

PORTAGE TOWNSHIP

2024-2028
RECREATION PLAN

PORTAGE TOWNSHIP
MACKINAC COUNTY
MICHIGAN

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PURPOSE

Portage Township is dedicated to providing its residents, as well as those visiting the township, with opportunities and facilities necessary to encourage healthy lifestyles and enjoyment of the outdoors. Thus, Portage Township believes that it is imperative to maintain, improve, and expand its parks and recreational resources. In order to achieve this, Portage Township must seek means to leverage local dollars with grant resources to finance projects laid forth in its Parks and Recreation Action Program, which will be critical if Portage Township is to achieve its goals for parks and recreation. This plan intends to secure Portage Township's eligibility to apply for recreation grants over the next five years.

COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Portage Township is located in the northwest corner of Mackinac County, Michigan, and lies within the area described as T.44N – R.12W and T.44N – R.11W. The township has a total area of 72 square miles, nearly 17 of which is water. It is bordered by Lakefield Township and Pentland Township (Luce County), Germfask Township (Schoolcraft County) and Newton Township and Garfield Township (Mackinac County). The township center is the small, unincorporated communities of Curtis. The Portage Township: Location map on page 3 provides a graphic representation.

The table below provides relevant statistics about those inhabiting the township. One can see that the median age of the township is higher than the county and the state; one can also see that the median household income in the township is more than five and ten thousand dollars less than the county and state, respectively.

Basic Population and Household Data - 2023

		Michigan	Mackinac Co.	Portage Twp.
	Total Population	10,062,512	10,814	880
Percentage of Total Population in Age Range	n<19	24.4%	16.9%	10.3%
	20-44	31.5%	24.0%	11.8%
	45-64	26.8%	31.0%	34.4%
	n>65	17.2%	28.1%	43.4%
	Median Age	39.8	52.7	62.6
	Males per 100 Females	98.1	106.7	97.8
	Total Households	3,976,729	5,063	434
Percentage of Total Households in Income Range	n<\$34,999	27.3%	34.7%	34.2%
	\$35,000-\$99,999	43.8%	46.4%	42.3%
	n>\$100,000	28.9%	18.8%	23.3%
	Median Household Income	\$ 63,202	\$ 52,989	\$ 61,667
	Per Capita Income	\$ 34,768	\$ 31,854	\$ 31,856

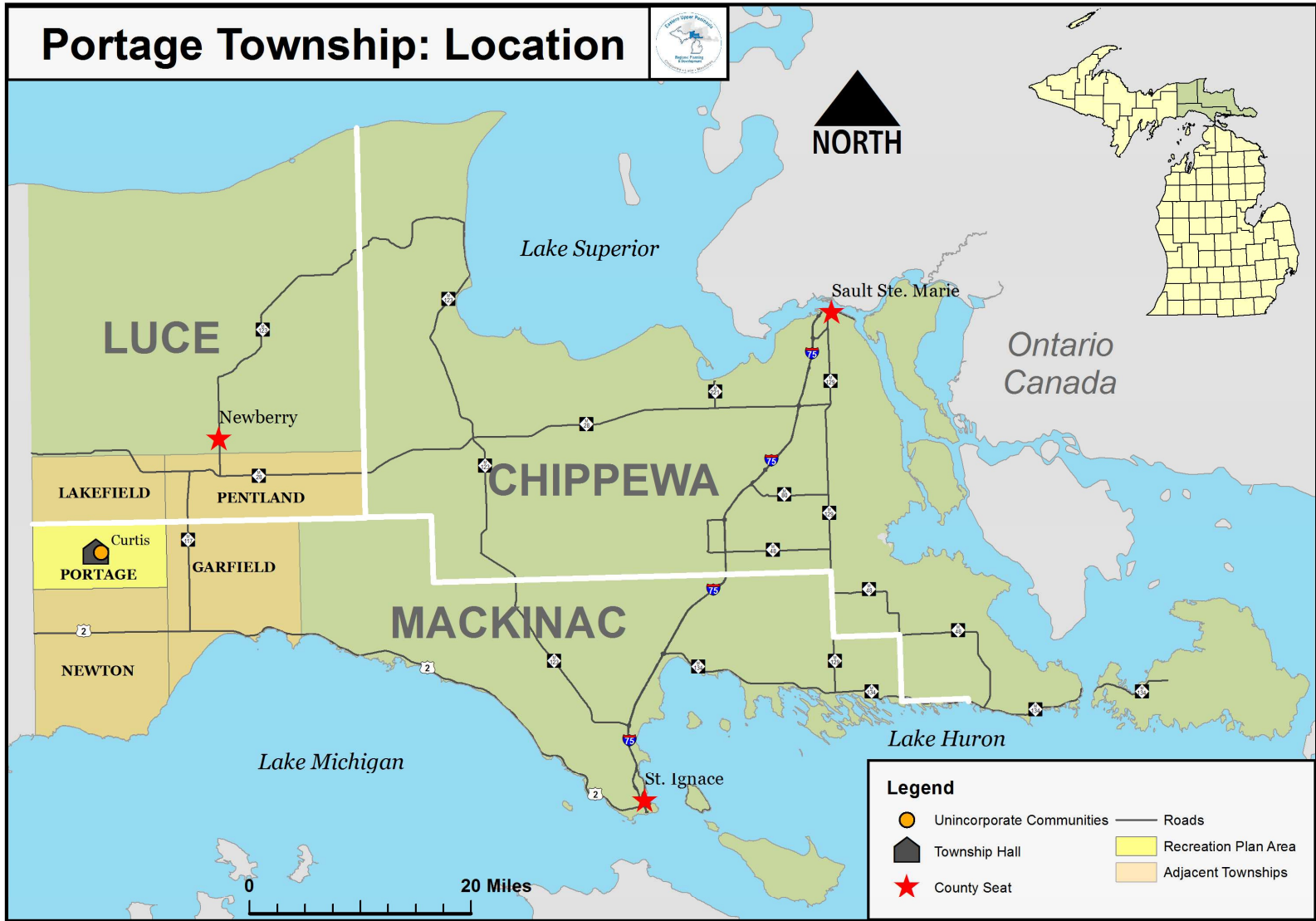
Note: Margins of error exist in this data

Source: 2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau

School-age residents of Portage Township attend class at Three Lakes Academy (K-6), at Tahquamenon Area Schools, Engadine Schools and Manistique Area Schools.

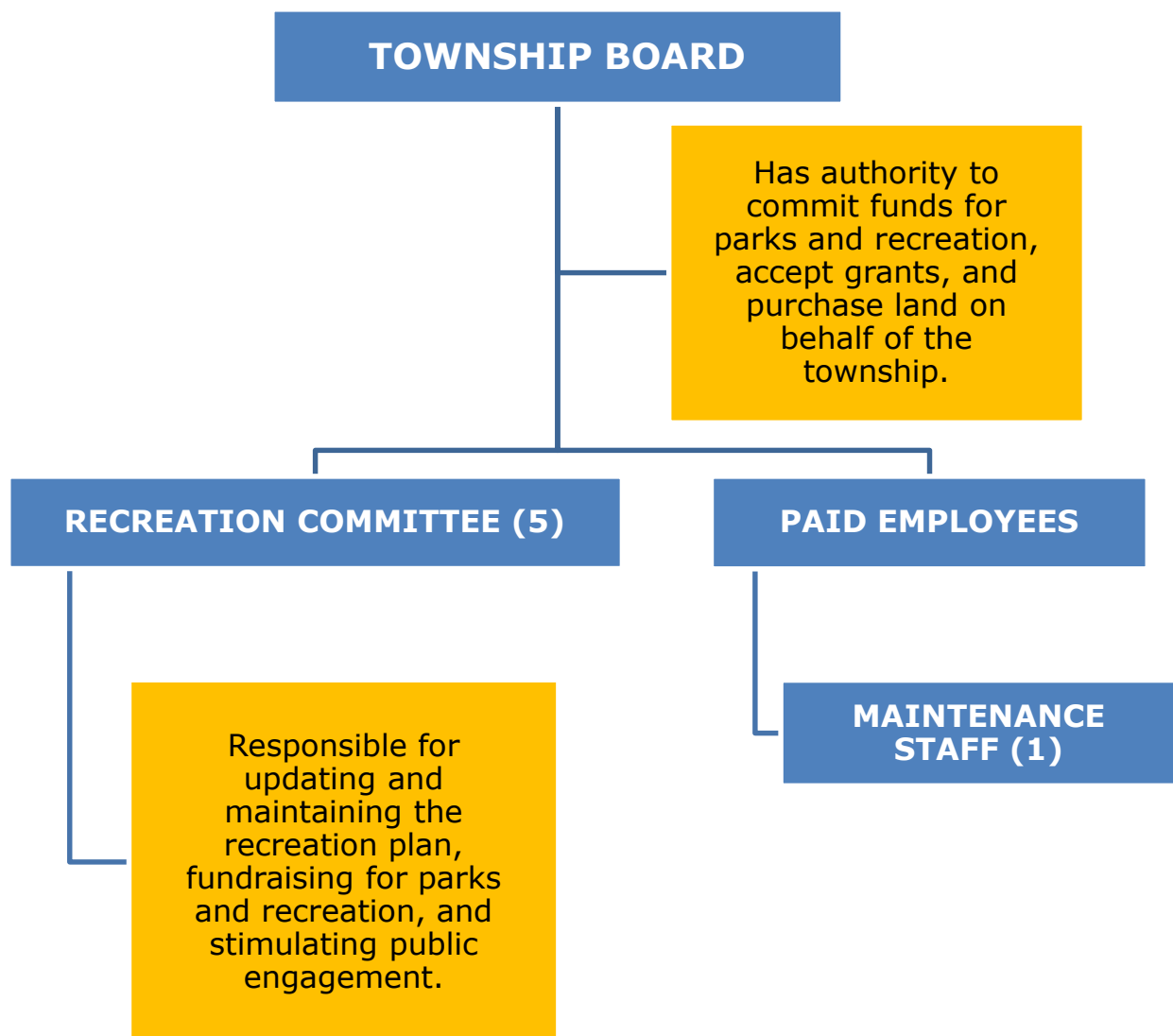
Major roads run along each side of the township: US-2 to the South, M-28 to the North, M-117 to the East, and M-77 to the West.

The climate in Portage Township sees an annual rainfall of 30.8 inches; an annual snowfall of 112.9 inches; 159 days with precipitation greater than 0.01 inches; 156 days that are predominately sunny; an average high temperature in July of 80-degree Fahrenheit; and an average low temperature in January of 6.8 degrees Fahrenheit (source: city-stats.org).



ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Portage Township administrative duties are handled by the Portage Township Board of Trustees. This Board consists of five elected members: supervisor, clerk, treasurer, and two trustees. A Recreation Committee was formed in 2008 to assist in maintaining and developing recreational opportunities within the township. The recreation committee is a voluntary committee with members appointed by the Portage Township Board. Portage Township has one maintenance employee.



PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGET & FUNDING

Monies invested in parks and recreation for Portage Township have come from the general fund, fundraising, grant monies, and donations. The Recreation Committee plans to work with the township board of trustees on future allocations to develop parks and stabilize the budget for parks and recreation development and maintenance, and development of a township recreation communications plan. Goals are to improve the health of residents by providing recreational opportunities and to increase awareness of the natural environment by providing access lands and natural features.

Past, Present, and Projected Parks and Recreation Budget:

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
\$35,000	\$35,000	\$14,000	\$60,000	\$95,000
2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
\$95,000	\$163,400	\$330,000*	\$210,000	\$80,000
2027	2028			
\$95,000	\$50,000			

- **Includes \$170,000 Fishing Pier Projects from 2019 NRTF grant.**

RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER AGENCIES & ENTITIES

Portage Township works in conjunction with the following entities in regard to funding support, providing recreational opportunities, and technical assistance:

- Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Mackinac Indians
- Michigan Department of Natural Resources
- Eastern Upper Peninsulas Regional Planning and Development Commission (EUPRPDC)
- Three Lakes Academy
- Little Traverse Conservancy

Additionally, Portage Township has been working with:

Ericson Center for the Arts
Curtis Area Chamber of Commerce
Manistique Lakes Lions Club
Seney National Wildlife Refuge

RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMING

Portage Township does not administer any parks and recreation programs at this point in time; however, local organizers do make use of township-owned facilities for events they put on. Portage Township is host to events which include youth and senior baseball games, softball tournaments, senior lunches, fire department picnics, and holiday gatherings—all of which are open to the public as means of recreation.

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

ADA COMPLIANCE RANKING EACH FACILITY:

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

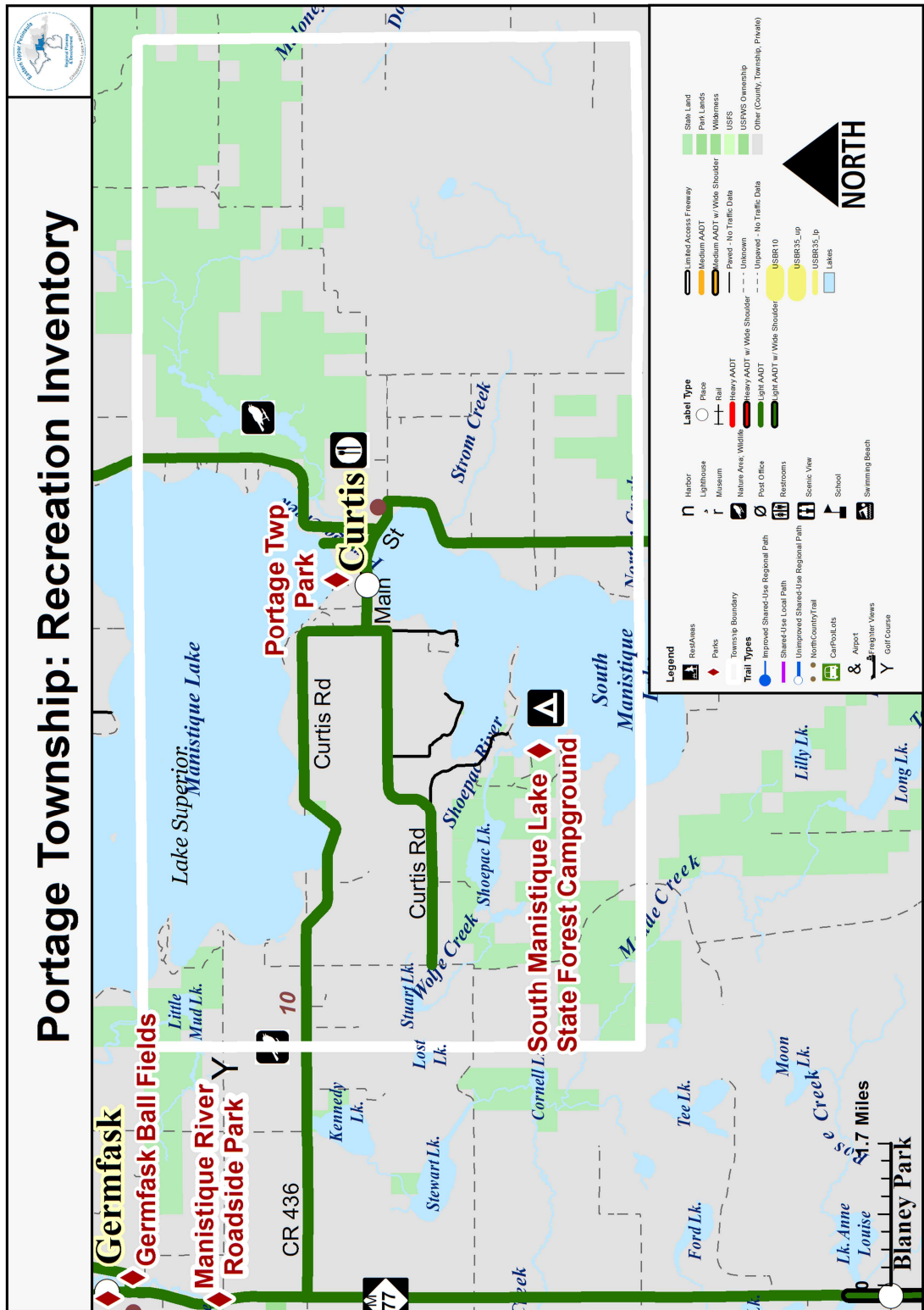
PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES OWNED BY TOWNSHIP

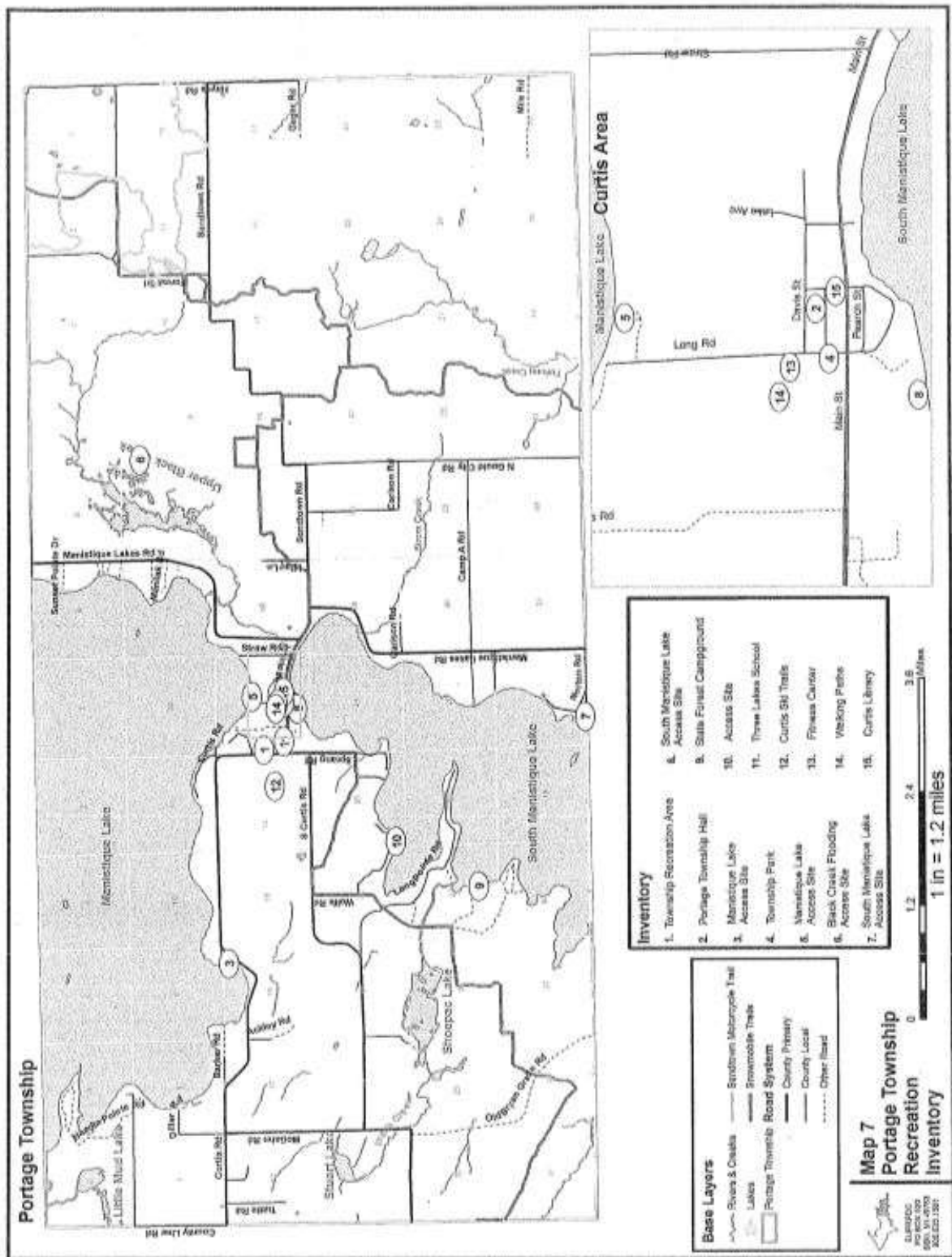
Asset Name	Location	Size	Purpose/Use	ADA Accessibility	Photo
Watts Stamper Park	46.204394 85.747995	2 acres	Boat launch, picnicking	2	1
Portage Twp. Recreation Area	46.209034 85.760618	10 acres	Ball fields, tennis courts, basketball court, playground	2	2
Portage Township Learning Center and Community Orchard	46.211540 85.759330	40 acres	Playground, outdoor & indoor recreation	3	3
Sa Wa Quato Park/Boat Launch (leased)	46.211202 85.749503	28 acres	Boat launch, picnicking	2	4

OTHER PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES IN TOWNSHIP

Asset Name	Location	Size	Purpose/Use	Photo
Cooks Bay Boat Launch	46.216633 85.807726		Boat launch	5
South Manistique Campground	46.174510 85.7907726		Camping	6
Wolf Road boat Launch/Fishing pier	46.189030 85.781226		Boat Launch, Fishing	7
Ericson Center for the Arts	46.206428 85.751047		Educational, musical, theatrical programs	8
Black Creek Flooding	46.216731 85.716178		Fishing, kayaking, canoeing wildlife observation	N/A
MDNR Snowmobile Trails			Snowmobiling	N/A
MDNR ORV Trails			Off road vehicle riding	N/A

See the *Portage Township: Recreation Inventory* map on the following page; see maps in *Appendix A* to reference land cover, land ownership, elevation, and soil types.





DESCRIPTION OF PLANNING & PUBLIC INPUT

The Portage Township Board appointed the Recreation Committee in order to carry out the necessary actions required when putting together a recreation plan. Due to Covid, little work was done from 2019 to 2022. The committee relied on the input from 2015 as well as a Public Input meeting held May 18, 2022 to gather ideas for the use of ARPA funds. Many of the suggested ARPA fund usage ideas centered on recreation improvements to the community. The Committee felt that these suggestions were timely and viable to include in this recreation plan.

- Public Hearing
 - The Public Hearing was used to give members of the public an opportunity to speak before the board and the recreation committee and express their thoughts on the final draft of the plan. It was held on January 15, 2019.
- ARPA Public Input Meeting
 - The Public Input Meeting gave community members a voice to offer recommendations for how to spend the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funding they received. It was held on May 18, 2022.

Public Hearing

PUBLIC HEARING ADVERTISEMENT



PORTAGE TOWNSHIP
P.O. BOX 70, W17361 DAVIS STREET
CURTIS, MI 49820
906-586-9522

**Do you use or visit the recreation area
or parks in Portage Township?**

We Need Your Input
Let Your Voice Be Heard
Please take a moment to complete a survey
To Give Us Your Opinion
Your Ideas
We Value Your Input!

A public Input Questionnaire can be picked up at the
township office or can be completed on-line at:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RQCFPGD>



PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES

Un approved Minutes of the 1-15-19 Public Meeting to accept comments on the 2019-2023 Portage Township Recreation Plan

Township Board members in attendance: Steve Sicinski, Andrea McKeage, Pat MacLachlan.

Park & Rec Committee members in attendance: Bernie Hubbard, Tom Kenney

Community members- 5

Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Supervisor Sicinski

Public Comment

- Questions about future/proposed fishing piers and parking and garbage oversight.

- Comments that the plan looks good.

- Questions about proposed expansion of park on Big Manistique Lake. Are owners of property interested in selling, what is the grant process to purchase?

- Discussion of what comes next in the Recreation Plan process.

All questions and concerns were answered by committee and/ or board members.

Plan will be presented to Portage Township Board at tonight's board meeting for approval and adoption via resolution.

Motion to adjourn at 6:53 p.m.

Pat MacLachlan, Clerk

ARPA Public Input Meeting

INPUT MEETING ADVERTISEMENT



**NOTHING IS TOO
GOOD FOR
PORTAGE TOWNSHIP!**

The Portage Township Board wants to hear your ideas and suggestions on how to use the ARPA (American Rescue Plan) funds received by Portage Township.

Please try to attend the
PUBLIC INPUT OPEN MEETING
Wednesday, May 18, 2022
at 7:00 pm in the Portage Township
Community Building,
17353 Davis Street.

If you can't attend, we still value your suggestions! Drop off at the Township Office or email to portageclerk@att.net

INPUT MEETING MINUTES

May 18, 2022

Public Input Meeting/ ARPA Funds

Board members in attendance: Reed, MacLachlan, McKeage, Holbrook

11 members of the public

Meeting called to order by Reed at 7:00 p.m.

Explanation of Covid Relief Funds by McKeage

Ideas shared by public in attendance and via mail/ email included:

Sidewalks	New playground equipment
Flowing Well improvements	Pavilion/Concession at ball field
Township Web site	Traffic control strips
Swimming beach	Township dump station for campers
Fireproof vault for township papers	Streetlights/ plugs for decorations
Trails at orchard	Monitor system for dumpsters
Bike trails	Fencing and new blacktop at rec area
Community Garden	Additional tennis courts/Pickle ball court
"Clean Up the Town" effort	Public dockage at the end of Lake Street
Playground & Rec area- rubber mulch	
North Road wetland study	
Clean fix shoulder washouts near bus	
Public restrooms	
Storage barn	

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this 5-year plan for Portage Township is to expand the recreational opportunities for township residents and visitors. To make this a reality, this plan will work to achieve 4 main goals. Each goal will have objectives to guide progress through various initiatives and projects. The next section, Action Program, will delineate when, where, and how certain objectives will be met by Portage Township.

The rationale for these goals and objectives are rooted in the insights gleaned from the Recreation Questionnaire and the Public Input Session as well as from discussions with the Portage Township Board of Trustees and the Portage Township Recreation Committee.

GOAL 1- INCREASE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND AWARENESS OF PORTAGE TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMPLEX

OBJECTIVES:

1. Provide public recreation facilities that promote community events and where residents and visitors can enjoy the complex.
2. Construct multipurpose pavilion and storage facility.
3. Construct fences around the softball field, tennis and basketball courts.
4. Develop natural boundaries around recreation complex.
5. Develop path/trail between Learning Center and Recreation Complex.
6. Work with Three Lakes Academy to update playground equipment at Rec Area and Learning Center.

GOAL 2 - IMPROVE WATER ACCESS IN PORTAGE TOWNSHIP

OBJECTIVES:

1. SaWaQuato Park
 - a. Shoreline restoration
 - b. Improve accessibility to artesian well
 - c. Construct a pavilion
 - d. Develop a swimming beach.
2. Watts Stamper Park and Access site
 - a. Improve and update existing boat launch/boat launch dock
3. Provide a variety of accessible fishing access sites across the township.

GOAL 3 - DEVELOP MULTI PURPOSE TRAILS IN PORTAGE TOWNSHIP

OBJECTIVES:

1. Identify all trail segments – motorized, non-motorized/all-season, seasonal and who owns and maintains them.
2. Establish new or refurbished trail segments that connect other trail segments or parks and recreational facilities.

This goal will be an ongoing project throughout the five-year plan and segments may be implemented as other yearly projects are worked on.

ACTION PROGRAM

The action plan for this five-year plan will be dictated by the monies available through grants, fundraising, donations, and general township funds. These projects can be realized through the cooperation, assistance, and expertise of county, state and federal governments. This recreation plan may be amended at any time during its five years to change priority or to add or change goals and objectives with public opinion and input. Projects are listed in chronological order; however as specific funds may become available the order of implementation may change. **All development projects will be held to universal compliance and American Disability Act standards.**

FUNDING SOURCES:

- Township funds
- Local funds (local service organizations and businesses; donations and fundraising)
- Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians: 2 percent funds
- MDNR-TF: Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund —min. 25 percent match
- MDNR-WP: Michigan Department of Natural Resources Waterways Program – 50 percent match
- LWCF: Michigan Department of Natural Resources Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)—50 percent match
- RP: Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Passport (RP)—min. 25 percent match
- MDEQ-CZM: Coastal Zone Management (CZM)—50 percent match
- MDOT TAP: Transportation Alternatives Program
- USDA-RD: USDA Rural Development (Community Facilities) – grant/loan combinations
- DEQ-CZM: Department of Environmental Quality Coastal Zone Management – 50 percent match
- CF: Community Foundation

2024

Project	Location	Estimated Cost	Project Leadership	Project Partners	Appropriate Grant Sources
Fishing Piers *In process	Shoe Pac Creek bridge area; North 135 road bridge Portage Creek	170,000	Township Board	Department Natural Resources	Currently approved funding from MDNR-TF
Improve walking/fitness track at the Community Orchard	Southwest end of Township Recreation Area	30,000	Township Board	Local sponsors	RP, Local funds, CF, USDA-RD, MDNR-TF
Improve Trail System-Three Lakes to Rec. Complex including signage paths and parking area	Three Lakes Academy to Recreation Complex	30,000	Township Board	Ericson Center Three Lakes Academy	Local funds, RP, USDA-RD
Update playground equipment at Learning Center and Rec Area	Three Lakes Academy	100,000	Three Lakes Academy, Portage Twp.	Ericson Center, Three Lakes Academy	MDNR-TF, RP, Local Funds, CF,

Trail system can be designed with local expertise.

**Drawings of Shoepac River Fishing Pier and Portage Creek Fishing Pier can be found in Appendix D.*

2025

Project	Location	Estimated Cost	Project Leadership	Project Partners	Appropriate Grant Sources
Upgrade Ball Field with appropriate fencing, improved infields.	Rec. Complex	50,000	Township Board	Local sources	RP, CF
Build 2 new Pickle ball Courts. Replace current tennis court & basketball court surfaces. Install additional fencing and access points.	Rec. Complex	100,000	Township Board	Local sources	RP, CF
Created designated parking areas. Install natural boundaries.	Rec. Complex	60,000	Township Board	Local sources	RP, CF

2026

Project	Location	Estimated Cost	Project Leadership	Project Partners	Appropriate Grant Sources
Improve Docks and launch areas; create Municipal Dock areas.	Watts Stamper & Saw Wa Quato Access Sites	40,000	Township Board		MDNR-TF, RP, Local Funds, CF
Add pavilion at Recreation Area	Rec. Complex	40,000	Township Board		MDNR-TF, RP, Local Funds, CF

2027

Project	Location	Estimated Cost	Project Leadership	Project Partners	Appropriate Grant Sources
Shoreline restoration and Improve waterfront recreational capabilities	Sa Wa Quato Park	80,000	Township Board	MDNR	MNRTF Recreation Passport
Improve accessibility to artesian well and well enclosure	Sa Wa Quato Park	15,000	Township Board	Local service organizations and businesses	Local funds

2028

Project	Location	Estimated Cost	Project Leadership	Project Partners	Appropriate Grant Sources
Construct Pavilion	Sa Wa Quato Park	50,000	Township Board	Local service organizations and businesses	Township funds Local funds RP

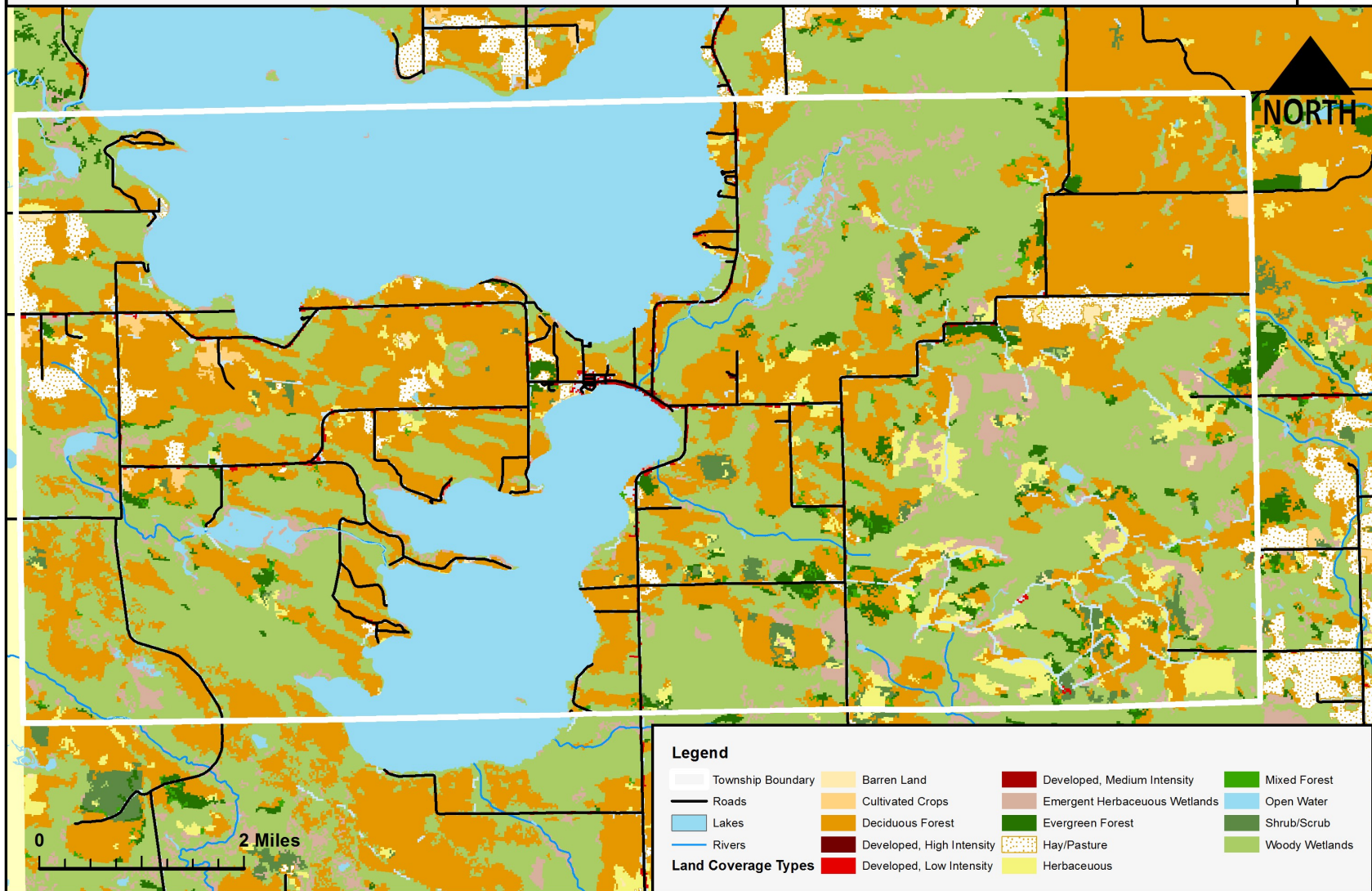
APPENDICES

APPENDIX A: ADDITIONAL MAPS

The maps on the following pages were produced by the Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning and Development Commission using data procured from the following sources:

- Portage Township: Land Cover
 - Source: National Land Cover Database 2011, which was created by the Multi-Resolution Land Characteristics Consortium.
- Portage Township: Soils
 - Source: Michigan Department of Natural Resources (2014) via the Center for Shared Solution, Michigan Department of Information Technology; and U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (2012).
- Portage Township: Elevation
 - Source: Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget via the Center of Geographic Information.
- Portage Township: Land Ownership
 - Source: Soil Survey Geographic Database (2013) via ESRI Arc Online.

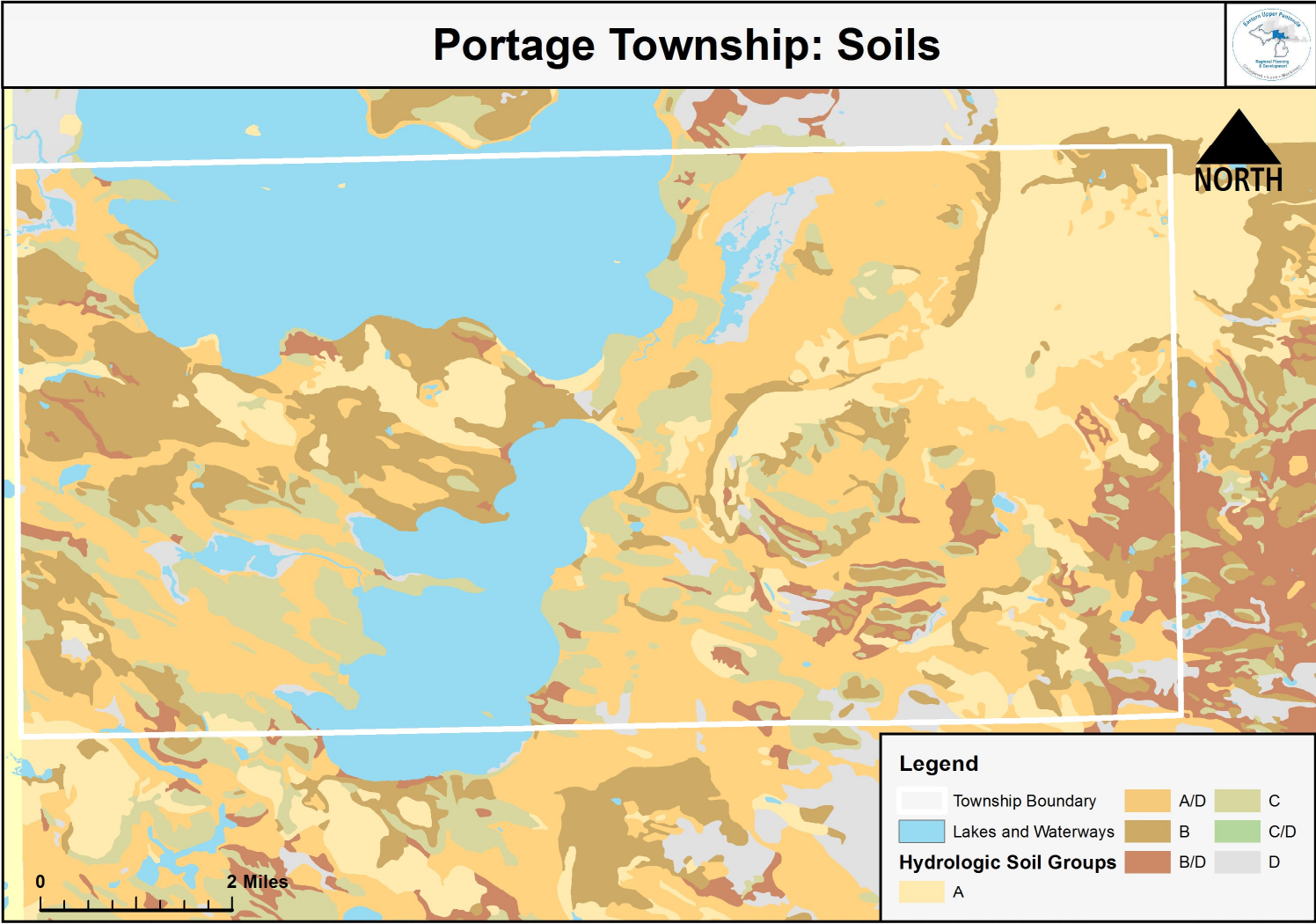
Portage Township: Land Cover



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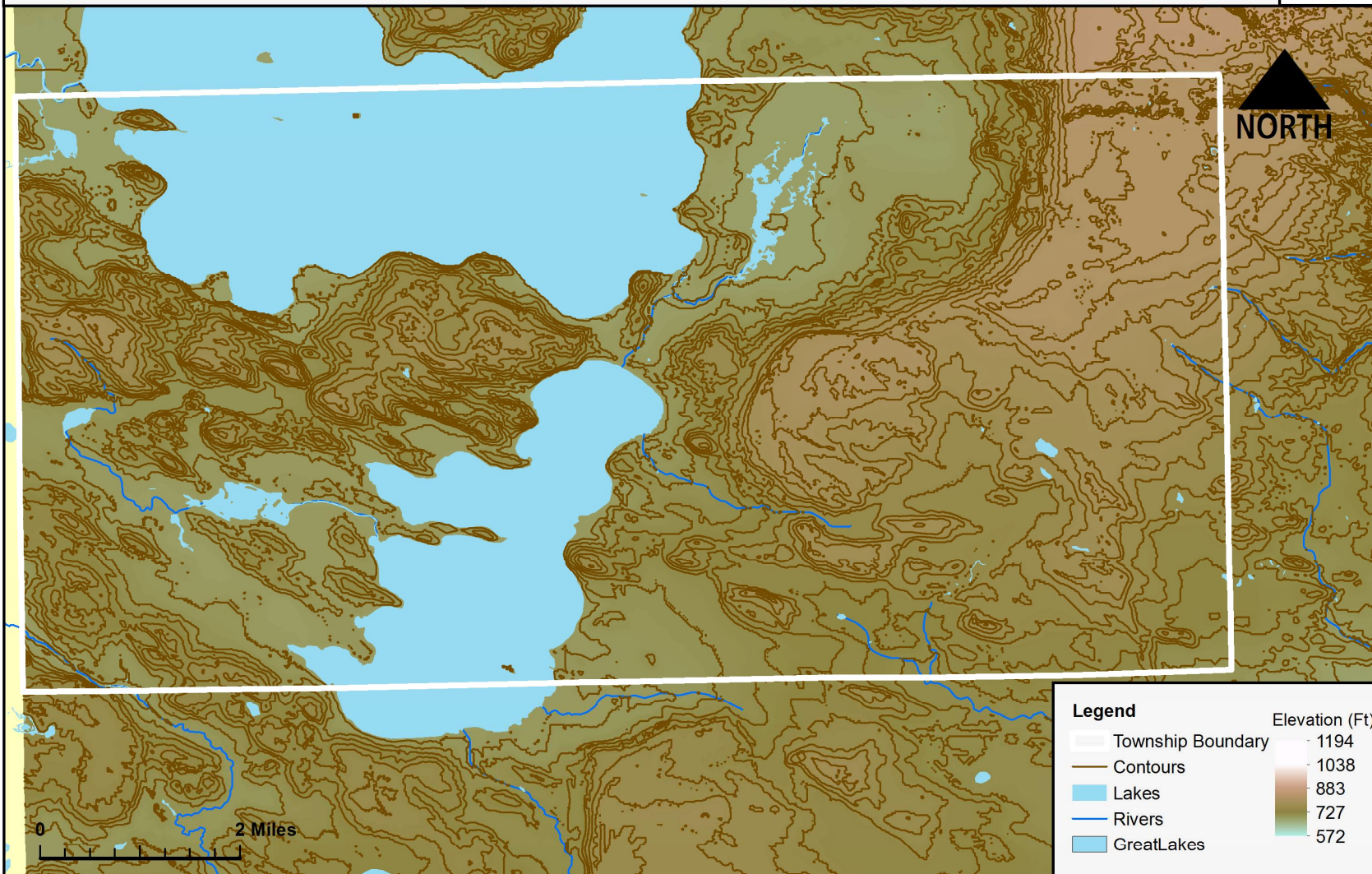
Land Coverage Types	Description
Barren Land	Barren areas of bedrock, desert pavement, scarps, talus, slides, volcanic material, glacial debris, sand dunes, strip mines, gravel pits and other accumulations of earthy materials. Most often vegetation accounts for less than 15% of the total land coverage.
Cultivated Crops	Land used to cultivate row crops, small grains, and hay. May include fallow land in areas of active agriculture that is likely not be included in a crop rotation cycle.
Deciduous Forest	Forest cover dominated by trembling aspen, and white birch trees. Primarily found in the Upper Peninsula and northern portion of the Lower Peninsula, although not restricted to those areas.
Developed, High Intensity	Areas with highly developed areas where people reside or work in high numbers. This includes apartment complexes, row houses, and commercial/Industrial. Impervious surfaces account for 80-100% of the total land coverage.
Developed, Medium Intensity	Areas with a mixture of constructed materials and vegetation. Impervious surfaces account for 50-79% of the total land coverage. Single-family housing units are most commonly found in these areas.
Developed, Low Intensity	Areas with a mixture of constructed materials and vegetation. Impervious surfaces account for 20-49% of total land coverage. Single-family housing units are most commonly found in these areas.
Emergent Herbaceous Wetlands	Wetlands dominated by perennial herbaceous vegetation, around 75-100% of the coverage. Soil or substrate is periodically saturated or covered by water.
Evergreen Forest	Forested areas dominated by trees that are generally greater than 5 meters tall, and greater than 20% of total vegetation coverage within the area. More than 755 of the tree species maintain their foliage throughout the year.
Hay/ Pasture	Area dominated by grasses, legumes, or grass-legume mixtures which have been planted for livestock use or the production of seed or hay crops. Hay/pasture vegetation accounts for more than 20% of the total vegetation coverage for the area.
Herbaceous	Characterized natural or semi-natural herbaceous vegetation. The herbaceous vegetation accounts for 75-100% of the land coverage.
Mixed Forest	Forested area dominated by trees greater than 5 meters in height with more than 20% of total vegetation coverage. Neither deciduous nor evergreen species are greater than 75% of the total tree coverage for the area.
Shrub/ Scrub	Wetlands dominated by lowland brush and woody vegetation that grows to be less than six meters in height. This includes open bogs and alder thickets.
Woody Wetlands	Forested or shrub land vegetation account for 25-100% of the coverage for these wetlands. The soil or substrate is periodically saturated with or covered by water.

Source: Environmental Protection Agency; <http://www.epa.gov/mrlc/definitions.html>

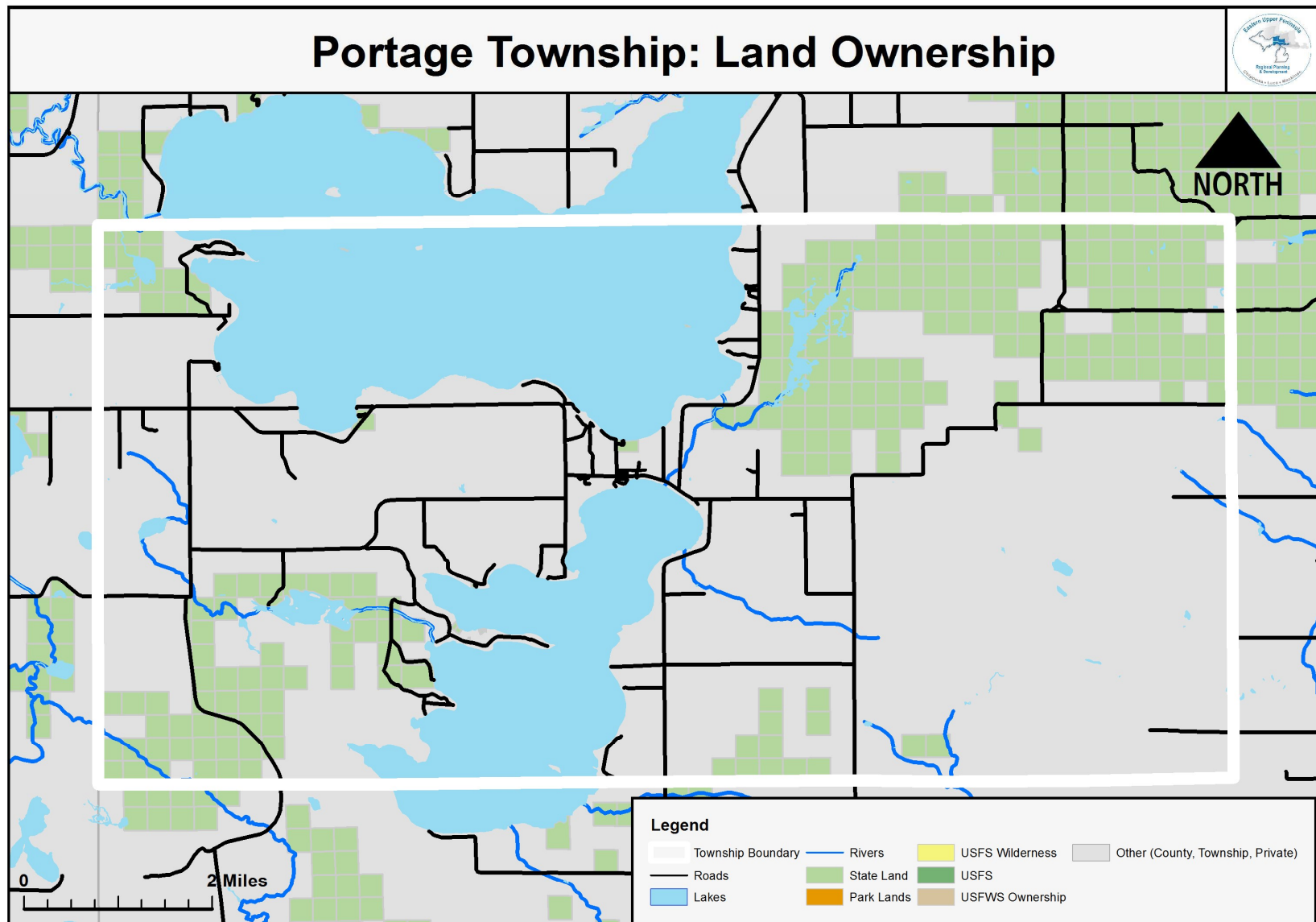


Soil Groups	Soil Texture	Soil Descriptions
A	Sand, loamy sand, or sandy loam	Low runoff potential, high infiltration rates even when excessively wet. Consists mainly of deep, well to excessively drained sand or gravel. High rate of water transmission (greater than 0.30 in/hr). Typically has less than 10% clay and with more than 90% sand or gravel.
B	Silt loam or loam	Moderately low runoff, moderate infiltrating rates when excessively wet. Consists mainly of moderately deep to deep, moderately well to well drained soils. Moderately fine to moderately coarse textures. Moderate rate of water transmission (0.15-0.30 in/hr). Typically has between 10-20% clay and 50-90% sand.
C	Sandy clay loam	Low infiltration, moderately high runoff potential rates when excessively wet. Consists mainly of soils with layer that impedes downward movement of water and soils. Moderately fine to fine texture. Low rate of water transmission (0.05-0.15 in/hr). Typically has between 20-40% clay and less than 50% sand.
D	Clay loam, silty clay loam, sandy clay, silty clay, or clay	High runoff potential, low infiltration rates when excessively wet. Consists mainly of clay soils with high swelling potential, high water table, and shallow soils over nearly impervious materials. Very low rate of water transmission (0-0.05 in/hr). Typically has greater than 40% clay and less than 50% sand. Some areas may have a high shrink-swell potential.
A/D		Soils that can be adequately drained are assigned into a dual hydrologic soil group based on their saturated hydraulic conductivity and watertable depth when drained. The first letter of the letter describes the drainage condition and the second is in reference to the undrained condition. Only the soils in their natural condition are in group D are assigned to dual classes.
B/D		
C/D		

Portage Township: Elevation



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APPENDIX B: PHOTOGRAPHS

1. Watts Stamper Park



2. Portage Twp. Recreation Area



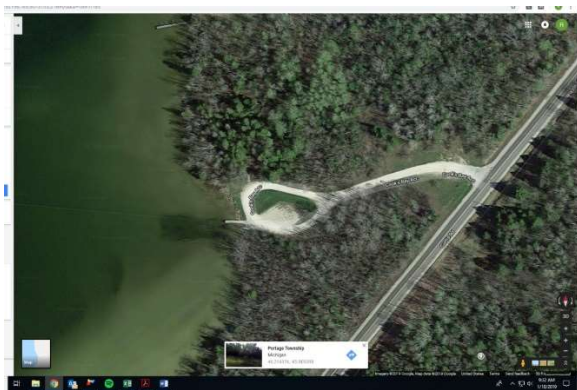
3. Portage Township Learning Center



4. Sa Wa Quato Park/Boat Launch



5. Cooks Bay Boat Launch



6. South Manistique Campground



7. Wolf Road Boat Launch/Fishing Pier



8. Ericson Center for the Arts



9. Orchard Path



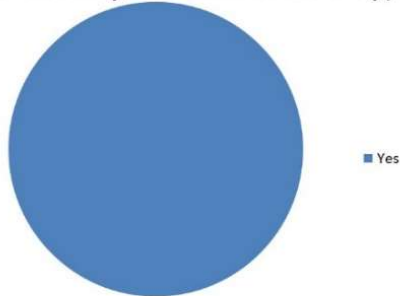
APPENDIX C: QUESTIONNAIRE & ANALYSIS

2015 QUESTIONNAIRE

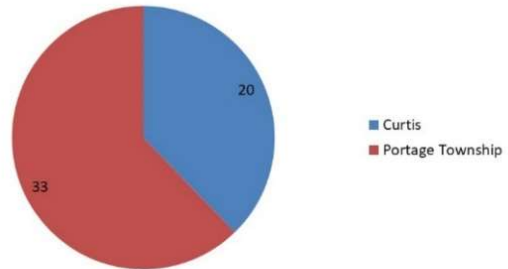
1. Are you a resident of the Eastern Upper Peninsula (Mackinac County, Luce County, and Mackinac County)?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No (Skip to question 5)
2. In which municipality (city, village, or township) do you reside?
3. Which kind of resident are you?
 - a. Year-round
 - b. Seasonal
4. How long have you been a resident at your current location?
5. Overall, how satisfied are you with the present number of public parks and recreation facilities available in your municipality?
 - a. Very satisfied
 - b. Satisfied
 - c. Neutral
 - d. Dissatisfied
 - e. Very dissatisfied
6. Overall, how satisfied are you with the maintenance of public parks and recreation facilities available in your municipality?
 - a. Very satisfied
 - b. Satisfied
 - c. Neutral
 - d. Dissatisfied
 - e. Very dissatisfied
7. Overall, how satisfied are you with the amount of land that is preserved in your municipality?
 - a. Very satisfied
 - b. Satisfied
 - c. Neutral
 - d. Dissatisfied
 - e. Very dissatisfied
8. Approximately how often during the past year did you, or members of your household, use or visit any public park or recreation facility located within your municipality?
 - a. Several times a week
 - b. Once a week
 - c. Rarely
 - d. Only when it's warm
 - e. Only in the winter
 - f. Never
9. Which parks or recreation facilities (trails, marinas, campgrounds, stadiums, gyms, etc.) do you use frequently?
10. What additional recreational facilities does your community need?
11. Which of your municipality's recreation programs do you use?
12. What recreation programs would you like to have in your municipality?
13. Would you be willing to pay a nominal fee for entrance to improved parks and recreational facilities?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
14. What is your age?
 - a. Less than 18 years old
 - b. 18 to 24 years old
 - c. 25 to 44 years old
 - d. 45 to 64 years old
 - e. More than 65 years old
 - f. I prefer not to answer
15. What is your gender?
 - a. Male
 - b. Female
 - c. I prefer not to answer

ANALYSIS OF 2015 QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES

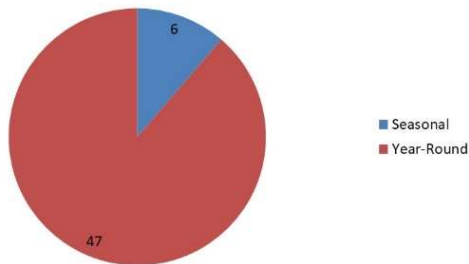
Are you a resident of the Eastern Upper Peninsula (Chippewa County, Luce County, Mackinac County)?



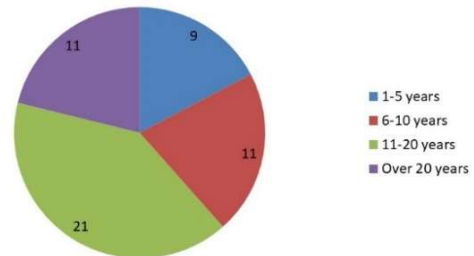
In which village or municipality (city, village, or township) do you reside?



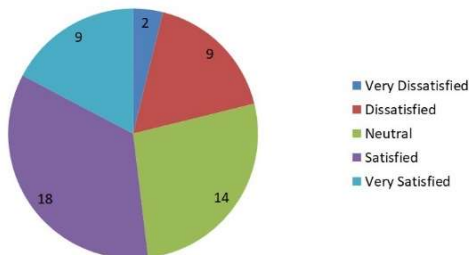
Which kind of resident are you?



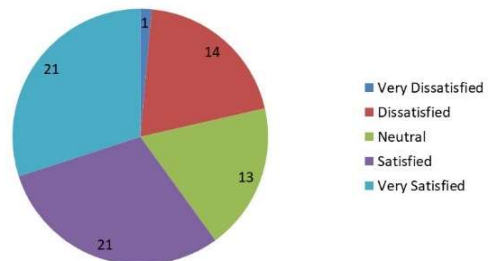
How long have you been a resident at your current location?



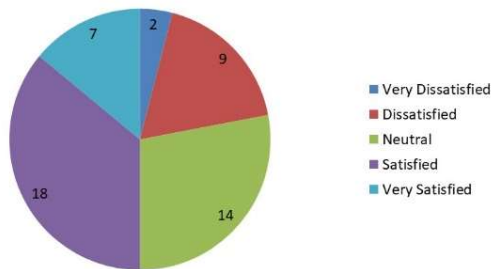
How satisfied are you with the present number of public parks and recreation facilities in your municipality?



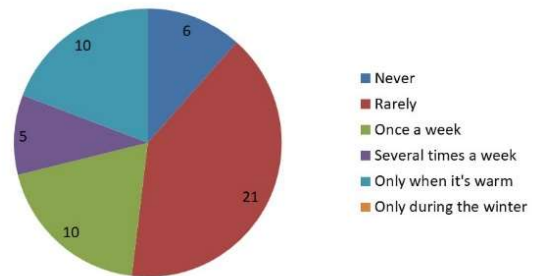
How satisfied are you with the maintenance of public parks and recreation facilities available in your municipality?



How satisfied are you with the amount of land that is preserved in your municipality?



Approximately how often during the past year did you or members of your household use or visit any public park or recreation facility located within your municipality?



Which parks or recreation facilities (trails, marinas, campgrounds, stadiums, gyms, etc.) do you use frequently?

- Responses included boat launches, hiking, biking, snowmobiling, and skiing trails.

What additional recreational facilities does your community need?

- Responses included a wellness center, better parks, activities for children, public access to waterfront for recreation other than boat launching, public beaches, more boat launches.

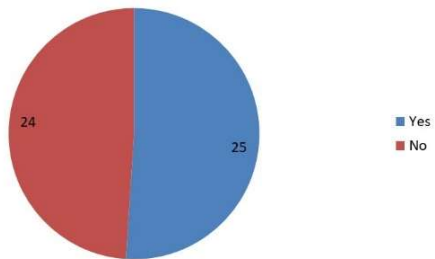
What recreation programs would you like to have in your municipality?

- Responses included music, crafts, environmental groups, kids' sports, equine related activities, recreation areas, better playgrounds, and more swimming access.

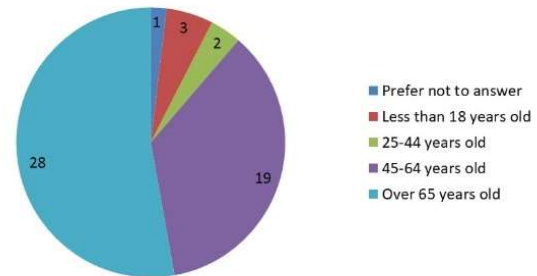
Which of your municipality's recreation programs do you use?

- Responses included snowmobile, hiking, skiing trails, wellness center, boat launches, ball parks, and playgrounds.

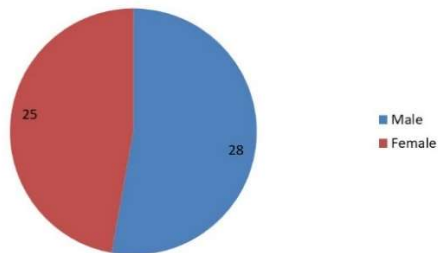
Would you be willing to pay a nominal fee for entrance to improved recreational facilities?



What is your age?

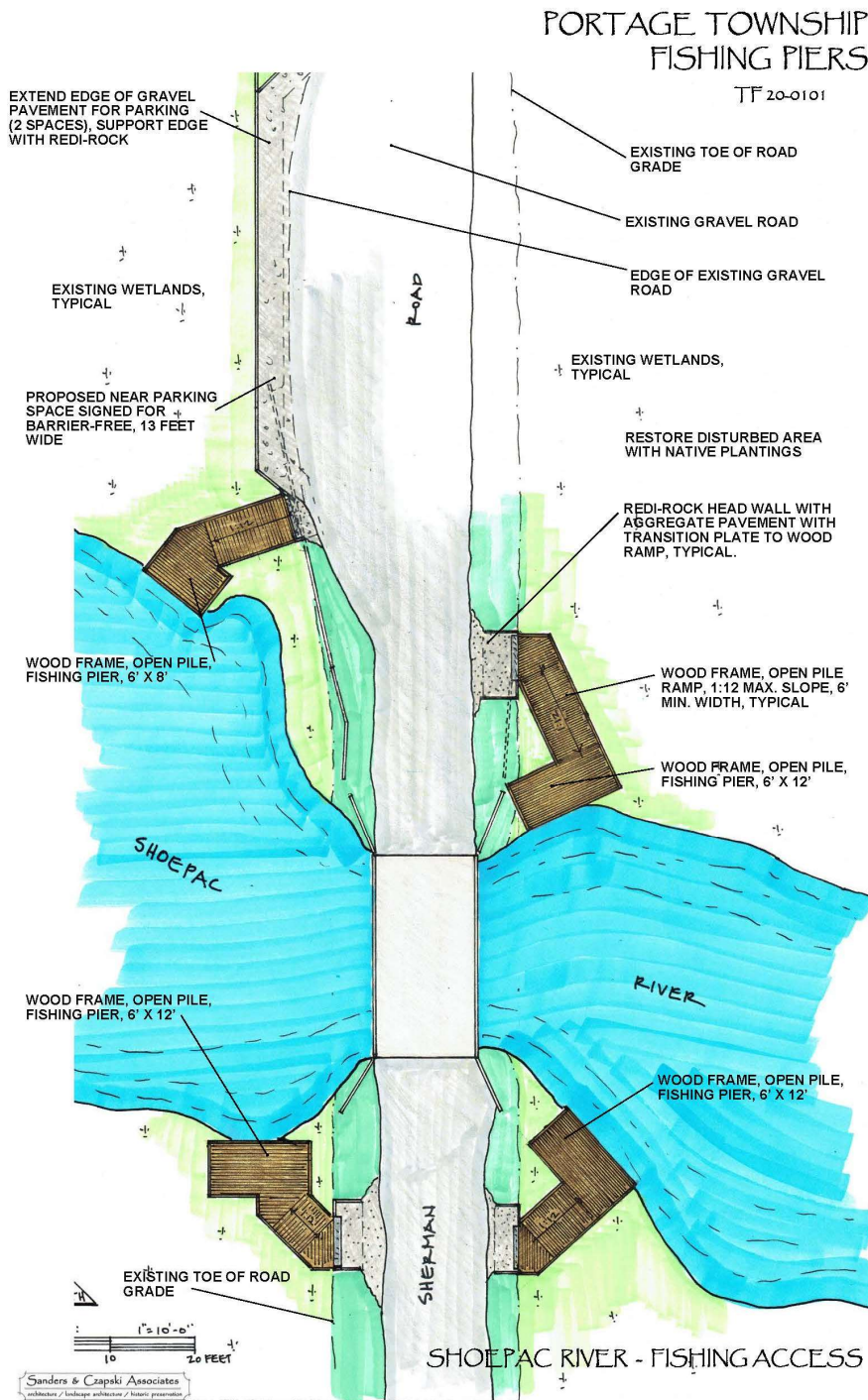


What is your gender?

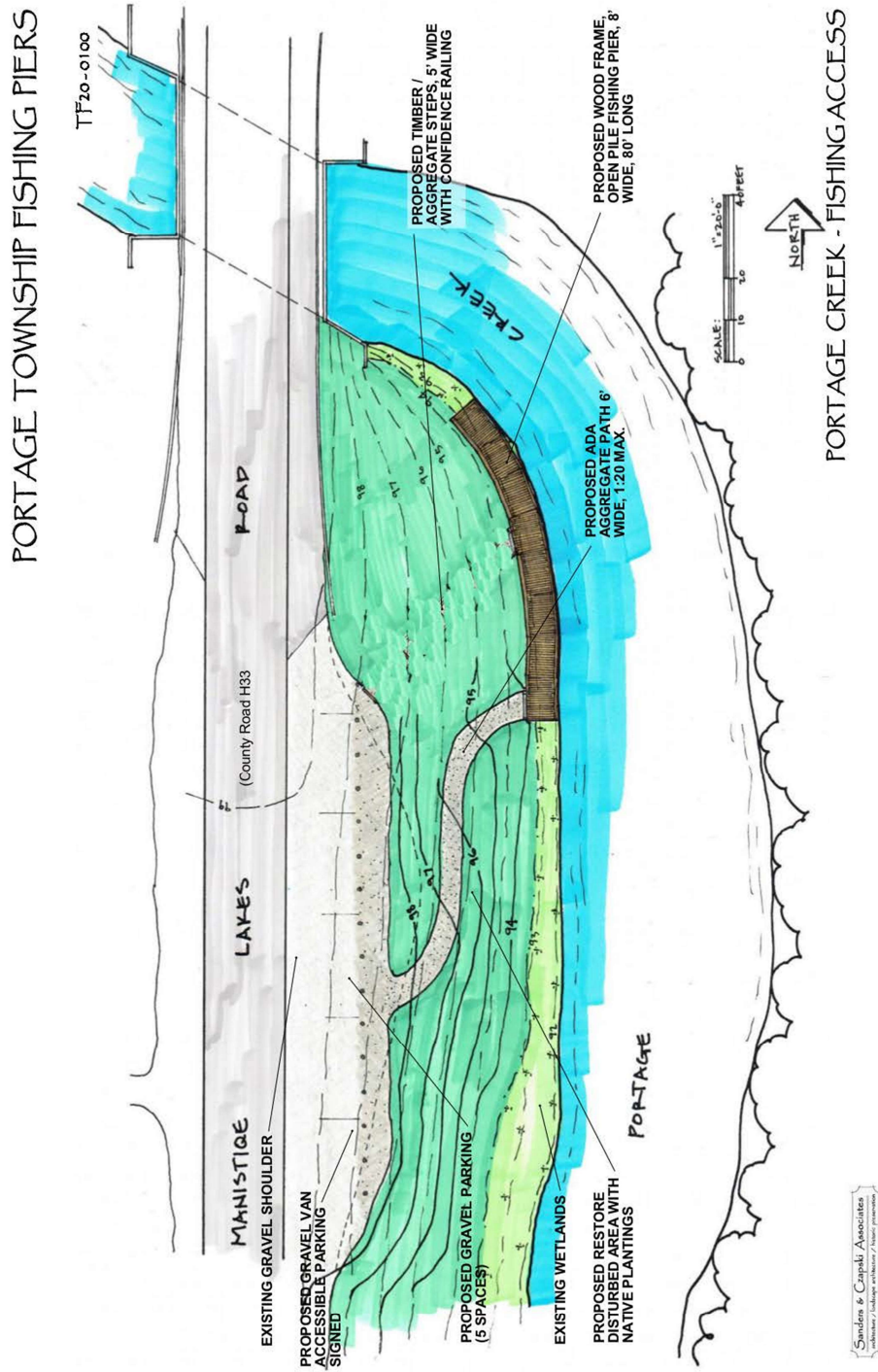


APPENDIX D: PROJECT RESOURCES (SITE PLANS, ETC.)

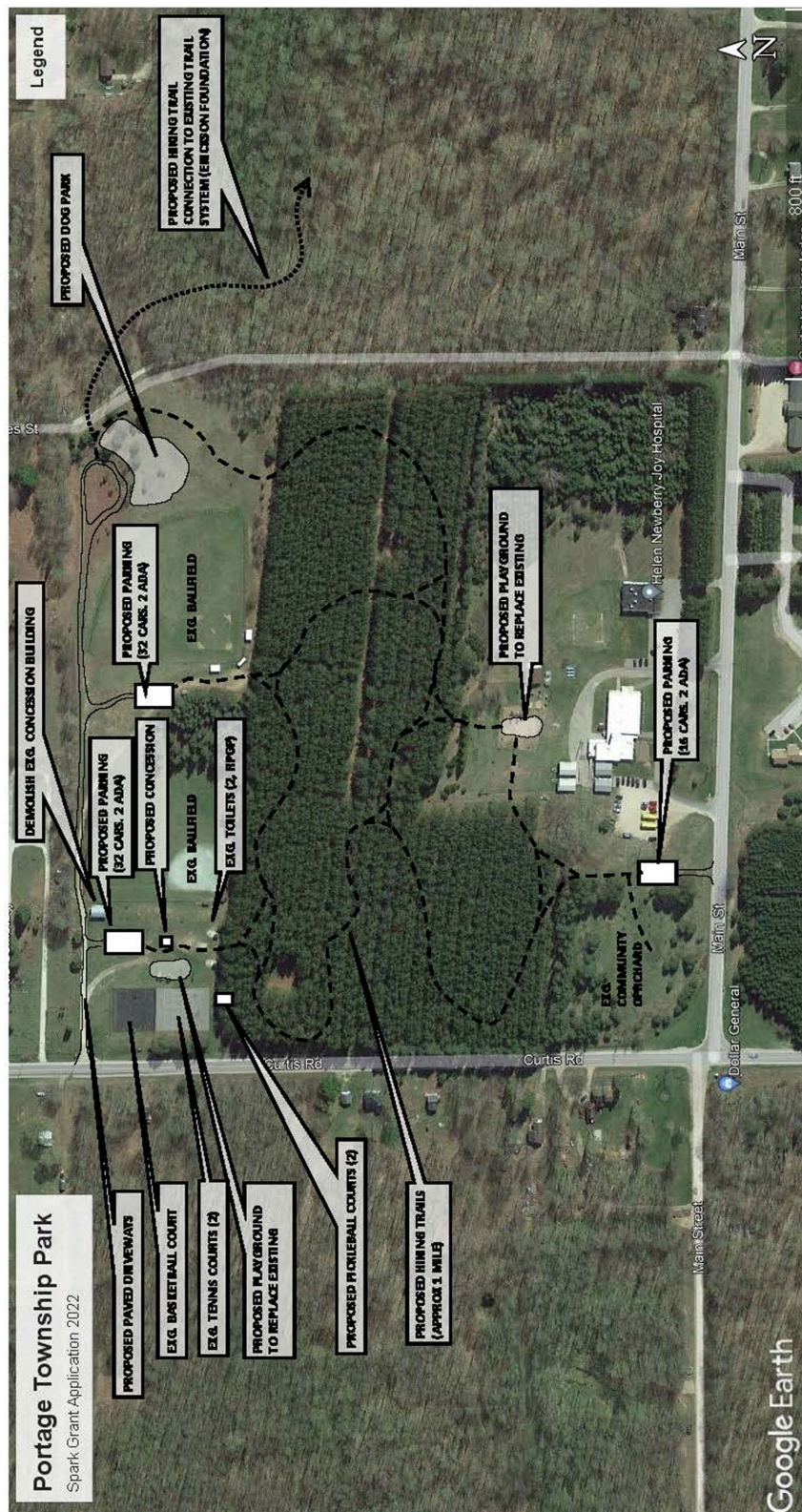
SHOEPAC RIVER FISHING PIER DRAWING (Courtesy of Sanders & Czapski Associates)



PORTAGE CREEK FISHING PIER DRAWING (Courtesy of Sanders & Czapski Associates)



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APPENDIX E: PUBLIC NOTICES & ADOPTION MEETING MATERIALS

QUESTIONNAIRE

EUPRPDC's Facebook page: August 13th, 2015; August 17th, 2015
EUP News press release: August 14th, 2015



PORTAGE TOWNSHIP
P.O. BOX 70, W17361 DAVIS STREET
CURTIS, MI 49820
906-586-9522

**Do you use or visit the recreation area
or parks in Portage Township?**

We Need Your Input
Let Your Voice Be Heard
Please take a moment to complete a survey
To Give Us Your Opinion
Your Ideas
We Value Your Input!

A public Input Questionnaire can be picked up at the
township office or can be completed on-line at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RQCFPGD>



30-DAY REVIEW PERIOD NOTICE

Date of the Notice:

Type of the Notice: Newspaper

Plan Location: Portage Township office, Curtis Library

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review

Copy of the Notice:

PUBLIC HEARING

Date of Notice: December 13, 2018 & 1-14-19 The Advisor newspaper,
Public Notice on Township office door as of 1-2-19

Name of Newspaper: St. Ignace News

Date of Meeting: 1-15-19

Copy of the Notice:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW PROPOSED UPDATED RECREATION PLAN

The Township of Portage, Mackinac County, MI is proposing an update to its Recreation Plan for the township. There will be a public comment period from December 13, 2018 through January 14, 2019. The township has scheduled a public meeting to hear public comment on this plan on January 15, 2019 at 6 p.m. in the Curtis Community Building, W17353 Davis St., Curtis. Copies of the updated Recreation Plan are available at the Portage Township Office, W17361 Davis St., Curtis, MI 49820. (Mailing address is PO Box 70, Curtis, MI 49820). Telephone 906-586-9522. A copy will be available for review at the Curtis Library, N9224 Portage Ave., Curtis, MI 49820 as well as on Mackinacounty.net

Public comments including factors to be considered in reviewing the project such as alternative courses of action or devoting special attention to certain impacts should be submitted to Bernie Hubbard, chairman, Portage Township, PO Box 70, Curtis, MI 49820 within thirty (30) days from the date of this public notice.

Pat MacLachlan, Clerk

COPY OF ADOPTION MEETING MINUTES

APPENDIX F: POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORTS







Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Grants Management

**PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT**

*This information required under authority of Part 19, PA 451 of 1994, as amended;
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GRANT TYPE: ☐ MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND ☐ CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE
(Please select one) ☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☒ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Portage Township

PROJECT NUMBER: RP11-407

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Portage Township Recreation Area Restrooms/Tables

PROJECT SCOPE: Remove and replace two obsolete vault toilets and picnic tables.

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
Portage Township	Andrea McKeage	treasurer
Address	Telephone	
W17361 Davis Street	906-586-9522 x-4	
City, State, ZIP	Email	
Curtis, MI 49820	portagetreas@att.net	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

SITE QUALITY

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. ☒ Yes ☐ No
Maintenance is done on a daily basis in summer as needed. Review Annually by Board for budget purposes.

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain. ☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. ☐ Yes ☒ No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?
5am - 11pm daily, 12 months

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

CERTIFICATION

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

Pat Michalski
Please print

[Signature]
Grantee Authorized Signature

1-21-19
Date

Andrea McKee
Please print

[Signature]
Witness Signature

1-21-19
Date

Send completed report to: POST COMPLETION GRANT INSPECTION REPORTS
GRANTS MANAGEMENT
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PO BOX 30425
LANSING MI 48909-7925



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GRANTEE: Portage Township

PROJECT NUMBER: RP11-408

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Portage Township Recreation Area Tennis Courts

PROJECT SCOPE: New asphalt cap 2 courts, back and center nets and stripping.

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
Portage Township	Andrea McKeage	Treasurer
Address	Telephone	
W17361 Davis Street	906-586-9522 x4	
City, State, ZIP	Email	
Curtis, MI 49820	portage-treas@att.net	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

SITE QUALITY

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

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. ☐ Yes ☒ No
Maintenance is done on a daily basis in summer, as needed. Review annually by board, for budget purposes

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain. ☐ Yes ☒ No

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What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?
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COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

CERTIFICATION

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

<u>Pat MacLachlan</u> Please print	<u>[Signature]</u> Grantee Authorized Signature	<u>1-21-19</u> Date
<u>Andrea McKiege</u> Please print	<u>[Signature]</u> Witness Signature	<u>1-21-19</u> Date

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GRANTEE: Portage Township

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-00917

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Portage Township Recreation Area

PROJECT SCOPE: Develop 5 acres, 2 vault toilets, softball field, play equipment.

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
Portage Township	<u>Andrea McKeage</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>
Address	Telephone	
<u>W17361 Davis Street</u>	<u>906-586-9522 x4</u>	
City, State, ZIP	Email	
<u>Curtis, MI 49820</u>	<u>portagetreas@att.net</u>	

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If yes, please describe change(s).

☐ Yes ☒ No

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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

Restrooms were replaced in 2012 via Passport
Grant funding

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
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☒ Yes ☐ No

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☒ Yes ☐ No

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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