



**ACME TOWNSHIP PARKS & TRAILS
SPECIAL MEETING
ACME TOWNSHIP HALL
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690
November 26, 2018 4:30 p.m.**

ROLL CALL:**Committee:**

X	Feringa	X	Heflin	X	Heffner	X	Jenema
X	Smith	EX	Timmins	X	Wentzloff		
AB	Kushman	AB	Klingelsmith				
X	Winter						

Advisory:**Staff:****A. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Brian Kelley – Bunker Hill. Read a written statement (attached)

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Feringa, support by Heffner. Motion carries**C. INQUIRY AS TO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** none**D. CORRESPONDENCE:** none**E. ACTION:** none**F. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Park Master Plan Update
 - a. Review and Discuss Edits for Draft Plan
Committee members reviewed the first draft of the 2019-2023 Parks & Recreation Plan in its entirety. Each page was reviewed for form and substance. Winter recorded notes (attached) on draft document to send to Beckett & Raeder for incorporation into the draft prior to the public comment period between December 1 – 30.

G. NEW BUSINESS: none**H. PUBLIC COMMENT:** none

ADJOURN:6:30 pm

To: Acme Township Parks and Trails Committee
From: Brian Kelley, Acme Township

Monday, November 26, 2018

Good afternoon,

The public notice for this meeting was very late and short notice - Friday November 23, at 3:30PM - just one business day prior to the meeting. Surely more public notice could have been given. It seems likely the township knew about the meeting prior to late Friday afternoon. This is supposed to be a public process, for a key Parks Master Plan.

At this time the draft minutes from the last Parks and Trails meeting, on November 16, are not yet available. It seems unacceptable that another meeting should be held before the results of the prior meeting are documented, even in draft form. Especially since the topic of this meeting continues an agenda item from the prior meeting.

I have a number of corrections and concerns about the Park Master Plan, including the Survey. However, the limited meeting notice, and lack of minutes, makes it not possible for me to reduce those to writing for this meeting.

I hope this process will provide sufficient time to consider other input. In the past, there have been some issues with that aspect of the process in the township, for both the last version of the Master Plan, and more recently, with the Community Survey questions. In both cases commitments were made in public at a Planning Commission meeting only to be changed in private after the meeting, and subsequently not incorporated into final versions.

Thank you,

Brian Kelley



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* Send drone footage!

Acme Parks

planning for the future of recreation in Acme Township 2019-2023

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Acme Township Parks Master Plan

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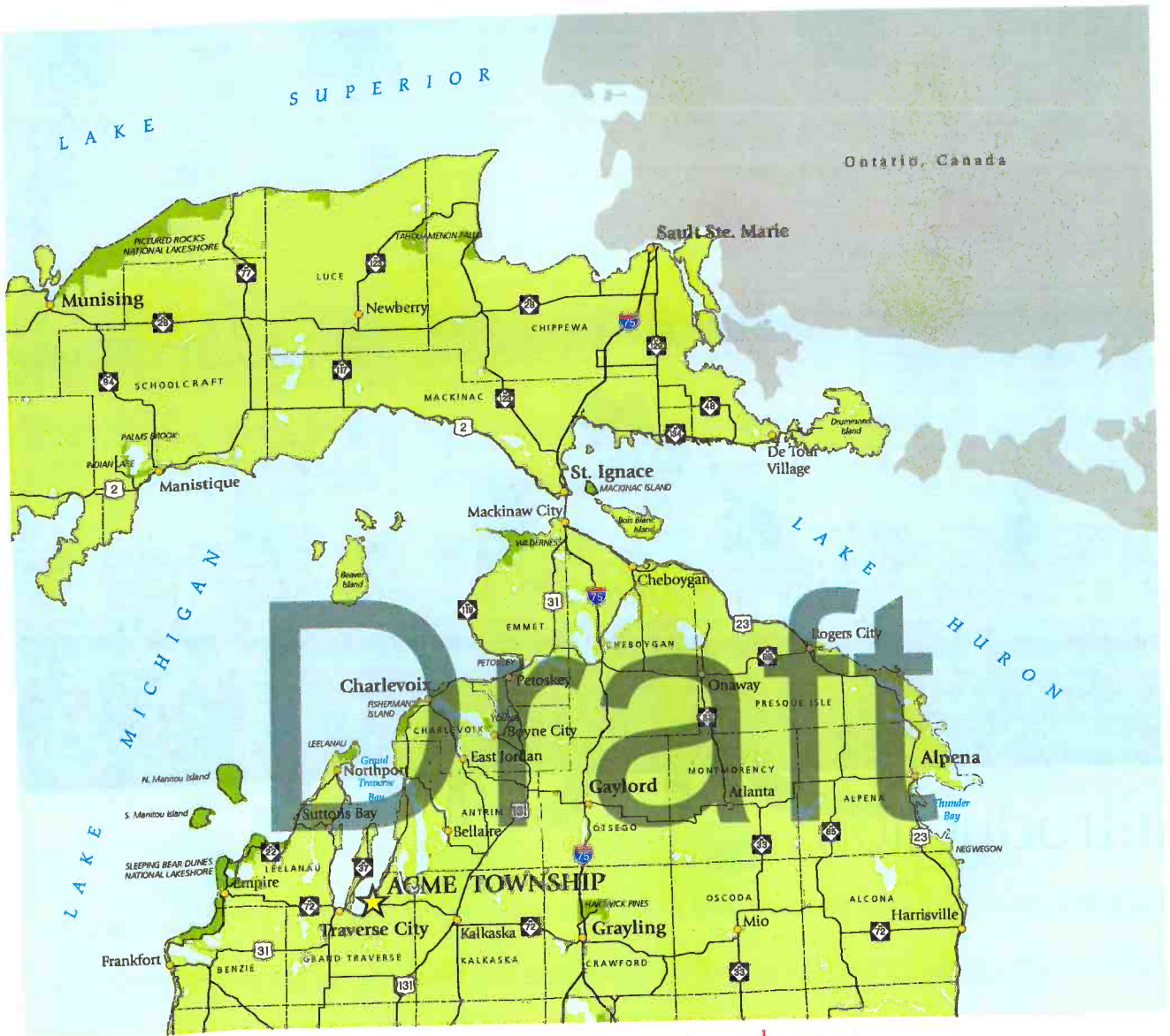




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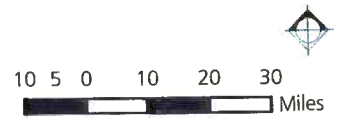
Introduction

Traditional recreation master plans are used to address current recreational conditions while evaluating their function against current recreational demands based on resident population facility standards. This form of recreation planning is weighted toward recreational facilities and discounts the benefits associated with individualized recreation activities such as kayaking, canoeing, hiking, biking, bird watching, gardening, and nature interpretation. In contrast, the Acme Township Parks Master Plan views recreation as a system versus a function and takes into account active park considerations, open space, trail development, and natural area preservation. This parks plan encompasses Acme Township, including the parks, natural areas, trails, and other recreation amenities within the Township, and has an emphasis on the properties owned and maintained by the Township.



Greater southern extent on regional map.

ACME TOWNSHIP Regional Location



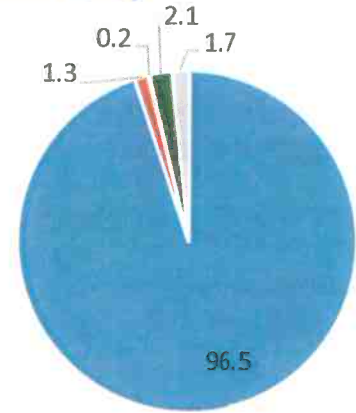
- County Boundary
- Major Highway
- State or National Park

Math
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Population: 4,612	
44.8% Male	51.6% Female
2,232	2,380

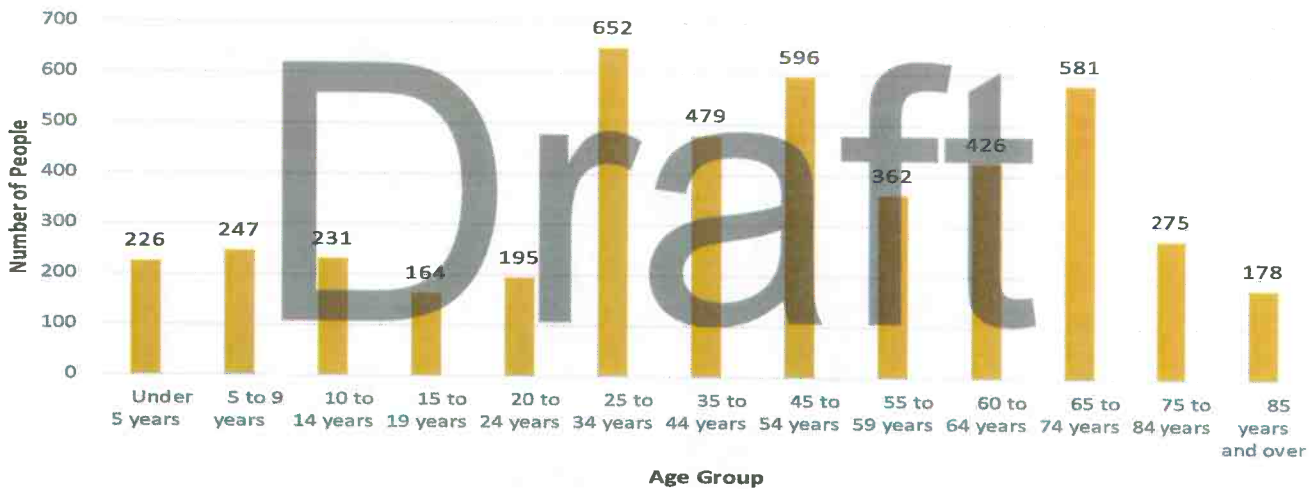
Race and Ethnicity

- White Alone
- Black alone
- Asian alone
- Two or more races
- Hispanic origin



→ source?

Age Distribution



POPULATION

According to the American Community Survey, Acme Township's population in 2016 was 4,612. This population displays a change in the demographics since the last plan was completed. There has been a 5% increase in the population since the 2010 census. The biggest increase comes in the 25-34 year old age category by 46%. The median age for Acme Township is 48.3 years old. The Recreation Planning process will reflect these demographic changes.

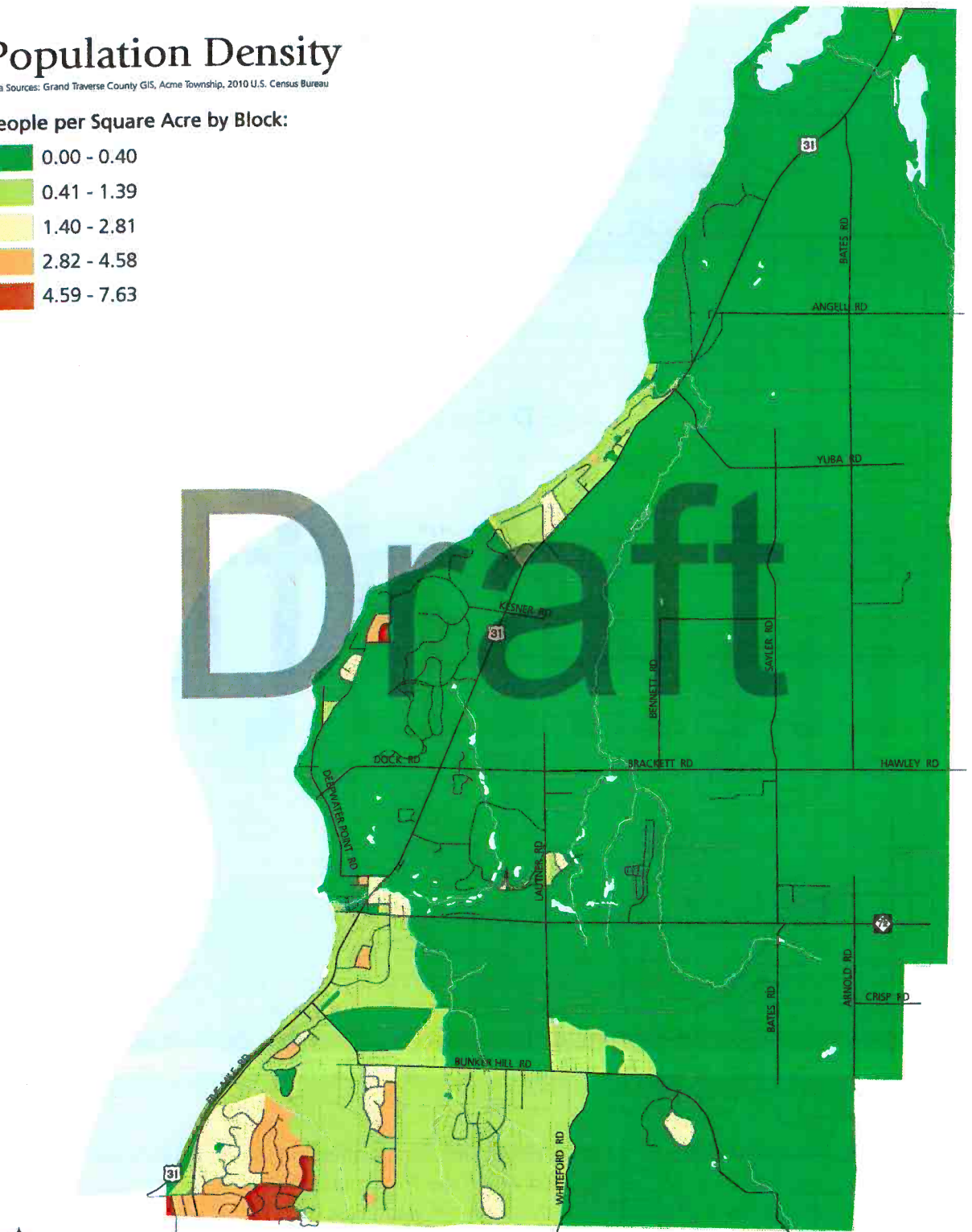
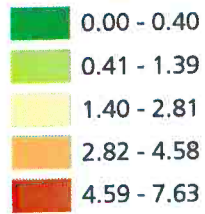
In the 1930s, the population dwindled due to movement into larger cities, but since the 1970s and through the 2010 U.S. Census, population growth has occurred within the Township due to increased housing opportunities within the Grand Traverse Resort and residential development along East Grand Traverse Bay and around Bunker Hill Road.

→ Holiday Roads

Population Density

Data Sources: Grand Traverse County GIS, Acme Township, 2010 U.S. Census Bureau

People per Square Acre by Block:



COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

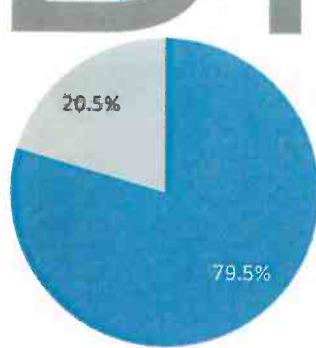
Acme Township is located in Lower Northwest Michigan in Grand Traverse County, approximately six miles northeast of Traverse City. Acme Township lies within a five-county region that includes Grand Traverse, Benzie, Kalkaska, Antrim, and Leelanau counties.



Originally, Acme Township was settled for its abundant natural resources and beautiful geography. Historically, the development of settlements was concentrated at the mouth of Acme Creek and defined the southwest portion of Acme Township as the center of activity. Today, the Township maintains a rural character and is pocketed with seasonal and year-round dwelling units along Grand Traverse Bay and in the western portion of the Township. Commercial development exists along US-31 and at the US-31 and M-72 intersection. Much of the M-72 corridor retains a rural character as it extends east toward Whitewater Township. There is a variety of scattered residential development throughout the Township, generally south of M-72. The interior of Acme boasts rolling hills and agricultural land filled with fruit farms, which are slowly being developed with residential dwelling units.

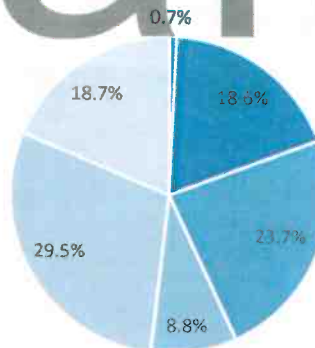
Housing

- Owner-occupied
- Renter-occupied



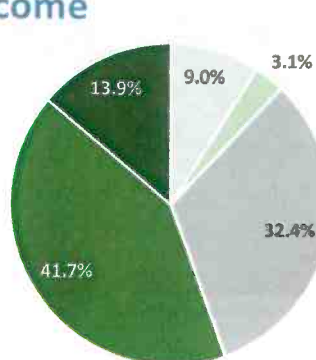
Education

- No High School Diploma
- High school graduate (includes equivalency)
- Some college, no degree
- Associate's degree
- Bachelor's degree
- Graduate or professional degree



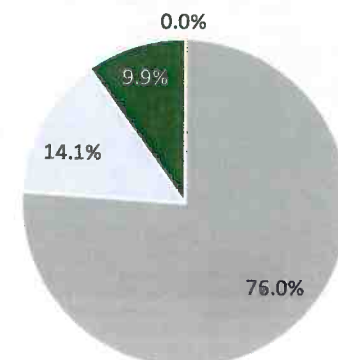
Household Income

- Very Low Income (less than \$25,000)
- Low Income (\$25,000-\$34,999)
- Moderate Income (\$35,000-\$74,999)
- High Income (\$75,000-\$149,999)
- Very High Income (\$150,000 and up)



Work

- Private wage and salary workers
- Government workers
- Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers
- Unpaid family workers



WORK AND INCOME

According to the American Community Survey the population of persons 16 years old and over in Acme Township is 3,850. There are 2,372 people that are recorded as employed. The unemployment rate in Acme is only 0.9% compared to the 4.7% national average. 89.8% of people in Acme Township commute to work alone, while 5.2% of people carpool. The average travel time for an individual to get to work is 18.9 minutes. **29% of people work in educational services or health related fields. Approximately 14% of people in Acme work in arts, entertainment and recreation.** The median household income is \$65,043, compared to the national median household income of \$55,322.

HOUSING

There is a total of 2,612 housing units within the Acme Township jurisdiction. A majority of the housing units are single family detached homes, totaling 2,004. The average household size is 2.32 people. The total number of occupied units equals 1,999. Of the 1,999, 79.5% of those are owner occupied. The number of occupied units paying rent is 397. The median rent that an Acme Township resident is paying is approximately \$927 a month. There are 1,041 housing units with a mortgage and 549 without a mortgage.

EDUCATION

Education in Acme Township is higher than the state and national average. People in Acme Township that have a bachelor's degree or higher was 48.2% according to the American Community Survey. In the State of Michigan, 27.4% of people have a bachelor's degree or higher compared to the national average of 30%. 99.2% of people in Acme Township have obtained a high school diploma compared to 89.9% of the State of Michigan.

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RECREATION EXPENDITURES

ESRI Business Analyst is a data source that collects and analyzes consumer data. The table below highlights Recreational Expenditures by the residents of Acme Township. A total of \$1,633,620 was spent on a variety of recreational opportunities. This chart shows that the people of Acme Township spend the most money on Entertainment/Recreation Fee and Admissions. *Locally? Or just in general by residents?*

Data Note: The Spending Potential Index (SPI) is household-based, and represents the amount spent for a product or service relative to a national average of 100. *→ Include an example for clarity*

Table: Recreational Expenditures

Rank by ↓

	<i>Annually? →</i> AVERAGE AMOUNT SPENT	TOTAL SPENT	SPENDING POTENTIAL INDEX*
Entertainment/Recreation Fees and Admission	\$826.31	\$1,633,620	21
Admission to sporting events	\$78.82	\$155,826	133
Fees for participant sports	\$143.31	\$283,325	127
Fees for recreational lessons	\$159.05	\$314,442	115
Membership fees for social/recreation/civic clubs	\$273.81	\$541,329	121
Sports, Recreation and Exercise Equipment	\$237.05	\$468,656	133
Exercise Equipment and Gear, Game tables	\$72.57	\$143,477	126
Bicycles	\$32.69	\$64,623	112
Camping Equipment	\$16.62	\$32,860	116
Hunting and Fishing equipment	\$84.50	\$167,062	155
Winter Sport equipment	\$7.51	\$14,852	115
Water sport equipment	\$7.85	\$15,521	120
Other sports equipment	\$2.31	\$24,331	160
Rental/Repair of sports/recreation/exercise equipment	\$3.00	\$2,976	129
Recreational Vehicles and Fees	\$185.57	\$366,865	169
Docking and landing fees for boats and planes	\$16.45	\$32,522	140
Camp fees	\$37.63	\$74,397	113
Payment on boats/trailers/campers/RVs	\$106.98	\$211,490	240
Rental of RVs or boats	\$24.51	\$48,455	122

Source: ESRI Business Analyst, "Recreation Expenditure" Report, 2018

Administrative Structure

ORGANIZATION

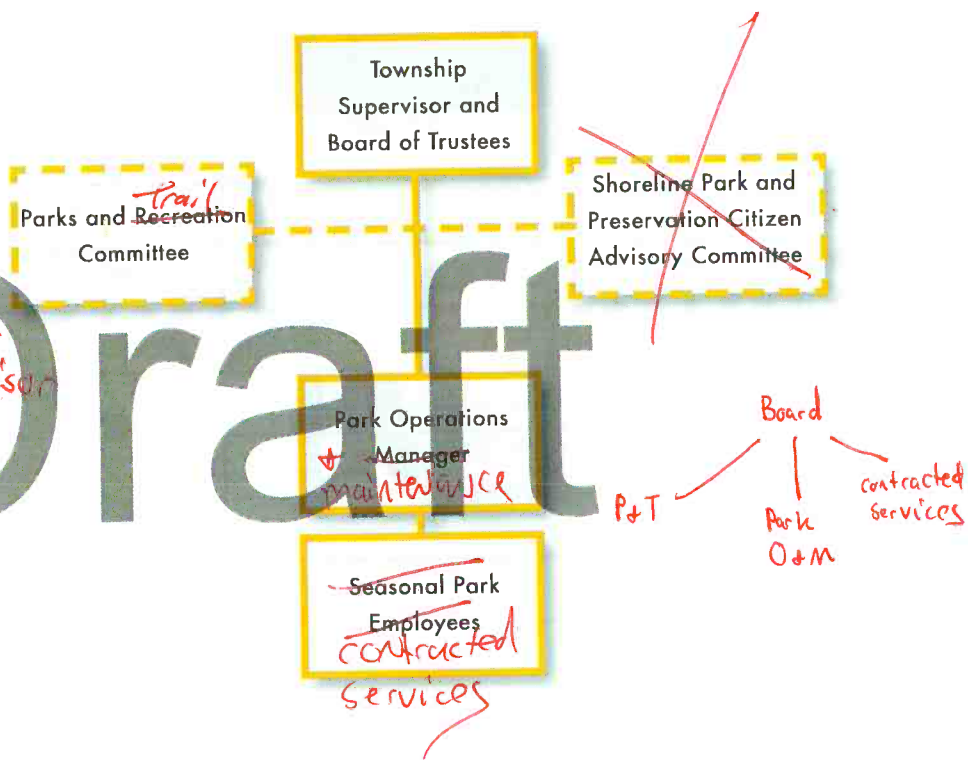
Acme Township's parks and recreation program is administratively aligned under a traditional local government organizational structure. The Township Supervisor and Board of Trustees provide governance, establish public policy, adopt the annual budget and millage rates, and are the approval authority for community plans and projects. The Township Supervisor is also responsible for the execution and implementation of Board policies, budgets, and plans as well as performing oversight for day-to-day operations within the Township. Township administrative staff, which includes

the Park Operations Manager, reports to the Township Supervisor.

The Park Operations Manager is responsible for maintenance and construction occurring within the Township's parks. During the summer months, the Township retains seasonal employees to perform regular park maintenance. These individuals report to the Park

Operations Manager. *Twp Supervisor*

The Parks and Trails Advisory Committee provides citizen input into the Acme Township park program. A combination of citizens, administrative staff, and elected officials participate on this committee.



PARTNERSHIPS &

VOLUNTEERS

Acme Township has partnered with the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy (GTRLC) and the Watershed Center. GTRLC has partnered with Acme Township to raise funds for parkland acquisition, to remove former private structures, and to plan future improvements. The Watershed Center has partnered with Acme Township on testing for E.coli at one swimming beach ^{es} between Memorial Day and Labor Day starting in 2012. They also obtained a grant to design some model Low-Impact Development stormwater management plans for use in the future development of the Township's shoreline park lands. Acme Township also works with Traverse Area Recreational Trails (TART) on potential trail network expansion in the township.

- More on TART? Advisory member

Acme Township also works with the Acme Business Association, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and Elk Rapids Public Schools. Elk Rapids Public School students often volunteer their hours to help out in Acme Township to fulfill their civic engagement requirements for school credit.

- * Sweetwater evening garden club
- * Acme Historical Society?

The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians has been instrumental in the development of Acme Township's parks through Tribal 2% grant allocations and having a representative serve on the Parks and Trails Committee.

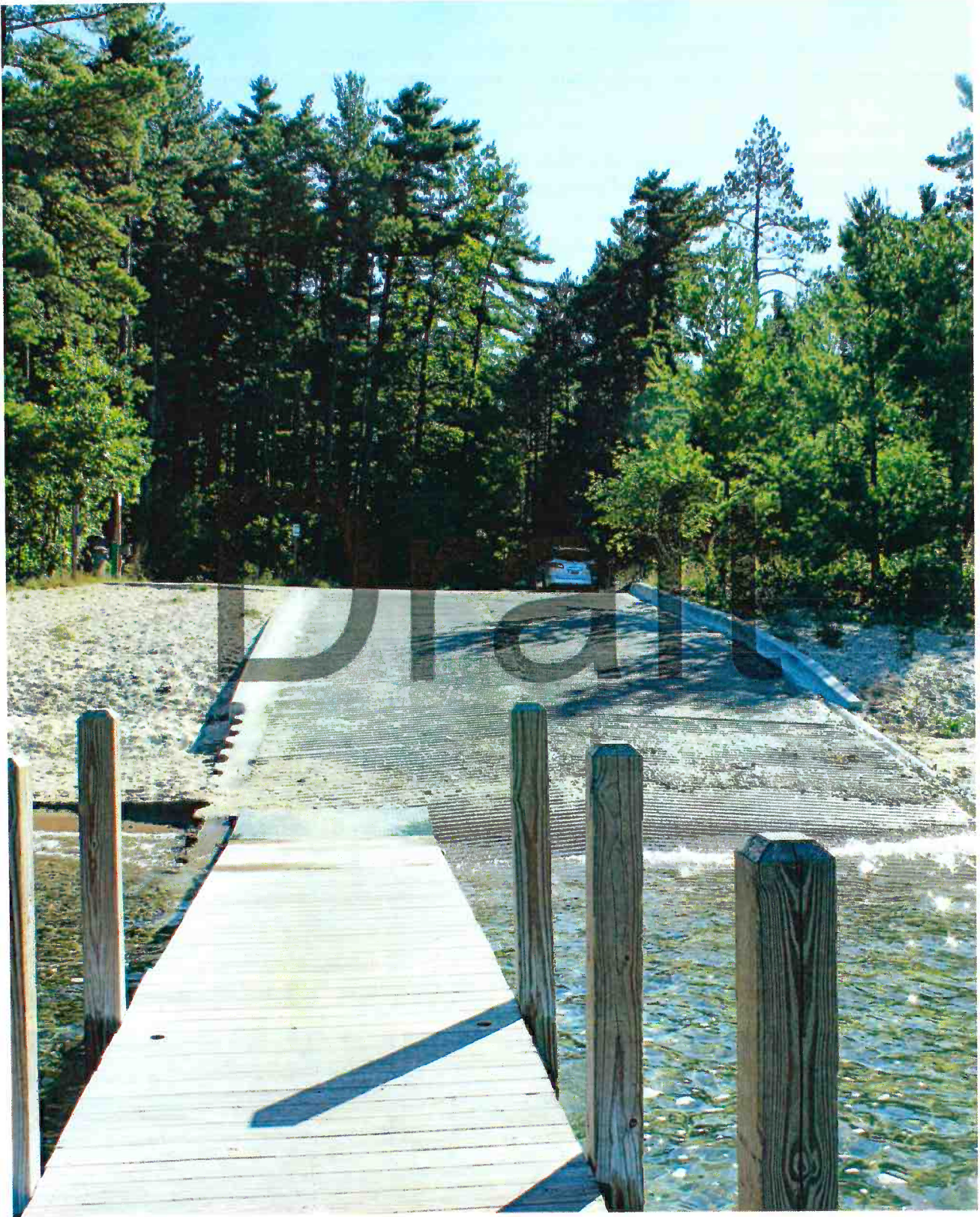
The Acme Business Association organizes and hosts the annual Acme Fall Festival held each September at Flintfields Horse Park. The Township and Acme Business Association continue to look for collaborative opportunities to promote the community's recreational assets that are the foundation of our regional economy.

ANNUAL BUDGET

The Acme Township annual parks and recreation budget for 2016–2018 is around \$111,000. Funds come from the General Operating Millage/General Fund, plus grants and donations. Of this amount, approximately 62% is used for personnel salaries and benefits and the balance is used for maintenance and small purchases. Capital expenditures for larger projects and grant contributions are budgeted annually when the funds will be expensed.

MAINTENANCE AND PARKS EXPENDITURES			
Item	(2016–2017)	(2017–2018)	
Wages			<div style="font-size: 4em; font-weight: bold; opacity: 0.5;">Draft</div> <div style="color: red; font-style: italic; font-size: 1.5em;">update</div>
Parks and Recreation Fund			
Capital Improvements			





Inventory of Existing Parks, Natural Areas, and Recreation Facilities

Acme Township has over 1,400 acres of public recreation land, much of which is composed of the Yuba Creek Natural Area, Petobego State Game Area, and Maple Bay County Park. These three facilities account for 90% of the Acme Township public recreation acreage. Acme Township has only 33 acres of recreational land not dedicated to natural areas and preserves. Privately owned recreational land is expansive in Acme at about 1,518 acres of land. The private facilities offer a wider variety of uses, such as golf courses, equestrian facilities, swimming pools, and campgrounds, in addition to many of the same opportunities available at the public facilities. Facilities owned by schools are relatively small in comparison at about 7.75 acres. Bertha Vos Elementary School is the only school in the area that offers recreation facilities.

The Grand Traverse Land Conservancy also has 41 acres of recreational land within Acme Township. They also help protect and preserve Deepwater Point and Yuba Creek Natural Area.

check w/ Barb's numbers

state forest land? yes

Overall, Acme Township has an immense amount of recreational opportunities, both public and private. With the updating and implementation of the recreation plan, the current recreation opportunities can only be improved for greater ease of use for everyone throughout the entire community.

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REGIONAL RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

Acme Township is located in Grand Traverse County, which boasts some of Michigan's greatest recreational opportunities. There is a diversity of recreation facilities available within the County under the ownership of public and private enterprises. These include local parks and recreation facilities, private golf courses, public and private marinas and boat liveries, and state parks and forests.

ACCESSIBILITY EVALUATION

Each of the four parks owned by Acme Township was evaluated for its current level of accessibility on a scale of 1 to 5 (1=none of the park amenities are accessible, 2=some amenities are accessible, 3=most amenities are accessible, 4=all amenities are accessible, 5=the entire park has been designed using principles and standards of accessibility). The evaluation was performed by Beckett & Raeder staff by visually evaluating the amenities available at each park. The accessibility evaluation score can be found on the inventory sheet for each park.

Existing Recreation Facilities

Data Sources: Grand Traverse County GIS, Acme Township

Acme Township

- 1. Bayside Park
- 2. Deepwater Point Natural Area
- 3. Saylor Park
- 4. Yuba Creek Natural Area

Grand Traverse County

- 5. Bartlett County Park
- 6. Bunker Hill Road Boat Launch
- 7. Dock Road Boat Launch
- 8. Maple Bay County Park
- 9. Shores Beach Lane Boat Launch
- 10. Yuba Park Road Boat Launch

Private

- 11. Bertha Vos School
- 12. East Bay Harbor Marina
- 13. Everflowing Waters Campground
- 14. Grand Traverse Resort
- 15. Flintfields Horse Park
- 16. Lochenheath Golf Course
- 17. New Hope Community Church
- ~~18. Northern Pines Campground~~
- 19. Traverse Bay RV Park

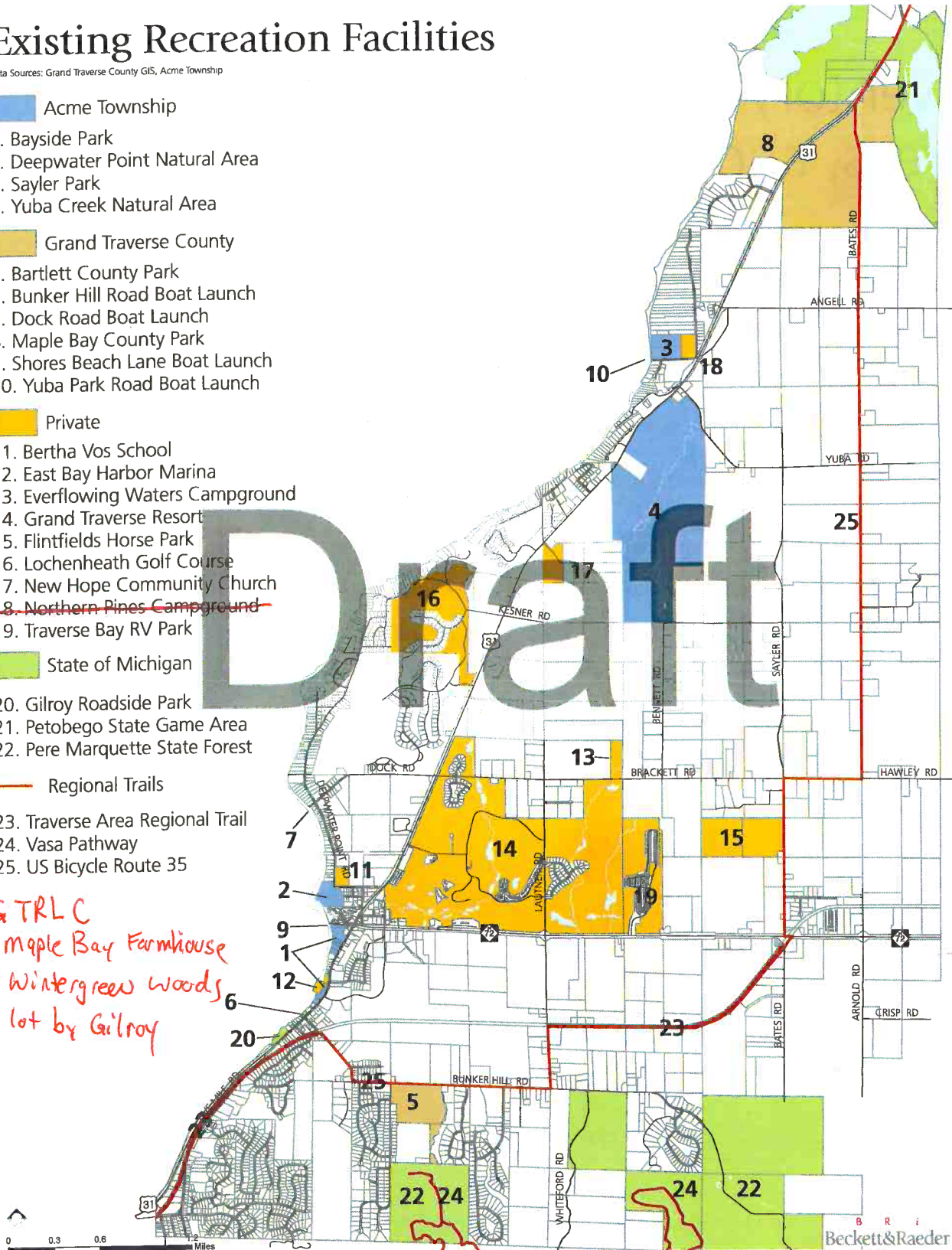
State of Michigan

- 20. Gilroy Roadside Park
- 21. Petobego State Game Area
- 22. Pere Marquette State Forest

Regional Trails

- 23. Traverse Area Regional Trail
- 24. Vasa Pathway
- 25. US Bicycle Route 35

GTRLC
- maple Bay Farmhouse
- Wintergreen Woods
- lot by Gilroy



PARKS AND RECREATION INVENTORY

Recreation facilities in Acme Township are made up of four different elements: Public Recreation Facilities (Township, County, and State), School Recreation Facilities, Private Recreation Facilities and the Grand Traverse Land Conservancy. The table below summarizes the recreation facilities found within Acme Township.

MUNICIPALITY	ACRES
Acme Township	461
Grand Traverse County	531
State of Michigan	435
Private Entities	1,518
Grand Traverse Land Con.	41
Total	2,986

double check numbers!

ACME TOWNSHIP RECREATION FACILITIES		
Facility Name	Facility Description	Acres
Bayside Park	Beach Frontage on Grand Traverse Bay, Picnic Tables and Grills, Overlook Deck, Swimming, Wash Rooms, Changing Area, and Play Equipment	11.0
Sayler Park	Beach Frontage on Grand Traverse Bay, Picnic Tables and Grills, Horseshoe Pits, Volleyball, Swimming, Wash Rooms and Changing Area, Play Equipment, Shelter (48 People), and Shelter (80 People), Boat Launch <i>3 shelters</i>	22.0
Deepwater Point Natural Area	Frontage on Grand Traverse Bay, Trails and Parking	14.9
Yuba Creek Natural Area	Frontage on Yuba Creek, Trail, and Natural Area, <i>hunting</i>	413
GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY		
Facility Name	Facility Description	Acres
Maple Bay	Master Plan in Progress (Former Dairy Farm)	450
Bartlett Park VASA <i>Pathway</i>	Trailhead VASA Trail, Toilet, and Traps <i>unimproved</i>	80.0
Dock Road Boat Launch <i>Bd end</i>	Boat Launch and Gravel Parking Lot	0.3
Bunker Hill Road Boat Launch	Boat Launch and Gravel Parking Lot <i>for watercraft < 16'</i>	0.3
Yuba Park Road Boat Launch <i>lane Rd end</i>	Boat Launch <i>unimproved</i>	0.3
Shores Beach Boat Launch	Boat Launch	0.3
STATE OF MICHIGAN		
Facility Name	Facility Description	Acres
Petobego State Game Area	Natural Area	433
MDOT Gilroy Park Roadside Park	Beach Access, Picnic Tables, Grills, and Toilets	2.2
East Bay Public Access <i>???</i>	Boat Access and Parking (5) <i>Pere Marquette State Forest</i>	
PRIVATE FACILITIES		
Facility Name	Facility Description	Acres
Everflowing Water Campground	Rustic Campground	12.0
Grand Traverse Resort	Golf Course (54 Holes), Hotel and Conference Center, Indoor / Outdoor Tennis (5), Indoor / Outdoor Pools (2), Beach Frontage on Grand Traverse Bay, and Salon and Spa	1400
New Hope Community Church	Softball, Soccer, and All-Purpose Fields, Tennis Courts (2), Playground Equipment, Meeting Room, and Restrooms	20.5
Bertha Vos Elementary School	Playground Equipment, Skating Rink and Hut	6.4
East Bay Harbor Marina	Offers gasoline, water, electricity, restrooms/showers and laundry	
Flintfields Horse Park	Stables, Riding and Competition Fields	80.0

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Regional

remove

East Bay lot

GRAND TRAVERSE LAND CONSERVANCY FACILITIES		
Facility Name	Facility Description	Acres
Wintergreen Woods Preserve	Natural pine forest	22
Little Traverse Bay Water Trail	Water trail along the Shoreline on Lake Michigan	4.2 Miles
Acme Shoreline	Open space connected to Bayside Park	<i>0.5</i>
Maple Bay Farm	Farm house, root cellar, sugar shack and pole barn	11



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PARK LAND ANALYSIS

Properties that are within Acme Township are summarized in the following table based upon a total population of 4,612.

Classification	NRPA Recommended Size per 1,000 People	Recommended Acreage for Acme Township	Acme Township	County Parks	Public School Park	Township Limit Total	Surplus/
Mini Park	.25-.5 Acres	1.2 - 2.3	0	-	7.75	7.75	5.45
Neighborhood Park	1.0-2.0 Acres	4.6 - 9.2	14.9	-	-	14.9	5.7
Community Park	5.0-8.0 Acres	23 - 36.9	33	-	-	33	10
Regional Park	5.0-10.0 Acres	23 - 46	413	531	-	944	898

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PARK CLASSIFICATION

The following table indicates the general park categories, location criteria, and size criteria that the National Recreation and Park Association follows as a general guideline. Acme Township exceeds the recommended criteria for each park category.?

Classification	General Description	Location Criteria	Size Criteria
Mini Park <i>Have zero?</i>	Used to address limited, isolated or unique recreational needs.	Less than ¼ mile in residential setting	2500 sq ft to 1 acre
Neighborhood Park	Serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Focus is on informal active and passive recreation.	¼ to ½ mile distance and interrupted by nonresidential roads and other physical barriers	5-10 acres
Community Park	Serves broader purpose than neighborhood park. Focus is on meeting community-based recreation needs.	Usually serves two or more neighborhoods and ½ to 3-mile distance	Usually between 30-50 acres
Large Urban Park	Serve a broader purpose than community parks and are used when community and neighborhood parks are not adequate to serve the needs of the community.	Usually serves the entire community	Usually a minimum of 50 acres, 75 acres or more is optimal
Natural Resource Areas	Lands set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space, and visual aesthetics/buffering.	Resource availability and opportunity	Variable
Special Use	Covers a broad range of parks and recreation facilities oriented toward single-purpose use	Variable dependent for special use	Usually a minimum of 25 acres, with 40 to 80 acres being optimal.

Adapted From: Lancaster, R. A., Ed. Recreation, Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines. Alexandria, VA: National Recreation and Park Association, 1983. Mertes, J. D. and J. R. Hall. Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines. Alexandria, VA: National Recreation and Park Association, 1995.

BAYSIDE PARK
 Size: 11 acres *-larger*
 Location: Intersection of US-31 and M-72
 Ownership Entity: Acme Township
 Accessibility Score: 4



ATHLETIC / SPECIAL ACTIVITY FACILITIES			
Type	Quantity	Condition	Notes / Suggested Action
X			
Play Structures - Metal	4	Good	Slide, swings, monkey bars, climber
Groomed Swimming Area	1	Good	
Open Lawn	1	Excellent	
Walking Paths - Concrete / Asphalt		Excellent	

LANDSCAPE / MISCELLANEOUS FACILITIES			
Type	Quantity	Condition	Notes / Suggested Action
Parking Lot - Paved	Many	Excellent	Two new parking areas with ADA access
Bike Rack	1	Excellent	New
Benches	Many	Excellent	New modern benches throughout
Picnic Tables	Several	Good	
Park Grills	Many	Good	Many, most are not accessible
Restrooms - Accessible	1	Excellent	Modern building with drinking fountain
Shelter - Small	2	Good	
Signage - Park Name and Rules	2	Good	
Signage - Interpretive	3	Fair	Two are showing signs of deterioration
Butterfly Garden	1	Excellent	Maintained by Sweetwater Evening Garden Club
Native Plant Garden	1	Excellent	Maintained by Sweetwater Evening Garden Club
Viewing Platform - Wood	1	Excellent	Ramp down to beach and Mobi-Mat to improve

Accessibility Notes

- Three barrier-free spaces marked next to restroom facility
- Several accessible picnic tables
- Paved path to accessible restroom facilities
- Asphalt path through woods to wooden deck near beach
- Pave path down to the beach and Mobi-Mat surface could improve access to the water *X-purchased*

Comments

- Parking lot access maintained in winter months
- Play equipment primarily for ages 6+



Bayside Park is located in the heart of Acme Township, near the intersection of US-31 and M-72, and was established in 1987. Bayside Park is used by locals and tourists as it is the most visible to passing vehicles.

-grew over time through aggressive acquisition campaign.

Two newly paved parking areas provide convenient entry to the park. A trail leads from the parking lot past a modern, accessible restroom facility into the woods. Nestled in the woods are a few sturdy play structures and many park grills and benches. A winding paved trail leads to a deck looking out over the beach and the beautiful Grand Traverse Bay; the shoreline is a mix of groomed and natural areas that minimize erosion while providing space for swimmers to enter the pristine water. On the west side of the parking lot in the newly acquired park property, an open lawn dotted with trees stretches from the road to the beach. Other park features include native and butterfly gardens maintained by the Michigan Garden Clubs and interpretive signage.

Evening Garden Club

The most recent improvements include an asphalt trail along US 31 that connects to adjacent sidewalks and businesses. New sidewalks and benches are located throughout the park. A new bike rack is located near the parking area and restroom facility for easy access to the park.



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The park is available for year-round use, providing ~~cross country skiers~~ and ice fishers access to the bay front. Boaters can access the water on Shores Beach ~~Road~~. The park's close proximity to the Deepwater Point Natural Area affords greater recreation opportunities; active uses such as swimming and picnicking can take place in Bayside Park, and passive uses such as nature walks and birding are only a short walk down the beach.



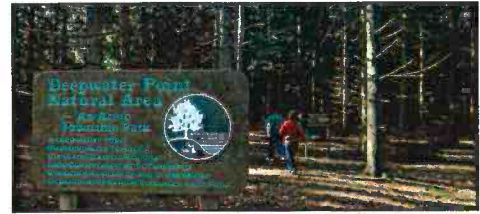
DEEPWATER POINT NATURAL AREA

Size: 14.93 acres

Location: Intersection of Deepwater Point Road and Shore Road

Ownership Entity: Acme Township

Accessibility Score: 1



ATHLETIC / SPECIAL ACTIVITY FACILITIES			
Type	Quantity	Condition	Notes / Suggested Action
Waterfront		Fair	Not easily accessible
Walking Paths - Woodchip		Excellent	

LANDSCAPE / MISCELLANEOUS FACILITIES			
Type	Quantity	Condition	Notes / Suggested Action
Parking Lot - Gravel	4 Spaces	Fair	
Signage - Park Name and Rules	6	Excellent	

Accessibility Notes

- Paths are woodchips—not accessible to persons in wheelchairs

Comments

- No current management plan
- A trail map at entrances may be useful to visitors for orientation
- Parking area may be difficult to find for first-time visitors
- Entrance located adjacent to elementary school

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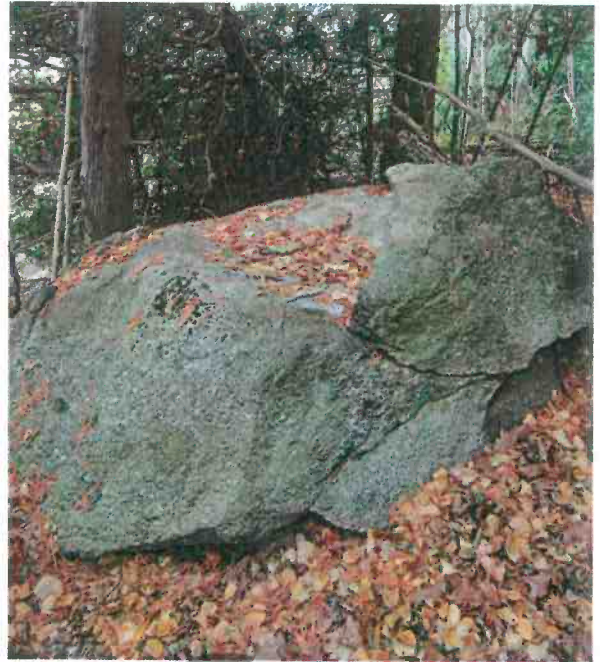


Deepwater Point Natural Area, though located just down the beach from Bayside Park, is accessed by Shore Road off US-31. This property, an old pine plantation, is more removed from US-31 than Bayside Park and has a peaceful and contemplative atmosphere. The natural area boasts 17 acres of woods and woodchip trails that wind from the parking area to the bay shore and is a springboard for activities such as kayaking, birdwatching, or quiet walks through the tall pines. The area is primarily used by locals.

-shore frontage on East Bay near mouth of Acme Creek

Beach Lane

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YUBA CREEK NATURAL AREA

Size: 413 acres

Location: Intersection of US-31 and Yuba Rd

Ownership Entity: Acme Township

Accessibility Score: 1



ATHLETIC / SPECIAL ACTIVITY FACILITIES

Type	Quantity	Condition	Notes / Suggested Action
Walking Paths - Mowed			

LANDSCAPE / MISCELLANEOUS FACILITIES

Type	Quantity	Condition	Notes / Suggested Action
Parking Lot - Grass	Approx. 19 spaces	Fair	
Parking Lot - Gravel	Approx. 16 spaces	Fair	
Information Kiosk	2	Good	
Walking Path Maps	1	Good	At kiosk
Benches - Wood	3	Fair	
Blue Jay Feeders Blue Bird Boxes	Numerous	Good	

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Accessibility Notes

- Access to YCNA is limited for persons in wheelchairs—mowed paths are not ideal, but other improvements are not intended per the Management Plan

Comments

- Management Plan in place—2002
- Panoramic views
- Hunting is allowed
- Add new benches
- Update kiosks



* Trail loop.

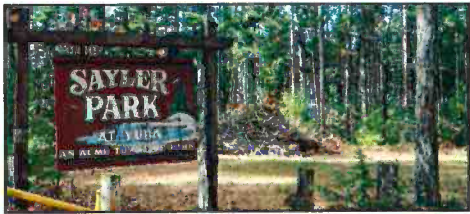
Yuba Creek Natural Area has no shortage of beautiful vistas to enjoy; at 413 acres, it is Acme Township's largest Township-owned natural area. Two access points allow visitors to experience the natural beauty of the area; one grass parking lot at the highest point in the park affords panoramic views of the Yuba Creek valley below, and the other gravel parking lot off of Yuba Road leads to a path that runs the length of the valley. Yuba Creek is primarily used by Acme Township residents, but its adjacency to US-31 increases opportunities for regional users.

A management plan for the Yuba Creek Natural Area was adopted in November of 2002. The plan outlines several goals and objectives for the care of several natural features of the area, including protecting and improving existing wetlands, creating and improving upland habitat, protecting existing eagle nest sites, preserving the water quality of Yuba Creek, and providing birdhouses for bluebirds and kestrels. The plan also provides for the continuation of hunting opportunities, additional land preservation, and public outreach and education.

- invasive species management.



SAYLER PARK
 Size: 22 acres
 Location: Yuba Park Road
 Ownership Entity: Acme Township
 Accessibility Score: 3



ATHLETIC / SPECIAL ACTIVITY FACILITIES

Type	Quantity	Condition	Notes / Suggested Action
Horseshoe Pits	5	Varies	
Play Structures	8	Varies	Swings, slide, go round, climber, spring toys
Sand Volleyball Courts	2	Fair	

LANDSCAPE / MISCELLANEOUS FACILITIES

Type	Quantity	Condition	Notes / Suggested Action
Picnic Shelters	3	Good	Tables under each shelter, grills on the side
Picnic Tables - Wood and Metal	25-30	Good	Does not include shelter tables
Benches - Wood	Numerous	Fair	In need of updating
Park Grills - Metal and Stone	15-20	Fair	In need of updating
Restrooms - Accessible	1 Shelter	Good	In need of hard surface for better access
Parking Lot - Paved	1	Good	Parking on side of Yuba Park Road
Boating Access Site		Excellent	Newly constructed in 2018

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Accessibility Notes

- Paths are firm and stable—gravel, asphalt, or brick
- Bathrooms are accessible
- There are a few barrier-free parking spaces designated near the park entrance with a paved path down to the boat launch.
- Few barrier-free amenities along shore bluff with the most recent improvements

Comments

- Lots of amenities—tables and grills, numerous play structures. Wood swing set needs replacing. Play structures include one ADA swing
- Barrier-free parking exists at the restroom facility and at shelters. No designated individual barrier-free sites
- Play equipment primarily for ages 6+



Sayler Park is located off Yuba Park road in Yuba. This 22-acre park is a fantastic place for family recreation; the park has three shelters that can be rented for gatherings, play equipment, outdoor grills, horseshoe and volleyball areas, and modern, accessible restrooms in addition to the beach and Grand Traverse Bay access. Sayler Park, out of all of the parks owned by Acme Township, is best equipped for family gatherings and group recreation due to the number of amenities in place. Sayler Park's location is not as visually prominent as Bayside Park, but Sayler Park still receives many visits from Acme Township residents, both seasonal and permanent.

The most recent improvements include a boat launch with a dock. Asphalt paving leads from US31 to the launch. There is also a new gravel parking area with a concrete pad for handicap accessible parking. The boat launch is not staffed, therefore there is an honor box located to the side of the boat launch area where individuals can drop the requested \$5 fee. The project was funded through the Great Lakes Fishery Trust.

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Sayler Park Boating Access Site

The Sayler Park Boating Access Site was completed in 2018. The site was very popular during the first year of being open to the public. The brand new facilities include a concrete boat launch pad, paved entrance and round about for launching the boats. The new site is posted and advertised on the Acme Township website.

Sayler Park Boating Access Site is included in the Acme Township annual maintenance schedule. The dock is put in place in April and removed in October. Dredging will be completed on an as needed basis and monitored regularly. Infrastructure and large scale maintenance and replacement schedules will be reviewed on an annual basis and budgeted accordingly.

Fee for maintenance mention?

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PREVIOUS GRANT ASSISTANCE

Deepwater Point Natural Area: TF96-110

Year: 1996

Description: Acquisition of approximately 1335' of rocky beach frontage on Grand Traverse Bay

Grant Award: \$1,968,000

Status: Rustic trails and a gravel parking lot have been constructed on the acquired property and remain in good condition.



Yuba Creek Natural Area Acquisition: TF00-162

Year: 2000

Description: Acquisition of over one mile of frontage on Yuba Creek

Grant Award: \$1,576,021

Status: Mowed trails, gravel parking lots, and trailhead signage were installed on the acquired property and remain in good condition.



Acme Waterfront Park Acquisition: TF08-095

Year: 2008

Description: Acquisition of 540' of shoreline properties

Grant Award: \$3,006,200

Status: Existing buildings on acquired property have been demolished and small improvements have been made.

Acme Waterfront Park Phase II: TF09-171

Year: 2009

Description: The acquisition of 900' of shoreline properties

Grant Award: \$2,266,500

Status: Existing structures on acquired property have been demolished.

Acme Waterfront Park Acquisition: TF11-082

Year: 2011

Description: The acquisition of approximately 337 feet of frontage on East Grand Traverse Bay in two parcels.

Grant Award: \$862,500

Status: The property is part of the Bayside Park development to provide access to the Grand Traverse Bay.



PREVIOUS GRANT ASSISTANCE

Waterways Grant for Saylor Park Boating Access Site

Year: 2015

Description: Boating Access Site Improvements

Grant Award: \$91,485

Status: A new paved boat launch was developed, along with accessible paved pathways and parking to accommodate everyone.



Bayside Park Development: TF16-0061

Year: 2016

Description: Development of Bayside Park, and a trailhead for the Lake Michigan Water Trail.

Grant Award: \$300,000

Status: Universally accessible walkways throughout the park, playground, shade structures, parking, amenities and trailhead signs.



GRANTS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

ROTARY CHARITIES OF GRAND TRAVERSE		
Project Title	Description	Grant Award
Waterfront Visioning Plan	Financed the preparation of a waterfront visioning plan.	\$5,000
GRAND TRAVERSE BAND OF OTTAWA AND CHIPPEWA INDIANS		
Project Title	Description	Grant Award
Saylor Park Playground Equipment	Replaced outdated and unsafe playground equipment and added ADA-compliant features	\$14,350
GRAND TRAVERSE BAND OF OTTAWA AND CHIPPEWA INDIANS		
Project Title	Description	Grant Award
Acme Connector Trail	Engineering ACT	\$15,000

↳ community growth grant → forward to Carrie
 TVC-CHX Trail → 2.4 million from state?

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GRANTEE: Acme Township

PROJECT TF00-162 PROJECT TYPE: Aquisition

PROJECT TITLE: Yuba Creek Natural Area Aquisition

PROJECT SCOPE: Aquire in fee simple of 403 ac of critical wetlands and upland habitat

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City, State, ZIP Williamsburg, MI 49690	Email swinter@acmetownship.org	
SITE DEVELOPMENT		
Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? If yes, please describe change(s).		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Please refer to the attached boundary map. 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.)		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
List all additional existing development/facilities at the referenced project site. If the site is undeveloped, please describe the present use and provide a schedule for future development, including a list of proposed facilities.		
<u>Walking trails have been expanded.</u>		
<u>Existing building on site currently used for park department equipment storage.</u>		
<u>Benches have been provided for the enjoyment of viewsheds.</u>		

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Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. Parking lot is mowed for access.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Are there any features near the site which would detract from the use and enjoyment of the site or would pose a health or safety problem? If yes, please explain.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Regular mowing of grass at parking lot and along walking trails. Invasive species management annually in cooperation with Grand Traverse Regional Land Cons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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GENERAL	
Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> 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. Bicycles and motorized vehicles are prohibited by management plan.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site? Continuously open to the public.	

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GRANTEE: Acme Township

PROJECT TF08-095 PROJECT TYPE: Acquisition

PROJECT TITLE: Acme Waterfront Park Acquisition - Phase 1

PROJECT SCOPE: Phase 1 of the acquisition of 11.5 acres and 2,000 feet of lake front

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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). Beach walls, sidewalks, benches, flower garden, irrigation, ADA accessible beach mats, playground to be installed - all part of MDNR Trust Fund Development Grant (TF16-0061)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Please refer to the attached boundary map. 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.)		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. One former site building still existing, Township determining how to repurpose either as restrooms, equipment storage, or non-motorized watercraft rentals.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
List all additional existing development/facilities at the referenced project site. If the site is undeveloped, please describe the present use and provide a schedule for future development, including a list of proposed facilities. Bath house, sidewalks, non-motorized trail, existing pavilion, parking lot expansion and improvements, benches, flower gardens, beach walls, ADA accessible beach mats, bike racks, irrigation system, new landscaping, former hotel cottage still on site, signage existing playground, securing funding for new universally accessible playground this winter.		

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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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Old sign in place, plans being worked on for new entry sign	

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Are there any features near the site which would detract from the use and enjoyment of the site or would pose a health or safety problem? If yes, please explain.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Mowing, irrigation, beach raking, landscape management, sweeping of sidewalks, winter snow removal from portion of parking lot.	

GENERAL	
Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> 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.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?	
Open 30 minutes before sunrise, to 30 minutes after sunset. No gates for enforcement.	

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This acquisition property is adjacent to the existing Bayside Park and became an extension of that facility. The MDNR Trust Fund Development Grant (TF16-0061) encompassed the whole property. Although there are regular hours of operation for the park, they are not often enforced, nor is there a gate or similar apparatus to block access. The restrooms do have automatic locking mechanisms on the doors that lock at night.

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GRANTEE: Acme Township

PROJECT TF09-171 PROJECT TYPE: Acquisition

PROJECT TITLE: Acme Waterfront Park Acquisition - Phase 2

PROJECT SCOPE: Phase 2 of the acquisition of 2.11 ac addition to the waterfront park

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee) Acme Township	Contact Person Shawn Winter	Title Planning & Zoning Admin
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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

Please refer to the attached boundary map. 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

Is the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain. Yes No

No improvements to the property other demolishing buildings present at time of acquisition.

List all additional existing development/facilities at the referenced project site. If the site is undeveloped, please describe the present use and provide a schedule for future development, including a list of proposed facilities.

- Gravel parking lot near Bunker Hill Rd**
- DFW sanitary sewer lift station (present at time of acquisition)**
- Gate with Knox box for fire department access for water rescues**

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Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Regular mowing of the property.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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GENERAL	
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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.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site? Open 30 minutes before sunrise, to 30 minutes after sunset. No gate to restrict access.	

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GRANTEE: Acme Township

PROJECT TF96-110 **PROJECT TYPE:** Acquisition

PROJECT TITLE: Deepwater Point Natural Area

PROJECT SCOPE: Acquire 14 acres of undeveloped, forested shoreline (1075.46 lf)

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

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Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. Yes No

Is the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain. Yes No
Only amenities that exist are dirt walking trails that at areas are very narrow.

List all additional existing development/facilities at the referenced project site. If the site is undeveloped, please describe the present use and provide a schedule for future development, including a list of proposed facilities.
Small dirt parking lot along Shore Rd.
Dirt walking trails through the property.

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Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there any features near the site which would detract from the use and enjoyment of the site or would pose a health or safety problem? If yes, please explain.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. Only one incident has occurred, and the offending party was caught and removed the paint.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
GENERAL	
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Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site? Continuously opened.	

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**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: Acme Township

PROJECT TF11-082 PROJECT TYPE: Acquisition

PROJECT TITLE: Acme Waterfront Park Acquisition
Acquisition of approx. 337 feet of frontage ofn East Grand Traverse

PROJECT SCOPE: Bay

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee) Acme Township	Contact Person Shawn Winter	Title Planning & Zoning Admin
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City, State, ZIP Williamsburg, MI 49690	Email swinter@acmetownship.org	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? If yes, please describe change(s). Yes No

Please refer to the attached boundary map. 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

Is the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain. Yes No

List all additional existing development/facilities at the referenced project site. If the site is undeveloped, please describe the present use and provide a schedule for future development, including a list of proposed facilities.

Undeveloped: site has access to park on a gravel surface. Former road end provides access to Grand Traverse Bay by launching small watercraft on a former, simple launch

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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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. Grass is mowed, gravel is graded periodically, trees are trimmed as needed.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Are there any features near the site which would detract from the use and enjoyment of the site or would pose a health or safety problem? If yes, please explain.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Just routine maintenance of vegetation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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GENERAL	
Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> 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.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site? Half hour before sunrise to a half hour after sunset. Not gated or strictly enforced.	

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COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

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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.

Shawn J Winter

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Shawn J Winter

Grantee Authorized Signature

11.13.18

Date

Carrie Klingel Smith

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Carrie Klingel Smith

Witness Signature

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




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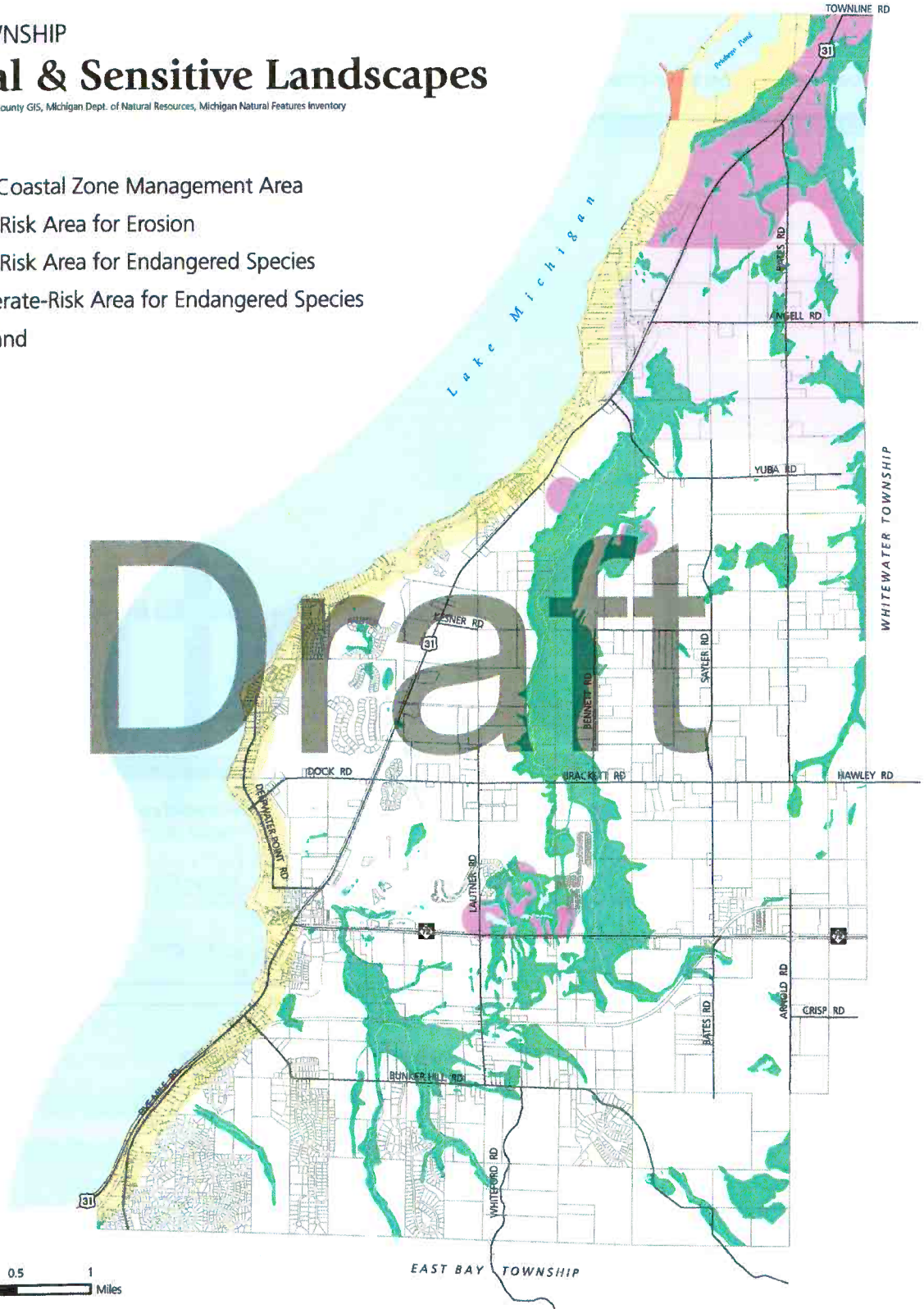
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ACME TOWNSHIP

Natural & Sensitive Landscapes

Data Sources: Grand Traverse County GIS, Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources, Michigan Natural Features Inventory

-  DNR Coastal Zone Management Area
-  High-Risk Area for Erosion
-  High-Risk Area for Endangered Species
-  Moderate-Risk Area for Endangered Species
-  Wetland



RESOURCE INVENTORY

Recreational Facilities

Michigan offers many recreational opportunities throughout the entire state, and Acme Township is no exception. The Township offers a variety of publicly and privately owned recreational opportunities,

including an equestrian center, golf courses, ~~ball fields~~, and parks with trails and picnic tables. *water access, VASA, state land, snowmobiling.*

Natural Resources

Acme Township's topography is relatively flat, ranging in elevation from 580 feet at the Bay to 860 feet at the southern boundary of the township. Forests cover about a sixth of the Township and are the primary land cover in the southern portion of Acme Township. Forestry is also abundant in the northern part of the Township, where forests surround the Petobego swamp and wildlife areas.

Cultural Resources

One significant historic property is located in Acme Township. The John Pulcifer House was built in 1883. John Pulcifer organized Acme Township and became the Town Supervisor from 1891 to 1919. John's niece occupied the house until 1964; it sat abandoned until restoration began 35 years later, in early 1999. In 2000, the John Pulcifer House was added to the National Register of Historic Places. Currently, it operates as a bed and breakfast that is part of a 130-year-old, 400-acre, working cherry farm overlooking East Grand Traverse Bay.

The Township offers a variety of publicly and privately owned recreational opportunities.

Climate

Acme Township's climate is affected a great deal by its location near Grand Traverse Bay. It simulates a marine-like climate that moderates temperature and precipitation, allowing for a longer frost-free growing period for plants that would not normally be feasible at this latitude. The average maximum and minimum temperatures in January are 30 degrees and 17 degrees, and in July they are 82 degrees and 59 degrees. The average rainfall is 29 inches and the average snowfall is 70–80 inches.

Watersheds

Acme Township's land area is 24.17 square miles and located within the Grand Traverse Bay Watershed. There are four sub-watershed areas in the Township and these include Acme Creek, East Bay Shoreline, Petobego Creek, and Yuba Creek. The Acme Creek (13.2 square miles) and Yuba Creek (8.4 square miles) sub-watersheds are located within the interior of the Township, and many of the operable orchards and farms are located within this geographic zone. The East Bay Shoreline sub-watershed is adjacent to Grand Traverse Bay, and this area has witnessed significant residential development. Protection and management strategies for the respective sub-watershed areas are discussed in the Grand Traverse Bay Watershed Management Plan.

Public Resource Summary

Acme Township is a diverse natural landscape influenced by topography, climate, wetlands, forests, and Lake Michigan. Urban land cover in Acme Township constitutes approximately 11% of the geographic area, while the remainder consists of forested and agricultural uses. For example, the predominant land cover for the Acme Creek sub-watershed is forested land, while the principal land cover in the Yuba Creek sub-watershed is agriculture. Influenced by growth in Grand Traverse County, the natural assets of the Township, if not managed and developed properly, will come under continued pressure, possibly leading to their degradation.

United States Bicycle Route 35 Elk Rapids Twp. Area MI

Peninsula Twp

Legend
— USBR 35



Lake Michigan

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Acme Twp

Elk Rapids Twp

Milton Twp

White Water Twp

Bunker Hill Rd

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Concurrent Planning Efforts

United States Bicycle Route 35

US Bicycle Route 35 is part of the US Bicycle Route system, first established in 1982 and revived in 2003. USBR 35 connects Sault Ste Marie to New Buffalo along a 501-mile route, portions of which are on non-motorized trails. In Acme Township, it travels north along Five Mile Road, takes a detour down Bunker Hill Road, and connects back up to Five Mile Road before turning north onto Bates Road, followed by a quick left to travel east on Hawley Road, and then north to US-31 along Bates Road.

Maple Bay Park and Natural Area

Maple Bay Park and Natural Area has a tremendously diverse landscape with significant natural and scenic resources, including: 2,583 feet of Great Lakes shoreline, sand dunes, wetlands, and farmland. There are no remaining undeveloped private parcels of land in the Grand Traverse region with its characteristics and size. The park provides a habitat for a number of rare and endangered bird and plant species. From the pristine shoreline on the west, the property extends one mile east to the Petobego Marsh and State Game Area. A development plan for this park is critical to maintain wildlife habitats, provide hunting and fishing opportunities, and to protect the integrity of the regionally important coastal wetlands. The same is true for the nearby Petobego watershed.

Maple Bay Park is open to the public for recreational activities, including swimming, kayaking, para-sailing, paddle boarding, canoeing, hiking, hunting, observing wildlife, snowshoeing and skiing in winter, and nature education, year-round.

*kite boardin;
bird watching*

Grand Traverse Parks and Recreation's primary goals are to: preserve the natural features of the property, provide public access to Grand Traverse Bay, maintain and enhance the value of the property for the wildlife of the Petobego watershed corridor, use the property as a source for environmental education, and provide additional opportunities for hunting.

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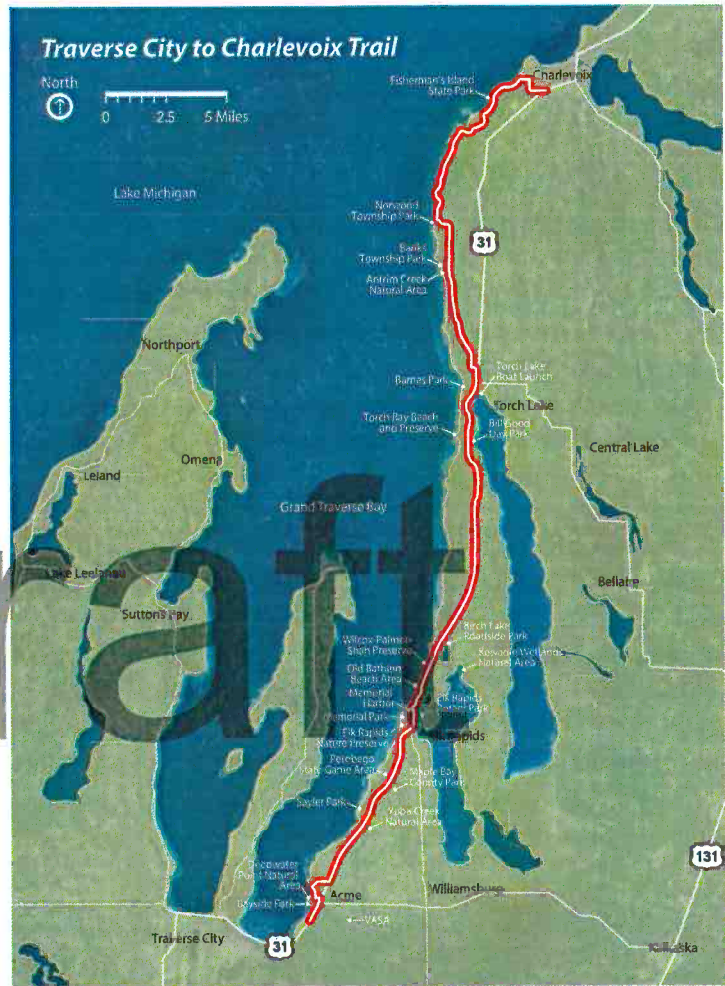
Conceptual Traverse City to Charlevoix Trail

The Traverse City to Charlevoix Trail (TVC-CHX Trail) has an ambitious goal to connect two regional trail networks that link the communities of Traverse City, Acme, Elk Rapids, Eastport, Norwood and Charlevoix. This requires combining what trail users want with suitable land and road rights of ways that can support a non-motorized recreation and transportation trail. The trail will pass through beautiful scenery and provide access to parks, beaches, natural areas, communities, and other destinations along the US-31 corridor. The project builds on the vision of more than a decade of community groups working to make trail connections.

The Traverse City to Charlevoix Trail Concept Plan and Development Guide:

1. Makes the case for completing the gap in the 325 mile regional trail system by demonstrating the value and benefits of trails and documenting the economic impacts that trails have in this region.
2. Identifies and assesses route options for a contiguous bicycle and pedestrian trail from Acme Township (Traverse City) to Charlevoix Township (Charlevoix).
3. Provides an overall development concept plan for the preferred trail route including; recommendations for pedestrian and bicycle facilities, cost estimates for trail construction, maintenance and management options, and purposed next steps for implementation.
4. Offers resources and information to support trail implementation, including: options and recommendations for management and maintenance partnerships; tools to build community support, project phasing and funding strategy.

conceptual
~~The Preferred Trail Route~~



Conceptual Acme Township Segment Overview

The Acme Segment connects to the TART Trail at Bunker Hill Road and is a shared-use path on the NE side of Bunker Hill Road to US-31. The trail crosses US-31 at the stoplight and runs along the west side of US-31. Right-of-way widths are narrow, so use of public park spaces and easements are desired. As it enters into Acme’s residential area north and west of M-72, shared roadway continues toward the Lochenheath development where the trail switches back to a shared-use path along the west side of US-31. The trail will cross to the east side of US-31, possibly near Kesner Road, and will utilize the US-31 right-of-way and/or easement(s). The right-of-way is generally 150’ wide with narrower sections across from Valley Estates and near Yuba and Petobego Creeks. The trail includes stream crossings at Yuba and Petobego Creeks, which are envisioned to be structures built into the existing foreslopes.

Trail Length by Segment

Acme to Elk Rapids	11 Miles
Elk Rapids to Eastport	16.3 Miles
Eastport to Charlevoix	18.5 Miles

Trail Length by County

Grand Traverse	8.4 Miles
Antrim	26.1 Miles
Charlevoix	11.3 Miles

Total Length of Trail 45.8 Miles

Traverse City to Charlevoix Trail Vision

The Traverse City to Charlevoix non-motorized transportation and recreation trail connects Traverse City’s TART Trail to Charlevoix’s Little Traverse Wheelway and the rest of the Northern Lower Peninsula Trail network. The Traverse City to Charlevoix Trail is well maintained and effectively managed. People are drawn to the trail by the wonderful opportunity to travel through exceptional scenic and agricultural landscapes which showcase the region’s tremendous recreational, natural, and community assets.



Acme Connector Trail

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- not as much of a "concurrent" planning effort?

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Existing TART Trail Terminus

Map Legend

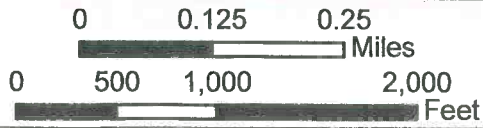
- Current Acme Connector Trail Project Scope
- TC Area Trails**
- Planned Acme Connector Trail - Separated Path
- Planned Acme Connector Trail - Shared Roadway
- Existing TART Trail - Separated Path
- Existing TART Trail - Bicycle Lane
- TART-VASA Connector - Shared Roadway
- Proposed TC - CHX Trail



Planned
Acme Connector Trail

- State Roads
- Rail
- Roads/Streets
- Grand Traverse Parcels

Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AEX, Getmapping, Aerogrid, IGN, IGP, swisstopo, and the GIS User Community



Map Data Sources: TART Trails,
Grand Traverse County,
Michigan Center for Geographic Information
Date: August, 2018

Acme Township Parks Master Plan

DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

The planning process for the Acme Township Parks System is not an isolated event; instead, it is part of a multi-year planning effort to forge a vision for the Township derived from community input. In the previous Parks System Plan, the three goals were: Access to Grand Traverse Bay (ensure that future generations have access to the East Grand Traverse Bay shoreline), Attractive Waterfront Parks (ensure that waterfront facilities are well maintained and have a diversity of activities) and Connectivity between uses (require non-motorized trail connections between parks, retail and residential developments). These goals are still relevant today.

The planning process included an online survey, a community description, administrative structure, funding, and a thorough recreation inventory. An analysis of the recreation inventory was done in comparison with national standards. Upon completion of the analysis, goals and objectives were created based on the results of the wants and needs of the community. An action plan was then installed to guide the next five years for Acme Township. *↳ better word?!*

The Parks and Trails Committee met several times during the planning process to review the plan, the goals and objectives and five year action plan. A public meeting was held to gather community input. The revised plan was adopted by the Township Board on January 8, 2019.



Acme Shoreline Placemaking Plan

In the fall of 2012, Acme Township began a Placemaking Plan to develop strategies for future development. The Placemaking Plan started out as a citizen-driven strategy for the existing and newly acquired shoreline **park properties and shoreline corridor along US-31**. The community anticipated forging beneficial connections between local businesses and the emerging new public space, therein providing mutual economic, functional and aesthetic benefits. Early in the planning process, it was evident that the shoreline corridor was and will be greatly influenced by traffic and development plans outside of the immediate area. As such, the planning study geographic boundary was expanded to include the M-72 corridor east to Lautner Road and south on US-31 to the Township Boundary.

A website was launched as the digital home of the Placemaking Plan at www.acmeshores.org, which gave the public a place to find general information about the plan, a schedule of events, and access to the project documents. The public was able to directly contact the Leadership Team through this website with questions and comments about the Plan and the process. Several meetings helped the Leadership Team to gather input about the priorities of the redeveloped shoreline's potential users. A meeting was held with noncommercial property owners along US-31 in addition to a community-wide public meeting, which had about 72 attendees. Leadership Team members also hosted a public "Meet Your Beach" day on the redevelopment site, at which they spoke one-on-one with about 80 attendees and collected comment cards. The top priorities from each session are summarized here:

TOP PLACEMAKING PRIORITIES		
US-31 Noncommercial Property Owners	Community-Wide Public Meeting	"Meet Your Beach" Day
Balance of residential, commercial, recreational uses	US-31 bypass to the east	Access via foot and bicycle
Beach resembling state park at 3 Mile Road	Complete streets with walking and biking trails	Cleaner beach, including vegetation
Walkability / bikeability; link with TART	Open, pristine, beautiful beach and improved marina	Amenities: playground, buoys, picnic tables, handicap mat, restroom
PLACEMAKING OPEN HOUSE FEEDBACK		
Likes	Concerns	Other Ideas
Local US-31 bypass option; reduced lanes and speeds on US-31	Traffic: roundabouts, impact of lower speed on tourism	Parking area suggestions, including parking for trailers
Walkability and bikeability	Cost: can taxpayers afford it, loss of tax base to parkland	Encourage concerts, festivals, restaurants
Integration of nature, development, open space	Whether boat launch would work as expected	More kid-friendly areas
Aesthetic and swimming improvements	Parking for commercial district and boat launch	Non-motorized water launches
Boat launch and associated parking		Process: establish "authority" for implementation; measure expectations so they can be delivered upon; continued regional collaboration

still relevant?

ACME TOWNSHIP PLACEMAKING
Grand Traverse County

Master Plan

September 2012



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GRAND TRAVERSE BAY

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Bayside Park Phase Three

The concept plan for Phase III at Bayside Park includes a centrally located pavilion for community gatherings and potential programming opportunities, such as Concerts in the Park, outdoor movie screenings, or other entertainment events designed to bring the community together.

Additionally, Phase III may incorporate a second entrance on the southside of the property to serve primarily as a loading/unloading zone and to provide ADA accessible parking spaces on this side of the park. The proposed parking lot would create a circle drive surrounding the parterre garden managed by the Sweetwater Evening Garden Club.

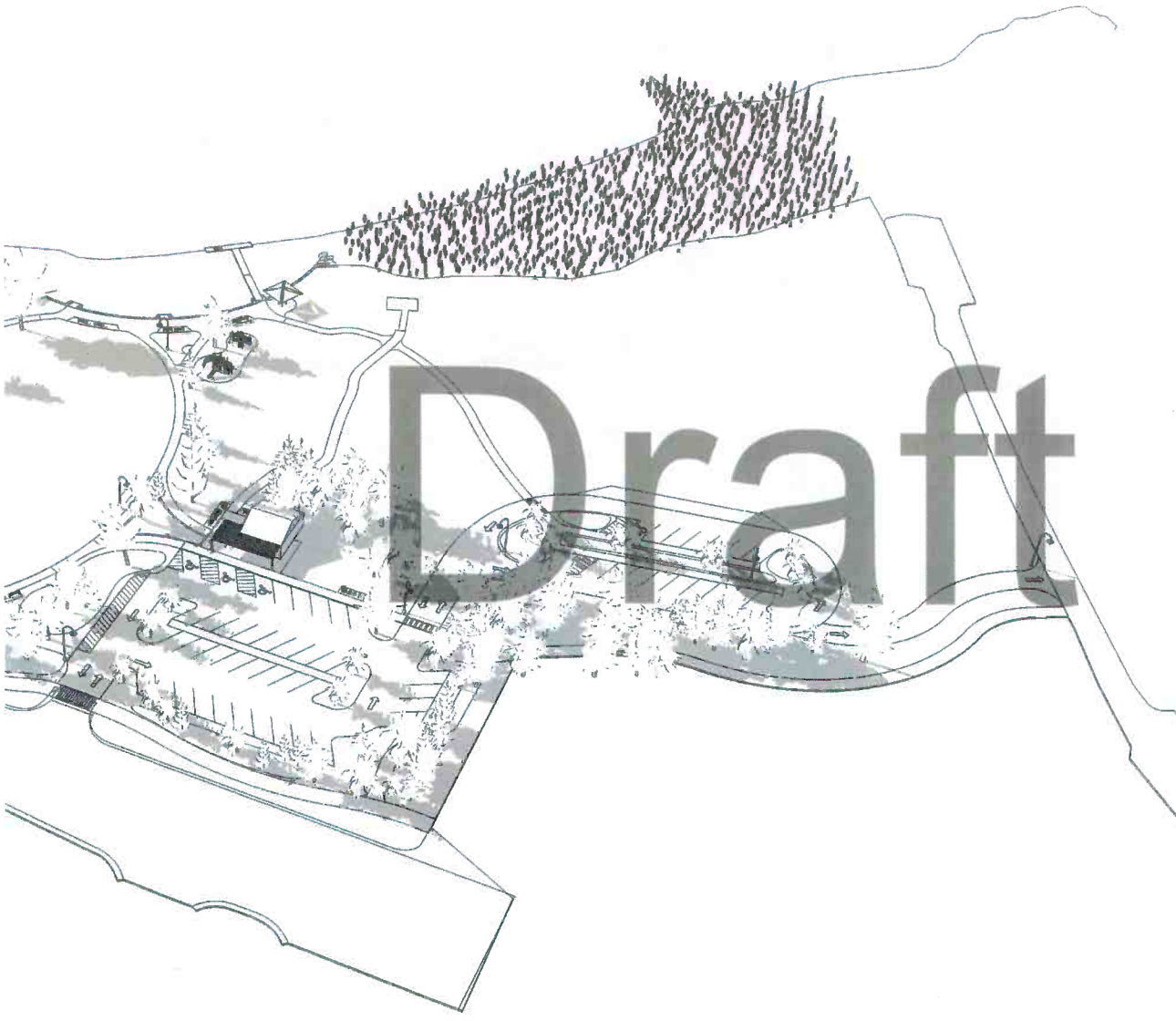
Other improvements include renovations to the existing bath house with an attached pergola sitting area and a second bathroom facility in the existing structure along the park's southern boundary. Many of the improvements prescribed in Phase III will be dependent on the intensity of park usage as a result of the Phase II improvements and are subject to change based on community input.

Highlight Phase III Area



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North Bayside park

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North Bayside Park

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Bunker Hill/US-31 Canoe and Kayak Launch and Marina Area

One of the parcels held by Acme Township is located on the water at the intersection of Bunker Hill Road and US-31/Bay shore Drive, a convenient location for small-boat users to access the water. The site has been used for some time as an impromptu small-boat launch, and it has the remnants of a concrete launch ramp and a gravel surface for parking. The current parking area design allows stormwater runoff to travel unchecked over gravel and earth surfaces to the Grand Traverse Bay.

The conceptual plan for this parcel includes removal of the concrete ramp, placement of a boardwalk canoe and kayak launch with a universally accessible ramp for boaters of all abilities, a changing room/restroom facility, sidewalks, decorative fencing and landscaping, and a paved parking area with pervious surfaces that would protect the lake from surface runoff by **facilitating stormwater infiltration**. Temporary storage for kayaks and canoes will be provided at the accessible dock. An adjacent small beach area is also included.

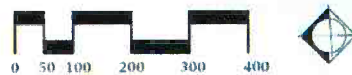
An additional pedestrian-activated, high-intensity crossing is proposed at the intersection of US-31 and Mount Hope Road.



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Grand Traverse County

Marina Park Master Plan

September 2012





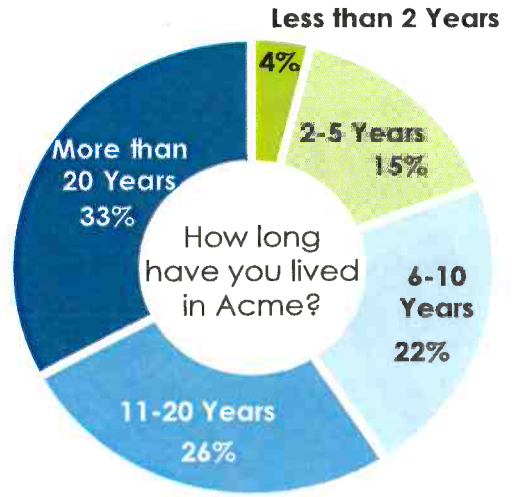
Community Survey

The Acme Township Planning Commission and Parks and Trails Committee went through the process of updating the Community Master Plan and Parks and Recreation Plan. Community engagement is a valuable part of the process in soliciting public input. An online survey was made available to the public between September 13 and October 19, 2018. The survey was advertised on the Township's website and social media outlets. Hard copies of the survey were also made available at the Township offices during business hours. A total of 125 surveys were completed.

A similar survey was done for the last Community Master Plan and Parks and Recreation Plan. Most all of the same questions were used for both surveys to compare the results over the last five years. Online surveys are designed to gather honest feedback from the citizens to help guide the planning process for the future. *Do we show comparison/analysis?*

Residence

The majority (33%) of respondents said that they have lived in Acme Township for more than 20 years. 26% of respondents have lived in the Township for 11-20 years. Only 5 people said that they lived in the Township less than 2 years.



Year-Round Resident - Renter



Location

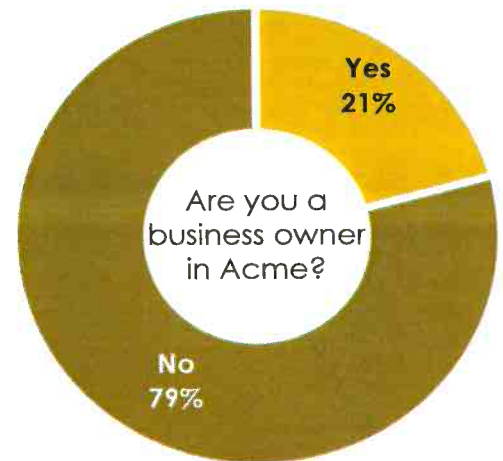
The survey asked the respondents to indicate in which area of the Township they lived according to a map that was enclosed. 38% of the people recorded that they lived in the Cranberry Woods, Springbrook Hills and Wellington Farms subdivisions. Just over 27% of people live near the shoreline north of M-72 and west of US-31. The rest of the respondents were evenly dispersed throughout the Township.

include map?

Property Owners

A majority (91%) of people classified themselves as year-round resident homeowners. Just over 7% of respondents are listed as seasonal residents with a primary residence located in another community.

Nearly 21% of the survey takers were business owners in Acme Township.



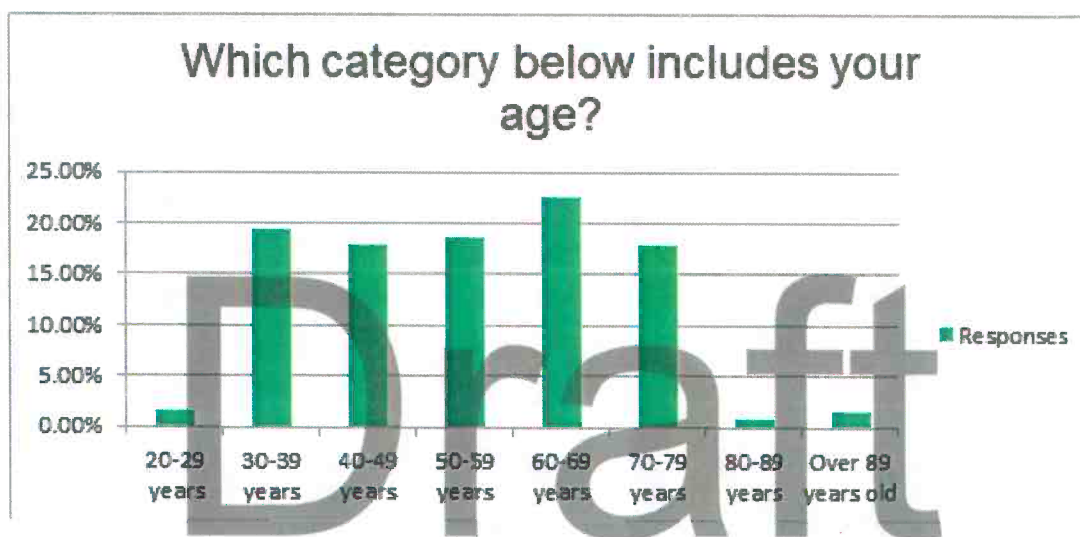
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Occupation

There was a wide range of occupations listed, but the majority of people (24%) are retired. 19% of the people indicated they work in the education, health and social services professions. Another 15% of people recorded that they worked in the scientific and management professions.

Age

The age of the survey respondents was distributed relatively even across the board. Below is a chart that shows the age categories.



Long Range Planning

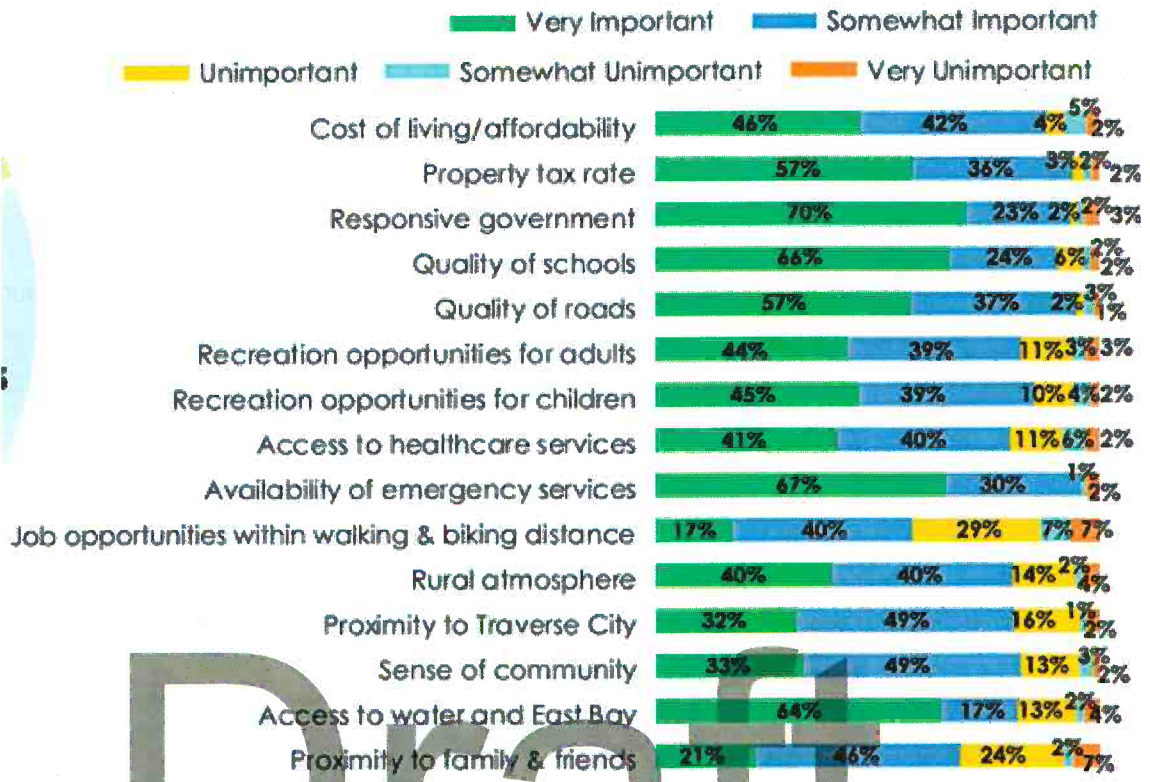
Acme Township will be faced with many issues in the next decade that are critical in the long-range planning. A series of items were listed, and respondents rated them from "Very Important" to "Very Unimportant".

The top five very important items were:

1. Responsive government (70%)
2. Availability of emergency services (66.9%)
3. Quality of schools (66.1%)
4. Access to water and East Bay (64.5%)
5. Property tax rate (57.7%)

The survey asked participants to rate the Township in a variety of topics. For the most part, the topics were rated at an "average" level by the participants. Over 65% of people rated access to water and East Bay as "excellent" or "above average". One of the topics that was rated on the lower end was the job opportunities within walking or biking distance of Acme Township. Over 53% of people rated it as "below average" or "poor".

How important is this issue to you?



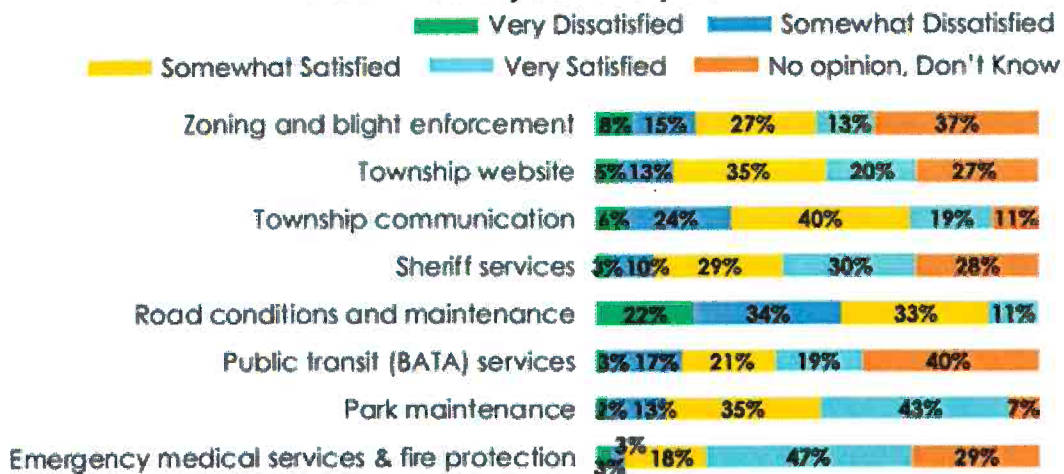
Quality of Life

The survey respondents rated the overall quality of life in Acme Township. 56% of the people declared that they were "satisfied" and 28% reported that they are "very satisfied" with the quality of life.

Services Provided

The survey asked the participants to rate their satisfaction with a number of services provided within the Township. Below is a chart highlighting the responses.

How would you rate your satisfaction with...



Funding

Survey-takers were asked which funding initiatives the Township should be pursued for future planning. As expected “road maintenance and reconstruction” received the top vote for proposed projects.

The following initiatives were supported even if it raised the taxes.

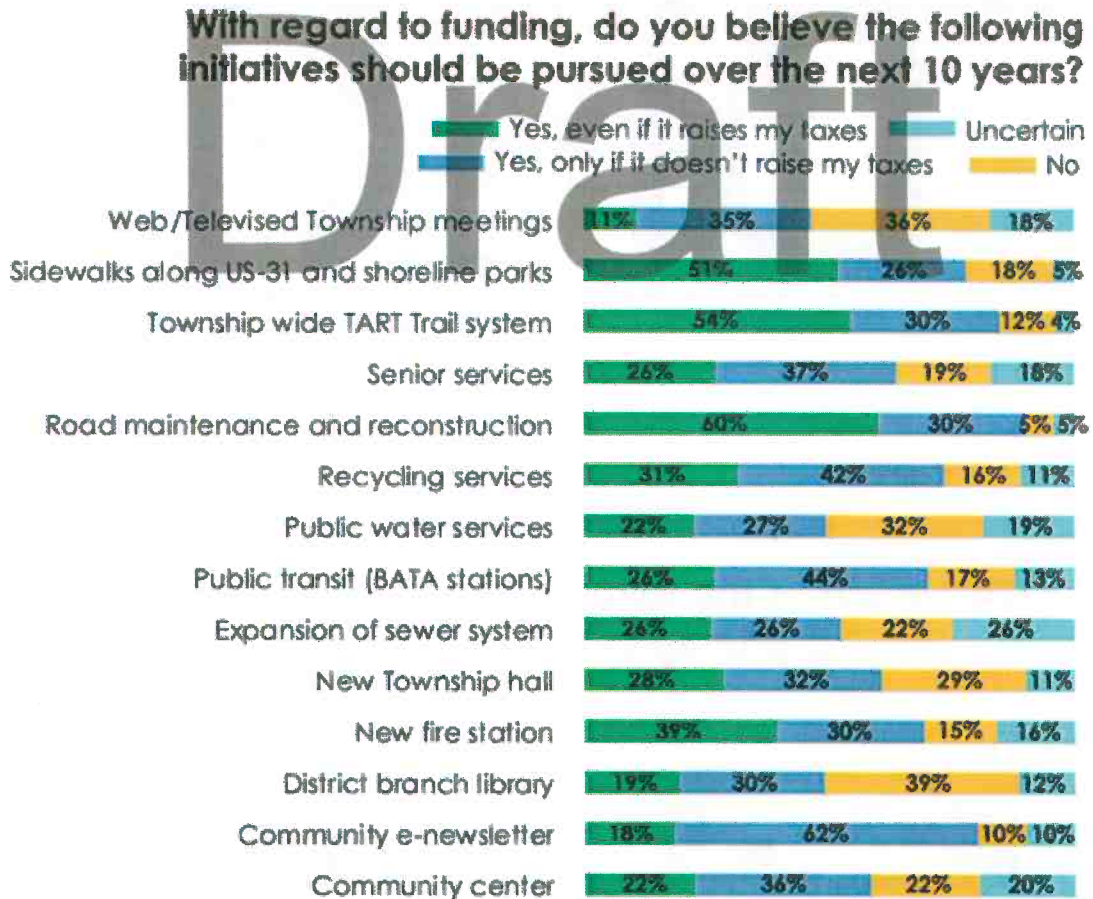
1. Road maintenance and reconstruction (60%)
2. TART Trail system (54%)
3. Sidewalks along US-31 and shoreline parks (51%)

The following initiatives were supported only if the taxes are not raised.

1. Community E-Newsletter (62%)
2. Public Transit (BATA stations) (44%)
3. Recycling services (42%)

The following initiatives were not supported.

1. District branch library (39%)
2. Web/televised Township meetings (36%)
3. Public water services (32%)



Headlee Amendment

Due to the Headlee Amendment, the millage rate that Acme Township is allowed to assess has decreased year over year to 0.7307. The survey asked if people would support a reset in the millage rate to 1.00 in order to improve Township services. 74% of the people responded "yes" to the increase.

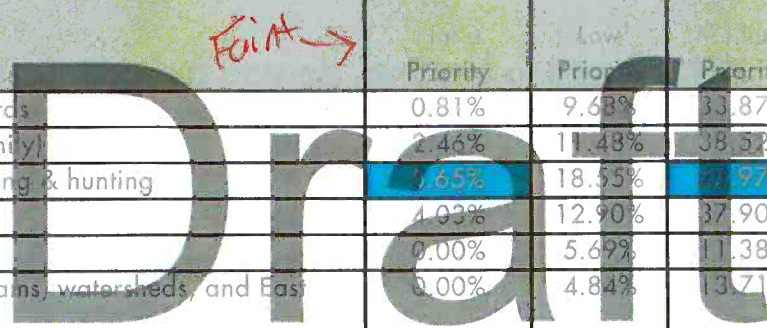
Economic Growth Opportunities

The survey asked participants to rate several economic growth opportunities. They were asked to rate the opportunities from "not a priority" to "high priority". The top priorities for the respondents was Retail (41%), Recreation/Tourism (39%) and Residential (single family) at 36%. The medium priorities with the highest ratings were Agricultural tourism (48%) and Restaurants and Entertainment (48%). Large scale retail and Industrial were not rated as a priority.

Priorities for Protection

The survey takers rated the following items for priority for protection in the Township.

	Priority	Low Priority	Medium Priority	High Priority
Farmlands and orchards	0.81%	9.68%	33.87%	55.65%
Residential (single family)	2.46%	11.43%	38.52%	47.54%
Opportunities for fishing & hunting	4.65%	18.55%	40.97%	29.84%
Rural character	4.03%	12.90%	37.90%	45.16%
East Bay shoreline	0.00%	5.69%	11.38%	82.93%
Water quality for streams, watersheds, and East Bay	0.00%	4.84%	13.71%	81.45%
Wildlife habitat	0.00%	5.65%	28.23%	66.13%
Invasive Species Management	1.64%	4.92%	22.95%	70.49%

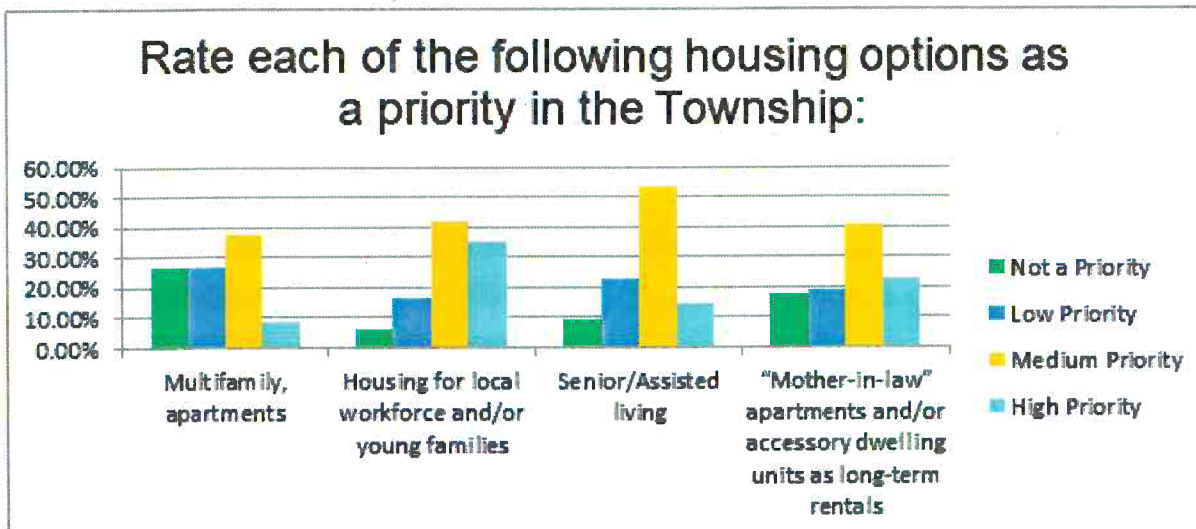


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Blue call-out?

Housing

The following chart shows how the responses rated the housing options.



Park Use

This question listed all the parks and facilities that are in Acme Township and asked survey participants to record, on average, how often they use the facilities. Just over 30% of people that took the survey visit the TART Trail and the VASA Trail at least once a week. People visit Bayside Park (19%) and Sayler Park (14%) several times a month. 13% of the people said they visit Deepwater Point Natural Area at least once a month. Sayler Park is used by 40% of the survey respondents several times a year. 35% people also use Yuba Creek Natural area several times a year.

Parks and Recreation Services

The survey asked participants to rate their level of agreement with the following statements.

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neutral	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
Parks and recreation facilities/services are important to our community and worthy of taxpayer support	3.97%	2.38%	20.63%	71.43%	1.59%
Acme Township should continue additional land acquisitions to provide greater access to Grand Traverse Bay	8.73%	15.08%	23.02%	51.59%	1.59%
Acme Township should support the development of trails that connect with other adjacent parks, points of interest, and the existing TART Trail network	5.56%	7.14%	19.84%	67.46%	0.00%
Acme Township should have a public marina	16.67%	14.29%	25.40%	29.37%	14.29%
Acme Township should actively plan for and support arts and cultural activities	7.20%	18.40%	35.20%	32.80%	6.40%
Acme Township should adopt a plan to exhibit public art installations and cultural events in township parks	14.29%	22.22%	37.50%	19.84%	6.35%

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Parks and Recreation Facilities

The survey asked the participants to rate their top five favorite Park and Recreation Facilities they feel Acme Township should plan for and develop. The scores were analyzed and then weighted based on the responses. Below is a list of the top five answers.

1. Nonmotorized trails (i.e. TART Trails)
2. Indoor athletic facilities
3. Community gardens/plots
4. Walking/nature trails
5. Swimming beach

* Results for question asking about a dedicated parks millage

Will be updated



Community Recreation Survey Summary

In the spring of 2012, the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy (GTRLC) and Traverse Area Recreation and Transportation Trails (TART), Inc. teamed up to conduct a survey of the public use and attitudes about the US-31 corridor to “assure that future plans are aligned with public desires for land use, non-motorized transportation, and outdoor recreation.” The survey was available to the public on GTRLC’s website (gtrlc.org). Respondents were primarily over the age of 30 and were year-round residents.

Survey respondents were asked about the importance of various features, how often they enjoy various recreation activities, which parks they use, which parks they avoid, their overall satisfaction with places within the US-31 corridor, and which types of amenities they would like to see.

The item that ranked as the most important in the US-31 corridor were natural lands or open spaces for non-motorized recreation. Second was paved non-motorized trails, followed by access to water for non-motorized boating, natural lands or open spaces for public beaches, and scenic views. Next were natural lands featuring wildlife habitat, followed by wetlands, working agricultural lands, and lastly buildings or places of historical or architectural interest.

The activities that survey respondents said they participated in the most times per year were walking/hiking/running, swimming/beaching, paved biking, picnicking, and road biking. These require little equipment or preparation. Next were cross-country skiing, paddling, mountain biking, snowshoeing, and artistic activities. Rounding out the bottom of the list were non-motorized commuting, fishing, trail running, hunting, and kite-boarding.

The most popularly used area was the TART Trail, with 89.9% of respondents reporting trail use. Other parks or natural areas that over a third of respondents used were the Maple Bay Natural Area (33.6%), Yuba Creek Natural Area (36.9%), Acme Shoreline Park (36.8%), and the Traverse City State Park (42.3%). When asked

which parks or natural areas respondents avoid, the Traverse City State Park was the most avoided park at 59.4%. All other parks listed were avoided by less than a third of respondents, including Petobego State Game Area (32%), Maple Bay Natural Area (22.8%), and the TART Trail (8.7%). The most common reason for avoiding parks was congestion of people, noise, traffic, access or lack of security.

Survey respondents were asked how satisfied they were with regards to the recreational amenities available for different groups: children under 13, teenagers 13–18, adults 19–30, adults 31–55, adults 56+, and persons with physical challenges. Respondents were most satisfied with amenities available to adults 31–55, adults 19–30, and adults 56+. The bottom-ranked groups were teenagers 13–18, children under 13, and persons with physical challenges.

The top six types of amenities that respondents would like to see more of along the N US-31 Corridor were all non-motorized trails that connected various locations, such as villages and town centers, parks and natural areas, and residences with parks and natural areas. More parks and natural areas, more public beaches/swimming areas, protection of working farms, more running or biking trails, and more areas to hunt or fish rounded out the list.

Anonymous surveys are a forum for respondents to have a voice, especially if a section for comments is included. This survey received 195 comments and suggestions about additions to the non-motorized network, signage and promotion, beaches, environmental preservation, traffic, amenities, taxpayer burden, and the process of building public support.

From previous planning process. Keep?

TRENDS, ISSUES, AND OPPORTUNITIES

National Recreation Trends

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) published a list of future trends for 2018 that will influence the direction of recreation planning and programming. The three pillars of NRPA include: Health and Wellness, Conservation and Social Equity.

Local Park and Recreation agencies can provide crucial health and wellness opportunities for all populations in communities across the county. We need to be protecting open space, connecting people to nature and engaging conservation practices. Providing all people with access to the benefits of parks and recreation is an essential service.

The following trends should be considered in the development of the Acme Township Parks Master Plan.

Health and Wellness

- **America faces serious health issues that include** rising rates of chronic disease, sedentary lifestyles and poor nutrition.
- Offer an affordable and accessible solution.
- Promote healthy eating and physical activity.
- Expanding access to parks and trails.

Conservation

- Play a vital role in the protection of our environment through green infrastructure, conservation of public lands, providing wildlife habitat and more.
- Connecting to nature and local parks are essential in creating environmental stewards who will advocate for and protect our most precious public resources – our land, water, trees, open spaces and wildlife.

- **Protect resources including significant open** spaces and natural habitats, original landscapes, wetlands and natural drainage courses, water and energy resources.
- Encourage environmentally sensitive lifestyles

Social Trends

- Provide access to parks and recreation programs and facilities for all people regardless of age, race, income level, or abilities.
- Building parks builds community and brings all people together.
- Desire to preserve and maintain cultural heritage.
- **Volunteer—making more effective and efficient** use of volunteers.

Economic Trends

- **Park and Recreation Departments are significant** employers and their operations/capital spending generate significant economic impacts on local communities.
- High quality of life attracts workers, which attract employers, which attracts more investments and jobs.
- High quality parks and recreation services can play a role in retaining quality businesses.
- Key partners to drive greater parks and recreation involvement include: schools, transit agencies, developers, downtown development districts and metropolitan planning organizations.

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Parcel updates

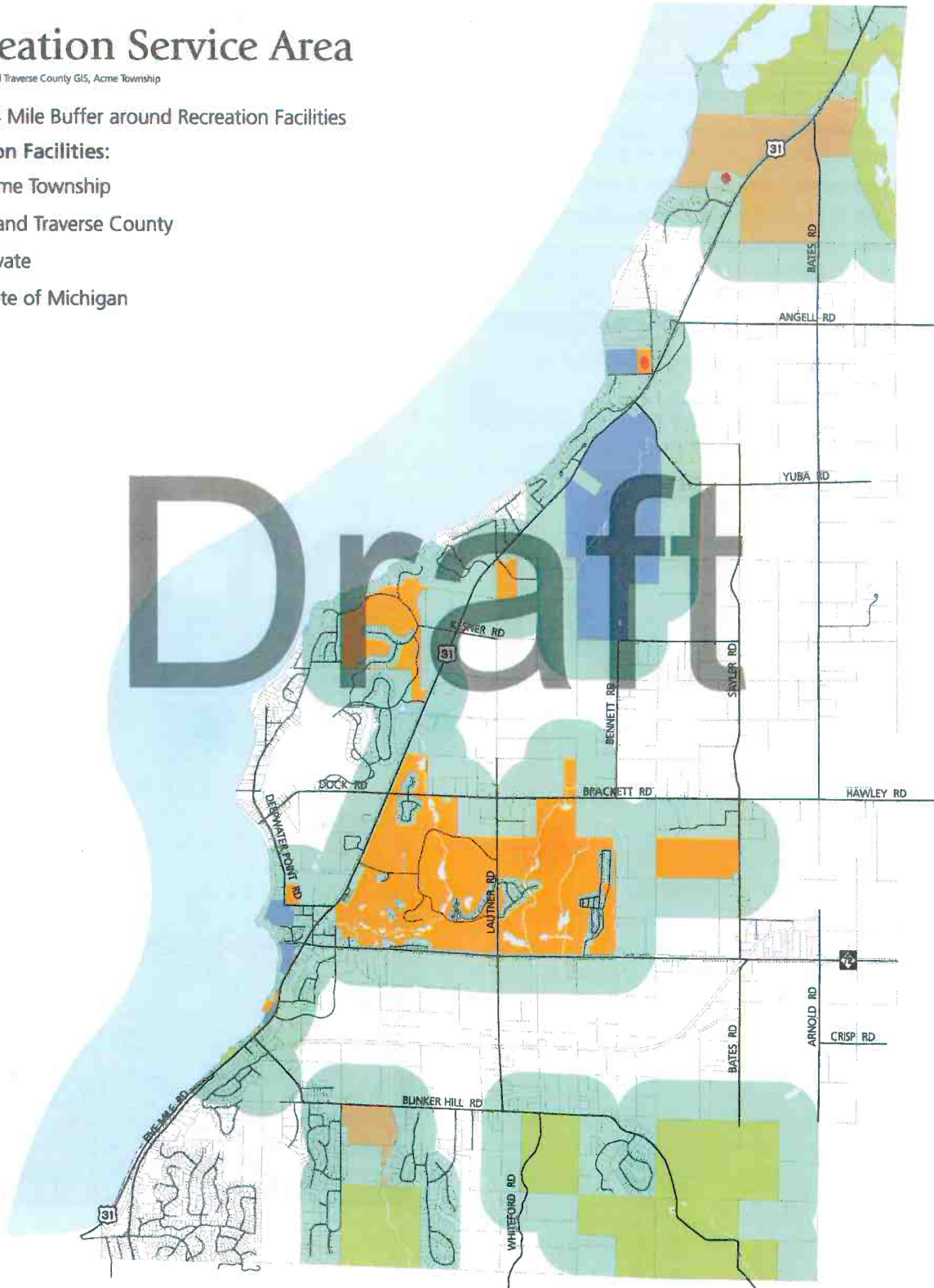
Recreation Service Area

Data Sources: Grand Traverse County GIS, Acme Township

1/4 Mile Buffer around Recreation Facilities

Recreation Facilities:

- Acme Township
- Grand Traverse County
- Private
- State of Michigan



Demographic/Urban Pattern Trends

- Aging of society—by 2030, baby boomers will be senior citizens (1/3rd of the population). As the number of retirees increases, so will the demand for midday recreation opportunities.
- Increasing demand for less active outdoor recreation pursuits and facilities (golf, walking, gardening, etc.).
- Proportion of middle-aged Americans—sharply increased in the 1990s.
- Increasing cultural diversity.
- Greater number of smaller households.
- Mobility of residents—residence by choice with diminished emotional/social attachment to service providers.
- In the 1950s, 50% of households had children. Today, 75% of households have no children. By 2030, 86% of all households will have no children.
- Traditional single-breadwinner families make up less than 15% of all households.

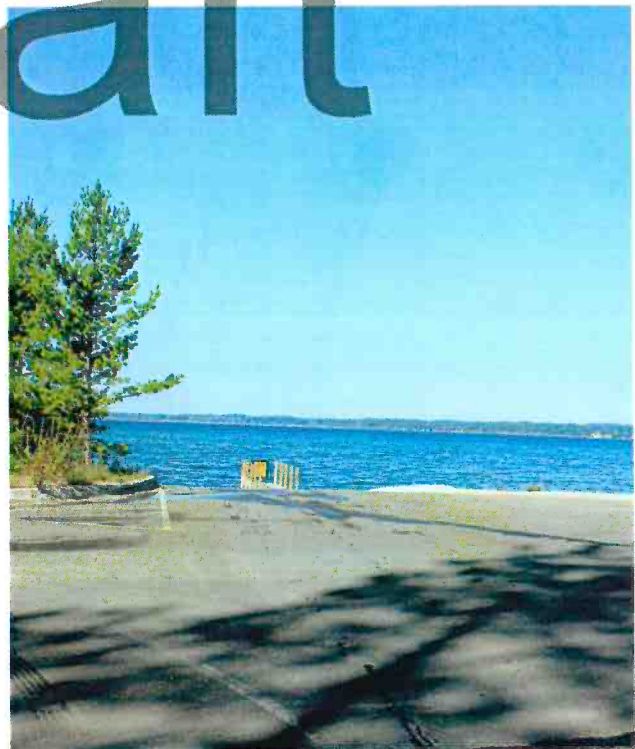
The New Economy

- Talented and well-educated people choose where they want to live and then find work there instead of following jobs (66% of 25- to 34-year-olds say this).
- Desirable places to live are high-quality, clean, green, and close to open space for recreation.
- Talent becomes concentrated in these high-quality areas, which attracts businesses.

Implications of Trends of Parks and Recreation

- Greater emphasis on comprehensive open space planning and preservation.
- More greenway planning along corridors, bikeways, pathways, and passive recreation.
- More emphasis on historic and cultural resource planning.
- Increased importance of recreation and open space, contributing to more walkable, livable, and sustainable communities.
- More stakeholder involvement, as in adopt-a-park projects, park watch, and community volunteering.
- The legitimization of parks and open spaces as part of the urban land use planning and development process.
- More collaboration between parks and schools through joint acquisition, development and use of lands, and joint construction and use of facilities.
- Family-oriented recreation centers, with facilities geared to “one-stop shopping.”

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ENGAGING THE NEXT GENERATION

In Acme Township, the largest segment of the population is made up of Millennials and Baby Boomers. These two groups, Baby Boomers being between the ages of 53 and 70 (30%) and Millennials being between 13 and 31 (22%), make up the population of Acme Township. The next-largest group, the GenXers (ages 32–52), make up 20% of Acme Township. As the Millennials come of age, they will have a greater impact on the economy, and they are quite different than the generations that came before. Park attendance has been declining since the rise of the GenXers, who visited parks as children but are less likely to do so in adulthood. Millennials are even less likely to visit parks as they tend to prefer socialization and indoor activities. Key characteristics used to describe Millennials are special, team-oriented, sheltered, confident and tech-savvy, pressured, achieving, and conventional. Knowledge of the characteristics and values of Millennials can be used to engage them in park settings.

CHARACTERISTICS OF MILLENNIALS AND HOW TO ENGAGE THEM IN PARKS		
Characteristic	Traits	Ways to Engage Millennials
Special	Used to receiving awards, strong relationships with supportive parents	Give rewards for participating in projects or completing tasks or challenges
Team Oriented	Value teamwork, belonging, collaboration, and service	Offer opportunities for volunteer service and encourage social and learning groups to hold events at parks
Sheltered	Lead structure as children, enjoy spending time outdoors and socializing with friends and family	Encourage use of electronic tools such as GPS and the Internet, feature safety and structure in park literature
Confident and Tech Savvy	Optimistic, upbeat, believe that they can improve the world	Share information freely, allow information sharing, survey visitors online, provide audio tours and promotional videos
Pressured	Feel pressured to achieve and behave, avoid personal risk, not as interested in history or reading	Relate historical events to current events, include objects, visuals, and sounds for interpretation, minimize need for reading
Achieving	Expected to do great things, make the country a better place	Use electronic tools to communicate and encourage community involvement, offer challenges and quizzes
Conventional	Respectful of authority, civic-minded, respectful of cultural differences because they are diverse	Promote benefits of parks to healthy work/life balance, design facilities for diverse users and volunteers

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TYPOLOGY OF PARKS IN ACME TOWNSHIP

Park Type	Characteristics	Example
Natural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimally developed Low-impact design features such as woodchip paths, grass, or gravel parking lots The goal is to preserve the natural beauty of the landscape or natural features Typically includes interpretive signage and walking paths 	Yuba Creek Natural Area Deepwater Point Natural Area
Linear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long, narrow Used for non-motorized transportation Connects destinations Typically includes wayfinding signage and mile markers, paved paths, occasional benches, and water stations 	TART Trail Vasa Trail Pathway
Rural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides recreational amenities for small to medium gatherings in a rural setting Universally accessible but lower-impact design features such as gravel paths are typical Located away from the town core Typically includes playgrounds, shelters, restroom facilities, outdoor grills, benches, picnic areas, and athletic courts 	Sayler Park
Urban	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides recreational amenities for a wide range of users Located in the town core Universally accessible amenities used throughout Can be used for larger gatherings and community events Can include concrete paths, pavilions, play structures, pools or splash pads, plazas, amphitheaters, lighting, restrooms, athletic courts, and a wide variety of other recreational facilities 	Bayside Park

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TPOLOGY OF PARKS IN ACME TOWNSHIP

When determining what types of features and amenities belong in a particular park, it is useful to first determine the classification of the park in question. The Michigan Department of Recreation has created "A Recommended Classification System For Local And Regional Recreation Open Space and Trails," which outlines 16 types of open spaces and their descriptions.

For use in Acme Township, a classification system has been devised that consists of just four types of open spaces: Natural Parks, Linear Parks, Rural Parks, and Urban Parks. Each type of park has a different use and subsequently different types of amenities typically found in them. This is useful for determining what kinds of features should be planned for and developed in each park, which maintains a diversity of uses between parks. In this way, each park can develop a unique character and identity within the community.



Natural Park – Yuba Creek Natural Area



Linear Park – TART Trail



Rural Park – Saylor Park



Urban Park – Bayside Park

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goals and objectives for Acme Township are derived from the inventory of existing recreation facilities, public input, and community demographics, and they serve as a guide for future planning decisions.

Goal 1: ACCESS TO GRAND TRAVERSE BAY

Vision: Increase access to Grand Traverse Bay for residents of all abilities

Objectives for Success *& promote*

- Designate a blueway route with specific Shore Access Zones
- Provide at least two accessible canoe/kayak launches along the blueway
- Improve ADA Accessibility to the water along the Acme Township shoreline

Support from Public Input

- 63% of people felt that access to water and East Bay was very important
- Swimming beaches and public boat docks were in the top eight items survey respondents thought Acme Township should plan for and develop
- 83% of survey respondents rated the East Bay Shoreline as a priority for protection by Acme Township
- 77% of survey respondent rated opportunities for fishing and hunting as a medium to high priority.

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Goal 2: ATTRACTIVE WATERFRONT PARKS

Vision: Beautify shoreline parks to provide bayside recreation opportunities for the community while protecting the water quality

Objectives for Success

- Continue selective property acquisition as shoreline properties become available
- Provide recreation amenities for families with young children, including play equipment and restroom facilities
- Provide public swimming beaches with adjacent naturalized shoreline to prevent erosion
- Maintain or improve water quality through stormwater runoff mitigation

Support from Public Input

- 46% of survey respondents chose swimming beaches as their first or second choice item that Acme Township should plan for and develop
- 80% of survey respondents rated water quality for streams, watersheds, and East Bay as a high priority for protection by Acme Township
- 45% of survey respondents chose play structures for children as their first or second choice item that Acme Township should plan for and develop

Goal 3: CONNECTIVITY

Vision: Connect recreation assets through non-motorized transportation routes

Objectives for Success

- Designate local non-motorized spurs that connect existing parks, various community points of interest, and residential/commercial areas to the designated regional routes (US Bike Route 35 and the TART Trail) as well as to intra-township trails to be identified in the action plan
- Increase blueway/greenway trail awareness and ease of use through designated trailheads with route maps at existing parks
- Create connection points between different non-motorized forms of transportation (blueway/greenways) at shore access zones and trailheads

Support from Public Input

- 55% of people support funding for the Township wide TART Trail system and 52% support funding for sidewalks along US-31 and shoreline parks even if it raises their taxes.
- 30% of survey respondents reported using the TART Trail at least once a week, the highest of any recreation facility in the Township
- 62% of survey respondents chose non-motorized trails as their first-choice item that Acme Township should plan for and develop

Goal 4: CULTURAL ARTS

Vision: Increase arts and cultural events in the park system.

Objectives for Success

- Create and implement Art in the Park programs.
- Identify key stakeholders, explore and establish partnerships to create sustainable programs.
- Increase arts and cultural events in the park system to create a place for people to gather and socialize.

Support from Public Input

- 33% of survey respondents listed public art installations as their number one choice of activities to plan and develop for.
- 32% of people said the Township should actively plan for and support arts and cultural events.

Goal 5: BRANDING AND SIGNAGE

Vision: Increase a clear and precise awareness of the Acme Township park system.

Objectives for Success

- Establish a unique identity for the park system through new signage.
- Identify content and a theme for effective marketing.
- Build credibility through brand recognition.
- wayfinding system

6. Maintenance & Funding to Assist
 - Parks millage
 - rentals
 - Invasive species management & Development

7. Inland Park Acquisition

* Parks millage proposal?

* inland park land acquisition? Active recreation, parcel east of Bartlett?

* Invasive species management, ^{habitat} ~~land~~ protection/rehabilitation?

- facilitate/support VASA parcel acquisition
- develop/improve existing assets
- recreation (Active)

Needs updating
REMOVE?!

ACME TOWNSHIP

Parks Master Plan

- Local Non-Motorized Connection
- Local Non-Motorized Connection - Boardwalk
- Regional Non-Motorized Connection (USBR 35)
- Potential Regional Non-Motorized Connection
- Blueway Route
- Blueway Shore Access Zone
- Boat Launch Facility and Trailhead
- Accessible Canoe/Kayak Launch
- Trail/Park Gateway
- Pedestrian Underpass
- Existing Recreation Facility
- Potential Park Zone
- Potential Acquisition
- Improvement Zone



Waterfront Detail



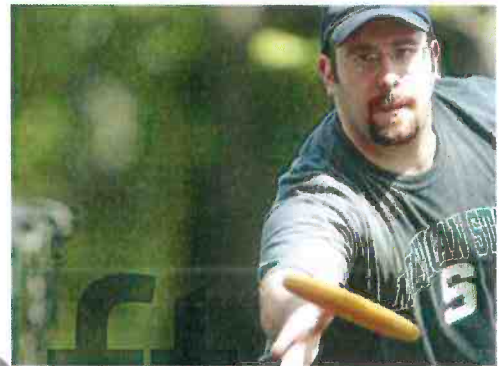
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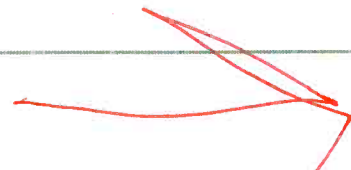
The Acme Township Parks System Plan seeks to accomplish the goals of Access to Grand Traverse Bay, Attractive Waterfront Parks, and Connectivity. The “backbone” of the parks plan is the non-motorized circulation system. USBR 35 and the TART Trail serve as the regional non-motorized stem that runs through the township from northeast to southwest. Local non-motorized connections link the recreational facilities to this regional network and provide trailhead points to access the parks and regional non-motorized system.

? An additional mode of non-motorized transportation is provided for with the designation of a blueway running along the shore of the Grand Traverse Bay. Designated shore access zones, located in township parks or road-end boat launches, give paddlers a range of access points to the blueway. Two accessible canoe/kayak launches, would allow access to the water for paddlers of all abilities. A recently added boat launch on Acme Township property within Sayler park provides a public boat launch for other watercrafts. This system of launches also contributes to the goal of Access to Grand Traverse Bay.

This multi-modal, non-motorized network provides Connectivity and gives Acme Township residents a way to access recreational facilities without the use of their car. Additionally, it provides opportunities for cycling tourists to stop and enjoy what Acme Township has to offer.

In order to accomplish the goals of Access to Grand Traverse Bay and Attractive Waterfront Parks, additions and improvements to the parks will continue to be made. The newly developed Bayside Park provides recreational opportunities for families, young adults, retirees, and tourists alike. Though unstructured open space along the water is beautiful in its own right, the addition of recreational and comfort amenities can accommodate a greater range of uses and attract more visitors to the parks, maximizing the investment of the community.





	ACTION PLAN ITEM - IMPLEMENTATION	GOAL	YEAR
1	Bayside Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearing and maintenance of brush and understory Installation of a Children's Adventure ^{playground} area Implementation of Master Park Development Plan <i>for south Bayside</i> 	1 & 2	2019
2	Signage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design and implement new signage throughout the park system Create a clear identity and brand to identify Acme Township Parks 	5	2019
3	Access to Grand Traverse Bay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construct ADA Kayak/Canoe Launch with parking based on the design funded through the Coastal Zone Management Program 	1, 2 & 3	2020
4	ADA Access over Acme Creek <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate with the Grand Traverse Band an ADA access bridge and boardwalk over Acme Creek to provide pedestrian access between Bayside Park to Deepwater Point Natural Area 	3	2020
5	Dock Road Boat Ramp <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the usability of the Dock Road Boat Launch by installing steel matting sections to be removed and reinstalled annually 	1	2021
6	 GTC Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine location of the proposed GTC park per the approved conceptual plan Prepare a master plan for the park 	3	2021
7	Local Non-Motorized Connections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate with TART and GTRLC on a wayfinding system for the trail network Begin construction or designation of intra-township paths 	3	2019-2023
8	Cultural Arts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create new initiatives to support cultural awareness <i>ordinance</i> 	4	2019-2023
9	Maple Bay Farm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support efforts by the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy to develop the assets within the Maple Bay Farm and County 	3	2019-2023
10	Invasive Species Eradication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with appropriate partners to begin a Township-wide effort to eradicate invasive species 	2	2019-2023
KEY	ACTION PLAN ITEM - ACQUISITION	GOAL	YEAR
1	Local Non-Motorized Connections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquire necessary trail easements as they are needed or become available. 	3	2019-2023
2	Bayside Park Expansion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquire properties southwest of the US-31 and M-72 Intersection 	2	2019-2023
3	Inland Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquire property for a potential inland park 	3	2019-2023
4	Property Acquisition for Water Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue acquisition of available properties for community access to the Grand Traverse Bay 	1	2019-2023

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- South Bayside Park development plan
- Art in Park ordinance
- Maintenance funding



ACTION PLAN JUSTIFICATION

In the next five years, there are concrete steps that Acme Township can take to work toward the goals of Access to Grand Traverse Bay, Attractive Waterfront Parks, Connectivity, Cultural Arts and Branding. In the table to the left, the Acme Township Parks and Trails Advisory Committee, with input from the public survey and public comment.

Incomplete

The highest priority is to keep implementing access to Grand Traverse Bay for people of all abilities. The Dock Road Boat Ramp will require the design and installation of steel matting sections to increase the usability of the Dock Road launch without a full boat launch reconstruction. These efforts will enhance access to Grand Traverse Bay.

Implementing new signage throughout the Acme Township park system is very important to the overall branding of the Township. Branding provides a clear and concise identity that creates trust and credibility amongst the park users.

Land owners for

Another priority is the completion of local non-motorized connections. This item will require continual coordination with TART Trails, the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy, and other agencies along the US-31 corridor route. These items contribute to Goal 3, Connectivity.

Connectivity between Acme Township's parks would increase with the construction of a bridge over Acme Creek. Planning and construction for this item would occur in 2020.

~~Priority number six is the planning of a park at the Grand Traverse Town Center. The location of the park would be finalized with the GTTC in 2021. This contributes to Goal 3, Connectivity, by creating parkland between the GTTC and the Acme Township waterfront, which could be used as a corridor for non-motorized transportation.~~

Acme Township has recognized the importance of creating new cultural opportunities for the residents. New initiatives such as Arts in the Park would bring people into the park system and provide people a place to gather and socialize while taking part in a cultural event.

An ongoing effort of the Township ~~throughout the next five years~~ will be supporting the efforts of the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy and Grand Traverse County as they make improvements to Maple Bay Farm.

An additional ongoing ~~attempt~~ that will require yearly attention from the township is the effort to eradicate invasive species ~~in the township~~, especially the Autumn Olive. Eradicating invasive species will help native species thrive and keep the parks in prime condition.

Acme Township will acquire new properties as they become available if the opportunities align with the goals and objectives the Township has put in place. Acquiring trail easements are planned upon availability if the option arises and the connectivity is part of an integral part of the overall scope of Township priorities.

It should be noted that with additional park amenities come additional maintenance costs. These costs will need to be factored into the future general fund.

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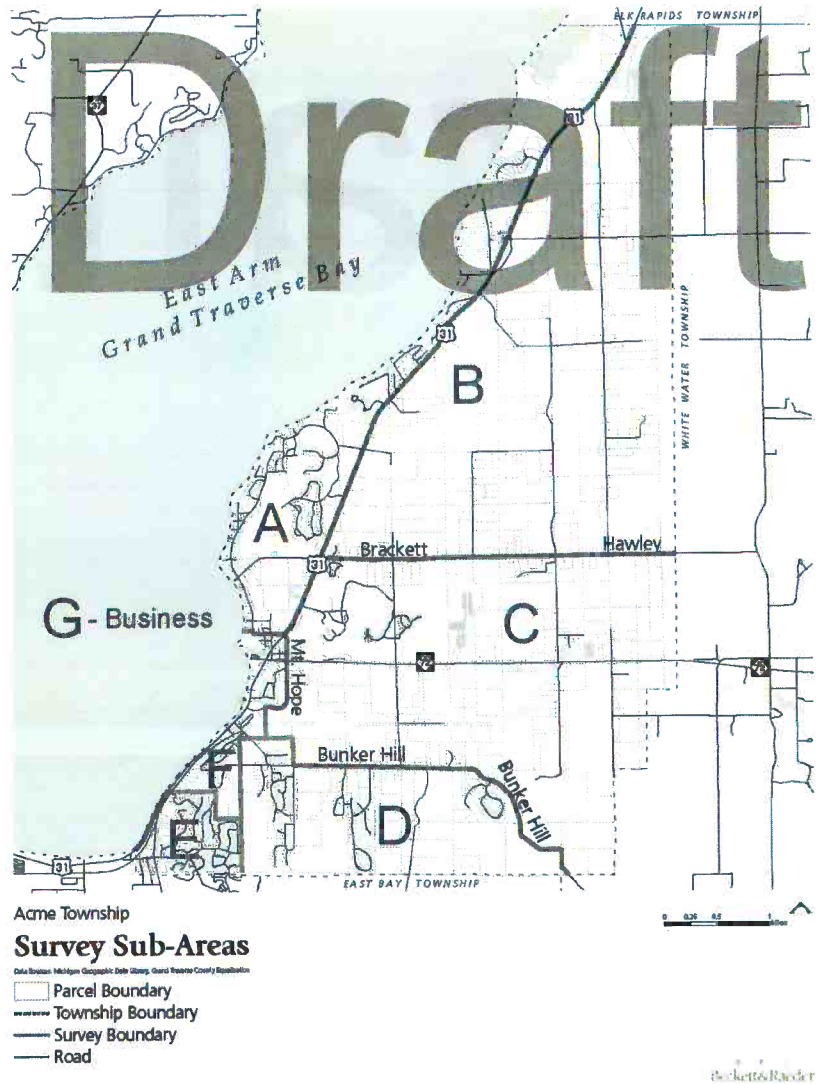
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Acme Township 2019 Community Master Plan and Parks Plan Update Survey Questions

1. How long have you lived in Acme Township?

- Less than 2 years
- 2-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-20 years
- More than 20 years

Sub Area Map for Question #2



2. Please indicate in which area of the Township you are located by referencing the enclosed survey sub-area map.

- A - Shoreline north of M-72 and west of US-31
- B - East of US-31 and north of Brackett Road
- C - East of US-31, south of Brackett Rd and north of Bunker Hill
- D - Cranberry Woods, Springbrook Hills, and Wellington Farms subdivisions
- E - Holiday North & Pines Subdivision, Sherwood Farms and Stockfish subdivisions
- F - Bay Villa Condos, Crestridge Hills, Scenic Hill and Village of Acme
- G - Business Community

3. How would you classify yourself?

- Non-resident property owner (own property only but do not live or conduct a business in Acme Township)
- Seasonal resident - primary residence is located in another community
- Year-round resident - homeowner
- Year-round resident - renter

4. Are you a business owner in Acme Township?

- Yes
- No

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5. Which of the following best describes your occupation?

- Agriculture
- Arts, entertainment, and recreation
- Construction
- Currently unemployed
- Educational, health, and social services
- Finance, insurance and real estate
- Government
- Information/technology
- Manufacturing
- Professional, scientific, and management
- Retail trade
- Retired
- Transportation and warehousing
- Wholesale trade
- Other

6. Which category below includes your age?

- 20-29 years
- 30-39 years
- 40-49 years
- 50-59 years
- 60-69 years
- 70-79 years
- 80-89 years
- Over 89 years old

7. Acme Township will be faced with many issues in the next decade for which long-range planning is critical. The following is a series of items addressing various issues relevant to the Township. First, please indicate the importance of each item when considering the future of Acme Township.

How important is this issue to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Unimportant	Somewhat Unimportant	Very Unimportant
Cost of living/affordability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Property tax rate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Responsive government	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quality of schools	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quality of roads	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recreation opportunities for adults	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recreation opportunities for children	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Access to healthcare services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Availability of emergency services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Job opportunities within walking & biking distance of Acme Township	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rural atmosphere	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Proximity to Traverse City	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sense of community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Access to water and East Bay	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Proximity to family & friends	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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8. How would you rate Acme Township with regard to this issue?

	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor	Don't know
Cost of living/affordability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Property tax rate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Responsive government	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quality of schools	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quality of roads	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recreation opportunities for adults	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recreation opportunities for children	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Access to healthcare services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Availability of emergency services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Job opportunities within walking & biking distance of Acme Township	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rural atmosphere	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Proximity to Traverse City	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sense of community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Access to water and East Bay	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Proximity to family & friends	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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9. How satisfied are you overall with the quality of life in Acme Township?

Very satisfied
 Dissatisfied
 Satisfied
 Very dissatisfied
 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied

10. How would you rate your satisfaction with the following services provided within Acme Township?

	Very Dissatisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Satisfied	No opinion, Don't know
Emergency medical services & fire protection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Park maintenance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public transit (BATA) services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Road conditions and maintenance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sheriff services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Township communication	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Township website	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Zoning and blight enforcement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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11. With regard to funding, do you believe the following initiatives should be pursued in Acme Township over the next 10 years?

	Yes, even if it raises my taxes	Yes, only if it doesn't raise my taxes	No	Uncertain
Community center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community e-newsletter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
District branch library	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
New fire station	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
New Township hall	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expansion of sewer system	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public transit (BATA stations)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public water services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recycling services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Road maintenance and reconstruction	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Senior services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Township wide TART Trail system	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sidewalks along US-31 and shoreline parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Web/Televised Township meetings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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12. Due to the Headlee Amendment, the millage rate that Acme Township is allowed to assess has decreased year over year to 0.7307. Would you support a reset in the millage rate to 1.00 in order to improve Township services? (EXAMPLE: For a property with a taxable value of \$100,000, the millage increase would raise the property taxes \$26.93 per year.)

- Yes
- No

13. Rate each of the following economic growth opportunities as a priority for development in Acme Township:

	Not a Priority	Low Priority	Medium Priority	High Priority
Agricultural operations and processing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Agricultural tourism	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Residential (single family)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Residential (multifamily, apartments)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Retail (locally owned)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Large scale retail (regional and national chains)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Restaurants and entertainment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Professional offices and technology related business	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recreation/Tourism	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Warehousing and distribution facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Industrial	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Alternative energy generation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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14. Rate each of the following as a priority for protection by Acme Township:

	Not a Priority	Low Priority	Medium Priority	High Priority
Farmlands and orchards	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Residential (single family)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Opportunities for fishing & hunting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rural character	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
East Bay shoreline	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water quality for streams, watersheds, and East Bay	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wildlife habitat	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Invasive Species Management	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recreation/Tourism	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

15. Rate each of the following housing options as a priority in the Township:

	Not a Priority	Low Priority	Medium Priority	High Priority
Multifamily, apartments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Housing for local workforce and/or young families	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Senior/Assisted living	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
"Mother-in-law" apartments and/or accessory dwelling units as long-term rentals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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16. How often do you or a member of your household visit the following public outdoor parks, trails and/or indoor recreation facilities located in Acme Township?

	At least once a week	Several times a month	Once a month	Several times a year	Do not visit
Bayside Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bunker Hill Boat Launch	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Deepwater Point Natural Area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dock Road Boat Launch	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Maple Bay County Farm Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
MDOT/Gilroy Roadside Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pelobego State Game Area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sayler Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sayler Park Boat Launch	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
TART Trail	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
VASA Trail/Bartlett Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Yuba Creek Natural Area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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17. Please indicate your level of agreement with each of the following statements.

	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree	No Opinion
Parks and recreation facilities/services are important to our community and worthy of taxpayer support	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Acme Township should continue additional land acquisitions to provide greater access to Grand Traverse Bay	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Acme Township should support the development of trails that connect with other adjacent parks, points of interest, and the existing TART Trail network	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Acme Township should have a public marina	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Acme Township should actively plan for and support arts and cultural activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Acme Township should adopt a plan to exhibit public art installations and cultural events in township parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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18. Please indicate which of the following recreation facilities and activities Acme Township should plan for and develop. Please choose your top five answers and rank your choices in order with 1 being the top choice.

	1	2	3	4	5
Ball fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Basketball courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Canoe / kayak launches	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Children playground structures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community gardens/plots	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cultural events / public art	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dog park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Frisbee golf	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Non-motorized trails (i.e. TART Trails)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Non-motorized watersports rentals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outdoor movies-in-the-park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outdoor performance amphitheater	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pickleball courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public art installations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public boat docks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Skateboard park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Snowshoeing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Swimming beach	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tennis courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Volleyball (beach) courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Indoor athletic facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walking/Nature trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Winter skating rink	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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19. Would you support a small dedicated millage levied specifically for maintenance and improvements to the Township's recreational assets, including parks and trails?

Yes

No

20. Please share any further comments here.

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Public Comment Period

After the draft plan was completed, a public notice was published in the Traverse City Record Eagle on October 14, 2013. From December 1 to December 30, 2018, residents of Acme Township had the opportunity to review and comment on the draft plan. The plan was available for review and comment at the Acme Township Hall and online at www.acmetownship.org. No public comments were received during the comment period.

Public Comment Period Notice

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Public Hearing

A notice was published in the Traverse City Record Eagle on November 13th notifying the public of the date of the public hearing. The public hearing was also advertised on various radio stations. The public hearing was conducted at the regular meeting of the Acme Township Board on January 8, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Acme Township Hall. Public comment was supportive of the plan, and the plan was approved unanimously.

Affidavit of public notice here.

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