

HURON COUNTY

PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN

2023 - 2027



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INTRODUCTION

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INTRODUCTION

Huron County has developed a Recreation Plan to serve as a guideline to improve recreation facilities and develop new recreational opportunities. To that end, this document forms the basis to guide policy for the implementation of improvements and new initiatives that will meet the recreational goals and interests of the Huron County community. The development of this Plan was guided by the Huron County Parks Department.

Before any recreation plan is adopted and enacted, it is critical to understand the needs of the current residents, what recreational opportunities already exist, the availability of recreational opportunities in neighboring communities, the demographic characteristics of the areas, and what projects and facilities are best suited for visitors. This information was compiled from public input and suggestions of County residents, and County officials. Community input was a key component in creating this Plan and together the groups have developed a Parks and Recreation Master Plan that will enhance community members' and visitors' experiences.

The foundation for the development of the Huron County Recreation Plan was based on the following goals:

- Involve the community throughout the process of updating the Parks and Recreation Master Plan through the survey.
- Identify and map existing County-owned/operated recreation facilities.
- Understand residents wants/needs for future recreational development while also identifying the County stakeholder's vision.
- Enable the County to be eligible for financial assistance based on the Recreation Plan,
- Facilitate interagency collaboration in establishing recreation goals, objectives, and action items in partnership with the surrounding area.
- Support the implementation of improvements for barrier-free, universal access to County parks and recreation sites.

In conclusion, Huron County officials intend to use this Plan to guide their work on all future recreational and park projects within the County. This document outlines specific goals for improvement projects. This Parks and Recreation Master Plan is developed in accordance with the guidelines for Community Park Recreation Plans published by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). This Parks and Recreation Master Plan is written for the County and covers all aspects of recreation within the community over a five-year period from 2023-2027.

A row of colorful kayaks (red, green, blue) on a sandy beach. The kayaks are lined up on a sandy beach, with their bows pointing towards the right. The colors are vibrant, and the background shows a blurred view of the beach and some structures.

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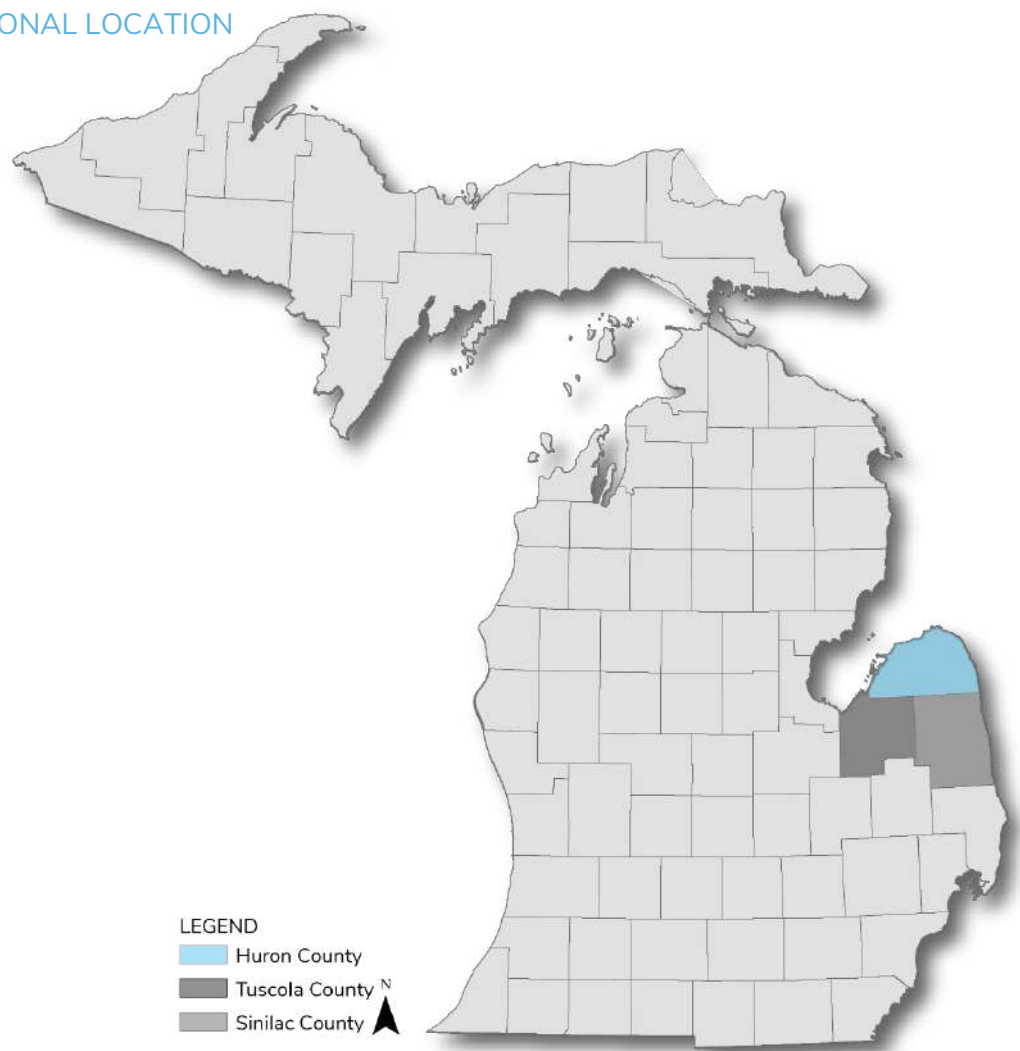
COMMUNITY PROFILE

REGIONAL LOCATION

Huron County is located on Lake Huron at the tip of Michigan's thumb. The County is bordered on the southwest by Tuscola County and on the southeast by Sanilac County. Huron County covers an area of approximately 838 square miles, making it one of the larger counties in the lower peninsula. The County is known for its flat, fertile farmland and its 93 miles of scenic wooded shoreline that borders Lake Huron and Saginaw Bay. This shoreline is a natural tourism and recreation draw for those who are interested in beaches, camping, boating, and fishing.

Huron County is organized into 28 townships, three cities, and eight villages. The county seat is Bad Axe, located near the center of the County. In terms of recreational facilities, most of the townships do not own or operate any of their own parks. Most of the cities and villages have small to mid-sized parks.

MAP 1 – REGIONAL LOCATION



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DEMOGRAPHICS

Understanding the characteristics of the population being served is helpful when evaluating parks and recreation facilities and their needs. Table 1, provides an analysis of key demographic data for Huron County as compared to Tuscola County, Sanilac County, and Michigan.

TABLE 1 – HURON COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS IN COMPARISON

	Huron County	Tuscola County	Sanilac County	Michigan
Population				
2020 Population	31,407	53,323	40,611	10,077,331
% of Population 65 & Older	25.3%	20.4%	21.5%	17.2%
% of Population Under 18	19.2%	20.5%	21.4%	21.7%
% Disabled Population	15.8%	19.3%	18.4%	14.2%
Median Age	49.3	44.8	45.4	39.8
Education				
% with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher	16%	13.5%	14.8%	30%
Income				
Median Household Income	\$49,541	\$51,891	\$49,852	\$59,234
Per Capita income	\$28,598	\$26,905	\$27,350	\$32,854
Housing				
Average Household Size	2.23	2.38	2.30	2.54
Median Housing Values	109,000	108,200	121,500	162,600
Renter-Occupied Housing as % of Total Occupied Units	19.5%	16.3%	21.6%	28.3%

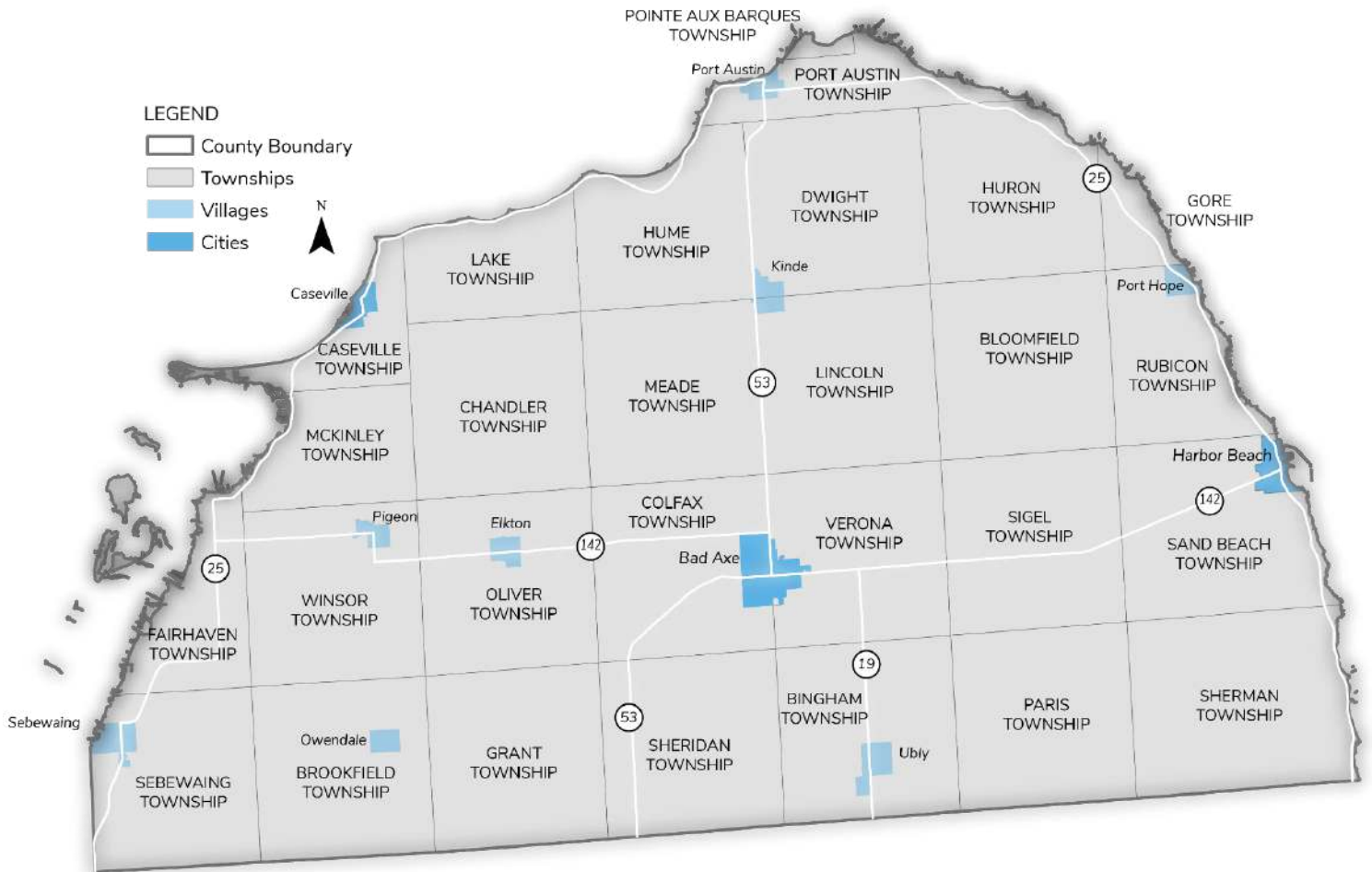
Huron County's population in 2020 was 31,407. This is a 5.17% decrease from the 2010 Census when the population was 33,118. Huron County has the smallest population in comparison to the other two counties with the largest percentage of residents over 65 (25.3%), and the smallest percentage of residents under 18 (19.2%). Older residents may have unique needs in terms of recreational facilities and tend to look for more passive recreational facilities such as trails and multi-use paths. They also have a higher need for accessible features to accommodate changes in personal mobility. Huron County's median age is 49.3.

The County has the lowest median household income and smallest average household size. In comparison to the other counties, Huron has the largest percentage of the population with a bachelor's degree or higher.

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In the cities and villages, the population is denser while most of the rural townships have less than 1,000 residents. It is also important to point out that there are 5,155 seasonal homes in Huron County, most of which are located on the shoreline. Occupants of these homes can dramatically boost the population of the County, particularly on weekends and during the summer months. They can have their own unique needs in terms of recreational facilities.

MAP 2 – HURON COUNTY



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TABLE 2 – POPULATION OF HURON COUNTY COMMUNITIES

Community	2010 Population	2020 Population	Population Change
City of Bad Axe	3,129	3,021	-3.45%
Bingham Township	1,709	1,642	-3.92
Bloomfield Township	455	404	-11.2%
Brookfield Township	760	739	-2.76%
City of Caseville	869	652	-24.97
Caseville Township	2,570	1,674	-34.86%
Chandler Township	472	454	-3.81%
Colfax Township	1,884	1,753	-6.95%
Dwight Township	758	708	-6.59%
Fairhaven Township	1,107	1,081	-2.35%
Gore Township	144	152	5.56%
Grant Township	913	869	-4.82%
City of Harbor Beach	1,703	1,604	-5.81%
Hume Township	749	739	-1.34%
Huron Township	437	352	-19.45%
Lake Township	855	657	-23.16%
Lincoln Township	807	727	-9.91%
McKinley Township	445	401	-9.89%
Meade Township	720	698	-3.06%
Oliver Township	1,483	1,419	-4.32%
Paris Township	481	491	+2.08%
Pointe Aux Barques Township	10	15	+50%
Port Austin Township	1,424	1,384	-2.81%
Rubicon Township	732	705	-3.69%
Sand Beach Township	1,221	1,155	-5.41%
Sebewaing Township	2,724	2,678	-1.69%
Sheridan Township	712	627	-11.94%
Sherman Township	1,083	999	-7.76%
Sigel Township	465	437	-6.02%
Verona Township	1,259	1,210	-3.89%
Winsor Township	1,907	1,960	+2.78%

Over the past ten years, Huron County has experienced a loss of residents. The table above shows that the majority of the municipalities from 2010 to 2020 have decreased in population, of those three, have increased (Paris Township, Pointe Aux Barques Township, and Winsor Township).

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ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

INTRODUCTION

The park facilities that are owned and operated by the County are under the Huron County Road Commissioners who act as Park Trustees for the Huron County Park System. They operate under Public Act 90 of 1913 as amended by Public Act 165 of 1953. The Park Trustees are responsible for park operations, maintenance, improvements, and budgets for the parks. The Huron County Road Commissioners are appointed by the Huron County Board of Commissioners for six-year terms.

The Huron County Parks Department is run by the Secretary-Manager of the Huron County Road Commission. Approximately 35 summer/part-time employees assist with park operation and maintenance. See Figure 1.

Huron County contracts with a private firm for the reservation system for the parks. This firm also manages the Huron County Parks website and the Huron County Parks Facebook page.

FIGURE 1 – HURON COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION CHART



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FUNDING AND BUDGET

The Huron County Parks are funded through camping, pavilion rental fees, and donations. Huron County does not commit any specific amount of general funds for the operation of the parks. A budget breakdown is shown in the table below.

TABLE 3 – BUDGET

	Current Year 2021- 2022	Prior Year 2020-2021
Operation & Maintenance	\$939,174	\$771,633
Programming	-	-
Capital Improvements	\$392,712	\$427,159
Total	\$1,331,886	\$1,198,792

ADDITIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

VOLUNTEERS & COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS

There are many different types of volunteer groups within the County. From groups that support large improvements to groups that help with festivals, these groups are an important part of the Parks and Recreation system. Throughout the year several volunteer groups like Pointe Aux Barques Lighthouse Society and the Port Hope Park Improvement Committee have raised money to go towards special projects.

Other volunteer groups assist with community events and festivals such as the Harbor Beach Conservation Club, Caseville Chamber of Commerce, the Village of Port Hope, and the City of Caseville.

Huron County Parks works closely with local Chambers of Commerce to help promote special events within their communities, like the Stafford Park Ball tournaments, Caseville's Cheeseburger and Ribstock festivals, Port Austin's Sea Kayak Symposium, and Port Hope's ABC Days.

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Special Events

The special events in the County would not be able to take place if weren't for the County Parks Staff. The events bring in huge gatherings to the parks, one of the largest events is the Wagener Park Cross Country invitational, which brings in thousands of people to the park. Lighthouse Park is another park that brings in a large crowd. Last year in just a day the park saw 19,000 visitors at the lighthouse.

Caseville County Park:

- Cheeseburger in Caseville
- Rib Stock
- Pumpkin Fest
- Tri-to-Finish-Triathlon
- Fourth of July fireworks
- Halloween weekend

Lighthouse Park

- Heritage Festival
- Lighthouse Tower Climb

Stafford County Park

- Fourth of July weekend Festival
- ABC Day
- Hobo Gathering

Wagener County Parks

- Tin Can Tourist
- Local and State Cross-County meets



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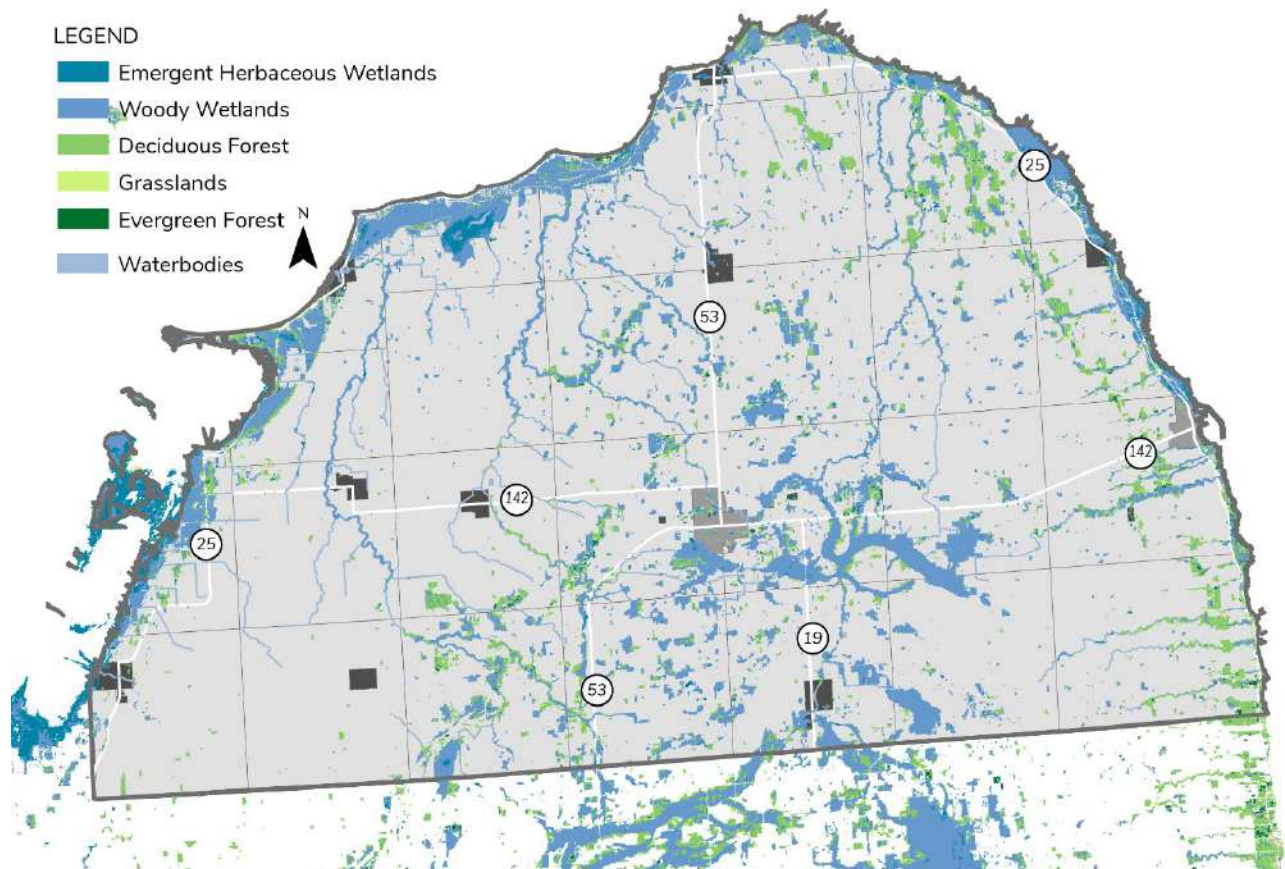


NATURAL FEATURES INVENTORY

The County is fortunate to have many natural resources located within the County limits. A natural features inventory is a useful tool for recreation planning because it highlights existing natural occurrences of resources and also shows where gaps may be located in the County. Natural features include acres such as wetlands, water bodies, and wooded land. A natural features inventory can help determine areas that should be protected from development.

Map 3 below, highlights the existing grasslands, wetlands, woodlands, and scrub/shrub in the County. Scattered throughout the County are deciduous forests, this type of land is more densely located on the eastern half of the County along Lake Huron. On the western portion of the County are wetlands lining Lake Huron. There are very few evergreen forested areas or wooded lots in the County. The natural features map can be used as a guide for any future park acquisitions, park and trail development, and natural resource protection.

MAP 3 – NATURAL FEATURES



PARKS AND RECREATION INVENTORY

The following inventory studies the parks in Huron County. This inventory was updated by the planning consultants in the summer of 2022. The text below includes an in-depth description of County-owned parks, park classifications, and ADA accessibility ratings. Table 5, at the end of this section, summarizes park amenities in a tabular form.

Huron County has over 20,000 acres of parkland provided by various local, federal, and state combined. Of that 20,000 plus acres, the County operates nine parks totaling 413 acres. These parks include Bird Creek Park, Caseville Park, Lighthouse Park, McGraw Park, Oak Beach Park, Philip Park, Sebewaing Park, Stafford Park, and Wagener Park.

ACCESSIBILITY

Creating a park system that is safe, accessible, and usable to all individuals, including those with disabilities, is essential. A grading system has been developed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to easily identify those parks and facilities which are most and least accessible, based on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines. The accessibility grading system uses a five-point system ranging from one (none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines) to five (the entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design). See Table 4 for the grading system.

In the summer of 2021, the planning consultants with assistance from County staff updated the ADA compliance information. Not all the sites within the County are accessible. However, the County recognizes the importance of equal access for all park users and is dedicated to improving accessibility at each of its parks when improvements are made. This includes parking, paths, restrooms, activity areas, amenities, and signage.

TABLE 4 - DNR ACCESSIBILITY GRADING FOR PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

Accessibility Grade	Definition
1	None of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
2	Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
3	Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
4	The entire park meets accessibility guidelines
5	The entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design

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PARKS SERVICE AREA AND CLASSIFICATION

A recreation inventory is the foundation for developing an understanding of the County's recreation needs, deficiencies, and future plans. An inventory provides a snapshot of all the available facilities within a community along with detail about the types of activities and features. The following classification system is adapted from the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) guide. It categorizes different types of parks based on size, service area, facilities, and user groups. Each park in Huron County is classified as either a regional park, neighborhood park, special use park, or natural resources area park. The NRPA classifies several other park types, but they are not all applicable to Huron County.

Regional Parks

Regional Parks are generally classified as serving several communities and being large in size, typically 200 acres or more. They are land that is set aside for preservation, natural resources, environmental significance, use, or historic/cultural interest. State parks function in this capacity, identifying with natural features such as water, scenic vistas, woodlands, and unique resources such as the dunes at Port Crescent State Park. County parks can also be classified as regional parks, they still exhibit many of the characteristics of a regional facility through regional use like campgrounds and trail systems. The campgrounds draw patrons from much of middle and southern lower Michigan as well as from across the state and beyond. While the national standard acreage is large, and Huron County's regional parks are not all large in size, the NRPA does not only categorize parks by size. A regional park can be smaller but still have a regional use or cultural significance. Huron County Regional Parks are:

- Caseville Park
- Lighthouse Park
- Oak Beach Park
- Sebewaing Park
- Stafford Park
- Wagener Park

Special Use Parks

Special Use Parks cover a broad range of parks and recreation facilities oriented toward single-purpose use. The following three day-use parks are considered special-use parks because they were developed as beach parks:

- Bird Creek Park
- McGraw Park
- Philp Park

Natural Resource Area Parks

Natural Resource Parks are areas of natural quality for nature-oriented outdoor recreation such as viewing and studying wildlife, hiking, camping, or general conservation. The lands are set aside for the preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space, and visual aesthetics/buffering. Examples include wetlands or forest preserves. Huron County has the following Natural Resources Area Park:

- Huron County Nature Center

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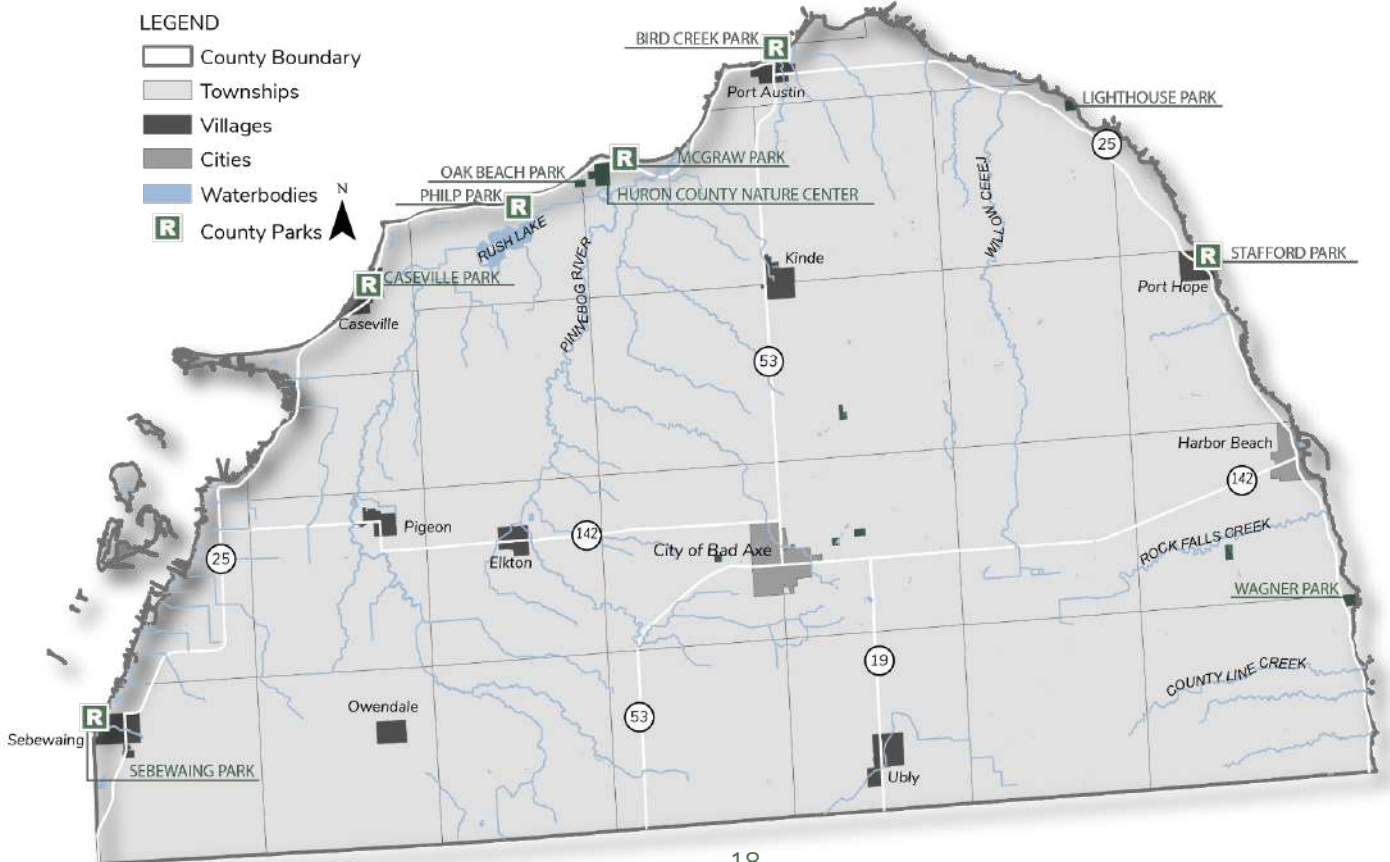
HURON COUNTY PARKS

Huron County presents a unique park system due to its location on the Lake Huron shoreline. The Huron County Parks system has six parks that offer overnight camping. With nearly 600 campsites in its system, the majority of the campground users do not live in Huron County. The campgrounds are a large tourism draw for the County. A location map for the Huron County Parks is shown in Map 4 below, and the recreation inventory chart, Table 5, can be found towards the end of this section on page 24. Descriptions of each park and a park aerial are on the following pages. In Appendix A are six park concept plans showing the parks in greater detail.

The County parks are each unique in their own way and ensure public access to the area's recreational resources. Several of the parks have sandy beaches which allow for swimming with beach activities. Other parks have rocky/stony beaches which limit swimming and are primarily used for fishing, boating, scuba diving, hiking, camping, hunting, nature study, and field sports.

The inventory on the following pages was completed by the consultants and Huron County in the summer of 2022. Updates were completed through park visits and information from the County. County parks are discussed in geographic order, starting with the southeastern park and following the shoreline, ending in the southwestern portion of the County.

MAP 4 – PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES



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WAGENER COUNTY PARK

Location: 2671 S Lakeshore Road, Harbor Beach, MI 48441

Acres: 137

ADA accessibility: 2

Classification: RP

Wagener Park is located off M-25, four miles south of Harbor Beach. At 137 acres, Wagener is the largest of Huron County's parks, yet it retains a small-scale atmosphere. There are three overnight camping options, 115 sites for modern/ tent camping, and eight camper cabins. In addition, many enjoy fishing and hiking at the park. There are picnic facilities and pavilions on-site with grills, as well as a playground, basketball court, and a boat launch. The beach at Wagener has more sand than its other eastern-shore counterparts, Lighthouse and Stafford allowing for good sand volleyball and beach activities. Much of the land is undeveloped and wooded, providing opportunities for nature study, berry picking, and hiking.



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MAP 5 – WAGENER COUNTY PARK



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STAFFORD COUNTY PARK

Location: 4451 W Huron Street, Port Hope, MI 48468

Acres: 38

ADA accessibility: 2

Classification: RP

This 38-acre historic park is located in the Village of Port Hope with beachfront access for boats and shore fishing. It features 110 campsites for modern, tent, and group camping with an additional six camping cabins. The day-use facilities include a basketball court, ball diamond, tennis court, playground, shuffleboard, sand volleyball court, and horseshoes. Two pavilions with grills are available for group activities. The Port Huron chimney remains an impressive historic marker, as it stands adjacent to the picturesque rocky beach and break wall.



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MAP 6 – STAFFORD COUNTY PARK



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LIGHTHOUSE COUNTY PARK

Location: 7320 Lighthouse Roads, Port Huron, MI 48468

Acres: 120

ADA accessibility: 3

Classification: RP

Lighthouse Park is located on Lighthouse Road, just off M-25, and five miles north of Port Hope. This park has a wide range of activities, perhaps the most diverse of all of Huron County's parks. At 120 acres, Lighthouse is the second largest park in the County. It provides 114 sites for modern, tent, and group camping, with six camping cabins. The park's wide range of activities provides something for everyone from fishing areas and a new cleaning station, boat access points, kayak launch, picnic areas with grills, and playground equipment. Enjoy the new accessible nature trail that winds through the woods, the historic Pte. Aux Barques lighthouse, museum, and shipwreck viewing through a direct connection to the Huron County Underwater preserve. Unfortunately, this beach is rocky and not ideal for swimming.



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MAP 7 – LIGHTHOUSE COUNTY PARK



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BIRD CREEK COUNTY PARK

Location: 8746-8774, Lake Street, Port Austin, MI 48467

Acres: 7

ADA accessibility: 2

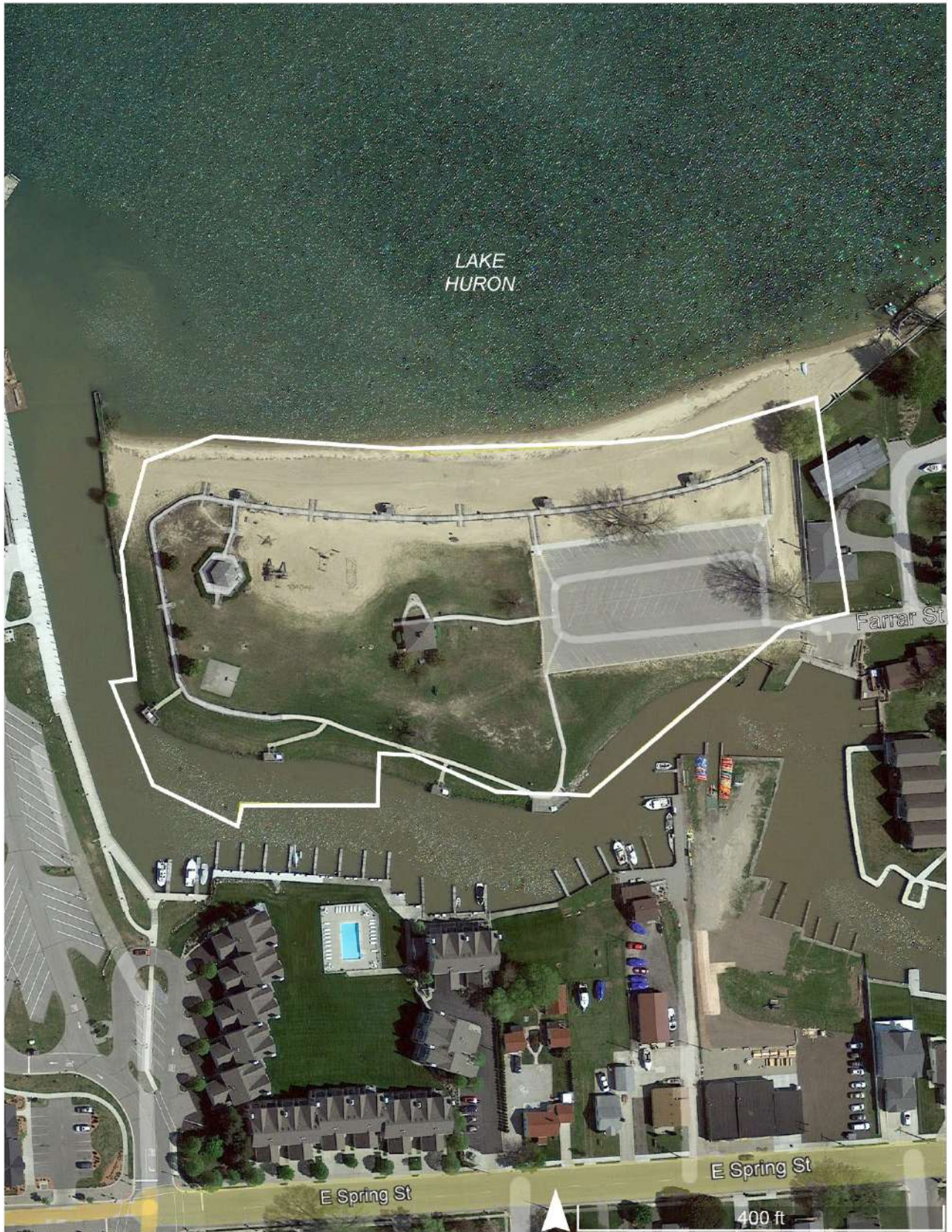
Classification: SU

Located at the peak of the County, Bird Creek County Park is one of Huron County's only day-use parks. It has a 350-foot boardwalk that was crafted by the local community along the 1-acre beach. Off the boardwalk are picnic areas, benches, restrooms, a large shelter, and platforms for shore fishing. Located on-site are a basketball court, horseshoes, a playground, and a splash pad. The boardwalk has altered the movement of sand, forming a visually unique combination of sand and grasses that is different from the other County parks. Being adjacent to the State harbor, marina, and downtown Port Austin increases Bird Creek's potential for both local and visitor use.



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MAP 8 – BIRD CREEK COUNTY PARK



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MCGRAW COUNTY PARK

Location: 3030 Port Austin Road, Port Austin, MI 48467

Acres: 2

ADA accessibility: 1

Classification: SU

This day-use park is used largely for the sandy beach and swimming. Woods line the top of the beach and surround the parking lot. The beach can be accessed from the parking lot and down the informal set of steps and sandy slopes. The beach includes approximately one-eighth of this seven-acre park. Users can enjoy the picnic tables, grills, pavilion, bathhouse with toilets, and water spigot. During the winter months, this park is a gathering spot for ice fishing.



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MAP 9 – MCGRAW COUNTY PARK



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OAK BEACH COUNTY PARK

Location: 3356 Port Austin Road, Port Austin, MI 48467

Acres: 46

ADA accessibility: 1

Classification: RP

Located on the western side of the thumb on M-25, 7.5 miles northeast of Caseville, this 46-acre park is a combination campground and day-use park. The campground is located on the south side of M-25 and includes 54 full-hookup campsites and a pavilion. The campground features electricity, running water, full bath/shower facilities, and a sanitary station. Adjacent to the park is the Huron County Nature Center. The Nature Center is accessible from the campground, but there is no current footpath that connects the two sites.

On the north side of M-25 along Lake Huron is the day-use area. This part includes a swimming beach, bathhouse, playground, fishing, and a picnic area with two pavilions.

In addition to these two sites, the County owns a 19-acre tract of land south of the existing campground, across Loosemore Road, and is exploring the potential for expansion.



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MAP 10 – OAK BEACH COUNTY PARK



CHAPTER 4

PHILP COUNTY PARK

Location: 4640 Port Austin Road, Caseville, MI 48725

Acres: 2

ADA accessibility: 1

Classification: SU

Philp Park is a small day-use area directly off M-25. This park is primarily used for swimming, picnicking, and fishing. Approximately one-sixth of the two-acre park is a sandy beach. The beach can be accessed by the wood steps that lead from the paved parking lot to the lake shore.



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MAP 11 – PHILP COUNTY PARK



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CASEVILLE COUNTY PARK

Location: 6400 Main Street, Caseville, MI 48725

Acres: 40

ADA accessibility: 3

Classification: RP

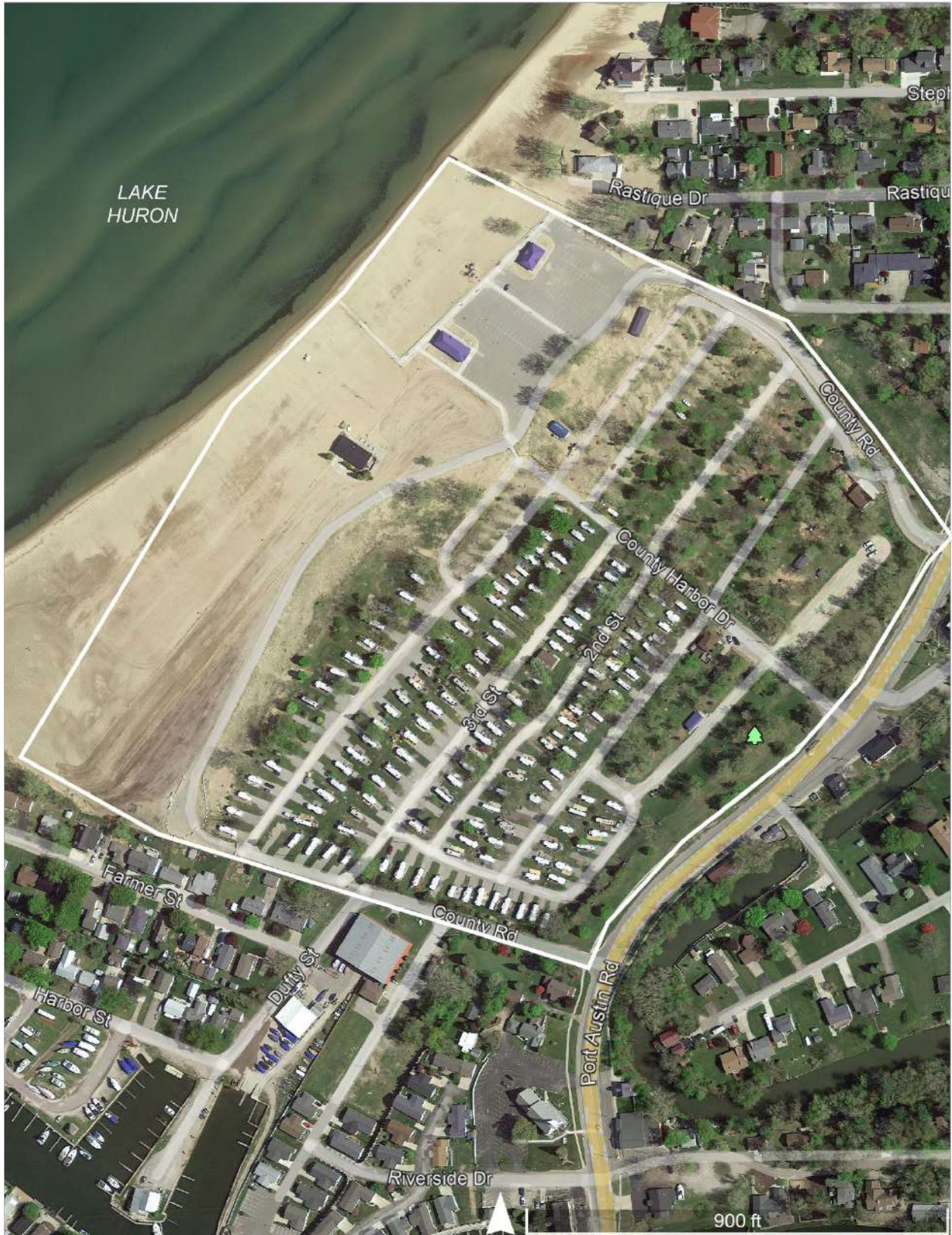
Located on Main Street in Caseville, this popular beach spot is a Huron County residents' and visitors' favorite with water, sun, and lots of sand. The 40-acre park offers 239 campsites. In addition to a large number of campsites, this park is well known for its wide sandy beach with volleyball, a playground, open waters excellent swimming, jet skiing, and windsurfing. Outside of the beach amenities, this park includes two large pavilions and restrooms. On the east side of the park are two more pavilions, a bandshell, and a playscape with walkways connecting different areas within the park.

This park is perfect for campers as it's near the Caseville Pier and downtown shopping.



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MAP 12 – CASEVILLE COUNTY PARK



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SEBEWAING COUNTY PARK

Location: 759 Union Street, Sebewaing, MI 48759

Acres: 21

ADA accessibility: 2

Classification: RP

Sebewaing County Park is a Huck Finn-style campground, located on Union Street. It has approximately 21 acres of land within the Village of Sebewaing, adjacent to the Sebewaing River, and near Saginaw Bay. This park incorporates wetland presentation and active recreation. Facilities include tent and recreational vehicle campsites (54 modern campsites and 10 rustic sites), restrooms with showers, firepits, a small playground, and a cleaning station. Across the pedestrian bridge is a viewing deck for fishing and the wetlands with a nearby island.



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MAP 13 – SEBEWAING COUNTY PARK



TABLE 5 - Huron County Park Inventory

	Bird Creek Park	Caseville Park	Lighthouse Park	McGraw Park	Oak Beach Park	Philp Park	Sebewaing Park	Stafford Park	Wagener Park
Park Type*	SU	RP	RP	SU	RP	SU	RP	RP	RP
Service Area**	TR	TR	TR	HC	TR	HC	TR	TR	TR
Accessibility***	2	3	3	1	1	1	2	2	2
Acres	7	40	120	2	46	2	21	38	137
Activity Rooms			x						
Ball Diamond								x	
Basketball	x							x	
Boat Launch			x		x			x	x
Camping		239	114		54		64	110	115
Cabins			6					6	8
Fire Pits		x			x		x		
Grills	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Horseshoes	x							x	x
Kayak Launch			x						
Pavilion	1	5	2	0.50	3			2	2
Picnic Area	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Playground	x	x	x		x		x	x	x
Restroom	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Sand Volleyball		x						x	x
Shore Fishing	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
Shuffle Board			x					x	
Splash Pad	x								
Swimming Beach	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Tennis Courts								x	
Trails			x				2		x
Additional Park Amenities	Board Walk	Kayak and Boat Rentals Shop	Lighthouse Historic Buildings	Water Spigot			Fish Cleaning Station	Indoor pavillion, New campsites, Train depot, Park office	

*Park Type

RP = Regional Park, SU = Special Use

**Service Area

TR = Thumb region & beyond, HC = Huron County

***Accessibility

1 = none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

2 = some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

3 = most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

4 = the entire park meets accessibility guidelines

5 = the entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design

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COMPARISON TO STANDARD

The County has committed to taking a steady and consistent approach to developing park facilities that provide lifelong recreation options for the residents of Huron County. When considering the level of service, it is important to note that Huron County provides de facto recreation services and facilities to a population greater than its residential population.

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) has published typical recreation facility standards that specify facility service areas, the number of facilities needed to service the population, and the land area needed. These standards can be used in conjunction with the acreage standards to further identify Huron County’s recreation needs. Table 6, provides a comparison of the County’s public recreation facilities against the NRPA’s published recreation facility standards.

In general, the County rates are significantly higher (693 acres) compared to the NRPA’s suggested facility development standards regarding the acreage of parkland necessary for their population. Table 6 indicates that there is not a deficiency in parks, they have 245 surplus of regional parkland with an additional 11 acres of special use parkland and 280 acres of natural resources.

In addition to the standards outlined in the table below, more recent park guidelines indicate that officials must also consider the parks and recreation “Level of Service” desired by the residents of a community. If the County’s resident needs are met with the existing parkland and facilities, then that amount is sufficient, regardless of the standards or acreage suggestions. This is why the community input portion of a recreation plan is so important. While it appears the County has enough land the residents would like to see improvements such as additional walking/biking paths, improvements to water access, update playgrounds, upgrade restrooms, and improved winter activities. The Huron County Road Commission and Huron County Board of Commissioners need to understand the wishes of the community it serves to provide the appropriate level of service.

TABLE 6 – COMPARISON TO STANDARD

	Standard	County Park Acreage	Standard Amount	Deficiency / Excess
Regional Parks	5 acres/1,000 residents	402	157	+245
Special Use	Variable	11	n/a	+11
Natural Resources	n/a	280	n/a	+280
Total	-	693	-	+536

The table is based on the 2020 Census populations

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REGIONAL FACILITIES

Huron County Nature Center & Wilderness Arboretum: Located nine miles east of Caseville, or nine miles west of Port Austin just off M-25 (Oak Beach Rd. then north on Loosemore Rd.), the Huron County Nature Center was founded in 1990 and consists of 280 acres. The Nature Center is owned by Huron County but is managed by the Huron County Women's Clubs. The park includes handicap accessible trails, a pavilion, restrooms, and a classroom building/meeting center. The Nature Center offers educational programs and events throughout the year, including the Annual Memorial Weekend Lady's Slipper, Art Craft, and Music Festival.

State

The State of Michigan owns several significant recreational tracts of land in Huron County. All of these state lands serve as wildlife habitats and hunting grounds in Huron County.

- **Sleeper State Park:** located on the sandy shoreline of Saginaw Bay between Caseville and Port Austin. A popular camping and day-use destination.
- **Port Crescent State Park:** located on the sandy shoreline of Saginaw Bay between Caseville and Port Austin. This spot is a popular camping and day-use destination.
- **The Rush Lake State Game Area** is in Lake Township.
- **The Verona State Game Area** is located east of Bad Axe
- The northern portion of the **Gagetown State Game Area** is located east and south of Owendale.
- There are also several small tracts of state forest reserve in Fairhaven Township in the Wildfowl Bay area.

Local

City and Village facilities: Nearly all of the cities and villages in Huron County provide local, close to home recreational parks.

Private facilities: There are several private golf courses and campgrounds in Huron County.

NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS

Communities across the United States are creating regional trail systems in both cities and rural areas to provide a higher quality of life for residents. Trails give residents the opportunity to be more active, healthier, and safer while walking or biking. In addition, this provides residents a different way to experience their community and gives all users the option of increased mobility in different modes of travel.

Why trails are important

While trails can be a challenge to implement, their positive effects on a community cannot be disputed. It has been proven that trails create a place of pride and a sense of ownership in Michigan residents. Trails are also an important driver in the local and regional economy, they increase property values, and provide safe and healthy recreation options. The growing trail trend in Michigan is also reflected in the County. Trails and pathways are an asset to every community.

Trail users have a measurable impact on the local economy. Working with the surrounding townships and other jurisdictions is an effective way to connect with existing systems and expand the non-motorized pathway infrastructure. These projects create a long-term, valuable investment in the community and the opportunity to connect the County to others in the region. Which promotes economic vitality, encourages a healthier lifestyle in residents, and creates a safer travel environment.

Local trails

Brian Backus Memorial Nature Trail: Located in North Park Campground this two-mile trail traverse through the woods and over a stream. Along the trail, users will see the Randy Rapson Memorial, a covered bridge, and a memorial for many men and women who have served.

Harbor View Trail: Located in Downtown Harbor Beach, the trail is a 3.1-mile loop from Bathing Beach to the break wall.

Port Crescent State Park: Located in Port Austin, this park offers 5.3 miles with seven different loops ranging from 2.3 to 3 miles long for hikers and bikers.

Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy: Located in Port Austin, the 5-mile trail is within 180 acres of preserved land.

Sleeper State Park: Located in Caseville, the State Park has four trails through the forest, 5 miles in total.

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PAST GRANT HISTORY

The following list identifies County Grant projects that were awarded through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, as reported by the DNR Grant Management. This list does not reflect the other grant resources that have been used for recreation projects. See Appendix B, for the grant history list.

TABLE 7 – GRANT HISTORY

Title	Project Number	Year	Grant Amount	Description
Lighthouse County Park Improvement	TF20-0061	2020	\$217,000	Develop an accessible canoe/kayak launch, replace fish cleaning station, renovate existing woodland path, replace playground equipment. Additional barrier-free parking spaces, interpretive signage, and benches will be added to the park as part of this project.
Caseville Park Beach Development	CM99-182	1999	\$372,400	Improve park entrances, parking, picnic area, playgrounds and beach access.
Stafford Park Acquisition	TF98-054	1998	\$147,000	Acquisition in fee simple terms of 2.1 acres with 222 feet of Lake Huron frontage adjacent to the existing Stafford County Park
Lighthouse Park Development	TF95-128	1995	\$225,000	Improve camping and related support facilities/amenities, path, and trail improvements
Wagener Park	TF93-279	1993	\$207,000	Development of a new concrete boat ramp with roadway, parking lot, rustic cabins, additional campground sites, signs and playground equipment.
Stafford Park Development	BF92-130	1992	\$78,750	Development of new indoor/outdoor pavilion with playground equipment and pedestrian bike path and enhancement of area to park, including signage and landscaping
Sebewaing Park Development	TF89-124	1989	\$318,400	To develop a 58-site campground with support facilities and trails, fishing decks, roads, landscaping and bridges designed for the handicapped

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Bird Creek County Park Project	BF89-351	1989	\$59,000	Construction of restroom buildings with landscaping and support utilities.
Wagener County Park Addition	TF769	1984	\$150,000	To purchase 75 acres of heavily wooded land adjacent to an existing 56-acre county park with access to 1250 feet of Lake Huron shoreline
Sebewaing Public Park and Marina	TF712	1983	\$225,000	To acquire 20 acres of high ground and wetland adjacent to Sebewaing Bay in the Village of Sebewaing.
Huron Shoreline Preservation	TF670	1983	\$300,000	To acquire 25 acres in key parcels along Lake Huron
Stafford Boat Launch	26-01023 E4	1977	\$65,446.32	Boat launch ramp, dredging, 2 parking lots, area lighting, entrance at exit drives, tree removal, survey, LWCF sign.
Oak Beach Park Development	26-00377	1972	\$28,803.61	Bathhouse, parking, landscaping, and picnic area.



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COMMUNITY INPUT

OVERVIEW

Huron County believes in solid community input as the basis for decisions and capital improvement projects. Public input helps community leaders determine the needs of residents and then provides the framework and basis for parks and recreation goals and objectives. To comply with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Guidelines for Development of Community Parks and Recreation Plans, the County offered two public input opportunities. These included an online community input survey and a 30-day public review period for comments on the draft plan.

A compilation of all the input received is located in Appendix C. A summary of the various methods of input and feedback received is described in the following pages.

The Plan was available for public comment during the required 30-day public review period held between November 2022 to December 2022 and concluding with a public hearing on December 21, 2022 at the Huron County Road Commission meeting and adoption by the Board of Commissioners on December 28, 2022.

COMMUNITY INPUT SURVEY

In the summer of 2022, an online survey was available to gather input regarding parks and recreation in Huron County. The online survey included 19 questions regarding campground usage, public park usage, park conditions, ADA accessible equipment, and respondent demographics. The community-wide survey received 145 responses. The survey was assigned the web domain www.huroncountyparksurvey.com, and was available on the County website, social media, and the flyers placed at the County campgrounds.

Key points of the survey are summarized on the following pages, and the remaining tables developed for the report can be found in Appendix C.

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About the Respondents

At the beginning of the survey, respondents were asked to provide their relationship to the County and their age. The majority, 70% of respondents, live in Huron County.

To understand more about the respondents, the survey asked respondents to select which age group they fall under. The top respondent's age groups were 50-64 (44%) and 40-49 (17%).

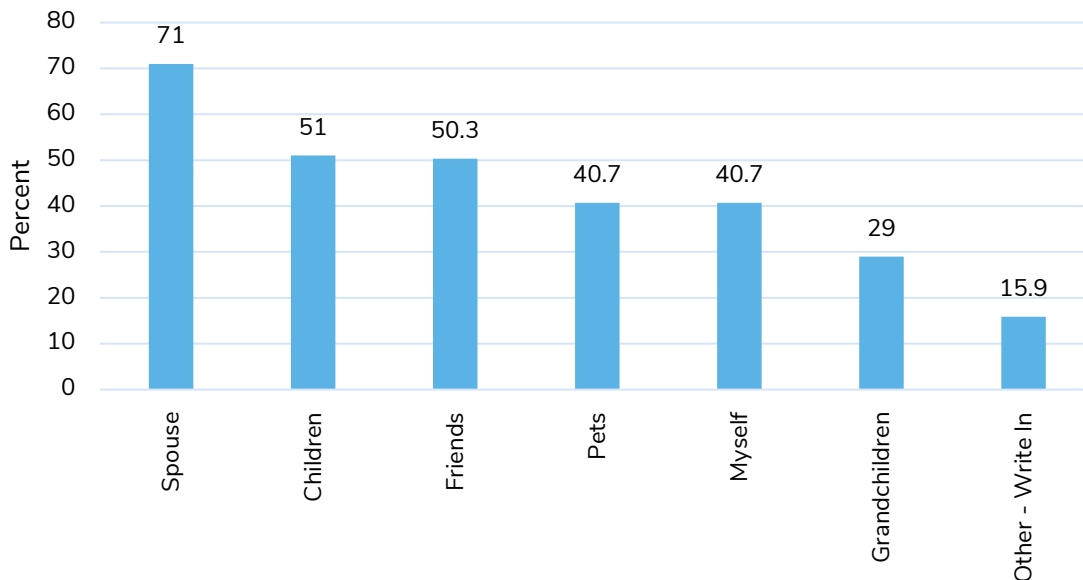
TABLE 7 – AGE OF RESPONDENTS

AGE GROUP	RESPONDENTS
18 or younger	1%
19 – 29	3%
30 – 39	16%
40 – 49	17%
50 - 64	44%
64 – 74	16%
75 – 84	3%

Park Activity

Respondents were asked who they visit the County parks with. Respondents said:

FIGURE 2 – PARK VISITATION



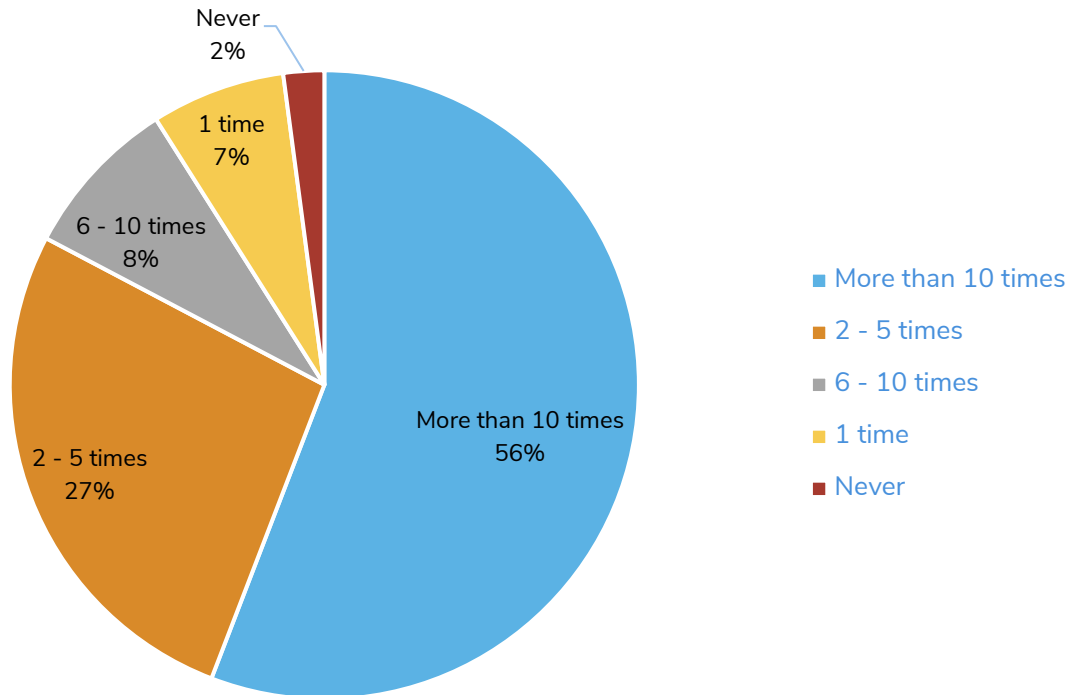
Write-in responses:

- Friends
- Family
- Events / Meetings
- Cleaning / Moving Service

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It's important for the County to know how frequently the parks are utilized, respondents were asked how many times their families used the Huron County Parks in the past year. The top responses were more than 10 times, followed by 2 – 5 times. The remaining response are below.

FIGURE 3 – HURON COUNTY PARK VISITATION



Huron County has seven campgrounds. Respondents were asked if they use the campground how do they use it. Respondents said:

- **Seasonal: 55%**
- Transients: 35%
- Not a Campground user: 10%

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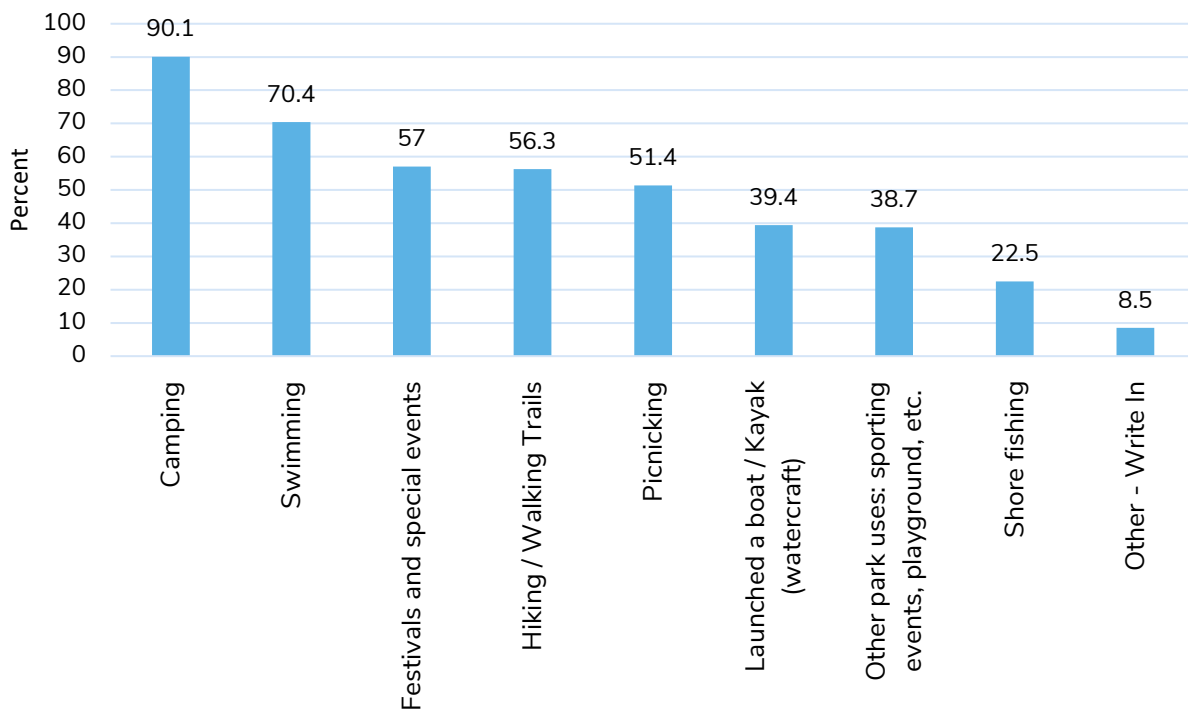
As a follow up, respondents were asked which of the parks they visited in the past year, and what they used them for. The top day-use parks were Philp, and McGraw. The top overnight parks were Caseville and Wagener.

TABLE 8 – PARK VISITATION

	Day use	Overnight stay
Sebewaing County Park	59.4%	40.6%
Caseville County Park	38.9%	61.1%
Philp County Park	94.4%	5.6%
Oak Beach County Park	71.2%	28.8%
McGraw County Park	97.6%	2.4%
Bird Creek County Park	97.1%	2.9%
Lighthouse County Park	67.6%	32.4%
Stafford County Park	51.9%	48.1%
Wagener County Park	31.3%	68.8%

Respondents were asked which of the following activities they had done in the parks in the past year. The top response was camping (90.1%), the remaining responses are in the figure below.

FIGURE 4 – PARK ACTIVITIES



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Write-in responses:

- Family Reunion
- Beach Bumming
- Photography
- Relaxing
- Rented Pavilion #3 in Oak Beach
- Seasonal Camper
- Service seasonal and transient campers
- Star Gazing
- Visiting Seasonal Campers
- Wedding
- Wedding reception at large pavilion

The survey asked respondents individual questions about each park.

Respondents were asked, if they are familiar with SEBEWAING COUNTY PARK, to give their opinion regarding the facilities listed below.

TABLE 9 – SEBEWAING COUNTY PARK

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know	Responses
The restrooms are satisfactory							
Count	4	8	4	1	0	62	79
Row %	5.1%	10.1%	5.1%	1.3%	0	78.5%	
An additional walkway at the edge of the park along the river is needed							
Count	5	6	4	0	1	54	70
Row %	7.1%	8.6%	5.7%	0	5.7%	77.1%	
Additional play equipment is needed							
Count	2	6	6	0	1	57	72
Row %	2.8%	8.3%	8.3%	0	1.4%	79.2%	
Camping cabins are needed							
Count	1	5	5	0	2	56	69
Row %	1.4%	7.2%	7.2%	0	2.9%	81.2%	

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Respondents were asked, if they are familiar with CASEVILLE COUNTY PARK, to give their opinion regarding the facilities. Of the respondents, 64.6% said the beach was satisfactory, 45.8% would like to see additional play equipment, and 42.3% said the bathrooms were satisfactory. The remaining responses are below:

TABLE 10 – CASEVILLE COUNTY PARK

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know	Responses
The beach is satisfactory							
Count	26	47	8	8	1	23	113
Row %	23.0%	41.6%	7.1%	7.1%	0.9%	20.4%	
The restrooms are satisfactory							
Count	14	33	17	15	4	28	111
Row %	12.6%	29.7%	15.3%	13.5%	3.6%	25.2%	
A pathway to access the beach from M-25 is needed							
Count	19	26	20	16	2	30	113
Row %	16.8	23.0%	17.7%	14.2%	1.8%	26.5%	
Additional picnic areas and pavilions are needed							
Count	11	25	29	17	2	28	112
Row %	9.8%	22.3%	25.9%	15.2%	1.8%	25.0%	
Additional campsites are needed							
Count	16	16	21	16	10	31	110
Row %	14.5%	14.5%	19.1%	14.5%	9.1%	28.2%	
Additional playground equipment is needed							
Count	20	30	23	7	2	27	109
Row %	18.3%	27.5%	21.1%	6.4%	1.8%	24.8%	

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Respondents were asked, if they are familiar with OAK BEACH COUNTY PARK, to give their opinion regarding the facilities. Of the respondents, 50% agree the beach is satisfactory, 24% agree they need more play equipment, and 21% said they need additional campsites. The remaining responses are below:

TABLE 11 – OAK BEACH COUNTY PARK

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know	Responses
The beach is satisfactory							
Count	9	33	6	3	2	31	84
Row %	10.7%	39.3%	7.1%	3.6%	2.4%	36.9%	
The restrooms are satisfactory							
Count	2	8	11	13	8	43	85
Row %	2.4%	9.4%	12.9%	15.3%	9.4%	50.6%	
Additional picnic areas and pavilions are needed							
Count	6	7	21	8	2	40	84
Row %	7.1%	8.3%	25.0%	9.5%	2.4%	47.6%	
Additional play equipment is needed							
Count	10	10	15	6	2	40	83
Row %	12.0%	12.0%	18.1%	7.2%	2.4%	48.2%	
Additional campsites are needed							
Count	9	9	5	6	6	49	84
Row %	10.7%	10.7%	6.0%	7.1%	7.1%	58.3%	
Camping cabins are needed							
Count	8	7	11	5	7	48	86
Row %	9.3%	8.1%	12.8%	5.8%	8.1%	55.8%	

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Respondents were asked, if they are familiar with BIRD CREEK COUNTY PARK, to give their opinion regarding the facilities. Of the respondents, 19% agree the beach and picnic facilities are satisfactory, and 7% would like to see more play equipment. The remaining responses are below:

TABLE 12 – BIRD CREEK COUNTY PARK

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know	Responses
The quality of the beach is satisfactory							
Count	3	12	6	4	1	52	78
Row %	3.8%	15.4%	7.7%	5.1%	1.3%	66.7%	
The restrooms are satisfactory							
Count	1	9	6	4	1	54	75
Row %	1.3%	12.0%	8.0%	5.3%	1.3%	72.0%	
The fishing access is satisfactory							
Count	3	7	5	0	3	56	74
Row %	4.1%	9.5%	6.8%	0	4.1%	75.7%	
Picnicking facilities are satisfactory							
Count	1	13	7	3	0	51	75
Row %	1.3%	17.3%	9.3%	4.0%	0	68.0%	
Additional playground equipment is needed							
Count	2	4	11	3	1	54	75
Row %	2.7%	5.3%	14.7%	4.0%	1.3%	72.0%	

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Respondents were asked, if they are familiar with LIGHTHOUSE PARK, to give their opinion regarding the facilities. Of the respondents, 45% would like to see hiking trails through the woods. 33% would like more winter amenities, and approximately 30% would like more camping cabins, rustic campsites, picnic areas/pavilions, and play equipment. The remaining responses are below:

TABLE 13 – LIGHTHOUSE COUNTY PARK

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know	Responses
The beach is satisfactory							
Count	0	10	20	14	18	33	95
Row %	0	10.5%	21.1%	14.7%	18.9%	34.7%	
The restrooms are satisfactory							
Count	4	25	16	8	3	36	92
Row %	4.3%	27.2%	17.4%	8.7%	3.3%	39.1%	
The boat launch is satisfactory							
Count	0	15	15	5	4	53	92
Row %	0	16.3%	16.3%	5.4%	4.3%	57.6%	
Hiking trails through the woods are needed							
Count	8	34	9	4	0	38	93
Row %	8.6%	36.6%	9.7%	4.3%	0	40.9%	
Additional winter amenities should be added: snowshoeing and cross-country skiing, etc.							
Count	12	19	11	7	1	42	92
Row %	13.0%	20.7%	12.0%	7.6%	1.1%	45.7%	
Additional picnic areas and pavilions are needed							
Count	6	20	16	7	2	41	92
Row %	6.5%	21.7%	17.4%	7.6%	2.2%	44.6%	
Additional rustic camping sites are needed							
Count	5	15	12	11	3	45	91
Row %	5.5%	16.5%	13.2%	12.1%	3.3%	49.5%	

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Row %							
Additional camping cabins are needed							
Count	8	20	13	7	3	40	91
Row %	8.8%	22%	14.3%	7.7%	3.3%	44.0%	
Additional tent sites are needed							
Count	8	9	18	6	2	47	90
Row %	8.9%	10.0%	20.0%	6.7%	2.2%	52.2%	
Additional playground equipment is needed							
Count	8	20	15	8	0	41	92
Row %	8.7%	21.7%	16.3%	8.7%	0	44.6%	
The museum is an interesting and worthwhile feature							
Count	22	27	8	1	0	33	91
Row %	24.2%	29.7%	8.8%	1.1%	0	36.3%	

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Respondents were asked, if they are familiar with STAFFORD COUNTY PARK, to give their opinion regarding the facilities. Of the respondents, 21% would like additional pathways, 26% would like more camping cabins, and 24% would like more play equipment. The remaining responses are below:

TABLE 14 – STAFFORD COUNTY PARK

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know	Responses
The restrooms are satisfactory							
Count	5	25	10	4	4	44	92
Row %	5.4%	27.2%	10.9%	4.3%	4.3%	47.8%	
The ballfields are satisfactory							
Count	5	20	10	3	3	49	90
Row %	5.6%	22.2%	11.1%	3.3%	3.3%	54.4%	
The tennis courts are satisfactory							
Count	2	9	9	5	4	60	89
Row %	2.2%	10.1%	10.1%	5.6%	4.5%	67.4%	
The beach and swimming area are satisfactory							
Count	0	14	13	8	11	45	91
Row %	0	15.4%	14.3%	8.8%	12.1%	49.5%	
Additional pathways are needed							
Count	7	12	18	6	1	46	90
Row %	7.8%	13.3%	20.0%	6.7%	1.1%	51.1%	
Additional camping cabins are needed							
Count	7	16	8	10	2	46	89
Row %	7.9%	18.0%	9.0%	11.2%	2.2%	51.7%	
Additional playground equipment is needed							
Count	5	17	14	5	2	47	90
Row %	5.6%	18.9%	15.6%	5.6%	2.2%	52.2%	

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Respondents were asked, if they are familiar with WAGENER COUNTY PARK, to give their opinion regarding the facilities. Of the respondents, over 20% would like more pathways, camping cabins, picnic areas/pavilions, winter amenities, and play equipment. The remaining responses are below:

TABLE 15 – WAGENER COUNTY PARK

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know	Responses
The restrooms are satisfactory							
Count	7	28	8	8	7	35	93
Row %	7.5%	30.1%	8.6%	8.6%	7.5%	37.6%	
The beach is satisfactory							
Count	19	30	8	7	2	30	96
Row %	19.8%	31.3%	8.3%	7.3%	2.1%	31.3%	
The existing boat launch is satisfactory							
Count	2	5	17	11	15	45	95
Row %	2.1%	5.3%	17.9%	11.6%	15.8%	47.4%	
Additional pathways are needed							
Count	6	20	22	8	6	33	95
Row %	6.3%	21.1%	23.2%	8.4%	6.3%	34.7%	
Additional camping cabins are needed							
Count	9	19	21	8	4	34	95
Row %	9.5%	20.0%	22.1%	8.4%	4.2%	35.8%	
Additional picnic areas and pavilions are needed							
Count	6	15	29	12	1	31	94
Row %	6.4%	16.0%	30.9%	12.8%	1.1%	33.0%	
Additional winter amenities should be added: snowshoeing and cross-country skiing, etc.							
Count	14	22	18	1	4	33	92
Row %	15.2%	23.9%	19.6%	1.1%	4.3%	35.9%	
Additional playground equipment is needed							
Count	15	18	25	7	0	29	94
Row %	16.0%	19.1%	26.6%	7.4%	0	30.9%	

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There are two day-use only parks in Huron County. Respondents were asked to evaluate the quality of the overall facilities at each park. Of the respondents, 24.7% said the facilities are very good or good at Philp Park and 27.7% said the facilities were very good or good at McGraw Park.

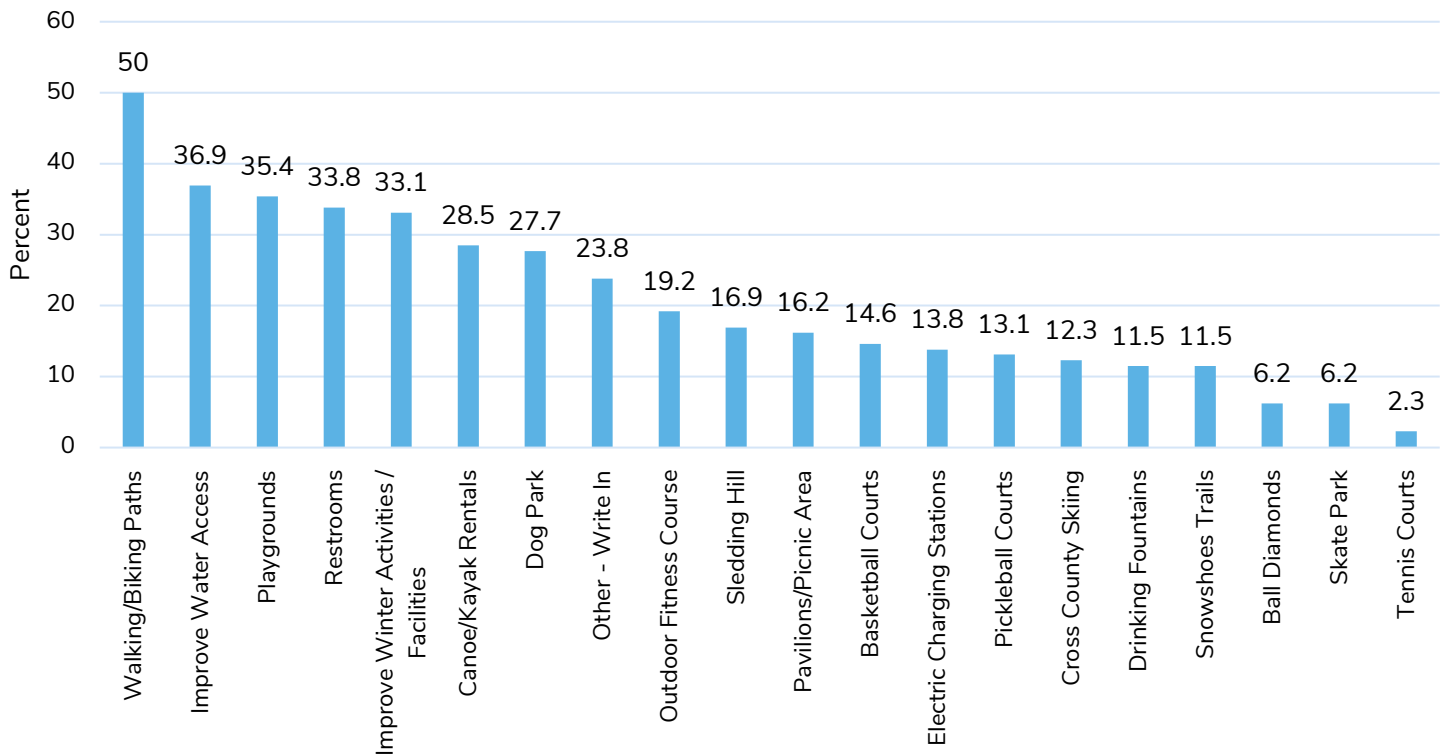
TABLE 16 – DAY USE PARK'S

	Very Good	Good	Neutral	Poor	Very Poor	Don't know	Responses
Philp County Park	4 4.5%	18 20.2%	10 11.2%	5 5.6%	0 0	52 58.4%	89
McGraw County Park	3 3.2%	23 24.5%	11 11.7%	5 5.3%	1 1.1%	51 54.3%	94

Park Improvements

Respondents were asked what additional facilities/amenities they would like to see added to the parks in Huron County. Of the respondents, 50% would like to see more walking/biking paths. The remaining responses are below:

FIGURE 5 – ADDITIONAL AMENITIES

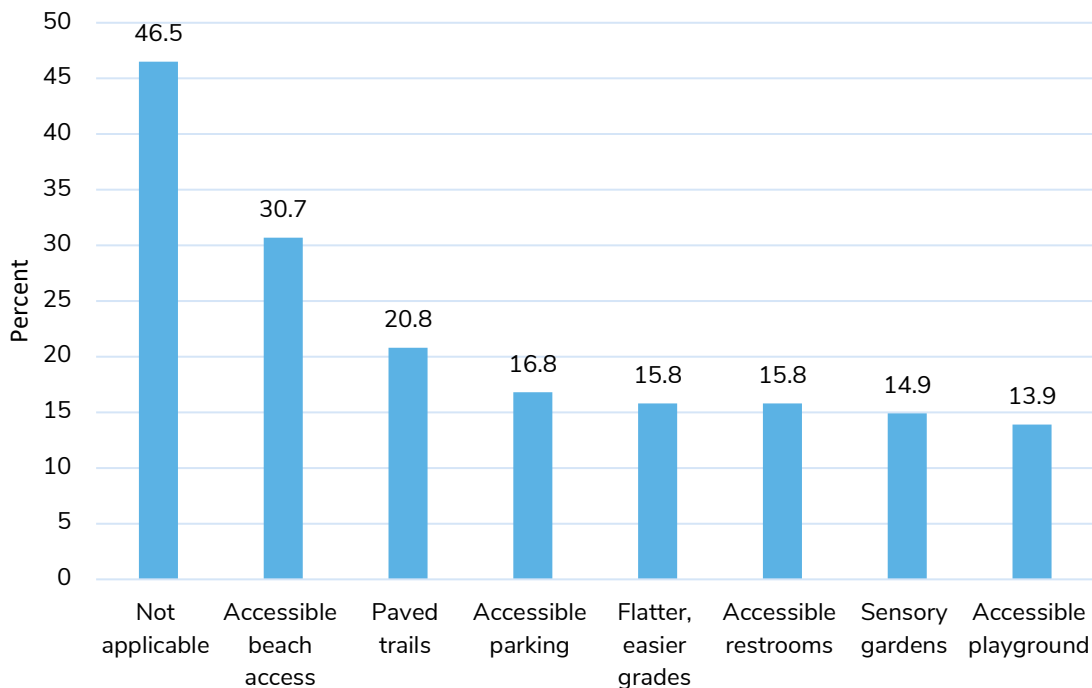


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The top three write-in responses were: a splash park, disc golf course, and gaga ball pit.

Respondents were asked, if they or a family member benefit from accessible facilities, to indicate which of the following areas need improvements in Huron County parks. The top three responses were: accessible beach access, paved trails, and accessible parking. The remaining responses are below.

FIGURE 6 – ACCESSIBLE FACILITIES



Open Ended Questions

Respondents were asked what they like the best about Huron County Park. The top responses were:

- The View
- Water Access
- Accessibility
- Beach Access
- Quietness
- Clean
- Atmosphere

Respondents were then asked, what is one thing they would do to improve the Huron County parks. The top responses were:

- Change the too bright lights
- Update Parks
- Update Restrooms
- Add More Campsites
- Winter Access/Amenities
- Keep the Prices from Rising
- Internet at Park

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OVERVIEW

The purpose of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan is to identify effective and achievable goals and objectives as an important part of the parks and recreation planning process. Huron County wants to provide high-quality recreation opportunities for the community. Goals and objectives are based on the demographic characteristics of the population, the physical and environmental characteristics of the County, and community input.

The following goals are overarching ideas that the County would like to accomplish. Objectives are more detailed strategies to help carry out the goals. Following the goals and objectives is the Action Plan table. The Action Plan is more precise and identifies specific projects and programs the County would like to complete over the next five years. Action Plan items can include organizational, staffing, programming, public information, capital improvements, and operations and maintenance actions. Huron County formulated the following goals and objectives.

GOALS

GOAL 1: CONTINUE TO PROVIDE AND IMPROVE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES THAT WILL CONTINUE TO INSPIRE COMMUNITY PRIDE

Objectives

1. Continue to provide a high level of cleanliness and upkeep/maintenance of existing facilities.
2. Improve existing facilities that need updated and/or have become outdated.
3. Design sustainable and attractive recreation facilities that contribute to community character.
4. When funds are available, improve wastewater infrastructure in parks.

GOAL 2: EXPLORE ADDITIONAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Objectives

1. Pursue a variety of funding sources and partnerships to better service the community's recreational needs.
2. Work to create partnerships with organizations and neighborhoods (including grants, user fees, volunteer's contributions, private organizations, etc.).

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GOAL 3: PROMOTE AND PROVIDE DIVERSE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE ABLE TO SATISFY ALL AGE GROUPS AND LEVELS OF ABILITY

Objectives

1. Provide equal access to recreational opportunities to all individuals and users with disabilities.
2. Add new amenities to Huron County parks that reflect the community's wants and needs.
3. Continue to examine opportunities for increased recreational programming in Huron County. Work with local municipalities, arts and culture organizations, schools, and service clubs where possible.
4. Explore the feasibility of additional non-motorized trails within the County and parks.

GOAL 4: CONTINUE TO PRESERVE, PROTECT, AND ENHANCE THE VARIETY OF WATER AND NATURAL FOREST RESOURCES IN HURON COUNTY AND THE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES THAT THEY PROVIDE

Objectives

1. Continue the ongoing program for controlling invasive species in the parks.
2. Work with local municipalities, state, and federal agencies to maintain and improve water and shoreline quality.

GOAL 5: CREATE COMMUNITY AWARENESS OF HURON COUNTY RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH MARKETING AND TARGET CITIZENS AND VISITORS

Objectives

1. Continue to work on website and develop other online opportunities to communicate with the public about Huron County Park facilities and events.
2. Continue to maintain and improve the online reservation system for the parks.
3. Consider other opportunities for advertising.
4. Work on space engagement and amenity awareness through advertising, news outlets, and word of mouth.

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GOAL 6: MAINTAIN/INCREASE CAMPGROUND OCCUPANCY

Objectives

1. Work to improve mid-week campground occupancy for non-seasonal sites.
2. Continue to monitor occupancy rates per campground on a monthly and seasonal basis.
3. Market and capitalize on the resources of the County and current park users to bring in additional park users.
4. Identify campgrounds that have the potential for additional sites.
5. Explore the feasibility of adding WIFI to parks.



Caseville Park

CHAPTER 6

ACTION PLAN

FACILITY	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE	PRIORITY
BIRD CREEK COUNTY PARK			
Develop handicap access to the beach.	\$150,000	DNR & Huron County Park Trustees	3
Improve boardwalk.	\$75,000	Huron County Park Trustees & local organizations	1
Address issues with goose droppings.	\$2,500	Huron County Park Trustees	1
Update playground equipment.	\$50,000	Huron County Park Trustees	2
CASEVILLE COUNTY PARK			
Implement Phase 2 of beach development.	\$500,000	Huron County Park Trustees, Coastal Zone & DNR Grants	3
Construct a new park office and registration center.	\$250,000	Huron County Park Trustees & DNR grants	2
Add WiFi Hot spots.	\$25,000	Huron County Park Trustees	3
Update north campground restrooms, including accessibility.	\$50,000	Huron County Park Trustees & DNR Grants	1
Allow beach access outside of the traditional summer season.	\$25,000	NA	3
Upgrade all electrical campsites to 50-amp service.	\$125,000	Huron County Park Trustees & DNR Grants	1
Add accessible campsites.	\$200,000	Huron County Park Trustees & DNR Grants	3
Upgrade playground equipment as needed.	\$100,000	Huron County Park Trustees, DNR Grants, local organizations	2

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LIGHTHOUSE COUNTY PARK			
Ongoing restoration of historical buildings.	\$200,000	Huron County Park Trustees & Friends Group	1
Construct a new restroom in the picnic and pavilion area.	\$100,000	Huron County Park Trustees & DNR Grants	2
Add trees to the camping area.	\$50,000	Huron County Park Trustees, DNR Grants, local organizations	1
Add fencing along the bank at water's edge.	\$50,000	Huron County Park Trustees	1
Add camping cabins.	\$200,000	Huron County Park Trustees & DNR Grants	3
Upgrade all electrical campsites to 50-amp service.	\$50,000	Huron County Park Trustees & DNR Grants	1
Add accessible campsites.	\$100,000	Huron County Park Trustees & DNR Grants	3
Improve playground equipment as needed.	\$50,000	Huron County Park Trustees, DNR Grants, local organizations.	1
MCGRAW COUNTY PARK			
Install a fence along M-25 to control park traffic and provide safety for park visitors.	\$25,000	Huron County Park Trustees	3
Develop handicap access to the beach.	\$50,000	Huron County Park Trustees, DNR Grants	2
OAK BEACH COUNTY PARK			
Install a fence along M25 to control park traffic and provide safety for park visitors.	\$25,000	Huron County Park Trustees	1
Construct a new park office and manager's residence to conduct business.	\$250,000	Huron County Park Trustees, DNR Grants	3
Develop park property south of the existing campground with hiking trails and camping cabins.	\$75,000	Huron County Park Trustees, DNR Grants	1
Upgrade all electrical campsites to 50-amp service.	\$150,000	Huron County Park Trustees, DNR Grants	1
Add accessible campsites.	\$100,000	Huron County Park Trustees, DNR Grants	3
Update campground playground equipment.	\$50,000	Huron County Park Trustees, DNR Grants	1

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CONT. OAK BEACH COUNTY PARK			
Improve wastewater infrastructure.	Unknown	Park Trustees, DNR Grants, State Grants	2
PHILP COUNTY PARK			
Add a rustic restroom.	\$40,000	Huron County Park Trustees	3
SEBEWAING COUNTY PARK			
Develop new and improve existing hiking trails.	\$30,000	Huron County Park Trustees, DNR Grants, local organizations	3
Continue fishing platforms along the river's edge. Include canoe/kayak launch.	\$350,000	Huron County Park Trustees, Coastal Zone, DNR Grants, local organizations	1
Add restroom to park office.	\$25,000	Huron County Park Trustees, DNR Grants.	1
Remove boathouse.	\$25,000	Huron County Park Trustees	1
Add camping cabins.	\$100,000	Huron County Park Trustees, DNR Grant.	2
Relocate and improve the playground.	\$50,000	Huron County Park Trustees, DNR Grants, local organizations	1
Upgrade all electrical campsites to 50-amp service.	\$40,000	Huron County Park Trustees, DNR Grants	1
Add accessible campsites.	\$150,000	Huron County Park Trustees, DNR Grants	3
STAFFORD COUNTY PARK			
Continue to dredge boat launch as needed.	\$105,000	Huron County Park Trustees, DNR Grants	1
Develop hiking trails in the area north of the park office and expand to access downtown.	\$75,000	Huron County Park Trustees, DNR Grants, City, and local organizations	3
Address issues with goose droppings.	\$3,500	Huron County Park Trustees	1
Add water service to waterfront campsites.	\$75,000	Huron County Park Trustees, DNR Grants	1
Improve grading at campsites.	\$250,000	Huron County Park Trustees	1
Add camping cabins.	\$45,000	Huron County Park Trustees, DNR Grants	3
Upgrade all electrical campsites to 50-amp service.	\$150,000	Huron County Park Trustees, DNR Grants	2

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CONT. STAFFORD COUNTY PARK			
Add accessible campsites.	\$100,000	Huron County Park Trustees, DNR Grants	3
Update playground equipment as needed.	\$50,000	Huron County Park Trustees, DNR Grants, local organizations	2
WAGENER COUNTY PARK			
New office and manager's residence.	\$260,000	Huron County Park Trustees, DNR Grants.	1
Continue to upgrade and expand hiking trails.	\$25,000	Huron County Park Trustees, DNR Grant.	3
Add trees to the camping area.	\$50,000	Huron County Park Trustees, DNR Grants, local organizations	1
Remove old buildings and construct new equipment storage sheds.	\$25,000	Huron County Park Trustees	3
Add camping cabins.	\$75,000	Huron County Park Trustees, DNR Grants.	2
Upgrade all electrical campsites to 50-amp service.	\$200,000	Huron County Park Trustees, DNR Grants	1
Add accessible campsites.	\$100,000	Huron County Park Trustees, DNR Grants	3
Update playground equipment as needed.	\$50,000	Huron County Park Trustees, DNR Grants, local organizations	2
Improve wastewater infrastructure.	Unknown	Park Trustees, DNR Grants, State Grants	2
OTHER			
Take advantage of acquisition opportunities as they arise for additional parkland in the County.	Unknown	Huron County Park Trustees, DNR Grants	1
Investigate vendors to host recreation programming or activities i.e Go Ape	Unknown	Huron County Park Trustees, Regional Organizations	3
Add amenities as the County sees fit i.e campsites, play equipment, workout stations, and trails.	Unknown	Huron County Park Trustees, DNR Grants	3

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PLANNING PROCESS

THE PROCESS

In a continuing effort to provide quality recreational opportunities for its citizens, Huron County has developed this Parks and Recreation Master Plan as a tool to guide the development of community parks and recreational facilities over the next five years. The Plan is an update of the County's most recent plan which was adopted in 2018. The Plan will provide the County eligibility for grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to assist the community in reaching its recreational goals.

Huron County contracted with Spicer Group of Saginaw, Michigan to assist with the completion of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The consultant met with the Huron County Road Commission several times during the development of the Plan.

During the development of the Plan, two opportunities for input, participation, and review were provided:

- Online community input survey that was available from May 2022 to June 2022
- 30-day review period and public hearing held on December 21, 2022.

The Plan was also discussed with park managers on-site visits during the writing on the plan.

Based upon the existing information and public input, the County updated the goals and objectives for parks and recreation for the next five years. Then, the County updated its action plan to accomplish the goals and objectives.

REVIEW AND ADOPTION

A draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan was completed and available for the required 30-day review on the Huron County Road Commission website and a hard copy was available at the County office. The review period from November 2022 to December 2022 was publicized on the website and in the Huron Daily Tribune. The final opportunity for community input occurred at the advertised public hearing held prior to adoption of this Plan, which was held on December 21, 2022. At the December 21, 2022 meeting the Board of County Road Commissioners of Huron County passed a resolution to recommend adoption of the Parks and Recreation Plan. On December 28, 2022 the Huron County Board of Commissioners passed a motion to adopt the Plan.

Copies of the Plan were transmitted to the East Michigan Council of Governments. The Plan was uploaded to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for approval in January 2023. Copies of the noticed advertisement, the public hearing minutes, and the resolution are included in Appendix D.

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APPENDIX A

PARK CONCEPT MAPS

Caseville County Park

Located in Caseville on M-25

NORTH



LEGEND

- ELECTRIC & WATER
- FULL HOOKUP LAKE VIEW
- FULL HOOKUP (SEASONAL)
- PREMIUM FULL HOOKUP LAKEVIEW
- PREMIUM FULL HOOKUP (SEASONAL)
- ⬆ PAVILION



Lighthouse County Park

Port Hope, Michigan



Oak Beach County Park

Located between Caseville and Port Austin



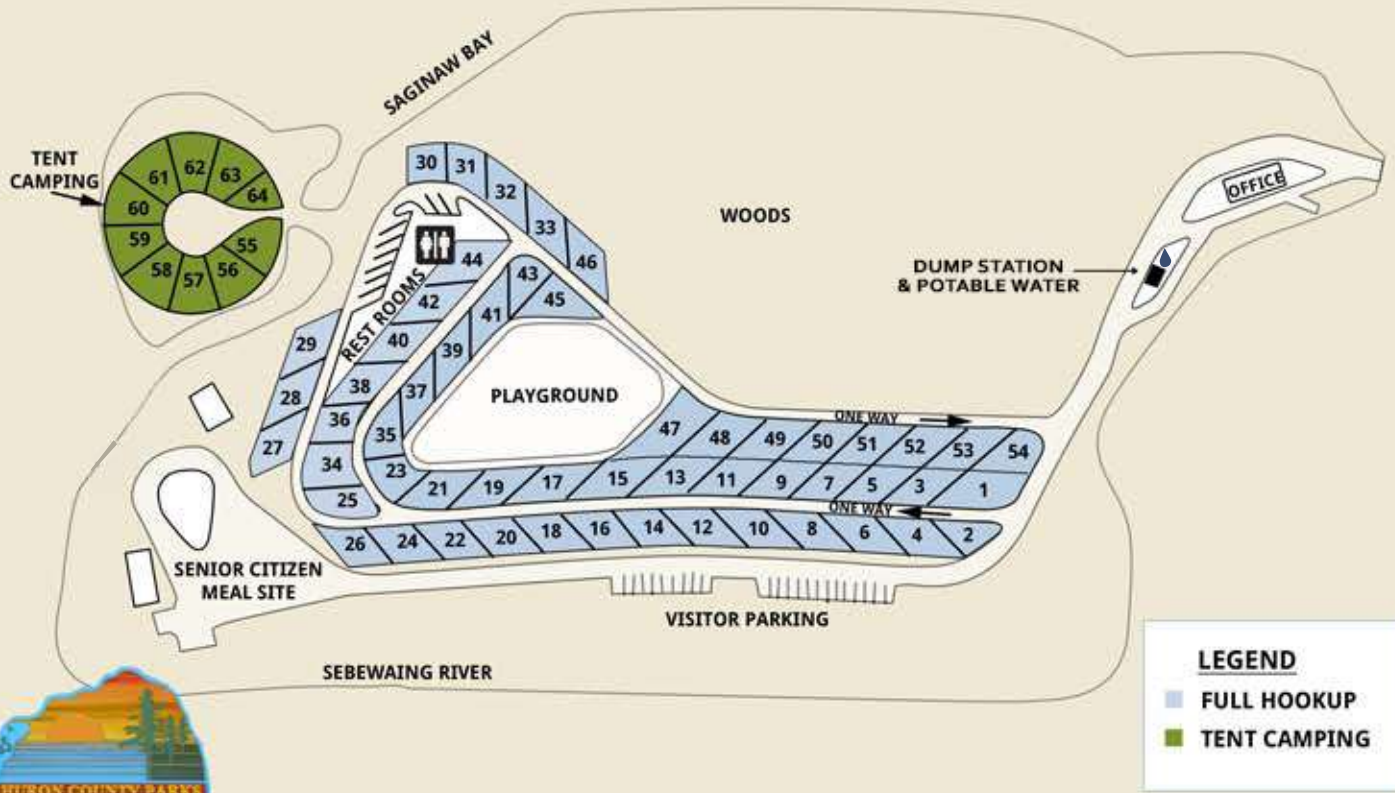
LEGEND

- FULL HOOKUP
- PAVILION
- STORE

Sebewaing County Park

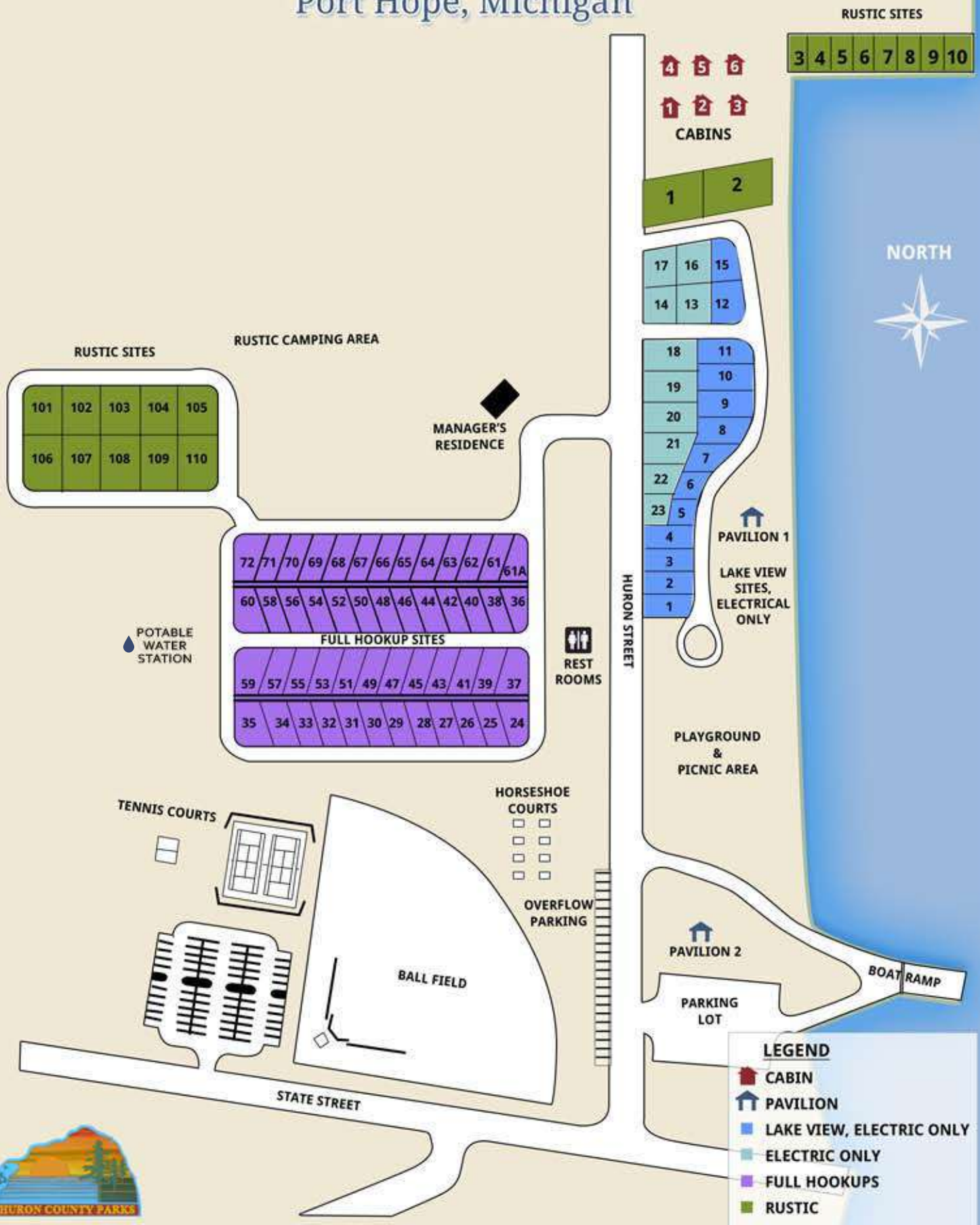
Sebewaing, Michigan

NORTH



Stafford County Park

Port Hope, Michigan



Wagener County Park

Located 5 Miles South of Harbor Beach



APPENDIX B

GRANT HISTORY



GRANT HISTORY

Grantee

Huron County - Huron County

Project No. 26-00377 **Project County:** Huron **Project Year:** 1972

Project title: Oak Beach Park Dev.

Project Status: Grant Closed

Grant Amount:
\$28,803.61

Scope Item

Project Description: Bathhouse, parking, landscaping, and picnic area.

Project No. 26-01023 E4 **Project County:** Huron **Project Year:** 1977

Project title: Stafford Boat Launch

Project Status: Grant Closed

Grant Amount:
\$65,446.32

Scope Item

Project Description: boat launch ramp, dredging, 2 parking lots, area lighting, entrance at exit drives, tree removal, survey, LWCF sign.

Project No. TF670 **Project County:** Huron **Project Year:** 1983

Project title: Huron Shoreline Preservation

Project Status: Withdrawn

Grant Amount:
\$300,000.00

Scope Item

Project Description: To acquire 25 acres in key parcels along Lake Huron.

Project No. TF712 **Project County:** Huron **Project Year:** 1983

Project title: Sebewaing Public Park and Marina

Project Status: Grant Closed

Grant Amount:
\$225,000.00

Scope Item

Project Description: To acquire 20 acres of high ground and wetland adjacent to Sebewaing Bay in the Village of Sebewaing.



GRANT HISTORY

Grantee

Huron County - Huron County

Project No. TF769	Project County: Huron	Project Year: 1984
Project title: Wagener County Park Addition		
Project Status: Grant Closed		Grant Amount: \$150,000.00

Scope Item

Project Description: To purchase 75 acres of heavily wooded land adjacent to an existing 56 acre county park with access to 1250 feet of Lake Huron shoreline.

Project No. BF89-351	Project County: Huron	Project Year: 1989
Project title: Bird Creek County Park Project		
Project Status: Grant Closed		Grant Amount: \$59,000.00

Scope Item

- landscaping
- service building
- sewer main
- water main

Project Description: Construction of restroom bldg. with landscaping and support utilities.

Project No. TF89-124	Project County: Huron	Project Year: 1989
Project title: Sebewaing Park Development		
Project Status: Grant Closed		Grant Amount: \$318,400.00

Scope Item

- 58-site campground
- Electric service
- Gatehouse
- Landscaping
- Restroom building
- Road development
- Sanitary sewer
- Storage building
- Trails/decks/bridges
- Water service

Project Description: To develop a 58-site campground with support facilities and trails, fishing decks, roads, landscaping and bridges designed for the handicapped.



GRANT HISTORY

Grantee

Huron County - Huron County

Project No. BF92-130	Project County: Huron	Project Year: 1992
Project title: Stafford Park Development		
Project Status: Grant Closed		Grant Amount: \$78,750.00

Scope Item

- Chimney Improvement
- Landscaping
- Lighting
- Pavilion
- Pedestrian/Bikeway
- Signage
- Signs/Tr.Const/Playgd.Eq.

Project Description: Request was for development of new indoor/outdoor pavilion with playground equipment and pedestrian bike path and enhancement of area to park, including signage and landscaping. Grant is for all but pedestrian/bike path.

Project No. TF93-279	Project County: Huron	Project Year: 1993
Project title: Wagener Park		
Project Status: Grant Closed		Grant Amount: \$207,000.00

Scope Item

- 42 Additional Campsites
- Boat Ramp & Parking Lot
- Clearing
- Clearing and Grading
- Lakefront Rustic Cabins
- Playground Structure
- Roadway
- Rustic Toilets
- Signage
- Signage
- Tot Lot

Project Description: Development of a new concrete boat ramp with roadway, parking lot, rustic cabins, additional campground sites, signs and playground equipment.



GRANT HISTORY

Grantee

Huron County - Huron County

Project No. TF95-128	Project County: Huron	Project Year: 1995
Project title: Lighthouse Park Development		
Project Status: Grant Closed		Grant Amount: \$225,000.00

Scope Item

- 30 New Campsites
- 7 Rustic Cabins
- Campground Fac. Bldg.
- Path and Trail Improvements
- Playground

Project Description: Improve camping and related support facilities/amenities, path and trail improvements.

Project No. TF98-054	Project County: Huron	Project Year: 1998
Project title: Stafford Park Acquisition		
Project Status: Grant Closed		Grant Amount: \$147,000.00

Scope Item

Project Description: Acquisition in fee simple terms of 2.1 acres with 222 feet of Lake Huron frontage adjacent to the existing Stafford County Park.

Project No. CM99-182	Project County: Huron	Project Year: 1999
Project title: Caseville Park Beach Development		
Project Status: Grant Closed		Grant Amount: \$372,400.00

Scope Item

- Paths and Beach Access
- Picnic Facilities (Shelters & Furnishings)
- Playgrounds
- Restroom/Comfort Station
- Vehicular Access and Parking

Project Description: Improvements to Caseville County Park on Saginaw Bay, including vehicular and non-motorized day use entry, restrooms, parking, picnicking, playgrounds and barrier-free beach access.



GRANT HISTORY

Grantee

Huron County - Huron County

Project No. TF20-0061	Project County: Huron	Project Year: 2020
Project title: Lighthouse County Park Improvements		
Project Status: PA Executed		Grant Amount: \$217,000.00

Scope Item

- Fish Cleaning Station
- Access Pathway 6' wide or more
- Bench(es)
- Canoe/Kayak Launch or Ramp
- Fence
- Paved ADA Parking Space(s)
- Play Equipment
- Rain Garden with Native Plants
- Signage
- Trail 5' - 8' wide
- Trash Bin(s)

Project Description: Development of Lighthouse County Park to include an accessible canoe/kayak launch that will be part of the Lake Huron Tip of the Thumb Heritage Water Trail, replacement of an old and outdated fish cleaning station, renovation of existing woodland path and replacement of playground equipment. Additional barrier-free parking spaces, interpretive signage, and benches will be added to the park as part of this project.

Total number of projects: 13

Total Amount of Grant Given \$2,393,799.93

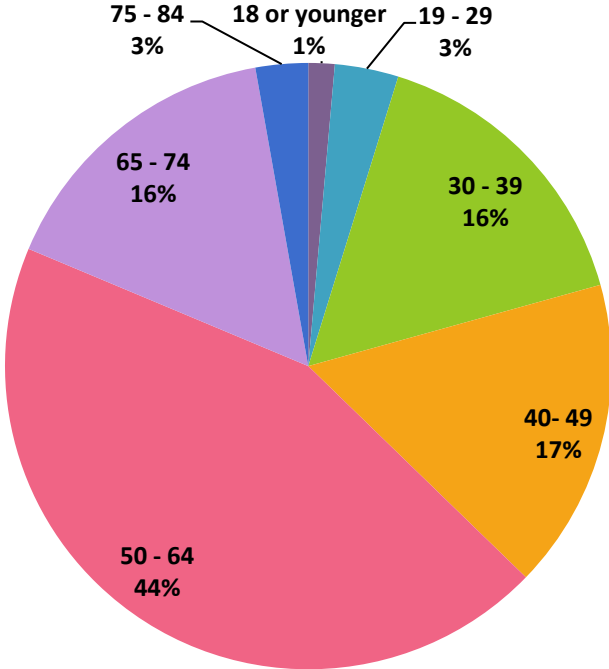
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SURVEY RESULTS

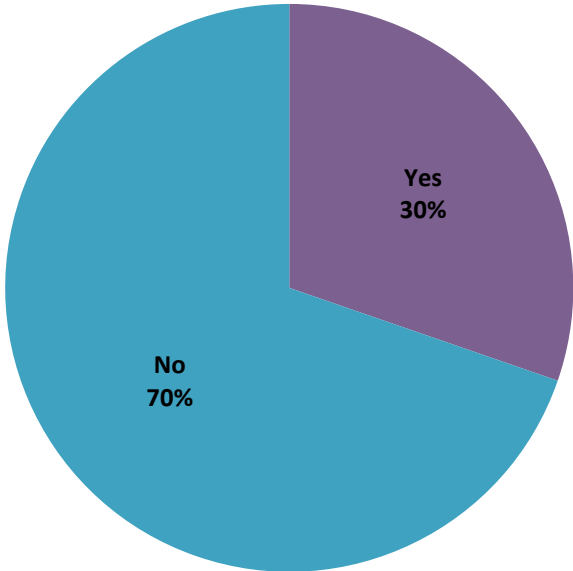
REPORT FOR 2022 HURON COUNTY PARK SURVEY

TOTAL SURVEY RESPONSES: 145

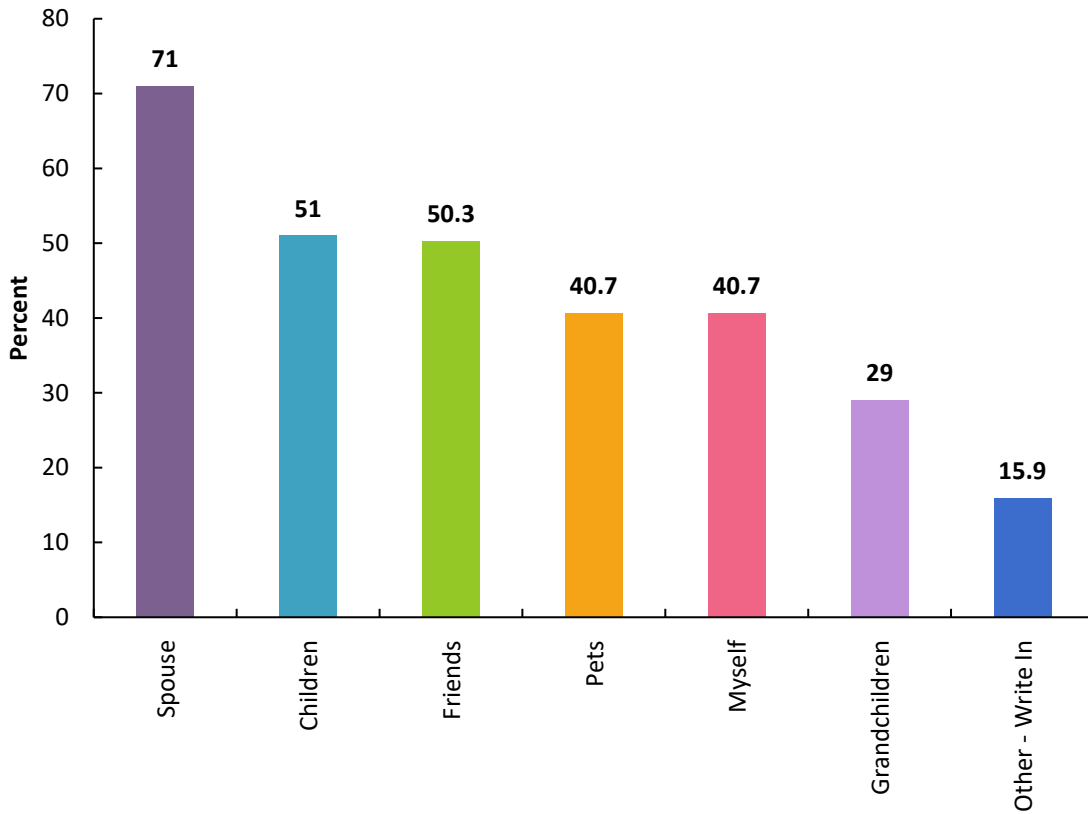
1.What is your age range?



2.Do you live in Huron County?



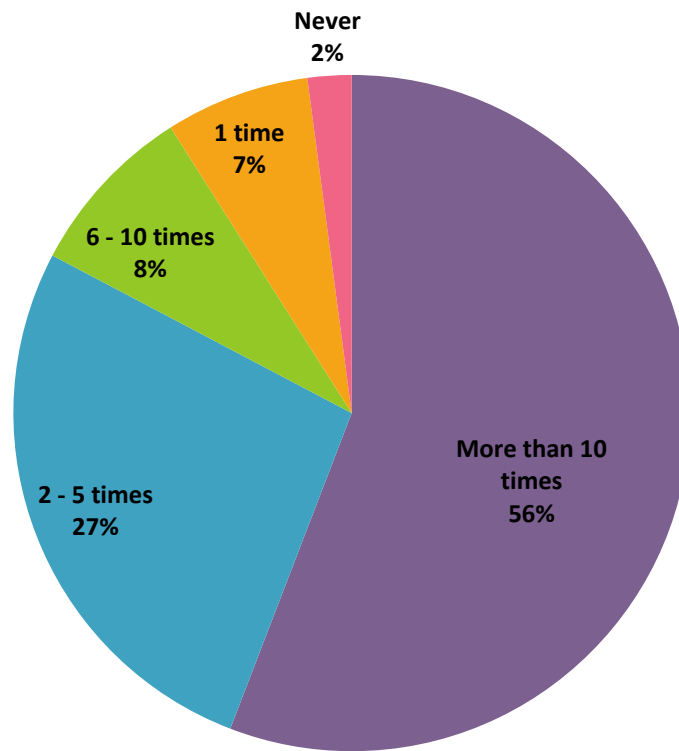
3. When you visit the County Parks, who do you normally visit with? Please check all that apply.



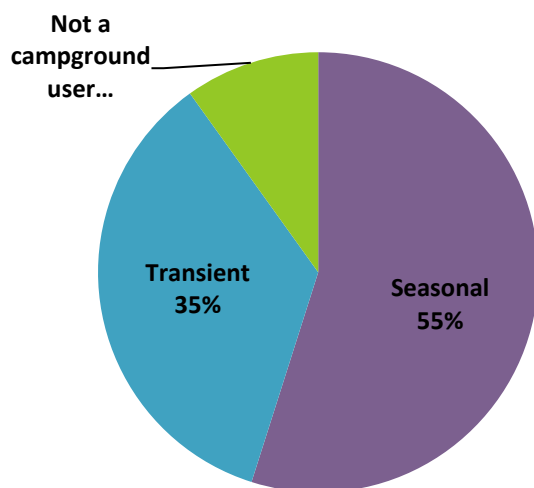
Other Write In

- Family
- Family
- Other family
- Children
- Extended Family
- Extended family
- Extended family
- Friend
- Group meetips
- Have a site at caseville County park
- I fix clean and move campers for people I also stay in the campground
- In-laws
- Other family
- Parents
- Parents
- Parents, Cousins, Aunts and Uncle
- Relatives
- Seasonal at Oak Beach-friends with many in the park & area
- We come here for family reunion
- family

4. How many times have you or your family used the Huron County parks system in the past year?



5. If you use a Huron County Campground, how do you use the campground?

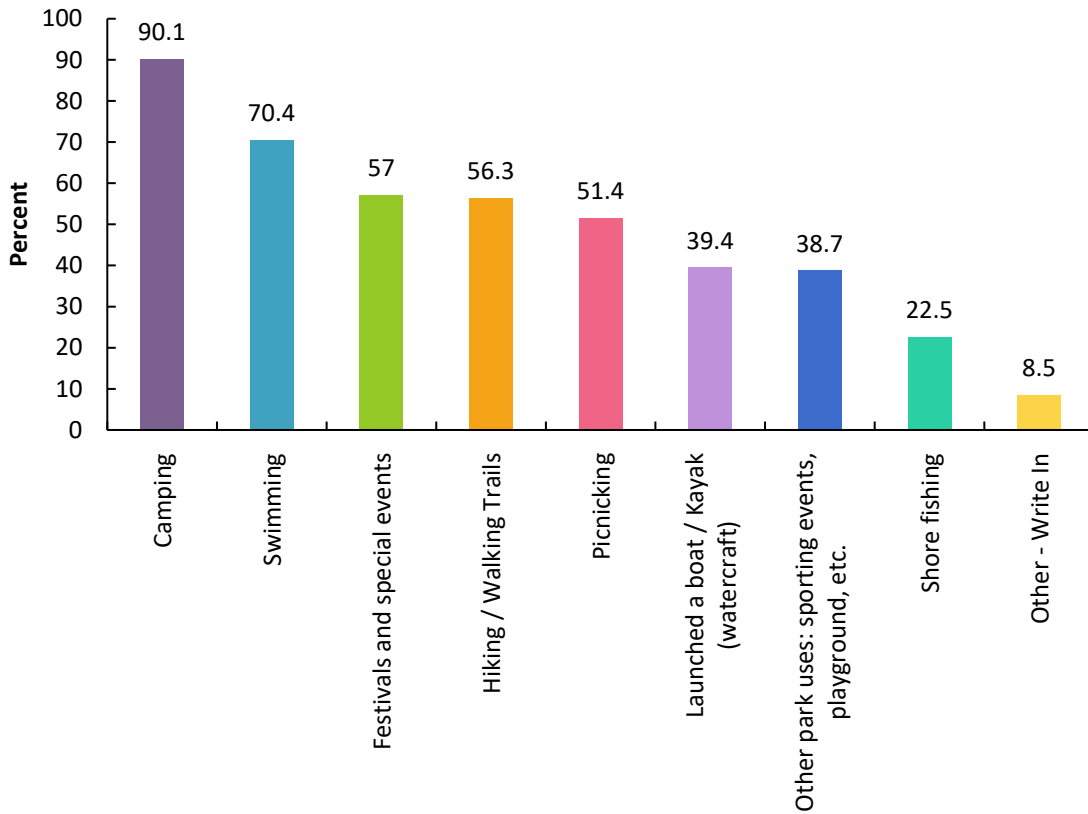


Value	Count
Seasonal	78
Transient	50
Not a campground user	14
	142

6. Which Huron County parks have you visited in the past year, and what did you use them for? Please check all that apply.

	Day use	Overnight stay	Responses
Sebewaing County Park Count Row %	38 59.4	26 40.6%	64
Caseville County Park Count Row %	35 38.9%	55 61.1%	90
Philp County Park Count Row %	34 94.4%	2 5.6%	36
Oak Beach County Park Count Row %	42 71.2%	17 28.8%	59
McGraw County Park Count Row %	40 97.6%	1 2.4%	41
Bird Creek Park Count Row %	33 97.1%	1 2.9%	34
Lighthouse Park Count Row %	46 67.6%	22 32.4%	68
Stafford County Park Count Row %	28 51.9%	26 48.1%	54
Wagener County Park Count Row %	20 31.3%	44 68.8%	64

7.1 have participated in the following recreational activities in Huron County parks in the past year. Please check all that apply.



Other Write In

- Family reunion
- Beach bumming
- Photography
- Relaxing
- Rented Pavilion #3 in Oak Beach
- Seasonal camper
- Service seasonal and transitit campers
- Star gazing
- Visiting seasonal campers
- Wedding
- Wedding reception at large pavilion

8.If you are familiar with SEBEWAING COUNTY PARK, please give your opinion regarding the facilities.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know	Responses
The restrooms are satisfactory Count Row %	4 5.1%	8 10.1%	4 5.1%	1 1.3%	0 0	62 78.5%	79
An additional walkway at the edge of the park along the river is needed Count Row %	5 7.1%	6 8.6%	4 5.7%	0 0	1 5.7%	54 77.1%	70
Additional play equipment is needed Count Row %	2 2.8%	6 8.3%	6 8.3%	0 0	1 1.4%	57 79.2%	72
Camping cabins are needed Count Row %	1 1.4%	5 7.2%	5 7.2%	0 0	2 2.9%	56 81.2%	69

9.If you are familiar with CASEVILLE COUNTY PARK, please give your opinion regarding the facilities.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know	Responses
The beach is satisfactory Count Row %	26 23.0%	47 41.6%	8 7.1%	8 7.1%	1 0.9%	23 20.4%	113
The restrooms are satisfactory Count Row %	14 12.6%	33 29.7%	17 15.3%	15 13.5%	4 3.6%	28 25.2%	111
A pathway to access the beach from M-25 is needed Count Row %	19 16.8	26 23.0%	20 17.7%	16 14.2%	2 1.8%	30 26.5%	113
Additional picnic areas and pavilions are needed Count Row %	11 9.8%	25 22.3%	29 25.9%	17 15.2%	2 1.8%	28 25.0%	112
Additional campsites are needed Count Row %	16 14.5%	16 14.5%	21 19.1%	16 14.5%	10 9.1%	31 28.2%	110
Additional playground equipment is needed Count Row %	20 18.3%	30 27.5%	23 21.1%	7 6.4%	2 1.8%	27 24.8%	109

10.If you are familiar with OAK BEACH COUNTY PARK, please give your opinion regarding the facilities.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know	Responses
The beach is satisfactory Count Row %	9 10.7%	33 39.3%	6 7.1%	3 3.6%	2 2.4%	31 36.9%	84
The restrooms are satisfactory Count Row %	2 2.4%	8 9.4%	11 12.9%	13 15.3%	8 9.4%	43 50.6%	85
Additional picnic areas and pavilions are needed Count Row %	6 7.1%	7 8.3%	21 25.0%	8 9.5%	2 2.4%	40 47.6%	84
Additional play equipment is needed Count Row %	10 12.0%	10 12.0%	15 18.1%	6 7.2%	2 2.4%	40 48.2%	83
Additional campsites are needed Count Row %	9 10.7%	9 10.7%	5 6.0%	6 7.1%	6 7.1%	49 58.3%	84
Camping cabins are needed Count Row %	8 9.3%	7 8.1%	11 12.8%	5 5.8%	7 8.1%	48 55.8%	86

11.If you are familiar with BIRD CREEK PARK, please give your opinion regarding the facilities.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know	Responses
The quality of the beach is satisfactory Count Row %	3 3.8%	12 15.4%	6 7.7%	4 5.1%	1 1.3%	52 66.7%	78
The restrooms are satisfactory Count Row %	1 1.3%	9 12.0%	6 8.0%	4 5.3%	1 1.3%	54 72.0%	75
The fishing access is satisfactory Count Row %	3 4.1%	7 9.5%	5 6.8%	0 0	3 4.1%	56 75.7%	74
Picnicking facilities are satisfactory Count Row %	1 1.3%	13 17.3%	7 9.3%	3 4.0%	0 0	51 68.0%	75
Additional playground equipment is needed Count Row %	2 2.7%	4 5.3%	11 14.7%	3 4.0%	1 1.3%	54 72.0%	75

12.If you are familiar with LIGHTHOUSE PARK, please give your opinion regarding the facilities.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know	Responses
The beach is satisfactory Count Row %	0 0	10 10.5%	20 21.1%	14 14.7%	18 18.9%	33 34.7%	95
The restrooms are satisfactory Count Row %	4 4.3%	25 27.2%	16 17.4%	8 8.7%	3 3.3%	36 39.1%	92
The boat launch is satisfactory Count Row %	0 0	15 16.3%	15 16.3%	5 5.4%	4 4.3%	53 57.6%	92
Hiking trails through the woods are needed Count Row %	8 8.6%	34 36.6%	9 9.7%	4 4.3%	0 0	38 40.9%	93
Additional winter amenities should be added: snowshoeing and cross-country skiing, etc. Count Row %	12 13.0%	19 20.7%	11 12.0%	7 7.6%	1 1.1%	42 45.7%	92
Additional picnic areas and pavilions are needed Count Row %	6 6.5%	20 21.7%	16 17.4%	7 7.6%	2 2.2%	41 44.6%	92
Additional rustic camping sites are needed Count Row %	5 5.5%	15 16.5%	12 13.2%	11 12.1%	3 3.3%	45 49.5%	91
Additional camping cabins are needed Count Row %	8 8.8%	20 22%	13 14.3%	7 7.7%	3 3.3%	40 44.0%	91

Additional tent sites are needed							
Count	8	9	18	6	2	47	90
Row %	8.9%	10.0%	20.0%	6.7%	2.2%	52.2%	
Additional playground equipment is needed							
Count	8	20	15	8	0	41	92
Row %	8.7%	21.7%	16.3%	8.7%	0	44.6%	
The museum is an interesting and worthwhile feature							
Count	22	27	8	1	0	33	91
Row %	24.2%	29.7%	8.8%	1.1%	0	36.3%	

13.If you are familiar with STAFFORD COUNTY PARK, please give your opinion regarding the facilities.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know	Responses
The restrooms are satisfactory Count Row %	5 5.4%	25 27.2%	10 10.9%	4 4.3%	4 4.3%	44 47.8%	92
The ballfields are satisfactory Count Row %	5 5.6%	20 22.2%	10 11.1%	3 3.3%	3 3.3%	49 54.4%	90
The tennis courts are satisfactory Count Row %	2 2.2%	9 10.1%	9 10.1%	5 5.6%	4 4.5%	60 67.4%	89
The beach and swimming area are satisfactory Count Row %	0 0	14 15.4%	13 14.3%	8 8.8%	11 12.1%	45 49.5%	91
Additional pathways are needed Count Row %	7 7.8%	12 13.3%	18 20.0%	6 6.7%	1 1.1%	46 51.1%	90
Additional camping cabins are needed Count Row %	7 7.9%	16 18.0%	8 9.0%	10 11.2%	2 2.2%	46 51.7%	89
Additional playground equipment is needed Count Row %	5 5.6% ^b	17 18.9%	14 15.6%	5 5.6%	2 2.2%	47 52.2%	90

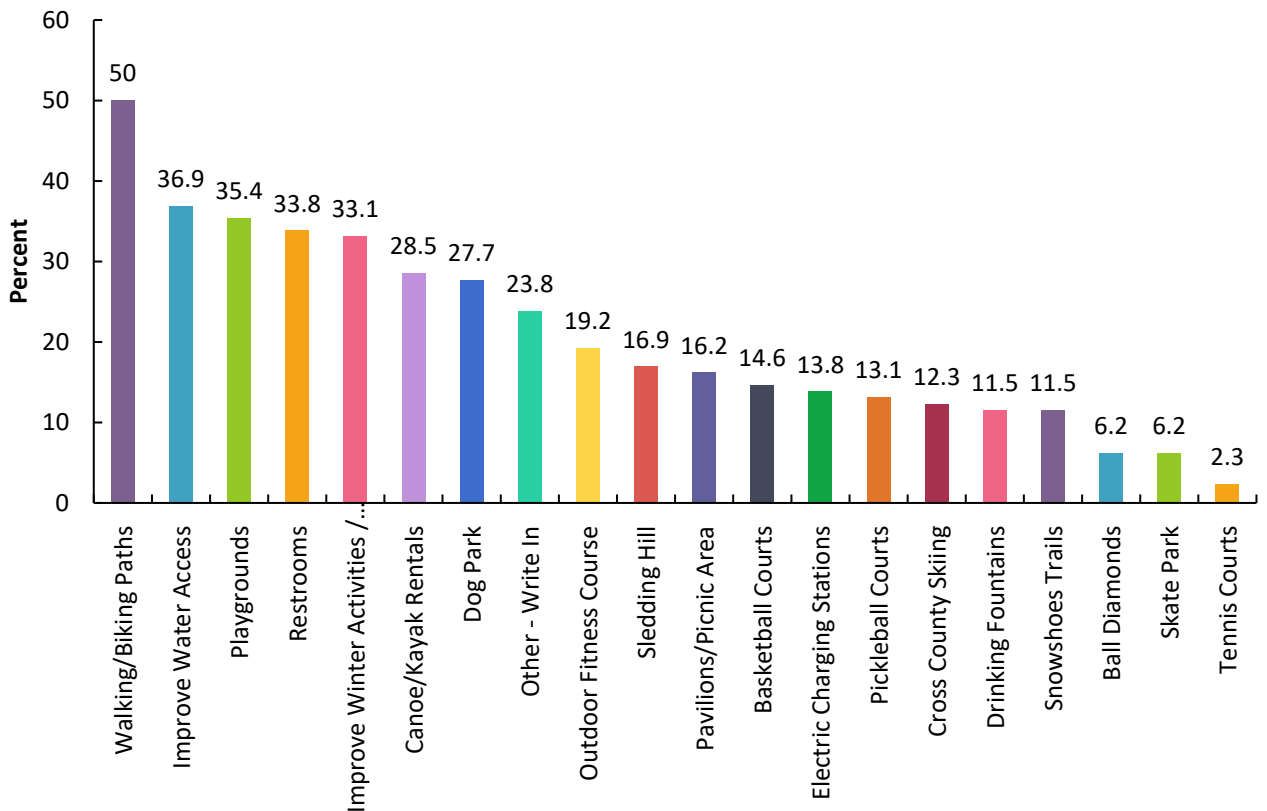
14.If you are familiar with WAGENER COUNTY PARK, please give your opinion regarding the facilities.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know	Responses
The restrooms are satisfactory Count Row %	7 7.5%	28 30.1%	8 8.6%	8 8.6%	7 7.5%	35 37.6%	93
The beach is satisfactory Count Row %	19 19.8%	30 31.3%	8 8.3%	7 7.3%	2 2.1%	30 31.3%	96
The existing boat launch is satisfactory Count Row %	2 2.1%	5 5.3%	17 17.9%	11 \\ 11.6%	15 15.8%	45 47.4%	95
Additional pathways are needed Count Row %	6 6.3%	20 21.1%	22 23.2%	8 8.4%	6 6.3%	33 34.7%	95
Additional camping cabins are needed Count Row %	9 9.5%	19 20.0%	21 22.1%	8 8.4%	4 4.2%	34 35.8%	95
Additional picnic areas and pavilions are needed Count Row %	6 6.4%	15 16.0%	29 30.9%	12 12.8%	1 1.1%	31 33.0%	94
Additional winter amenities should be added: snowshoeing and cross-country skiing, etc. Count Row %	14 15.2%	22 23.9%	18 19.6%	1 1.1%	4 4.3%	33 35.9%	92
Additional playground equipment is needed Count Row %	15 16.0%	18 19.1%	25 26.6%	7 7.4%	0 0	29 30.9%	94

15. Please evaluate the quality of the overall facilities at the following day-use parks.

	Very Good	Good	Neutral	Poor	Very Poor	Don't know	Responses
Philp Park	4 4.5%	18 20.2%	10 11.2%	5 5.6%	0 0	52 58.4%	89
McGraw Park	3 3.2%	23 24.5%	11 11.7%	5 5.3%	1 1.1%	51 54.3%	94

16. What additional facilities/amenities would you like to see added to the Huron County Parks. Please check all that apply.

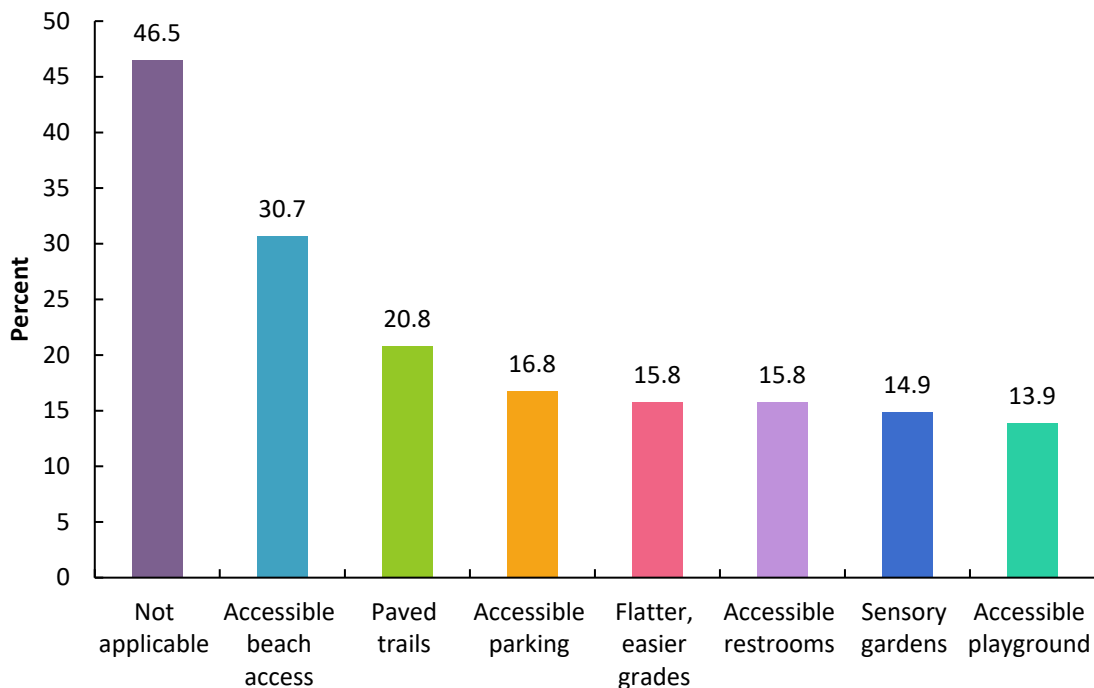


Other Write In

- A new acting secretary who doesn't fire quality employee to hire friends and fay
- A splash playground
- Additional full hookup sites, a camp store to buy more than just wood and ice.
- Basketball Hoop at Wagener Park
- Clubhouse at caseville county park, video games, pool, shuffleboard, card tables, movie night, etc.
- Disc golf courses
- Dog parks are so important! Also more fun and unique things. Make things cheaper like the museum
- Gaga ball pits

- I would be nice if you would let us park back by our cabin and have another restroom closer to cabins
- I would really like to see wagner's boat launch open back up friends and I used to use it all the time,now every time I ask about it the manager yells at me and says boats aren't even allowed in the park...really would love if it could be reopened, I always bought a season pass. Typically my extended family would camp there as I have a place right down the road but they stopped doing that because of no boat launch. Please consider putting the launch back to the way it was seeing that the water is back down, thanks
- Improve parks website more interactive pics etc similar to state but higher or no cancellations so people don't hoard sites on weekends and cancel weekdays leaving them empty but wasted also area maps with points interest activitya
- In the playground area there isn't anything safety appropriate for children from the ages 6months to 4 years. Could use some swing seat for younger children
- Locks on bathhouse (Oak Beach), barriers/erosion protection for beaches, MORE WASTE CANS, RECYCLING (please), better cell service
- Locks on the bathhouse doors at Oak Beach Campground that were removed in 2020-Safety first before adding anything else. Oak Beach Campground bathhouse needs a remodel/improvements.
- More full service hookup at Wagener Park
- New manager for caseville
- Oak Beach needs playground equipment updated and a new marygoround for the kids.
- Rules enforced; stickers or entrance fee required for beach at Caseville so seasonal campers don't have to pay outrageous fees to maintain the beach for everyone else
- Splash pad
- Splash park
- Stafford Park needs ball diamond rescue.
- They do it NOW at Caseville Park by fish house charge vehicle with there electricity unfair
- To much sand on the beach last year I fell in the sand it is too deep can not keep my balance. Need away to get to the beach for handicap people so we can enjoy the beach & the water. Thank you
- Updated electrical, more showers,toilets , trees trimmed hitting campers and electrical lines, pavilion roofs cleaned off, grass replaced at oakbeach sand is taking over
- Upgraded picnic tables
- Wheelchair accessible paths to beach
- Wifi for the seasonal campers at Wagner
- Winter camping
- Working WiFi. I have been a seasonal camper for 7 years and it is absolutely embarrassing that Huron County parks cannot figure out how to get working WiFi in 2022!
- caseville beach parking lot open all year. bath house can be closed in winter, but access to watch the water and enjoy the view would be awesome. I belive caseville village volunteered to keep roads plowed
- laundry facilities at seasonal camp grounds

17.If you or a family member benefit from accessible facilities, please indicate which of the following areas need improvements in Huron County parks. Please Check all that apply.



18.What do you like best about Huron County Parks?

Response
Being on the shores of Lake Huron, water sports, Haven't tried them yet.
The accessibility from home. Easy drive.
The beauty by the water. Also love the option of rustic spots at Wagener.
I love the county campgrounds! We started kayaking & hiking & feel Blessed to have all of this in the Thumb!
The view
It's the best part of Michigan.
The beaches are all pretty great. Great management at Caseville county park. Love the proximity to downtown and sense of community among seasonal campers.
They are close to home for great get aways .. staff are awesome .. pets are allowed
Being able to access the water and have restrooms to make it comfortable. Trying to help little ones use a portable toilet while wearing a swimsuit is not an activity for the faint of heart.
Positioned along Lake Huron is the bet part.
Beach access & water access
We have always been a fan of caseville. Having the beach right there and town so close
More seasonal campsites in Caseville, and making waitlists public record (on display in the camp office for example)
I love having so many options for local camping amd campsites are well kept
Beautiful beaches, love camping in them, hiking trails are nice
Hidden gems when we spend our summers in the thumb
I do like the caseville Park for how nice the beaches and I like my seasonal area although I wish they had not put in the LED lights or went to a more low light less light pollution

We love the Thumb
Beautiful facilities overall and fabulous location at the beaches! Park mangers are awesome especially Beth at Caseville
Caseville's Seasonal Camping
Beautiful area. Great parks. We have been going to parks since 1991.
Beautiful spots for the public to visit.
Events, beach, seasonal camping
Property
the location is good for our family, the beaches are clean.
Peaceful beautiful scenery
The museum.
They are very clean park and the beaches are kept up. Very well run.
The continued commitment by the county to improve the parks. I as a small business owner that does everything camper get to see many different county and private campgrounds... Huron County has one of the best campground programs in the state as far I my opinion
Close by, easy to maneuver, easy to find, not usually too crowded.
Beauty of the county
Love seasonal camping at Stafford but trees desperately need to be replanted in the campground!
It being a home away from home, but also only miles away from home.
Beth needs to go in caseville
The nature all around, beach access and the quietness
Close to home and for the most part very clean.
Beach
Proximity to my home and access to fishing which Huron County Parks do not realize how big fishing is and how many people come to there parks for fishing
Love Caseville it has everything we need,the water is beautiful people are friendly the camp sites could be cleaned up a little more. Fun place to be a seasonal camper.
View of the lake
Access to the lake! Dog friendly parts of the beach (usually down and away from the human swim areas).
It's a quick walk to town for shopping, events, and dining. The beach is also a walk away from our seasonal campsite!
Clean, friendly, beautiful location
It's a nice area and we don't have to drive hours and hours to get there.
Quiet, nice location
The upkeep of Stafford Park as far as grass mowing, clean bathrooms is very good. Playground needs some work!
Location and no big box stores near shorelines!!! Area gorgeous don't allow eye sore corporate business to ugly the Lakeshore!!
There are many to chose from.
Close to home.
Maintained well for the money we spend.
Location
I like the peacefulness of some of them. Sometimes they get over crowded. I like that it's a fun way to enjoy the area. I would love to know more about each park and what they offer.
In general, the parks are pretty good.
The rustic feel and close to water
Area and beaches
Nice community of friends!
Lake Huron
Access to the shoreline all around the county is amazing! Our parks are clean and well groomed!

Clean
Always clean. Staff is wonderful. Full hookup campsites at a reasonable price. Discovered Lighthouse almost by accident and is now a family favorite campground every year. This was our gateway park introducing us to other Huron County parks and we have been very happy
Boat launches, please fix wagner's!!!!
Peaceful and generally "available" for use
The direct view of Lake Huron.
Caseville county park has a beautiful location and grounds and beach are kept up nice.
Nice Parks. Some of the new park managers could be more personable. (Wagener).
That it is close to home.
They're just nice and clean (Wagener)
Until this year, the friendly home feel.
I like that our site was nice green grass and not dirt. We also had a very nice space for the kids to run around and play catch and yard games. Very nice park.
Family friendly, access to town, management, Beth is the best!
The beautiful beach and view of the bay
I love how clean the parks are
Small town feel, clean, friendly!!
They are clean for the most part, friendly staff. We enjoy camping at Wagner so far the best. Very nice beaches. It could use an additional playground. At our last visit to Wagner we had a issue with the fact our daughter couldn't play on the playground because there were unsupervised children on playground playing rough and our kids are 4-6 years of age. Was not far to them.
We love Wagener Park and can't wait to see more cabins with bathrooms and more picnic areas with pavillions. We love to hike and hope to see more hiking trails that are up to date and flat so our cross country team can run safely there.
Love the water, beach area
Access to water, trails & camping
They are close and beautiful
Access to the lake and a great beach
Reasonably priced, nice customer service, great camping spots!
Close to home. Smaller campgrounds are more relaxing and accessible to beach trails etc than state parks where the sites can number in the high hundreds or thousands which is a camping city.
I love that they've stayed similar to how they were when I was a child - not overly commercialized. Nothing compares with the beaches and sunsets
Oak Beach Campground is our Summer home. We definitely need the bathrooms and totally the whole Park brought up to date!
Nice quiet family aptmastfear and good people.
The beautiful sunsets
The view of the lake.
Clean lake, sugar sand beaches
The location
Location
Enjoy the seasonal camping at caseville county park. The beach and easy walk into town.
Location Location Location
I like the family friendly atmosphere at Oak Beach Campground. The overall atmosphere and proximity to the beach is great.
The cabins, and being able to have the lake view when we open our door .
Husband is from Huron County the parks give us an opportunity to visit with family have picnics together. We have had a lot of fun at Oak Beachwe used to have events before Covid like camp breakfast they were awesome. They need better WiFi

Location
Wagner is a hidden gem , we LOVE that the playset is right on the beach , bathrooms could use some updating but are always clean . We also really LOVE the stream that goes into the water from the wood (to the left of beach) wish they made that a cooler area with a little bridge or bench
Spacious of the facilities.
Beach access, being able to take my kids camping so they can enjoy nature and make memories.
I like the quietness, and the nature.
We have been camping at Wagener County Park for 7 years. We absolutely love the campground, views and overall quietness of the park. It is a "must schedule" trip on our summer calendar.
The nice home type feel you can get from the parks.

19.What is one thing you would do to improve Huron County Parks? Please state the park and the improvement.

Response
Update camping sites
N/A
Caseville . Enforce the rules that are in place. There is no quiet time here, and when it's brought up, you are called names. Dogs are not leashed, golf carts are all over the place, decks and sheds exceed the stated sizes, two cars on a lot-that's a joke! There is no one available at night. If rules are going to be stated and handed out they should be enforced .
Sebwaing is kind swampy and could be cleaned up more cabins like Stafford Co
Wi-Fi in the county parks
Lighthouse has way too many streetlights. Love to see the stars but it's lit up like a downtown metro area. Have a telescope but after the installation of streetlights that could light a night golf course can't use it anymore up there. Also the boat yard looks like a gravel field with all the dirt and gravel piled up there. Gland I'm not on that end.
Caseville County Park would be awesome if there was a clubhouse.
Stafford .. plant more trees 😊
Restrooms at Philip park
Stafford Park Ball Diamond is not utilized for games to bring in tourism or the green space next to the parking lot for rustic camping for players. If camping will not be allowed then put cabins in the green space and increase parking. Bring back softball tournaments that will benefit Port Hope businesses during summer.
Caseville-access to water & beach for all
I would like to see the exit for the beach closed again. And go back to one way in and out
Caseville; more seasonal sites and the nightly rental sites need to be better maintained. The trees are messy and the sites often flood with big rain storms.
Stafford park: the playground major fixing. It has heaved and is no longer level. The edging of playground is falling into the lake and thr solution was 2 cones and taking the boards out. I would love to see the shoreline fixed as best as possible so it doesn't need to be taped off. Lastly, I would love to see the pier restored. My son LOVES this playground and we visit multiple times/week, but I am bummed to see the playground falling apart
Wagener Park needs some full hook up sites up near the water
Caseville County. Seasonal should be gated. Seasonal streets should be asphalt. Please send out info stating golf carts are allowed in Seasonal or is everyone handicapped ?
Less light pollution turn off the LEDs in the caseville Park
Improve the roads in Caseville. Ditch the obnoxious LED lights in the park. They're ridiculous bright
The waiting list for seasonal camping in Caseville seems to be inaccurate. For

instance....an individual and a couple sign up at the same time to be on the list for camping. 4 years go by.....the couple gets in to be a seasonal camper and the individual is still in the 400's in the list. There is a lot of nepatism when it comes to "the list".
Add more events
Update bathrooms and showers at oak beach
There are a few improvements that could be made to Stafford County Park in Port Hope, but the one that should be addressed first is the current state of the pier, also known as Ogilvie's dock, which sits just North of the marina near the boat launch. The ice shoves from the past few winter's have completely collapsed the center of the cement structure. The walls on either side have fallen and the rocks beneath have been washed out, creating a hazard. I would love to see this dock repaired, rather than demolished due to it's historical significance and recreational opportunities it once provided (fishing, viewing the chimney from the water, providing a cleaner access to better swimming areas at the end, etc.). Apart from that it would be nice if the beach was dredged and filed with sand. There hasn't been a clean and accessible swimming area in Stafford Park in decades.
Caseville county needs paved roads in seasonal area to cut down dust. Also would benefit from charging admission to beach by public.
New county controller
caseville, more appealing area between the beach and the campground. looks over grown and unkept. maybe wooden trails, planted short bushes and rock scapes put in, couple trees
There no baby/toddler swing in the parks or handicap swings. When inquired last year got no help from the county person I email.
Port Hope. Water on the water front side would be nice
Reservation program needs more teeth as to no shows. Many make reservations just because they think they might ... Many want to and are unable to stay because of it. No shows and late cancellations should have to pay for the entire booked stay
Open in winter. All parks.
A splash park would be nice for younger kids
Stafford. Plant trees in campground. New shower heads in the restrooms. Add hiking trails. Open campground April 15 - October 31 just like Caseville.
Caseville county park. Bathroom facilities at the other side of the beach
Management in caseville. We pay more with less service's
The lights are to bright at Caseville County Park
Pave all the streets in Caseville Co Park's campground, repair and add additional playground equipment (toddler swings are needed). Slide is cracked and dangerous. Swings are old a near breaking. A splash pad would be nice and an added draw for Caseville
If the county allows golf carts why can't we drive them in the parks?
Lighthouse park - something additional for the kids to do. Wagner - a shorter path rather than one large path to walk. Stafford- More camper sites closer to the water. More trees in the new part of the park.
Upgraded playground equipment Caveville Park
Stop traffic coming through the park trying to get to beach
Caseville County Park Need better roads everything is so dusty also the road by the trash bins need to be done when it rains it is so muddy to empty trash.
Enforce the rules you have posted
More lake front electric only campsites where the rustic are currently located for example.
Caseville County Park - Take care your customers better. Rates continue to go up in price every year and the park is less and less for there regular seasonal campers every year. The response to us is, "If you don't like it, leave! There's a waiting list to get into the park!" That's not an answer to any problems or concerns in the park!
Walking/hiking/ bike paths at Stafford.
Oak Beach - 1. the bathhouse in the campground is abysmal 2. the parking lot in the day park is difficult to get in and out of, it really needs an exit driveway 3. there are only a dozen

or so transit sites, which makes it tough to get reservations; it would be great if the county could expand to the south of the campground and add some electric/water sites or a few cabins
Caseville have internet hookup for all seasonal lots. Charge to get into the park for non seasonal or transit campers
Stafford Park - better cell service
As stated before, the playground at Stafford Park needs some attention! Also, a dog park would be appreciated.
Stafford ...clean up the beach!!! Make it so you can actually have sand for the kids to play instead of all rocks. Fix the break wall that is now totally broken apart and an eye sore to all!! McGraw make the parking lot bigger!! Lower the speed in that area so family's that have to park across M25 can safely get across the road. Fix the bathrooms that are so outdated!
Stafford ,add grocery store.
Open in the fall and winter more. It REALLY pisses us off that we are full time and pay taxes, but as soon as camping season is over, my kids can't even go to the playground because everything closes up. I can understand closing December thru March or something, but can we please leave them open more?
Water access to all sites
I think all parks should have access for dogs. I also think there needs to be more playground equipment. Not only for small kids but for bigger kids. It would be nice to see private tent camping where dogs are allowed.
ALL PARKS, Don't quite understand why the roads are flat & not crowned so the water can run off, reducing pot holes & road maintenance. CASEVILLE PARK Everyone that either staying at caseville campground, or just going to the beach from 25 or parking area, walks down the main entrance road. But, no place else for them to walk to the beach. Small children in the road with there bikes, electric cars or scooters. Other people pulling wagons or carrying large beach items. Then put busy vehicle traffic at peek times makes this very dangerous for the children & everyone else. NEED WALKWAYS!
Wagener= internet
Oak beach needs to be easier to walk down You cleared the beach and left a huge huge hole at the bottom of the steps. Then throughout the year you do not clean it well. Broken glass and no garbage cans. Caseville is getting very expensive and really other then the beach there is nothing to offer. Most of the town has burnt down and the water gets dirty with the pier. Not a good beach for kayaks and restaurants is expensive but has to be due to minimum season
Caseville paved roads, better communication, the way the system works for new seasonal and movers, the list isn't working, just to be fair!
Stafford Park: It has nice playground equipment, BUT it has shifted and is no longer level. Also with the shoreline erosion the slides are dangerously close to the edge and in desperate need of repair for safety!!!
I feel the parks need to be more accessible by county residents, can never get camping sites at Caseville Park. I also feel that the parks on the east side of the county needs alot of stuff done to update them.
Handicap equipment in the playground area
Wifi for the seasonal spots at Wagner.
Dim those darn campground lights! The new led lights are extremely bright & glaring! Not a good camping atmosphere its like being in a Walmart parking lot! Its like day light at night and keeps up awake! We have voiced our concerns with no response !
Caseville-definitely more full hook ups
Caseville, improve the amphitheater area. Make it the marquee of the park & use it more!
Caseville stop blocking beach view. A splash playground in caseville
Wagner's launch
More full hook ups in Caseville park
Better website and information to the public about all of the parks.

More diligent cleaning services for the restrooms at Wagener. And better beach access at the Lighthouse.
We need working WiFi in Caseville county park. The new street lights are WAY TOO BRIGHT! Multiple people have complained please fix this issue as my lot is lit up like a football field. Also we tend to have a security issue in the winter with the gate not being properly locked. We had 38 sheds broken into in the off season of 2019-2020. This also must be addressed when we are paying extra money for winter storage. People should not be able to get into the park when it is "closed". Thank you.
Wi-Fi
Needs better management that are not disrespectful.
I would make a section for just seasonal and a section for transients. That way they are not all mixed in together.
Caseville County Park. Update the inside of bathrooms add and update playground equipment,
Area where dogs could go in water
A camp store would be great at wagner and wifi
More public beach access and bike trails
Wagner county park. Showers, better shower heads. And more full hook up sites.
Wagener Park more cabins with bathrooms.
Oakbeach update restrooms
More full hookup sites at Wagener park
Waegner-get rid of the rule of one car per campsite. Many locals with smaller campers are there and both bring a vehicle to get to and from work. If both vehicles fit on the site it should be allowed but the new manager will not allow it because of this rule-thus change the rule
Wagener Showers need to be upgraded/cleaned up with a dry spot or mat to stand on out of the water Bathrooms should not be closed for cleaning at 8:30 am, do it later in the day
Oak beach needs to be grated and updated playground things
Lighthouse county park: make a dog park; grade camp spots to eliminate mud, standing water, flooding.
Wagener needs a new bathhouse. The showers are cold, outdated, and feel and look dirty even after cleaning. All the street lights at night are too bright. Why can't they be turned down after dark? Do you like to sleep with lights on all night? That's what it's like in a tent. If you go to LED then reduce the number of light poles as the lights are brighter. Why not free WIFI? You certainly have the capability to do that.
Oak Beach - fewer/dimmer street lamps (can't see stars, they light up the camper- it's like daylight over some of the sites)
Update the Bathrooms and the lots for Permanent campers.
Better playground for the kids in Oak Beach
Oakbeach.... For safety reasons trees trimmed, ideally better Wi-Fi it is very bad
Stafford, oil the road more often to keep the dust down.
Oak Beach: new picnic tables, bathroom updates
Picnic table need to be replaced.
Oak beach campground. Restrooms need redone, locks put back on doors for safety , picnic tables need replaced.
Be a seasonal camper at Caseville county park, would like to see the streetlights turned down. The new bright lights do not allow us to view the night sky, which to most of us here is a large part of camping. If you could please change back to dimmer lights we would all appreciate it. Thank you.
Better management in Wagner park. The guy we felt with last year that said he was managing the park was an order of magnitude more pleasant to deal with than the lady running it this year. Very unprofessional.
Oakbeach Campground- needs upgraded bathroom that is accessible and has LOCKS on the doors. Picnic tables that are NOT a hazard (breaking tables and splinters). Allow golf

carts. Plant trees. Playground equipment needs to be replaced. Allow camping until the end of October.

Oak Beach Campground. For safety, we need locks on the bathhouse doors again. For a campground with no gated access and kids visiting the lack of locks on the door is unacceptable. Let's not wait until someone gets hurt or the bathrooms vandalized before taking action. There are many alternatives out there to secure the doors. With reasonable technology you can set up a system with key cards to swipe in. Charge \$20 deposit for the return of the key, if not returned the old key automatically disables and money is available for new card. Card returned, deposit is returned. This would help control access for those in the park who should be there with audit capabilities to see who swiped based on site card. Safety First! Let's make it happen. We do not have city water so there should be plenty of funds from what we pay to make this happen. Show families that you really care about safety.

Parking and being able to park by our cabin's . Also more restroom's back there.

Better wifi. More organized activities.

Oak Beach Park. Please grade and re-gravel streets in park. They have mud holes after rains. Maintain or replace Wi-Fi system, it doesn't work well at all! Re-install electronic locks on bath house. Stairs to beach are in ill repair. The new security light installed on lot 54, doesn't have a diffuser shade and is too glaring bright. Most picnic tables in park (except handicap tables) are warped or rotted out. Allow seasonal campers to operate golf carts in park. Better maintain grounds at day use/picnic area. (still a lot of leaves laying around, play equipment in need of attention, paint.)

Locks put back on the bathroom outside doors. They were removed last year. Oak Beach campers felt safe in the toilet and shower stalls. NOT ANYMORE.
OAK BEACH CAMPERS NEED THEIR OUTSIDE DOOR LOCKS BACK

Take a survey of your seasonal campers and have them rate their park manager(s) and events hosted. This is for all parks.

Bathrooms at Wagner . Keep the playset at beach if you do Any improving , it's great that it's on the beach

Staying at Wagner park 6/10-6/13 tent camping, attendant just informed us there is a one tent policy. Most likely won't be camping here again and will just stick to state parks so we can use 2 tents. We're not mad just easier for us.

I don't appreciate petty attitudes. Our camp was next to a couple with small children and we were informed upon arrival that there were complaints about them. I found that the couple with small children were very nice and good parents. We had NO issues or complaints about them. The campers before us either didn't have children or were grumpy snooty people. What we observed was just a young couple with two small children having a camping time, which is refreshing to see young families spending time outdoors and with each other!

Our first trip to Wagener in 2022, we are assuming a change of management/park host due to the experience we had over our weekend stay. During our trip, the park host was not in their office, or riding around (like previous times we have been here) to ensure that guests were doing okay, and we simply could not find them at the office. However we discovered that the host had a nearby lot with her husband and spent the majority of the time at their site. The evening we were expected to check in, no one was at the office, we decided to drive to our site and check in the morning. Within 5 minutes of parking our camper the park host drove to our site stating: "I am not getting you any wood tonight because I am hungry and need to eat dinner, you can try to reach me tomorrow." We absolutely love this campground and the accessibility to Harbor Beach, the beach at the campground itself and going for walks for a nice weekend. However the lack of professionalism and customer service has really changed our opinion of whether our camping trips to Wagener are worth it as we were treated as a nuisance to the host and not a guest.

More than one car per sight and get rid of the Wagner park manager.

APPENDIX D

ADOPTION DOCUMENTS



HURON COUNTY

SHARE YOUR OPINION

Huron County is updating their Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The County is asking park users to share their opinion to help shape the future of parks and recreation in Huron County!

The survey should take you no more than ten minutes to complete. Your input is greatly appreciated!

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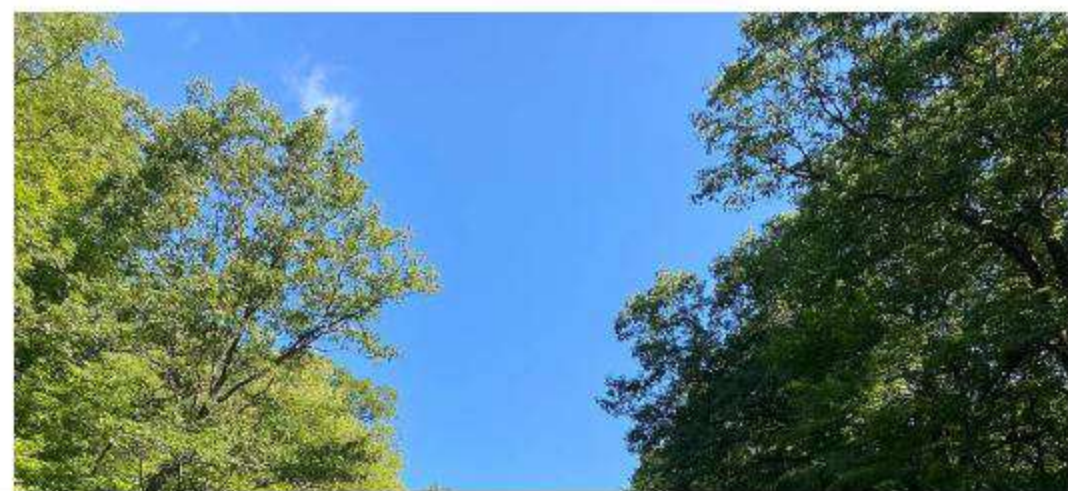


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Welcome to Huron County Road Commission!

Announcements!

Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 23, 2022, has been rescheduled to Monday, November 21, 2022, at 8:00am.
Click here to view the [Huron County Parks & Recreation Master Plan 2023 - 2027](#)



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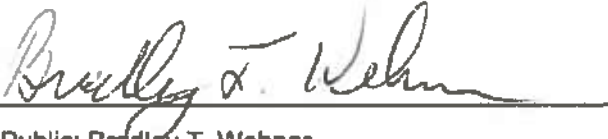
Cathy Bott, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is one of the editors, publishers of the Huron Daily Tribune, a newspaper published and circulated in said County of Huron, and the annexed notice was duly printed and published in the said newspaper on the following dates:

November 23, 2022



Cathy Bott

Subscribed to and sworn to me this 23rd day of November 2022.



Notary Public: Bradley T. Wehner
State of Michigan, County of Huron
My Commission Expires: August 30, 2023
(Acting in the County of Huron)

NOTICE OF REVIEW HURON COUNTY
DRAFT FIVE YEAR RECREATION MASTER PLAN

Huron County has developed an update to its Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Plan evaluates existing recreation opportunities, review's public opinion regarding recreation, establishes recreational goals, and proposes a five-year schedule of improvements and other related items that the County wishes to pursue. A copy of the Draft Plan is available for review at W/w.hcroads.com and can also be reviewed at Huron County Road Commission Building at 417 S Hanselman St, Bad Axe, MI 48413 during regular office hours.

If you are interested in submitting comments regarding the Draft Plan, please send comments to Huron_planning@spicergroup.com.

A public meeting to take input on the draft plan will be held on December 21, 2022 at the Huron County Road Commission Building at 8:30am.



HURON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Agenda for

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

- 1) Call to Order 8:00 a.m.
- 2) Opening Prayer & Pledge.
- 3) Nominate & Elect Chairman for 2023.
- 4) Nominate & Elect Vice-Chairman for 2023.
- 5) Appoint Secretary-Manager.
- 6) Appoint Secretary of Airport Committee.
- 7) Appoint Chief Financial Officer.
- 8) Appoint Deputy Drain Commissioner.
- 9) Approve Northstar Bank for Warrants, Payroll, Investments & Parks.
- 10) Approve Thumb Bank & Trust for Investments.
- 11) Approve Port Austin State Bank for Investments.
- 12) Approve Bay Port State Bank for Investments.
- 13) Approve Independent Bank for Investments.

14) Minutes for Approval.

- 15) Public Comment 8:15 a.m.

- 16) Labor Payroll for Approval - \$ Ck. # thru # +direct deposit
 - Employee Overtime in the Amount of: \$ hours

- 17) Sick Leave Payroll for Approval - \$ Ck. # +direct deposit

- 18) Warrants for Approval - \$ Check # thru #

19) Drain Orders for Approval - \$

20) Time/Schedule.

21) Items for Board Action.

A) Adopt Road Commissioner's Code of Conduct Policy

B) Adopt Road Commission Vehicle Use Policy

22) Items for Board Discussion.

23) Other Business.

DRAINS

1) Items for Board Action.

2) Items for Board Discussion.

PARKS

1) Items for Board Action.

2) Items for Board Discussion.

AIRPORT

1) Items for Board Action.

2) Items for Board Discussion.

ADJOURN.

**Bad Axe, Michigan
December 21, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Huron was held at the Road Commission office in Bad Axe, Michigan this 21st day of December 2022.

**Present: Alan McTaggart, John Hunt and Michael LePage
Secretary-Mngr Neal Hentschl, Co. Highway Engineer Erik Tamlyn, Finance
Director Steve Watson, Director of Operations Tom Donnellon and Supt. of Roads
Kevin Arndt**

**Also Present: Former Road Commissioner Power, County Commissioner Michael Meissner and
Colfax Trustee Floyd Stroschein**

The meeting was officially called to order at 8:00 a.m. with the pledge to the flag and prayer.

Public Comments: County Commissioner Meissner provided an update on county activities. Former Road Commissioner Mike Power congratulated Alan McTaggart on his 18 years of service to the Huron County Road Commission

Motion by Hunt and seconded by LePage to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 7, 2022. Motion carried.

Motion by LePage and seconded by Hunt to approve Labor Payroll in the amount of:

- \$146,418.16 Ck. 21818-#21822+direct deposit
- Employee Overtime in the Amount of: \$7,818.00 225 hours
- Employers' MERS Contribution for DB Plan: \$216,640.00
- Employers' MERS Contribution for DC Plan: \$ 4,872.66
- Employers' MERS Contribution for HCSP Plan: \$ 0

Motion carried.

Motion by Hunt and seconded by LePage to approve Longevity Payroll in the amount of \$25,810.98 and includes Check #21823+direct. Motion carried.

Motion by LePage and seconded by Hunt to approve Warrants in the amount of \$869,506.97 and includes Ck#47701 through #47803. Motion carried.

Motion by Hunt and seconded by LePage to approve Park Voucher #P-4 in the amount of \$274,550.14. Motion carried.

Motion by LePage and seconded by Hunt to approve Airport Voucher #A-4 in the amount of \$9,112.52. Motion carried.

Finance Director Steve Watson presented the 2022 Amended and 2023 Proposed budgets.

Motion by Hunt and seconded by LePage to approve the following 2022 Amended budget for Roads.

**HURON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
2022 BUDGET AMENDMENT**

	Adopted	Proposed Amendment	Amended
Revenue			
Taxes	\$ 2,225,000	\$ (17,000)	\$ 2,208,000
State Grants	9,222,000	(344,000)	8,878,000
Contributions from Local Units	6,690,000	252,000	6,942,000
Charges for Services	1,498,095	993,155	2,491,250
Interest and Rents	38,550	63,300	101,850
Other Revenue	25,000	323,000	348,000
Total Revenue	19,698,645	1,270,455	20,969,100
Expenditures			
Primary Road Preservation/Structural Improvement	3,618,200	(225,700)	3,392,500
Primary Road Routine and Preventative Maintenance	2,225,000	240,000	2,465,000
Local Road Preservation/Structural Improvement	7,000,000	307,000	7,307,000
Local Road Routine and Preventative Maintenance	2,675,000	(40,000)	2,635,000
Equipment Expense (Net)	800,000	212,000	1,012,000
Administrative Expense (Net)	807,100	(132,100)	675,000
Services for Cities and Villages	50,000	325,000	375,000
Other Services	-	50,000	50,000
State Trunkline Maintenance	1,493,095	797,405	2,290,500
Capital Outlay (Net)	75,000	850,000	925,000
Debt Service	166,500	100	166,600
Total Expenditures	18,909,895	2,383,705	21,293,600
Sale of Capital Assets	-	247,600	247,600
Budgeted Net Revenues (Expenditures)	788,750	(865,650)	(76,900)
Accumulated Fund Balance from Prior Years	15,180,588		15,180,588
Projected Fund Balance at End of Year	\$ 15,969,338		\$ 15,103,688

Motion carried.

Motion by LePage and seconded by Hunt to adopt the 2023 General Appropriation Act for Roads.

**BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF HURON
Resolution Adopting the 2023 General Appropriation Act**

WHEREAS, Public Act 621 of 1978 requires that the Road Commission adopt a balanced budget and appoint an 'Administrative Officer' to supervise said budget; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 621 of 1978 requires that a Public Hearing be held prior to adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the required Public Hearing was held at the Road Commission office on December 21, 2022 at 8:15 a.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Huron does hereby appoint Neal J. Hentschl, Secretary-Manager as Administrative Officer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Huron does hereby adopt the 2023 General Appropriation Act establishing the 2023 Road Commission budget:

HURON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION	
2023 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT	
Revenue	
Property Taxes	\$ 2,270,000
State Grants	8,875,000
Contributions from Local Units	6,690,000
Charges for Services	1,498,000
Interest and Rents	80,000
Other Revenue	25,000
Total Revenue	19,438,000
Primary Road Preservation/Structural Improvement	3,348,000
Primary Road Routine and Preventative Maintenance	2,685,800
Local Road Preservation/Structural Improvement	7,045,500
Local Road Routine and Preventative Maintenance	2,675,000
Equipment Expense (Net)	1,100,000
Administrative Expense (Net)	918,108
Services for Cities and Villages	50,000
Other Services - Nonroad Projects	-
State Trunkline Maintenance	1,493,000
Capital Outlay (Net)	1,730,800
Debt Service	52,625
Total Expenditures	21,098,833
Budgeted Net Revenues (Expenditures)	(1,660,833)
Accumulated Fund Balance from Prior Years	15,103,688
Projected Fund Balance at End of Year	\$ 13,442,855

Motion carried.

Manager Neal Hentschl discussed the new Employee Division. It was agreed to wait for possible legal or legislative action that could change the required benefits.

Motion by LePage and seconded by Hunt to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters at 9:45 a.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Hunt and seconded by LePage to return to open session at 10:09 a.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Hunt and seconded by LePage to approve the following wage adjustment for 2023: Engineer Tamlyn, \$1,500 increase to base wages; Supt. Arndt and Airport Manager Jackson, \$1,000 increase to base wages. Then 4% increase to Tamlyn, Arndt, Donnellon, Watson, Hentschl and Jackson. Motion carried.

Motion by LePage and seconded by Hunt to approve CON-EXPO expense reimbursement of \$3,100.00 for those attending. Motion carried.

Supt. Kevin Arndt reported that the bat wing mower still operating, dead fall cleanup in progress, grading as much as possible and working on township estimates.

Engineer Erik Tamlyn advised that the Federal Aid project submitted; RFP for Stoddard Road bridge being developed.

Director of Operations Tom Donnellon advised that DTE will provide upgrades at Oak Beach Park, state purchasing has been updated, scrap tires being removed and storm prep in progress.

Prior to adjournment, Vice-Chairman Hunt and Commissioner LePage presented a plaque to Chairman McTaggart acknowledging his 18 years of dedicated service to Huron County Road Commission.

PARKS

Motion by Hunt and seconded by LePage to open the Public Hearing at 8:30 a.m. for the Huron County Parks Recreation Plan. Motion carried.

Engineer Tamlyn provided an in-depth review of the proposed plan. A signup sheet was completed with those in attendance. There was no public comment.

Motion by LePage and seconded by Hunt to close the Public Hearing at 9:15 a.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Hunt and seconded by LePage to approve the Recreation Plan as presented and recommend it's approval to the County Board of Commissioners. Motion carried.

Motion by Hunt and seconded by LePage to approve 2022 Amended Budget for Parks.

HURON COUNTY PARKS 2022 BUDGET AMENDMENT				
Revenue	2021 Actual	2022 Adopted	Proposed Amendments	Amended Budget
Use and admission fees	\$ 2,379,036	\$ 2,300,000	\$ 95,000	\$ 2,395,000
Credit Card Refunds/Fees	(101,357)	(75,000)	(35,000)	(110,000)
Outstanding vouchers	-	-	-	-
Net use and admission fees	2,277,679	2,225,000	60,000	2,285,000
Interest Income	8,415	8,000	(1,500)	6,500
Rental income	17,044	15,000	8,000	21,000
Donations	10,395	-	1,400	1,400
Other	8,407	-	5,800	5,800
Total Revenue	2,321,940	2,248,000	71,700	2,319,700
Operating Expenditures:				
General maintenance	320,233	320,000	230,000	550,000
Garbage collection	9,054	9,500	3,000	12,500
Seasonal park labor	187,919	190,000	30,000	220,000
Electricity	174,127	180,000	-	180,000
Telephone	7,402	8,000	-	8,000
Internet & Cable TV	21,709	18,500	1,000	19,500
Water	88,057	125,000	(30,000)	95,000
Sewer	29,944	5,000	30,000	35,000
Heat	2,296	3,000	2,000	5,000
Park managers	85,203	100,000	12,500	112,500
Property Insurance	13,230	13,250	1,000	14,250
Other Expenditures:				
Administrative wages	10,293	11,000	2,000	13,000
Marketing & Advertising	3,163	20,000	(15,000)	5,000
Reservation software	115,286	115,000	-	115,000
Legal expense	2,020	3,500	-	3,500
Unemployment	-	-	5,000	5,000
Fringe benefits	205,780	280,000	20,000	300,000
Firewood processing	52,119	50,000	-	50,000
Liability insurance	(15,331)	5,500	-	5,500
Administrative	94,613	55,000	30,000	85,000
	1,407,117	1,512,250	321,500	1,833,750
Improvements:				
Other	392,712	600,000	-	600,000
Total Expenditures	1,799,829	2,112,250	321,500	2,433,750
Sale of capital assets	-	-	-	-
Budgeted Surplus/(Deficit)	522,111	135,750	(249,800)	(114,050)
Accumulated Fund Balance from Prior Years	1,174,978	1,697,089	-	1,697,089
Projected Fund Balance at End of Year	\$ 1,697,089	\$ 1,832,839		\$ 1,583,039

Motion carried.

Motion by LePage and seconded by Hunt to adopt the 2023 General Appropriation Act for Parks.

HURON COUNTY PARKS	
2023 GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT	
Revenue	
Use and admission fees	\$ 2,400,000
Credit Card Refunds/Fees	(100,000)
Net use and admission fees	2,300,000
Interest Income	6,500
Rental income	21,000
Other	-
Total Revenue	2,327,500
Operating Expenditures:	
General maintenance	550,000
Garbage collection	12,500
Summer park labor	230,000
Electricity	185,000
Telephone	8,000
Internet & cable tv	20,500
Water	95,000
Sewer	35,000
Heat	6,000
Park managers	125,000
Property Insurance	14,250
Other Expenditures:	
Administrative wages	13,000
Marketing & advertising	5,000
Reservation software	115,000
Legal expense	3,500
Unemployment	5,000
Fringe Benefits	350,000
Firewood processing	50,000
Liability insurance	5,500
Overhead	90,000
	1,918,250
Improvements:	
Other	600,000
Total Expenditures	2,518,250
Budgeted Surplus/(Deficit)	(190,750)
Accumulated Fund Balance from Prior Years	1,583,039
Projected Fund Balance at End of Year	\$ 1,392,289

Motion carried.

Manager Hentschl discussed new cabins for Stafford County Park. It was agreed to wait and confirm other fixed park costs prior to committing to the purchase of new cabins.

DRAINS

Motion by Hunt and seconded by LePage to approve Drain Order #21802 through #21808 in the amount of \$41,810.45 (Demand). Motion carried.

Deputy Drain Commissioner Tamlyn provided photos and video of the dredging project at the cut-off channel in Caseville. The Intercounty Drain Board will meet for appropriate action concerning the contractor not fulfilling the contract. Also, drain maintenance projects and Sebawaing River Intercounty Drain were discussed.

AIRPORT

Motion by Hunt and seconded by LePage to approve the 2022 Amended Budget for the Airport:

**HURON COUNTY MEMORIAL AIRPORT
2022 BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Revenue	2021 Actual	2022 Budget	Proposed Amendment	Amended Budget
County Appropriation	\$ 150,000	\$ 125,000		\$ 125,000
County Appropriation - Projects	-	-		-
Hangar rent & tie-down fees	6,389	7,000	650	7,650
Land rent	15,927	15,500	(1,000)	14,500
FAA rent	500	500		500
Utility fees	800	700	150	850
Fuel flowage fee	3,049	3,000	550	3,550
Other	1,443	1,400	(1,400)	-
Federal grants	-	-	13,000	13,000
Total Revenue	178,108	153,100	11,950	165,050
Expenditures				
Manager & assistants	29,420	32,100		32,100
Fringe benefits	35,189	47,000	(10,000)	37,000
Road Commission labor & equipment	14,530	14,500		14,500
Electricity	6,820	7,500		7,500
Heat	996	950		950
Repairs and maintenance	4,493	8,000		8,000
Telephone & internet	2,409	3,000		3,000
Runway lighting	2,878	3,300		3,300
Contracted spraying & tree work	3,900	4,000	(4,000)	-
Contracted snow removal	18,990	20,000		20,000
Insurance	9,020	9,100		9,100
Other	6,405	6,750	7,000	13,750
AWOS maintenance	4,362	4,000		4,000
Administrative	9,064	7,000	(2,000)	5,000
	148,476	167,200	(9,000)	158,200
Major repairs	25,570	11,500	(6,500)	5,000
Equipment purchases	-	-		-
Grant projects - local match	21,074	-		-
	46,644	11,500	(6,500)	5,000
Total Expenditures	195,120	178,700	(15,500)	163,200
Sale of capital assets	-	-		-
Budgeted Surplus/(Deficit)	(17,012)	(25,600)	27,450	1,850
Accumulated Fund Balance from Prior Years	115,593	98,581		98,581
Projected Fund Balance at End of Year	\$ 98,581	\$ 72,981	\$ 27,450	\$ 100,431

Motion carried.

Motion by LePage and seconded by Hunt to adopt the 2023 General Appropriation Act for the Airport.

HURON COUNTY MEMORIAL AIRPORT	
2023 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT	
Revenue	
County Appropriation	\$ 125,000
County Appropriation - Projects	-
Hangar rent & tie-down fees	7,650
Land rent	15,225
FAA rent	500
Utility fees	850
Fuel flowage fee	3,550
Total Revenue	152,775
Expenditures	
Manager & assistants	33,500
Fringe benefits	40,000
Road Commission labor & equipment	14,500
Electricity	7,500
Heat	950
Repairs and maintenance	8,000
Telephone & internet	3,000
Runway lighting	3,300
Contracted spraying & tree work	-
Contracted snow removal	20,000
Insurance	9,100
Other	6,750
AWOS maintenance	4,000
Administrative	5,000
	155,600
Major repairs	11,500
Equipment purchases	-
Grant projects - local match	-
	11,500
Total Expenditures	167,100
Sale of capital assets	-
Budgeted Surplus/(Deficit)	(14,325)
Accumulated Fund Balance from Prior Years	100,431
Projected Fund Balance at End of Year	\$ 86,106

Motion carried.

Motion by LePage and seconded by Hunt to adjourn at 10:47 a.m. Motion carried.

Alan J. McTaggart, Chairman

Neal J. Hentschl, Secretary

The regular board meeting of the Huron County Board of Commissioners was held on **Wednesday, December 28, 2022, commencing at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Commissioners** office, Third Floor, Huron County Building, Bad Axe, Michigan.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Khoury with The Lord's Prayer and Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL: Commissioners present: Chairman Khoury, Todd Talaski, Mary Babcock, Mike Meissner, John Bodis, Steve Vaughan, and Joe Murphy.

AGENDA: The agenda was reviewed. Commissioner Talaski will be adding a late motion. Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Meissner to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried. Agenda approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion** by Babcock, seconded by Bodis to approve the Regular Board minutes of December 13, 2022. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A letter from Luke Deming requesting to be appointed to the Huron County Mental Health Board.
- An email from Nancy Duhalde a public comment response to Michigan Air National Guard's Environmental Assessment to Expand Military Air Space in Northern LP and Thumb of Michigan.
- A letter from Brenda R. June requesting to be appointed to the Huron County Mental Health Board.
- From Linda O'Mara Siver giving her notice of resignation from the Huron County Nature Center.
- An email from Jeff Smith giving notice that Larry Schnettler has resigned from the Zoning Board of Appeals effective December 18, 2022.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- County Clerk Neal announced that she is scheduling the Re-Organizational meeting for Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Limit of 3 minutes per person):

- Rebecca Caldwell said she would like to see a program to help the feral cats in Huron County.
- Kristi Sutherland, HDC, explained to the Board that HDC helps the seniors with food, activities, housing, and transportation. HDC has provided 51,000 meals for the home bound.
- Raymond Parent requested something should be done against Tim Rutkowski, Prosecuting Attorney, for the way he spoke against Mr. Parent.
- Rose Betterling said she couldn't get her dog license because of out of date in 30 days on her dog's rabies tag.
- Keith Iseler is concerned about solar companies coming in and wants the Board to be aware before things begin to happen.

9:17 a.m.

Time scheduled for the public hearing for the FY 2023 Budget for Huron County. Public hearing concludes. **Motion** by Vaughan, seconded by Talaski to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

9:18 a.m.

Open Bids for MSU Extension Office building: Booms Construction \$1,940,000.00
Bids to be turned over to the Properties Committee for review.

9:19 a.m.

CONSENT ACTIONS: Motion by Bodis, seconded by Murphy to approve the resolutions on the Consent Actions. Motion carried. Resolutions adopted:

CA RESOLUTION BY AGENCIES COMMITTEE: #22-147C

WE, the AGENCIES COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, the Huron County Board of Commissioners has received MDOT Agreement No. 2022-0069/P9, a Project Authorization for FY 2023 Section 5311 Operating Formula Grants for Rural Areas Programs and American Rescue Plan Act, between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Huron County Board of Commissioners to be used for public transit in Huron County throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, authorization is required by the Board of Commissioners for signature to said contract; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Sami Khoury, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, be authorized to sign MDOT Agreement No. 2022-0069/P9 on behalf of the County of Huron.

CA RESOLUTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE: #22-148C

WE, the FINANCE COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, there is a need to replace a television in the Circuit Courtroom; and

WHEREAS, Insight Public Sector has submitted a quote in the amount of \$2,928.81 for an 86" television and mounting kit for the Circuit Courtroom (see attached); now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Circuit Judge be authorized to purchase an 86" television for the Circuit Courtroom in the amount of \$2,928.81 from Insight Public Sector, to be taken from line 101-283-980.

CA RESOLUTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE: #22-149C

WE, the FINANCE COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2022, this Board adopted Resolution No. 22-81C authorizing the Sheriff to upgrade the intercom and door controls at the jail in the amount of \$74,201.91 by Advanced Satellite Communications, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, since then, there is a need to update the Legacy Security Camera software and replace security cameras at the jail with poor images; and

WHEREAS, Advanced Satellite Communications, Inc. has submitted a proposal in the amount of \$9,853.50 for the necessary system updates and replacements, which includes installation (see attached); now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sheriff be authorized to update the Legacy Security Camera software and replace security cameras at the jail with poor images in the amount of \$9,853.50 by Advanced Satellite Communications, Inc., to be taken from line 101-351-980.

CA RESOLUTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE: #22-150C

WE, the FINANCE COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, there is a need to replace several mattresses at the Jail; and

WHEREAS, Michigan State Industries has submitted a quote in the amount of \$3,500 for 50 mattresses for the Jail (see attached); now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sheriff be authorized to purchase 50 mattresses for the Jail in the amount of \$3,500 from Michigan State Industries, to be taken from the Commissary Fund 595, line 595-351-749.

CA RESOLUTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE: #22-151C

WE, the FINANCE COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, there is a need to replace the enclosed trailer used to store equipment for the Ice Arena; and

WHEREAS, Backcountry Powersports has submitted a quote in the amount of \$10,000 for a 2022 8.5'x24' enclosed trailer (see attached); now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Maintenance Engineer be authorized to purchase a 2022 8.5'x24' enclosed trailer in the amount of \$10,000 from Backcountry Powersports, to be taken from line 101-269-980.04.

CA RESOLUTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE: #22-152C

WE, the FINANCE COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, there is a need to replace the grounds care equipment utilized around the County Building, Jail, and Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, Osentoski Farm Equipment, Inc. has submitted a quote in the amount of \$8,441 for a Cub Cadet Ultima ZTX6 (see attached); now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Maintenance Engineer be authorized to purchase a Cub Cadet Ultima ZTX6 for use at the County Building complex and Senior Center in the amount of \$8,441 from Osentoski Farm Equipment, Inc., to be taken from line 101-269-980.04.

CA RESOLUTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE: #22-153C

WE, the FINANCE COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2022 Revenue and Expenditure Budgets for the following General Fund 101 Departments to reflect the additional estimated revenues and expenditures; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED to adjust the 2022 estimated Revenue and Expenditure Budgets for General Fund 101 as follows:

REVENUE:

Total Additional Revenue: \$0

EXPENDITURES:

	<u>PROSECUTING ATTORNEY</u>	
101-296-807	Membership and Dues	\$335
101-296-931	Office Equipment Maintenance	330
	<u>SHERIFF</u>	
101-301-957	Employee Training	\$12,500
	Total Unbudgeted Expenditures:	\$13,165

FINAL ADJUSTMENT:

	<u>CONTINGENCY</u>	
101-890-965	Appropriation	<u>(\$13,165)</u>

CA RESOLUTION BY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: #22-154C

WE, the PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners concurs with the agreements reached by its Negotiation Team for the AFSCME General County Unit; and

WHEREAS, the length of this agreement is from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the agreement reached by the bargaining agents of the County and the Union, and authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to sign same.

CA RESOLUTION BY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: #22-155C

WE, the PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, there is a need to hire a full time employee to fill the position of Deputy Treasurer I – Bankruptcy/Work Comp in the Treasurer’s office to fill a vacancy due to a promotion; and

WHEREAS, Amanda Fischer has applied for said position in the Treasurer’s office; and

WHEREAS, County Treasurer Deb McCollum has recommended to the Personnel Committee that Amanda Fischer be hired to fill said position at Grade 120, Step 1, with a salary of \$35,036; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Amanda Fischer shall be employed effective January 30, 2023, as a full time employee to fill the above referenced position, in accordance with the pay, terms, and conditions of the AFSCME General County Unit I collective bargaining agreement, as negotiated periodically with the Huron County Board of Commissioners.

CA RESOLUTION BY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: #22-156C

WE, the PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2022, this Board adopted Resolution No. 22-91C authorizing a temporary wage increase for Aaron T. LaPonsie while he serves as Acting Director of the Huron County Department of Veterans Affairs Office pursuant to a vote of the Huron County Department of Veterans’ Affairs Board; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for a wage increase for Acting Director Aaron T. LaPonsie to be effective January 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Veterans’ Affairs Board has recommended to the Personnel Committee that Aaron T. LaPonsie, as Acting Director, receive a temporary wage increase from his current Acting Director hourly rate of \$24.00/hour to an hourly rate of \$28.50/hour, effective January 1, 2023 until the return of Director Stephen R. Young, which will be approximately September 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to have a salary increase for Veterans Service Officer Aaron T. LaPonsie to be effective upon the termination of his temporary assignment; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Veterans’ Affairs Board has recommended to the Personnel Committee that Aaron T. LaPonsie, Veterans Service Officer, see a pay increase that is comparable to other local County’s Veterans Service Officers upon return to his position; and

WHEREAS, as Mr. LaPonsie’s position is a union position recognized by Michigan Council 25, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO General County Unit I collective bargaining agreement, any pay increase needs to be negotiated with the union; and

WHEREAS, it was agreed upon by the Union and the Personnel Committee that upon the end of Mr. LaPonsie’s temporary assignment and return to his position of Veterans Service Officer, Mr. LaPonsie shall be placed on the AFSCME General County Unit I 37.5-hr pay scale at Grade 150, Step 6, with a salary of \$49,569; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the temporary salary of Aaron T. LaPonsie, Acting Director of the Huron County Department of Veterans Affairs Office, be increased from an hourly rate of \$24.00/hour to an hourly rate of \$28.50/hour, effective January 1, 2023 and continue for the duration of his temporary assignment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the end of Mr. LaPonsie’s temporary assignment and return to his position of Veterans Service Officer, Mr. LaPonsie shall be placed on the AFSCME General County Unit I 37.5-hr pay scale at Grade 150, Step 6, with a salary of \$49,569; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforementioned wage increases be effective January 1, 2023, pursuant to the attached Letter of Understanding between Huron County and AFSCME General County Unit 1.

CA RESOLUTION BY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: #22-157C

WE, the PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners concurs with the agreements reached by its Negotiation Team for the Police Officers Labor Council Bargaining Unit III - Lieutenants; and

WHEREAS, the length of this agreement is from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the agreement reached by the bargaining agents of the County and the Union, and authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to sign same.

WE, the PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners concurs with the agreements reached by its Negotiation Team for the Police Officers Labor Council Bargaining Unit III - Lieutenants; and

WHEREAS, the length of this agreement is from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the agreement reached by the bargaining agents of the County and the Union, and authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to sign same.

CA RESOLUTION BY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: #22-158C

WE, the PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners concurs with the agreements reached by its Negotiation Team for the AFSCME Courts Unit; and

WHEREAS, the length of this agreement is from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the agreement reached by the bargaining agents of the County and the Union, and authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to sign same.

CA RESOLUTION BY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: #22-159C

WE, the PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners concurs with the agreements reached by its Negotiation Team for the Police Officers Association of Michigan Central Dispatch Bargaining Unit; and

WHEREAS, the length of this agreement is from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the agreement reached by the bargaining agents of the County and the Union, and authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to sign same.

CA RESOLUTION BY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: #22-160C

WE, the PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Board of Commissioners to review and set the salaries of the elected officials by the end of each year; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that the salaries for the elected officials for 2023, 2024, and 2025 be as follows:

<i>Present</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2025</i>
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	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Prosecuting Attorney	\$100,858	\$105,568	\$109,611	\$113,448
Sheriff	\$79,691	\$83,413	\$86,607	\$89,639
County Clerk	\$68,555	\$71,757	\$74,505	\$77,112
Treasurer	\$68,555	\$71,757	\$74,505	\$77,112
Register of Deeds	\$60,421	\$63,243	\$65,665	\$67,963
Board of Commissioners Chairman	\$15,000	\$15,701	\$16,302	\$16,872
Board of Commissioners Member	\$14,000	\$14,654	\$15,215	\$15,748; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above shown salary increases of 4.67%, 3.83%, and 3.5% for the above named elected officials be effective January 1, 2023.

CA RESOLUTION BY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: #22-161C

WE, the PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners concurs with the proposed economic increases recommended by the Personnel Committee for the Department Heads and all non-union employees; and

WHEREAS, the salary recommendation is based on the current Salary Progression Schedule and calls for the following:

- 1/1/23 – Delete current steps 1-4 and add step 10 which is a 3.12% increase to step 9 (37.5 hr. week)
- Delete current steps 1-4 and add step 10 which is a 3.12% increase to step 9 (40 hr. week)
- Add an additional 1.5% to each step in all paygrades (37.5 hr. week)
- Add an additional 1.5% to each step in all paygrades (40 hr. week)
- 1/1/24 – Add an additional 3.83% to each step in all paygrades (37.5 hr. week)
- Add an additional 3.83% to each step in all paygrades (40 hr. week)
- 1/1/25 – Add an additional 3.5% to each step in all paygrades (37.5 hr. week)
- Add an additional 3.5% to each step in all paygrades (40 hr. week); and

WHEREAS, the eligible Department Heads and non-union employees on the current Salary Progression Schedule are:

Madeline Apley	Sarah L. McNames	Karen Rutkowski
Peg L. Booms	Duane Miller	Ann Schultz
Jacilyn Braun	Randy Miller	Megan Shedd
Denise Gornowicz	Alexander Pahany	Jeffery A. Smith
Leah L. Hatch	Christopher M. Prill	Jessica L. Testolin-Reinke
Mitchell Holdwick	Janice M. Pulaskey	David Wallace
S. Christopher Hunter	Mary K. Rowe	Lori White; and
Tara Lawrence		

WHEREAS, the salary recommendation for Jodi M. Essenmacher, who is currently not placed on the current Salary Progression Schedule, is based on her current salary and calls for the following:

- 1/1/23 – Add 4.67% to 2022 salary
- 1/1/24 – Add 3.83% to 2023 salary
- 1/1/25 – Add 3.5% to 2024 salary; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above named employees receive the wage increases as indicated, effective January 1, 2023.

CA RESOLUTION BY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: #22-162C

WE, the PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, there is a need to hire a casual employee to assist with clerical functions in the Probate Court Office due to a resignation; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne Holdwick has applied for said position in the Probate Court Office; and

WHEREAS, Probate Judge David B. Herrington has recommended to the Personnel Committee that Suzanne Holdwick be hired to fill said position at a rate of \$17.97 per hour; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Suzanne Holdwick shall be employed effective January 3, 2023 as a casual employee to assist in the Probate Court Office, in accordance with the pay, terms, and conditions of the Huron County Employee Handbook as established periodically by the Huron County Board of Commissioners.

CA RESOLUTION BY PROPERTIES COMMITTEE: #22-163C

WE, the PROPERTIES COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, Huron County operates a system of County Parks that is operated and managed by the Huron County Road Commission acting as Huron County Parks Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the Huron County Parks Trustees have undertaken an update of the five-year Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, goals, objectives, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2023 and 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Plan has been developed in accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements for a Community Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, an opportunity for public input was provided and received via an online survey that was available from May 2022 to June 2022, thus providing citizens an opportunity to share ideas and express opinions regarding the future of parks and recreation in the Huron County area; and

WHEREAS, the draft Recreation Plan was made available for review and public comment from November 21, 2022 through December 21, 2022 at the Huron County Road Commission office located at 417 S. Hanselman Street, Bad Axe, Michigan and online at www.hcroads.com; and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on December 21, 2022, at 8:30a.m. at the Huron County Road Commission located at 417 S. Hanselman Street, Bad Axe, Michigan to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, Huron County Parks Trustees have developed the Recreation Plan for the benefit of the entire community and plan to use the document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Huron County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the attached 2023-2027 Huron County Recreation Plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE: #22-164

WE, the FINANCE COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following estimated budget for the fiscal year of 2023 for the:

General Fund 101:

2023 Estimated Revenue	
Current Tax Collection	\$11,746,390.00
Delinquent Tax	373,275.00
Other Tax Revenue	239,700.00
Federal Participation	188,180.00
State Participation	2,109,092.00
Fees, Licenses, Permits, & Costs	898,191.00
Other Revenue	<u>2,175,339.00</u>
2023 Total Estimated County Revenue	\$17,730,167.00
Available from Fund Balance	<u>1,965,195.00</u>
2023 Total Funds Available	<u>\$19,695,362.00</u>

2023 Estimated Expenditures	
Estimated Expenditures	\$19,445,362.00
Contingency Fund	<u>250,000.00</u>
2023 Total Estimated County Expenditures	<u>\$19,695,362.00</u>

Primary Road-Major/Local Street Fund 214:

2023 Estimated Revenue	
Current Tax	\$2,451,144.00
Delinquent Tax	129,008.00
Other Revenue	<u>30,339.00</u>
2023 Total Estimated Revenue	<u>\$2,610,491.00</u>

2023 Estimated Expenditures	
Refunds	\$5,728.00
Primary Roads	2,279,763.00
Other Units	<u>325,000.00</u>
2023 Total Estimated Expenditures	<u>\$2,610,491.00</u>

Friend of the Court Fund 215:

2023 Estimated Revenue	
Fees	\$7,250.00
2023 Total Estimated Revenue	\$7,250.00
Available from Fund Balance	<u>6,650.00</u>
2023 Total Funds Available	<u>\$13,900.00</u>

2023 Estimated Expenditures	
Office Supplies	\$7,500.00
Audit	800.00
State Grants	600.00
Office Equipment	<u>5,000.00</u>
2023 Total Estimated Expenditures	<u>\$13,900.00</u>

Huron County Land Bank Authority Fund 242:

2023 Estimated Revenue	
Fees	<u>\$15,500.00</u>
2023 Total Estimated Revenue	<u>\$15,500.00</u>

2023 Estimated Expenditures	
Estimated Expenditures	<u>\$15,500.00</u>
2023 Total Estimated Expenditures	<u>\$15,500.00</u>

Building Department Fund 249:

2023 Estimated Revenue	
Permits & Fees	\$399,700.00
Sales	5.00
Interest	<u>1,000.00</u>
2023 Total Estimated Revenue	\$400,705.00
Available from Fund Balance	<u>144,394.00</u>
2023 Total Funds Available	<u>\$545,099.00</u>

2023 Estimated Expenditures	
Estimated Expenditures	<u>\$545,099.00</u>
2023 Total Estimated Expenditures	<u>\$545,099.00</u>

Register of Deeds Automation Fund 256:

2023 Estimated Revenue	
Fees	<u>\$40,000.00</u>
2023 Total Estimated Revenue	<u>\$40,000.00</u>
2023 Estimated Expenditures	
Estimated Expenditures	<u>\$40,000.00</u>
2023 Total Estimated Expenditures	<u>\$40,000.00</u>

Emergency Phone Service Fund 261.01:

2023 Estimated Revenue	
Current Tax	\$993,943.00
Delinquent Tax	51,950.00
911 Surcharge	747,000.00
Wireless E-911	162,000.00
Training Fund	12,000.00
Recording	100.00
Interest	50.00
2023 Total Estimated Revenue	<u>\$1,967,043.00</u>
2023 Estimated Expenditures	
Estimated Expenditures	<u>\$1,967,043.00</u>
2023 Total Estimated Expenditures	<u>\$1,967,043.00</u>

Certified Officer Training Fund 263.01:

2023 Estimated Revenue	
Criminal Justice Training	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
2023 Total Estimated Revenue	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
2023 Estimated Expenditures	
Estimated Expenditures	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
2023 Total Estimated Expenditures	<u>\$5,000.00</u>

Concealed Pistol Licensing Fund 263.02:

2023 Estimated Revenue	
Pistol Permits	\$15,000.00
Interest	30.00
2023 Total Estimated Revenue	<u>\$15,030.00</u>
2023 Estimated Expenditures	
Estimated Expenditures	<u>\$15,030.00</u>
2023 Total Estimated Expenditures	<u>\$15,030.00</u>

Local Corrections Officer's Training Fund 264.01:

2023 Estimated Revenue	
Booking Fees	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
2023 Total Estimated Revenue	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
Available from Fund Balance	<u>11,500.00</u>
2023 Total Funds Available	<u>\$16,500.00</u>
2023 Estimated Expenditures	
Estimated Expenditures	<u>\$16,500.00</u>

2023 Total Estimated Expenditures \$16,500.00

Drug Law Enforcement Fund 265.01:

2023 Estimated Revenue
 Estimated Revenue \$6,500.00
 2023 Total Estimated Revenue \$6,500.00

2023 Estimated Expenditures
 Estimated Expenditures \$6,500.00
 2023 Total Estimated Expenditures \$6,500.00

County Law Library Fund 269:

2023 Estimated Revenue
 Estimated Revenue \$33,500.00
 2023 Total Estimated Revenue \$33,500.00

2023 Estimated Expenditures
 Estimated Expenditures \$33,500.00
 2023 Total Estimated Expenditures \$33,500.00

Child Care Fund 292:

2023 Estimated Revenue
 State Basic Grant \$50,000.00
 State CAP 9,000.00
 Reimbursements 10,000.00
 Additional Revenue 3,500.00
 County Appropriations 634,328.00
 2023 Total Estimated Revenue \$706,828.00

2023 Estimated Expenditures
 662.00 State Ward Chargeback \$400,000.00
 662.06 Other County Institutions 25,000.00
 662.07 Private Institutions 1,000.00
 Other Estimated Expenditures 280,828.00
 2023 Total Estimated Expenditures \$706,828.00

Soldier Relief Fund 293:

2023 Estimated Revenue
 Estimated Revenue \$7,000.00
 2023 Total Estimated Revenue \$7,000.00

2023 Estimated Expenditures
 Estimated Expenditures \$7,000.00
 2023 Total Estimated Expenditures \$7,000.00

Older Citizens Fund 296:

2023 Estimated Revenue
 Current Tax \$612,789.00
 Delinquent Tax 32,502.00
 Other Tax Revenue 7,626.00
 Interest 525.00

Rent – Office Space Region VII		5,000.00
Rent – Kitchen Space Senior Center		16,000.00
Other Revenue		<u>175.00</u>
2023 Total Estimated Revenue		<u>\$674,617.00</u>
2023 Estimated Expenditures		
296-673.01-707	Per Diem	\$12,000.00
296-673.01-749	Other Commodities	3,500.00
296-673.01-803	Consultant Fees	3,300.00
296-673.01-807.03	Dues	2,700.00
296-673.01-814	Other Contractual Services	20,000.00
296-673.01-921	Utilities	20,600.00
296-673.01-932	Building Maintenance	10,000.00

Older Citizens Fund 296 (continued):

2023 Estimated Expenditures (continued)		
296-673.01-934	Grounds Care	\$7,000.00
296-673.01-964	Refunds	5,728.00
296-673.01-965.05	Human Development Commission	425,706.00
296-673.01-965.07	Mental Health	77,500.00
296-673.01-965.08	Health	70,000.00
296-890-965	Appropriation	<u>16,583.00</u>
2023 Total Estimated Expenditures		<u>\$674,617.00</u>

Veterans Affairs Fund 297:

2023 Estimated Revenue		
Taxes		\$210,715.00
Other Revenue		<u>500.00</u>
2023 Total Estimated Revenue		\$211,215.00
Available from Fund Balance		<u>31,457.00</u>
2023 Total Funds Available		<u>\$242,672.00</u>
2023 Estimated Expenditures		
Estimated Expenditures		<u>\$242,672.00</u>
2023 Total Estimated Expenditures		<u>\$242,672.00</u>

General Public Improvement Fund 445:

2023 Estimated Revenue		
Estimated Revenue		<u>\$250,000.00</u>
2023 Total Estimated Revenue		<u>\$250,000.00</u>
2023 Estimated Expenditures		
Estimated Expenditures		<u>\$250,000.00</u>
2023 Total Estimated Expenditures		<u>\$250,000.00</u>

Huron County Transit Fund 588:

2023 Estimated Revenue		
Current Tax		\$490,231.00
Delinquent Tax		26,052.00
Other Tax Revenue		6,021.00
Federal Grant		1,820,526.00
State Grant		1,763,873.00
Fees		1,392,500.00
Interest		<u>3,000.00</u>
2023 Total Estimated Revenue		<u>\$5,502,203.00</u>

Huron County Transit Fund 588 (continued):

2023 Estimated Expenditures		
Estimated Expenditures		\$5,499,475.00
Other Refunds		<u>5,728.00</u>
2023 Total Estimated Expenditures		<u>\$5,502,203.00</u>

Commissary Fund 595:

2023 Estimated Revenue		
595-351-649.02	Commissary Sales	\$79,000.00
595-351-649.03	Jail/Inmate FD-Phone Revenue	<u>55,000.00</u>
2023 Total Estimated Revenue		<u>\$134,000.00</u>

2023 Estimated Expenditures		
Estimated Expenditures		<u>\$134,000.00</u>
2023 Total Estimated Expenditures		<u>\$134,000.00</u>

Retirees' Health Insurance Fund 728:

2023 Estimated Revenue		
Interest – Loan 911 Radio System		\$4,751.00
Contribution from General Fund		1,450,000.00
Contribution from Retirees/Building		27,766.00
Contribution from Retirees/911		64,299.00
Contribution from Retirees/Sheriff		<u>146,815.00</u>
2023 Total Estimated Revenue		<u>\$1,693,631.00</u>

2023 Estimated Expenditures		
Blue Cross/Employer's Share		\$350,000.00
Retirees Medicare Advantage		825,000.00
Appro Health Dept Retirees		425,000.00
Contingency		<u>93,631.00</u>
2023 Total Estimated Expenditures		<u>\$1,693,631.00</u>

Retirees' Health Insurance/Building Department Fund 728.01:

2023 Estimated Revenue		
Contribution from Building Department		<u>\$27,766.00</u>
2023 Total Estimated Revenue		<u>\$27,766.00</u>

2023 Estimated Expenditures		
Appro to Fringe Benefit Health Fund		<u>\$27,766.00</u>
2023 Total Estimated Expenditures		<u>\$27,766.00</u>

Retirees' Health Insurance/Emergency Phone Service Fund 728.02:

2023 Estimated Revenue		
Contribution from Emergency Phone Service		<u>\$64,299.00</u>
2023 Total Estimated Revenue		<u>\$64,299.00</u>

2023 Estimated Expenditures		
Appro to Fringe Benefit Health Fund		\$64,299.00
2023 Total Estimated Expenditures		<u>\$64,299.00</u>

Retirees' Health Insurance/Sheriff Dept. Fund 728.04:

<i>2023 Estimated Revenue</i>	
<i>Contribution from Sheriff Dept</i>	<u>\$146,815.00</u>
<i>2023 Total Estimated Revenue</i>	<u>\$146,815.00</u>
<i>2023 Estimated Expenditures</i>	
<i>Appro to Fringe Benefit Health Fund</i>	<u>\$146,815.00</u>
<i>2023 Total Estimated Expenditures</i>	<u>\$146,815.00</u>

Motion by Babcock, seconded by Talaski to approve this resolution. Roll call vote: Ayes – Talaski, Babcock, Meissner, Vaughan, Bodis, Murphy, and Khoury. Nays – None. Motion carried.

ELECTIONS: None at this time.

APPOINTMENTS: None at this time.

MOTIONS:

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Bodis to authorize the Chairman to sign the Farm Lease between Huron County and Corbin Gaeth. Motion carried.

Motion by Talaski, seconded by Babcock to allow Renee Krueger to be paid for 60 hours of unused vacation time from 2022 that she was unable to use due to extenuating circumstances. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Meissner attended: Nov. 21 – Road Commission Board meeting; Sheridan Township Board meeting. Nov. 22 – regular board meeting. Nov. 28 – Paris Township Board meeting. Dec. 5 – Grant Township Board meeting. Dec. 13 – regular board meeting; Personnel Committee; Sherman Township Board meeting. Dec. 14 – Bingham Township Board meeting. Dec. 19 – Sheridan Township Board meeting. Dec. 21 – Road Commission meeting; HDC meeting in Caro. Dec. 28 – regular board meeting; Personnel Committee meeting.

Babcock attended: Nov. 1 – EDC meeting. Nov. 2 – MREC Consumers Negotiations; 44 North Zoom meeting. Nov. 4 – MREC Executive Committee meeting. Nov. 8 – Finance Committee meeting; regular board meeting; HBH Strategic Planning Committee meeting. Nov. 18 – MREC Executive Committee meeting and Budget meeting. Nov. 21 – Budget meeting. Nov. 22 – Finance Committee meeting; regular board meeting; Nov. 23 – budget meetings. Nov. 28 – Nature Center meeting. Nov. 30 – Budget meetings. Dec. 1 – Union negotiations. Dec. 2 – MREC Executive Committee meeting; CMHAM Board meeting. Dec. 13 – Finance Committee meeting; regular board meeting; Personnel Committee meeting. Dec. 16 – MREC Executive Committee meeting. Dec. 20 – Land Bank meeting; Port Austin Township meeting. Dec. 21 – HBH Finance/Personnel Committee meetings; MTA District meeting. Dec. 28 – Finance Committee meeting; regular board meeting; Personnel Committee meeting; HBH Board meeting.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: **Motion** by Babcock, seconded by Vaughan to approve monthly bills as submitted. Motion carried.

Health Department	\$104,755.02
Board Bills Approved	117,010.06
Paid Without Presentation	<u>351,829.33</u>
Total	\$573,594.41

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Rebecca Caldwell is very concerned about the feral cats and would like support and interest in taking care of these animals from the county.

- Sarah Durr congratulated John Bodis for a job well done.
- Keith Iseler said John Bodis has always been open and did a good job.

FINAL BOARD COMMENT:

- Commissioner Talaski wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- Commissioner Babcock told John Bodis he will be missed.
- Chairman Khoury thanks John Bodis for all he has done.
- Commissioner Bodis wished the best to the Board.

9:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned.

Sami Khoury, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

Lori S. Neal
Huron County Clerk

AGENDA

January 10, 2023

Board of Commissioners Meeting

9:00 a.m. Call To Order – Regular Meeting
Prayer & Pledge
Roll Call (Confirmation of Attendance)
Declaration of Amendments to Agenda
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes: December 28, 2022 (Regular)
January 3, 2023 (Reorganizational)

Communications

Announcements

Public Comment (Open Meetings Act) – Limit of 3 minutes per person.

Consent Action(s)

1. (AGENCIES) Make the intentions of Huron County known to provide public transportation services and apply for financial assistance.
2. (FINANCE) Provide additional time to pay taxes to March 1, 2023 for senior citizens, paraplegic, quadriplegic, eligible servicemen, eligible veterans, eligible widows, etc.
3. (FINANCE) Authorize an appropriation from the Older Citizens Fund to the Caseville Retirement Club in the amount of \$3,600 for rent of the Caseville American Legion when used by the Caseville Seniors.
4. (LEGISLATIVE) Adopt the 2023 Huron County Board of Commissioners Rules.
5. (PERSONNEL) Compensate the position of Enforcement Officer (Mitchell Holdwick) based on the 40 hour Salary Progression Schedule, effective January 1, 2023.
6. (PERSONNEL) Compensate the position of Circuit Court Deputy Court Administrator (Sarah L McNames) based on the 40 hour Salary Progression Schedule, effective January 1, 2023.
7. (PERSONNEL) Amend Sections 304, 306, 402, 502, and 604 of the Huron County Employee Handbook updating policies and procedures in these Sections.

New Business

Resolutions

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Elections

None at this time.

Appointments
None at this time.

Motions
None at this time.

Reports
Recess to Audit Bills

Approval of Bills

Final Public Comment – Limit of 3 minutes per person

Final Board Comment

Adjournment

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RESOLUTION

To: The Honorable Board of Commissioners
Huron County
Michigan

WE, the PROPERTIES COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, Huron County operates a system of County Parks that is operated and managed by the Huron County Road Commission acting as Huron County Parks Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the Huron County Parks Trustees have undertaken an update of the five-year Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, goals, objectives, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2023 and 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Plan has been developed in accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements for a Community Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, an opportunity for public input was provided and received via an online survey that was available from May 2022 to June 2022, thus providing citizens an opportunity to share ideas and express opinions regarding the future of parks and recreation in the Huron County area; and

WHEREAS, the draft Recreation Plan was made available for review and public comment from November 21, 2022 through December 21, 2022 at the Huron County Road Commission office located at 417 S. Hanselman Street, Bad Axe, Michigan and online at www.hcroads.com; and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on December 21, 2022, at 8:30a.m. at the Huron County Road Commission located at 417 S. Hanselman Street, Bad Axe, Michigan to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, Huron County Parks Trustees have developed the Recreation Plan for the benefit of the entire community and plan to use the document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Huron County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the attached 2023-2027 Huron County Recreation Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE


Steve Vaughan, Chairman


John L. Bodis, Vice Chairman


Todd Talaski, Member

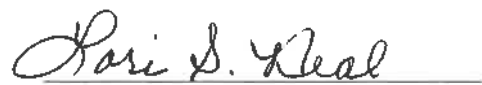
Dated: December 28, 2022

VOICE / ROLL CALL VOTE:

COMMISSIONER	YES	NO	ABSENT	COMMISSIONER	YES	NO	ABSENT
SAMI KHOURY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	JOHN L. BODIS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MICHAEL H. MEISSNER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	JOE MURPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
TODD TALASKI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MARY E. BABCOCK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
STEVE VAUGHAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				

RESOLUTION: ADOPTED DEFEATED TABLED

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of Huron County that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Huron County Board of Commissioners, Bad Axe, Michigan at a regular meeting held on Wednesday, December 28, 2022.


Lori S. Neal
Huron County Clerk

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RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND RECREATION PLAN

WHEREAS, Huron County has undertaken a five-year Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2023 and 2027 and,

WHEREAS, public input was received via an online survey that was available in the May 2022 to June 2022, to provide an opportunity for citizens to share ideas, express opinions, regarding the future of parks and recreation in Huron County, and

WHEREAS, the draft plan was made available for review from November 21, 2022 through December 21, 2022, at the Huron County Road Commission Building and at www.hcroads.com, and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on December 21, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. at the Huron County Road Commission, at 417 S Hanselman St, Bad Axe, MI 48413 to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, Huron County has developed the Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the benefit of the entire community and wishes to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and

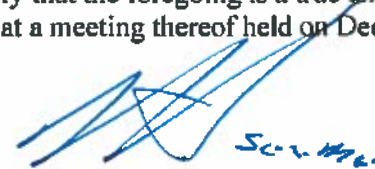
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Huron County Road Commission recommends the Huron County 2023 – 2027 Recreation Plan

Yeas: McTaggart, LePage, Hunt

Nays: None

Absent: N/A

I, Neal J. Hentschi, Secretary - Manager, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by Huron County Road Commission at a meeting thereof held on December 21, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.



Secretary - Manager