

Chapter 6

Action Program

City of Jackson & Jackson County Joint Recreation Plan

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Jackson County and the City of Jackson have separate action programs:

Jackson County Action Program

Please see the following county map for the location of the various projects.

- A. **Clark Lake County Park upgrades** — Addition of modern restrooms, a play structure, a picnic shelter, and landscaping.
- B. **Lime Lake County Park upgrades** — Addition of modern restrooms, a picnic shelter, a play structure, and landscaping.
- C. **Pleasant Lake County Park campground restroom** — Replacement of the 1980 restroom and shower building serving campers and day-users. The new facility will be universally accessible.
- D. **Round Lake County Park upgrades** — Addition of modern restrooms, a play structure, a picnic shelter, and landscaping.
- E. **Sparks Foundation County (Cascades) Park**
 - **Cascades urban fishery project** — Renovation of a 1.3 acre pond and flowing stream. Phase I of a renovation project to address the natural habitat improvement of Cascades Park, a rare urban wildlife refuge.
 - **Cascades pond and canal dredging project** — Improvement of the natural habitat of the Cascades Lagoons through dredging. Water quality and plant habitat will improve in the park upon completion.
 - **Cascades falls renovation** — Major renovation of the historic Cascade Falls. Complete renovation of the plumbing, electrical, and concrete fixtures.
 - **Sparks Park play structure renovation** — Replacement of the aging, heavily used play structures in the park.
 - **Sparks Park outdoor accessibility improvements** — Addition and renovation of non-motorized pathways and outdoor education facilities.
- F. **Swain's Lake County Park campground restroom** — Replacement of the 1980 restroom and shower building serving campers and day-users. The new facility will be universally accessible.
- G. **Vineyard Lake County Park upgrade** — Upgrades in the park will consist of the addition of modern restrooms, a play structure, a picnic shelter, and improved driveway infrastructure.

Trail Development

- H. **Lakelands Trail Development** — Development of 10-12 miles of rail-trail along the former Airline railroad right-of-way, stretching northeast from Blackman Township to the Jackson County Line.
- I. **Sparks Foundation County Park trail connector** — Development of a non-motorized trail connector between Sparks Park and the Inter-City/Falling Waters Trail.

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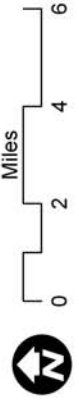
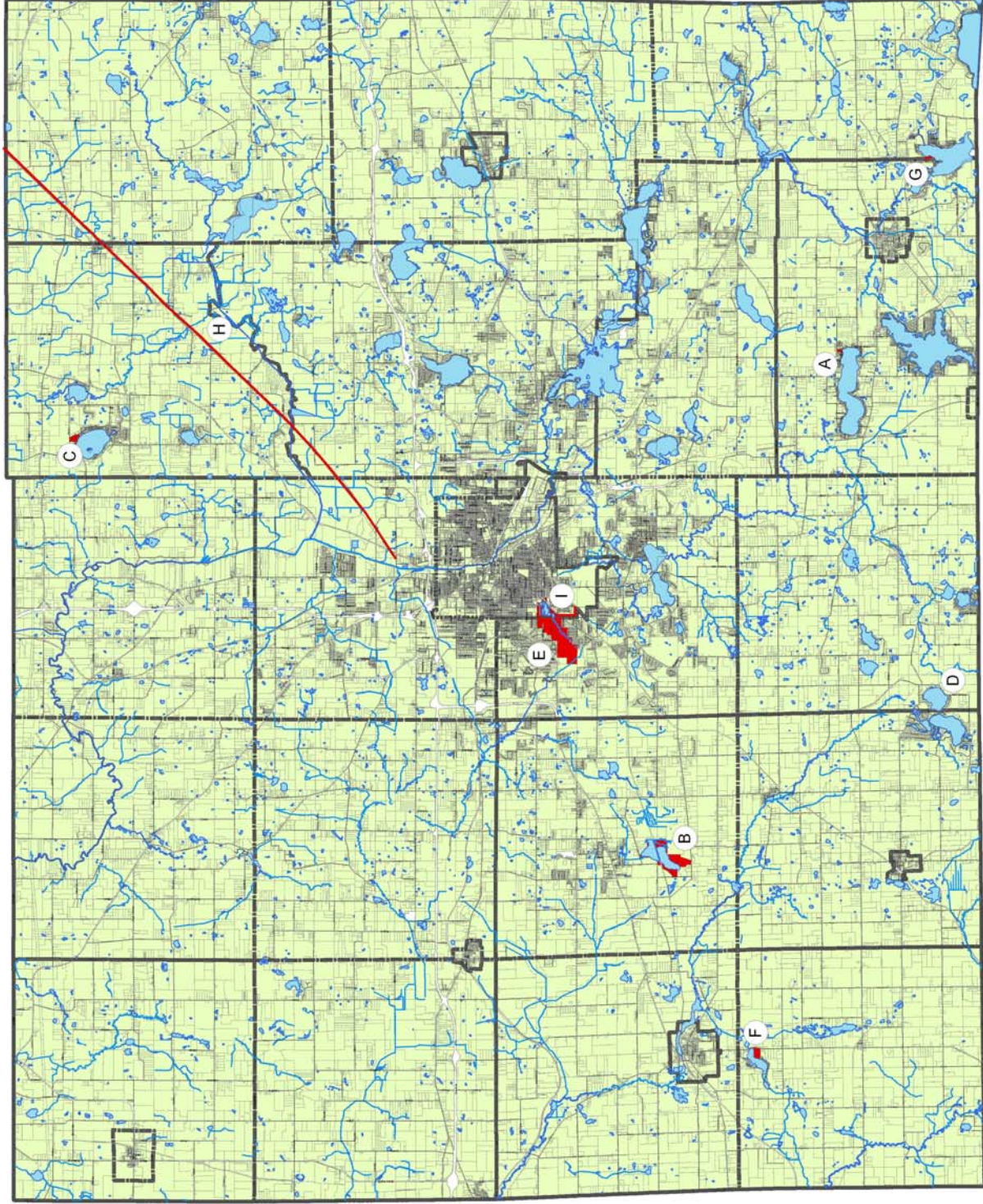
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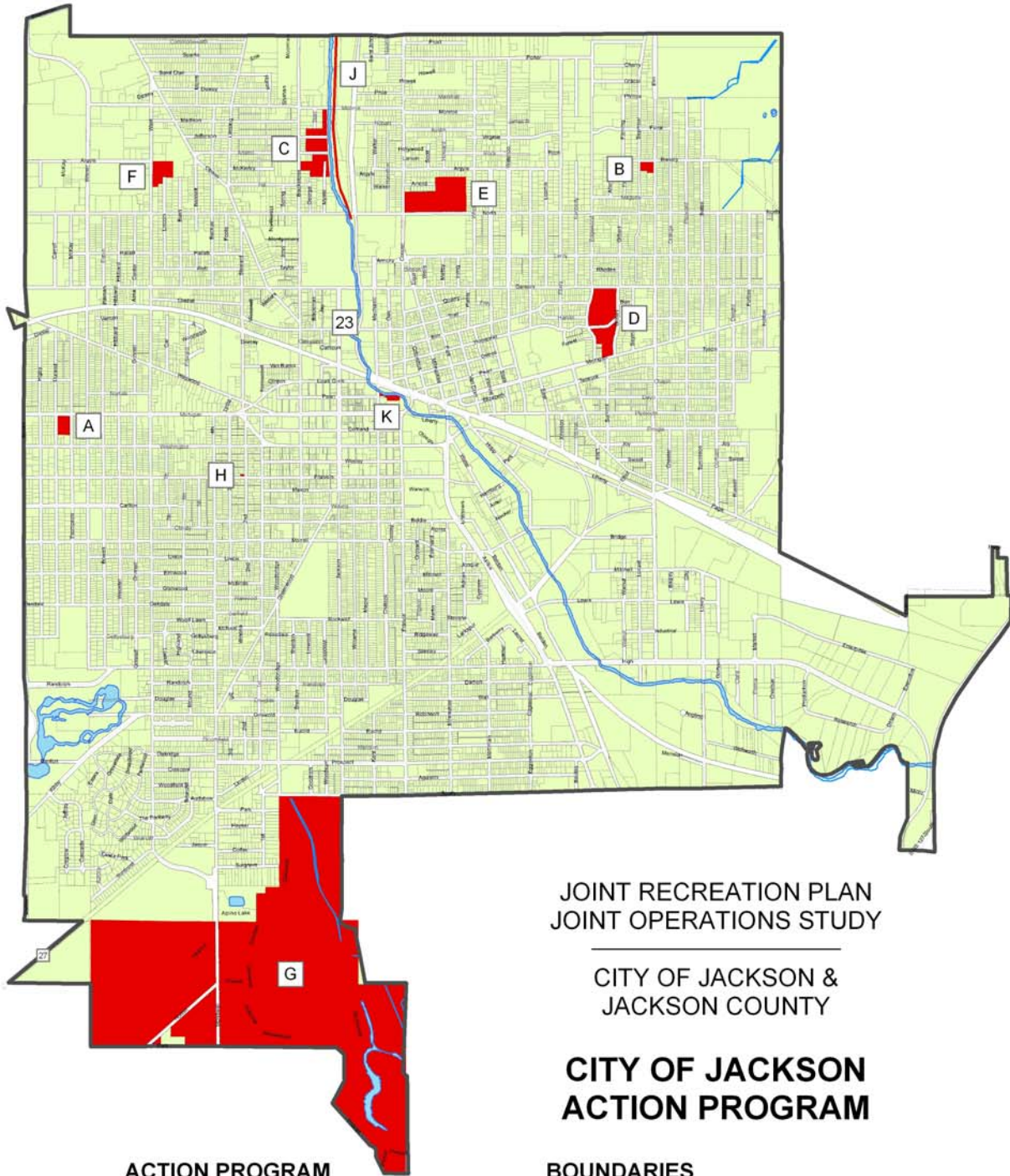
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- A. **Bloomfield Park** — Resurface the basketball and tennis courts.
- B. **Kiwanis Park** — Install new playground equipment, a new picnic shelter, and improve lighting, landscaping, and parking.
- C. **Lions Park** — Resurface the parking lot and improve site lighting.
- D. **Loomis Park**
 - **Charles A. Boos Recreation Center** — Install a new roof, sky-lights, and sports lighting in the gym of the center.
 - **Retaining wall** — Replace the timbers on the retaining wall.
- E. **William Nixon Memorial Park**
 - **Bike park** — Add a bike park with portable ramps, a locker room and building upgrades, and a new sign.
 - **Softball field improvements** — Upgrade the irrigation system, improve fencing, and add new bleachers and scoreboards.
- F. **Optimist Park** — Add new playground equipment and resurface an existing basketball court.
- G. **Ella W. Sharp Park**
 - **Swimming pool** — Add a water slide and splash pad and renovate the entire pool area.
 - **#1 & #2 softball field improvements** — Improve fencing and lighting and resurface the parking lot.
 - **Club house** — Make building improvements to the club house.
 - **Maintenance building** — Make building improvements to the maintenance building.
- H. **Under the Oaks** — Create a new entrance to the park and install landscaping.
- I. **BMX Bike Track** — Develop dirt trails in a location yet to be determined.

Non-motorized trail development

- J. **Inter-City Trail** — Continue the walking/biking trail along the Grand River north of the Armory Arts Village.
- K. **Downtown Riverfront Park expansion** — Redevelopment of a brownfield site as an extension of the mini-park/Consumers Energy Campus located across Francis Street. The existing park functions and the proposed expansion will function as part of the Inter-City Trail.



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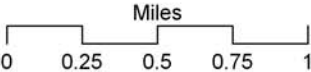
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Background Information

The Plan's goals and objectives are the basis for the action programs listed above.

Develop Non-Motorized Trails

Jackson County proposes the development of 10-12 miles of the proposed 'Lakelands Trail' as well as a connector trail to the Falling Waters/Inter-City Trail Corridor. The City of Jackson proposes the extension of the 'Inter-City Trail' north of the Armory Arts Village and the 'Arts Riverwalk' portion of the trail. Those projects will implement portions of the Jackson County Regional Trailway Study, a goal of this plan.

Concentrate on Improving Existing Parks

Jackson County proposes the addition of restrooms, play structures, picnic shelters, and landscaping to the county parks on Clark Lake, Lime Lake, Round Lake, and Vineyard Lake. Improvements to the restroom and shower buildings in the campgrounds located in the county parks on Pleasant Lake and Swain's Lake are also proposed. Finally, various improvements to Sparks Foundation County (Cascades) Park proposed in the master plan developed for the park are identified. New playgrounds and picnic shelters, basketball and tennis court resurfacing projects, improvements to softball fields and associated equipment, and various buildings and site/landscape improvements are proposed by the City of Jackson in the following parks: Bloomfield, Kiwanis, Lions, Loomis, William Nixon Memorial, Optimist, Ella W. Sharp, and Under the Oaks. The addition of a bike park to William Nixon Memorial Park and a BMX bike track to another city park will provide new opportunities for active recreation. All of these projects are supported by the goal mandating the concentration of efforts on improving existing parks and its various objectives, including the implementation of the master plan for Sparks Foundation County (Cascades) Park.

Develop New Parks as Opportunities Arise

The City of Jackson includes the expansion of the Downtown Riverfront Park eastward to include the site of the Riverwalk Hotel once it has been demolished. Taking advantage of opportunities like this is a goal of this plan. For example, the new park will provide increased access to the Grand River in Downtown Jackson and function as part of the Inter-City Trail. The project will also provide additional open space downtown.

Provide Recreation Programs and Events

The proposed trails and downtown riverfront park, as well as the proposed improvements to the existing parks maintained by Jackson County and the City of Jackson, will provide venues for various recreation programs and events. The provision of those programs and events is a goal of this plan.