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CHAPTER 1: COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Introduction

The 2018-2022 City of Tawas City Parks and Recreation Plan was prepared by the City Planning Commission and adopted by the Tawas City Council to serve as a guide and decision making document for future recreation facilities and programs. The Plan presents an inventory of existing facilities and programs within the City, as well as an evaluation of opportunities and needs. The Plan considers the existing facilities in and near the City, as well as the anticipated demand for additional or improved facilities and programs. The Plan also includes goals, guidelines, and a list of projects to be considered as improvements.

Although the City of Tawas City works closely and cooperatively with several public and private agencies and volunteer groups that provide recreation opportunities for the citizens of Tawas City, the jurisdiction of this Parks and Recreation Plan includes only City-owned and operated recreation facilities and programs.

The Plan is also intended to enable the City to continue to apply for funding assistance from various agencies and work toward implementing the documented recommendations. This Plan provides for five years of grant eligibility with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR).

Regional Setting

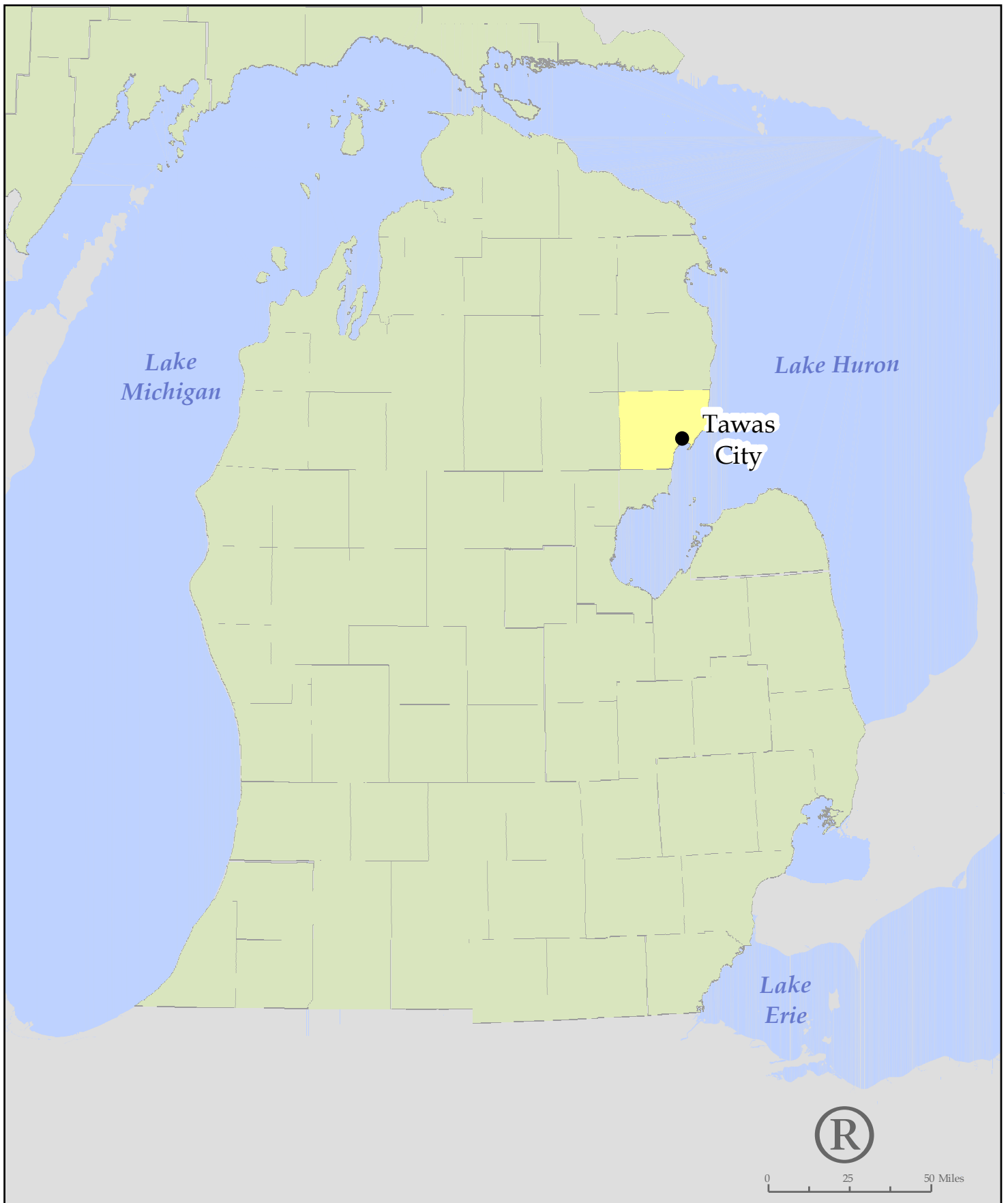
Tawas City is located along Lake Huron's Tawas Bay in southeastern Iosco County in the northeastern portion of Michigan's Lower Peninsula. Adjacent communities are the City of East Tawas, Baldwin Township, Tawas Township, and Alabaster Township. For reference, a location map showing Tawas City in relation to the State of Michigan and a map of Iosco County are provided on the following pages.


Geographically, the City covers 2.2 square miles, of which 0.4 square miles is water.

Tawas City is situated equidistant (65 miles) between Alpena and Bay City and 170 miles north of Detroit. Tawas City is the first major community on Lake Huron traveling north on US-23 from the urbanized areas of southeastern Michigan. For the northbound traveler, only occasional glimpses of Lake Huron are evident prior to reaching Tawas City. Similarly, Tawas City is the entrance to Lake Huron for traffic originating in the central portions of the State and traveling eastbound on M-55. Tawas City is the southernmost city directly on Lake Huron offering a full variety of recreation activities with the quality "up north" character that residents and visitors highly value. Tawas City is also the Iosco County seat.

Outdoor recreation opportunities within Iosco County can best be understood in terms of two distinct recreation systems: the Lake Huron shoreline, and the inland forest recreation system. The entire eastern boundary of the County is Lake Huron shoreline, and 60 percent of the County is held in National and State public ownership. Each of these "systems" has a distinct set of features or facilities that attract visitors to the area. The attractions are supported by secondary facilities providing lodging, food, entertainment, and supplies, all of which are provided in Tawas City and neighboring East Tawas.¹

¹ Tawas City Shoreline Management Plan, page 2.

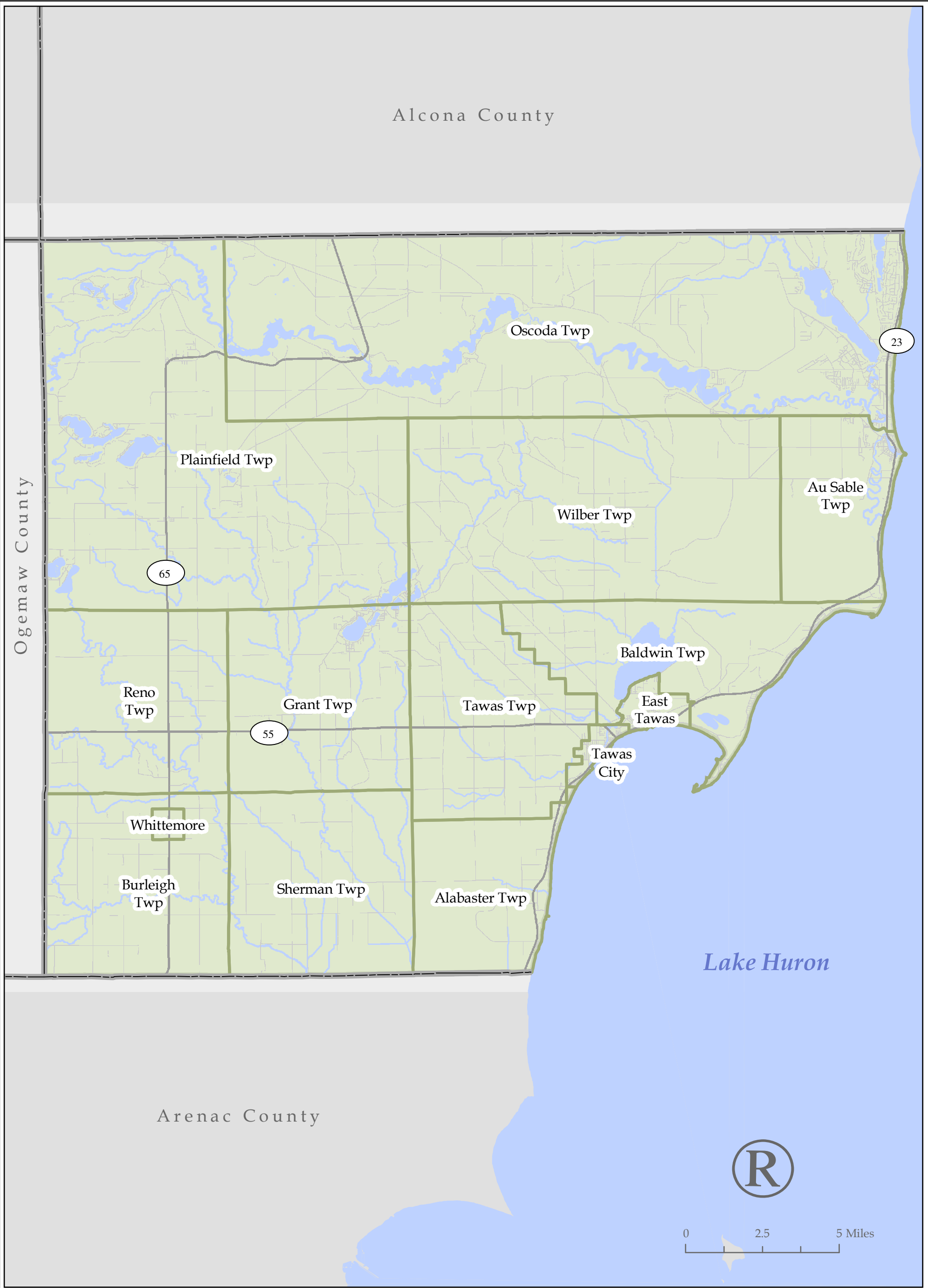


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Tawas City

Location Map

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- Local Roads
- State Roads
- Rivers & Creeks
- Water Body
- County Boundary

Iosco County

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History²

Since Tawas City's founding in 1854, the community's economy has been a major factor influencing land use and development patterns in the City. Throughout the history of Tawas City, the shoreline has served an important economic function, although the specific nature of the function has changed over time. The rich natural resource base of the area (forest lands, Lake Huron, wildlife) combined with the protection offered by Tawas Bay provided the basis for the original founding of the City and caused the lumber industry to flourish. Tawas Bay continues to serve as a harbor of refuge that large lake freighters use to escape the adverse effects of storms on Lake Huron.

As the transition zone between land and water, the Lake Huron shoreline became the focus of the community with the City developing in a linear fashion along the shore. Commercial lumbering started in 1855. To accommodate its four sawmills, shipping and storage needs, docks and warehouses were built along the shoreline and sometimes out over the bay.

With the opening of the Detroit and Mackinac Railway, the focus of economic activity shifted gradually away from the water to the rail depot. The proximity of the railroad right-of-way to the shore left only a narrow strip of land between the railway roadbed and the shore and served to further divide the inland part of the community from the shoreline and business center. With the decline in water transport usage, the docks and warehouses deteriorated and the water's edge became the backyard of the community. As lumbering depleted nearby forests, the center of activity shifted inland and the docks and sawmills on the bay were demolished after falling into disuse.

By the early 20th century, most of the logging and sawmill operations had been discontinued, and the population of Tawas City declined, and then stabilized at about 1,000. The community might have remained a quiet village typical of many former "boom towns" had it not been for its recreational appeal. Rail excursions and later the completion of US-23 along with the growth in automobile usage resulted in tourism becoming the new economic base for Tawas City. With the shift, the lakeshore became important for cottage development and recreational activities.

Social and Economic Characteristics

According to the US Census, Tawas City had a population of 1,827 persons at the time of the 2010 Census. The Census figures only count the year-round population. Due to the heavy level of tourism during the summer months, the number of people in Tawas City substantially increases during that time. In addition to the thousands of tourists who visit each year, the Census showed more than 16 percent of all dwellings in the City are listed as seasonal or vacation homes. Even though the number of permanent residents has not changed much over the past three decades, the number of people using its parks and recreational facilities continues to increase.

The most significant aspect of the population data is a 20.4 percent decrease in residents aged 65 and over between the 2000 and 2010 Census counts, as compared to 11.7% increase for the State. The median age for Tawas City residents is 47.4 years, as compared to 38.9 years for the State. Based on these comparisons, it appears that Tawas City has become an excellent retirement location. Because of the City's growing senior citizen population, this Plan made a determined effort to accommodate their recreation needs.

² Tawas City Shoreline Management Plan, pages 4-5.

More than 96 percent of the Tawas City population is of the white race and of European ancestry.

The 2000 Census shows that 9.7 percent of persons aged 5 to 20 years have a disability, 17.6 percent of persons aged 21-64 have a disability, and 40 percent of persons over 65 years have a disability. In the provision of recreational facilities and programs, accommodating those with disabilities is a top priority of this Plan.

Because of Tawas City's large senior citizen population, only about 48 percent of the City's residents are in the civilian labor force. The economy of Tawas City is very diverse. While tourism is a major portion of its economic base, many of its residents work in jobs not related to tourism. Median household income in 2009 for Tawas City was \$29,915, as compared to \$45,255 for the State of Michigan. The family poverty rate for Tawas City was 14.7 percent, as compared to 16.2 percent for the State.

For Tawas City, the 2010 Census noted 723 total households, with an average household size of 2.22 persons. Persons 65 years and older resided in 243 of these households. About half of all City households were family households.

Of the total 977 housing units in Tawas City, 152 were for seasonal or vacation use (15.5 percent) and 175 were renter-occupied (17.9 percent.) The majority of the City's housing stock is single-family homes (71.5 percent) located largely in residential neighborhoods and subdivisions. Generally, the structural quality of residential units in the City is good, even though more than 23 percent were built before 1939. Tawas City has no federally-subsidized elder housing, but such a facility exists in East Tawas. The Bay Park Towers are two five-story buildings totaling 84 units. The Tawas City area has three long-term care facilities: Tendercare, Lakeview Manor, and Iosco Medical Care Facility.

Resource Inventory

Climate conditions help determine the viability of the Northeast Michigan Region, including the Tawas City area, in attracting people and business. These factors, in turn, help determine the status of the local economy. According to the website for Midwestern Regional Climate Center's (MRCC) historical climate statistics for the 1981-2010 period, normal annual precipitation for the Tawas area averages a little more than 31 inches. On average, the wettest month is September (3.39 inches), while the driest month is February (1.67 inches). MRCC statistics indicate a mean July temperature of 68.7° F and a mean January temperature of 21.1° F. Average annual snowfall for the Tawas area is 51.7 inches.

The topography of Tawas City is generally flat, as the area is a former glacial lakebed. Elevations range from 580 feet above sea level along Tawas Bay to 590 feet for most of the remainder of the City. The Tawas area is underlain by Mississippi Age sandstone and shale bedrock formations, primarily Marshall Sandstone laid down during the Paleozoic Era. Surface geology of the area is primarily dune sand along the shoreline and lacustrine clay and silt inland.

Tawas City lies at the mouth of the Tawas River, which flows from Tawas Lake to Lake Huron. The river basin drains a relatively small area northeast of the City comprising about 20 percent of Iosco County's land area. The Tawas River flows through the community from the northern boundary near M-55 in a southerly direction and then southwesterly separating the shore area and the commercial area from the residential areas.

Dead Creek, a major tributary to the Tawas River, flows through the residential portions of the City before joining the river about ¼ mile from its mouth. Improvements to the river and creek corridors have been minimal with some rip rap for bank stabilization.

Portions of the creek have been “straightened” over time but the current appearance of the stream channels is primarily natural. A Walleye rearing pond has been developed at Dead Creek by the Walleyes for Iosco County, where Walleye fingerling are routinely released.

Wave action in Tawas Bay is relatively mild as compared with the shoreline north of Tawas Point, which provides shelter from northerly and easterly storms. This wave action is sufficient to produce considerable drift along the entire beach. Sand movement occurs when the turbulence created by the waves makes the sand vulnerable to movement by currents. In the Tawas area the currents are created partly by local waves and wind, but the larger scale currents in Lake Huron also influence them. Observations indicate that the sand in Tawas Bay is transported in both directions; northwest around Tawas Point and southeast toward the mouth of Tawas River. In this environment, the shoreline can be stabilized at a reasonable cost.³

Data on soil characteristics for the region indicates soils of the Tawas City area are primarily of the Wurtsmith-Meehan-Urban Land Complex. This is a sandy, well-drained soil association high in permeability and well suited to many types of development because of its good drainage.⁴ However, because the soil is so highly permeable, it is also susceptible to surface contamination.

Vegetation and wildlife are typical of this part of the State. Tawas City lies on the eastern edge of a vast forested region. A substantial second growth co-exists with residential areas within the City. While many of the trees along the shoreline have been removed to accommodate development, particularly in the central commercial area of town, the City makes

every effort to preserve and replant trees in the community parks.

The area is greatly enhanced by the varieties and species of fish thriving in the local waters. At one time a major commercial fishery, Tawas Bay now supports active sport fishing. Lake Trout, Brown Trout, Salmon, Perch, and Walleye are just a few of the many species that attract anglers to the community on a year-round basis. According to MDNR website, Brown Trout, Lake Trout, Rainbow Trout, Salmon, and Walleye have been extensively stocked in the Tawas River and Tawas Bay.

The table on the following page details threatened and endangered species for Iosco County. Data was obtained from MDNR, Michigan Natural Features Inventory website and is current as of May, 2016.

Transportation Systems

Two major highways provide regional vehicular access to Tawas City. US-23 Sunrise Side Coastal Highway is the major north/south route along coastal Lake Huron between Standish and Mackinaw City. One of the goals of the management plan for this highway is to maintain, improve, and expand recreational, cultural, and historical attributes along the highway. M-55 is the major east/west route connecting Tawas City to the western portions of the State.

Iosco County Airport, located north of East Tawas, provides general aviation services for private planes and has a 4,800-foot runway. The former Wurtsmith Air Force Base near Oscoda offers a 12,000-foot hard surface runway available for private use.

The Iosco Transit Corporation operates a “Dial-a-Ride” bus service for the County on a demand/response basis.

MDOT recently completed a non-motorized trail adjacent to US-23 from Tawas Beach Road to Dyer Road.

³ Tawas City Shoreline Management Plan, page 3.

⁴ Tawas City Shoreline Management Plan, page 3.

Iosco County Threatened and Endangered Species

Scientific Name	Common Name	Type	Federal Status*	State Status**
<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	Northern Goshawk	Bird		SC
<i>Acipenser fulvescens</i>	Lake Sturgeon	Fish		T
<i>Alasmodonta viridis</i>	Slippershell	Mussel		T
<i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>	Grasshopper sparrow	Bird		SC
<i>Appalachia arcane</i>	Secretive Locust	Insect		SC
<i>Armoracia lacustris</i>	Lake Cress	Plant		T
<i>Atrytonopsis hianna</i>	Dusted Skipper	Insect		SC
<i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i>	American Bittern	Bird		SC
<i>Buteo lineatus</i>	Red-shouldered Hawk	Bird		T
<i>Charadrius melodus</i>	Piping Plover	Bird	LE	E
<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	Black Tern	Bird		SC
<i>Cincinnatia cincinnatiensis</i>	Campeloma Spire Snail	Mussel		SC
<i>Cirsium hillii</i>	Hill's Thistle	Plant		SC
<i>Cirsium pitcheri</i>	Pitcher's Thistle	Plant	LT	T
<i>Coregonus artedi</i>	Cisco/Lake Herring	Fish		T
<i>Coregonus reighardi</i>	Shortnose Cisco	Fish		X
<i>Coregonus zenithicus</i>	Shortjaw Cisco	Fish		T
<i>Cygnus buccinators</i>	Trumpeter Swan	Bird		T
<i>Cypripedium arietinum</i>	Ram's Head Lady's Slipper	Plant		SC
<i>Dendroica cerulea</i>	Cerulean warbler	Bird		T
<i>Dendroica discolor</i>	Prairie Warbler	Bird		E
<i>Dendroica kirtlandii</i>	Kirtland's Warbler	Bird	LE	E
<i>Emydoidea blandingii</i>	Blanding's Turtle	Reptile		SC
<i>Galearis spectabilis</i>	Showy orchis	Plant		T
<i>Gavia immer</i>	Common Loon	Bird		T
<i>Glyptemys insculpta</i>	Wood Turtle	Reptile		SC
<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Bald Eagle	Bird		SC
<i>Incisalia irus</i>	Frosted Elfin	Insect		T
<i>Ligumia nasuta</i>	Eastern pondmussel	Mussel		E
<i>Ligumia recta</i>	Black sandshell	Mussel		E
<i>Moxostoma carinatum</i>	River Redhorse	Fish		T
<i>Panax quinquefolius</i>	Ginseng	Plant		T
<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	Osprey	Bird		SC
<i>Pantherophis gloydi</i>	Eastern fox snake	Reptile		T
<i>Percina copelandi</i>	Channel Darter	Fish		E
<i>Percina shumardi</i>	River Darter	Fish		E
<i>Prunus alleghaniensis</i>	Alleghany or Sloe Plum	Plant		SC
<i>Pterospira andromeda</i>	Pine-drops	Plant		T
<i>Pyrgus Wyandot</i>	Grizzled Skipper	Insect		SC
<i>Sistrurus catenatus</i>	Eastern Massasauga	Reptile	C	SC
<i>Trimerotropis huroniana</i>	Lake Huron Locust	Insect		T
<i>Villosa iris</i>	Rainbow	Mussel		SC
<i>Zizania aquatica</i>	Wild-rice	Plant		T

Source: Michigan Natural Features Inventory, Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

*LE=Listed endangered, LT=Listed threatened, PDL=Proposed for delisting, C=Species being considered for federal status.

**E=Endangered, T=Threatened, SC=Special concern, X=Probably extirpated.

CHAPTER 2: RECREATION AND RESOURCE INVENTORY

Developing a complete inventory of recreation facilities, programs, and events is an essential component of a Parks and Recreation Plan. It provides a base of information to use in developing the Action Program. Understanding what facilities, programs, and events are available to the residents of the City of Tawas City will assist in future decision-making processes.

This portion of the plan includes several components. The first component is a description of the recreation facilities and programs that Tawas City owns and operates. Recreation, social, and cultural facilities located within the City but owned and operated by outside agencies such as the public school district were also inventoried. A description of regional recreation facilities including those found in adjacent communities is also provided. The recreation facilities inventory is followed by an assessment of the barrier-free compliance status of City-owned park facilities. Lastly, this chapter includes a description of the facilities that were partially or completely acquired and/or developed using State recreation grant funding.

City Owned Recreation Facilities

As a starting point for the inventory of recreation facilities, the inventory table from the 2013-2017 Parks and Recreation Plan was utilized. However, in order to include the most up-to-date facility information, a field survey of parks and recreation facilities was conducted in October of 2016. After the field survey, the previous recreation inventory table was updated and a new version of the table was prepared. This table, City of Tawas City, City-Owned Recreation Facilities Inventory, is provided on the following page.



In total, the City of Tawas City features public recreation facilities totaling approximately 70 acres of land and approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile of Lake Huron shoreline and Tawas River frontage. The location of each facility is shown on the Recreation Inventory Map and aerial photos for each park are included after the Recreation Inventory Map. A profile of each facility is included on the following pages.

All Tawas City park and recreation facilities are available for use by City residents and the general public. Parks along the Lake Huron waterfront are also frequented by tourist traffic passing by on scenic US-23.

**City of Tawas City
City-Owned Recreation Facilities Inventory**

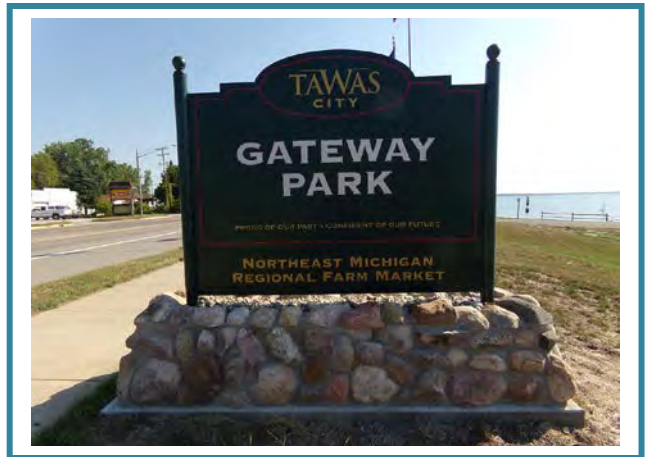
Recreation Facility	Type of Park	Estimated Acres	Entrance Sign	Off-Street Parking	Indoor Restrooms	Portable Restrooms	Benches/Seating Area	Picnic Tables	Picnic Shelter/Pavilion	Barbecue Grills	Concession Stand	Public/Private Art	Boat Launch/Docking (Canoe/Kayak)	Lake Swimming	Shore/Pier Fishing	Shoreline Trail	Hiking/Jogging Trail	Playground Equipment	Softball/Baseball Field	Performance Stage	Basketball Court	Soccer Field	Volleyball Court
Gateway Park and Boat Launch	CP	7.8	x	x	x		x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				
Town Square Park	CP	3.2	x	x	x		x	x		x				x	x	x	x	x					
Shoreline Park	CP	8.2	x	x	x		x	x	x	x				x	x	x	x	x					
Union Square Park	NP	1.5		x				x															
Independent Park	SC	6.5	x	x		x	x	x				x											
Elms Neighborhood Park	MP	0.3						x															
Tawas City Sports Complex	SC	12.8	x	x	x		x	x	x		x												
Sawyer Thornton Park	MP	0.4	x	x				x							x								
Tawas City Nature Preserve	NR	27.6																					
City Hall/ Veterans Park & Canoe/Kayak Launch	CP	1.8	x	x			x						x		x								

Legend: MP= Mini-Park; NP=Neighborhood Park; CP=Community Park; SC=Sports Complex; NR=Natural Resource Area; SU=Special Use.
Recreation Inventory Source: C i t y field survey, October 2016.

Gateway Park and Boat Launch

Gateway Park was constructed in 1982 with the purpose of stabilizing, beautifying, and preserving Tawas River mouth property for public access and multi-recreational use. The site was named Gateway Park because it is virtually the first major regional exposure to Lake Huron for traffic northbound on US-23, making it the southern entrance to the Lake Huron coastal system. Gateway Park features several concrete playground animal sculptures that were constructed by Gordon Clute a local artist and either purchased by or donated to the City.

In addition to the children's playground, visitors may enjoy picnicking or fishing off the pier at the mouth of the river. Parking is available. In 2010, a 300-foot lighted and ADA-compatible fishing pier was added to the park. Along with a new ADA-compatible boat launch which accommodates two boats up to 28 feet long. In 2014, a 3,200 square foot pavilion was built for the Northeast Michigan Regional Farm Market to use on Saturdays from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. In 2015, a portion of the park along the lake shore was designated for dogs to enjoy beach. In 2017, new ADA-compatible restrooms were constructed in the park.



Tawas City Municipal Boat Launch

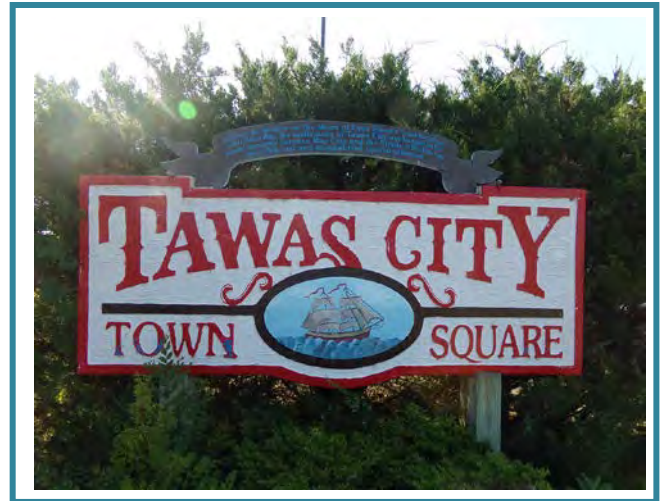
The Tawas City Boat Launch was relocated to within Gateway Park on the east side of the Tawas River near the mouth of the river in 2010. The public boat launch is ADA-compatible and can accommodate two boats up to 28 feet long.

As the Lake Huron level changes from year to year, there are years when dredge may be necessary at the mouth of Tawas River to the boat launch.



Town Square Park

Town Square Park was constructed shortly after this lakefront property was purchased from two gas stations in the early 1990's. This park is adjacent to Shoreline Park, giving the community nearly 1,500 linear feet of uninterrupted Lake Huron shoreline. Town Square Park includes a small open-air building that is used for weddings, concerts, and other events. This park also includes a memorial honoring Lt. William Bowen, a Tawas City resident who died while serving his country in the South Pacific in World War II.



Shoreline Park

Adjacent to Town Square Park, this park's recreational identity comes from the 450-foot long pier. The presence of the pier encourages active as well as passive recreational opportunities. Aside from the pier, Shoreline Park is equipped with two picnic pavilions, a food concession stand, restrooms, a boardwalk along the beach and a playscape for children. In 2012, the concession stand was remodeled with new log siding and a steel roof. In 2013, the park was renovated with a DIG Grant and the parking lot area was doubled, a new ADA compatible sidewalk that runs across the length of the park was constructed, and a new playscape, electric car charging station, benches, bike rack, new lighting and new signage were installed. In 2015, two crosswalks were installed to cross Lake Street (US-23.) In 2016, the existing restroom was razed and replaced with a new restroom and an additional restroom was constructed at the south end of the park. In June 2017, the city contracted to perform a condition assessment of the pier to be used for a future rehabilitation project.

Tawas Point Lighthouse is visible from this park. Shoreline Park is host to the Annual Shoreline Arts and Crafts Show on Memorial Day weekend, the Annual Tawas Bay Waterfront Fine Arts Festival and Tawas Antiques on Tawas Bay in August, and the Labor Day Arts and Crafts Show on Labor Day weekend. These events attract thousands of visitors.



Union Square Park

This park, established in 1992, is the site of the former Tawas City Department of Public Works building and is named for Union soldiers who fought in the Civil War. The park is set in a residential area where residents can play Frisbee, kickball and other games.

This park has seen some improvements over the last few years, including rail fencing, a picnic table, and new trees. Additional park improvements are expected during the life of this Recreation Plan. The park could be considered as a site for a dog park in the future.



Sawyer Thornton Park

This park, established in 2015, property was acquired in 1989. The park property was originally owned by Neil Thornton's grandfather, Ben Sawyer, and then his parents.

The park is set in a residential area. A picnic table is located here for relaxation while residents enjoy fishing on the bank of Dead Creek, picnicking, or playing games.



Independent Park

This facility contains the main baseball field in Tawas City and is heavily used during the season. The field includes dugouts, bleachers, fencing, a portable restroom, and picnic tables. In 2011-2012, the backstops received improvements. Also on site are the Tawas City Library and an open play field. In 2008, a pocket park was built next to the library which included a pergola and several concrete cartoon figures that were built by Gordon Clute a resident artist. The deteriorating tennis courts were removed and replaced with a basketball court with two hoops. It is expected that the basketball courts will be utilized more than the previous tennis courts were used. In 2014-2016, the baseball field received improvements; upgraded fencing and dugouts also received improvements. In 2016, the library parking lot was expanded that is adjacent to the baseball field and a new sign was installed.



Tawas City Sports Complex

The Tawas City Sports Complex includes two baseball/softball fields, six soccer fields, a concession stand/pavilion, restrooms, picnic area, storage facilities, and playground equipment.

Soccer Fields

This facility was constructed in early 1990 with funds from the Tawas Area Soccer League, the City of Tawas City, the Lions Club, and the Kiwanis Club. The league is mostly responsible for the operation and maintenance of the grounds, which consist of six irrigated playing fields. While the City owns the complex, the soccer association operates the concession stand and restroom facility.

The soccer fields are adjacent to the baseball and softball fields. The two facilities share the concession stand, restrooms, picnic area, and playground.



Baseball and Softball Fields

Children's baseball fields are adjacent to the property owned by the Tawas Area Schools and the Tawas City Soccer Fields. The complex's two baseball and softball fields are primarily used for Little League games. In 2013, the grounds received improvements to the fields, dugouts, backstops, and fencing.

Other amenities include a concession stand/pavilion/restroom building, playground equipment, picnic tables, and storage facilities.



Elms Neighborhood Park

Elms Neighborhood Park is a small park that acts primarily as an open space and buffer. In 1983, the park was almost abandoned and reverted to the heirs of the person who originally donated the land to the City. However, after some citizen opposition to this proposal, the City kept the park and continues to maintain it as open space and buffer.

In recent years, a picnic table has been added. Mature trees make the park a comfortable place to visit on a warm summer day.



Tawas City Nature Preserve

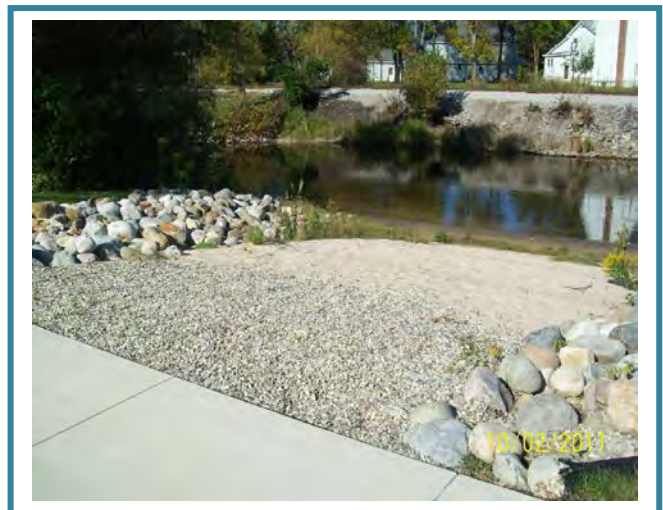
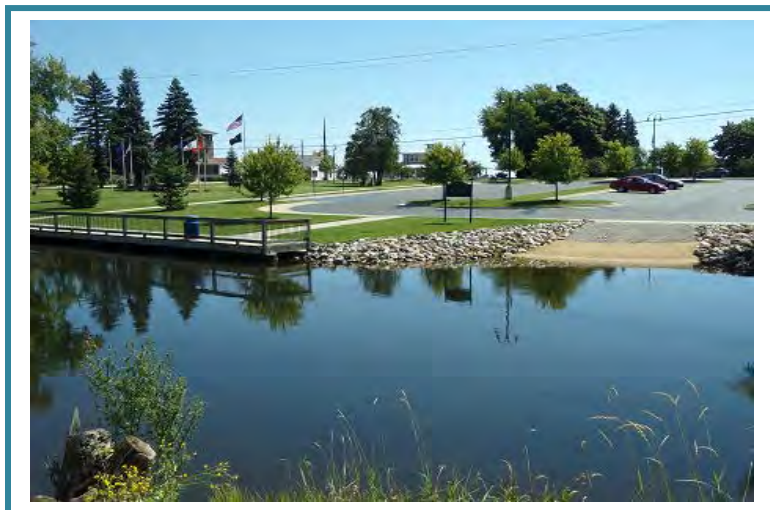
The Tawas City Nature Preserve is adjacent to the Sports Complex on the north and west sides, and it encircles the Tawas City Cemetery. The Nature Preserve contains a nature trail with abundant wildflowers, various other natural plants, significant woodlands, and extensive wetland areas. Birds and wildlife common to Iosco County are common in this area.

Development of walkways and printed identification material would add a desirable dimension to the City's parks and recreation facilities and activities.

City Hall Boardwalk & Veterans Park

The new city hall was constructed in 2009 on the north side of Matthews Street, just off Lake Street (US-23) and adjacent to the Tawas River. The site includes parking and a boardwalk along the river.

Veterans Park was established in 2009 along the Tawas River. It is adjacent to City Hall, creating additional parking, a boardwalk along the river for fishing, and access to launch a canoe or kayak. In 2012, the Veterans Recognition Plaza dedicated a "War Dead" Memorial. In 2014, brick pavers were installed to create a "Walk of Honor" and there are plans to expand in the future. Together, the sites have 210 feet of Tawas River frontage.



Tawas Area Schools

The Tawas Area School System owns the following facilities, and they make their facilities available to the general public through Community Education Programs and Summer Youth Recreation Programs. School playgrounds and playing courts are available for public use when school is not in session.

The previous Tawas Area Middle School property is vacant that is located adjacent to the Tawas City Sports Complex. It has a gymnasium, playground equipment, youth baseball/softball field, basketball courts, and a large open play area for multiple sports. This property is currently for sale for future development.

Clara Bolen Elementary School

This school serves young fours through fourth grade and is located near the high school facility. The facility offers a gymnasium and playground.



Tawas Area High School/ Middle School

Tawas Area High School/Middle School serves fifth grade through twelfth grade students. In 2016, the high school was expanded to relocate the Middle School to this campus which includes fifth grade through eighth grade students.

School athletic programs offered during the regular school year include:

- Football
- Soccer
- Golf
- Cross-country
- Basketball
- Bowling
- Baseball
- Track
- Cheerleading
- Volleyball
- Softball
- Wrestling

Recreational facilities at this school campus include two full-size gymnasiums, football stadium, six-lane rubberized track, two practice football fields, soccer field, and little league field.



Tawas City Area Private Recreational Facilities

Several privately-owned recreation facilities within the Tawas City area are significant in terms of the recreation opportunities they provide for Tawas City residents. A description of each facility is provided below.

Tawas Bay Condominium Marina

This private marina is located on Lake Huron near the mouth of the Tawas River. It has individually owned boat slips, and a clubhouse is available for use by boat slip owners.

Tawas Lanes

Located on US-23, this ten-lane bowling center is a popular indoor recreation facility and sponsors bowling leagues.

Family Theater

Located in the City of East Tawas, the Family Theater is the local cinema serving the entire Tawas area.

Tawas Bay Players

A local East Tawas amateur theater group presents approximately six productions each year for residents and visitors to enjoy.

Tawas Bay Ice Arena

This quasi-private ice facility, located about 1 ½ miles west of US-23 on M-55 was built and is maintained by the Huron Hockey and Skating Association, a nonprofit organization. It is used for hockey and ice skating for youth through adults and is open to the public.

Red Hawk Golf Club

This golf course serves both the Tawas's, as well as visitors to the area. Located approximately six miles north of Tawas City, the course features 18 holes developed in a 205 acre forest and a bar/grill.

Tawas Creek Golf Course

Located on Monument Road approximately three miles northwest of Tawas City, this golf course offers 18 holes of golf and a bar/grill.

Brown's Landing RV Park

Located on Lake Huron about six miles south of Tawas City, this park has 80 campsites, a boat launch, and a dock.

Shady Oaks Campground

This campground is located about 11 miles west of Tawas City off M-55 and features 70 shaded campsites, restrooms, showers, and a playground.

Tawas River Trailer Park

This facility, located in Tawas City just outside the business district on the Tawas River, caters to 53 permanent residents. It also has 100 large seasonal campground sites with a canoe/ kayak/small boat access to the river.

Tawas RV Park

This 69-site seasonal campground is located approximately two miles west of the City on Townline Road.

Tawas Tennis Association

Located on Miller Road, this one-court indoor tennis facility provides tennis year around courts to it members.

Public Recreation Facilities Outside Tawas City Boundaries (by Jurisdiction)

Name of Public Facility (by Jurisdiction)	# of Campsites	Swimming	Bathhouse Facilities	Fishing	Picnicking	Boat Launch	Docking	Restrooms	Playground	Hiking Trails	Bridle Trails	Tennis Courts	Baseball Field	Basketball Court	Horseshoe Pits	Snowmobiling	Cross-Country Skiing
US Forest Service																	
South Branch Trail Camp	16			x	x			x			x						
Round Lake Campground	33	x		x	x	x		x									
Rollways Campground/Access	19		x		x			x			x					x	
Monument Campground	21			x		x		x		x						x	
Cooke Pond Primitive	45			x		x		x									
Five-Channels Pond Primitive	4			x		x											
Foote Pond Primitive	25			x		x		x									
Loud Pond Primitive	7			x		x											
Lower AuSable Primitive	7			x		x											
River Road National Scenic Byway																	
Lumberman's Monument					x			x		x							x
Corsair Trail System								x		x							x
Iargo Springs								x									
State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources																	
Tawas Point State Park	195	x	x	x	x			x	x	x			x			x	x
Sandy Hook Trail										x							x
Van Etten Lake State Forest Campground	58	x		x	x	x		x									
East Tawas State Dock	143 slips	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x								
AuSable River Mouth Access		x		x	x	x		x									
Cedar Lake Access		x		x	x	x		x									
Floyd Lake Access		x		x	x	x		x									
Londo Lake Access		x		x	x	x											
Long Lake Access		x		x	x	x		x									
Tawas Lake Access				x		x		x									
State of Michigan Department of Transportation																	
US-23 Roadside Park		x		x	x			x									
M-55 Roadside Park				x	x			x									
County of Iosco																	
Old Orchard Park	450	x	x	x	x			x				x					
City of East Tawas																	
East Tawas City Park	178	x	x	x	x		x	x	x						x		
Tom Dillon Mem Park					x			x	x				x		x		
Dewey Durant Park				x	x			x	x	x		x	x		x		
Bolen Memorial Park					x			x	x				x	x	x		

Tawas Area and Iosco County Clubs and Organizations

For Adults

Kiwanis Club
Rotary Club
Quota Club
Elks
Eagles
TOPS
C B Club
Tennis Club
Garden Club
Tawas Bay Artists
Audubon Society
Literary Club
Knights of Columbus
Weight Watchers
Masonic Lodge
Flying Club
Snowmobile Club
American Legion
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Disabled American Veterans
Iosco County Sportsmen's Clubs
Business and Professional Women
Hereford Calf Association
Dairy Herd Improvement Association
Tawas Bay Players
Senior Citizens
Tawas Area Chamber of Commerce Tawas
Bay Tourist & Convention Bureau
Michigan's Sunrise Side Travel Association
Iosco County Historical Society
Tawas Area Adult Band
POW/MIA
Moose
Friends of Tawas City Library
Friends of East Tawas Library
Master Gardeners
Farmers Market
Red Hat Society
Walleyes for Iosco County
Huron Hockey & Skating Association
Tawas Tennis Inc.
Sunrise Side Life Long Learning

Youth

Soccer League
4-H Clubs
Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts
Little League Baseball/Softball
Basketball Leagues
YMCA/YWCA Camp
Huron Hockey & Skating Association

Tawas City Recreation Programs

Tawas Area Youth Athletic Programs

The City partially funds operations and maintenance of the municipally owned sports complex for youth softball/baseball fields and soccer fields.

Independence Day Celebration

Each year the Chamber of Commerce organizes and conducts a parade and fireworks show on Tawas Bay. This annual program is partially funded by Tawas City and attracts thousands of spectators.

Tawas City Library

The Library is available to the public for community-oriented activities. The Friends of the Tawas City Library occupies a portion of the library with a bookstore.

School District Recreation

The school district contributes the use of its high school and elementary school gymnasiums throughout the school year to local groups, churches, and organizations that plan athletic and recreation oriented events.

Annual Events in Iosco County

Perchville, USA
Tawas Bay Players Productions
Northeast Michigan Homebuilders Show
Iosco Co. Historical Society Quilt Show
Northeast Michigan Wood Carvers Show
Gourmet Delights
Tawas Point Birding Festival
Shoreline Arts and Crafts Show
Memorial Day Parade
Tawas Point Celebration Days
Independence Day Parade & Fireworks
Men's Softball Tournaments Summerfest
Tawas Community Concert Band
Tuesday Night Live
Dawn Patrol Fly-In
Northeast MI Regional Farm Market
Classic Car Show
Harry Curley Memorial Canoe Race
Iosco County Fair
AuSable River Days & Canoe Marathon
Breeze on the Bay Tawas Kite Festival
Relay for Life
Eagles Cup Sailboat Race
USO Style Dance
Tawas Bay Waterfront Fine Art Show
Tawas Uncork'd & Untapp'd
Sidewalk Sale Days on Newman Street
Quota Club 50s-60s Dance
Grant Township Summer Festival
Tawas Bay Antique Show
Blues by the Bay Blues Festival
Labor Day Arts & Crafts Show
Women's Softball Tournament
3 Disciplines Triathlon
Paul Bunyan Days
Railroad Days
Fall Color Tours
Spring & Fall Bird Watching & Migration
Festival of Lights
Christmas at the Museum
Community Christmas Eve Carol Sing
Annual Christmas Home Walk
Annual Garden Walk

Barrier-Free Status

With the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA,) all areas of public service and accommodations became subject to barrier-free requirements, including parks and recreation facilities and programs. An accessible playground is "one that, when viewed in its entirety, may be approached, entered, and used by persons with varied disabilities."¹

To evaluate the status of the existing public parks and recreation facilities owned by the City of Tawas City, each was inventoried for their accessibility status (as defined by the MDNR) during a field survey conducted in October 2016. Each facility was given a rating of 1 through 5 with the following definitions.²

1. None of the facilities/park areas meet guidelines.
2. Some of the facilities/park areas meet guidelines.
3. Most of the facilities/park areas meet guidelines.
4. Entire park meets guidelines.
5. Entire park was developed/renovated using principals of universal design.

As can be seen in the following table, one of the City's parks is fully ADA compliant. The barrier-free deficiencies generally revolve around parking, walkways, and restroom facilities.

¹ The Americans with Disabilities Act and How it Affects Your Playgrounds, Landscape Structures, Inc.

² Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans. Michigan Department of Natural Resources, 2006.

City of Tawas City Facilities Accessibility Ratings

Park	Type	Accessibility Rating
Gateway and Boat Launch	CP	3
Town Square	CP	3
Shoreline	CP	3
Union Square	NP	2
Independent	SC	3
Elms	MP	2
Sawyer Thornton	MP	2
Sports Complex	SC	3
Nature Preserve	NR	1
City Hall/Veterans Park	CP	4

Legend: MP=Mini Park; NP=Neighborhood Park;
CP=Community Park; SC=Sports Complex;
NR=Natural Resources Area; SU=Special Use.

Tawas City Recreation Grants History

When preparing a Recreation Plan, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires that information be provided concerning grants that have been received in the past for acquisitions or development of recreation facilities. A summary of past grants received is shown. According to MDNR, all projects were successfully completed, and grant money was used for its intended request.

Grant # Year Awarded	Project Name	Type of Project	Grant Amount
RBEG 10-769 2014	Farmers Market Pavilion	Development	\$60,000
CF 10-769 2014	Farmers Market Pavilion	Development	\$20,000
DIG MSC- 212012 2013	Downtown Parking & Walkway Improvement Project	Development	\$368,682
WRG 431848-75 2008	Tawas City Downtown Redevelopment	Development	\$60,000
TF 08-038 2008	Gateway Park Renovation	Development	\$134,000
TF 91-319 1991	Shoreline Park Expansion	Acquisition	\$168,800
TF 86-167 1986	Tawas City Park Expansion	Acquisition	\$65,000
26-00440 LWCF 1973	Tawas City Catwalk	Development	\$5,400
26-00116 LWCF 1968	Tawas City Park South Addition	Acquisition	\$15,175

Source: MDNR, Grants Management, October 2016.

Note: TF=Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

LWCF=Land & Water Conservation Fund.

WRG=Waterfront Redevelopment Grant

DIG= Downtown Infrastructure Grant

RBEG= Rural Business Enterprise Grant


CF=Community Facility Grant



- Roads
- Water Body
- Rivers & Creeks
- Parks
- Tawas City

Tawas City

Parks & Recreation Facilities Map

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July 2007 3933 Monitor Rd
Bay City, MI 48707
800.322.4500

Gateway Park & Boat Launch Aerial Map



Town Square Park Aerial Map



Shoreline Park & Pier Aerial Map



Union Square Park Aerial Map



Sawyer Thornton Park Aerial Map



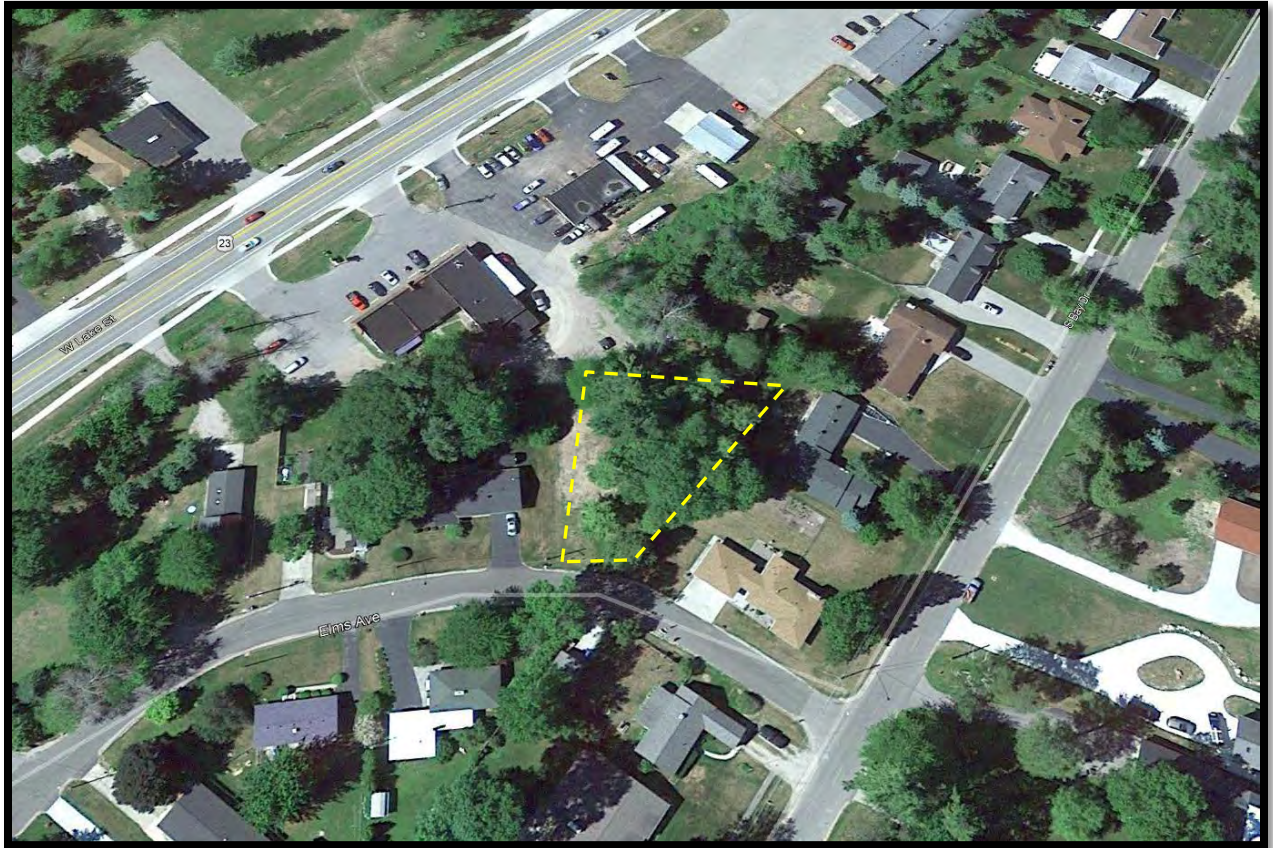
Independent Park Aerial Map



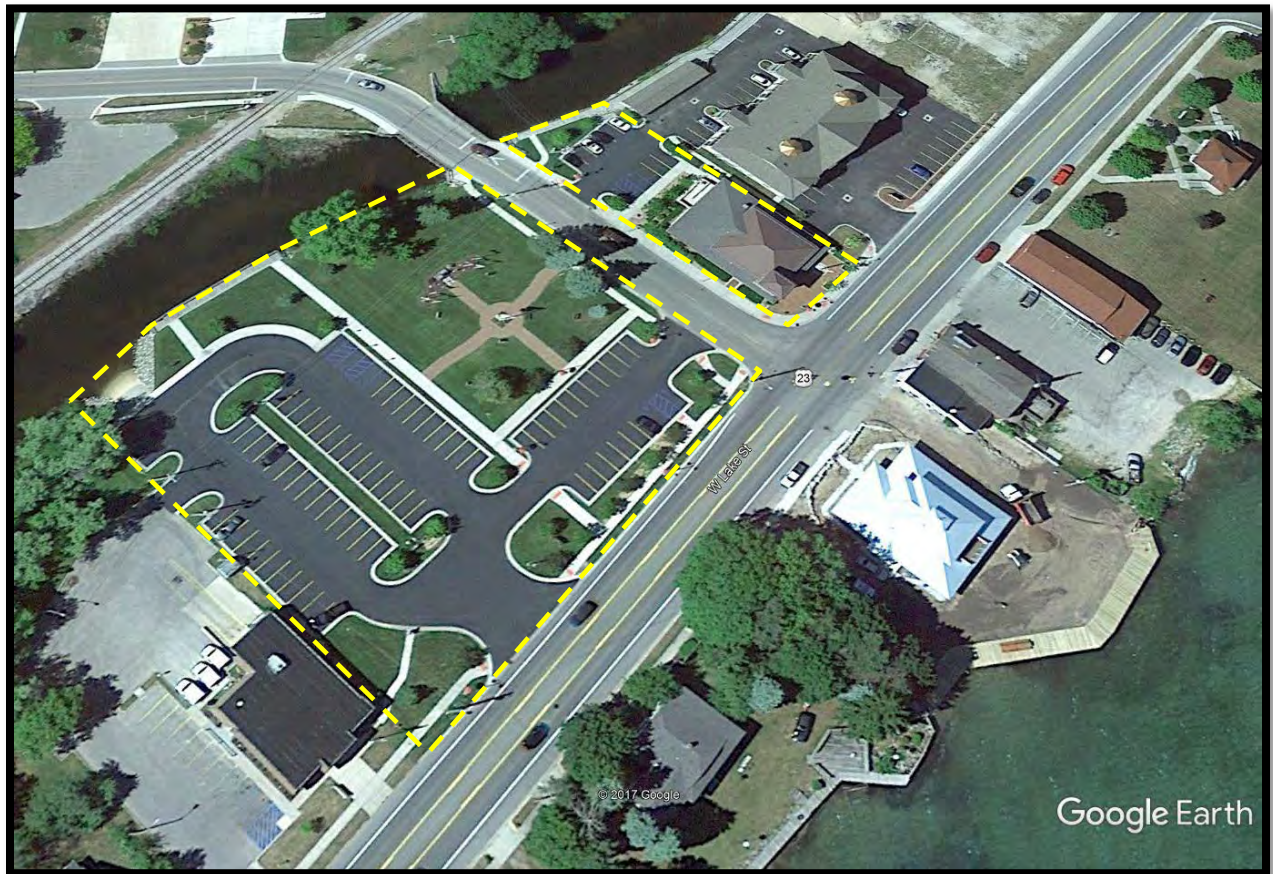
Tawas City Sports Complex Aerial Map



Elms Neighborhood Park Aerial Map



City Hall & Veterans Park W/Canoe & Kayak Launch Aerial Map



CHAPTER 3: ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

This section describes how recreational activities and resources are governed and administered within Tawas City. Michigan Public Act 156 of 1917 authorizes cities, villages, counties, townships, and school districts to operate systems of public recreation and playgrounds. Section 1 of the Act provides that “any city, village, county, or township may operate a system of public recreation and playgrounds; acquire, equip, and maintain land, buildings, or other recreational facilities; employ a superintendent of recreation and assistants; vote and expend funds for the operation of such system.”

The administrative structure and plan review for Tawas City’s parks and recreation programs and facilities includes four parties: City Council, Planning Commission, City Manager, and Department of Public Works (DPW.)

City Council

The ultimate authority for the provision of recreation in the City is held by City Council. The City Council is made of seven elected residents, one of which is a Mayor to lead the meetings and perform other ceremonial functions. The City Council establishes the annual itemized budget for the recreation fund and generally oversees use of the budget. The Council has the final say on large improvement projects, use of additional funds, and land acquisition. All decisions are based on recommendations from the City Manager, Department of Public Works, Planning Commission, and input from the general public. Additionally the Council approves all grant applications and adopts the Parks and Recreation Plan.

Planning Commission

The Tawas City Planning Commission was established by ordinance on November 6, 1961 with the charge of preserving and improving the quality of Tawas City’s parks.

The seven-member Board is appointed by the Mayor with consent of the City Council. One member is a representative from the Council, and the others are interested parties. The Planning Commission meets monthly and acts in an advisory capacity with responsibility for making recommendations to the City Council on management policy and expenditures regarding the City’s parks and recreation activities. This procedure is consistent with the City Charter which gives the City power “to construct, provide, maintain, extend, operate, and improve public parks and recreation grounds”.

The Planning Commission is also responsible for the preparation and maintenance of the Parks and Recreation Plan, obtaining public input about recreation facilities and programs, and recommending the Plan to Council for adoption.

City Manager and Department of Public Works

The City Manager, acting as the chief administrative officer for the City government, supervises City departments, makes recommendations to Council, and administers the City’s budget. The DPW is responsible for the maintenance of the City’s parks under the direction of the City Manager. Tawas City Parks and Recreation Department is a division of the DPW. The DPW has six full-time employees, including the director; all spend part of their time maintaining Tawas City’s parks. The City also employs four seasonal employees in the summer.

Budget Process

Since the City Manager also acts as the administrator of the Planning Commission, the manager annually prepares the draft of an operating budget outline for the recreation programs and facilities, as part of the City’s general fund budget, based upon ongoing input from the Commission.

Upon adoption of the budget by Council, the City Charter charges the City Manager with executing the budget provisions and administering the operation and maintenance of the recreation facilities.

Revenues received as part of recreation programs are deposited into the general fund. Funds for the annual budgeted operating costs, as well as minor capital costs, are appropriated from the resources of the general fund and the Downtown Development Authority. This method is identical to that employed for other City departments and functions as authorized by State statutes and the City's home rule charter. In this manner, funds are appropriated by need, and are not limited by fixed millage. If an emergency need arises in the recreation function, surplus or funds appropriated elsewhere of a lesser priority can be transferred by Council to meet that emergency need.

Resources of the general fund include local property taxes, state revenue sharing, licenses and fees, service contracts, rents and leases, and inter-fund transfers.

The annual operating budget for parks and recreation services generally provided for the following each year:

1. Maintenance and upkeep of park facilities. Extra personnel are hired each summer for this purpose and are supervised by DPW employees to assure quality work.
2. Contributions are made to area youth sports leagues.
3. Other funds are expended for utilities, equipment, purchased services, and miscellaneous supplies in support of the parks and recreation program.
4. On-going capital improvements.

Major capital programs for recreation, to include property acquisition and development projects, are formulated by the Tawas City Planning Commission based on citizen input and demonstrated need. Recommendations are then forwarded to the City Manager and then to City Council for review and action.¹

Below is a table showing the Parks and Recreation budgets, as compared to the overall City budget since Fiscal Year 2011-2012. The Parks and Recreation budget for 2013-2014 included a DIG grant for \$368,682 for Shoreline Park Renovation with expanding the parking, ADA sidewalk throughout the park, and a new playscape for a total project cost \$493,810. The 2014-2015 included a USDA Grant for \$80,000 for a farm market pavilion in Gateway Park for a total project cost \$114,891.

In the past, Parks and Recreation budget has been approximately four to seven percent of the City's total general fund, but in 2013-2014 fiscal year, that portion was twenty-eight percent.

Fiscal Year	General Fund	Parks & Rec
2011-2012	\$1,594,985	\$112,800
2012-2013	\$1,604,023	\$66,955
2013-2014	\$1,961,362	\$545,404
2014-2015	\$1,639,062	\$143,862
2015-2016	\$1,693,249	\$125,827

Source: Tawas City Treasurer, December 2016.

¹ City of Tawas City 2003 Parks and Recreation Plan, page 23.

CHAPTER 4: PLANNING/PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

This chapter provides a general description of the planning and public input process used for the City of Tawas City Parks and Recreation Plan.

Background Studies

The necessary data to begin the formulation of the background studies for the plan was collected from various sources including: City staff, Planning Commission, previous Parks and Recreation Plans 2003-2008 and 2013-2017, US Census Bureau, State of Michigan departments' websites, and field observations.

The Community Description includes a brief introduction to the City of Tawas City, the jurisdiction of the Plan, and the focus of the Plan. This chapter also includes a description of the City's setting within the region and Iosco County, a brief history, social and economic characteristics, and natural resource and transportation inventory.

The Administrative Structure chapter of the Plan describes how recreation is governed and operated within the City. This includes information gathered from the City outlining staff responsibilities, the function of the Planning Commission and City Council, and a fiscal analysis as it relates to recreation over the last five years.

The Recreation Inventory chapter provides an inventory of the recreation facilities within Tawas City. This inventory was collected through a field survey conducted in October of 2016. The location of each recreation facility was photographed, described, and mapped, as well as the various programs, activities, and events offered throughout the City. This chapter also includes a brief description of public school recreational facilities, nearby private recreational facilities, and regional public recreational facilities in the Tawas City vicinity.

The Community Description, Recreation Inventory, Administrative, and Action Program chapters were presented to the Planning Commission at their January 10 and April 11, 2017 meetings for review and revisions.

Community Questionnaire

The Planning Commission compiled a list of park improvements at their October 4, 2016 meetings. The list was prioritized by the Planning Commission and City Council.

The Planning Commission mailed a Community Questionnaire to 1,132 taxpayers and residents in Tawas City with the 2017 Assessment Change Notices on February 10, 2017. The questionnaires were due on March 20, 2017 and the City received a 17.0% return rate with 193 responses.

The community was asked questions regarding which parks are used, the purposes for using the parks, and maintenance and appearance of the parks. In addition, they were asked to prioritize improvement projects in the parks and to present any other suggestions. The responses were incorporated in the development of the goals and capital improvement list. The summary of the results from the community questionnaire, along with the initial questionnaire, the Planning Commission's list of park improvements, and the results of the prioritized projects from both the Planning Commission and City Council are included as Appendix A through D.

Basis for Action

The Basis for Action section of the Plan analyzes factors inside and outside of the City that may have an effect on the direction of recreation over the next five years. This portion of the Plan provides the rationale for the goals and recommended capital improvement projects. Several factors were analyzed including the current recreation trends on both the national and state levels, comparison of City parks to acreage and facility standards, service area gaps, results of the community workshop, and Planning Commission input. The draft Basis for Action was presented to the Commission for their review and discussion on May 9, 2017.

Action Program

The Action Program section of the document outlines the direction that the City would like to take over the next five years in order to maintain and improve recreation opportunities within the community. The Action Program includes community recreation goals as well as a capital improvements list. A draft Action Program was presented to the Planning Commission for their review and discussion on May 9, 2017 and again on June 6, 2017. Comments were noted and edits made prior to the draft being made available for public review.

Planning Commission Adoption

Once the Planning Commission members were satisfied with the draft plan, they passed a Resolution of Adoption on June 6, 2017 and recommended adoption by City Council.

Public Hearing

Notice of the public hearing and availability of the draft plan for review was published in the losco News Herald on June 14, 2017. The plan was available for inspection for more than 30 days at City Hall and the Tawas City Library.

The public hearing was held on July 17, 2017 during a regular Council meeting. Public comments were offered and no changes to the draft plan were recommended.

Adoption

City Council passed a Resolution of Adoption for the *Tawas City Parks and Recreation Plan, 2018-2022* at the regular July 17, 2017 meeting.

Required Transmittals

The adopted plan was transmitted to Michigan Department of Natural Resources, losco County Parks Commission, and East Michigan Council of Government on September 8, 2017.

Supporting Documents

Copies of hearing notices, resolutions, Council meeting minutes, Certification Checklist, and transmittal letters are attached on the following pages.

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION
TAWAS CITY PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN, 2018-2022
BY THE CITY OF TAWAS CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Tawas City Planning Commission was directed by the Tawas City Council to update the *2013-2017 Tawas City Parks and Recreation Plan*; and

WHEREAS, the Tawas City Planning Commission worked with the City Hall staff to oversee the planning process that included significant public input as well as detailed inventory of existing recreation resources; and

WHEREAS, the planning process reviewed probable future needs for recreation facilities and services and developed a draft *Tawas City Parks and Recreation Plan, 2018-2022* for adoption; and

WHEREAS, the Tawas City Planning Commission endorses the recreation projects as outlined in the action plan/capital improvements list section of the Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Tawas City Planning Commission does hereby adopt the *Tawas City Parks and Recreation Plan, 2018-2022* and recommends adoption of the same by the Tawas City Council following public hearing before the Council.

Moved by Butch Short, supported by Jackie Masich to adopt the above resolution at the June 6, 2017 meeting of the Tawas City Planning Commission.

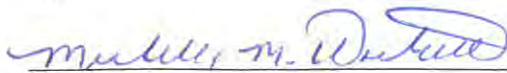
Ayes: Brian McMurray, Butch Short, Jill VanDriessche, Ken Cook, Mary Doak and Jackie Masich

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

I, Michelle Westcott, Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Tawas City Planning Commission at a regular meeting held on June 6, 2017.


Michelle M. Westcott, Clerk
City of Tawas City


Mary Doak, Chair
Tawas City Planning Commission

Proof of Publication

STATE OF MICHIGAN }ss

County of Iosco

John Morris

being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the co-editor of the IOSCO COUNTY NEWS-HERALD newspapers published and circulating in the County of Iosco, in said State, that the annexed printed notice which was published in said paper on the following dates, to-wit:

June 14, 2017

**Notice of Availability – Draft
Tawas City Parks and Recreation Plan
Notice of Public Hearing**

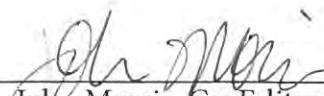
A public hearing will be held by the Tawas City Council on Monday, July 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tawas City Hall Council Chambers, 550 W. Lake Street, Tawas City, MI 48763. The public hearing is being held to receive comments and consider the adoption of the Tawas City Parks and Recreation Plan 2018-2022.

A Recreation Plan assists the City in identifying recreation needs within the community. The plan will serve as a guide for maintaining, improving and expanding facilities. When approved by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), the plan qualifies the community for recreation grants, which are administered through the MDNR. The draft Parks and Recreation Plan includes a community description, recreation inventory, administrative structure, planning process, basis for action, recreation goals, and project.

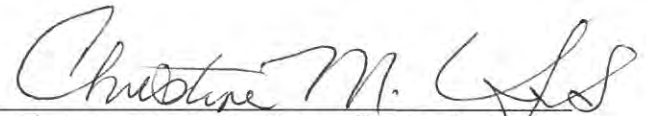
The hearing is intended to provide an opportunity for interested citizens to express their opinions regarding the aspects of the draft Parks and Recreation Plan.

Copies of the draft Tawas City Parks and Recreation Plan 2018-2022 are available for review on the City website www.tawascity.org or at City Hall.

Michelle Westcott, Clerk
City of Tawas City


John Morris, Co-Editor

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
14th day of June A.D. 2017.



Christine M. York, Notary Public for Iosco
County, Acting in Iosco County, Michigan
My Commission expires March 6, 2023



RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION
TAWAS CITY PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN, 2018-2022
BY THE CITY OF TAWAS CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the City of Tawas City Council directed the Planning Commission to update the *2013-2017 Tawas City Parks and Recreation Plan*; and

WHEREAS, the planning process included a community questionnaire sent out on February 10, 2017 to ask the community questions regarding which parks are used, the purposed for using the parks, and maintenance and appearance of the parks, for the *Parks and Recreation Plan*; and

WHEREAS, the planning process also reviewed probable future needs for recreation facilities and services and developed a draft *Tawas City Parks and Recreation Plan, 2018-2022* to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community's residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Tawas City Planning Commission endorsed the recreation projects as outlined in the action plan/capital improvements list section of the *Plan* and passed a resolution on June 6, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Tawas City Council conducted a public hearing on July 17, 2017. Notice of the hearing was published in The Iosco County News-Herald on June 14, 2017.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the City of Tawas City Council does hereby adopt the *Tawas City Parks and Recreation Plan, 2018-2022* as a guideline for improving recreation facilities and services for the City of Tawas City residents and visitors.

Moved by White, supported by Steinhurst to adopt the above resolution at the July 17, 2017 meeting of the City of Tawas City Council.

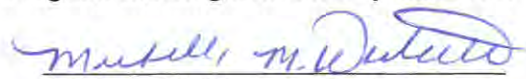
Ayes: Theresa Hurst, Kane Kelly, Brian McMurray, Carl Steinhurst, Danna White and Ken Cook.

Nays: None

Absent: Jon Studley

Motion Carried.

I, Michelle Westcott, Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the City of Tawas City Council at a regular meeting held on July 17, 2017.


Michelle M. Westcott, Clerk
City of Tawas City

(SBM 1484)

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF TAWAS CITY COUNCIL
July 17, 2017

Mayor Cook called the regular meeting of the Tawas City Council to order at 7:00 pm in the Council Chamber of Tawas City Hall.

Council Members Present: Ken Cook, Theresa Hurst, Kane Kelly, Brian McMurray, Carl Steinhurst and Danna White
Council Members Absent: Jon Studley (excused)
Others Present: Clerk Michelle Westcott, City Manager Annge Horning, Treasurer Annette Corey, Director of Public Works Gus Oliver, Fire Chief Steve Masich and Police Chief Mark Ferguson

Members offered the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and observed a moment of meditation.

Hurst moved, McMurray seconded, CARRIED, to approve the July 17, 2017 agenda as presented. Yes: Hurst, Kelly, McMurray, Steinhurst, White and Cook.

Steinhurst moved, Hurst seconded, CARRIED, to approve the minutes of the July 3, 2017 regular meeting as presented. Yes: Kelly, McMurray, Steinhurst, White, Hurst and Cook.

Council members Hurst and Studley reviewed the invoices and checks and found everything to be in order. White moved, Kelly seconded, CARRIED, to approve checks issued from June 29, 2017 to July 13, 2017 in the amount of \$256,197.42 which does not include check #3629 for McGraw Morris PC in the amount of \$2,355 that was approved at the last meeting. Yes: McMurray, Steinhurst, White, Hurst, Kelly and Cook.

White moved, Hurst seconded, CARRIED, to open the public hearing at 7:03 p.m. on the Tawas City Parks and Recreation Plan 2018-2022. Yes: Steinhurst, White, Hurst, Kelly, McMurray and Cook.

The Parks and Recreation Plan is required to be updated every five years. The City Hall staff and Planning Commission has updated and gathered input regarding our facilities and amenities with a community questionnaire that is included in the plan. The Planning Commission has reviewed the plan and recommended it to the Council for review and adoption.

Sue Duncan, on behalf of the Iosco Audubon stated she would like the Council to consider bird and wildlife habitat when expanding parks.

Steinhurst moved, McMurray seconded, CARRIED, to close the public hearing at 7:08 p.m. on the Tawas City Parks and Recreation Plan 2018-2022. Yes: White, Hurst, Kelly, McMurray, Steinhurst and Cook.

No public comments were received on agenda items.

Fire Chief Masich reported that the fire run summary for the previous six months was distributed to the Council in their meeting packet. Firefighter John St. James, has retired after 37 years (1980-2017) of service on the department. Jake Ulman, who participated in the cadet program, has been hired as a volunteer firefighter.

Police Chief Ferguson reported the police department is short staffed with one on medical leave and a vacant position for which a conditional offer of employment was offered to an individual. The back door patrol car window was kicked out over the past weekend by a suspect that was detained in the back seat.

Director of Public Works Oliver updated the City Council on the repair of the 9th Avenue force main sewer collapse by the US-23 (Lake Street) and 9th Avenue intersection.

City Manager Horning reported the meeting scheduled on Friday regarding the sidewalks to the local schools wasn't very well attended. MDOT presented some information and recommended that a

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July 17, 2017

committee be formed with key stakeholder (Iosco County Road Commission, Tawas Area School Board members and someone from the school transportation department, City of Tawas City, Tawas Township, Baldwin Township and the Iosco County Sheriff) to make sure everyone is on the same page before moving forward.

A meeting is scheduled for August 10th to begin discussions for the addition to the Fire Hall. In the meantime, Ben Glowiak has been gathering information from the City.

Tawas City residents, Leonard Burdek and Mark and Jodi Nelkie requested to be on the agenda to address the Council regarding personal discharge of fireworks in the City limits this year. City Manager Horning shared that, according to the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act (PA 256 of 2011,) a local unit of government is expressly prohibited from enacting or enforcing any ordinances that regulate the sale, display, storage, transportation, or distribution of fireworks. A local unit of government may however regulate the ignition, discharge, and use of consumer fireworks, but not on the day before, the day of, and the day after a national holiday. The national holidays are as follows: New Year's Day, Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Leonard Burdek, 525 River Street, stated this year has been the worse year for discharging the fireworks and has found several remnants from fireworks in his yard that have been discharged in his neighborhood. Mark Nelkie, 521 S. 12th Avenue, stated three fireworks tents are too many for the City and people are discharging fireworks all hours of the night and are still discharging fireworks as of last night. Nelkie is in favor of a fireworks ordinance that controls the time and days allowed to discharge fireworks. Chief Ferguson stated the fireworks discharged during an unreasonable time are responded to as a noise ordinance violation as the City does not have a fireworks ordinance. Iosco County Central Dispatch does not always dispatch fireworks complaints to the police department due to no officer on duty or they just don't think the complaint warrants a response. Chief Ferguson contacted Central Dispatch regarding dispatching all complaints and letting the police department decide if it warrants a response. Discussion was held on the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act (PA 256 of 2011,) the complaints being received on fireworks, and if an ordinance would help reduce the number of complaints. An ordinance could restrict the days and time residents could discharge fireworks. Mayor Cook directed that fireworks be placed on the next agenda under unfinished business for further discussion.

Mayor Cook stated page 6-4 and 6-5 of the Parks and Recreation Plan 2018-2022 has the capital improvement list and action program with estimated cost for the parks, prioritized by the community questionnaire responses, Planning Commission and Council for projects the City will consider in the next five years. White moved, Steinhurst seconded, CARRIED, to adopt the resolution adopting the City of Tawas City Parks and Recreation Plan 2018-2022 as a guideline for improving recreation facilities and services for the City of Tawas City residents and visitors (SBM 1484). Yes: Hurst, Kelly, McMurray, Steinhurst, White and Cook.

City Treasurer Corey reported the Building Authority bonded in 2008 for \$1,800,000 to build City Hall and develop Veterans Memorial Park with an expiration of September 1, 2027. The current outstanding balance of the bond is \$1,195,000. The City has been working with Warren Creamer of Robert W. Baird & Co. and Tom Colis of Miller Canfield to refund the bond for a general obligation fund bond, which is similar to refinancing a mortgage. Refunding the bond will save the City approximately \$100,000 over the remaining 10 year term of the bond that expires in 2027. The first step in the process is Council's adoption of a resolution to authorize publication of the notice of intent to issue refunding bonds and authorize the City Manager, Clerk and Treasurer of the City to execute and deliver the documents necessary to refund the bond. McMurray moved, Steinhurst seconded, CARRIED, to adopt the resolution authorizing publication of notice of intent to issue refunding bonds for the Building Authority Revenue Bonds Series 2008 to build City Hall and develop Veterans Memorial Park (SMB 1485). Yes: Kelly, McMurray, Steinhurst, White, Hurst and Cook.

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Councilwoman Hurst's request to install a handicap swing in one of the City parks to accommodate children with disabilities, along with adding new swings closer to the existing playscape in Shoreline Park that was presented to the Planning Commission last week. The Planning Commission recommended the City Council proceed with expanding the Shoreline Park playscape to include adaptive (handicap accessible) and regular swings and referred it to Council for funding. The Planning Commission discussed funding opportunities for the playscape, which included the MEDC's Public Spaces, Community Places crowdfunding grant. This would require community involvement to help secure funds for the project and the MEDC will match up to \$50,000 in donations. The playscape expansion was identified as one of the projects in the Parks and Recreation Plan 2018-2022 and was prioritized as 7, 6 and 6 for the community, Planning Commission and City Council respectively. The work has started on the top three prioritized projects listed in the Parks and Recreation Plan. Discussion was held on expanding the existing playscape and including an adaptive and regular swings; installing two swings next to the existing playscape with a rubber surface; installing an ADA swing with ADA ramp system on the existing swing set in the park; the cost of each scenario; the size (23.3' x 31.0') of the area that would have to be a rubberized surface for two new swings to be installed and the cost. Cook moved, Kelly seconded, CARRIED, to have City Manager Horning provide a cost for an ADA ramp system to be placed under an ADA swing that would be installed on the existing swing set in Shoreline Park to the City Council. Yes: McMurray, Steinhurst, White, Hurst, Kelly and Cook.

Hurst moved, McMurray seconded, CARRIED, to accept the Annual Planning Commission Report for July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 (SBM 1486). Yes: Steinhurst, White, Hurst, Kelly, McMurray and Cook.

Public comments were received on non-agenda items.

The Council thanked the Fire Department, the Police Department, the Department of Public Works and the Treasurer Annette Corey for all their service and hard work.

The next regular meeting of the Tawas City Council is scheduled for Monday, August 7, 2017, at 7:00 pm at the Tawas City Hall.

Hurst moved, Steinhurst seconded, CARRIED, to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 pm. Yes: White, Hurst, Kelly, McMurray, Steinhurst and Cook.

Michelle Westcott, Tawas City Clerk

**COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND
GREENWAY PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST**

*By Authority of Parts 19, 703 and 716 of Act 451, P.A. 1994, as amended, submission of this
information is required for eligibility to apply for grants*

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete, obtain certification signatures and submit this checklist with a locally adopted recreation plan.

All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans* provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Plans must be submitted to the DNR **with** a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan. Plans may be submitted at any time of the year, but no later than March 1 of the year the local unit of government is applying for grants.

PLAN INFORMATION

Name of Plan:

City of Tawas City Parks and Recreation Plan 2018-2022

List the community names (including school districts) that are covered under the plan and have passed a resolution adopting the plan.

County

Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body

City of Tawas City (Tawas Area Schools)

Iosco

July 2017

PLAN CONTENT

INSTRUCTIONS: Please check each box to certify that the listed information is included in the final plan.

☒ **1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION**☒ **2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE**☒ Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s)☒ Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart☒ Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation Programming☒ Current Funding Sources☒ Role of Volunteers☒ Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations**Regional Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only:**☐ Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of Participating Communities☐ Articles of Incorporation☒ **3. RECREATION INVENTORY**☒ Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory☒ Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities☒ Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required)☒ Accessibility Assessment☒ Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities☒ Waterways Inventory (if applicable)☒ **4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)**☒ **5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS**

☒ **6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS**

- ☒ Description of the Method(s) Used to Solicit Public Input Before or During Preparation of the Plan, Including a Copy of the Survey or Meeting Agenda and a Summary of the Responses Received

- ☒ Copy of the Notice of the Availability of the Draft Plan for Public Review and Comment

Date of the Notice June 14, 2017

Type of Notice Newspaper & Website

Plan Location City Hall, Library & Website

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) 33 days
(6/14 to 7/17)

- ☒ Copy of the Notice for the Public Meeting Held after the One Month Public Review Period and Before the Plan's Adoption by the Governing Body(ies)

Date of Notice June 14, 2017

Name of Newspaper Iosco County News Herald

Date of Meeting July 17, 2017

- ☒ Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

☒ **7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

☒ **8. ACTION PROGRAM**

☒ **9. POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT(S)**

PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION

APPROVAL DOCUMENTATION: For multi-jurisdictional plans, **each** local unit of government must pass a resolution adopting the plan. Prepare and attach a separate page for each unit of government included in the plan.

- ☒ 1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: July 17, 2017
- ☒ 2. Official resolution of the Planning Commission or Board,
recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: June 6, 2017
- ☒ 3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: September 8, 2017
- ☒ 4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: September 8, 2017

OVERALL CERTIFICATION

NOTE: For multi-jurisdictional plans, Overall Certification must include the signature of each local unit of government. Prepare and attach a separate signature page for each unit of government included in the plan.

I hereby certify that the recreation plan for

CITY OF Tawas CITY
(Local Unit of Government)

above and as set forth by the DNR.

includes the required content, as indicated

Anna Horning
Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government

9-8-2017
Date

This completed checklist must be uploaded in MiRecGrants.



September 8, 2017

East Michigan Council of Government
3144 Davenport Avenue, Suite 200
Saginaw, MI 48602-3494

Re: *Tawas City Parks and Recreation Plan, 2018-2022*

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In order to promote regional cooperation in providing recreation services, the City requests that your office keep a copy of this recreation plan for reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Annge Horning".

Annge Horning
City Manager



September 8, 2017

Iosco County Parks Commission
422 East Lake Street
Tawas City, MI 48763

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September 8, 2017

Grants Management
Michigan Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 30425
Lansing, MI 48909-7925

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Annge Horning
City Manager

CHAPTER 5: BASIS FOR ACTION

Many elements must be considered prior to the decision-making process of establishing goals, guidelines, and a prioritized capital improvements schedule for the next five years. A community must not base recreation improvement and service decisions solely on the voice of a handful of residents, or the needs and wants of community officials, but must also be aware of recreation trends, national standards, community opinion, as well as demographic trends and the capability of the land and its surroundings. This section attempts to consolidate the various factors that must be acknowledged and the abundance of aspects, perceptions, and ideas that need to be filtered and categorized with the end result of producing the prioritized needs of the community. Because there are so many factors that will ultimately determine needs, caution should be taken not to analyze each piece of information individually, but integrate them all to produce the “big picture.”

Recreation Trends

Recreation trends occurring nationally may provide insight into activities that can be expected to draw a large number of participants and activities that have shown the greatest growth in popularity. The National Sporting Goods Association (NSGA) conducts national surveys that measure activities by participation and percent change from the previous survey. The definition of participation includes those persons seven years and older who have participated in the activity more than once during the year of the survey.

In 2010, the top five activities in which people participated were:

- Exercise walking (95.8 million)
- Exercising with equipment (55.3 million)
- Swimming (51.9 million)
- Camping (44.7 million)
- Bicycle riding (39.8 million)

In terms of change between 2001 and 2010, the top five fastest growing sports were:

- Target Shooting (80.9%)
- Aerobic Exercising (58.8%)
- Kayaking (58.6%)
- Table Tennis (52.9%)
- Hockey (ice) (50.5%)

In terms of change between 2001 and 2010, the top five declining sports were:

- Roller skating, inline (-61.0%)
- Scooter Riding (-41.6%)
- Dart Throwing (-38.0%)
- Billiards/Pool (-26.6%)
- Backpack/Wilderness Camp (-23.5%)

Value of Parks and Recreation

The list on the following page is of parks and recreation values and details. The range of why parks and recreation are an essential part of our national heritage.¹

¹ Dolesh, Vinluan, and Phillips, Advocacy Update: Top Ten Reasons Parks are Important. Parks and Recreation, January 2006.

1. Public parks provide millions of Americans with the opportunity to be **physically active**. Physical activity is an essential part of an individual's efforts to stay healthy, fight obesity, and prevent chronic conditions that lead to coronary disease, high blood pressure, and diabetes. Having close-to-home access to places where one can recreate is one of the most important factors linking whether people will become active and stay that way.
2. Parks have true **economic benefits**. Proximity to a developed state, regional, or community park improves property value. The economic benefits of parks and recreation areas are manifold, but one of the most significant is the increase in value of private land adjacent or near protected public land. The proximity of parks to residential areas leads to increased value of private land, a higher tax base, and ultimately more economic benefits to a community including increased local and regional revenue from heritage tourism, steady jobs, and numerous small business benefits. Park and recreation areas are economic engines that improve the quality of life and make communities livable and desirable for businesses and homeowners.
3. Parks provide **vital green space** in a fast-developing American landscape, and provide **vegetative buffers** to construction and development, thus **reducing the effects of sprawl**. More importantly, parks and public lands also provide groundwater recharge areas, floodplain protection, natural sound barriers, storm water protection from wetlands, reductions in heat island effects, and carbon uptake from abundant trees and vegetation. Parks keep our living environment healthy.
4. Parks **preserve critical wildlife habitat**. As our nation develops and our rural, agricultural, and forest landscape is being lost, open space and wildlife habitats are disappearing at an alarming rate. The connected network of local, regional, state, and national parks across our country provide permanently protected wildlife habitat corridors for thousands of indigenous and migratory wildlife species. In addition, stream valley parks and community parks allow natural wildlife to co-exist with people while proving enjoyment and educational opportunity for children and families.
5. Parks and recreation **facilitate social interactions that are critical to maintaining community cohesion and pride**. Parks provide a meeting place where community members can develop social ties, and where healthy behavior is modeled and admired. People gather to share experiences, socialize, and to build community bonds in common green spaces. These public commons are often the glue that holds the community together and the means to maintaining and improving future positive social interactions.
6. Leisure activities in parks **improve moods, reduce stress, and enhance a sense of wellness**. In an increasingly complex world, more and more people are placing a high value on achieving the feelings of relaxation and peacefulness that contact with nature, recreation, and exposure to natural open spaces bring. People go to the park to get in a better mood, to reinvigorate themselves and to decrease the anxieties of daily life.
7. Recreational programs **provide organized, structured and enjoyable activities for all ages**. The diverse range of recreational programs offered by public park and recreation agencies offer all Americans the opportunity to develop the skills necessary to successfully and confidently engage in sports, dance, crafts and other social

activities. Public recreation leagues and classes offer seniors, adults and children alike the opportunity to interact with coaches and teachers who often turn into mentors and role models. Quality recreational programs facilitate safety, good sportsmanship and community participation.

8. Community recreation services provide a **refuge of safety for at-risk youth**. Many parents are rightfully concerned with the dangers of unstructured “hanging-out” or unsupervised after-school activities. Community recreation programs at public parks and recreation facilities provide children with a safe refuge and a place to play, which are important in reducing at-risk behavior such as drug use and gang involvement. Recreational programs led by trained leaders offer children healthy role models and give valuable life lessons to help steer youth to a future of promise and opportunity for success.
9. Therapeutic recreation is **an outlet that individuals with disabilities have to be physically active, socially engaged and cognitively stimulated**. A goal of all public recreation agencies is to provide access to all people. Public park and recreation agencies are the largest providers in America of high-quality, life-enhancing, therapeutic recreation programs and interventions. Such programs prevent the on-set of secondary conditions due to inactivity, improve physical, social, emotional and cognitive functioning, and slow the on-set regressive conditions.
10. Public parks **embody the American tradition of preserving public lands for the benefit and use of all**. Since the creation of the first national park in the early 1900’s and the subsequent development and growth of state, regional, and local park systems in virtually every part of our nation, Americans have had a special

relationship with their parks and public lands. A love of parks is one of the defining characteristics of our national identity. Americans love their parks, historic sites, national monuments, recreation areas and public open spaces because they bring such joy and pleasure to all people. In addition, the American public has shown time after time that they are willing to care for their parks, protect them and pay for them.

National Planning Standards

In the process of determining and prioritizing needs, it is not only important to understand the national trends in terms of participation levels and popularity, but it is also imperative to compare the provision of local recreation facilities to published standards. This comparison of existing facilities to standard acreage and facility recommendations is another tool to assist in determining needs within the City of Tawas City. However, it should be noted that the latest available national standards were developed in the 1970’s and 1980’s and may not fully reflect today’s needs and trends.

Acreage Standards

The National Recreation and Parks Association provides a recommended park classification system that recognizes the fact that open space services people at differing levels. The system categorizes open space as mini-park, neighborhood park, or community park. The desirable characteristics relative to size, function, amenities, and acreage provisions per 1,000 people are identified in the following table.

Recreation Classification System (National Recreation and Parks Association)

Mini-	
General Description	Used to address limited, isolated, or unique recreational needs
Location Criteria	Less than ¼ mile distance in residential setting
Size Criteria	Between 2500 sq. ft. and 1 acre
Acres/1000 Population	0.25 to 0.5 acres
Neighborhood Parks	
General Description	Remains the basic unit of the park system and serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Focus is on informal active and passive recreation
Location Criteria	¼ to ½ mile distance and un-interrupted by non-residential roads and
Size Criteria	5 acres is considered min. size 5 to 10 is optimal
Acres/1000 Population	1.0 to 2.0 acres
Community Parks	
General Description	Serves broader purpose than neighborhood park. Focus is on meeting community-based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces
Location Criteria	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves two or more neighborhoods and ½ to 3 mile distance
Size Criteria	As needed to accommodate desired uses. Between 30 and 50 acres
Acres/1000 Population	5.0 to 8.0 acres

These acreage standards have been applied to the existing park acreage in the City to begin to determine needs in terms of property. For purposes of this analysis, the acreage standards will be applied to the City population of 1827 in 2010, according to the US Census.

City of Tawas City Classified Recreation Facilities

Community Parks:

Gateway Park/Boat Launch	7.8 acres
Town Square Park	3.2 acres
Shoreline Park	8.2 acres
Independent Park	6.5 acres
City Hall/Veterans Park	1.8 acres
Tawas City Sports Complex	12.8 acres
Tawas City Nature Preserve	27.6 acres

Neighborhood Parks:

Union Square Park	1.5 acres
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Mini-Parks:

Elms Neighborhood Park	0.3 acres
Sawyer Thornton Park	0.4 acres

In the Recreation Inventory chapter, two additional recreation facility classifications compatible with MDNR plan development requirements were used. The Independent Park and Tawas City Sports Complex was classified as a “sports complex”, and the Nature Preserve was classified as a “natural resource area.” For the purpose of this exercise, all three will be classified as community parks, because they are utilized by residents of the entire City.

Community Parks

Seven City parks are classified as community parks, comprising a total of 68 acres of land. The NRPA standard for community park land stipulates a standard of 5.0 to 8.0 acres per 1,000 people. Based on the City’s existing population of 1827, the NRPA standard would require between 9 and 15 acres of community park land. Even without the Sports Complex, and Nature Preserve, there is almost double (27.5 acres) the NRPA standard for community park land. Therefore, lack of land for community parks is not an issue.

According to the NRPA standard, community parks have an approximately three mile radius service area. Applying this service area radius to the seven community parks in Tawas City, the entire City is covered.

Neighborhood Parks

Only one park in the City has been classified as a neighborhood park, Union Square Park covering approximately 1.5 acres.

Neighborhood parks are designated as such because of their size, location, amenities offered or how they function within the community. The NRPA standard for neighborhood parkland, which stipulates a standard of 1.0 to 2.0 acres per 1,000 people, was applied to the Tawas City population of 1827. Based on the NRPA standard, the City should have between 2.0 and 4.0 acres of neighborhood parkland. The City's current 1.5 acres falls just below this range.

According to the NRPA standards, neighborhood parks have an approximately ½ mile radius service area.

Mini-Parks

Finally, the same analysis was conducted on the two mini-parks found within the City. Elms Neighborhood Park and Sawyer Thornton Park covers approximately 0.7 acres.

The NRPA standard for mini-parks stipulates a desired standard of 0.25 to 0.5 acre per 1,000 people, was applied to the Tawas City population of 1827. Based on the NRPA standard, the City should have between 0.5 and 1.0 acre of mini-parkland. The City's current 0.7 acre satisfies the mini-parks standard.

According to the NRPA standard, mini-parks have an approximately ¼ mile radius.

Facility Standards

The NRPA has also published typical recreation facility standards that specify facility service areas, the number of facilities needed to service the population as well as the land area needed. Standards for facilities usually located within neighborhood and community parks are provided in the first table on the following page. These standards can be used in conjunction with the acreage standards to further identify Tawas City's recreation needs.

The second table on the following page provides a comparison of the City's public park facilities against published recreation facility standards. Based on the standards, the only deficiency noted is a community swimming pool.

This data can be used in conjunction with other factors contained within this Plan, such as the results of the public workshop, City Council and staff recommendations, and Planning Commission input.

Recreation Facility Standards

Activity/Facility	Minimum Space Requirements	Units per Population	Service Radius	Location Notes
Basketball Court (Outdoor)	2,400-3,036 sq. ft. (youth) 5,040-7,280 sq. ft. (high school)	1 per 5,000	¼ - ½ mile	Outdoor courts in neighborhoods and community park, plus active recreation areas in other park settings.
Ice Hockey	22,000 sq. ft.	1 per 100,000	½ - 1 hour travel	Climate important consideration including travel time affecting number of units.
Tennis Court	7,200 sq. ft./court 2 acre/complex	1 per 2,000	¼ - ½ mile	Best in batteries of 2-4. Located in neighborhoods and community park or adjacent to school site.
Volleyball Court (Outdoor)	4,000 sq. ft.	1 per 5,000	½ - 1 mile	Outdoor courts in neighborhoods and community park, plus active recreation areas in other park settings.
Ballfields Baseball Little League Softball	3-3.85 acres 1.2 acres 1.5-2 acres	1 per 5,000 1 lighted field per 30,000	¼ - ½ mile	Part of neighborhood complex. Lighted fields part of community complex. Softball fields may also be used for youth baseball.
Football Field	1.5 acres	1 per 20,000	15-30 minutes travel time	Usually part of baseball, football, soccer complex in community park or adjacent to high school
Soccer Field	1.7-2.1 acres	1 per 10,000	1-2 miles	Number of units depends on popularity. Youth soccer on smaller fields adjacent to schools or neighborhood parks.
Swimming Pool	1-2 acres	1 per 20,000	15-30 minutes travel time	Located in community park or school site.
Source: Data from Roger A. Lancaster, Ed. <i>Recreation Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines</i> , Alexandria, Virginia: National Recreation and Park Association, 1983, pages 60-61.				

Recreation Facility Deficiencies (City-Owned)

Facility/Standard	Total/Standard	Existing	Deficiency
Basketball Court (outdoor) 1/5,000	0.4	1 City-owned 2 at Elem. School 3 at East Tawas Comm. Center	No
Ice Hockey 1/100,000	0.02	1 in Tawas City	No
Tennis Court 1/2,000	1.0	4 at East Tawas Comm. Center	No
Volleyball Court 1/5,000	0.4	3 on East Tawas Beach/Park	No
Ballfield 1/5,000	0.4	3	No
Football Field 1/20,000	0.1	1 at High School	No
Soccer Field 1/10,000	0.2	7	No
Swimming Pool 1/20,000	0.1	0	Yes

Social and Economic Factors

Socioeconomic characteristics of a community can play a role in the demand for certain types of recreation facilities. By examining socioeconomic factors briefly covered in the Community Description, Tawas City can identify trends and opportunities that may influence future recreation decisions and/or policy choices.

One factor noted was that while the total population changed little between the 2000 and 2010 US Census counts, there was a 20.4 percent decrease in the over-65 population. It is expected that this trend will continue.

Additionally, the City must consider the disabled population. According to the 2000 Census, 9.7 percent of the 5-20 year-olds were disabled, 17.6 percent of the 21-64 year-olds, and 40 percent of the elderly were disabled.

Median household income for Tawas City residents is 66.1 percent of the State average, and the family poverty rate for Tawas City is slightly lower than the State. With this in mind, Tawas City should consider the recreational needs of the elderly, disabled, and economically-disadvantaged population, in addition to the general population and visitors to the community, when planning for recreation improvements to existing facilities.

The Census showed that more than 15 percent of Tawas City residences were for seasonal or vacation use, leading to the belief that the total population of the City increases during the summer months. Because Tawas City is located along Lake Huron and the main north/south route through town is US-23 Heritage Route, the City has always experienced an influx of year-round tourists, but especially during the summer months. Whenever seasonal residents and year-round tourists visit Tawas City; they come to expect a certain level of recreational accommodations. Because of the economic benefits in catering to tourists and seasonal residents are many, Tawas City would be wise to maintain and improve the City's park system in a way that visitors want to visit and to return. A healthy park system can increase the value of private land, increase the tax base, promote business and employment, and improve the quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

CHAPTER 6: ACTION PROGRAM

The Action Program outlines the direction Tawas City would like to take over the next five years in order to maintain, improve, and expand recreation opportunities within the community. As was described in the Basis for Action section, the City evaluated recreation trends, national standards, existing facilities, community opinions, and demographic trends. The findings and results summarized in the Basis for Action were utilized to develop a set of goals and capital improvements schedule detailed on the following pages.

The plan for parks and recreation must also support the overall goals and objective for the City as a whole. Statements of parks and recreation-specific goals will guide the implementation of the Recreation Plan. These goal statements are expressions of agreement on the Plan, as established by City staff and the Planning Commission, based on input from the public, and as adopted by the City Council.

Recreation Goals

Recreation goals were developed to assist in providing direction to City staff and City Council. Goals are statements that describe how the City views its own future. They are long-term ideal or end product that is desired. Goals should meet the following:

- Provide guidance, but not be too detailed
- Be realistic and achievable
- Inspire people to action

Statements of specific goals are intended to guide the formulation and implementation of the Recreation Plan. Goals are intended to be as significant as the capital improvements schedule and serve to provide further direction to the City over the next five years. It is envisioned that the goals will be reviewed on a regular basis and be used as a tool for decision making.

The following goals are listed in no particular order of importance or priority.

- Coordinate with other recreation providers and entities in order to provide the community with diverse program and facility opportunities that are cost effective and efficient.
- When specific needs are identified, seek opportunities to improve existing recreation facilities and park amenities.
- Coordinate with other park and recreation providers and supporters to ensure quality, diverse, accessible, and affordable programs for all Tawas City residents.
- Support and encourage non-motorized links within the community as well as to adjacent communities and regional trail systems.
- Preserve and protect the natural resources and environmentally sensitive lands within the City while maintaining public use, access, and enjoyment. In particular, clean-up and on-going maintenance of the Tawas River from the mouth to the city limits as needed.
- Strive to ensure effective and efficient operation and maintenance of public parks and facilities within the City.
- Seek alternative funding sources and partnerships to assist in implementing the goals and capital improvements over the next five years.
- When planning for improvements to recreational facilities and programs, consider the needs and desires of the traveling public and promote recreational opportunities to enhance the local recreation and tourism industries.

Capital Improvements List

Potential capital improvements for this Plan have been established not only to provide a guide and foundation for decision makers, but also to enable the City to apply for grant funding for proposed projects. The capital improvements list is not a fixed element and is neither all-inclusive nor exclusive. The list reflects the results of discussion with City staff, Planning Commission, City Council, input from the community questionnaire, and public hearing.

It is very likely that the schedule and Plan will be amended at some point during its life due to unanticipated circumstances such as private donations, changing recreation trends, community opinion, and/or available funding. The list should be considered in close conjunction with the goals of this Plan. The following capital improvement list provides an outline and guide to the desires of the community.

The projects listed in the table below were identified by the Planning Commission and included in a community questionnaire that was sent to tax payers and residents of the City. The Community was asked to rank the top five (5) projects in order of importance with #1 being the most important and #5 being the least important. In addition, the Planning Commission members and City Council members were also asked to rank all the projects in order of priority with #1 being the most important and #18 being the least important.

Project	Community	Planning Commission	City Council
Rehabilitate the pier at Shoreline Park	1	1	3
Construct restrooms at Gateway Park	2	3	1
Construct a sidewalk toward the High School and Clara Bolen Elementary School in coordination with Tawas Area Schools, surrounding townships, and MDOT	3	2	1
Install a spray ground/splash pad at Gateway Park or Shoreline Park	4	10	12
Resurface the pathway and update the lights to LED lights; possibly work in coordination with East Tawas and with MDOT reconstruction of US-23	5	5	5
Construct additional pavilion space for the Farm Market at Gateway Park	6	15	8
Expand the play scape at Shoreline Park	7	6	6
Property acquisitions to expand Shoreline Park/Town Square	8	7	9
Expand parking lot and resurface existing parking lot at Gateway Park	9	8	7
Expand the Sports Complex on Tenth Avenue with property acquisition and pave the parking lot	10	14	13
Develop a campground along the river on the property currently owned by Lake State Railway Co.	11	16	15
Redesign Town Square with an amphitheater	12	9	17
Install additional lighting and security at Shoreline Park	13	4	4
Construct fishing facilities at Sawyer Thornton Park	14	12	15
Develop a skate park at the Tawas City Sports Complex	15	18	18
Redevelop the tennis courts at Independent Park; possibly include pickleball court	16	13	13
Install irrigation at Gateway Park	17	11	10
Install irrigation at Town Square	18	17	11

Capital Improvement List and Action Program

Recreation Project	Estimated Cost *based on 2017 Cost	Potential Funding Sources
Routine maintenance of all City parks and recreation facilities (Annually)		Municipal services
Publicize recreational facilities/events through advertising, website, signage, events schedules (Annually)	\$5,000-\$10,000	GF
Upgrade play equipment, picnic tables, benches at all parks (Annually)	TBD, depends on amount of equipment replaced	GF, MNRTF
Veterans Park – Build Next Phase of the Veterans Recognition Plaza (Install Granite Tablet)	\$65,000	Donations
Shoreline Park – rehabilitate the pier	\$2,500,000	GF, MNRTF, CDBG, CMG, BIG
Construct a sidewalk toward the High School and Clara Bolen Elementary School in coordination with Tawas Area Schools, surrounding townships, and MDOT	\$375,000	Safe Routes to School Grant
Gateway Park or Shoreline Park - Install a spray ground/splash pad	\$200,000	GF, MNRTF, MRPA
Resurface pathway along US-23 and update lights to LED lights; possibly work in coordination with East Tawas and with MDOT reconstruction of US-23	\$410,000	GF, MNRTF, TAP, Michigan Iron Bell Trail Grant -DNR
Gateway Park – construct additional pavilion space for the Farm Market	\$110,000	GF, MNRTF, USDA- RD
Shoreline Park – expand play scape	\$100,000	GF, MNRTF, MRPA, PSCP
Shoreline Park/Town Square – expand with property acquisitions	\$500,000	GF, MNRTF
Gateway Park – expand parking lot and resurface existing parking lot	\$105,000	GF, MNRTF
Sports Complex – expand with property acquisition and pave driveway and parking area to ADA standards	\$500,000	GF, MRPA, Sports organizations

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Additional Capital Improvement List and Action Program

Recreation Project	Estimated Cost *based on 2017 Cost	Potential Funding Sources
Develop a campground along the river on the property currently owned by Lake State Railway Co.	\$1,500,000	GF, MNRTF
Town Square – redesign with an amphitheater	\$300,000	GF, MNRTF, PSCP
Shoreline Park – install additional lighting and security	\$18,000	GF, MNRTF
Sawyer Thornton Park – construct fishing facilities	\$75,000	GF, MNRTF, MRPA
Sports Complex – develop a skate park	\$180,000	GF, MNRTF, PSCP
Independent Park – redevelop the tennis courts or pickleball courts	\$75,000	GF, PSCP
Gateway Park – install irrigation	\$30,000	GF
Town Square – install irrigation	\$15,000	GF, MNRTF, PSCP

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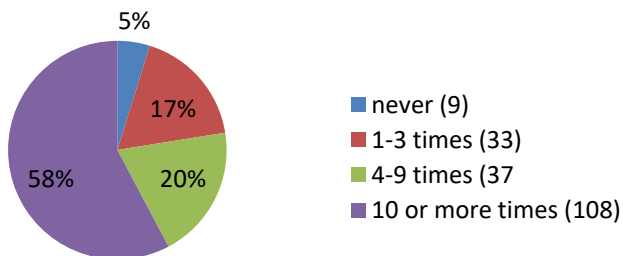
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APPENDIX A

2018-2022 Parks and Recreation Plan and Master Plan Community Questionnaire

The Tawas City Planning Commission mailed a Community Questionnaire to 1,132 taxpayers in Tawas City with the 2017 Assessment Change Notices on February 10, 2017. The questionnaires were due on March 20, 2017 and the City received a 17.0% return rate with 193 responses. A summary of the responses with comments follows.

1. How many times did you use a park in the City of Tawas City in the past year?



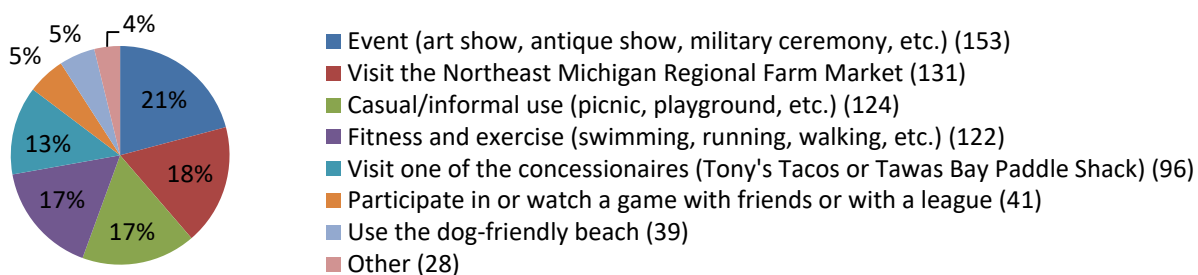
Comments:

- Can't walk my dogs in the park (Gateway Park)
- Every day, weather permitting

2. Which of the following parks did you visit in the past year? (Please check all that apply.)



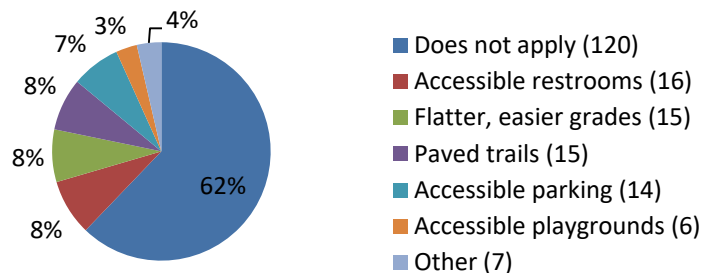
3. Why do you visit parks in the City of Tawas City? Please check all that apply.



Other:

- (9) Fishing
- car show
- friends visiting
- I walked thru Veteran's Memorial Park to pay respect to the veterans.
- boat launch
- fire works
- Doesn't live in the area
- Would like "Farm Market" if I could walk to it. Where is the Dog park? I use E.T. I would like to walk on the pier. Needs to be like Oscoda's pier.
- For pleasure/beauty/relax
- Family Reunion
- Put canoe/kayak in the water
- Chill at the beach!
- Group use of pavilion for picnic
- enjoyment of beach
- kayaking, paddle boards
- canoe - fish
- Viewing open water on bay (day and night), also star gazing, birds and eagles
- just to hang out and relax
- sit on the beach and read

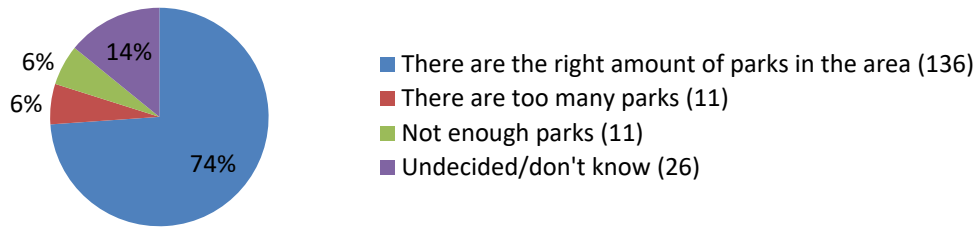
4. If you or someone in your family has a disability, please indicate which of the following would make Tawas City's parks more user-friendly:



Other:

- Dog park or dog beach closer to Walmart area (emotionally helps people)
- Closer parking to beach access
- Fix Pier for easier walking
- I do not walk well, but find parking generally quite adequate.
- Family that visit need accessibility
- US 23 traffic stopping pedestrian crossing in front of Sheriff's Dept.
- More seating for older people and mothers with babies

5. **Thinking about the number of parks in the Tawas area as a whole, are we meeting the needs of the residents and visitors to our area?**

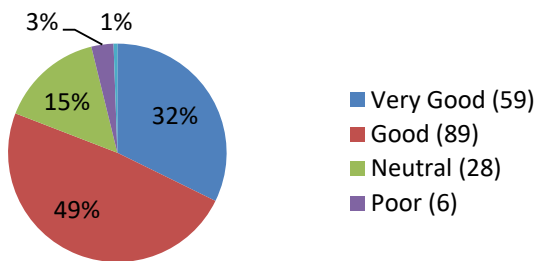


Comments:

- Some of these I didn't know existed. Are there signs or anything but grass? Work on those!
- Need a park near Walmart/hospital area. But need parks we can walk to or free shuttle too.
- right amount but if adjacent buildings are no longer used, the city could extended the Shoreline Park could be extended
- Water view very important (no tall bldg.'s, etc.)

6. **Please evaluate the following general aspects of parks and recreation in the City of Tawas City by checking the box you feel is the proper rating for each of the following.**

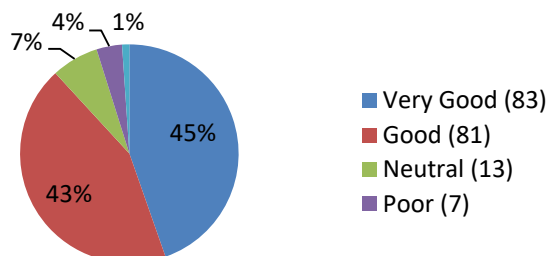
Variety of Facilities/Amenities



Comments:

- need more eating areas
- Too Good
- Like more than taco stand to eat at
- Restrooms, Canadian Geese Treatment
- Always need bathrooms
- Good at Shoreline, poor at Gateway

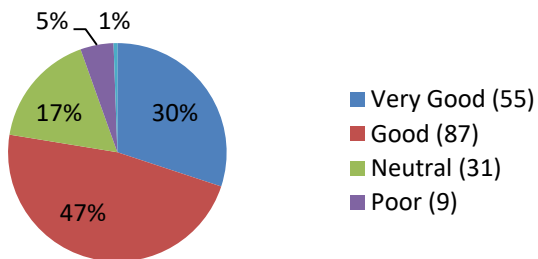
Maintenance and Appearance



Comments:

- Pier awful
- (2) Goose Droppings
- Most emphasis put on parks on US-23

Safety and Security



Comments:

- At night more lighting
- Goose Droppings
- Don't know
- Borders on Harassment
- The beach at Shoreline Park was quite dirty (though to be fair, wind coming off water). Dead seagull on beach.
- Shoreline Park - Pier/extension out in water at Tony's Taco; otherwise good. Improvements to tennis/basketball courts near library as well as softball field.

7. The Tawas City Planning Commission has identified the following to be considered as future projects in the City's Parks and Recreation Plan. Please number your top five (5) projects in order of importance with #1 being the most important and #5 being the least important.

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Comments:

- Extra climber on playground
- Fixing the pier is important - someone is going to get hurt.

- There is already a beach and play equipment at Gateway and Shoreline. Campgrounds are noisy for residents - we have enough campgrounds. I'm sure a lot of money was spent on the boat launch at Gateway. Gateway is a park for boaters and fishermen not just for the market. People can hardly launch boats on Saturday morning now and little space to park trailers.
- Expand play scape at Gateway. No more pavilion space for the Farm Market and no campground.
- Irrigation at Gateway is a waste of money. Pier needs new sidewalks. Absolutely no on the campground, day use park. It would be a waste to construct fishing facilities at Sawyer Thornton Park because there is no fish there. A campground at the Lake State Railway would drop our property values so absolutely no.
- Resurface - Yes. LED Lights - No. Difficult to see.
- Shops and boardwalk along the length of the river on the Lake State Railway Property

8. What additional facilities/amenities would you like to see added to our existing parks or included in a new park(s) other than those listed above?

- Expand Bike Paths - Incorporate Bridge across Tawas River at Beech Street. Bike and foot only. #1
- Expand/improve fishing pier at Shoreline Park.
- Fix rail trail sidewalk close to US 23 city
- Use this land as a natural wildlife habitat area. This area is on a flyway for the birds that come and go. Trails and birding areas would be great. Perhaps some grants to pursue this?
- Improvements to natural habitat to benefit birds, waterfowl, butterflies and wildlife by planting native trees, bushes, flowers and grasses.
- Enforce the no dogs allowed at the part at Shoreline and Gateway
- Wheel chair ramp to beach at Gateway Park. I have no other that if feel knowledgeable to choose.
- Consider buoys at mouth of river and be sure to maintain adequate depth in low water years
- Update play area in Gateway Park, maybe in conjunction with spray pad. Clear bike path through Shoreline Park
- Restrooms and drinking fountains at Gateway Park!
- Repurpose the pier to be basketball courts (enclosed)
- Improve swim area at Gateway Park
- Bike path along US-23 - Bikes ride on the sidewalk now
- Tawas City needs a campground to bring in revenue.
- Playground equipment that attracts families to the park.
- Should be restrooms at all parks. All of these projects have importance and should be worked on over time and repair of parking lots as needed. All would add to increasing tourism and local use. All parks should have playground equipment- swings, slides, etc.
- An ice cream stand
- The pier at Shoreline should be extended out into Tawas Bay sufficiently to provide good fishing for trout, walleye, perch as well as whitefish. In addition, the pier could be used for picnicking, sightseeing, and any number of other lakeside activities.
- We need a dog park.
- Put tennis courts elsewhere that I can walk to near water. A farm market/craft flea market that people can WALK to. Dog park like Cadillac, fenced in, tennis courts near Shoreline Park. Buy land near Walmart/Oak St (old roundhouse) for tennis courts, fruit/veggie flea market etc. people can walk to. Have more seating on water between Chamber of Commerce and Walmart.
- Less money needs to be invested in parks. More funds should be invested in roads/water infrastructure. Most of the above projects would not benefit most residents.
- When traveling I always enjoy where they have "turn outs." Here one can peacefully enjoy the view whether standing by a wooden rail or sitting on a bench. Here one can fully absorb the view of

mountain ranges, sand dunes, the spectacular fall colors, or the vastness of the Great Lakes. Mostly it is restful and makes one want to return. Here you have the attraction of the freighters going by. Something not seen that often, especially when they go by lit up at night. I have no idea where you would locate this.

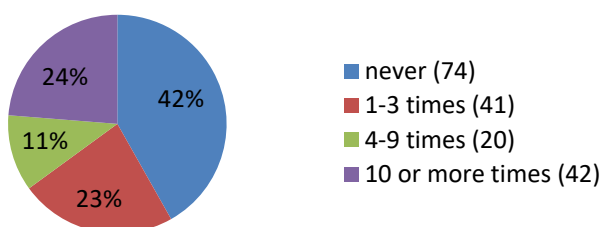
- Trampoline Park
- None
- Gateway Park - I think it is great to have a place to let your dog play - but it is so close to the road, a fence would be nice.
- Existing Parks - emphasis in taking care of what is in place and being used. Regular maintenance and upkeep of existing facilities will help with the public also taking care of them.
- Playscape on other side of Tony's Tacos! So there is two in that large park.
- Shower and changing rooms
- Dog clean up stations at all
- #2 Dr. Sharma's office and Tawas Bar
- What about security cameras at Shoreline Park and others according to damage reports.
- I think a nice pier at Shoreline Park would be nice. We like the one in Oscoda and so after and bring our guests as well. Also if the beach could be rehabilitated at Gateway Park so people would use it more.
- Where is all this money coming from - the tax payers??
- Install new playscapes at Gateway similar to the one at Shoreline
- Fix up Independent Park
- Pave the parking area at Sports Complex
- If you want a campground use the compost area, lots of nice property there. The property along the river is too close to homes.
- Add more playscape along with restrooms at Gateway Park.
- Open the 120 acres to the people of Tawas
- Goose control or cleanup of their feces. Sometimes it is out of control.
- Some form of restrooms at every park
- A fish cleaning station at Gateway Park. It can be attached to the public restroom... a DNR grant project that exists in many other Michigan/Great Lakes communities.
- Does not show on map but if considered it should be restricted to max 1 month stay to encourage turnover and avoid "trailer park."
- A wash the sand off shower/foot wash just off the beach area. In winter add an outdoor lighted skating area.
- Benches, more picnic tables on the fourth of July! Return fireworks to Shoreline Park. It was the place to go!
- Really need boating access to the pier. Now the only option for boaters is Bikini's. Day slips would be wonderful.
- Break wall - but out in bay to prevent the river mouth from needing to be dredged.
- Bathrooms at Gateway
- Day slips for boaters at Shoreline Park crosswalk w/ stairs a Whittemore St.
- The need is great for toilets at Gateway Park
- Olympic size indoor pool. I would be willing to pay for membership
- more swings and slides, more unique play structures like before
- I would like to see my tax dollars go towards fixing my street which is still gravel and my car bottoms out where the gravel meets the pavement. Spend tax payer money on tax payers instead of tourist or people passing thru!
- Bigger play area/space at Tawas City Park. Too small and a lot of children enjoy it. It gets crowded.
- more "food" vendors
- day slips or other means of mooring a boat at Shoreline Park

- roller hockey at Independent Park
 - I would like to see some form of recycle bins. I went to Cozumel Mexico and they had them on street corners to help make a world a better place. Every little effort helps.
 - If amphitheater is installed, restroom facilities should also be a priority.
9. **Tawas City owns approximately 120 acres of undeveloped property that is identified on the map on the first page of this questionnaire. Over the years, a number of investors have contacted the City about developing the property with projects ranging from a residential subdivision, an industrial use, and a rustic campground. Please share your thoughts, ideas, or visions regarding the future of this property and any potential developments.**
- (5) residential subdivision
 - Mixed residential housing. Some low-income, some multi-family, some upscale.
 - Townhouses
 - Residential makes most sense to me. Too close to residential for industrial. Too far from water to be rustic campground.
 - Subdivisions
 - Residential subdivision 1 to 3 acre lots
 - A residential subdivision would be a good way to put money back into the cities account.
 - Decent, affordable housing a good thought
 - How about a senior apartment based on income like Bay Park Towers? Tawas could use one.
 - Tawas City and East Tawas needs a nice complex for rental units. It is hard to find places to rent in our area - (long term).
 - When that property was first acquired it was contemplated that it would be platted in 10 acre parcels for homes where families could have their own houses. (Would probably work for chickens too!) Those would probably be high-end homes and would add a great deal to our tax, plus bring in a higher income class of citizens, a developer interested in building anything there should not be given a deal - a minimal price - so he can make big bucks off of our property. Do not give it away! Sell lots (e.g. Lakewood Shore Homes) to individuals.
 - Condos or campground but nice cable hook up and 30 amp at least
 - Residential housing w/ strict stick built/min square footage zoning and prefer a "non" rustic campground
 - (10) rustic campground
 - Campground
 - RV park
 - An additional campground would be exceptional especially since it is on the River.
 - Rustic camp grounds would bring more tourists & business to the area. There is enough industry area at this time
 - RV park or campground would have revenue potential for the city
 - A campground, not rustic. This would bring revenue to Tawas City, giving East Tawas Park competition for their over inflated lot rent. Also add new jobs to Tawas City to maintain the park.
 - rustic campground, nature habitat and trails
 - campground and picnic area
 - I would like to see a campground. I always have people ask where they can camp. I tell them go out 5 miles. We need this in town. So close to Gateway Park and the river. It would bring people to Tawas City.
 - To make it into a campground would bring people into the area and it would help businesses. There seems to be many families purchasing RV's and need an area to enjoy their time with their families.
 - I would love to see it become a rustic campground. My husband agrees with this. (Would it be privately owned? Or city owned? I think privately owned might be better.)

- It's a very pretty piece of property near our house. We'd like to see it become a rustic campground.
- (2) rustic campground or parks - this will help to bring tourists and bring profits to town for the local businesses
- A rustic campground would be wonderful. The campgrounds are always full in the area. Additional money for the City would be great.
- A campground would ease the overcrowding at the State of Michigan campground on Tawas Pt. Good idea.
- Campground and/or dog park
- (2) I would like to see a nature center and hiking trails here
- Day park walking and biking. Dog park, dog running area. Sled area. Overnight camping for residents.
- Rustic campground or something quiet should be built. Pet stores like Petsmart would be very nice to have up in this area. Fenced in dog park.
- I like the idea of modest amount of campsites plus a nature center or pathway. We already have an abundance of commercial and industrial buildings (many sitting empty.)
- Could be a source of income for city if it was a campground.
- Develop a campground in this area
- A campground sounds good. East Tawas makes a good chunk of money off of their campground.
- Use for parks and rec, do not develop for residential (too many homes for sale) or industrial use.
- Nature Trails, Disc-golfing course, Go "Green": solar panels, greenhouses
- How about a nature park
- Keep as a natural area - nature trails
- Nature trails and Frisbee golf
- Nature park/City forest with foot path trails (check out Midland City Forest) Midland, Michigan
- recreational use would be best
- A rustic park for hiking and possible exercise stations.
- It should be cleaned up as it is a disgusting mess back there. I think a rustic campground and arboretum would be nice.
- moto cross, outdoor activity area, disc golf, go cart track water park, more things for children to do
- In view of the fact that we are a tourist area I would think that a campgrounds on part of the space would be a viable choice. Close to bike path, river, bay, etc. Have a vendor set up rentals for these areas. Our E/T Park and the point are very busy. This would offer a more relaxed quiet option.
- Please DO NOT allow industrial or subdivision to go there. Perhaps a nice wildlife rec area with hiking trails and the like.
- Enough campgrounds in the area. This property could best be used as a combination of residential/industrial development.
- (2) I would prefer no industrial
- Industrial use
- Not sure you need more residential. Industrial would be good if it brings business (jobs) to the area.
- Good area for an industrial park area
- Not a campground - we need industry
- industrial use would bring much needed jobs to our area
- We feel industry is much needed and camping expansion would be huge effect to Tawas City.
- I'd be ok with a campground or residential but not ok with an industrial use.
- Industrial use would be best - maybe for jobs!
- Please don't sell. Ya never get it back
- The property setting there dormant is not an asset.
- Hold for the future. Focus on other areas of Tawas City now.
- Maybe move Brooks junk yard to that area.
- shopping mall, restaurants

- How about a zoo? With small animals (petting zoo), including indoor insect (butterflies, spiders, snakes, etc.) building and maybe dinosaur area used as learning tool about the past and present.
- I'm not sure the proximity of this parcel to the downtown area lends much to aid tourism. Certainly could add to the tax base if the city does not become overzealous in offering incentives.
- Any of the above - It's doing nothing fast sitting there (Tax \$ Wise)
- Community center with an indoor track for winter exercise. Ann Arbor's County Farm Park would be a good example of trails to hike/exercise stations/dogs on leash/bathroom facility.
- Sell it to the highest bidder and let them do what they want with it.
- Whatever will bring the most income to the area
- I think our local Planning Commission needs to brainstorm this together with the Iosco Co. Planning Comm. Perhaps DEQ input would be helpful. I believe a campground there is not advisable.
- Ask for volunteers
- Perhaps the City should consider selling those 120 Acres and using the dollars gained to help invest in one of the projects under # 7.
- We should keep this property and develop it. The city needs housing, both senior & low income. And possibly some business and industry.
- Leave as is. Why do we have to "develop" every piece of land there is? If anything make it available to anyone who enjoys undeveloped or natural areas.
- No residential, no commercial. Campground or other rustic use ok.
- Quaint, village-like retail shops. It would be great to have access to a river, or water - feature with a boardwalk. Residents and tourists alike would love a gathering place.
- Leave it alone! Leave it "as is."
- Discuss to do a land swap with the owners of the salvage yard so they will be away from the residential area of the city. Then expand Union Park.
- Let the people of Tawas City use it.
- I don't know exactly what type of property this is but I have talked with many people who would like to have a Meijer shopping center. I agree!
- For community use such as parcels for residents to have gardens
- I would like to see the area (town) have an area that is an activity center for adults and youths - an arcade, dance floor, snack bar, a family center with activities like Chucky Cheese has.
- Partial use for tourists/vacationers, partial for local residential. (flea market, fitness area, occasional activities) (i.e. paintball, fall- maze, pumpkin patch)
- Sell some. Develop area - campground or subdivision.
- pool?
- sell it - so the city receives tax dollars
- How about an enclosed firing range, as there is no place to practice using hand guns or rifles when the Iosco County Sportsman Club closes down in the winter.

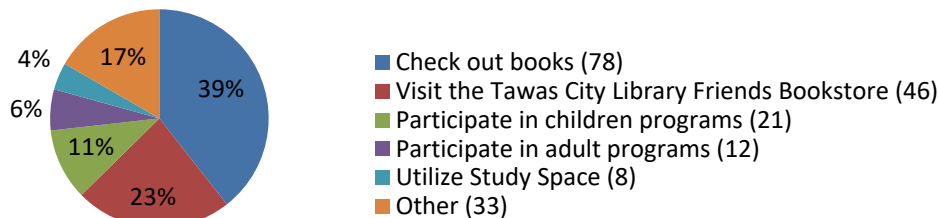
10. How many times did you use the Tawas City Library in the past year?



Comments:

- as I cannot walk there
- Every week
- but haven't lived there long enough yet
- this year I was recuperating from my second hip surgery
- probably about 30 times a year

11. Why do you visit the Tawas City Library? Please check all that apply.



Other:

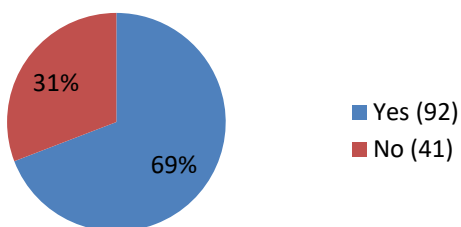
- (14) use computers
- (2) Wi-Fi
- Use computer and pick up talking books
- I haven't visited, but plan to with my kids for books and children's programs.
- to drop off donated books
- I sometimes meet people for a meeting
- I belong to the friends group and work at the store and attend meetings and events.
- Use copy machine and computer
- Has a good selection of books. Cover a wide variety of topics they are helpful in ordering what they don't have on hand.
- We have the BEST librarian
- Just looked at books available
- See what's new
- Volunteer. Terri Stein, the Librarian and Volunteer at library.
- Buy used books
- Will start now
- Book Sales
- Audio books and DVD's
- Initial investigation
- Use computers - very beneficial park outside - see children enjoying "Disney" statues.

12. Please list any services or programs you would like to see added to the Tawas City Library.

- Adult seminars: laws, taxes, government, fed, state, and local, misc subjects.
- Xeroxing copies, more than 3
- library online allowing users to rent books online for reading through ereader products
- Newer - Better - Open More
- More computers. Speakers such as authors of adult books example, lighthouses of Michigan (they spoke in E.T.)
- These programs are very beneficial to residents. Very well run.

- they are amazing
- They have what I need. I really like the new East Tawas Library. A wonderful addition to the area. I wish it was located on US 23.
- Longer Hours on Sat. Later Hours a day or two/week. Librarian needs to park further from the building.
- Improve Restrooms
- Murder mystery theater or dinner
- More space - expand the building
- I think the Tawas should have a joint library
- Open library on Fridays. Have Wi-Fi available 24/7
- A well operated library
- A meeting room large enough for groups of 20-30 with kitchen access. Actually, I believe we should be one city and our library money could have helped build an outstanding library instead of the box they built in East Tawas.
- Political - social issues lecture series. Wide-ranging all year.
- Expand it to have recreational activities for boys and girls, like "big brothers/big sisters"
- To be able to check out movie DVD's
- Expand Hours
- Hobby classes
- make it bigger, offer videos
- More hours of availability
- Perhaps have a writer of a well liked book to have open discussion. As a side note, Library is run very well and nice, orderly, clean.
- audio books - down loadable
- Our library is great and Terri who runs it is very knowledgeable and professional. It is always clean, neat and orderly and we love it the way it is.
- It would be nice to have volunteers to show older people how to use the computer. Advertise monthly classes.

13. The Tawas City Library's hours are Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm; and Saturdays from 10:00 am to Noon. Do you feel these hours are sufficient to meet the needs of our community?



Suggested Changes from those who answered "No":

- (2) do not close for lunch
- Except the noon hour. I don't know what to say except that's when I seem to get there.
- do not close for lunch; open Friday
- I would like it open on Fridays but not sure if I would frequent there on Friday.
- Open Friday; possibly close 1 morning. We'd pay.
- I have stopped at the library many times on Fridays forgetting they are closed but if that is what it takes to keep financially sound I can live with it. Otherwise be open on Friday.

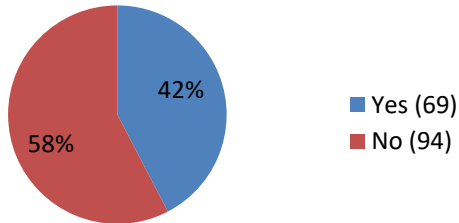
- (2) open longer on Saturday
- longer Saturday hours
- longer Saturday hours - especially fall/winter months - coincide with school year
- Saturday could be until 2 or 3
- Add extra hours on Saturday
- 9-1 on Saturdays would be helpful
- 4 hours on Saturday would be nice
- Saturday until 1:00 / 2:00?
- Saturdays should be open longer for kids 10-4 pm.
- Sat should be longer for parents that have to work and can't take their kids till later.
- For someone that works 9-5 and Saturdays you aren't open when average person can go.
- later at night
- Extend into evening till 7 pm
- one evening until 6pm
- Evening hours - until 6-7 at least- I work until 5 M-F
- Longer Hours
- 9-1, 2-6, Sat 9-1
- Most work 9-5, after 5 would be helpful
- Maybe evening hrs for people who work
- Add one or two evenings and keep current hours
- Evening hours are needed during the week!!
- Would like more hours - evenings?
- Maybe 1 day mid week evening till 8:00 or 9:00
- At least one evening open until 9 pm for residents who work days
- Hire more people. People need more jobs. Mon - Fri 9am to 7 or 8 pm. Sat 10am to 3 or 4 pm
- Ok, when you get used to those hours. I always go on Fridays! It would be more convenient if it was open at least 10-5 M-F and 10-12 Sat.
- Yes - for retirees, no for working people - open one evening.
- longer Friday and Saturday
- one later night, more Sat.
- Open til 6pm. Sat 10 to 2pm
- I believe the library should be open at least 6 days a week (Monday - Saturday)
- Weekday evenings and Saturdays - when people aren't working.
- They are sufficient for retirees but people who work would probably like to see evening hours at least once per week or all day Saturday hours.
- 6 pm closing weekday; 2 pm Saturday
- Weekdays. I don't get out of work till 3 weekdays, children are in school then.
- More weekend hours/ one weekday with extended hours
- Most people work
- Night classes if possible
- not very often you see anyone there
- Open hours are not working. Full time students and day workers need to visit later at night and Saturdays.

14. In 2015, the City Council approved a sidewalk replacement/repair and drainage ditch alteration program where the City will cover 50% of the cost to replace or repair a damaged sidewalk, or 50% of the cost to fill in a drainage ditch. Are there specific areas of the City where you feel we need to replace, repair, or install new sidewalks or alter drainage ditches?

- Maintaining bike path & have sweepers once a month on trails
- it's a good program and hope more homeowners take advantage of it
- US-23 South of River to City Limits
- Part of Rail Trail Sidewalk along US 23
- Both sides of First Street
- Sidewalks from Shoreline Park, South to the old Mitch's Pizza especially in front of the doctor's building and the old Tawas Bar
- tree growing in and cracked and filled up drain hole - Behind TUMC parking lot- between parking lot and Moffatt's house on Victoria Lane
- South Plank Road, Harris Ave, South 5th Ave
- Asphalt path along narrow beach from Shoreline Park entrance to where it meets concrete sidewalk. It's uneven and severely tilted towards beach.
- M-55 north side
- I would like the ditch covered on the west edge of my property (corner of German & River Street). This ditch is just a mosquito habitat in the summer. No drainage!
- 1st Ave and North Ave: Sidewalks. Maybe on 5th Ave. But would the residents on those roads be responsible for the other 50%?
- the side walk between Shoreline and Gateway Park could use some improvement
- We need a sidewalk to the schools
- Meadow Road, 5th Avenue area too
- 8th Ave has had low areas/drainage problems for 50 years. Can anything be done about this?
- North St. - should have sidewalks. Plank Rd - from M-55 to Harris. 5th Ave - M-55 from Plank to 5th Ave - Nunn Rd.
- Thank you for this - got ours done!
- Need more sidewalks- Beech St.
- Along 5th Ave, east side
- Should not be able to turn into Walmart from US 23 here, too dangerous. A better light/turning situations is needed at Oak and US 23 very dangerous. I need a new street light at Fir St. and Oak St. and a sidewalk on Oak is much needed. As many people walk in the street to go to Walmart, town, McDonald's. A sidewalk in Beech St. as the street is all cracked up and I walk it everyday trip and fall sometimes.
- The bike and walking sidewalks along US-23 need attention. On the west side there are a number of cracks and weeds growing through also, on both sides the grass that was mowed by the city piles up in places along with rocks, mud and debris. Good maintenance will add years to these projects but neglect just costs the city more
- Several, but you know the areas.
- 5th Ave near Manitou Place and Ottawa Village and Tendercare.
- Yes, sidewalks. Don't remember where. Walk them - you will figure it out.
- Replace and repair should be priority 2nd Ave between 1st St and 2nd St come to mind.
- Tawas City 6,7,8,9th
- Mathews St. to Meadow St.
- On First Ave sidewalks would be nice and keep workers out of the road
- 1st and 9th Ave area
- Treat the same as downtown sidewalk with regard to who pays and who maintains!
- I would estimate 65% of walkers on my street walk in the street (year around) even though sidewalk is available on one side every 2-3 blocks. I wonder why I bother to shovel. A proper city has sidewalks around every block!
- Used a lot but the sidewalk to Memory Gardens Cemetery along Meadow Rd. is in poor shape. The drainage ditch along west 8th Ave becomes badly overgrown in summer limiting drainage and making it a mosquito incubator.

- Not sure. I have a problem - live across street from Independent Park and every spring have to pump crawl space from water moving from park to Lake Huron.
- Ditch needs to be filled in along 1st Ave between Sunset and Roberta in the west side.
- We love the Lake Shore Trail
- Drainage ditch plan should be a 100% priority chief of DPW to make his recommendation to the Planning Commission.
- Fill drainage ditch on 1st Ave corner of Sunset and 1st Ave west side.
- Sidewalks in residential areas connecting them to the schools.
- South of Town - that sidewalk was in perfect shape when they cleaned out ditches contractor wrecked more than 30 sections, make them pay for the damage.
- 7th, 8th and 9th Ave all need drainage and some regular maintenance. I think they are the worst in the city.
- Expand/flatten sidewalk along 23
- A walking community is a healthy community. We should restore and expand a sidewalk system throughout the community.
- walk way to Neiman's from the RR tracks side to 55 from Court House.
- Yes! On First Ave some are filled in without tubes.
- Some of the sidewalks between the South end of TC and City Hall along US 23 are bad and sometimes narrow.
- North Street is a favorite for walkers - hardly any sidewalks!
- I have seen several sidewalks/drain ditches that could be repaired/updated but I really could not give a priority as to which first - my first thought would be streets/ditches in areas of homes - not sure
- M-55 to Walmart area - down German St. lots of walkers - no sidewalk
- Down each of the Avenues
- The city should pay 100%. We are over taxed and the way things are being run is why people have moved out of Tawas City. We are seriously thinking about moving also. All you seem to care about is the tourist not the tax payer.
- any area that leads to parks, town area and schools
- Yes - the drainage ditch from the corner of 12th Ave and 5th St and down 5th St to 11th Ave. The water from this ditch runs into my backyard flooding it.
- New street for all of 5th Ave. You did half but not all of the roadway.
- along Oak and Cedar Streets behind Walmart
- They should finish partially completed sidewalks.

15. In 2015, Tawas City worked with an outside consultant to rate all the streets in the city and develop a street improvement plan. The plan, which is updated on an annual basis, identifies streets that are in poor condition and require structural improvements totaling more than \$1 million, with additional streets that require preventative maintenance to slow future deterioration. The City Council has committed to spend approximately \$70,000 per year for street improvements. Would you support a street millage to fund street improvements to complete the work on a faster schedule?

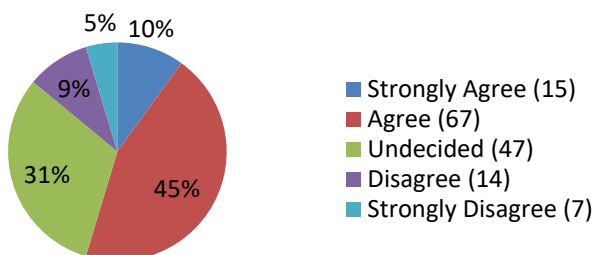


Comments:

- use fund balance
- no millage use fund balance
- Depending on how many mills
- Currently available funds should be better prioritized
- Only if really necessary. When everything again all at one time. Kind of like they are trying to replace all the water pipes at once in Flint. If it had been replaced one time it wouldn't have the hopeless disaster effect it has now.
- No New Millages!
- Perhaps the funds could come from another part of the budget
- I live on N. 1st Ave. My sewer hookup is on Spring St. It goes across my driveway and across my neighbor's yard to Spring St. I would support a millage if sewer hookup on 1st Ave was possible at time of resurfacing.
- Ask citizens about their opinion of a millage to pay for any planned parks/recreation projects.
- Only if the money is actually used for intended purpose
- Depends on the amount
- Stop using taxpayer money for stupid parks and use it to fix streets- what don't you people get?

16. Please rate the following statements in reference to zoning.

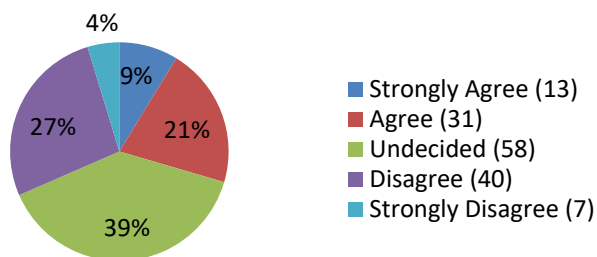
Tawas City adequately enforces the Zoning Ordinance.



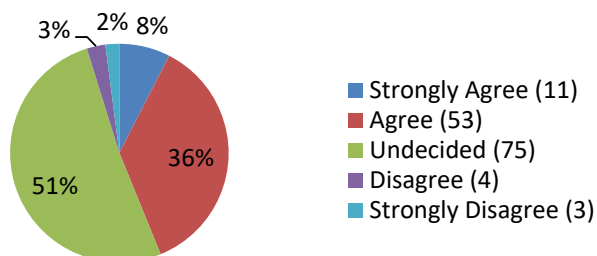
Comments:

- Pavilion broke your own ordinances

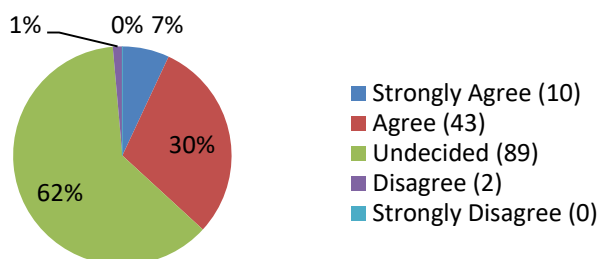
Tawas City needs to enforce its ordinances more strictly.



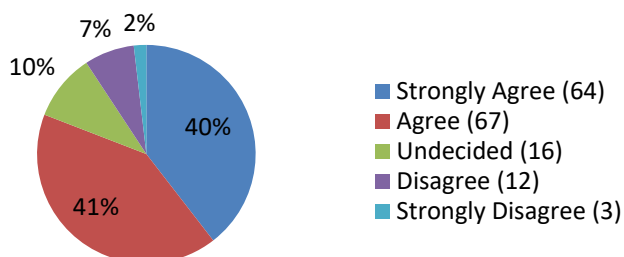
Tawas City is responsive to questions regarding zoning regulations.



Tawas City processes zoning applications in a timely manner.



Tawas City should encourage the preservation of historic buildings.

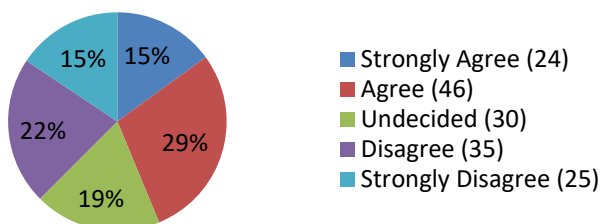


Comments:

- Remember the Grey Stone
- Too Late!!
- to late they are all gone
- If it is a building the City is going to use. Growth does need buildings to be removed.
- You've already destroyed most of them! The "liberty building" is the only historic one in the city that I can think of - other than a few older homes and churches.

- Too late you tore them down already
- Most of the buildings have been torn down, which is a shame!!

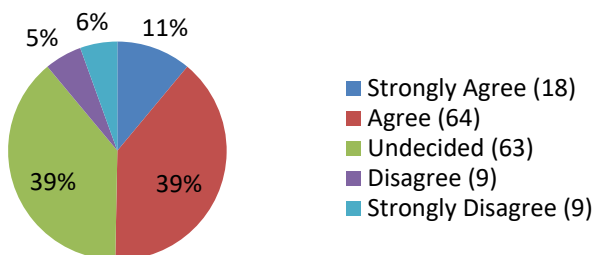
Tawas City should regulate the storage of recreational vehicles on residential property.



Comments:

- Not during summer months
- Should be kept behind of front of house. Set back rule

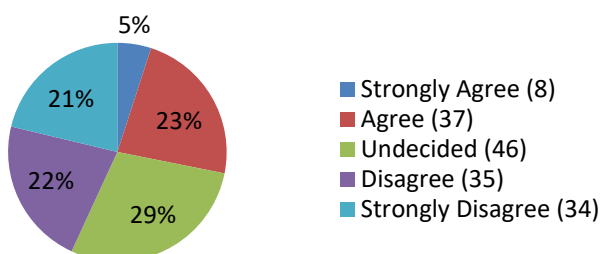
Tawas City should encourage the conversion of uses within the business districts to allow residential as a secondary use.



Comments:

- 2nd story only

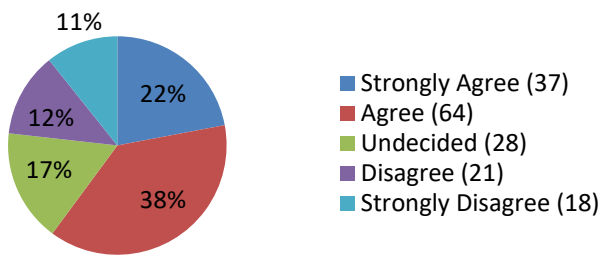
Tawas City should encourage the conversion of hotel/motel rooms to long-term rental units.



Comments:

- As long as they are maintained neatly
- Encourages them to be used as rentals for low income and do not want that. They would be more of a shelter than a hotel. Brings in the bad instead of tourists to visit and spend money in the area.
- What for?

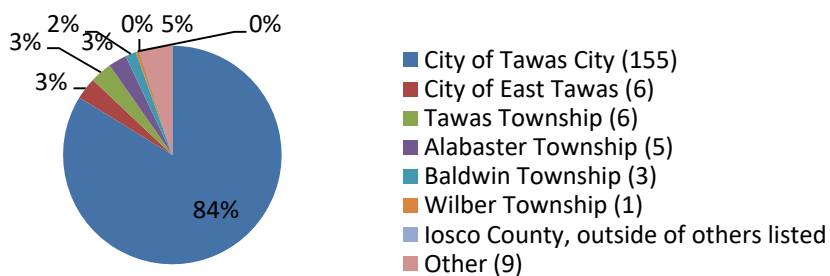
Tawas City should regulate the maintenance - interior and exterior - of rental housing units.



Comments:

- I hope people just won't rent bad ones- which will force the owners of
- rentals to better up keep standards
- Keep it from becoming "slums."
- and homes (personal)
- Exterior - strongly agree/ interior - Undecided

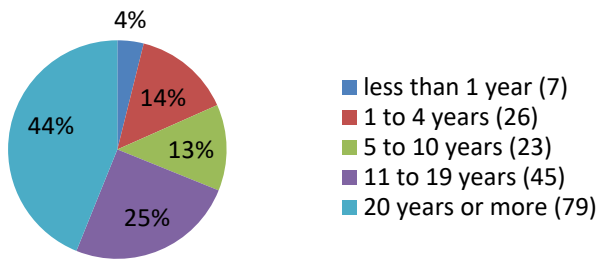
17. Where do you live?



Other:

- Genesee Twp
- Grant Township
- Tawas Bay Marina
- Boat - 5/15 - 10/15
- Munger, MI
- Sterling Heights - we have a summer home in Tawas City for over 12 years
- Summer months
- Jackson, MI, cottage in Tawas City
- Hartland

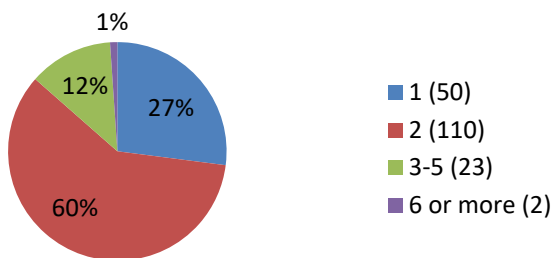
18. How long have you lived in the community you selected in the previous question?



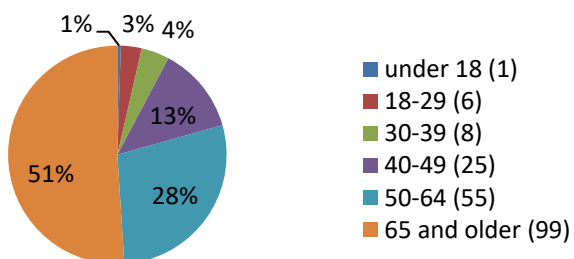
Comments:

- As a property - 30 years as a renter in summer month in E. Tawas City Park
- Less than one year Tawas City; 11 to 19 East Tawas
- seasonal visits -have rental
- Recently returned full time; owned property since 1991
- Currently - was born and raised in Tawas Township moved back in.

19. How many people live in your household?



20. What is your age?



Please feel free to provide additional comments or suggestions regarding Tawas City's Parks and Recreation Plan, or Master Plan.

- Foot/Bike bridge would facilitate access to shopping - recreation. Promote physical activity. Let us start walking again.
- The city done such a great job on Shoreline Park, we use it a lot, but even if you don't it looks so nice driving by. E.T. has nothing on us. I think the city crew does a great job also.
- I lived in East Tawas/Tawas Twp for 36 years
- The 120 acres that never got developed would make a wonderful campground for our city. E. Tawas is limited. And would make a good cash cow that could be developed as needed. It has already been phase one with DNR.
- more activity for young people
- 120 acre property- rustic/tents - campground/ campers- nature trails - expand shoreline park waterfront property - *New* Conduct a annual "garage sale weekend" in Shoreline Park - limited to Tawas City residents. This would encourage park use and is a community event. THANK YOU FOR ASKING FOR CITIZEN INPUT!
- I'm only interested in shore line fishing that is why I've moved here 6 months ago so anything that improves fishing areas for seniors would make me happy
- I moved from East Tawas to Taws City last June. I really like the entire area and all the wonderful amenities. I believe however there should be a curbside recycle free for all to use. The current method of taking it to Waste Management is ok, but most people will not go to the trouble of saving and driving their trash to a pick up place. The \$17.00 a month option sounds good but on a small fixed income it is unaffordable. I lived in a community many years ago when they started curb side recycle at first only a few houses did it, however by the end of the first 6 month nearly every house had a full recycle bin at the curb every week. Thank you for listening.
- Hang up more large owls to keep the geese away from our beaches and parks. No one cares for all the geese and gulls when trying to use our parks (2) You folks failed we the people of Taws City Concerning a few chickens being approved by us voters - what must we think you will do with this information
- We enjoy the parks in Tawas and are happy to see upgrades and maintenance continue
- Blight ordinances should be strongly enforced. We have several areas that are not only unsightly but unhealthy
- I love our parks. Keep up the good work! Our library is terrific! (Friendly with lots of activities) I hope Tawas City can get a campground and possibly employ more people. A small but cool river runs through us. But- one minor thing bugs me the Tall Ship sign "Where the River Greets the Bay" should have a different boat.
- Too many boats/trailers, etc. stored year round on owner residential lots. All drainage ditches should be piped and filled and attached to sewer. Put up more street lights in residential areas. What is the old City Hall property by Walmart going to hold in future? How about an updated indoor movie theatre? What is the hold up on other large business coming near Walmart? Lots of empty land sitting there.
- We are pleased with the improvements in the park along U.S. 23 in the CBD - There is not a lot of room for business growth along U.S. 23 - businesses should be encouraged to grow and expand as buildings and space becomes available - Shoreline Park has brought many to the city - additional opportunities need to be made available to keep tourist dollars here! Perhaps a zoning change allowing additional shops along one of the side streets or behind Brugger's Plaza and Neiman's - which I am sure would be opposed by local residents. Very pleased with the progressive attitude of the present council and administrative and maintenance staff. I indicated we have only lived in the city a little over a year, we have been local residents of the area 45 years and have a decent perspective of the area. You could have entangles your survey return by providing an addressed envelope.

- I like the direction the city has taken with the parks in the past few years.
- Roads do need repair and patching not helping and we need a dog park where dogs can run
- Tawas City needs a dog park (fenced in) like Cadillac, Michigan has. Where is our dog beach? I use E. Tawas dog beach. The pier has to be top priority, needs to be like Oscoda's pier. I have lived here 4 years and it is an eyesore and dangerous. The bathrooms either need to be redone/rebuilt/torn down. We need a fruit/veggie/craft flea market we can walk to near Walmart. The old roundhouse lot between Walmart and Oak St. would be wonderful but would need sidewalks on Oak St. and Beech St. and better night lighting. There is a building for sale on the lot now. We need a good community center with indoor track for winter exercise. Again near Walmart/Hospital to walk to. We need more seating at land on water across from Walmart/hospital. Oak St. needs sidewalk and night lighting. We had a home invasion on a very dark night. No lights, (Fir and Oak)
- It seems all services for the residents have to be funded with additional voted millage (library, mosq. Control). If improvements need to happen in the Parks for the tourists, let the county pay for it like the Oscoda/Ausable bike trail.
- I am not thrilled with Tony's Tacos. Their fare is not what most visitors want. We need a place or service that sells hotdogs, hamburgers, ice cream, etc.. I know kids, especially, would like these items and the cost is less. Tony's Tacos isn't open at regular hours so one can't count on their services when at the park. I liked the business before Tony's. They had the right "quick" foods and they were more friendly.
- Any future developments on 23 should require a nautical (freshwater-not ocean) theme. New buildings should look more like 432 US 23 (Abstract Office) Thank You for asking
- I lived near Au Gres in the late 70's when Governor James Blanchard started the initiative and funding for the East side of the State to become as attractive as the West Side of the State. I feel like the people here have come a long way toward that goal. I really enjoy driving up 23 to the Mackinaw Bridge. We are as good as the West Side. The changes made the last ten years in the immediate area have been outstanding. (Although I do miss the sight of the Grey Stone Building). It's nice to see the progress made and the nicer improvements that keep taking place. I'm pleased that I have been a small part of it.
- Tawas City needs to upgrade their zoning ordinance in regards to commercial signs used in the City. The existing ordinance is very antiquated and does not allow the use of present day sign programs including motion activity. The set time allowance for changing message on signs
- The T.C. tennis courts/state board park/basketball courts/ ice rink have been a total waste of money for the residents of T.C. I live within 1 block of area, 20 + yrs outside of the baseball field: the area is NOT used. T.C. had tennis courts in the 70's - 80's and were used. The E.T. built their courts (beautiful) and T.C. players went to E.T. to play. The skateboard park - too much bullying of younger kids - bad element hanging out, smoking, cursing just wouldn't work without adult supervision. Next was thousands \$\$ to repave the courts and ass basketball backboards - NEVER ONCE DID I SEE ANYONE playing there!! I think it's time to give it up for sports - maybe a good spot for Farm Market or Residential home that generates a few tax dollars. Thank you
- We have beautiful parks, I love the craft shows in T.C. on Memorial and Labor Day week end. I do believe you should try to get people to fix/make the exterior of their homes presentable. Some are just awful.
- Not familiar with the Parks other than shoreline and gateway.
- We have lots of parks, what we need to do is fix our STREETS!!!! I have to wear boots to get my mail when it rains!! I live on Fourth Avenue.
- We love the Tawas Community and feel the improvements you have put forth the past few years have been well worth the cost! We look forward to your continued success.
- "Let's make Tawas City great again"
- Over the past few years Tawas City parks have grown and become much more inviting spaces for our community. This past year I have spent more time than ever in our own parks rather than

traveling out of Tawas City. Thank you for the beautiful job you guys have done with Shoreline Park and Gateway. Keep up the good work!

- Tawas City looks great! Enjoy the beautiful Shoreline! Keep up the good work!
- Preferably, my comment about the undeveloped property should occur along the river or the lake, with a design plan, to be so attractive that it draws to public to shop. Tawas City needs some of the quaint shops East Tawas enjoys. The difference could be a design around the water feature. People love a gathering place to eat, shop and socialize.
- While I understand the mosquito control program - what can be done about the issue of black flies? When we go to the parks - especially Gateway and the beach at Shoreline, you can hardly sit and read the paper - the flies are all over you - even when we have no food. When encountered the same problem at the beach at the State Park out at the lighthouse - can't we spray for them? The beach at Gateway Park could be improved also. Shoreline has a beach, playground, and nice bathrooms, Gateway should have the same.
- A variety of viewpoints in the committees is important. We don't like change unless we see it benefits us. Help us to get outdoors in this blessed scenic area.
- There should be a more effective way of keeping the Canadian Geese out of the parks. Very unsanitary conditions.
- Expand the playscape at Shoreline Park. Provide a place for community group meetings (community rooms) as does East Tawas. Our HOA must go to East Tawas for meeting space.
- No new millages! Maintain what we already have. A multi use softball/baseball field would be nice. Children and elderly fishing access on lake or river. More laws and signs are not improvements and don't help anything.
- I hate the sight of cars parked in front yards or right up to front doors! Curbs might help. I wish there was a way to control the use of Tawas City in news articles about criminal activity. Just because someone has a TC mail address does not make them a resident and a lot of the news gives us a bad name.
- It would be nice if the City would pay better attention to the mowing of the property at the corner of First St. and 8th Ave. It seems like it is only done once a summer and often looks unsightly. We mow it occasionally. Thank you for the mosquito control program info. Very useful.
- Disapprove of the removal of beautiful old trees at Shoreline Park for the upgrade. It changed the appeal and was a poorly thought decision.
- Our family has enjoyed spending the summer months in the Tawas City area for more than 25 years. We enjoy the Parks and Appreciate the amenities and the improvements to the park facilities especially the past few years. The Gordon Clute Play sculptures as well as the play structures have been a very important aspect of the childhood of our grandchildren which now range in age from 9 to 23. We very much appreciate the quality of life in the Tawas Bay Community.
- Tawas City should continue their repairing and replacing of needed streets and curbing. What has been done with curbing on Seventh/Industrial Ave, First Street (by Brugger's Plaza, Mathews St, Whittemore St and Second St has greatly improved the appearance of those parts of our City. Curbing streets save money and the condition of the streets in the long run. Also have the Planning Commission discuss replacing the street lights with street lamp posts. It has been done on US-23 through the City, now put the same emphasis to the other areas of the city. Do a traffic count of the streets in the city and begin with the most used and develop a plan for replacing where necessary curbing where not done and lamp posts. Work on making the interior of the city as beautiful as the US-23 section. Regarding questions #9 - Approach the owners of the salvage yard with a plan to give them more space than they have now in the 120 acres to have them relocate. With proper buffering and design, this new location would not need to offend any future businesses in the 120 acre area. If an agreement could be made, the neighborhood around Fourth St and Ninth Ave would be greatly improved for everyone.
- We would really like to see streets fixed, like Murphy. Patch and fill just makes it worse.

- Limit amount of vendors at Farmers market. Too many non local vendors should be priority first. Losing 10's of thousands of dollars taken away from local businesses each week. I can't afford to water my own lawn, I'm not going to pay for watering more parks like Gateway. Let alone paying for more equipment and gas to cut more. Just increasing maintenance cost. Our city population is decreasing and we only had about 1,500 in the first place. Too much money being spent for tourist friendly projects. Businesses benefit, not residents who have to pay the most of it. A lot of us are on fixed incomes with new challenges that will only make things much more difficult. Stop spending on tourist projects.
- Repair and improve the bike path along the lake. The path has become quite rounded and rough, it needs some work.
- I have an abandoned house next to my property that should be condemned and removed according to the ordinance for dangerous properties. It has been empty and unlivable since I moved in approx 11 years ago. The property address is 505 Mathews St. Why is the ordinance not enforced? Teenagers use the property as a "hang out" place. Tawas spent money for new City Hall and improvements to Mathews St only to leave the eyesore despite the ordinance. I applaud work done to the shoreline and Gateway Parks. I believe their use has increased. A pier similar to the one in Oscoda would enhance the looks of the Shoreline Park and increase the use of the pier.
- Fix other boat launch across from old ITT complex maybe fish station on Tawas River.
- I think Tawas City has done a fantastic job in the last few years. Keep up the good work.
- I have noticed, and pretty sure others have, the sewage treatment facility drains directly into the river. If we did promote the use of the river for canoe or rafting, it might be a good idea to check the river for E.coli or other infectious bacteria. Nunn street and the river first. Trailer park at M-55 and River, and Memorial for Veterans Park canoe launch. With 3 check points like these, Tawas would protect themselves from a DEQ disaster. I don't like not knowing what is discharged into the river. I thought they used the swamp first as a filter, but the pipe just gives me the creeps. Thank you, for allowing pets for responsible owners in our parks. After all, we do pay for licenses and vet bills for vaccines.
- Having the Farmers Market at Gateway Park on Saturday mornings makes boat launch very difficult to use. Saturday is the busiest day for the launch
- Concerning the bike path, please trim the trees high enough that a person seated on a bike won't hit the limbs or be struck in the face. Remind businesses, residents and city workers not to park or leave tools, etc. on the bike paths. This could cause a biker to veer into traffic.
- I would like to see the town have: a Starbucks coffee place or a Caribou coffee house. Tawas City have more restaurants e.g., an AuBonPam, an ice cream place e.g., Rita's and A & W like in the 60's. Make the Tawas Dock into a Pier.
- To reiterate question 13, a library that closes at 1:00 pm on week days does not service children who are in school until 3. This doesn't make sense.
- Would be nice to see improvements made to our pier at the Tawas City Park since all the nice improvements are done with the park, the pier should match up.
- Clean beaches are always attractive - get rid of goose doodoo!
- We explore the possibility of building a break wall out in the bay to help prevent the river mouth from back filling, as the marinas also. Hopefully this will help prevent debris from piling on our beaches and help the Gateway Park Beach Project take off.
- Delete spot zoning and go to district zoning
- Just a thought... there is no place for boats to come up to the beach. Do you think we could get a mooring section? Maybe in front of the pavilion by Dr. Sharma's? If it is over enough, it shouldn't disrupt the paddle boarders.... I know I would like a designated spot to pull up our boat so I can run across the street and get much needed supplies!
- A tennis court "update" or "new" would be nice instead of having to try and use/drive to east Tawas courts in their park. More seats along walkway parallel to US 23 across from Walmart (Adjacent to safety fence) (places to read, enjoy view, lunch, etc.)

- Our parks are well maintained and attractive. One of the big draws to our area.
- The City has improved the parks and made them much better to use and improved the beauty of the shoreline coming into the city they show we care about our shoreline.
- Please add an indoor swimming pool!
- Stop using our tax dollars on tourists. I pay \$1400.00 per year for a gravel drive (street) full of potholes and nothing but mud, my car bottoms out where the gravel meets the pavement.
- How about a "bait shop" at Shoreline and/or Gateway Park. It would bring in money for the City, and a place to buy bait while not having to leave the park to buy fishing bait. As for the "gun range" on the 120 acres, the City should check out "Top Gun" firing range in Daytona Beach, FL to see how it is being used. I used it while visiting my brother in Daytona Beach, FL in January 2017. Thank you for the questionnaire. From Dennis McFeters at 533 12th Ave, Tawas City.
- We live across the road from Elms Neighborhood Park. The neighbors like the little park and it is nice to have a green space in our neighborhood. I hope the City does not sell it. We really need a few nice restaurants in town.
- In regards to ordinance enforcement: yard regulations: 300 block of 5th Ave has many yards filled with debris (appliances, broken vehicles, etc.) that is unsightly. Sec 4-1 Dangerous Animals (B) It shall be unlawful for any person to harbor pit bulls etc. Pitbulls currently reside in the following areas of Tawas City: 1) 300 block of 9th Ave 2) on 8th Ave 3) 921 Harris Ave 4) 902 1st St. This ordinance needs immediate enforcement.
- Maybe in the future a shuffleboard court and a horse shoe pit in the other parks. Shoreline Park new sidewalks do not provide for easy on and off for bike riders. They use to have easy on and off curbs and they were taken away. Bike riding is a huge way of staying fit and that needs to be encouraged in our community. Showing outdoor movies are great for all to enjoy. Everyone brings their chairs and gets to know each other. Do we have an area to ice skate? Great family sport and it give our young people something to enjoy. Hockey and skating would be great to offer the community.
- The City should be proud of the entrance into Tawas City by Gateway Park. Visitor must feel good, as if they just took a breath of fresh air as they pass by our beautiful lakefront that looks pristine even on Sunday evenings. We are so luck to live in such a lovely place. Thank you for helping to keep it that way.

City of Tawas City

APPENDIX B

2018-2022 Parks and Recreation Plan and Master Plan Community Questionnaire

The Tawas City Planning Commission is in the process of updating the city's Parks and Recreation Plan and Master Plan. As a member of our community, we would like your input regarding our facilities and the amenities that we currently offer, as well as your ideas for the future. Please take the time to complete this questionnaire and **return it to City Hall by March 20, 2017** by any of the following:

In person: 550 West Lake Street (there is a drop box located in the parking lot behind City Hall)

By mail: PO Box 568, Tawas City, Michigan 48764

By email: info@tawascity.org

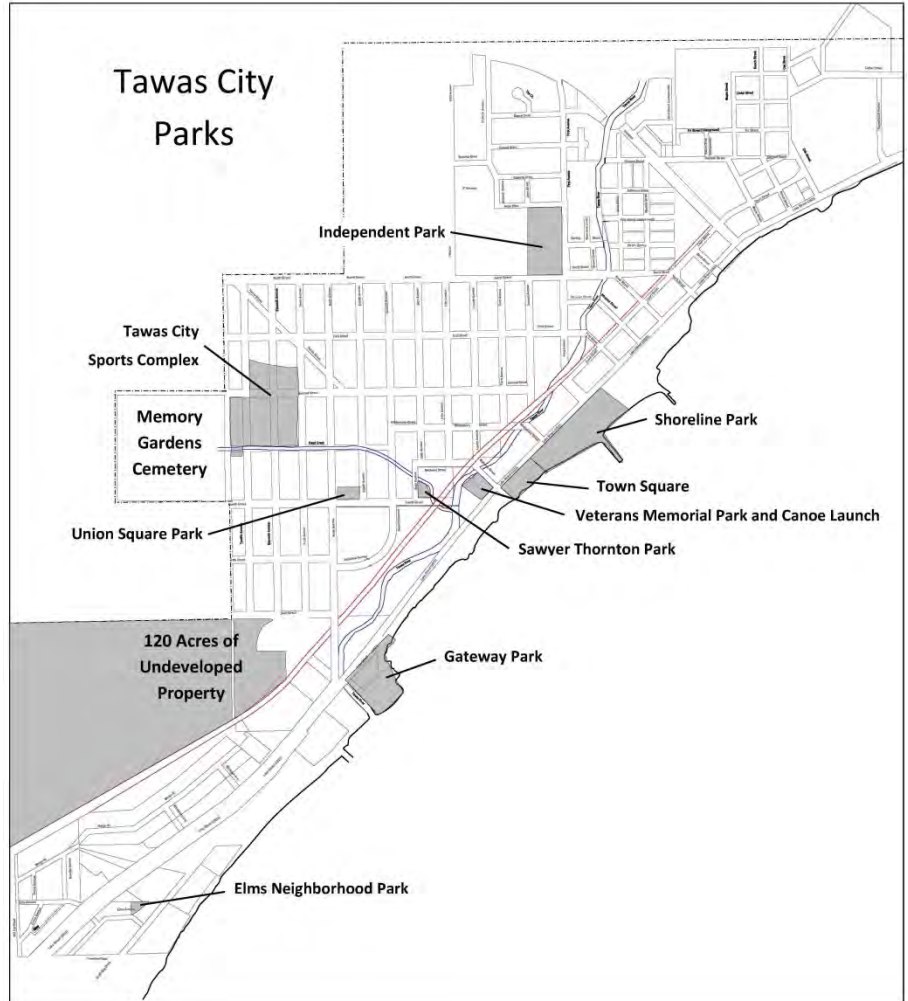
By fax: (989) 362-2521

1. How many times did you use a park in the City of Tawas City in the past year?

- ☐ Never
- ☐ 1-3 times
- ☐ 4-9 times
- ☐ 10 or more times

2. Which of the following parks did you visit in the past year? (Please check all that apply.)

- ☐ Shoreline Park
- ☐ Town Square
- ☐ Veterans Memorial Park and Canoe Launch
- ☐ Sawyer Thornton Park
- ☐ Gateway Park
- ☐ Elms Neighborhood Park
- ☐ Independent Park
- ☐ Tawas City Sports Complex
- ☐ Union Square Park



3. Why do you visit parks in the City of Tawas City? Please check all that apply.

- ☐ Fitness and exercise (swimming, running, walking, etc.)
- ☐ Participate in or watch a game with friends or with a league
- ☐ Casual/informal use (picnic, playground, etc.)
- ☐ Visit the Northeast Michigan Regional Farm Market
- ☐ Use the dog-friendly beach
- ☐ Visit one of the concessionaires (Tony's Tacos or Tawas Bay Paddle Shack)
- ☐ Event (art show, antique show, military ceremony, etc.)
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____

4. If you or someone in your family has a disability, please indicate which of the following would make Tawas City's parks more user-friendly:

- ☐ Does not apply
- ☐ Flatter, easier grades
- ☐ Accessible playgrounds
- ☐ Accessible parking
- ☐ Accessible restrooms
- ☐ Paved trails
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____

5. Thinking about the number of parks in the Tawas area as a whole, are we meeting the needs of the residents and visitors to our area?

- ☐ There are the right amount of parks in the area
- ☐ There are too many parks
- ☐ Not enough parks
- ☐ Undecided/don't know

6. Please evaluate the following general aspects of parks and recreation in the City of Tawas City by checking the box you feel is the proper rating for each of the following.

	Very Good	Good	Neutral	Poor	Very Poor
Variety of Facilities/Amenities					
Maintenance and Appearance					
Safety and Security					

7. The Tawas City Planning Commission has identified the following to be considered as future projects in the City's Parks and Recreation Plan. Please number your top five (5) projects in order of importance with #1 being the most important and #5 being the least important.

	Redevelop the tennis courts at Independent Park; possibly include pickleball court
	Expand the Sports Complex on Tenth Avenue with property acquisition and pave the parking lot
	Construct a sidewalk toward the High School and Clara Bolen Elementary School in coordination with Tawas Area Schools, surrounding townships, and MDOT
	Install irrigation at Gateway Park
	Install a spray ground/splash pad at Gateway Park or Shoreline Park
	Rehabilitate the pier at Shoreline Park
	Develop a skate park at the Tawas City Sports Complex
	Construct restrooms at Gateway Park
	Develop a campground along the river on the property currently owned by Lake State Railway Co.
	Install additional lighting and security at Shoreline Park
	Redesign Town Square with an amphitheater
	Expand the play scape at Shoreline Park
	Construct fishing facilities at Sawyer Thornton Park
	Install irrigation at Town Square
	Resurface the pathway and update the lights to LED lights; possibly work in coordination with East Tawas and with MDOT reconstruction of US-23
	Property acquisitions to expand Shoreline Park/Town Square
	Expand parking lot and resurface existing parking lot at Gateway Park
	Construct additional pavilion space for the Farm Market at Gateway Park

8. What additional facilities/amenities would you like to see added to our existing parks or included in a new park(s) other than those listed above?

9. Tawas City owns approximately 120 acres of undeveloped property that is identified on the map on the first page of this questionnaire. Over the years, a number of investors have contacted the City about developing the property with projects ranging from a residential subdivision, an industrial use, and a rustic campground. Please share your thoughts, ideas, or visions regarding the future of this property and any potential developments.

10. How many times did you use the Tawas City Library in the past year?

- ☐ Never
- ☐ 1-3 times
- ☐ 4-9 times
- ☐ 10 or more times

11. Why do you visit the Tawas City Library? Please check all that apply.

- ☐ Check out books
- ☐ Participate in children programs
- ☐ Participate in adult programs
- ☐ Visit the Tawas City Library Friends Bookstore
- ☐ Utilize study space
- ☐ Other _____

12. Please list any services or programs you would like to see added to the Tawas City Library.

13. The Tawas City Library's hours are Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm; and Saturdays from 10:00 am to Noon. Do you feel these hours are sufficient to meet the needs of our community?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No (suggested changes) _____

14. In 2015, the City Council approved a sidewalk replacement/repair and drainage ditch alteration program where the City will cover 50% of the cost to replace or repair a damaged sidewalk, or 50% of the cost to fill in a drainage ditch. Are there specific areas of the City where you feel we need to replace, repair, or install new sidewalks or alter drainage ditches?

15. In 2015, Tawas City worked with an outside consultant to rate all the streets in the city and develop a street improvement plan. The plan, which is updated on an annual basis, identifies streets that are in poor condition and require structural improvements totaling more than \$1 million, with additional streets that require preventative maintenance to slow future deterioration. The City Council has committed to spend approximately \$70,000 per year for street improvements. Would you support a street millage to fund street improvements to complete the work on a faster schedule?

☐ Yes

☐ No

16. Please rate the following statements in reference to zoning.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Tawas City adequately enforces the Zoning Ordinance.					
Tawas City needs to enforce its ordinances more strictly.					
Tawas City is responsive to questions regarding zoning regulations.					
Tawas City processes zoning applications in a timely manner.					
Tawas City should encourage the preservation of historic buildings.					
Tawas City should regulate the storage of recreational vehicles on residential property.					
Tawas City should encourage the conversion of uses within the business districts to allow residential as a secondary use.					
Tawas City should encourage the conversion of hotel/motel rooms to long-term rental units.					
Tawas City should regulate the maintenance – interior and exterior – of rental housing units.					

17. Where do you live?

☐ City of Tawas City

☐ Baldwin Township

☐ City of East Tawas

☐ Wilber Township

☐ Tawas Township

☐ Iosco County, outside of others listed

☐ Alabaster Township

☐ Other _____

18. How long have you lived in the community you selected in the previous question?

☐ Less than 1 year

☐ 11 to 19 years

☐ 1 to 4 years

☐ 20 years or more

☐ 5 to 10 years

19. How many people live in your household?

- ☐ 1 ☐ 3-5
- ☐ 2 ☐ 6 or more

20. What is your age?

- ☐ Under 18 ☐ 40-49
☐ 18-29 ☐ 50-64
☐ 30-39 ☐ 65 or older

Please feel free to provide additional comments or suggestions regarding Tawas City's Parks and Recreation Plan, or Master Plan.

[illegible]

Thank you for taking the time to respond to this questionnaire. Your responses will be considered by the Planning Commission and will help direct the course of developments in the City over the next several years. If you have any questions or would like more information on the Parks and Recreation Plan or the Master Plan, please feel free to contact City Hall at (989) 362-8688 or info@tawascity.org. We value your interest in the future of the City of Tawas City!

The projects below were identified at the Planning Commission meeting on October 4, 2016 to be considered for inclusion in the 2018-2022 Parks and Recreation Plan. Please prioritize the projects with #1 being the most important and #18 being the least.

	Construct restrooms at Gateway Park
	Construct additional pavilion space for the Farm Market at Gateway Park
	Expand parking lot and resurface existing parking lot at Gateway Park
	Install irrigation at Gateway Park
	Install a spray ground/splash pad at Gateway Park or Shoreline Park
	Rehabilitate the pier at Shoreline Park
	Install additional lighting and security at Shoreline Park
	Expand the play scape at Shoreline Park
	Property acquisitions to expand Shoreline Park/Town Square
	Install irrigation at Town Square
	Redesign Town Square with an amphitheater
	Redevelop the tennis courts at Independent Park; possibly include pickleball court
	Construct fishing facilities at Sawyer Thornton Park
	Expand the Sports Complex on Tenth Avenue with property acquisition and pave the parking lot
	Develop a skate park at the Sports Complex on Tenth Avenue
	Develop a campground along the river on the property currently owned by Lake State Railway Co.
	Resurface the pathway and update the lights to LED lights; possibly work in coordination with East Tawas and with MDOT reconstruction of US-23
	Construct a sidewalk toward the High School and Clara Bolen Elementary School in coordination with Tawas Township/Iosco County/State of Michigan

Park and Recreation Plan 2018-2022 Prioritized Projects

(The projects are prioritized with #1 being the most important and #18 being the least)

	Planning Comm		City Council		Both	
	AVG SCORE	RANK	AVG SCORE	RANK	AVG SCORE	RANK
Rehabilitate the pier at Shoreline Park	4.6	1	4.1	3	4.3	1
Construct a sidewalk toward the High School and Clara Bolen Elementary School in coordination with Tawas Township/Iosco County/MDOT	4.9	2	3.9	1	4.8	3
Construct restrooms at Gateway Park	5.6	3	3.9	1	4.6	2
Install additional lighting and security at Shoreline Park	5.6	4	6.1	4	6.2	4
Resurface the pathway and update the lights to LED lights; possibly work in coordination with East Tawas and with MDOT reconstruction of US-23	6.3	5	6.7	5	6.2	4
Expand the play scape at Shoreline Park	6.6	6	7.4	6	7.3	6
Property acquisitions to expand Shoreline Park/Town Square	7.7	7	10.3	9	9.5	8
Expand parking lot and resurface existing parking lot at Gateway Park	7.9	8	8.1	7	7.8	7
Redesign Town Square with an amphitheater	8.9	9	14.1	17	12.0	14
Install a spray ground/splash pad at Gateway Park or Shoreline Park	9.9	10	11.4	12	10.6	9
Install irrigation at Gateway Park	11.6	11	10.7	10	11.2	11
Construct fishing facilities at Sawyer Thornton Park	12.1	12	12.0	15	11.2	11
Redevelop the tennis courts at Independent Park; possibly include pickleball court	12.3	13	11.7	13	12.1	15
Expand the Sports Complex on Tenth Avenue with property acquisition and pave the parking lot	12.6	14	11.7	13	11.9	13
Construct additional pavilion space for the Farm Market at Gateway Park	13.0	15	9.7	8	11.1	10
Develop a campground along the river on the property currently owned by Lake State Railway Co.	13.1	16	12.0	15	12.2	16
Install irrigation at Town Square	13.3	17	11.3	11	12.3	17
Develop a skate park at the Sports Complex on Tenth Avenue	15.3	18	15.9	18	15.6	18



Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Grants Management

PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

*This information required under authority of Part 19, PA 451 of 1994, as amended;
the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Stat. 897 (1964); and Part 715, of PA 451 of 1994, as amended.*

GRANT TYPE: ☐ MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND ☐ CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE
(Please select one) ☒ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUND

GRANTEE: City of Tawas City - Iosco County

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-00116

PROJECT TYPE: Acquisition

PROJECT TITLE: Tawas City Park (Southern Addition #1)

PROJECT SCOPE: Acquisition of 1.5 acres, in four tracts, addition to the existing park

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
City of Tawas City	Ange Horning	City Manager
Address	Telephone	
550 W. Lake Street	989-362-8688	
City, State, ZIP	Email	
Tawas City, MI 48763	manager@tawascity.org	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?

If yes, please describe change(s).

☒ Yes ☐ No

The site layout changed in 2014 as the whole park layout was renovated in 2014. See attached as built from 2014.

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?

If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Park is maintained on a daily basis

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☐ Yes ☒ No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

Open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.

Annge Horning, City Manager

Please print



Grantee Authorized Signature

8-21-17

Date

Michelle Westcott, City Clerk

Please print



Witness Signature

8-21-17

Date

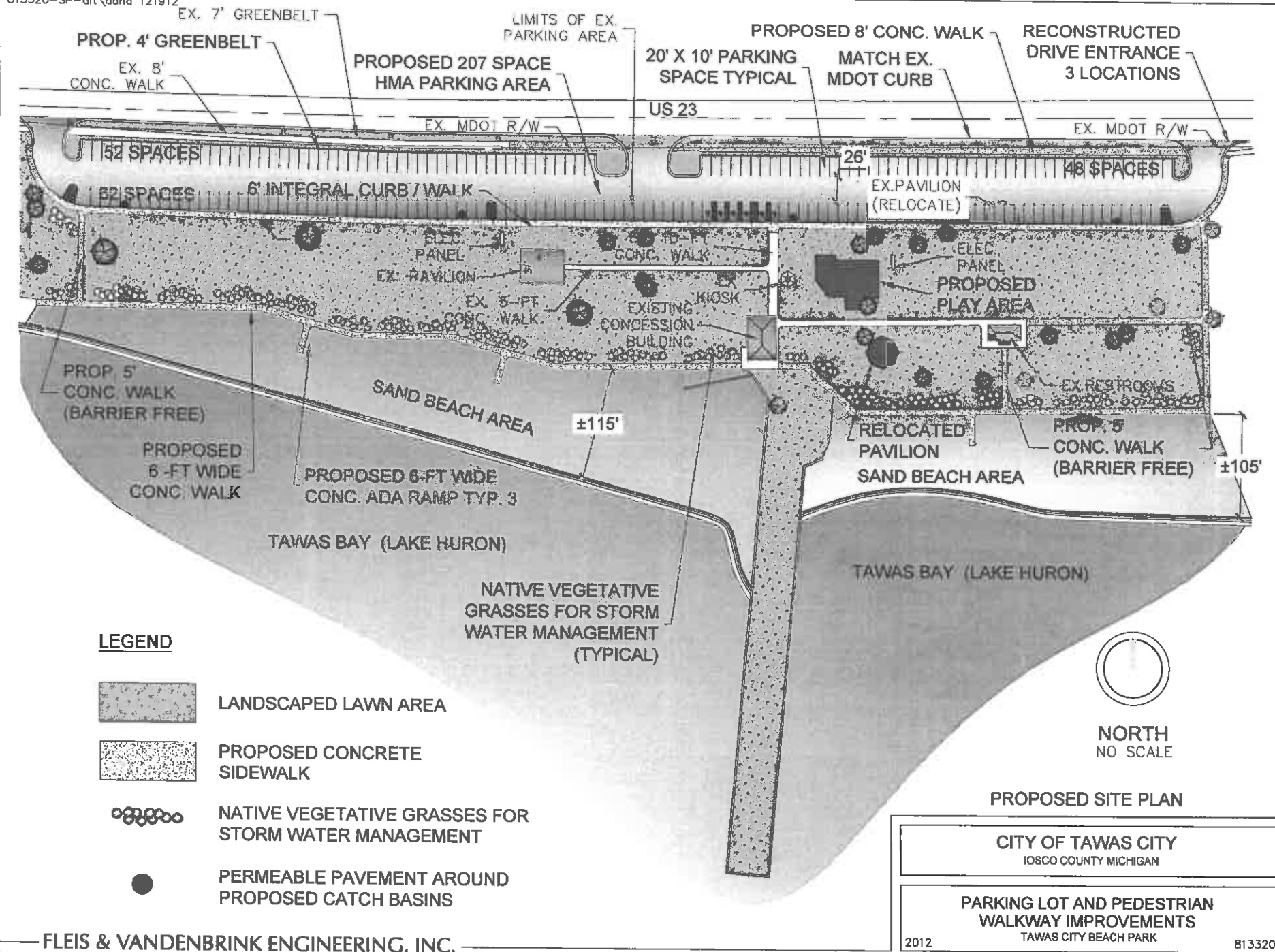
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**POST COMPLETION GRANT INSPECTION REPORTS
GRANTS MANAGEMENT
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PO BOX 30425
LANSING MI 48909-7925**

Maintenance Scheduled

Tawas City Shoreline Park (previously Tawas City Park)

Daily Park maintenance includes: emptying the trash cans, cleaning grills, cleaning the restrooms houses, walking the entire park and picking up trash, cleaning tables as needed, walking the pier and various other tasks. Weekly maintenance includes: Mowing the grass, cleaning the pavilion and gazebo, inspection of playground equipment and grooming the beach. The swings are removed for the winter months and replaced in the spring. The restrooms and irrigation system are winterized yearly.





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**PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT
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GRANTEE: City of Tawas City - Iosco County

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-00440

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Tawas City Catwalks

PROJECT SCOPE: Development of 2 catwalks located in Tawas City, Iosco Co.

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
City of Tawas City	Annge Horning	City Manager
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SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
If yes, please describe change(s).

☐ Yes ☒ No

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

The catwalks are narrow fishing platforms on the Mathews Street and First Street bridges.

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☐ Yes ☒ No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

Open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

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Grantee Authorized Signature

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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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Maintenance Scheduled

Catwalks

The catwalks that are attached to the bridges are visually inspected throughout the year and necessary repairs are performed. The catwalks are also inspected by an engineer during the bi-annual bridge inspections. If any repairs are need they are done in a timely manner.

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(Please select one) ☒ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUND

GRANTEE: City of Tawas City - Iosco County

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01209

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Tawas Rivermouth Gateway Park

PROJECT SCOPE: Develop: Revetment, fill, wood pile and timer groins, paved entrance

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

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Address 550 W. Lake Street	Telephone 989-362-8688	
City, State, ZIP Tawas City, MI 48763	Email manager@tawascity.org	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
If yes, please describe change(s).

☒ Yes ☐ No

The site layout changed in 2011 when the fishing pier/boat launch were added and again
in 2014 when the pavilion was added. See attached site plans from 2011 and 2014.

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please
describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

SITE QUALITY

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Park is maintained on a daily basis

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

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☐ Yes ☒ No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

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Project Scope continued: w/deceleration lanes, gravel access drive and parking, lawn, picnic, playground equipment, timber access ramp, and permanent LWCF plaque.

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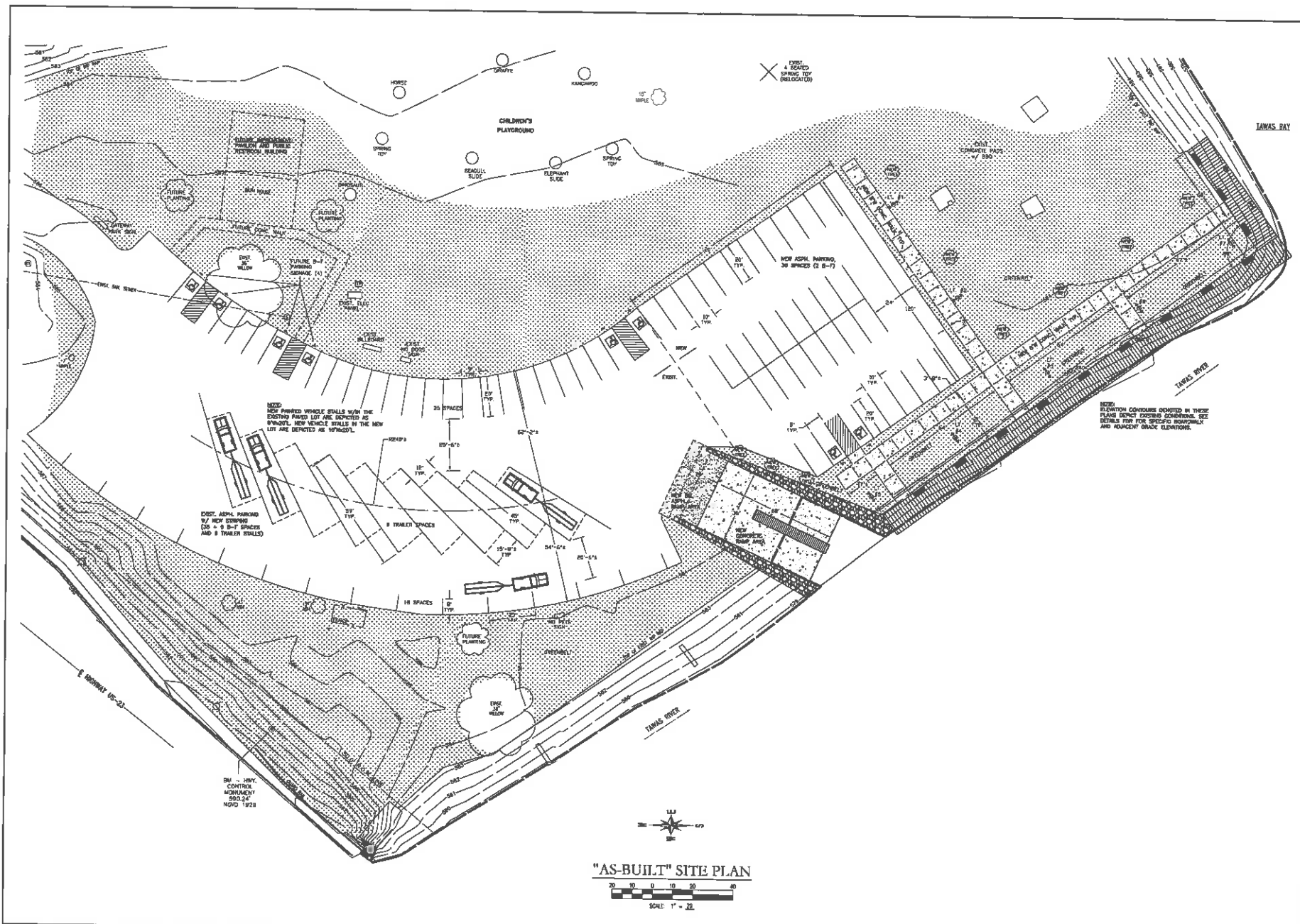
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Maintenance Scheduled

Gateway Park

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"AS-BUILT" SITE PLAN

SCALE: 1" = 20'

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GRANTEE: City of Tawas City - Iosco County

PROJECT NUMBER: TF86-167

PROJECT TYPE: Acquisition

PROJECT TITLE: Tawas City Park Expansion

PROJECT SCOPE: Acquisition of one lot downtown Tawas City adjacent to Tawas City Park.

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

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SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?

If yes, please describe change(s).

☒ Yes ☐ No

The Site layout changed in 2014 as the whole park layout was renovated in 2014. See attached as built from 2014.

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☐ Yes ☒ No

SITE QUALITY

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If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Park is maintained on daily basis

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☐ Yes ☒ No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

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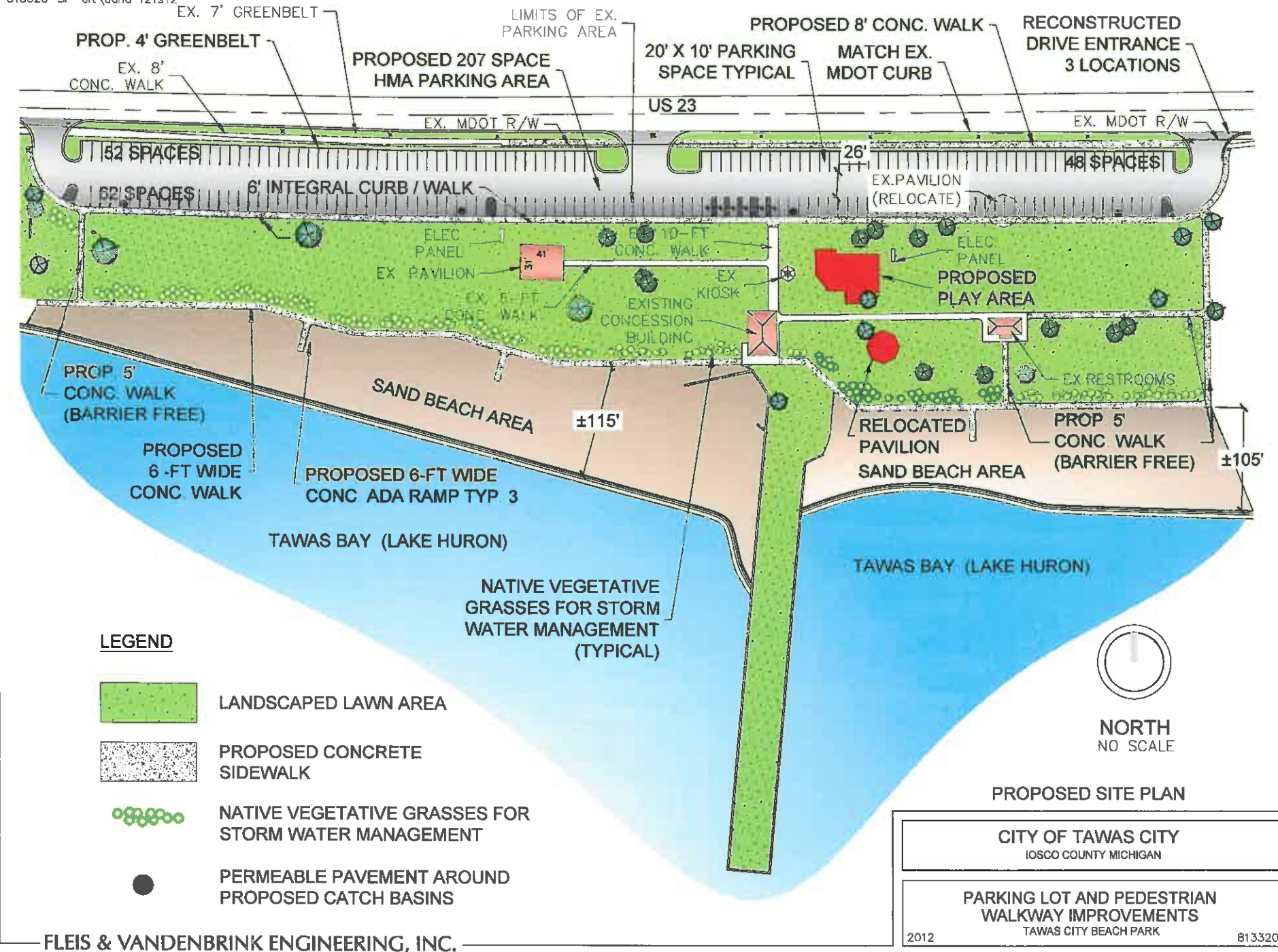
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LANSING MI 48909-7925

Maintenance Scheduled

Tawas City Shoreline Park (previously Tawas City Park)

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**SHORELINE
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GRANTEE: City of Tawas City - Iosco County

PROJECT NUMBER: TF91-319

PROJECT TYPE: Acquisition

PROJECT TITLE: Shoreline Park Expansion

PROJECT SCOPE: Acquisition addition of 2 lots(120 feet of Lake Huron frontage) to Park

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

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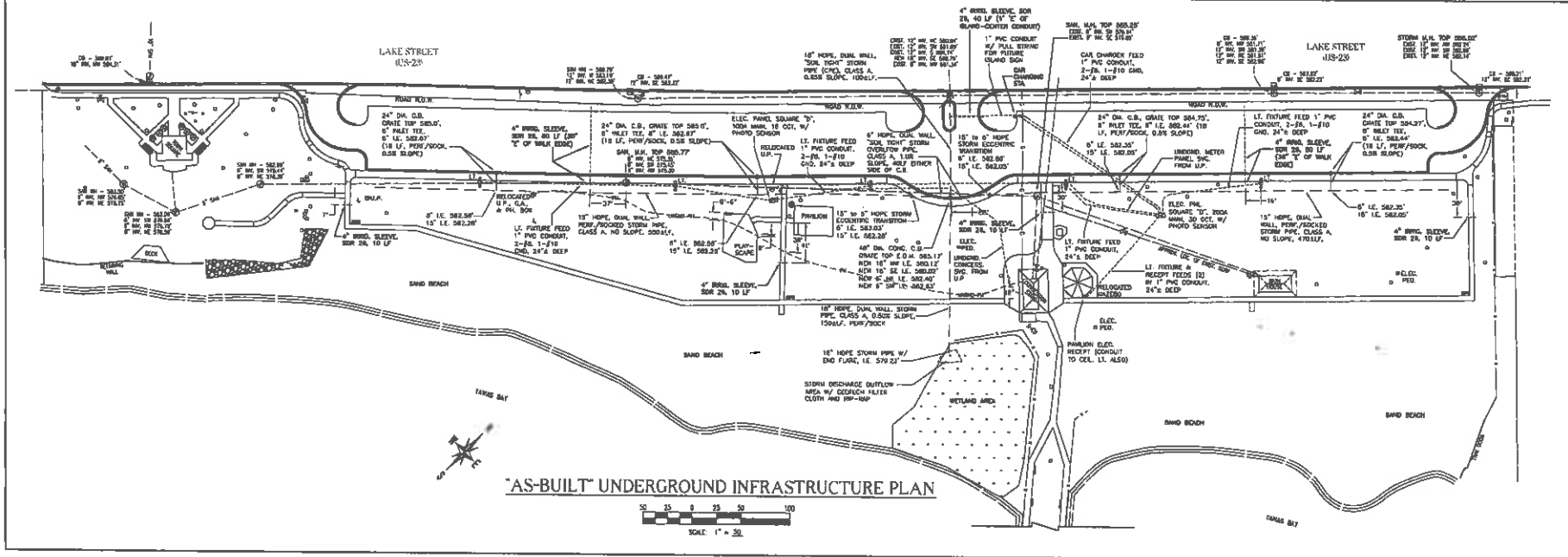
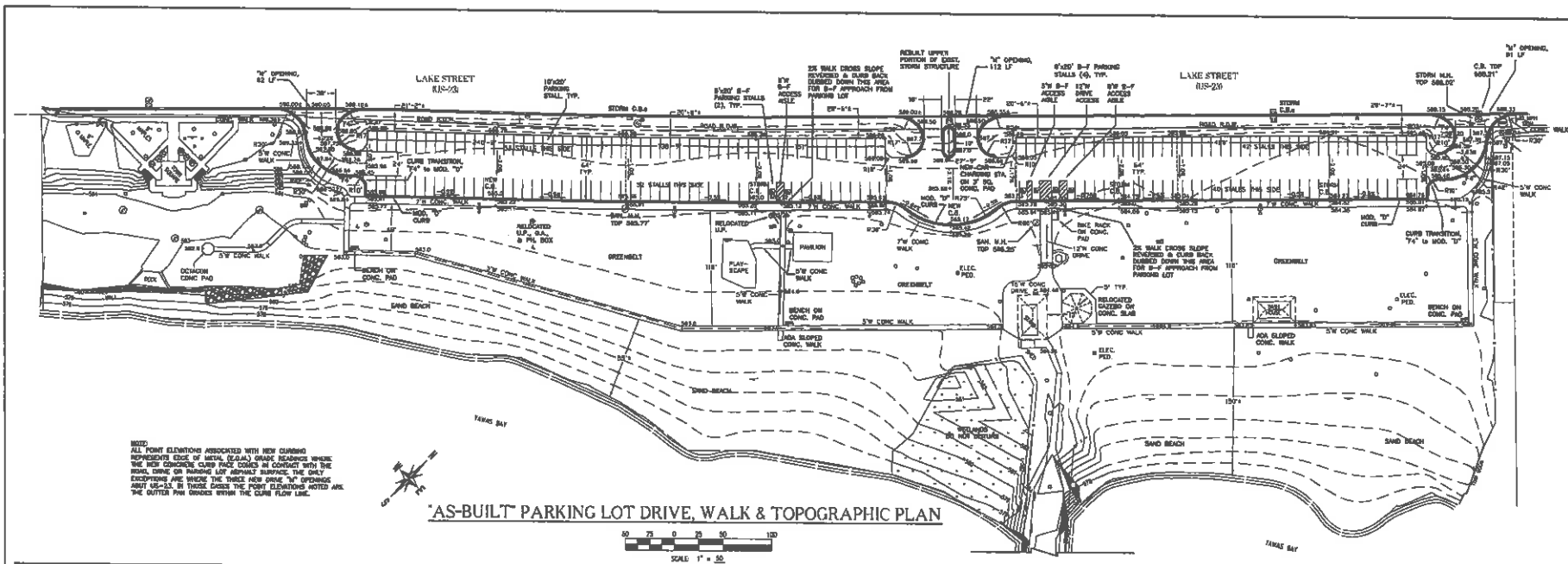
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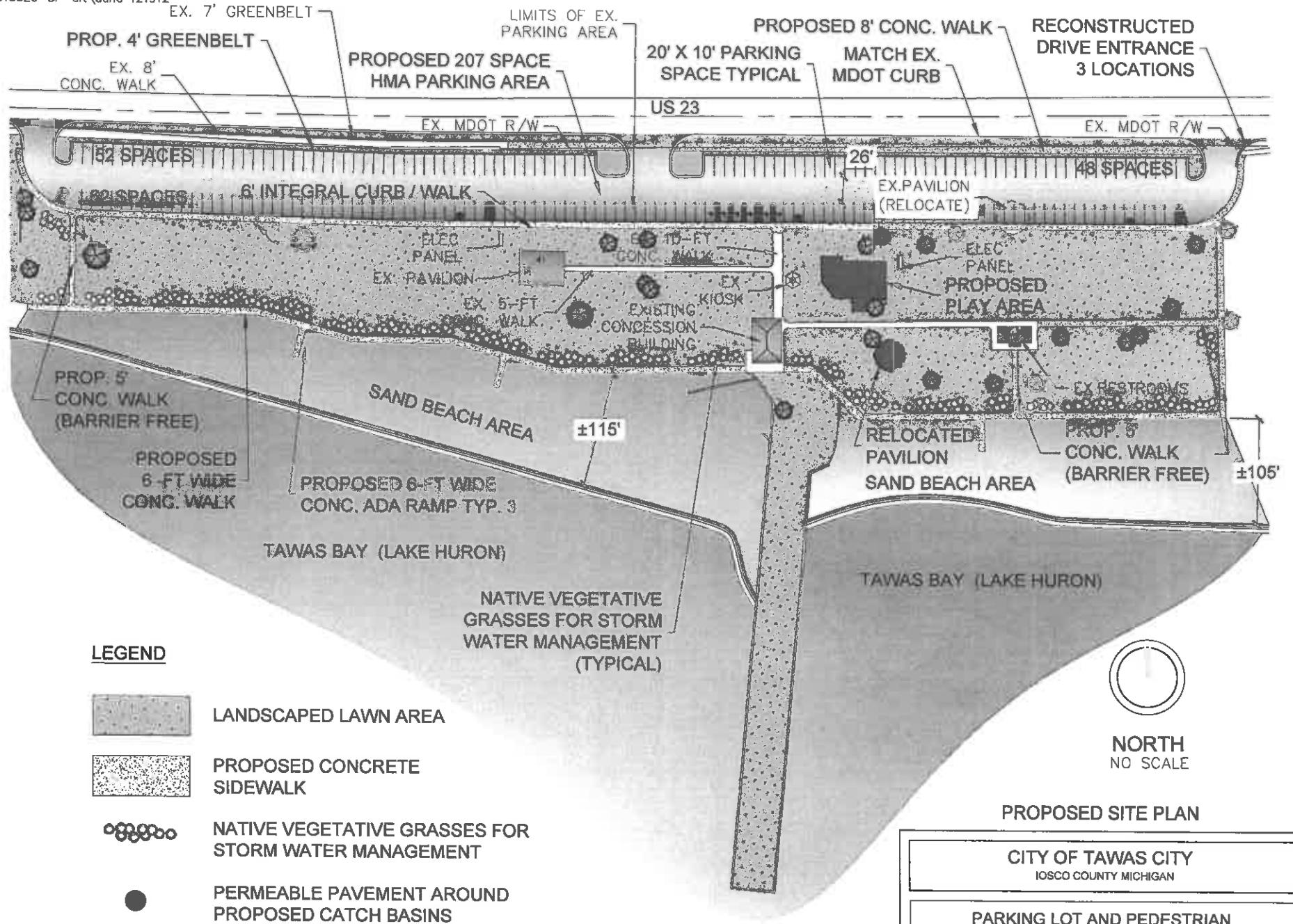
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GRANTEE: City of Tawas City - Iosco County

PROJECT NUMBER: TF08-038

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Gateway Park Renovation

PROJECT SCOPE: Development a 300 ft fishing pier along Tawas River to Tawas Bay

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

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Address	Telephone	
550 W. Lake Street	989-362-8688	
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Tawas City, MI 48763	manager@tawascity.org	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?

If yes, please describe change(s).

☒ Yes ☐ No

The site layout changed in 2014 when the pavilion was added. See attached
site plan from 2014.

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Park is maintained in a daily basis

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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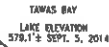
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Maintenance Scheduled

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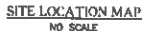
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