small shelter
	-Fencing and gate around 16 acres on the south side
	-Plant native grasses
	-Teaching area
Taylor Road	-Enhancement/driveway parking area
Medina Park	-Pave the entrance down the hill with spillways on the sides

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County Park	Proposed Improvement
	-Convert swamp to pond
	-RV camping area
	-Replace tennis court with basketball court
	-Bridge and trails on the other side of the water (handicap accessible)
	-Playground equipment
Bicentennial Park	-Pave entrance
	-New refurbished gates
	-Parking lot
	-Bleachers for soccer fields
	-Playground equipment
	-Enhance trail

Capital Improvements Schedule

The 2010-2014 Capital Improvements Schedule is the result of the planning effort and goal-setting process used for this plan. The ability of the county to fund the projects affects all capital improvements. Table 4 provides a brief description of the project, the estimated costs and potential funding sources.

Table 4
Lenawee County Parks and Recreation
Five-Year Capital Improvement Schedule
2010-2014

Project Description	Estimated Cost (\$)	Funding Sources
<u>2010</u>		
Ramsdell Nature Park: New playground equipment (toddler type)	5,000	
Ramsdell Nature Park: Farm museum (to be located within existing building)	7,500	
Gerber Hill: Construction of small shelter	3,000	
Gerber Hill: Designate toboggan run using signage	2,000	MDNR grants, county general fund, Lenawee County Conservation District, stimulus funding, local units of government, Lenawee Farm Bureau, work release program, Lenawee County Drain Commissioner, donations
Gerber Hill: Plant native grasses	30,000	
Gerber Hill: Establish and maintain teaching area	20,000	
Taylor Road: Enhancement/driveway and parking area	15,000	
Medina Park: Replace tennis court with basketball court	3,000	
Medina Park: Playground equipment	5,000	

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Project Description	Estimated Cost (\$)	Funding Sources
Medina Park: Pave entrance downhill with spillways on the sides	15,000	
Bicentennial Park: Pave entrance	10,000	
Bicentennial Park: New refurbished gates	8,000	
Bicentennial Park: Entrance trail	6,000	
<u>2011</u>		
Ramsdell Nature Park: Farm museum (to be located within existing building)	7,500	MDNR grants, county general fund, Lenawee County Conservation District, stimulus funding, local units of government, Lenawee Farm Bureau, work release program, Lenawee County Drain Commissioner, donations
Iron Lake: Cement boat launch (20'x30')	5,000	
Gerber Hill: Establish and maintain teaching area	20,000	
Taylor Road: Enhancement/driveway and parking area	15,000	
<u>2012</u>		
Ramsdell Nature Park: Farm museum (to be located within existing building)	7,500	MDNR grants, county general fund, Lenawee County Conservation District, stimulus funding, local units of government, Lenawee Farm Bureau, work release program, Lenawee County Drain Commissioner, donations
Ramsdell Nature Park: Establish a livery with building	9,000	
Gerber Hill: Fishing pier	7,000	
Gerber Hill: Establish and maintain teaching area	20,000	
Taylor Road: Enhancement/driveway and parking area	15,000	
Bicentennial Park: Construct bleachers for soccer fields	6,000	

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Project Description	Estimated Cost (\$)	Funding Sources
<u>2013</u>		
Ramsdell Nature Park: Farm museum (to be located within existing building)	7,500	
Gerber Hill: Establish and maintain teaching area	20,000	MDNR grants, county general fund, Lenawee County Conservation District, stimulus funding, local units of government, Lenawee Farm Bureau, work release program, Lenawee County Drain Commissioner, donations
Gerber Hill: Completion of parking lot	25,000	
Gerber Hill: Playground equipment (south side of road)	5,000	
Medina Park: Make handicap accessible the bridge and trails on the other side of the water	25,000	
Bicentennial Park: Playground equipment	5,000	
<u>2014</u>		
Ramsdell Nature Park: Farm museum (to be located within existing building)	7,500	MDNR grants, county general fund, Lenawee County Conservation District, stimulus funding, local units of government, Lenawee Farm Bureau, work release program, Lenawee County Drain Commissioner, donations
Ramsdell Nature Park: New storage building (32'x32')	20,000	
Gerber Hill: Establish and maintain teaching area	20,000	
Gerber Hill: Fencing and gate around 16-acre area on south side of park	16,000	
Medina Park: RV camping area	50,000	
Bicentennial Park: Parking lot	20,000	

Appendix A

Population Summary

Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Plan, 2010-2014

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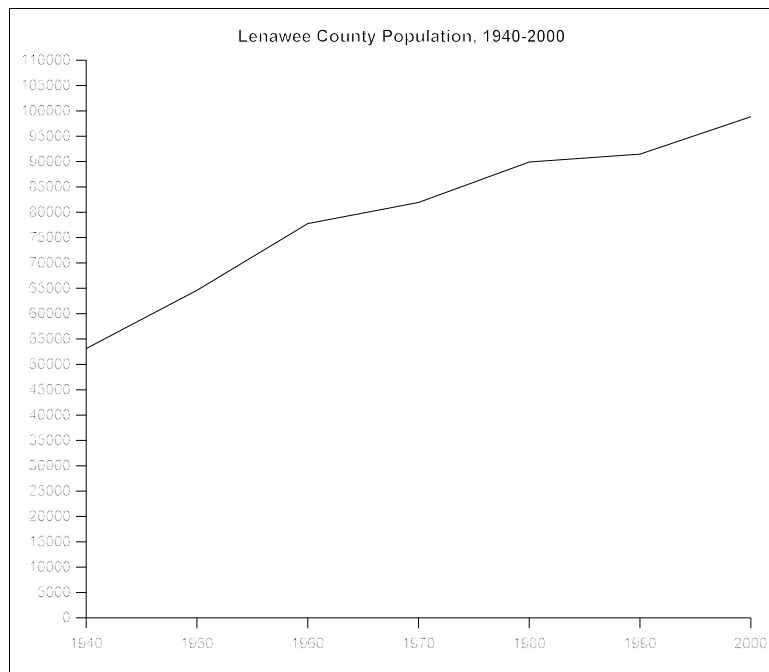
The demographic composition of the county population will have an effect upon its recreational needs. For example:

- ✘ **Population History & Projections** – establish the need for general recreational facilities (standards for which are based upon the size of the population).
- ✘ **The Age & Sex of the Population** – define the need for general recreational facilities balanced among various age groups and gender interests.
- ✘ **Household & Family Composition** – identify the need for general recreational facilities balanced between family-oriented and individual activities.
- ✘ **Racial & Ethnic Composition** – further refine the need for general recreational facilities balanced among the various interests of racial and ethnic groups.
- ✘ **Disabilities of Residents** – establish the need for special recreation facilities and disability accommodations to general recreation facilities.
- ✘ **Income** – illustrate the need for publicly-funded recreational facilities.

Population History & Projections

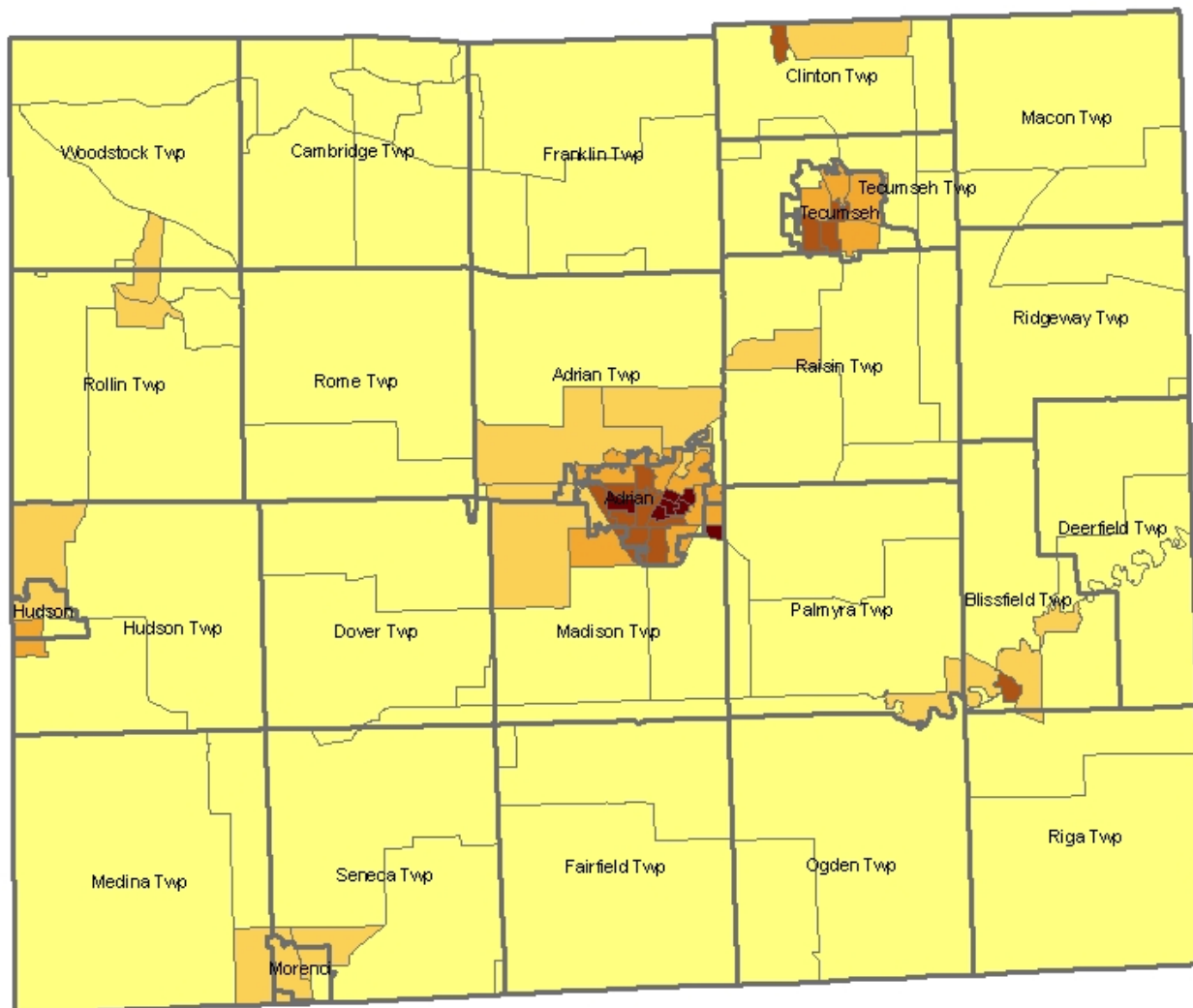
Lenawee County had a population of 98,890 in 2000 according to the U.S. Census Bureau. In general, the county population grew rapidly between 1940 and 1960 and grew at a slightly slower rate from 1960 to 2000, but a level of growth was consistently present. Census Bureau estimates that the population of the county increased to 101,243 by 2007 - an increase of 2,353 since 2000.

As shown on Map 6 on the following page, much of the population of Lenawee County is concentrated in the urban core area from Adrian north to Clinton village. Other concentrations exist in the other cities and villages throughout the County.

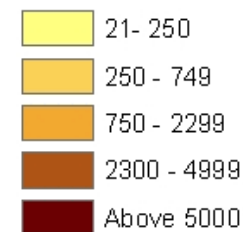


MAP 6

LENAWEE COUNTY POPULATION DENSITY



Density
(Pop./Square Mile)



0 1 2 4 6 Miles

Source: Census Block Group Data
U.S. Census 2000



Lenawee County

Population Projections

Population projections are valuable inputs in the planning process because they provide a basis for determining future parks and recreation needs. Population projections are difficult to forecast accurately because it is impossible to know all the possible events which could alter such projections. Factors such as changes in natural increase based on the number of births versus deaths; development of new housing; up-grading of infrastructure (roads, sewers, water lines, and other services); economic conditions; the location or relocation of businesses and industries make projecting population a difficult task.

Three techniques were used to project population in the county. The first technique involve the cohort-survival methods. This method is based on the progression of age groups through time as they are affected by migration patterns, death rates, and fertility factors for women of child-bearing ages. Linear regression involves the application of the latest percentage growth rates and allocating of that rate to future years. The constant-share method applies the percentage of the county's population to the state total population and applies that percentage state's projected population. This method takes advantage of the greater accuracy in projecting relatively large populations, but it adds the assumption that the county will maintain a constant share of the state population. Population projections are from the Lenawee County Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The following table provides the results of the three methods of population projection.

**Population Projections
Lenawee County, 2000-2020**

Technique	2000	2005	2010	2020	Total Increase
Cohort-Survival	98,890	102,309	104,640	108,452	9,562
Linear Regression	98,890	102,897	107,067	115,921	17,031
Constant Share	98,890	98,055	99,605	102,886	3,996

Source: Lenawee County Comprehensive Land Use Plan (2002)

From the projections presented above, it is possible to establish a "high" and "low" range for future growth in Lenawee County.

**Range of Population Projections
Lenawee County, 2010 and 2020**

Range	Year	
	2010	2020
High	107,067	115,921
Low	99,605	102,886
<i>Working Average</i>	<i>103,336</i>	<i>109,404</i>

Lenawee County

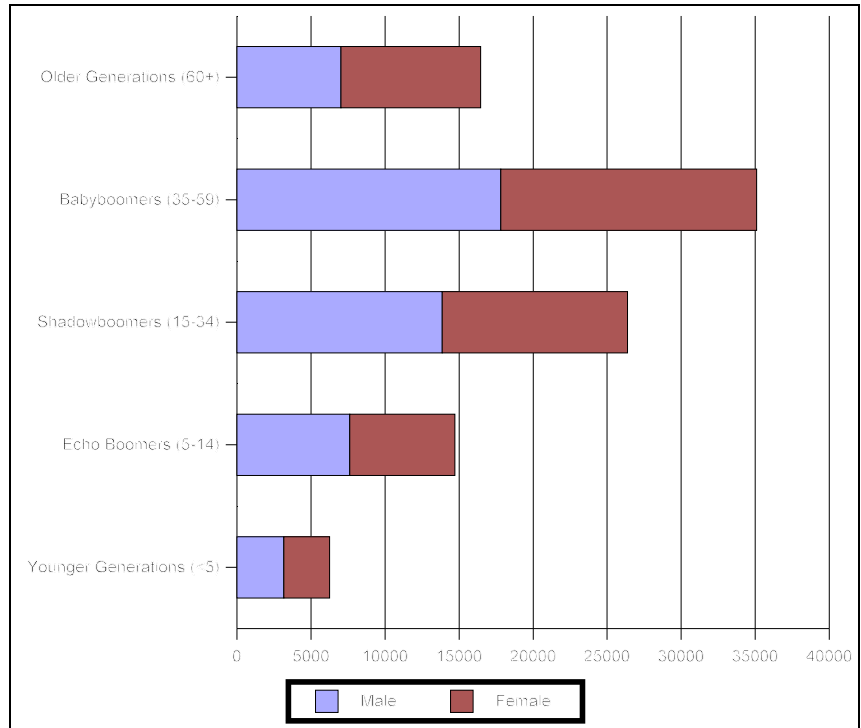
Age & Sex of the Population

The median age of all county residents was 36.4 years in 2000. However, the median age for women was 37.7 years while it was only 35.5 years for men. This difference can be explained by examining the generations that comprise the population of the county.

Baby boomers – people from 35 to 59 years of age in 2000 – accounted for 35% percent of the population of the county. Shadow boomers – people between 15 and 34 years of age in 2000 – accounted for over one-quarter (27%) of the population.

Older generations – people at least 60 years of age in 2000 – accounted for 17% of the population. Echo boomers – children between 5 and 15 years of age in 2000 – accounted for 15 percent of the population. Finally, the youngest generation – people less than 5 years of age in 2000 – accounted for 6% of the population.

The following table provides a more detailed breakdown of age.



Age of the Population

	Male	Female	Total		Male	Female	Total
Total	49464	49426	98890	65 to 69 years	1531	1790	3321
Under 5 years	3167	3085	6252	70 to 74 years	1392	1801	3193
5 to 9 years	3722	3381	7103	75 to 79 years	1079	1600	2679
10 to 14 years	3893	3719	7612	80 to 84 years	654	1173	1827
15 to 19 years	4007	3685	7692	85 and above	399	1104	1503
20 to 24 years	3145	2848	5993				
25 to 29 years	3140	2868	6008	16 years and over	37872	38493	76365
30 to 34 years	3562	3116	6678	18 years and over	36238	36994	73232
35 to 39 years	3831	3698	7529	21 years and over	33950	34844	68794
40 to 44 years	4151	3937	8088	60 years and over	7016	9437	16453
45 to 49 years	3934	3773	7707	62 years and over	6179	8620	14799
50 to 54 years	3396	3264	6660	67 years and over	4441	6748	11189
55 to 59 years	2500	2615	5115	75 years and over	2132	3877	6009
60 to 64 years	1961	1969	3930				

Source: 2000 US Census

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Household & Family Composition

There were 35,930 households in the county in 2000. Over one-half of households were comprised of one (23%) or two (35%) people and almost one-third of households were comprised of three (17%) or four (15%) people. Households with five or more people comprised about 11% of the total. Although the majority of households were comprised of families, nearly one-quarter (28%) were not. The average household size in 2000 was 2.61 and the average family size was 3.07.

Racial & Ethnic Composition

Race and ethnicity are not significant issues given that 95% of the population of the county was white in the year 2000 and each of the other racial groups comprised less than 3% of the population. A total of 7% of the population was of Hispanic origin.

Disability of Residents

Approximately 17% of county residents had at least one type of disability in 2000.

However, age is often a determining factor in the distribution of disability. As the adjacent table indicates, 44% residents of at least 65 years of age were disabled. In comparison, however, only 9.1% of children (ages from 5 to 20), and 17.6% of adults (ages 21 to 64) were disabled.

Disabled Residents	
5 to 20 years (% of total population)	23.8%
No disability	90.9%
With at least one type of disability:	9.1%
21 to 64 years (% of total population)	54.5%
No disability	75.1%
With a disability	17.6%
65 years and over (% of total population)	12.1%
No disability	55.9%
With at least one type of disability:	44.1%

Income

The median income for all county households in 2000 was \$45,739, somewhat greater than the median household income for the United States (\$41,944).² The median household incomes were slightly higher for families.

The per capita income for the county was \$20,186 in 2000, somewhat less than the per capita income for the entire United States (\$21,587).³ Individuals living under the poverty line in 2000 included 6.7% of county residents. Families below the poverty line made up 4.4% of the total.

² The median income means that ½ of the incomes were greater than \$49,276 and ½ were less than that amount.

³ Per capita income is the average income for all residents (i.e., the sum of all household incomes divided by the total population).

Appendix B

Resolution Recommending Plan Adoption by the
Lenawee County Parks Commission

Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Plan

**MINUTES OF THE LENAWEE COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION
MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 19, 2009**

Present were Park Commissioners KZ Bolton, Dan Bruggeman, Ralph Tillotson, Jim VanDoren, and Rob Hall, together with Jody Denske from the Maintenance Department, Rebecca Borton from the Administrator's Office, and Tim Anderson from Region II.

Upon motion made and supported,

RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the October 15, 2009 meeting be approved.

The Commission proceeded to review the monthly financial report, and upon motion made and supported,

RESOLVED, That the Financial Report be accepted as presented.

Tim Anderson from Region II presented additional planning documents and maps and a plan update. Thereafter, upon motion made and supported,

RESOLVED, That the Parks Commission release the 2010-2014 Parks Commission Recreation Plan for public comment on Thursday, January 28, 2010, at 7:10 P.M. in the Lenawee County Commission Chambers, and further that appropriate notice of that meeting be published forthwith.

Jody Denske reported that the survey had been completed at the Iron Lake property and that permanent stakes would be installed shortly hereafter.

Dan Bruggeman presented the first draft of a Lease agreement for the house at Ramsdell Park located at 1957 Glen Hill Highway and also the first draft of an Agreement between the Parks Commission and the Caretaker at Ramsdell Park. The Commission members agreed to review these documents in more detail and have the documents submitted to the county administrator's office for their input concerning recommended methods of payment.

The Parks Commission will further consider these documents at its next meeting currently scheduled for January 14, 2010, at 3:00 P.M.

There being no further business to come before the commission, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan R. Bruggeman, Secretary

Appendix C

Notice of Plan Adoption by the
Lenawee County Board of Commissioners

Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Plan

LENAWEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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RES#2010-004

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

LENAWEE COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN, 2010-2014
LENAWEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Lenawee County has undertaken a Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and programs, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2010 and 2014; and

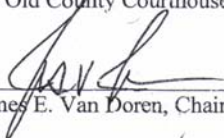
WHEREAS, a public comment session was held on January 28, 2010 at the Lenawee County Courthouse to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan; and

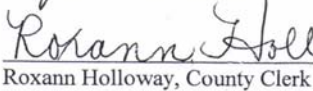
WHEREAS, Lenawee County has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community and to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, after the public meeting, the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners voted to adopt said Parks and Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the 2010-2014 Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of Lenawee County.

PASSED by roll call vote of the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held on January 28, 2010 in the Old County Courthouse, Adrian, Michigan.


James E. Van Doren, Chair


Roxann Holloway, County Clerk

Appendix D

Notice of Plan Availability (Public Notice)

Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Plan

AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lenawee, Michigan shall hold a public hearing on January 28, 2010 at 7:10 p.m. local time in the Commission Chambers on the second floor of the County Court-house Building at 301 North Main Street in the City of Adrian, County of Lenawee, State of Michigan to hear public comment on the proposed "2010-2014 Parks and Recreation Plan". A copy of the proposed "2010-2014 Parks and Recreation Plan" is available for review, or purchase (\$12.50), in the County Administrator's Office, 301 North Main Street, Adrian, MI and in the County Clerk's Office, 425 North Main Street, Adrian, MI. It may also be found at www.lenawee.mi.us.

The Board of Commissioners of Lenawee County shall provide an opportunity for interested persons to be heard and shall receive and consider communications in writing and reference thereto. Lenawee County will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting / hearing upon seven (7) days notice to Lenawee County. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Lenawee County Administrator's Office by writing or calling: Cheryl L. Whipple, 301 N. Main Street, Adrian, MI 49221. (517)264-4508.
 1T December 21.


STATE OF MICHIGAN
 County of Lenawee
 City of Adrian

Vicki Sentle _____ being first duly sworn, says that she is the PRINCIPAL CLERK of The Daily Telegram a newspaper published in the English language for the dissemination of local or transmitted news and intelligence of a general character, which is a duly qualified newspaper, and that annexed here to is a copy of a certain order taken from said newspaper, in which the order was published on the

December 21, 2009

Paid _____ Amount Due \$65.30

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of December 21, 2009


 Jenny L. Ward
 Notary Public, Lenawee County, Michigan
 My Commission Expires: Sept. 12, 2014
 Acting in County of Lenawee

Appendix E

Minutes of Board of Commissioners Public Hearing

Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Plan

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2010

PRESENT: All nine commissioners present, the clerk was also present.

Comm. Bolton moved to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2010, meeting, Comm. Tuckerman seconded, Motion CARRIED.

Comm. Tillotson moved to approve the agenda with the addition of the Habitat for Humanity Resolution, Comm. Bolton seconded, Motion CARRIED.

Communications were read and placed on filed.

Chair Van Doren opened the Public Hearing for the Parks and Recreation Plan at 7:08 P.M. No Public comments were made. The Board of Commissioners held discussion regarding the plan.

Chair Van Doren closed the Public Hearing at 7:24 P.M.

Comm. Bolton moved to adopt the following resolution, Comm. MacKay seconded,

RES#2010-004

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WHEREAS, after the public meeting, the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners voted to adopt said Parks and Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the 2010-2014 Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of Lenawee County.

Motion CARRIED by the following Roll Call Vote: YEAS-(8) Comm. Bolton, Branch, Hall, MacKay, Stimpson, Tuckerman, Van Doren, Welch. NAYS-(1) Comm. Tillotson.

Comm. Tillotson moved to adopt the following resolution, Comm Tuckerman seconded,

PRO#2010-001

WHEREAS, under the law of the state of Michigan, Act No. 20 of 1943, as amended by PA 196 of 1997, THIS Board is required to provide, by resolution, an investment policy governing the prudent management of all public monies, including general fund, tax monies, special revenue funds, debt service funds, capital project funds,

Appendix F

Transmittal Letters to County
and Regional Planning Agencies

Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Plan

Region 2 Planning Commission



February 23, 2010

Mr. James Tipton, Chairman
Lenawee County Planning Commission
c/o Region 2 Planning Commission
120 W. Michigan Avenue
Jackson, Michigan 49201

Subject: **Lenawee County 2010-2014 Parks and Recreation Plan**

Dear Mr. Tipton:

Enclosed, please find a copy of the Lenawee County 2010-2014 Parks and Recreation Plan. The Plan calls for continuing park maintenance and the addition of new recreation opportunities for the residents of Lenawee County.

The Plan was adopted in accordance with the requirements of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans*. These guidelines include provision of a copy of the completed plan to the Lenawee County Planning Commission.

If you have any questions about the Plan, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Timothy Anderson, AICP
Principal Planner

Region 2 Planning Commission



February 23, 2010

Mr. Steven Duke, Executive Director
Region 2 Planning Commission
120 W. Michigan Avenue
Jackson, Michigan 49201

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