

# CLARK TOWNSHIP 2018 – 2022 RECREATION PLAN

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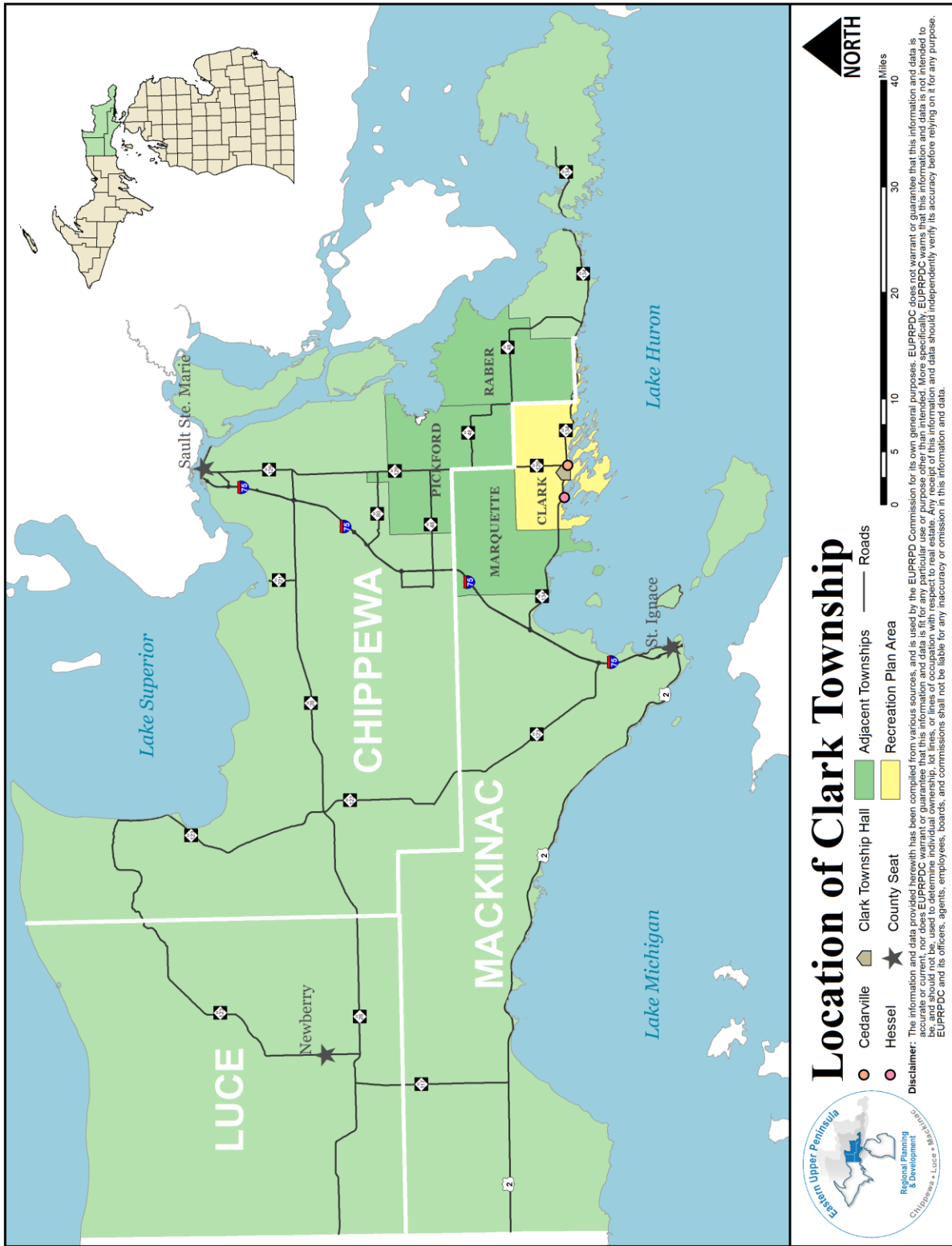
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## PURPOSE

Clark Township is situated on the shores of Lake Huron and is a popular summer destination, commonly known as the Les Cheneaux Islands. The Township encompasses the communities of Cedarville and Hessel. The geographic and cultural landscape of the Les Cheneaux Islands naturally promotes outdoor recreation, with an emphasis on water centric activities. The varied seasons and abundance of both land & water resources provide abundant recreation opportunities for residents and tourists. Clark Township is dedicated to providing its residents, as well as those visiting the township, with opportunities and facilities necessary to encourage healthy lifestyles and enjoyment of the outdoors. Thus, Clark Township believes that it is imperative to maintain, improve, and expand its parks and recreational resources.

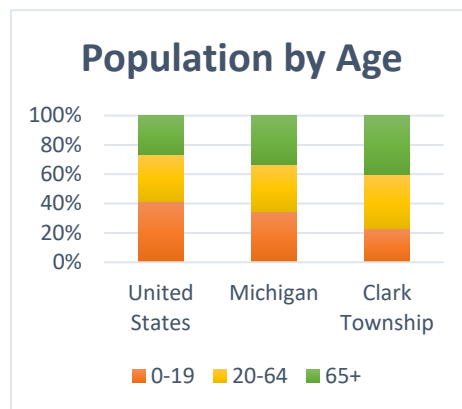
Clark Township sees the need for a formal recreation plan to assist in identifying and prioritizing projects. The Township will leverage local dollars with grant resources to finance projects laid forth in the Action Program of this Recreation Plan. This plan intends to secure Clark Township's eligibility to apply for recreation grants over the next five years. While this recreation plan is required for MDNR funding, it will be the basis of all funding applications for projects listed in the report. The following plan complements and builds upon the Clark Township Master Plan, Non-motorized Transportation Plan, and the North Huron Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan. In addition, the Township is working with adjoining communities and stakeholders to improve cross-jurisdictional opportunities in the region, such as trailways and byways.





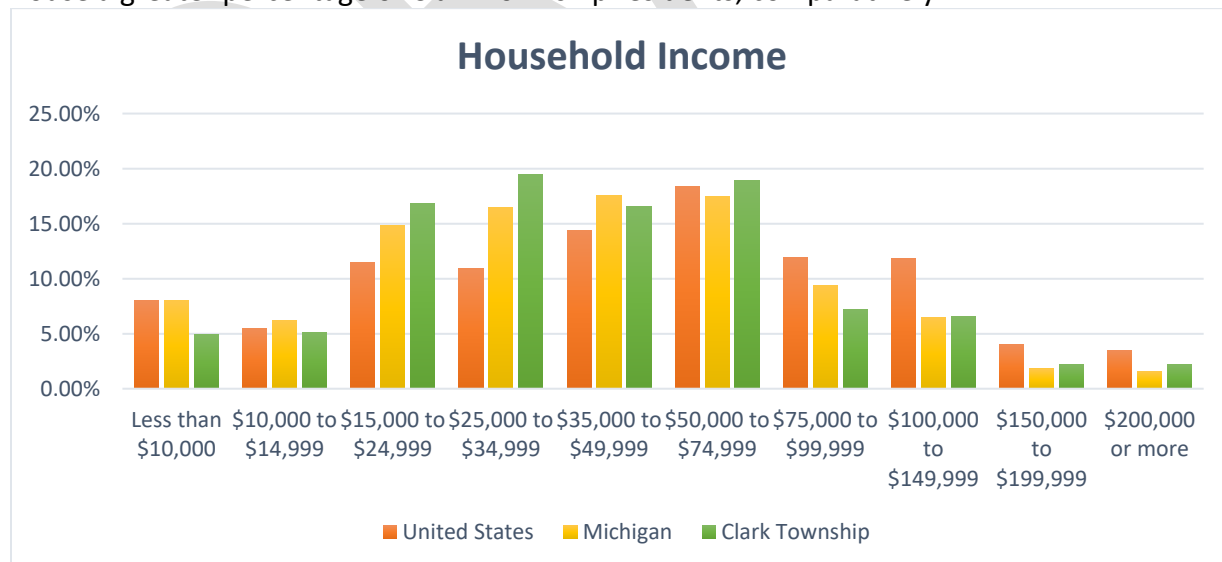
## COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

The jurisdiction of the plan is the boundaries of Clark Township. Clark Township occupies the southeastern portion of Mackinac County and lies within the area described by T43N, T42N, and R1W, R1E and R2E. The township is approximately 180 square miles with 176 miles of Lake Huron shoreline. Many of the islands which make up the 36-island archipelago called Les Cheneaux are included within Clark Township's boundaries as well. The Location Map on page 9 provides a graphic representation. The major roads which connect Clark Township to the surrounding communities are M-134, running east and west, and M-129, which runs north and south. The major population centers are Cedarville and Hessel, and in 2015 the township population was 2016. The number of people staying within township boundaries doubles in the summer.



Before the construction of the Mackinac Bridge and the development of M-134, Hessel and Cedarville were most easily reached by boat or ferry. In addition to some fishing and logging, the local economy centered on the resorts and summer homes developed along the shoreline in the late nineteenth-century.

As represented in the charts<sup>1</sup> to the left and below, the population of Clark Township is significantly older than the state and national populations. Clark Township also has a lower percentage of households earning less than \$15,000 a year compared to state and national data, however the next two income brackets, earning between \$15,000 and \$49,999 a year, house a greater percentage of Clark Township residents, comparatively.



<sup>1</sup> Source: American FactFinder, U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates. NB: statistics are based on primary residents.

Clark township residents enjoy all four seasons, with average temperatures ranging from 16° Fahrenheit in January to 66° in July. The seasonal weather conditions provide opportunities for an endless variety of outdoor activities. The Les Cheneaux Community Schools offer K-12 education, with 232 students enrolled for the 2016-17 school year. Although enrollment has been declining, the graduation rate remains very high.

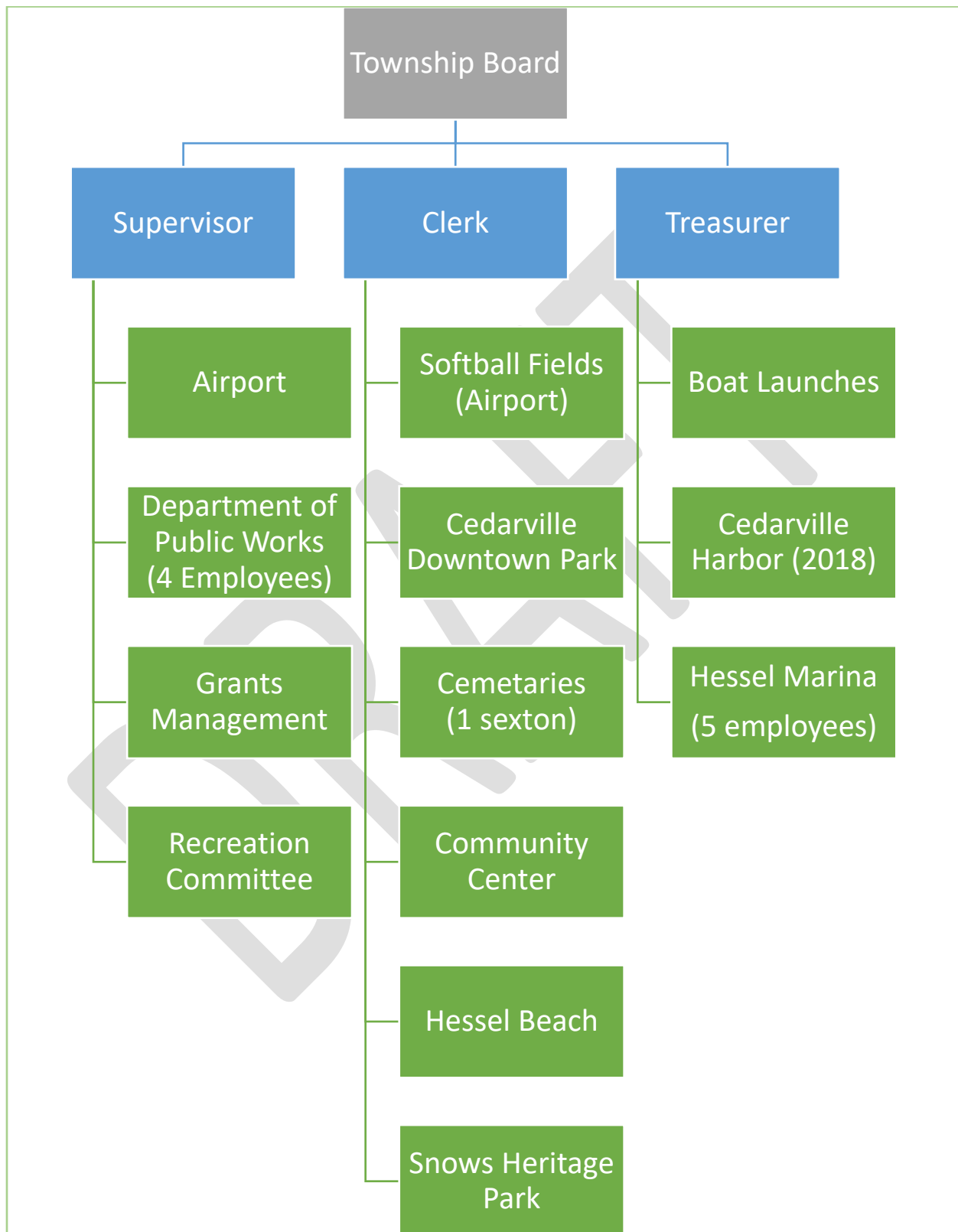
## ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Clark Township administrative duties are handled by the Clark Township Board and staff. This Board consists of five elected members: supervisor, clerk, treasurer and two trustees. The Township Board has authority to commit funds for parks and recreation, accept grants, and purchase land on behalf of the township. Clark Township does not have a formal Park and Recreation Department, but there is a Recreation Committee to assist in maintaining and developing recreation opportunities. The Recreation Committee is a volunteer committee with members appointed by the Township Board.

The Clark Township Board of Trustees oversees many recreational assets, which are maintained by the Department of Public Works (DPW), which employs four people. During the summer months, the Township employs a harbor master and five marina staff.

Funding for maintenance of recreation facilities is mostly included in the general maintenance and labor budget. For many years, funding for recreational projects has come from community organizations such as the Les Cheneaux Lions Club, Les Cheneaux Chamber of Commerce (LCCC), Les Cheneaux Community Schools (LCCS), Les Cheneaux Historical Association (LCHA), Les Cheneaux Islands Association (LCIA), Les Cheneaux Snowmobile Club (LCSC), Les Cheneaux Watershed Council (LCWC), the Les Cheneaux Community Foundation, and from various grants from state & federal agencies.

Figure 1: Administrative Structure



## PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGET & FUNDING

Monies invested in parks and recreation for Clark Township from the general fund and revenue generated from fees at the boat launches and Marina. Budget is approved in June of each year.

PAST, PRESENT, AND PROJECTED PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGET:

Location	2014-15 Expenses	2014-15 Revenues	2015-16 Expenses	2015-16 Revenues
Hessel Marina	\$7,300	\$7,700	\$6,000	\$5,400
Hessel Beach	\$13,800	\$12,500	\$0	\$0
Launch Ramps	*	*	*	*
Community Center	\$17,000	\$5,000	\$23,600	\$4,000
Airport	\$9,300	\$3,500	\$0	\$3,000
Softball fields	\$500	\$0	\$650	\$0
Recreation Park	\$72,800	\$91,500	\$63,000	\$3,500
Bike Path	\$0	\$2,000	\$11,500	\$0
Totals	\$184,000	\$154,600	\$177,286	\$60,400

**\*Hessel/Cedarville Launch Ramp fees included in Hessel Marina Budget.**

## RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER AGENCIES & ENTITIES

Clark Township works in conjunction with the following entities in regards to funding support, providing recreational opportunities, volunteer work, and technical assistance:

- Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning and Development Commission
- U. S. Forest Service
- Michigan Department of Natural Resources
- Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
- Michigan Department of Transportation
- Les Cheneaux Community Schools
- Michigan State University Extension Service
- Mackinac County Board of Commissioners
- Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians
- The Nature Conservancy
- Little Traverse Conservancy
- National Parks Service
- Les Cheneaux Watershed Council
- Friends of the Les Cheneaux Community Library
- Chippewa/Mackinac/Luce Conservation District
- Islands Wildlife
- Les Cheneaux Islands Association
- Les Cheneaux Lions Club
- Les Cheneaux Community Foundation
- Les Cheneaux Snowmobile Club
- Les Cheneaux Chamber of Commerce
- Les Cheneaux Tourist Association
- Les Cheneaux Ski Club
- Les Cheneaux Sportsmans Club
- Les Cheneaux Beautification Committee
- Trojan Booster Club

## RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMING

While the Township does not administer any formal recreational programming at this time, the Les Cheneaux Chamber of Commerce, the Les Cheneaux Community Library, Great Lakes Boat Building School, the Hessel School House, Les Cheneaux Sportsman's Club, Les Cheneaux Yacht Club, Les Cheneaux Watershed Council, and the Township's Community Center all host various recreational activities enjoyed by residents and visitors alike.

## INVENTORY

The data provided in this section was collected by the Clark Township Recreation Committee and the Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning and Development Commission (EUPRPDC) using inventories created for past iterations of this plan, internet resources including Google, [www.landtrust.org](http://www.landtrust.org), [www.michigandnr.com/parksandtrails/Default.aspx#map-tab](http://www.michigandnr.com/parksandtrails/Default.aspx#map-tab), Conservation And Recreation Lands (CARL) GIS data attained from Ducks Unlimited, and additional GIS data owned by EUPRPDC.

### ADA COMPLIANCE RANKING EACH FACILITY:

- 1 = None of the facilities/park area meets accessibility guidelines.
- 2 = Some of the facilities/park area meets accessibility guidelines.
- 3 = Most of the facilities/park area meets accessibility guidelines.
- 4 = The entire facility/park area meets accessibility guidelines.
- 5 = The entire facility/park area was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design.

### PARKS AND RECREATIONAL ASSETS OWNED BY CLARK TOWNSHIP

Asset Name	Location	Size	Purpose/Use	ADA rating	Photo
Hessel Beach	On Lake Street in downtown Hessel.	4.4 acres	This sandy beach offers a bathhouse, restrooms, benches, and picnic tables with views of six islands of the Les Cheneaux chain.		
A.J. Lindberg Airport	1.5 miles north of Hessel on 3 Mile Road	185.5 acres	Includes asphalt runway (3700 ft. x 60 ft.), wind indicators, runway lights, hangars, tie-downs, and snow removal. There is fuel, and airframe, or power plant services are being installed currently.		
Clark Township Softball Field	1.5 miles north of Hessel	-	Includes backstop, playing field, bleachers and parking. Included in the Airport lot.		

The Snows Heritage Park	On Blindline Road, North of M-134	16 acres	The Snows Heritage Park is a recreation area on several acres behind the Clark Township Hall. There are two baseball fields complete with sprinkler system, a pavilion with picnic tables and a large grill, two tennis courts, a large playground, walking path and soon an art installation.		
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#### RECREATIONAL BOATING FACILITIES OWNED BY CLARK TOWNSHIP

Please see the appendixes for ADA Checklist, Site Development Plans, Current dredging needs, cycle, and volume of dredged material, Annual Maintenance Schedules, Minor or small scale replacement schedule, and the Action Plan below for Large Scale Maintenance and replacement Schedule.

Asset Name	Location	Size	Purpose/Use	Marketing, events, and partnerships	ADA rating	Photo
Hessel Marina	Downtown Hessel	2.5 acres	Open Memorial Day through early October, the facility includes 24 slips, electricity and water hook-up, restrooms, showers, laundry, and pump-out services. The park area includes a comfortable green area with grills, picnic table, and a gazebo. Also includes a two-lane boat ramp and parking.	Art in the Park, Antique Boat Show,		
Cedarville Boat Launch	South of the E. Hodeck and S. Meridian St.	20 acres	The facility includes a hard-surfaced ramp with sufficient water depth and lake size to accommodate most trailerable boats, 38 parking spaces, and a courtesy pier.			
Clark Township Downtown Park/Boat Dock	On Hodeck Street in downtown Cedarville	2 acres	The two-acre facility includes parking, 8 boat slips, picnic tables, and a gazebo.	Movies in the Park		



## OTHER PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN CLARK TOWNSHIP

Asset Name and Owner	Location	Size	Purpose/Use	Photo
Les Cheneaux Community Schools (LCCS)	Corner of M-134 and South Beach St. in Cedarville	-	Indoor School Facilities include the John Duncan Gymnasium (with Basketball Court, Bleachers, Sound System, Weight Room, Locker Rooms, Concession Stand, Offices, Ball Room. Offers open gym hours to public), Small Gymnasium / Theater (Basketball Court, Stage, Pull-out theater seating and balcony), Commons (Lunch tables, flexible seating/open area, commercial kitchen), Library (Tables, chairs, projectors and screen, computer lab, flexible seating. Available for public meetings)	
LCCS- Outdoor facilities	On Beach St. near downtown Cedarville	3 acres	The Alvin Hossack Memorial Field has football field, announcer's booth, bleachers, concession stand, and is fully lighted. There is also a playground, tennis court, and a basketball court. Open to the public	
LCCS- Robert W. Smith Track	Track is located off of Blindline Road on State Ave in Cedarville		Track is 400 meters; area has vault toilets and storage building on site. Parking Available. Potential staging area for mountain biking course connecting with MDNR/TWP Properties in conjunction with the Peek-a-Boo Ski trail.	
LCCS- Outdoor Classroom	Off of Blindline Road	40 acres	Wooded area with hiking trails and interpretive signs.	
Bush Bay Scenic Turnout	Off M-134 and The Nature Conservancy turnout		This scenic turnout is located off of M134, .5 acres of picnic area and trails, which connect to Woollam Preserve to the east.	
Bay City Lake	North of Hessel, off Three Mile Road.	1360 acres	Rustic campsites, gravel boat launch, hiking, mountain biking, ATV and snowmobile trails and parking are all available on site.	

Peek-a-Boo Ski Trail	North of School Track on State Ave, off Blindline Rd.		Includes 2.16 miles of groomed ski trail, trails have various terrains. The Les Cheneaux Ski Club maintains these trails. Used for hiking in summer. Parking available. Peek-a-boo hill and surrounding public lands offers terrain characteristics complimentary to mountain biking activity. Development of such trails will provide connectivity to other recreational properties within the township.	
Government Island- Hiawatha National Forest	Located on Lake Huron approximately one mile east of Cedarville Boat Launch	206 acres	This recreation area has three cleared picnic area and rustic campsites on the north side of the island. These areas have picnic tables and fire rings. Two vault type toilets are located in surrounding areas. Hiking are trails throughout the wooded area. Only accessible by small boat, canoe, or kayak, access can be difficult.	
Mackinac Bay Nature Preserve Scenic Overlook- Little Traverse Conservancy	Less than .5 miles east of Hessel along M-134	22 acres	Interpretive signs provide background on the habitat. The site exhibits a Michigan Historical Commission marker paying tribute to the renowned conservationist Aldo Leopold. Overlook provides parking space and handicap accessibility.	
Birge Nature Preserve- Little Traverse Conservancy	Both sides of Point Brulee Road, 2 miles west of Hessel	435 acres	1.2 miles of Lake Huron frontage at Mismar Bay, and a boardwalk trail leading to a viewing platform overlooking Loon Lake. Birding, hiking, enjoyment of wildflowers and wildlife, and cross-country skiing.	
Marquette Island Preserve – Aldo Leopold Nature Preserve and others	On Marquette Island	1600 acres	Only accessible by canoe/kayak/small boat. Swimming, kayaking, bird watching, hiking and snowshoeing. Trails are rustic and marking is in progress.	
McKay Bay Launch Site	Lakeside Road		A boat ramp and very limited parking used by fishermen	
Derby Nature Preserve Little Traverse Conservancy	Four Mile Block Road in the Cedarville area	270 acres	Nearly three miles of trails take visitors past a spectacular area of large boulders which are a unique glacial feature and found only in this area	

Carl A. Gerstacker Nature Preserve at Dudley Bay- The Nature Conservancy	Around Dudley Bay located in Chippewa and Mackinac counties	1,615 acres	Trails for hiking, bird, wildflower, and wildlife watching. Sandy beach. Parking available on both the south (beach) and north side (in the woods) of M-134.	
John Arthur Woollam Preserve - The Nature Conservancy	South of M-134, just west of Cedar Campus Road	185 acres	An easy trail goes through a largely coniferous forest to a protected bay of Lake Huron, the Woollam trail connects to additional private trails.	

In addition to the many parks and recreational facilities listed above, other community institutions and multi-jurisdictional trails contribute further to the Township's extensive recreational opportunities. The United States Forest Service and Michigan Department of Natural Resources develop and maintain trails in their properties, some of which are detailed above. Increasing connectivity and access of the trails systems is a local, regional, and state-wide priority. Additionally, the trail systems, nonprofits, and private organizations below provide guidance for development:

**The Les Cheneaux Bike Path:** The Engineering plan for the North Huron Pathway was completed in 2008; the whole proposed non-motorized route extends from St Ignace to Drummond Island. As a partial step forward, widened shoulders along the M-134 highway will be developed the portion located in Clark Township in 2019. Popular support for the plan, especially an entirely off-road route connecting the Hessel and Cedarville downtowns, continues and inter-municipal cooperation remains key to the success of this project.

**The Les Cheneaux Water Trail:** This portion of the North Huron Water Trail has been well-documented for decades, and non-motorized water sport increases in popularity every year. Learn more about the larger water trail at [upwatertrails.org](http://upwatertrails.org). Clark Township has jurisdiction over thirteen road ends, two or three of which have great potential for expansion and improvement. Non-motorized water access and picnic areas may be particularly well suited to these sites.

**North Huron Birding Trail:** Extending from St. Ignace, east to Drummond Island, and north to Pickford, birding trail sites are marked with bright green signs. Explore the whole trail at [www.northhuronbirding.com](http://www.northhuronbirding.com). There are six locations within the Clark Township boundaries, and Little Traverse Conservancy is already working to improve sites under their ownership. These sites may be improved by viewing platforms.

**The State of Michigan Snowmobile Trails:** Of the several hundred miles snowmobile trails in the Eastern Upper Peninsula, 108 miles are groomed and maintained by the Les Cheneaux Snowmobile Club from the Red Creek Bridge (I-75) to Detour. Fifty of those miles are in Clark Township proper. These trails are open for snowmobiles from December 1<sup>st</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Great Lakes Boat School and the Les Cheneaux Culinary School:** in addition to matriculating skilled professionals, both trade schools in the area offer specialized classes to the public.

**Les Cheneaux Community Library:** The local public library regularly hosts events and activities which are open to the public.

**Les Cheneaux Historical Association:** Manages both the Historical and Maritime Museums, and host over a dozen events every year, including the renown Antique Boat Show.

**The Les Cheneaux Sportsman's Club** hosts trap and skeet shooting, which is open to the public. They also promote hunting & fishing, along with hosting an annual MDNR public fishing meeting.

**Les Cheneaux Yacht Club:** Offers sailing races and youth sailing classes to non-members.

**Lucas Izzard Foundation for Teens (LIFT)** sponsors an annual ice fishing derby, co-sponsors the annual color run, and other local recreational and educational activities.

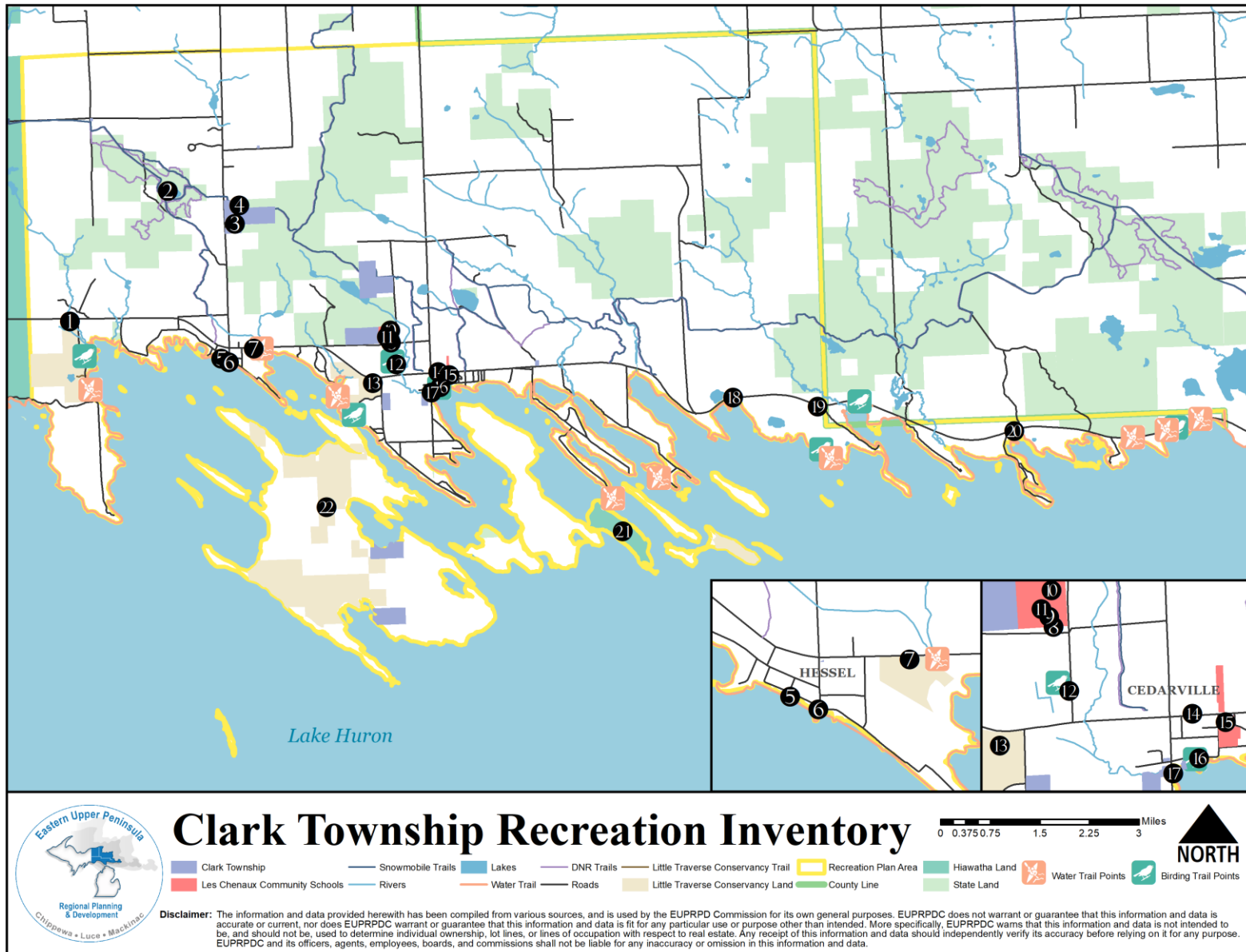
**Hessel School House:** The historic Hessel School House hosts a weekly year-round farmer's market and a wide variety of classes.

**Golf Courses:** There are two golf courses within the Township limits.

**Cedar Campus:** is a religious organization located east of Cedarville on M-134. Program participants have access to all of the organization's programming and amenities. In the winter, cross country ski trails are open to the public, skiers can sign a waiver and pay a small fee to cover use for the season. Day use rentals for winter gear are also available.

**Search Bay- Hiawatha National Forest:** 4.5 miles west of 3-Mile Road on M-134 in Hessel, on Search Bay Road. The St. Martin's Trail includes 3 miles of hiking, walking, or cross-country ski trails. Rustic campsites with fire pits and beach are available. The Search Bay area adjoins the little Traverse Conservancy's Birge Nature Preserve in Clark Township. The area is very popular for camping in the spring, summer and fall. In winter, the focus turns to cross – country skiing and snowshoeing. Motorized uses are limited in a special study area that has been designated.

See the *Clark Township: Recreation Inventory* map on the following pages; see maps in the Clark Township Master Plan to reference land cover, soils etc.



## DESCRIPTION OF PLANNING & PUBLIC INPUT

In order to ensure that this plan reflects the will of the community, the Recreation Committee, in conjunction with the Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning & Development Commission, solicited public input in the following ways:

- Public Input Questionnaire
  - This questionnaire was made available online on November 17, 2017; hard copies of the questionnaire were available at the township offices and the Hessel School House for approximately the same dates. A copy of the survey, along with analysis of the results, can be found on pages 26-28 in Appendix C.
- Public Hearing
  - The Public Hearing was used to give members of the public an opportunity to speak before the board and the recreation committee and express their thoughts on the final draft of the plan. The hearing was held on Monday, January 15, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Clark Township Offices.

## GOALS & OBJECTIVES

### GOAL A: CONTINUE THE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF LOCAL TRAIL SYSTEMS

A strong trails system, which accommodates all sorts of users, with appropriate designations, promotes economic development, healthy life styles, and connections within the community and with visitors. The Township will work to increase connectivity between amenities and population centers, promote trail use, and expand signage and branding of our trails. Continued cooperation with units of government, agencies and organizations involved in recreation programming will be imperative in these efforts. The Clark Township Non-Motorized Plan outlines additional steps to increase connectivity.

*OBJECTIVE 1:* Develop the Peek-a-Boo trail system into sustainably built, four season trail, which will avoid wet areas and be constructed to constantly shed water to avoid washouts. All human powered, non-motorized uses will have access to this system.

- Organize group to oversee project, develop an on-line presence specific to this project (see:<https://www.facebook.com/LCI-Trails-Project-at-Peekaboo-Hill-906816736022277/>)
- Obtain permit from DNR for their portions of land that the trail will cross
- Obtain funding through grants and events
- Select contractor(s) through bidding process and construct main trail
- Develop signage, eventually to include educational interpretive signage
- Integrate trail with other systems, including the Outdoor Classroom and North Huron Birding Trail where ever possible
- Acquire snowmobile and grooming equipment for winter trail maintenance
- Phase II: extend trails to connect residential areas, other trails and roadways

*OBJECTIVE 2:* Connect the communities of Cedarville and Hessel, harbor to harbor, through an off-road, non-motorized trail which can accommodate non-motorized traffic, possibly including hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and bike traffic

- Purchase signage for existing bike trail segments
- Connect Downtown Hessel to the Mackinac Bay Turnout
- Develop an off-road path from the Turnout to 4 Mile Block
- Obtain agreements for 2-track from the Cemetery off of 4 Mile Road though to Downtown Cedarville
- A northern route already runs from the airport to 2-3 miles north of the Township Offices, nonmotorized traffic could continue down Blindline road. The next step is to create a safe crossing over M-134 and down to the Harbor

*OBJECTIVE 3:* Develop additional put-in opportunities, signage, and promotion for the Les Cheneaux segment of the North Huron Water Trail

- Identify possible opportunities, such as the road-ends, to develop non-motorized water access
- Continue to coordinate with water trail partners to promote [upwatertrails.org](http://upwatertrails.org)

#### GOAL B: CONTINUE THE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF LOCAL RECREATION AMENITIES

While the majority of Clark Township residents, according to the 2017 Recreation Questionnaire (see Appendix D), is satisfied with the maintenance of the Township recreation resources, suggestions for amenity improvement abounded. The Township will continue a high level of maintenance and work to implement sustainable and well-planned amenity improvements.

*OBJECTIVE 1:* Improve parking availability and signage

- Create consistency in signage and availability of current parking
- Expand the Downtown Cedarville Park and increase parking
- Purchase, lease, or obtain parking agreements for Island residents and marina users

*OBJECTIVE 2:* Complete the improvements to the Snows Heritage Park by installing bathrooms and enhancing the walking trail

*OBJECTIVE 3:* Continue improving the Community Center

- Many local organizations currently hold events at the Center, use feedback to further increase use
- Improve and reestablish the outdoor ice rink on Community Center property
- Secure funding and construct an open pavilion next to the Community Center, the pavilion would be used year-round to cover parking, events, and the ice rink

*OBJECTIVE 4:* To support Les Cheneaux Community Schools efforts to improve their facilities

- Reroute and connect trails in the Outdoor Classroom to the Peek-a-boo and Township routes
- Support all efforts to improve and repave the school track

*OBJECTIVE 5:* Increase other recreation opportunities through partnerships and community development

- Continue participation in multi-jurisdictional collaborations, such as the North Huron Scenic Byway Advisory Committee
- Where appropriate, collaborate with local, regional, state and federal partners to improve facilities and trail connectivity in the region

GOAL C: DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN WATER ACCESS AND HARBOR FACILITIES

The Culture of Clark Township is water-centric; year-round, seasonal, and island residents as well as visitors to the area enjoy access to north Lake Huron with the protection of the islands. The township will work to develop and maintain water access and harbor facilities for recreation and leisure, island resident access, and temporary commercial uses associated with loading and unloading freight and staff.

*OBJECTIVE 1:* Increase public access for day and short-term users

- Sign all current access points for non-motorized watercraft
- Find Flower Bay access site for non-motorized watercraft
- Develop a carry-in access point on Hill Island Road
- Improve ramp and dock conditions at the hill Island Road access point

*OBJECTIVE 2:* Cedarville Harbor

- Construct a new Harbor in downtown Cedarville
- Expand parking
- Find solutions to achieve appropriate wetland mitigation and dredging solutions

*OBJECTIVE 3:* Ensure that the Hessel Marina and the surrounding area is developed to meet the needs of residents and guests

- Secure engineering grant to determine maximum cost of development, including estimates for a fish-cleaning station, boat washing option to prevent invasive species transmission, equipment to prevent electric shock, pilings on outer part of dock with 100-amp service for larger boats, and Wi-Fi upgrades
- Expand parking opportunities for vehicles
- Expand the number of mooring spots for boats- through a floating dock, or



## ACTION PROGRAM

The monies available through grants, taxes and other sources will dictate the action plan for this Five-Year Plan. These projects can be realized through the cooperation, assistance, and expertise of County, State and Federal governments. This Recreation Plan may be amended at any time during its five years to change priority, or to add or change goals and objectives with public opinion and input. The Township will make all possible efforts to development projects according to universal compliance and American Disability Act standards.

### FUNDING SOURCES:

- Township funds
- Local funds (local service organizations and businesses; donations and fundraising)
- Les Cheneaux Community Foundation
- Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians: 2 percent funds
- MDNR: Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)—25 percent match
- MDNR: Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)—50 percent match
- MDNR: Recreation Passport (RP)—25 percent match
- MDEQ: Coastal Zone Management (CZM)—50 percent match
- MDOT: Transportation Alternatives Program
- Other federal, state, and foundation grant programs

2018

Project	Location	Estimated Cost	Project Leadership	Project Partners	Grant Sources
Cedarville Harbor Construction	Cedarville Harbor	Approximately \$1.1 million	Township Board	Lion's Club, Watershed Council, Islands Association, and other private partners	RP, LWCF, MNRTF, Waterways
Pre-Engineering for Hessel Marina	Hessel Marina	\$40,000	Township Board	Michigan DNR, local and private organizations	LWCF; MNRTF, Waterways

Create "Friends of the Trails" Group	Throughout township	N/A	Recreation Committee Members	SORBA, local trail organizations, DNR, local citizens	N/A
Signage improvements	Public Access and Public Parking Sites	\$2,000-\$5,000	Township Board	Private businesses, Mackinac County Road Commission	Local donation, Community Foundation

2019

Project	Location	Estimated Cost	Project Leadership	Project Partners	Grant Sources
Peek-a-Boo Trail System Upgrade	Peek-a-boo Trails, LCCS Outdoor Track,	Unknown	Township Board	Michigan DNR, LCCS	RP, LWCF, MNRTF
Engineering for Hessel Marina	Hessel Marina	Unknown	Township Board	Michigan DNR, local and private organizations	LWCF; MNRTF, Waterways

2020

Project	Location	Estimated Cost	Project Leadership	Project Partners	Grant Sources
Install Restrooms	Snows Heritage Park	\$12,000-\$18,000	Township Board	Michigan DNR, local partners	RP, LWCF, MNRTF
Hessel Harbor Improvements	Hessel Harbor	\$600,000 or more	Township Board	Michigan DNR, Michigan DEQ, private and public local partners	MNRTF, LWCF, CVA, RP, Private and local

2021

<b>Project</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Project Leadership</b>	<b>Project Partners</b>	<b>Grant Sources</b>
Peek-a-Boo Trail System Signage	Peek-a-boo Trails, LCCS Outdoor Track,	\$4,000-\$10,000	Township Board	Michigan DNR, LCCS	RP, LWCF, MNRTF
Planning for Marina-to-Marina off-road path	Multiple Locations	Unknown	Township Board/Trail Committee	SORBA, local trail organizations, DNR, local citizens	MNRTF, LWCF, MDOT

2022

<b>Project</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Project Leadership</b>	<b>Project Partners</b>	<b>Grant Sources</b>
New trail segments	Throughout township	\$100,000	Township Board	DNR	MNRTF, LWCF

# APPENDICES

## APPENDIX A: PHOTOGRAPHS

## APPENDIX B: QUESTIONNAIRE & ANALYSIS

The Clark Township 5-Year Recreation Plan Questionnaire garnered 173 responses, 25% of which were from season residents, the remainder from year-round residents, most from long-term residents. A visualization, percentage breakdown, and record of personalized answers (written in the “other” option or submitted as an answer for a write-in question) are all below.

The questionnaire responses did reveal some general trends and desires. Generally, the respondents were satisfied or very satisfied with the number of parks and facilities (43%) and their maintenance (61%) in Clark Township. Forty-eight percent of respondents are also satisfied or very satisfied with the amount of preserved land in the area. Survey respondents were generally active outdoors- with 56.6% using the trails or other facilities at least once a week. Only 20.23% stated the never or rarely used local park or recreation facilities.

Over 87% of respondents participate in walking/hiking/running and/or motorized boating, and 70.18% swim. Kayaking/paddle-boarding/canoeing, snowmobiling, and hunting/fishing/trapping are also activities enjoyed by over half of the survey respondents. And the Cedarville Boat Launch, Cedarville Waterfront Park, and Government Island are the most-used recreation facilities. Michigan DNR lands were also a common write-in option for question 6.

When looking at future development, 56.79% of respondents supported the development of a bike path, plus three related write-in responses. This complements the answers to Question 10, which shows that over half of respondents support the development of more sidewalks, natural paths, and bike lanes. Over 42% supported increased development of water, hiking, and mountain biking trails. Additionally, there was strong support for more recreational classes for adults and youth, ranging from yoga, to dance, to sailing.

When asked if they would be willing to pay a small fee or support a .25 or .5 recreation mileage, over half of respondents said yes. In fact, 78.57% said they would support a millage and two out of three respondents would be willing to pay a small fee.

## APPENDIX C: PROJECT RESOURCES (SITE PLANS, ETC.)

Please note that maps for the topography, bedrock, general soils, and existing and future land use in Clark Township can all be found in the Clark Township Master Plan. And site plans or other documentation below has been developed in reference to those maps.

## APPENDIX D: PUBLIC NOTICES & ADOPTION MEETING MATERIALS

### QUESTIONNAIRE

*Les Cheneaux Islands Chamber of Commerce and Tourist Association's Facebook page:* November 20, 2017

*St. Ignace News:* November 21, 2017

*LCI Trails Project at Peekaboo Hill's Facebook page:* November 22, 2017

### 30-DAY REVIEW PERIOD NOTICE

**Date of the Notice:** December 7, 2017 & January, 11 2018

**Type of the Notice:** Newspaper advertisement in the St. Ignace News

**Plan Location:** Township Hall; <http://www.eup-planning.org/clark-township-recreation-plan-2>

**Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period:** December 7, 2017, through January 9, 2017

**Copy of the Notice:**

### PUBLIC HEARING

**Date of Notice:** December 7, 2016

**Name of Newspaper:** St. Ignace News

**Date of Meeting:** Monday, January 15, 2018 at 6:00 pm

**Copy of the Notice:** (next page)

### ADOPTION MEETING AGENDA

### COPY OF ADOPTION MEETING MINUTES

### LETTER OF ADOPTION TO REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

## APPENDIX E: POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORTS

## APPENDIX F: ADA CHECKLIST FOR EXISTING FACILITIES