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2015 – 2019 Parks and Recreation Plan

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Introduction



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Introduction

The purpose of this Parks and Recreation Plan is to inventory existing recreational opportunities and facilities available to residents of Lenawee County, identify problems and future needs, and establish a plan which addresses identified problems and assures adequate recreational services and facilities in a programmed systematic manner for both the present and expected future population. The plan is intended to be a policy guide for Lenawee County officials in developing efficient recreational services and facilities.

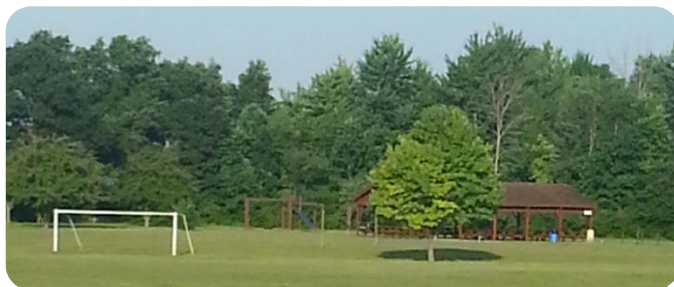
This recreation plan evaluates the comprehensive recreational needs of the residents of Lenawee County for playgrounds, neighborhood and community parks, and regional parks and prescribes a plan that accommodates and fulfills these needs.

The Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Commission is responsible for development of this plan with the assistance of the Region 2 Planning Commission staff acting as consultant to the Commission. The Commission assisted in the inventory of existing recreational facilities and programs and provided invaluable assistance in plan preparation and policy recommendations. The Commission consists of five members representing the County Board of Commissioners and the general public. Two commissioners are also members of the Lenawee County Planning Commission.

It is appropriate that the plan is periodically re-evaluated to ensure an up-to-date document that meets the needs and desires of Lenawee County. Recommended procedures for re-evaluation of the Plan shall be that the Parks and Recreation Commission re-evaluate the contents annually, particularly considering whether the goals and objectives are being met, and that the five-year short-range plan is kept current.

The 2015-2019 edition of the *Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Plan* was developed in accordance with the Guidelines for the “Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans” as revised by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in 2014.

Bicentennial Park



Gerber Hill Park

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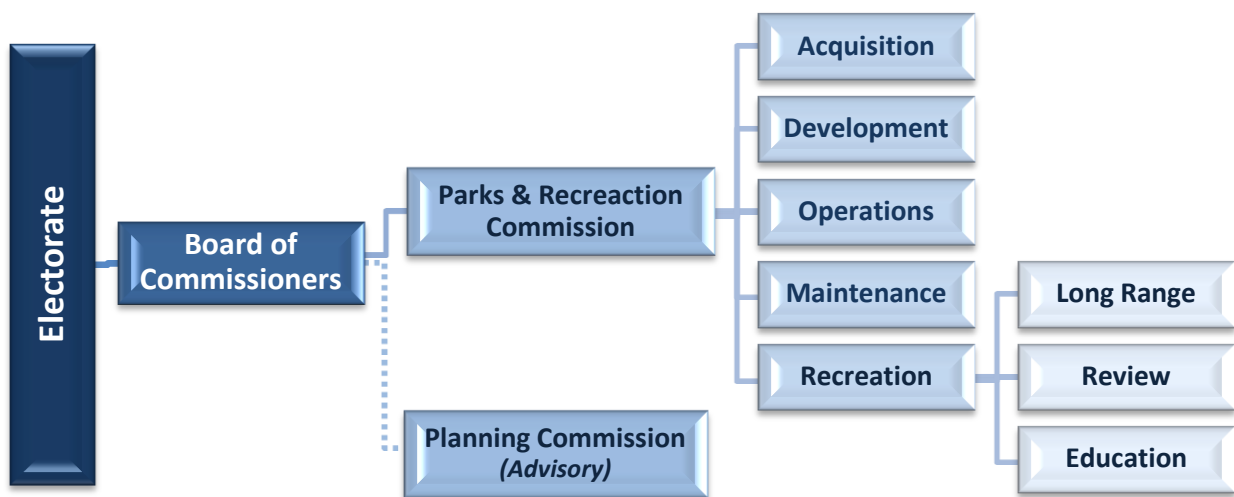
Administrative Structure

Legal Administrative Structure

Under the present system, as outlined in P.A. 156 of 1917, the Recreation and Playgrounds Act, the County Board of Commissioners created the Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Commission which consists of five members. This Commission is responsible for planning, development, preservation, administration, maintenance, and operation of park and recreation facilities. Thus, the Commission whose sole responsibility is parks and recreation, can coordinate decisions and programs on a county level as well as make contractual arrangements with local units of government for the development and maintenance of park lands in communities or neighborhoods.

The following table illustrates the administrative structure for county park development and recreation planning:

Table #1-1
Lenawee County Recreation
Proposed Functional Organization



The County Parks and Recreation Commission’s personnel structure consists of part-time seasonal employees, caretakers, and volunteers. Lenawee County does not employ a full-time parks director. Rather, the parks and recreation program is under the supervision of the County Administrator. The Parks and Recreation Commission is made up of four members of the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners and one at-large member.

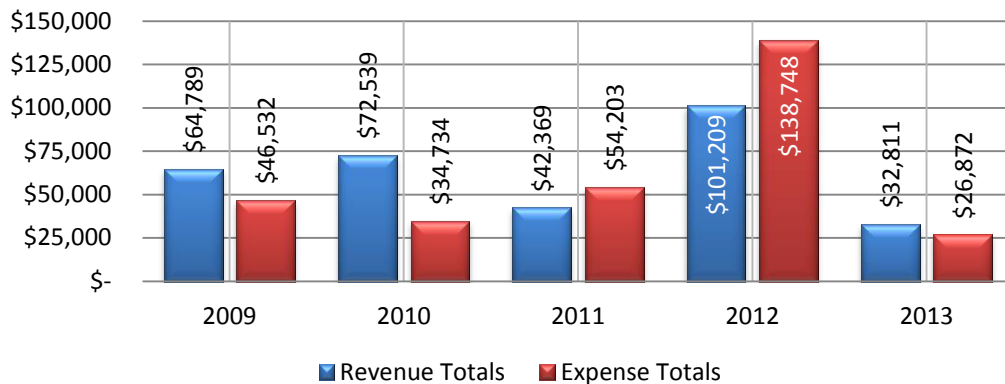
Funding

A successful recreation program usually relies on many sources of revenue. Presently, the Parks and Recreation Commission identifies several potential revenue sources. These include general tax dollars, grants, revenue sharing funds, donations, crowdfunding, and other fundraisers, as well as gifts from citizens. Annual parks revenues in Lenawee County between 2009 and 2013 averaged \$63,000. That average includes both state and federal grants, rents, contributions, and donations, as well as other miscel-

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laneous revenues including an annual appropriation of approximately \$26,000 from the County's general fund.

Expenditures included an average of \$15,000 in personnel expenses, and \$49,000 in non-personnel expenses. Parks and recreation funds have been utilized primarily for maintenance and upkeep of the county's six park facilities. The largest expenditure categories are grounds upkeep and building repairs and maintenance.



Community Description

Lenawee County is located in southeastern Michigan south of the I-94 transportation corridor between Detroit and Chicago. Nearby urban areas include Toledo, Jackson, and Ann Arbor (see Map 1-1).

Lenawee County is characterized by an urban corridor extending from Adrian to the Village of Clinton. In addition to this urbanized area, there are 10 other cities and villages in the County (see Map 1-2). The Clinton-Tecumseh-Adrian (C-T-A) Urbanizing Corridor includes the townships of Adrian, Clinton, Madison, Raisin, and Tecumseh as well as the Village of Clinton and the cities of Adrian and Tecumseh. According to 2015 population estimates, 57,051 people live in the Corridor, accounting for 57.6% of the County's population. The Irish Hills-Deville Lake (IH-DL) Recreational Area includes the villages of Addison, Cement City, and Onsted as well as the townships of Cambridge, Rollin, Rome, and Woodstock. According to 2015 population estimates, 14,234 people live in the Area, accounting for 14.4% of the County's population. The remaining townships, villages, and cities comprise Rural Lenawee County. According to 2015 population estimates, 27,700 people lived in Rural Lenawee County, accounting for 28% of the County's population. (More detailed information regarding the demographics of Lenawee County can be found in Appendix A).

Land Use

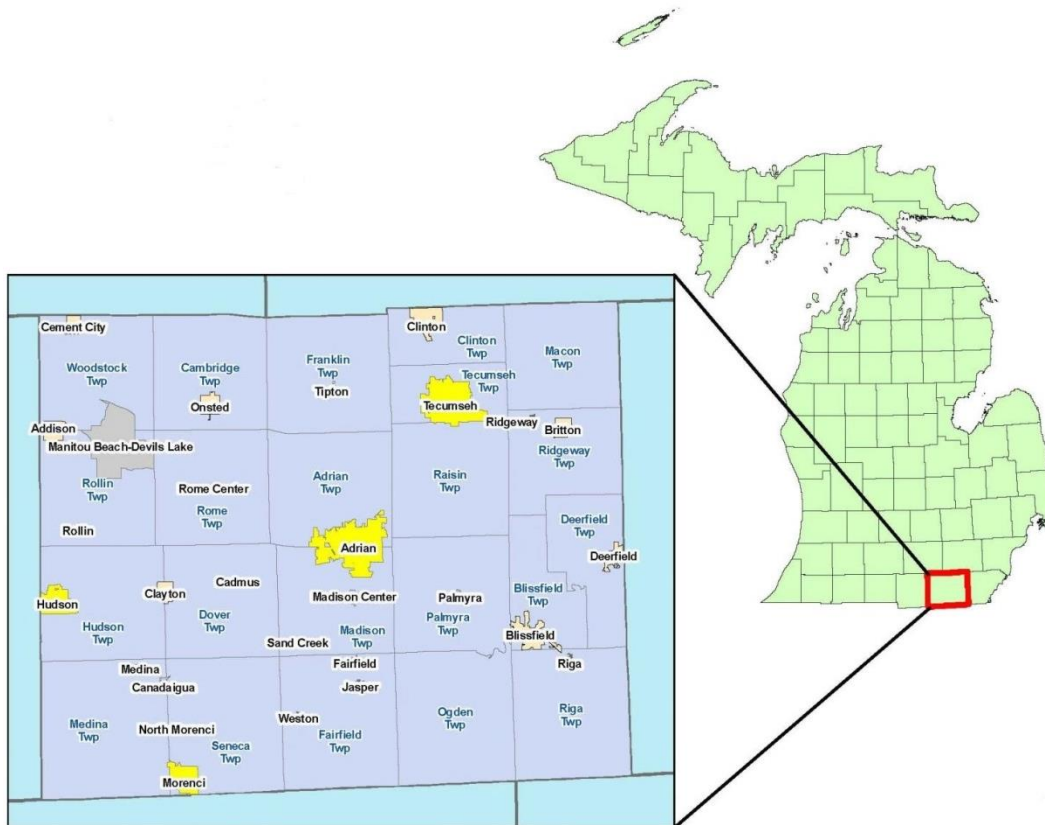
The most current source of data on land use is the *Lenawee County Comprehensive Land Use Plan*, which was adopted in 2002. That plan calls for 'Intensive Development' within the Clinton-Tecumseh-Adrian (C-T-A) Urbanizing Corridor as well as within the vicinity of the cities of Hudson and Morenci and the villages of Addison, Blissfield, Britton, Deerfield, and Onsted. 'Open Space Development/Recreation' is called for around the lakes located in the northwestern corner of the County. 'Low Intensity Development' is proposed predominantly at points around the periphery of the C-T-A Urbanizing Corridor; the

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‘Open Space Development/Recreation Area’; the City of Morenci; and the villages of Addison, Cement City, Clayton, and Onsted. ‘Intensive Agriculture’ is called for in the southeastern portion of Lenawee County from Macon Township in the north to the City of Morenci in the south. Greenways are proposed along major waterways. Large areas of parkland are also identified throughout Lenawee County (see Map 1-3).

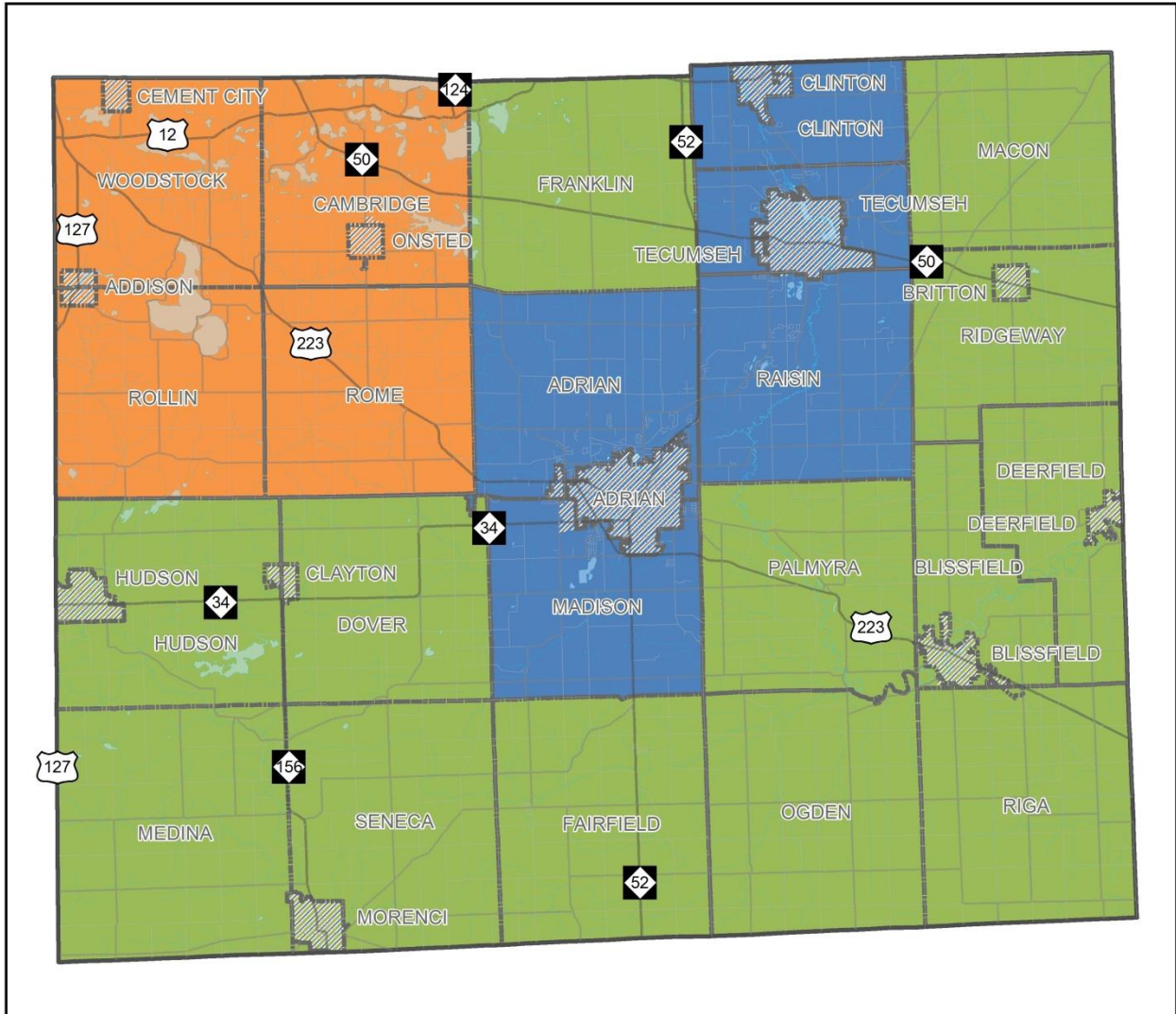
Over half of the population in Lenawee County is concentrated in the C-T-A Urbanizing Corridor. Because public sewer facilities are available in much of this area, the Corridor contains some of Lenawee County’s most intensive concentrations of residential, commercial and industrial land uses. The incorporated villages and cities outside of the urban corridor also contain high-density residential, commercial and industrial uses but not at the intensities found within the urban core. In some instances, the County has witnessed signs of urban sprawl as low-density residential development occurs in rural areas. The Irish Hills-Devils Lake (IH-DL) Recreational Area and the rural townships primarily contain agricultural and low-density residential land uses. However, there are small pockets of commercial and industrial use in these areas. Generally, future land use in Lenawee County is expected to retain the existing pattern of development. Most of the high-density residential, industrial and commercial development is likely to take place in the C-T-A Urbanizing Corridor and incorporated cities and villages. Low-density residential development is likely to take place in rural townships.

**Map #1-1
Lenawee County Area Map**



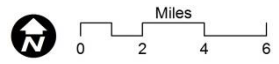
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Map #1-2 Lenawee County Planning Regions



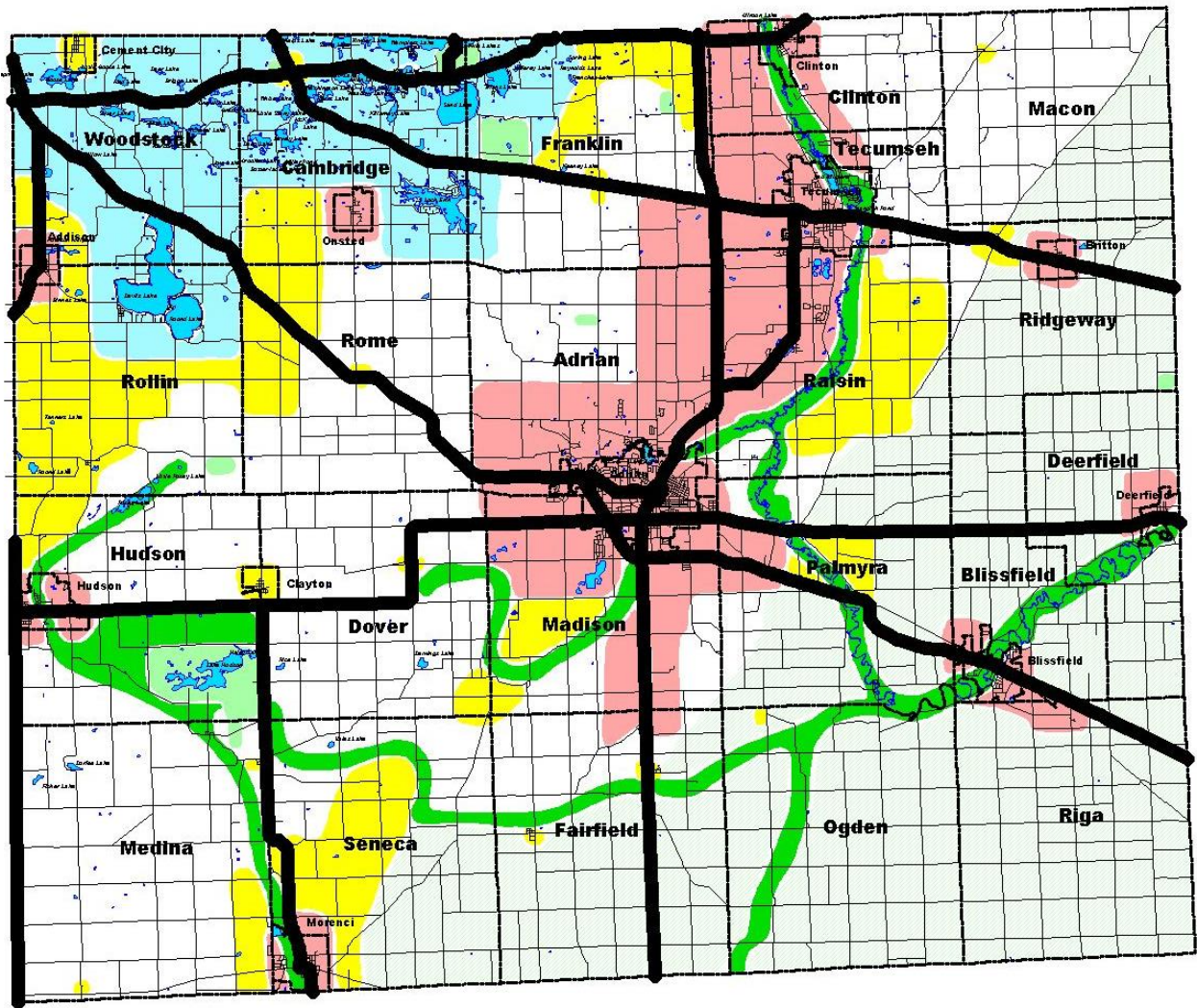
- REGIONS**
- CLINTON-TECUMSEH-ADRIAN URBANIZING CORRIDOR
 - IRISH HILLS-DEVILS LAKE RECREATIONAL AREA
 - RURAL LENAWEE COUNTY

- MUNICIPALITIES**
- CITY AND VILLAGES



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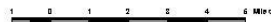
Map #1-3 Future Land Use



Adopted: May 16, 2002

LEGEND

- Agricultural
- Intensive Agricultural
- Low Intensity Development
- Intensive Development
- Open Space Development/Recreation
- Greenways
- Parks
- Arterial Roads



Source: Lenawee County Planning Commission 1992

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Topography

The topography of Lenawee County was determined by the movement of the continental glaciers. One element of topography is elevation which indicates the altitude of the land above sea level expressed in feet. When studying a relatively small area, such as Lenawee County, the actual measurements of elevation above sea level are not as important as the changes in these levels throughout the area. It is these changes in elevation that provide a feeling for the contour of the land as it rises and falls throughout the County.

The Thumb Upland, of which Lenawee County is a part, was formed as the glaciers moved south and retreated north across Michigan. This upland extends from the Ohio-Indiana line northeast to Huron County which is located at the tip of the Thumb of Michigan and borders Saginaw Bay and Lake Huron. Lenawee County lies at the southern portion of this upland and has elevations ranging from about 700 feet above sea level in the extreme southeastern corner of the County, to an elevation of slightly more than 1,200 feet in Woodstock Township. Elevations in the Irish Hills area of the County range from 1,000 feet to 1,200 feet above sea level.

Generally, the County is relatively flat to moderately hilly as a result of uneven deposition of glacial material. The portion of the county extending from Fairfield Township in a northeasterly direction to Macon Township is a gently sloping or nearly level plain. The portion of the County extending diagonally from Medina and Seneca townships to Clinton and Tecumseh townships is composed of rolling hills, while the northwestern portion becomes heavily rolling with a number of lakes and peat swamps. The most rugged topography occurs in the townships of Woodstock, Cambridge, Franklin, Rollin, and Rome. Prominent ridges also are located along the ancient beaches of the glacial lakes in the eastern area of the County.



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Water Features

The largest watershed in Lenawee County is the River Raisin which drains eastward into Monroe County and Lake Erie. It contains approximately 595 square miles or more than 78% of the County's area. The Bean Creek watershed, which drains into Ohio, contains approximately 135 square miles or about 18% of the County. A smaller area of about 24 square miles, approximately 3% of the County, mostly in Riga Township, drains in Monroe County and Ohio via manmade drainage ways and small creeks.



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Surface water features can be classified in three major types in Lenawee County: 1) lakes, ponds, and reservoirs; 2) streams and rivers; and 3) wetlands. The 252 lakes and ponds cover a total area of 5,496 acres and were formed largely as a result of the depressions left during the glacial periods. These depressions were filled with groundwater to the level of the surrounding water table. Lakes and ponds are the major surface water reservoirs that either collect or release water to inlet and outlet streams. Streams and rivers are surface water features that are primarily responsible for drainage. Waters from precipitation, runoff, lake outlets, and the groundwater inflow, drain through a series of small minor tributaries, streams and rivers that eventually lead to major rivers or the Great Lakes in this part of the County. Wetlands are similar to lakes and ponds in their formation and water source. They are also surface depressions, but because of their relative shallowness, they constitute a different type of environment from the lakes. Source of water for wetlands include: flow from the water table, precipitation, inlet streams, and accumulation from poorly drained lands.

Water resources have important recreational values for fishing, boating, and swimming, as well as the intrinsic natural beauty they possess. Streams in Lenawee County have been rated by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources relative to the ability to navigate a stream by canoe. Factors which effect a canoe's navigational ability are stream width, depth, vegetation, and physical obstructions such as bridges, dams, rocks, or fences.

Streams in Lenawee County have been categorized as "readily canoeable", "canoeable with difficulty", and "non-canoeable". The length of the River Raisin from Tecumseh to Blissfield is designated by the DNR as readily canoeable, indicating that the river is at least 15 feet wide and is consistently deep throughout the year, being suitable for canoes as well as small motorized boats. Wolf Creek and the south branch of the River Raisin near Adrian are rated as canoeable with difficulty, indicating that dense vegetation plus seasonal variations in water volumes cause some difficulty in canoeing. The remaining streams in Lenawee County are designated as non-canoeable, due to their shallowness, narrowness, low water level or degree of physical obstructions.



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Wildlife Habitats

Wildlife habitats are places where animal-life naturally live with the necessary food and shelter needed to survive. These habitats can be extremely sensitive, especially for aquatic life, because of the delicate natural balances of food supplies and predators. Altering any portion or element of the habitat can create severe consequences to all forms of life within the entire ecosystem.



A variety of wildlife can be found in Lenawee County. For example, the Department of Natural Resources manages habitats for eastern massasauga rattlesnakes, eastern wild turkeys, mallards, and osprey in the Onsted State Game Area. However, white-tailed deer are likely the most obvious species people come into contact with, especially along County roadways.



Aquatic habitats are those wildlife environments within or primarily associated with water. The quality and quantity of fish life in lakes, streams, or marshes is determined by many factors including water temperature, velocity, and depth as well as the composition of the bottom and the quality of water including silt conditions, oxygen holding capacity, and chemical and mineral composition.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has rated streams for their suitability as fish habitats. These categories include: 1) Top Quality Warmwater Mainstreams – these streams contain good self-sustaining populations of warmwater game fish including: bass, bluegill, and northern pike. Mainstreams are over 15 feet wide and include the River Raisin, part of Wolf Creek, Fitts Creek, and Bean Creek; and 2) Second Quality Warmwater Mainstreams and Feeder Streams – these streams contain significant quantities of warm water fish, but game fish populations are limited due to poor water quality, a limited food supply, and conditions causing inadequate natural reproduction, such as: pollution, currents, and poor stream bed quality. Slater Creek is designated as a second quality warmwater mainstream, with feeder streams scattered throughout the County.

Soils

The soils in Lenawee County are probably one of its most significant natural assets. Rich soils deposited by Lake Erie, as it receded, left some of the best farmland in the Midwest in the eastern and southern portions of the County. Although very little of the soils has the highest rating of Class I, 54% of the total land area of the County is Class II soil and 36% is Class III.



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Roads

The road system within Lenawee County is anchored by three major highways – US-223, US-12, and US-127. US-223 bisects the County in the northwest-southeast direction, US-127 provides north-south access along the western portion of the County, and US-12 traverses the north part of the County in an east-west direction. State trunklines supplement these three major highways. There are a total of five state trunklines in the County: M-34, M-50, M-52, M-124, and M-156. M-34 and M-52 provide access to the urban center of Adrian. M-50 runs northwest-southeast, M-156 runs north-south between Morenci and Clayton, while only a small portion of M-124 extends into the County near Wamplers Lake. These major highways and State trunklines are further supplemented by a series of county arterial roads.



Recreation Inventory



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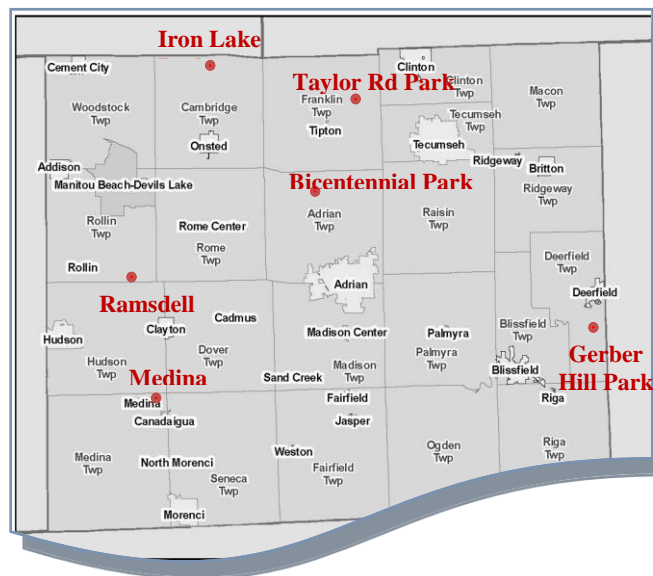
Recreation Inventory

An inventory of the existing facilities in Lenawee County and its planning area is important in order to determine how the community stands in terms of the adequacy of recreation facilities provided. With existing facilities documented, a clearer view of the strengths and weaknesses of the present facilities becomes apparent, providing a foundation on which proper emphasis for improvements can be made.

In terms of recreation land, the National Recreation and Park Association recommends a minimum of 10 acres of parkland per 1,000 persons made up of playgrounds and neighborhood parks, community parks, county parks, and large regional parks and preserves. This would mean, if strictly interpreted for Lenawee County, a minimum of 983.4 acres of public parks and recreation lands in 2020. The inventory of parks and recreation facilities contained in this chapter indicate that Lenawee County has more than 5,601 acres of parkland and more than 17 miles of trails.* The County has unique circumstances which indicate an opportunity and a desire to achieve more than minimum because of low-density development character, large expanses of vacant land, and the uniqueness of water resources.

Lenawee County maintains 6 parks (see Maps #2-1 and #2-2) with a total of 419 acres to provide recreational, social, and cultural opportunities; while leading in the preservation, conservation, restoration, and promotion of the natural, scenic, and historical resources of Lenawee County. No entrance fees are required and they are open 8:00 a.m. to dusk from Memorial weekend through Labor Day; unless otherwise noted. During the off-season, the parks are open on weather permitting weekends.

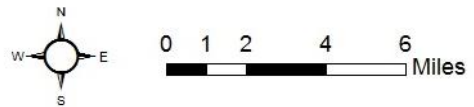
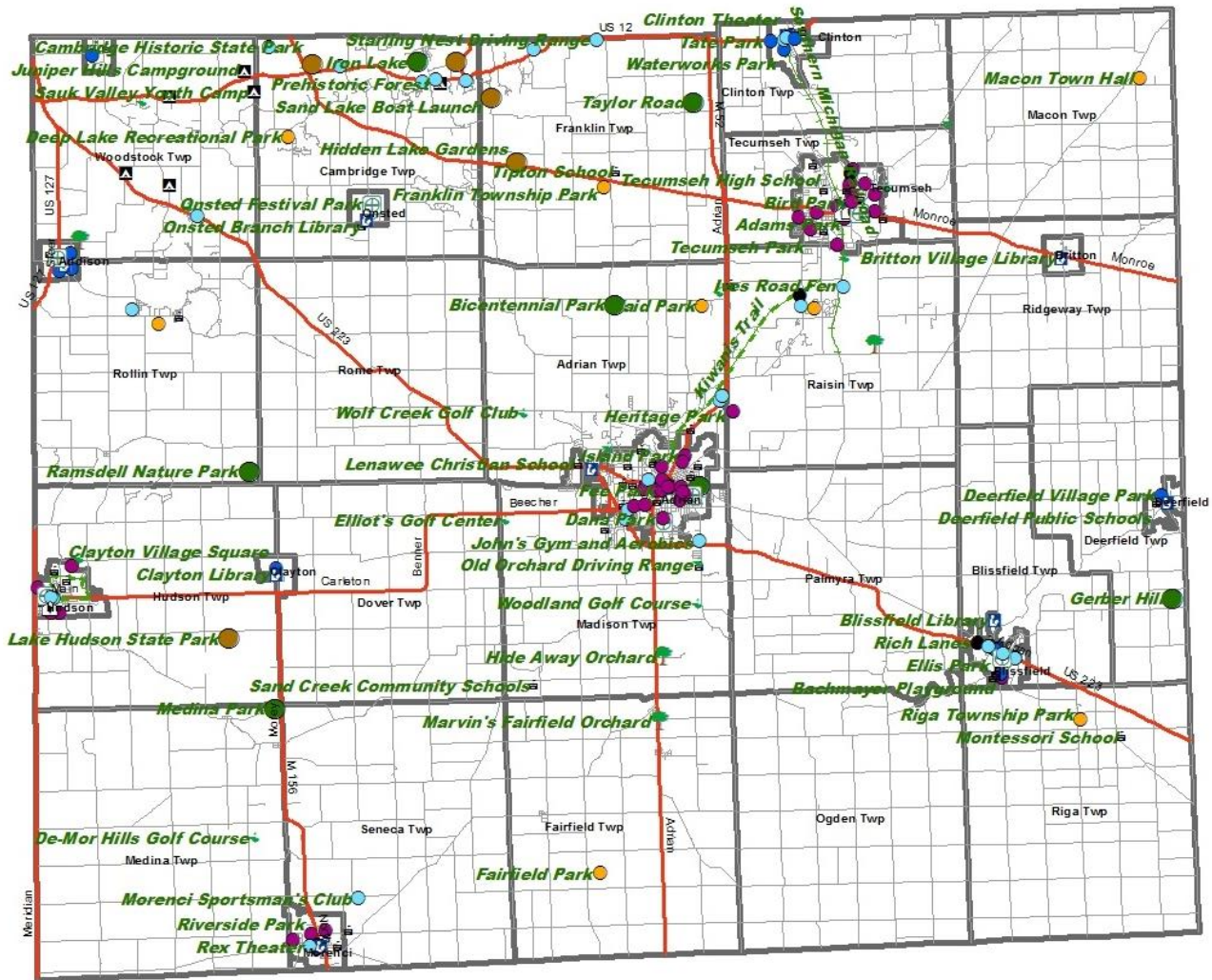
**Map #2-1
Lenawee County Parks**



* Lenawee County has 419 acres of county parks and 3,535 acres of state parks and at least 1,125 acres of municipal parks and 522 acres of school grounds (the acreage is unknown for some parks). Some of the parks also contain trails, increasing the mileage well beyond 17 miles.

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Map #2-2 Lenawee County Parks & Recreation Facilities



Community Parks

- County Parks
- State Parks
- City Parks
- Village Parks
- Township Parks

Recreation Facilities

- 🏠 Museum
- 🎓 School
- 🎳 Bowling
- ⛖ Campground
- 🌳 Orchard

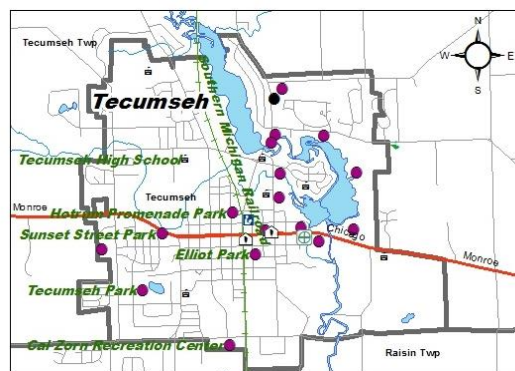
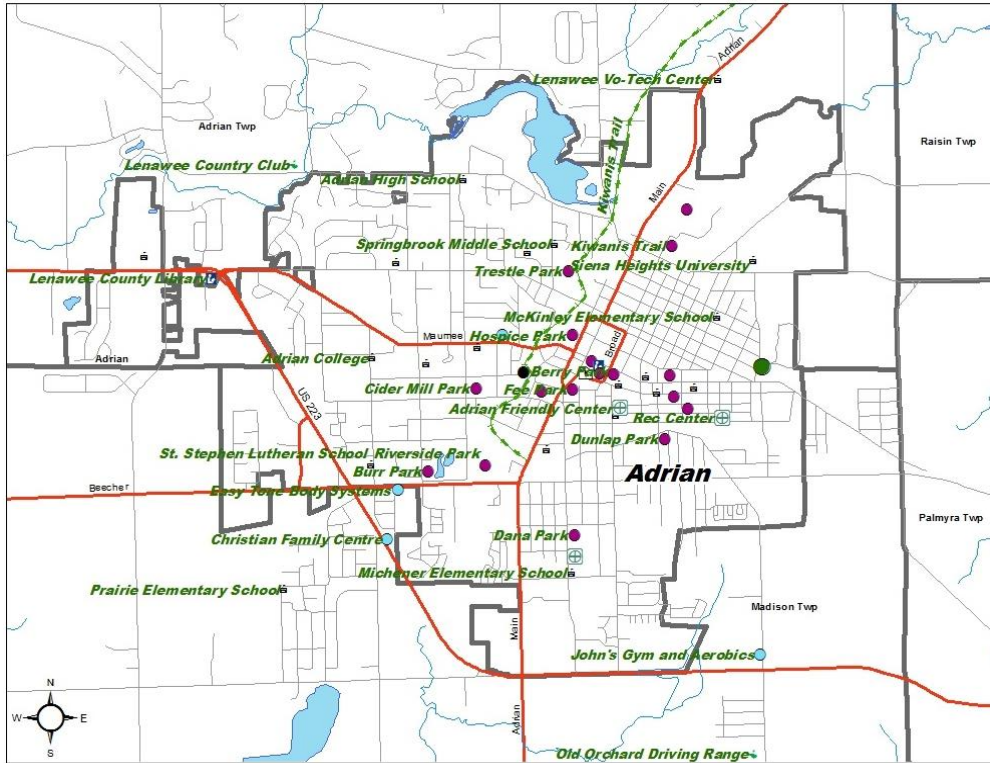
- Trails
- Scenic RR

- 🏠 Senior Center
- 📖 Library
- 🏌️ Golf Course
- 🟡 Private (misc.)

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Map #2-3 Parks & Recreation Facilities: Adrian, Clinton, & Tecumseh



Community Parks

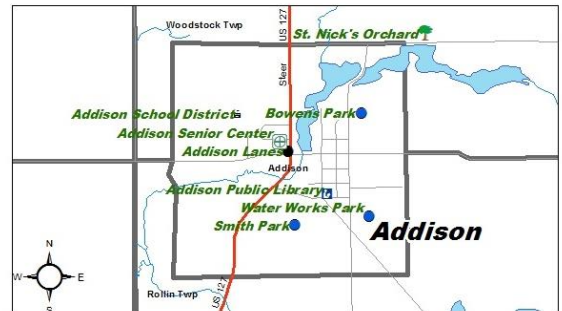
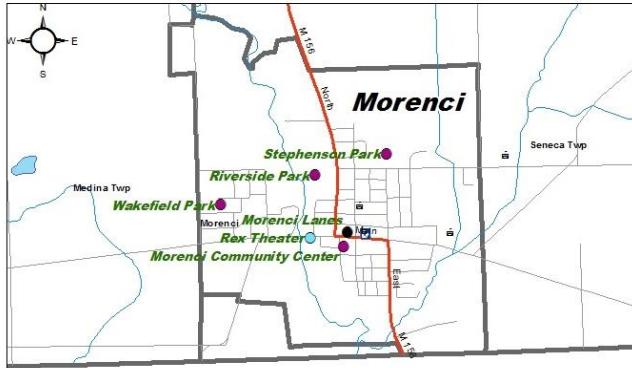
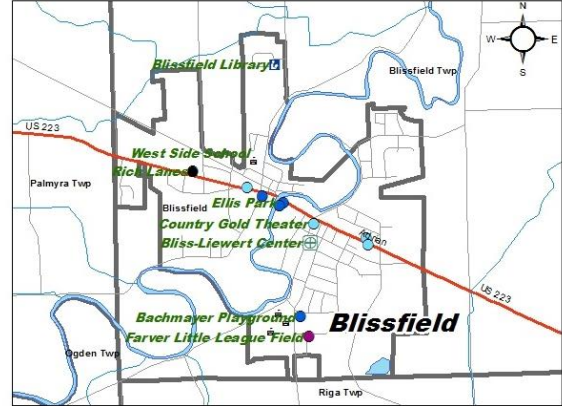
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Map #2-4 Parks & Recreation Facilities: Addison, Blissfield, Hudson, & Morenci



Community Parks	Recreation Facilities
● County Parks	Museum
● State Parks	School
● City Parks	Bowling
● Village Parks	Campground
● Township Parks	Orchard
- - - Trails	Senior Center
Scenic RR	Library
	Golf Course
	● Private (misc.)

**Table #2-1
Inventory of Lenawee County Parks
(Indicated on Maps #2-1 and #2-2)**

Bicentennial Woods: Beautiful hiking trails wind through a prairie grass field and one of Lenawee County’s virgin timber wood forests.

Size: 78 Acres – Serving the entire county, all ages

Location: Central, approximately 5 miles north of the City of Adrian

Facilities: Soccer field, volleyball, playground area, softball field, picnic shelters with grills and tables, a hand water pump, and latrine

Accessibility Ranking: 3-Most of the park areas meet accessibility guidelines

DNR Grants: 1977 LWCF (26-01023 A1) Acquisition –Acquire 78 acres for outdoor recreation
1980 LWCF (26-011104 E) Development – *Entrance road, parking area, grading, seeding, picnic shelter LWCF sign*
2000 CM (CM00-086) Development – Develop and improve recreation facilities to increase availability, accessibility and enjoyment of Bicentennial Park; includes new soccer field, playground equip., parking lot, walkways, benches, and picnic shelter



Gerber Hill Park: (Open all year) Glaciers formed the park and left a sand base. There are both educational and recreational activities available.

Size: 40 Acres - Serving the entire county, all ages

Location: Eastern section, approximately 5 miles northeast of Blissfield and 3 miles south of Deerfield

Facilities: Interactive signage, tree identification, fishing dock, pavilion, soccer and baseball fields, volleyball, horse shoe pits, playground equipment, picnic shelters with grills and tables, hand water pump, and latrine

Accessibility: 3-Most of the park areas meet accessibility guidelines

DNR Grants: 1989 BF (BF89-532) Development – *Refurbish & develop Gerber Hill County Park with walking trails to include woodlot, wetland, native tall grass prairie, & geologically interesting areas for environmental & educational purposes*
2010 MNRTF (TF10-102) Development – *Development to include shelter and educational facilities, sledding area sign, native prairie grasses, trail improvements, parking lot and entrance improvements, playground equipment, fishing deck, fencing, and gate construction*

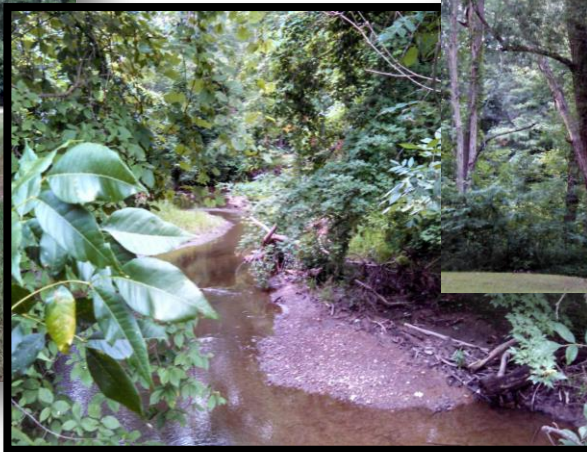


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- Iron Lake Park:** A county-owned public boat launch, located on a 78 acre lake. Fish include Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, and Sunfish.
- Size: 1 Acre - Serving the entire county, all ages
- Location: North section, located within the Irish Hills
- Facilities: Access to Iron Lake, boat launch, and picnic table
- Accessibility Ranking: 2-Some of the park areas meet accessibility guidelines



- Medina Park:** The main attractions in Medina Park for the last 40 years include an enormous hollow sycamore tree and the adventuresome Bean Creek.
- Size: 40 Acres - Serving the entire county, all ages
- Location: Southwest section, centrally located between the cities of Hudson and Morenci
- Facilities: Picnic areas, ball field, horseshoe pit, playground, and latrine
- Accessibility Ranking: 3-Most of the park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- DNR Grants: 1976 LWCF (26-00752) Development: *Site improvement, play equipment, softball field, parking, pedestrian bridge, shelter, picnic equipment, and LWCF sign*
1978 LWCF (26-01060N2) Development: *2 tennis courts; picnic shelter, picnic equipment, LWCF sign*



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- Ramsdell Park:** Ramsdell Park is a beautiful farm preservation site with a combination of rolling hills, engineered wetlands, ponds, and prairie grass. It is a prime area for cross country skiing, hiking, and picnics.
- Size:** 180 Acres - Serving the entire county, all ages
- Location:** West section, located between Hudson, Manitou Beach, and Adrian
- Facilities:** Approximately 5 miles of trails, pavilion with fireplace, grills, table, and latrine
- Accessibility Ranking:** 2-Some of the park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- DNR Grants:** 1986 MNRTF (TF86-178) Development: *Development will include a passive/solar nature interpretive education center; trail, park drive, parking area, and other support facilities*



- Taylor Road Park:** Undeveloped land with an engineered flood pond for natural habitat designed in cooperation with the DNR and wildlife organizations.
- Size:** 80 Acres - Serving the entire county, all ages
- Location:** The north east section of the county
- Facilities:** none
- Accessibility Ranking:** 2-Some of the park areas meet accessibility guidelines



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**Table #2-2
Inventory of State of Michigan Parks
(Indicated on Map #2-2)**

Municipality	Service Area	Facilities	Acreage
Cambridge Historic State Park	Lenawee County	Picnic area, visitor center	181.0
W.J. Hayes State Park	Lenawee & Jackson Counties	185 camp sites, electrical service, picnic areas and shelters, interpretive programs, swimming, concessions/store, boat launch, fishing pier, hiking, mini cabins, modern restrooms, playground, sanitation station, wildlife	654.0
Lake Hudson State Park	Lenawee County	50 camp sites, electrical service, picnic area, picnic shelter, vault toilet, volleyball, boat launch, swimming, hunting, fishing, wildlife	2,700.0

**Table #2-3
Municipal Parks & Recreation Facilities
(Indicated on Maps #2-2, #2-3, and #2-4)**

Type/ Location	Park Name	Facilities	Acreage (if available)
City of Adrian	Berry Park	Formal garden, picnic tables, benches	1.5
	Burr Ponds Park	Bicycle, walking, benches, picnic shelters, grill and outlets, fishing	
	Cider Mill Park	Picnic tables, River Raisin access, open space	0.4
	Comstock Park	Picnic shelter, grills, benches, River Raisin access, river terraces (floral areas)	3.1
	Dana Park	Youth baseball field, play equipment	1.4
	Dunlap Park	Playground equipment, picnic shelter, basketball courts, building-used for boxing club and summer equipment	2.0
	Erie Street Park	Basketball courts, picnic table, grill, shelter, playground, open space	1.0
	Fee Park	Gazebo, picnic tables, benches, floral gardens, open space	2.5
	Heritage Park	Softball fields, soccer fields, bicycle and walking trails, benches, playground, picnic shelters and tables, grills, hiking trails, and a sledding hill	347.0
	Hospice Park	Formal garden, benches	1.0
	Island Park	1 lighted softball field, 2 youth baseball fields, playground, 2 picnic shelters, concession stand, picnic tables/grills, electrical outlets, 3 restrooms, sliding hill, sand volleyball courts, fishing, hiking, trails, disc golf, open space	48.2
	Kiwanis Trail	Biking, walking, running path	7.5 miles

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Type/ Location	Park Name	Facilities	Acreage (if available)
City of Adrian	Library Square	Formal garden	1.0
	Berry Park	Formal garden, picnic tables, benches	1.5
	McFarland Park		
	Monument Park	Historic site: floral gardens, picnic tables, benches, and several war monuments	1.3
	Parrish Park	basketball courts, playground equipment, and a picnic shelter	
	Piotter Center	Senior citizen center, gym, locker room, cafeteria/kitchen, 6 classrooms	1.7
	Riverside Park	1 lighted baseball field, outdoor artificial ice rink, swimming pool, 2 fish ponds, 3 picnic shelters, 2 playgrounds, 2 basketball courts, 6 horseshoe courts, 3 sand volleyball courts	51.6
	Skate & Bike Park	Half-pipe combo, Bank Hip corner, Start box, Streetspine, Launch box, Escalator Quarter-pipe and Half Pyramid	
	Trestle Park	Raised board walks, trails, walking paths, picnic shelters, ball field, amphitheater, restrooms	20.0
City of Hudson	Hudson Trails	Loop of paved trails: biking, walking, ADA accessible	3.2
	Community Center	Recreation hall with kitchen facilities	0.8
	Memorial Park	Soccer/ball field, restrooms, playground equipment	
	Thompson Field	Football field, two lighted tennis courts, playground areas, little league field, athletic field	17.3
	Thompson Park	Playground, athletic field, picnic tables, parking lot	2.5
	Will Carleton Park	Softball field, little league field, 2 tennis courts, basketball court, 3 picnic shelters, 2 playground areas, athletic field, restrooms, 50 picnic tables, 8 grills, nature area	22.3
	Webster Park	Shelter, restrooms, ball field, grills, playground equipment	
City of Morenci	Community Center		
	Riverside Park	Natural park, trail	12.2
	Stephenson Park	Playground equipment, little league field, latrine	1.8
	Wakefield Park	2 tennis courts, softball diamond, little league diamond, tee ball diamond, 3 shelter houses, concession stand, restrooms, playground equipment, horseshoe pit, volleyball, picnic tables, grills, war memorial, basketball court, summer youth rec programs	11.6
City of Tecumseh	Adams Park	5 Benches, 1 Fountain, 1 Picnic Table, Restrooms, Wi-fi Access	1.0
	Aden Mead Park	1 Ball Diamond, 1 Basketball Hoop, Benches, Drinking Fountain, 1 Picnic Shelter, Picnic Tables, 1 Playground, Restrooms, 1 Soccer Field	10.0
	Beardsley Park	Undeveloped green space	8.3

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Type/ Location	Park Name	Facilities	Acreage (if available)
City of Tecumseh	Cal Zorn Recreation Center	3 Ball Diamonds, 1 Basketball Hoop, Benches, 1 Dog Park, Drinking Fountains, 2 Flag Football Fields, Grills, 1 Picnic Shelter, Picnic Tables, 1 Playground, Restrooms, 5 Soccer Fields, 1 Splash Pad	15.0
	Douglas W. Bird Kiwanis Memorial Park	Benches, Grills, Hiking Trail, Picnic Tables, 1 Playground, River	23.7
	Elliott Park	Benches, Grills, 1 Playground, scout cabin	1.4
	Evans & Monument Park	Fishing access	6.2
	Hotrum Promenade Park	Benches, 1 drinking fountain, 1 gazebo	1.0
	Indian Crossing Trails Park	Benches, Fishing, Hiking Trail, Restrooms, Pond	130.0
	John W. Smith Park	Picnic table	25.0
	Patterson Park	Picnic Table, River	1.0
	Satterthwaite Park	1 Basketball Hoop, Benches, 1 Dock, Fishing, Grills, 1 In-line Hockey Rink, 2 Picnic Shelters, Picnic Tables, 1 Playground, Pond, Restrooms, 2 Tennis Courts, Watercraft Rental	61.0
	Tecumseh Trails	7 walking/biking trails throughout the city	5.9 miles
	Standish Dam	Benches, Fishing, 1 Picnic Table, Pond, River	57.5
	Sunset Street Park	Undeveloped green space	1.0
	Tecumseh Park	1 Basketball Hoop, Fishing, Grills, 1 Picnic Shelter, Picnic Tables, 1 Playground, Pond, Restrooms, 1 Sand Volleyball Court, Sledding Hill, Beach, Swimming Area	25.2
	Civic Auditorium		
	Village of Addison	Bowens Park	Community Park
Smith Park		Community Park	2.0
Water Works Park		Community Park	11.5
Village of Blissfield	Bachmayer Playground	Little league ball field, boundless playground equipment, picnic tables	4.4
	Clara Bachmayer Park	Picnic tables, play equipment	6.9
	Ellis Park	Swimming pool, baseball, volleyball courts, softball, picnic tables, play equipment, skateboard park, shuffleboard courts, boat launch	17.6
	Farver Little League Field	Baseball field	4.7
	Gail Giles Pool	Swimming	
Village of Clayton	Clayton Village Square		

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Type/ Location	Park Name	Facilities	Acreage (if available)
Village of Clinton	Tate Park	Quad plex softball complex with concessions, paved trails with benches, fishing dock, three picnic shelters, gazebo, soccer fields, canoe livery, playground equipment, a seven acre island with nature trails	80.0
	Veterans Park	Historical Monument and open space	
	Water Works Park	Picnic area, river access, fishing, scout cabin	1.0
	Community Center	Tennis Courts, basketball courts, and skate park	2.0
Village of Cement City	Cement City Park		
Village of Deerfield	Deerfield Village Park	Picnic shelter, gills/outlets, sand volleyball court, tennis court, basketball court, playground equipment, restrooms, paved parking	1.0
Village of Onsted	Onsted Festival Park	Swings, play equipment, 6 baseball diamonds, 2 pavilions with electricity, restroom, soccer field, stage, benches, shuffleboard court	20.0
Adrian Township	Waid Park	Picnic shelter	0.3
Cambridge Township	Deep Lake Recreational Park		
Fairfield Township	Fairfield Park	Basketball, swings, teeter totters	1.0
Franklin Township	Franklin Township Park	Tennis courts, basketball court	1.0
Macon Township	Macon Town Hall	Playground equipment	0.5
Raisin Township	Mitchell Park	Soccer fields, ball diamonds, pavilions, merry-go-rounds, swing sets, slides, climber, playground equipment, tennis court	38.0
Riga Township	Riga Twp Park	Tennis court, two baseball/softball diamonds, volleyball court, basketball court, playground equipment	5.0
Rollin Township	Jack Tibbs Memorial	Baseball diamond, playground equipment, picnic shelter, open spaces	

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Table #2-4
School Recreation Facilities
(Indicated on Maps #2-2, #2-3, and #2-4)

Type	Name	Location	Facilities	Acreage (if available)
Schools	Addison High & Middle	Addison	Neighborhood playground, community play-field	
	Jackson College Lenawee Center	Adrian		
	Siena Heights University	Adrian	6 tennis courts, 1 baseball field, 2 soccer fields, indoor multi-purpose facility	140.0
	JC/LISD Academy	Adrian	Middle college	
	LISD TECH Center	Adrian	Conferences	
	Adrian High	Adrian	Football field, running track, 1 baseball field, 6 tennis courts	50.6
	Maple City Alt High	Adrian		
	Drager Middle	Adrian	Running track, play field	5.0
	Springbrook Middle	Adrian		
	Alexander Elementary	Adrian	1 baseball field, 1 softball field, 1 basketball court, play equipment	4.0
	Comstock Elementary	Adrian	Play equipment	0.3
	Garfield Elementary	Adrian	Basketball court, 1 softball field, play equipment	1.4
	Lincoln Elementary	Adrian	Basketball court, play equipment	2.0
	McKinley Elementary	Adrian	Basketball court, play equipment	7.8
	Michener Elementary	Adrian	1 softball field (lighted), 3 soccer fields, play equipment	16.5
	Prairie Elementary	Adrian	Play equipment	7.4
	Berean Baptist Academy	Adrian	Play equipment	
	Lenawee Christian School & The Centre	Adrian	1 full-size gymnasium & a mini gym, Olympic-Sized swimming pool with 60 ft long slide and 12 ft climbing walls, 700 seat auditorium with high-definition projector and concert-grade sound system, Kid's Care room complete with mini-playground, Wii, and great activity areas, 2 softball fields, 1 baseball field, 2 sand volleyball courts, combination soccer/football field with rubberized track, fitness areas, cycling studio, several rental rooms for parties up to 350, 2 practice soccer/football fields, 9 hole disc golf course, 3 playgrounds, grand pavilion with capacity for 240+ and 3 smaller pavilions, 1/2 mile paved walking trail, 1/4 mile wooded trail, water park	75.0

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Type	Name	Location	Facilities	Acreage (if available)
Schools	St. John's Lutheran	Adrian	Gym, play equipment	
	St. Mary's Activity Center	Adrian		
	St. Stephen Lutheran	Adrian	2 softball fields, play equipment	5.6
	Benedict Memorial Center for Sustainable Future	Adrian Twp.		75.0
	Blissfield High	Blissfield	Football field, baseball field, soccer field, track, exercise course	70.0
	Blissfield Middle	Blissfield	(associated with high school complex) tennis courts	1.7
	Blissfield Elementary	Blissfield	(associated with high school complex)	2.0
	Clinton Community	Clinton	Football field, track, 2 baseball fields, 1 softball field, practice football and softball field, practice soccer field, gym	
	Deerfield Public	Deerfield	Softball diamonds, basketball, playground equipment, gym, football field, latrine	
	Hudson Middle and High	Hudson	Softball field, baseball field	
	Lincoln Elementary	Hudson	Playground equipment	
	Sacred Heart	Hudson	Playground area, parking lot, gym	
	Madison Community	Madison Twp.	2 baseball fields, football field, running track, soccer field, gym, play equipment, picnic shelter, 2 sand volleyball courts	10.2
	Morenci High	Morenci	Baseball field, soccer field, football field, track, weight room and exercise facilities (open to public)	
	Morenci Middle	Morenci	Gym, basketball courts	
	Morenci Elementary	Morenci	Gym, basketball courts, playground	
	Onsted Community	Onsted	Two baseball diamonds, football field, track, gym, basketball court, soccer field	
	Porter Center	Raisin Twp.	Conference, Gymnasium	
	Manitou Road Baptist Church and Academy	Rollin Twp.	Swing set	
	Sand Creek Community	Sand Creek	Baseball diamond, football field, softball diamond, soccer field, track, gym	
	Tecumseh High	Tecumseh	Baseball diamonds, football/soccer fields, bathrooms, indoor pool, jogging track, parking	26.0
	Tecumseh Middle	Tecumseh	Baseball diamonds, football/soccer fields, bathrooms, parking	
	Herrick Park Elementary	Tecumseh	Swings, slides, basketball hoops, ball fields, wood climbers, parking	10.1
	Tecumseh Acres Elementary	Tecumseh	Ball fields, swings, climber, ladder, play structure	10.0
	St. Elizabeth Catholic Church	Tecumseh	Slide, swings, merry-go-rounds, see-saws, basketball hoop	1.0
	Stone Ridge Christian	Tecumseh		

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**Table #2-5
Other Recreation Facilities
(Indicated on Maps #2-2, #2-3, and #2-4)**

Type	Name	Location	Facilities
Libraries	Lenawee District Library (LDL)	Addison	
		Adrian	
		Britton	
		Clayton	
		Deerfield	Roberts-Ingold Memorial Library
		Onsted	
	Adrian Public Library	Adrian	
	Schultz-Holmes Memorial Library	Blissfield	
	Clinton Twp. Public Library	Clinton	
	Hudson Carnegie Public Library	Hudson	
Stair Public Library	Morenci		
Tecumseh District Library	Tecumseh		
Museums	Lenawee County Historical Museum	Adrian	Historic museum and archives for photos and documents (originally a Carnegie Library)
	Walker Tavern	Brooklyn	Historical museum
	Hudson Museum	Hudson	Library, museum
	William G. Thompson House & Gardens	Hudson	Historic site, antiques, art collections, gardens
	Southern Michigan Railroad Society Museum	Clinton	Historical museum
	Tecumseh Area Museum	Tecumseh	Historical museum
Golf Courses	Lenawee Country Club	Adrian	18 holes, driving range, 2 tennis courts, outdoor pool
	Wolf Creek	Adrian Twp.	18 holes, driving range
	Mission Pointe	Adrian Twp.	18 holes
	Evergreen	Hudson	18 holes
	Woodlawn	Madison Twp.	18 holes
	Elliot's Golf Center	Madison Twp.	Driving range, putt-putt golf
	De-Mor Hills	Medina Twp.	18 holes
	Irish Hills	Onsted	18 holes
	Raisin Valley	Raisin Twp.	18 holes
	Tecumseh Country Club	Tecumseh	18 holes
	Sand Trap Driving Range	Tipton	Driving range
	Silver Lake	Woodstock Twp.	9 holes golf course
Devils Lake	Woodstock Twp.	18 holes	

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Type	Name	Location	Facilities
Campgrounds	Sequoia Campground	Adrian Twp.	Over 100 camp sites, electric & water hookups, pool, showers, flush toilets, playground, softball diamond, ½ basketball court, volleyball, horse shoe pits, fishing, dog run, store, dump station, chapel
	Green Valley Campground LLC	Morenci	Over 300 sites, clubhouse, fireplace, shelter house, hook ups and dump station, playground, beach
	Devils Lake Campground	Woodstock Twp.	50 seasonal campsites, bathroom/shower facilities, sewer, boating, electrical, water hookups
	Irish Hills Campground	Cambridge Twp.	Over 100 camp sites, pool, store, bathroom/shower facilities, electrical and water hookups, playground
	Indian Creek Camp & Conference Center	Tecumseh	Over 50 sites, pavilion, shower house, rustic cabins, pool
	JaDo Campground	Tipton	WiFi, store, fishing playground, water/electricity, showers, dump station
	Juniper Hills Campground	Woodstock Twp.	Over 100 camp sites, swimming, store, bathroom/shower facilities, electrical and water hookups, playground
	Paradise Campground	Woodstock Twp.	105 seasonal campsites, playground, recreation building, water and electric hookups, shower/restroom facilities
	Sauk Valley Youth Camp	Woodstock Twp.	Cabins, lake access, shower/electric facilities, fishing
	Bernie’s Cedar Haven	Woodstock Twp.	Over 20 campsites, overnight camping, cabins, store, water and electric hookups
Bowling	Addison Lanes	Addison	Bowling
	Lenawee Recreation	Adrian	Bowling – 24 lanes, pro shop, dining
	Rich Lanes	Blissfield	Bowling
	Hudson Bowling Lanes	Hudson	Bowling – 10 lanes
	Mor-N-C Lanes	Morenci	Bowling
	Ten Pin Alley	Tecumseh	Bowling
Private (Miscellaneous)	Croswell Opera House	Adrian	Live theater, 1 historic structure, mini-park bench tables
	Easy Tone Body Systems	Adrian	Workout/aerobic equipment
	YMCA of Lenawee County	Adrian	2 gyms, indoor pool, indoor track handball courts, play equipment
	Adrian & Blissfield Railroad Co	Adrian/Blissfield	Railroad, amusement
	Adrian Skatery	Adrian Twp.	Roller skating
	Adrian Cinemas	Adrian Twp.	6 screen movie theater
Blissfield Dinner Train	Blissfield	Railroad, amusement	

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Type	Name	Location	Facilities
Private (Miscellaneous)	Blissfield Model Railroad Club	Blissfield	Model railroad displays
	Raisin Valley Model Railroad	Blissfield	Model railroad displays
	Michigan International Speedway	Cambridge Twp.	Automobile racing, camping, concessions Special events: concerts, festivals, competitions
	Mystery Hill	Cambridge Twp.	Amusement
	Clinton Theater	Clinton	Movie theater
	Southern Michigan Railroad	Clinton	Railroad, amusement
	Port-to-Port Adventures	Franklin Twp.	Putt-putt golf, batting cages, arcade
	Hudson Cinema/DZ Laser Tag	Hudson	2 screen movie theater, laser tag, arcade
	John's Gym & Aerobics	Madison Twp.	Workout/aerobic equipment
	Rex Theater	Morenci	Movie theater
	Village Greens	Onsted	Miniature golf
	Sunsations Tanning & Fitness	Raisin Twp.	Workout/aerobic equipment
	Tecumseh Skydive	Tecumseh	Skydiving
	Clearwater Motel & Resort	Woodstock Twp.	Resort
	Lenawee County Fairgrounds (Not for profit association)	Adrian	Exhibit hall, race track, grandstands, horse stalls, concessions, restrooms, rental halls
	Michigan State University - Hidden Lake Gardens	Franklin Twp.	Arboretum, picnicking, hiking trails, scenic drives, educational classes
Southern Michigan Railroad	N/A	Scenic Railroad: Clinton, Tecumseh, and Raisin Center	
Orchards	Applewood Orchards Inc	Deerfield	Fruit production, processing
	Marvin's Fairfield	Fairfield Twp.	Fruit production, seasonal entertainment
	Hide Away Orchard	Madison Twp.	Fruit production
	Kapnick Orchards	Raisin Twp.	Fruit production, seasonal entertainment
	St. Nick's Orchard	Woodstock Twp.	Fruit production
Senior Centers	Lenawee County Department on Aging		Senior citizen oriented services and activities
	Addison Senior Center	Addison	Senior citizen oriented activities
	Adrian Senior Center	Adrian	Senior citizen oriented activities
	Bliss-Liewert Center	Blissfield	Senior citizen oriented activities
	Hudson Senior Center	Hudson	Senior citizen oriented activities
	Onsted Senior Center	Onsted	Senior citizen oriented activities
	Rec Center	Adrian	Senior citizen oriented activities
	Tecumseh Senior Center	Tecumseh	Senior citizen oriented activities

Source: Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Survey



Public Input and Planning Processes



**2015 – 2019
Lenawee County
Parks and Recreation Plan**



Description of the Planning Process

The development of this edition of the Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Plan included the following steps:

- Lenawee County recognized the need to update the Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Plan.
- The County's Administrator contracted with Region 2 Planning Commission (R2PC) staff to assist in and facilitate the development of the 2015-2019 edition of the Plan in the spring of 2014.
- The County's Parks and Recreation Commission conducted an online public opinion survey during July and August of 2014.
- The County Administrator's Office updated the 'Introduction' (and associated appendix), 'Recreation Inventory,' and 'Public Input Process' chapters of the Plan with the assistance of the R2PC.
- The Parks and Recreation Commission utilized the input collected from the survey and the updated information to develop the goals and objectives and action program included in the Plan, with the assistance of the County Administrator's Office and R2PC staff.
- The Parks and Recreation Commission provided the plan for public review from December 23, 2014 through January 26, 2015 and held a public hearing on January 26, 2015. The Plan was subsequently approved by the Commission and recommended for adoption by the County Board of Commissioners.
- The County Board of Commissioners adopted the new edition of the Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Plan on February 11, 2015.

Description of the Public Input Process

Public input was gathered by two methods – an online (i.e., internet-based) parks and recreation survey and a public hearing. The results of these efforts are presented in this section. Overall, the amount of public input that was gathered was enhanced due to the Parks and Recreation Commission's public outreach effort.

ONLINE SURVEY

Opinions needed on parks

County launches Internet survey to gauge needs of county parks

By Daily Telegram staff

ADRIAN — The public's help is being sought in planning the future development of Lenawee County's parks.

A survey of opinions on the parks and activities citizens would like to see available in them is now available on the county's website at www.lenawee.mi.us. Copies of the survey can also be printed from the site and mailed.

"Information collected will help in determining park priorities,

identify county needs and assist in obtaining funding for recreation and conservation projects," said a news release on the survey. It is to remain available on the website through Aug. 31.

The survey is to provide the public input required for an update of the county's five-year parks development plan. County officials are working to complete the update by Jan. 1 to be eligible to submit grant applications to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in April next year.

Public participation in the survey is vital to a successful parks plan, said the news release. Residents can call 264-4738 with questions about the survey or to reserve a shelter at any of the six county parks.

Survey questions were approved last week by the county parks commission. The survey seeks demographic data on locations of participants and age brackets of members of their households. It also seeks opinions on the types of outdoor activities participants

enjoy, how often they visit county parks and their familiarity with Lenawee County's parks.

Private donations were used to leverage a state grant for a development project completed last year at Gerber Hill Park near Deerfield.

The county also operates Bicentennial Woods Park in Adrian Township, Ramsdell Park in Rollin Township, Medina Park near Morenci, a boat launch at Iron Lake in Cambridge Township and an undeveloped wooded area on Taylor Road in Franklin Township.

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Public Opinion Survey

The Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Commission conducted an online public opinion survey which was placed on the county website from July 18, 2014 through August 31, 2014. A printed version of the survey was also available in the County Administrator's Office. The survey covered a wide range of questions regarding county park usage, level of satisfaction with parks, suggested/needed park facility improvements, and general comments. Demographic information was also requested in order to ascertain the validity of the response and to cross-tabulate them to demographic sector.

The survey was available on the Lenawee County website (www.lenawee.mi.us) between July 18, 2014 and August 31, 2014, and a significant promotional article was published in *The Daily Telegram*, the local countywide newspaper, on July 24, 2014 (see the previous page). Printed versions were distributed during the county fair for the purpose of providing an additional tool for gathering public opinion. A total of 102 responses were received.

The survey opened with a series of demographic questions. First, respondents were asked to indicate their age bracket and the age brackets of those within their household. This was preferable to asking for the specific age of the respondents which is both too personal and beyond the needs of the survey.

Age Bracket:

Of the 102 people that answered this question (Q#1):

- 52.0% were at least 51 years of age
- 30.4% fell between the ages of 36 and 50
- 16.7% were between 22 and 35 years of age
- 1.0% was between age of 15 and 21
- No one under the age of 14 participated in the survey

There were several questions regarding the age brackets represented within the households of respondents:

- 28.0% of households had at least one member over the age of 65 years: 11.0% had one member, 15% had two members, and 2% had more than two members (Q#3).
- 87.9% of households had at least one member between the ages of 18-64: 16.2% had one member, 58.6% had two members, 4.0% had three members, 6.1% had four members, and 3.0% had more than four members (Q#4).
- 31.6% of households had at least one person under the age of eighteen: 8.2% had one member; 19.4% had two members, 2.0% had three members, 1.0% had four members, and 1.0% had more than four members (Q#5).

Location:

Respondents were asked to provide their residential zip code (Q#2). 44.0% of the 100 respondents to this question lived in the Adrian (49221) Area and an additional 9.0% and 3.0% lived in the Tecumseh (49286) and Clinton (49236) Areas, respectively; that percentage is comparable to the 57.5% of the County's population which lived in the Clinton-Tecumseh-Adrian Urbanizing Area in 2010. 12.0% lived in the Blissfield (49228) Area. 4.0% each lived in the Brooklyn (49230), Hudson

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(49247), Morenci (49256), and Tipton (49287) Areas, respectively. 3.0% each lived in the Clayton (49235) and Sand Creek (49279 and 49289) Areas, respectively. 2.0% each lived in the Manitou Beach (49253) and Palmyra (49268) Areas, respectively. 1.0% each lived in the Addison (49221), Cement City (49233), Deerfield (49238), and Ottawa Lake (49267) Areas, respectively. All of those zip codes lie completely or partially within Lenawee County. Only 1.0% of the responses came from a zip code entirely outside of Lenawee County, the La Salle Area (48145) in nearby Monroe County.

Next, the survey asked a series of questions in order to identify what types of activities are enjoyed by respondents, their frequency of visiting public parks, and their familiarity with county parks.

General Activities:

Respondents were asked what types of outdoor activities they enjoy (Q#6). The majority of the 97 respondents reported enjoyed hiking (71.1%), biking (55.7%), and running (21.6%). Fishing (46.4%), swimming (44.3%), and bird watching (39.2%) were also very popular. Organized sports (24.7%), geocaching (18.6%), and cross country skiing (15.1%) also received considerable support.

A total of 32 respondents also 'wrote in' the following activities:

• Boating, Canoeing, etc. (5)	• Riding ATVs (1)	• Swimming (1)
• Hunting (4)	• Snowmobiles (1)	• Yoga (1)
• Dog Walking (3)	• Sports Activities (1)	• Gardening (1)
• Horseback Riding (3)	• Golf (1)	• Plant Identification (1)
• Skiing (2)	• Disc Golf (1)	• Playing/Playgrounds (1)
• Wildlife Watching (2)	• Baseball (1)	• Stargazing (1)
• Camping (2)	• Tennis (1)	• Picnics (1)
• Walking (2)	• Photography (1)	• Fenced Dog Area (1)

Visiting a Park:

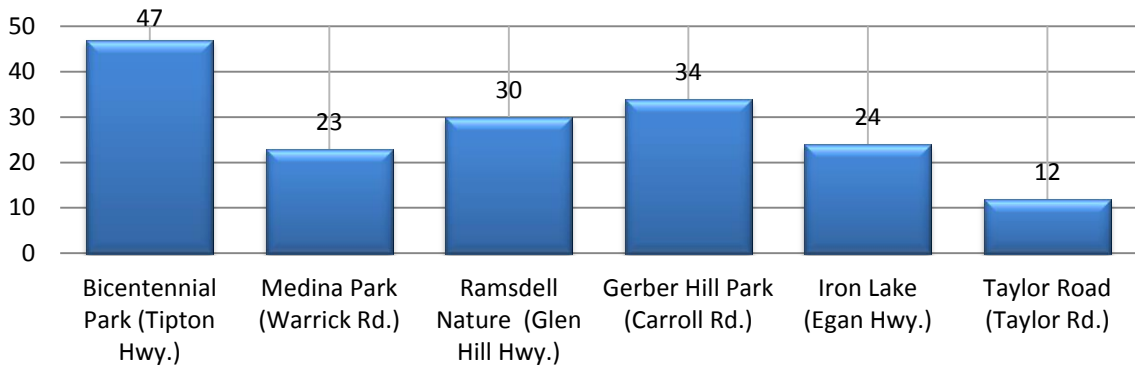
Respondents were asked how often they visit a park (Q#7). Only 2.0% of 100 respondents never visited a public park. 24.0% each visited 'rarely' or 'maybe once a month,' respectively. 25.0% each visited '> 1 time a week' or '2-3 times a month,' respectively.

County Park Familiarity & Activities:

Respondents were asked if they were familiar with Bicentennial, Medina, Ramsdell, Gerber Hill, Iron Lake, and/or Taylor Road County Parks (Q#8). 81.9% of 94 respondents were familiar with at least one of the parks. Respondents were also asked when was the last time they visited one of those parks (Q#9). 43.9% of 98 respondents had visited a Lenawee County park 'in 2013 or 2014,' 24.5% visited a park 'between 2 and 5 years ago,' 15.3% visited a county park 'a long time ago,' and 16.3% stated 'I have never visited one of these parks.' Respondents were also asked to identify each park they have visited (Q#10). Of the 76 respondents:

- 61.8% had visited Bicentennial Park (Tipton Highway)
- 44.7% had visited Gerber Hill (Carrol Road)
- 39.5% had visited Ramsdell Nature Park (Glen Hill Highway)
- 31.6% had visited Iron Lake Park (Egan Highway)
- 30.3% had visited Medina Park (Warrick Road)
- 15.8% had visited Taylor Road Park (Taylor Road)

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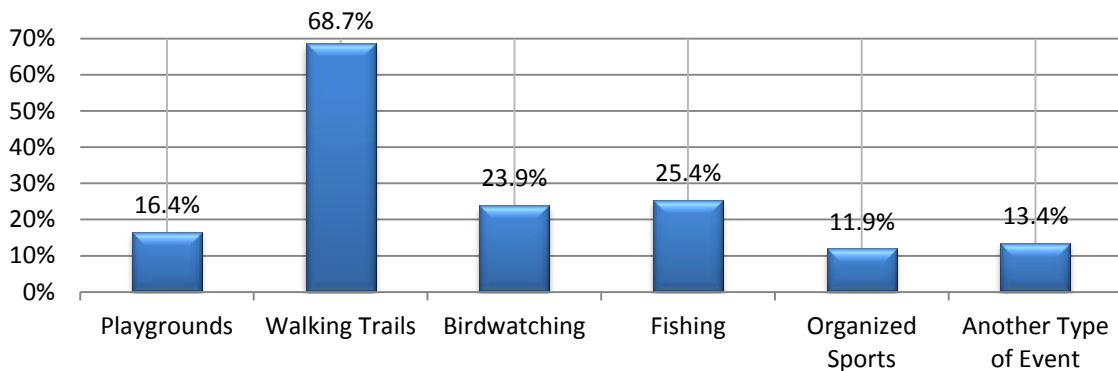


Respondents were then asked if they enjoyed the park (Q#11). 85.3% of the 76 respondents answered yes. The 14.7% of respondents who answered no provided the following reasons:

- 'Need more boat trailer parking'
- 'Hiking trails are a mess and need [to be] cleaned'
- 'Have had family reunions there'
- 'Hardly any playground equipment and what is there is outdated'
- 'Need better boat ramp'
- 'Seemed run down and ignored'
- 'So many mosquitos that we ended up leaving the trail/park'
- 'Taylor [Road] is a joke. One parking spot and nothing else'
- 'There was nothing there except mosquitos'
- 'Nothing to do'
- 'It was packed, [I/we] couldn't park'

Respondents were asked what types of activities they participate in while visiting the parks (Q#12). Of the 67 respondents to this question:

- 46 used walking trails
- 17 fished
- 16 watched birds
- 11 used playgrounds
- 9 participated in another type of event
- 8 participated in an organized sporting event



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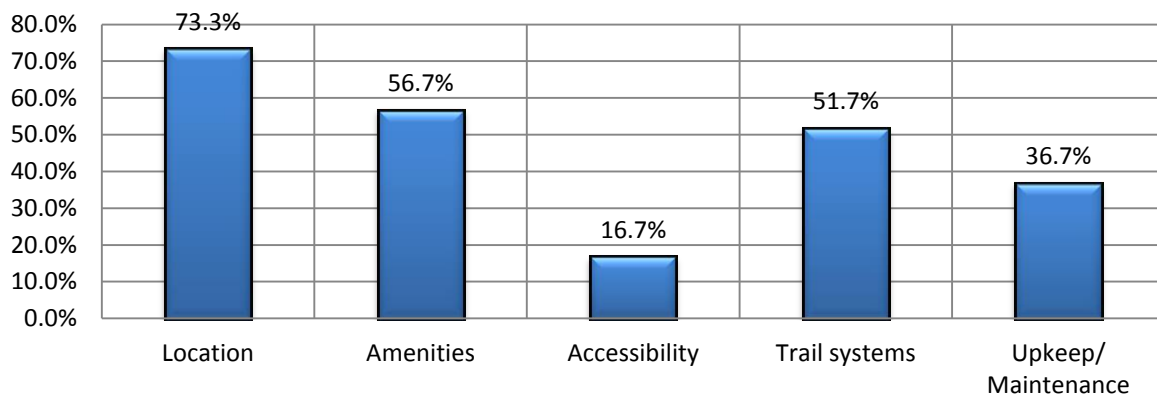
21 respondents 'wrote in' the following activities:

• Picnicking (5)	• Sledding (1)	• Wedding (1)
• Hiking (2)	• Running (1)	• Visited Caretaker (1)
• Sledding (2)	• Skiing (1)	• Boat Launch (1)
• Disc Golf (2)	• Geocaching (1)	• Cub Scout Camp (1)
• Looked Around (2)	• Hiking [without] Trails (1)	
• Dog Walking (1)	• Reunion (1)	

Respondents were asked if they would return to a county park within the next year (Q#13). 48.1% of 81 respondents said 'yes, definitely' and 45.7% answered 'maybe.' Only 6.2% said 'no, probably not.'

Respondents were asked if they visit other parks regularly (Q#14). 67.4% of 89 respondents said 'yes' and 32.6% said 'no.'

Respondents were asked what factors contributed to the decision to choose a non-county owned park (Q#18).¹ 44 of 60 respondents indicated 'location,' 34 indicated 'amenities' (e.g., playground equipment, restrooms, etc.), 31 'indicated trail systems', 22 indicated 'upkeep/maintenance,' and 10 indicated 'accessibility.'



15 respondents 'wrote in' the following activities:

• Organized Events (3)	• Sporting Events (1)
• Restroom Facilities (2)	• Disc Golf (1)
• Fishing Tournaments (1)	• Paved Trails (1)
• Playground Equipment (1)	• 'Wasn't aware of County Parks' (1)
• Programs (1)	• 'I go where the birds are' (1)
• Camping (1)	• 'We just don't have time' (1)
• Dog Park (1)	

Respondents were asked what types of activities in which they would participate if they were available at one of the County Parks (Q#19). Although only 37 people responded, they offered many suggestions:

¹ Questions #16-#18 were either duplicated by other questions or had too low of a response rate to be valid.

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Activities listed	Bicentennial Park	Medina Park	Ramsdell Park	Gerber Hill Park	Taylor Road Park	Iron Lake Park	Number of Responses
Hiking/Walking/Running/Trails	9	8	8	7	9	6	47
Guides/Tours/Teaching Areas	1			2			3
Trail Markers	2	1	1	1			5
Dog run/park	2		1	1		1	5
Playground Area	4	1	1	1			7
Frisbee/Disc Golf	4	2	2	2	2	2	14
Picnics	1		1		2		4
Horseback Riding	1	1	2	1	1		6
Birdwatching	1			1	3		5
Sporting/Other Events	2						2
Volleyball		1					1
Canoeing/Kayaking/Boat Launch		2				2	4
Camping		1					1
Cross Country Skiing	1		3	1			5
Fishing				1		1	2
Adult Fitness/Obstacle Course			1			1	2
Farm Museum/Orchard/Farm Life			1				1
Parking						1	1
Seating						1	1
Yoga				1			1
Restrooms	1					1	2
Water Access						1	1
Non-attributable Miscellaneous	3	4	2	2	2	2	15
	32	21	23	21	19	19	135

Survey results generally suggest the greatest system-wide request is trails for walking/hiking/biking (34.8%), including trail markers (3.7%). Frisbee/disc golf (10.4%) and playgrounds (5.2%) were also popular. A considerable number of suggestions were non-attributable and miscellaneous (11.0%).

The next group of questions pertains to improvements to the county parks.

County Park Improvements:

Respondents were asked if a particular park needs improvement (Q#20). Although only 27 people responded, they offered many suggestions:

Activities listed	Bicentennial Park	Medina Park	Ramsdell Park	Gerber Hill Park	Taylor Road Park	Iron Lake Park	Number of Responses
Parking/Driveway Improvements			1		1	1	3
Playground Equipment	3	1	1	3			8
New Dock/Boat Launch						4	4
Trees Around the Shelter	1						1
Trail/Pathway Improvements	5		2	1	4		12
Benches/Sitting Areas	1					1	2

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Activities listed	Bicentennial Park	Medina Park	Ramsdell Park	Gerber Hill Park	Taylor Road Park	Iron Lake Park	Number of Responses
Picnic Table/Area Improvements				1	2	1	4
Restrooms	1	1	1	1		1	5
Family/Educational Interest Points			1	1			2
Fencing Improvement				2			2
Bridge Across the River		1					1
Camping		1					1
Improvements to the Pond					1		1
Accessibility Improvements				1	1		2
Remove Invasive Species				1			1
Access to Water				1			1
Close and Sell the Park	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
Non-attributable Miscellaneous	4	6	4	2	4	3	23
	16	11	11	15	14	12	79

Survey results generally suggest the greatest system-wide request is trail/pathway improvements (15.2%). Playground equipment (10.1%), restrooms (6.3%), new docks/boat launches (5.1%), and picnic table/area improvements (5.1%) were also popular. There was a single suggestion to close and sell each park (7.6%). A considerable number of suggestions were non-attributable and miscellaneous (29.1%).

Club and Organization Affiliations:

Respondents were asked if they are affiliated with a club or organization that may be interested in using, or has used, a county park (Q#21). 74.2% of 66 respondents said 'no' and 25.8% said 'yes.'

11 respondents 'wrote in' the following clubs/organizations:

• Church (2)	• Runners of Lenawee County (1)
• River Raisin Watershed Council (1)	• Family Reunions (1)
• Lenawee County birding group (1)	• Adrian Amateur Radio Club (1)
• YMCA (1)	• Non-attributable Miscellaneous (2)
• Maple City Disc Golf Club (1)	

Funding Suggestions:

Respondents were asked to provide their suggestions to help fund park projects (Q#22). Although there were only 34 responses, many suggestions were offered:

• 'Start a "Friends of the Park" program; enlist boy scouts, make cross-country teams remove the brush they use.'
• 'Use less money.'
• '[Millage], special [fundraiser] events, public appeals by mail or on line or with tax statements.'
• 'Sell some.'
• 'None.'

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- 'Horse rides, sponsorships, bequests, special activities at parks (bluegrass festival, small concert, geocaching, fun run, etc.[]).'
- 'Photo contests – haunted historical tours for a fee.'
- 'Sell parks that are too remote/unvisited.'
- 'Start managing parks as an interest, or means to raise funds as a [whole], instead of outside irritation.'
- 'Community organizations.'
- 'None.'
- 'Drill for oil. Maybe reduce the number of parks we have to maintain. We have several parks for a county our size it seems to me.'
- Ramsdall is big enough for a 5k fun run, that would also bring attention to one of the county's most underutilized gems.'
- '5k or 10k events.'
- 'Tax deductible?'
- 'Just like snowmobiles pay for trail passes, maybe bikers & hikers could also.'
- 'Private park sponsors; oil money.'
- '“Friends of” group.'
- 'Low cost events that attract people to raise funds.'
- 'Organized clean ups through United Way's [A]nnual Day of Action.'
- 'Volunteer events, part-time contracting for service.'
- 'Hold trail clearing events with the public.'
- 'Sponsorships.'
- 'Close them all and sell the property, we have state parks and [recreation] areas.'
- 'Hold cross country races for the general public.'
- 'None.'
- 'Buy some equipment and have a county volunteer day to build equipment and plant trees.'
- 'County millage?'
- 'Sell parks that are too remote for visitors; use funds to improve parks that are more used.'
- 'Donations at performance events.'
- 'Donation box at park.'
- 'Find people that enjoy parks: neighbors, bird watchers, photographers, clubs/organizations, & UTILIZE them.'
- 'Perhaps align park projects with federal programs for which grant money is available?'

Respondents were asked if they would be interested in sponsoring a park project (Q#23). 74.3% of 70 respondents said 'no,' 21.4% said 'maybe,' and 4.3% said 'yes.'

The survey concluded by soliciting additional comments (Q#24). Although only 22 people responded, they offered many suggestions:

- 'Business Sponsorships; Park Project "adoptions"; We NEED a dog run somewhere. How horses use Ramsdell without breaking legs in the holes is beyond me. Whoever designed the totally inaccessible [s]helter, fishing pier and view from vehicle blocking fence at Gerber has no concept of ADA compliance or handicapped needs. A HUGE WASTE OF funds making 'nice' improvements impractical for seniors as our population ages. The Park Committee should get in a wheelchair and visit EACH park and see what they are not allowed to [do] because of barriers. Also the wooden fence when wooden posts and gates have been regularly destroyed by vandals at Gerber was a design maintenance nightmare let alone it blocks any view from a normal car. Why can we only suggest improvements to one park? Is only one area worthy of improvement?'

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- 'I border the Taylor park, Have you [considered] selling any of the property to the folks that border the Taylor Road Park. Please contact me'
- 'Ramsdell: 5 miles wonderful hiking, but lots of people cannot make that steep hill you have to take to get back to parking lot, so they cannot go hiking. Defeats the purpose of 5 miles of hiking trails for most of us. Bicentennial: Last few times we were there the forest area trails were a mess-[of] fallen trees all over, couldn't even walk [through], caused us to stop going there. Loved it years ago when you could hike thru the woods. Has it been cleared up on trails lately?'
- 'Please make sure all park visitors put leashes on their dogs. Please post signs to remind them.'
- 'I go to Heritage Park daily.'
- 'I like visiting a well[-]maintained park.'
- 'I think we need updated playground equipment in the parks. I also liked the trail systems in the non-county owned parks.'
- 'Utilize the Boy Scouts to spring clean the parks. Have groups plant flowers to make them more appealing to visitors. Trim trees, remove overgrown plants. Spray for mosquitos.'
- 'When you look at the parks from a distance, they are beautifully maintained. Problem is when you actually start to use anything that is at the park it is old and broken down and needs to be replaced. Whoever is in charge of the parks, does not understand that you must spend the money to keep things working properly. Take your grandchildren to these parks and let them play on this old broken stuff and see what they have to say. You probably know and would not do this, but you are still in charge of the parks!'
- 'Nice to see all the wildflowers planted.'
- 'None.'
- 'None at this time.'
- 'Keep the horses out! They destroy the trails and their trailers take up ALL of the parking. I sprained my ankle on the ruts they created.'
- 'Parks are a non-essential aspect of county government. Though nice to have and enjoy, funding for them should not take precedence over vital services such as fire, police, emergency assistance or road maintenance. Parks should be good neighbors to local residents. The parking area at Taylor Rd. Park does not live up to this requirement as multiple instances of trash dumping have occurred there since the parking area was installed. Clean-up occurs only after repeated calls to the County Commissioner, and long after the trash was dumped. Currently, there are two piles of trash that have not been cleaned up, one of them has been there since September, 2013.'
- 'Keep it rustic and simple. How about stargazing or bird watching hosted by local organized groups. Gerber Hill is too nice of a park to be used so infrequently. Dogs love to run free though.'
- 'Would love to see one or two of the county parks include overnight camping and a stable/horseback riding.'
- 'Week night and weekend sports pickup games for a few bucks and/or a fitness/obstacle course running track (think mud run, tough mudder) for low cost would raise funds for parks and keep the people engaged in the parks as well as active.'
- 'The parks need to be open longer during the year, not just Memorial Day thru Labor Day to take advantage of good weather. Why does the county parks own a wooded undeveloped parcel? Not knowing much about it, I would say sell the property (if able) and put the monies towards other parks.'
- 'The parks are a great resource, but need to have their [assets] better publicized.'
- 'Why are there no parks at all in the Sand Creek, Jasper, Fairfield, Weston area?'
- 'County parks are not advertised at all. No one knows they exist. Animals might entice visitors to the park; start with small animals (goats, rabbits, chickens) and see how it works out. Ramsdell has a barn, maybe that would be the place to start.'
- 'I wasn't aware of the county parks. Perhaps run an article in the Daily Telegram highlighting the county parks and the features available at each?'

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Public Hearing

In accordance with Michigan Department of Natural Resources guidelines, a public hearing was held to gather additional public input for this plan. To publicize the public hearing, an advertisement was placed in *The Daily Telegram*, the local countywide newspaper, and the public meeting was posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

After the completion of the 30-day comment period, the Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Commission held a public hearing to solicit public input on January 26, 2015. After closing the public hearing, the plan was recommended for approval by the Board of Commissioners. The Lenawee County Board of Commissioners approved the plan on February 11, 2015.



Goals and Objectives



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Determining a Vision

Through a statement of long-range goals and objectives, the County's commitment to future recreation needs can be determined by setting long-range goals and objectives, the County is taking a major step in its recreation planning.

To adequately state the objectives of contemporary recreation planning, it is necessary to think in broader terms than merely the provision of space for outdoor active sports or passive activities in natural surroundings. To develop a plan for a viable recreational system within Lenawee County requires a new look at the concept of recreation.

The general goal of recreation is to provide the space, facilities, programs and opportunity for county residents to meet their recreational needs. The provision of recreation facilities should be accomplished through the interaction of state, county, city, village, and township governments and the private sector. Coordinated planning among these partners is essential in assuring a system of adequate recreational facilities providing citizens of the County with diverse choice and maximizing the potential for their utilization.

The formulation of goals is one of the more difficult tasks facing those who are charged with deciding upon some aspect of the future environment. A good portion of this difficulty has to do with the fact that most stakeholders are not oriented to the future because of the obligations of day-to-day activities which confront them. This is not to say that more time should necessarily be spent stargazing; rather, it is to say that stakeholders should not be afraid to set their sights on what may seem to be remote and then strive to achieve those goals.

After establishing goals, it is necessary to translate them into specific actions. In other words, what actions are needed to achieve our expressed goals? To do this, it is necessary to develop other kinds of statements, which are called objectives. To illustrate this concept, consider the following:

Goals involve such considerations as equal opportunity; full employment; an end to pollution; decent, safe and sanitary housing for every family; etc. There is seldom any serious disagreement with goals, although there may be some differences of opinion regarding the methods employed to achieve them.

Objectives can best be described as approaches to achievement. They are somewhat more concrete and may be specific with regard to a particular locality. An example of an objective would be: "All local governments in Lenawee County should concentrate all of their available resources for recreation in projects which are aimed at tourists". There may be those that agree with this statement, but on the other hand there may be a substantial segment of the population which believes that the cities and townships should develop parks for local use and depend on the county, federal government, and the private sector to meet the needs of the tourist. If this is indeed the case, then the above statement becomes an "issue of the day" which can only be resolved by the legislative machinery of local government.

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Goals and Objectives

The following list of goals and objectives are deemed appropriate for Lenawee County by the Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Commission. They are based upon previous studies, observation of the types of recreation projects which are being planned by other local units of government, the community opinion survey, analysis of inventory data, and the standards in this plan.

Goal #1— *Provide all residents of Lenawee County with park and recreation areas and activities that meet acceptable standards, thus providing wholesome and safe leisure time opportunities.*

Objectives:

- Maintain and improve the physical quality of existing facilities and grounds through aggressive renovations and repair projects.
- Identify and incorporate ADA accessibility guidelines, as appropriate.

Rationale:

“Upkeep/maintenance” was identified as a contributing factor in the decision of 26.0% of community opinion survey respondents who visit parks other than those owned by Lenawee County (Q#18). One respondent announced that “I like visiting a well maintained park” (Q#24). Another respondent stated that County parks “seemed run down and ignored” as a reason for answering ‘no’ when asked if they enjoyed visiting a park (Q#11).

The American Community Survey estimated that 14.5% of residents countywide have some type of disability between 2008 and 2012. An estimated 50.0% of those residents had an “ambulatory difficulty.” That rate increased to an estimated 14.7% of residents in the Clinton-Tecumseh-Adrian Urbanizing Corridor, with an estimated 51.6% having an “ambulatory difficulty.”

Goal #2— *Increase park visitor usage and tourism at county park facilities.*

Objectives:

- Seek out opportunities for special events in County parks.
- Improve advertising and communications with communities.
- Promote community awareness of County Parks.

Rationale:

One community opinion survey respondent simply stated that he/she “wasn’t aware of County Parks” (Q#18). Only 11.9% of respondents visited a county park for “organized sports” and only another 13.4% visited for “another type of event” (Q#12); write-in responses to that question included “reunion” and “wedding.” Only 25.8% of respondents said ‘yes’ when asked if they were affiliated with a club or organization that may be interested in using, or had used, a county park (Q#21). Finally, 67.4% of respondents indicated that they visit other parks regularly” (Q#13).

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Goal #3— *Continue to preserve, protect, and enhance the natural resources in Lenawee County and the recreational opportunities that they provide.*

Objectives:

- Preserve and protect open space and significant natural features.
- Work in cooperation with other entities.

Rationale:

When asked what types of activities they participated in while visiting a county park, 68.7% of community opinion survey respondents identified “walking trails,” 25.4% identified “fishing,” and 23.9% identified “birdwatching” (Q#12). Write-in responses included: “picnicking” (5), “hiking” (2), “sledding” (2), “running” (1), “skiing” (1), “hiking [without] trails” (1), and “boat launch” (1). All of those responses support the need for preserving, protecting, and enhancing the natural features found in county parks.

Residents of one municipality are apt to work/attend school, shop, and/or recreate (at least partially) in other municipalities. Many of those activities will occur within urban areas such as the Clinton-Tecumseh-Adrian Urbanizing Corridor. Rural residents will often travel to such an area or a nearby town in order to satisfy many of those needs. Consequently, it is beneficial for neighboring municipalities, the county, and their private sector partners to cooperate whenever possible.

Goal #4— *Establish staging areas for a variety of programs that would be beneficial to the residents of all ages of the County.*

Objectives:

- Coordinate current programs that are presently being offered through the auspices of the school districts, various leagues, and municipal parks and recreation departments.
- Develop facilities for additional activities, especially of long nature adaptable to leagues, for age levels not presently being served; (e.g. disc golf course, etc.).
- Develop staging areas for self-improvement year round program for all ages in nature study, physical fitness, outdoor individual sports, and enrichment programs.
- Develop more facilities for children’s leagues (e.g. soccer, football, tennis, etc.).
- Develop more staging areas for birdwatching, photography, and other activities.

Rationale:

The American Community Survey illustrates the wide spectrum of ages of its residents. ‘Very Young Children’ (people less than 5 years of age in 2010) comprised 5.7% of the countywide population and 6.3% of the population of the Clinton-Tecumseh-Adrian Urbanizing Corridor. ‘Millennials’ (people between 5 and 24 years of age in 2010) comprised 27.1% of the countywide population and 28.3% of the population of the Clinton-Tecumseh-Adrian Urbanizing Corridor. ‘Generation X’ (people between 25 and 44 years of age in 2010) accounted for 23.8% of the countywide population and 28.8% of the population of Rural Lenawee County. ‘Baby Boomers’ (people between 45 and 64 years of age in 2010) comprised 28.7% of the countywide population and 35.0% of the population of the Irish Hills-Devils Lake Recreational Area.

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Goal #5— *Improve and expand administrative and personnel management in the area of the County's park and recreation delivery system.*

Objectives:

- Explore the potential for a full or part time park and recreation manager/director/curator.
- Explore the potential for private sector involvement.
- Develop policies for contracting with the private sector to deliver some recreation services traditionally performed by park department employees.
- Develop cooperative recreation programs with local units of government and school districts.
- Involve area residents in the planning of proposed facilities and programs.

Rationale:

A dedicated manager of the County's parks and recreation system and cooperative relationships with municipal governments, the private sector, and local residents are all needed in order to adequately address the other goals and objectives listed in this plan. For example, many of the "variety of programs" called for (see Goal #4) could be provided through public-private partnerships amongst the municipalities, institutions and stakeholders which comprise Lenawee County. A dedicated manager of the County's parks and recreation system would also help to improve its financial management (See Goal #6) and to coordinate with other park and recreation providers.

Goal #6— *Improve and expand financing management in the area of the sources of revenue and the way funds are spent.*

Objectives:

- Develop a mechanism for receiving/implementing estates, trusts, donations, and memorials.
- Develop a policy to establish and implement fees and charges.
- Develop a "Gifts Catalog" that identifies ways that donations can help parks and recreation facilities in Lenawee County.
- Develop strategies for budget monitoring to maintain cost efficiency.
- Develop a creative and unique acquisition process "scrounging".
- Develop land conservation and preservation techniques.
- Explore fund-raising methods.
- Set up a long-range program for application for land and water grants.

Rationale:

Park system "upkeep/maintenance" (see Goal #1) was an important issue highlighted in the responses to the citizen opinion survey. Part of the reason behind these responses is a lack of financial resources. The lack of those resources will also impact the ability of the County to provide a variety of recreation programs (see Goal #4). The various objectives under this goal will help to address this shortfall in funding. A dedicated manager (see Goal #5) would help facilitate the implementation of those objectives and to develop needed partnerships to improve its financial management and to coordinate with other park and recreation providers.

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Goal #7— *Improve and expand maintenance management in the areas of quantitative maintenance, qualitative maintenance, standards establishment, equipment availability, personnel, and scheduling.*

Objectives:

- Develop a “maintenance impact statement” which set forth the dollar costs to the County Parks and Recreation Commission and taxpayers of operating and maintaining a proposed facility or programs.
- Develop energy planning management.
- Maintain and preserve conservation.

Rationale:

A dedicated manager (see Goal #5) would help facilitate the financial management practices (see Goal #6) needed to develop a “maintenance impact statement.” The partnerships needed to develop an energy plan and other conservation activities (see Goal #3) also need to be developed by a dedicated manager or other public official.

Goal #8— *Support greenway systems as a means of preservation and linkage of existing parks.*

Objectives:

- Explore options of the Irish Hills Lakes Greenway which traverses Deep, Dewey, Little Stone, Dotys, Washington, Mud, Marrs, Wolf, Allens, Meadow, Kellys, Killarney, and Iron Lakes.
- Explore options of the Bean Creek Greenway which traverses Bean Creek, Mallory Lake, Devils Lake, and Round Lake.
- Explore options of the River Raisin Greenway which traverses the River Raisin, Wolf Creek, Black Creek (tributary of Wolf Creek), and the South Branch of the River Raisin.
- Explore options of the Black Creek Greenway which traverses Black Creek and Lake Hudson.

Rationale:

Community opinion survey respondents were asked what types of outdoor activities they enjoy. Hiking and biking were the top answers (Q#6), supporting the need for a connective and linear system of greenways. Fishing, swimming and birdwatching were also very popular and further bolster the need for greenways. The greenways proposed in the above objectives will connect groups of adjoining lakes and waterways as well as nearby municipal and county parks. These projects will require intergovernmental and public-private partnerships (see Goal #5).



Action Program



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Action Program

The action program is a financial planning and management tool listing proposed capital projects and purchases by Lenawee County between 2015 and 2019. It can be viewed as a “blueprint” of the Parks and Recreation Commission’s intent to implement various goals and objectives of the plan. The action program identifies and prioritizes the need for improvements and purchases as well as coordinating their funding and optimal time frames for completion. It is also a process that provides order and continuity to the repair, replacement, construction and/or expansion of Lenawee County’s parks and recreation facilities. It puts a focus on preserving the County’s parks and recreation infrastructure while ensuring the efficient use of public funds.

Since park improvement funding is minimal, the following projects were identified and assigned a priority of high, medium, or low for implementation between 2015 and 2019. The following tables list proposed projects for each park, along with their priority and estimated cost. The preparation of the other chapters of the parks and recreation plan influenced the listings of capital improvements. Other projects and opportunities may be identified, and the priority schedules adjusted, as funding opportunities become available.

Bicentennial Woods Park

Proposed improvements to Bicentennial Woods will provide visitors with a variety of active recreation opportunities. For example, visitors will enjoy the hiking trails that wind through a prairie grass field and one of Lenawee County’s virgin timber wood forests.

Table 5-1
Bicentennial Woods Park
Action Program Improvements

Priority	Project Description	Estimated Cost
High	New playground equipment	\$5,000
	Trail enhancements	\$6,000
	Establish controlled burn schedule	N/A
Medium	Additional picnic tables/grills	\$3,300
	Parking lot upgrades	\$4,000
	Pave entrance	\$7,500
Low	Bleachers for soccer fields	N/A
	Frisbee/disc golf course	\$10,000
	Sand volley ball pit	\$3,000
	Metal shelter roof	\$12,000

N/A = not available

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Rationale:

The projects proposed for Bicentennial Woods implement the following goals and their underlying objectives:

- #1 Provide all residents of Lenawee County with park and recreation areas and activities that meet acceptable standards, thus providing wholesome and safe leisure time opportunities.
- #2 Increase park visitor usage and tourism at county park facilities.
- #3 Continue to preserve, protect, and enhance the natural resources in Lenawee County and the recreational opportunities that they provide.
- #4 Establish staging areas for a variety of programs that would be beneficial to the residents of all ages of the County.
- #7 Improve and expand maintenance management in the areas of quantitative and qualitative maintenance, standards establishment, equipment availability, personnel, and scheduling.

Gerber Hill Park

Many recent improvements have been made to Gerber Hill. General funds will be used to maintain the current facilities, while additional funding will be sought to add an interactive learning station.

**Table 5-2
Gerber Hill Park
Action Program Improvements**

Priority	Project Description	Estimated Cost
High	Completion of parking lot	N/A
	Completion of entrance gate (south side)	N/A
	Establish controlled burn schedule	N/A
	Property line fence replacement	\$7,500
	Landscape/tree planting (south side)	N/A
Medium	Teaching area	\$25,000
	Wildlife planting (south side)	\$5,000
	Additional playground equipment	\$10,000
Low	Bleachers for soccer field	\$7,500
	Frisbee/disc golf course	\$10,000
	Outhouse (south side)	\$4,000
	Additional picnic tables/grills	\$6,300

N/A = not available

Rationale:

The projects proposed for Gerber Hill implement the following goals and their underlying objectives:

- #1 Provide all residents of Lenawee County with park and recreation areas and activities that meet acceptable standards, thus providing wholesome and safe leisure time opportunities.
- #2 Increase park visitor usage and tourism at county park facilities.

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- #3 Continue to preserve, protect, and enhance the natural resources in Lenawee County and the recreational opportunities that they provide.
- #4 Establish staging areas for a variety of programs that would be beneficial to the residents of all ages of the County.
- #7 Improve and expand maintenance management in the areas of quantitative and qualitative maintenance, standards establishment, equipment availability, personnel, and scheduling.

Iron Lake Park

Survey results indicate that the Iron Lake boat launch is used regularly, but improvements to the facility are needed. A sitting area and restrooms would also be appreciated.

**Table 5-3
Iron Lake Park
Action Program Improvements**

Priority	Project Description	Estimated Cost
High	Dock extension/improvements	\$3,000
Medium	Property line fence replacement	\$5,250
Low	Concrete boat launch	\$10,000
	Picnic tables	\$3,600
	Outhouse	N/A

N/A = not available

Rationale:

The projects proposed for Iron Lake implement the following goals and their underlying objectives:

- #1 Provide all residents of Lenawee County with park and recreation areas and activities that meet acceptable standards, thus providing wholesome and safe leisure time opportunities.
- #2 Increase park visitor usage and tourism at county park facilities.
- #7 Improve and expand maintenance management in the areas of quantitative and qualitative maintenance, standards establishment, equipment availability, personnel, and scheduling.

Medina Park

An enormous hollow sycamore tree is located in Medina, which is also traversed by the adventuresome Bean Creek.

**Table 5-4
Medina Park
Action Program Improvements**

Priority	Project Description	Estimated Cost
High	Playground equipment	\$10,000
	Lot gravel/grading	\$3,000
	Signage upgrades	\$3,000
	Picnic tables/grills	\$5,850

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Priority	Project Description	Estimated Cost
Medium	Restroom facilities upgrade	\$3,500
	Metal shelter roofs (3)	\$36,000
	Reconstruct bridge and trail enhancements	\$23,750
	Pave entrance/driveway improvements	\$22,500
	Convert tennis court into basketball court	N/A
Low	Frisbee/disc golf course	\$10,000
	Sand volley ball pit	\$3,000
	RV camping area	\$50,000
	Convert swamp to pond	\$17,500

N/A = not available

Rationale:

The projects proposed for Medina implement the following goals and their underlying objectives:

- #1 Provide all residents of Lenawee County with park and recreation areas and activities that meet acceptable standards, thus providing wholesome and safe leisure time opportunities.
- #2 Increase park visitor usage and tourism at county park facilities.
- #4 Establish staging areas for a variety of programs that would be beneficial to the residents of all ages of the County.
- #7 Improve and expand maintenance management in the areas of quantitative and qualitative maintenance, standards establishment, equipment availability, personnel, and scheduling.

Ramsdell Park

There is a wonderful potential for horse stables and a museum regarding Lenawee County's rich agricultural history at Ramsdell. Projects focus on improving cross country skiing, hiking, and family gatherings.

Table 5-5
Ramsdell Park
Action Program Improvements

Priority	Project Description	Estimated Cost
High	New playground equipment	\$10,000
	Trail enhancements/grooming (cross country skiing)	\$5,000
	Establish controlled burn schedule	N/A
Medium	Picnic Tables	\$3,600
	32' x 32' Storage Building	\$42,500
Low	Livery	\$14,000
	Wagon rides	N/A
	Farm museum (to be located within existing building)	\$37,500
	Frisbee/disc golf course	\$10,000
	Sand volley ball pit	\$3,000

N/A = not available

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Rationale:

The projects proposed for Ramsdell implement the following goals and their underlying objectives:

- #1 Provide all residents of Lenawee County with park and recreation areas and activities that meet acceptable standards, thus providing wholesome and safe leisure time opportunities.
- #2 Increase park visitor usage and tourism at county park facilities.
- #3 Continue to preserve, protect, and enhance the natural resources in Lenawee County and the recreational opportunities that they provide.
- #4 Establish staging areas for a variety of programs that would be beneficial to the residents of all ages of the County.
- #7 Improve and expand maintenance management in the areas of quantitative and qualitative maintenance, standards establishment, equipment availability, personnel, and scheduling.

Taylor Road Park

Improvements to Taylor Road will provide easier access to the park, which has been preserved as undeveloped property.

Table 5-6
Taylor Road Park
Action Program Improvements

Priority	Project Description	Estimated Cost
High	Obtain forester report	N/A
Medium	Signage upgrades	\$2,750
Low	Trails	\$7,500

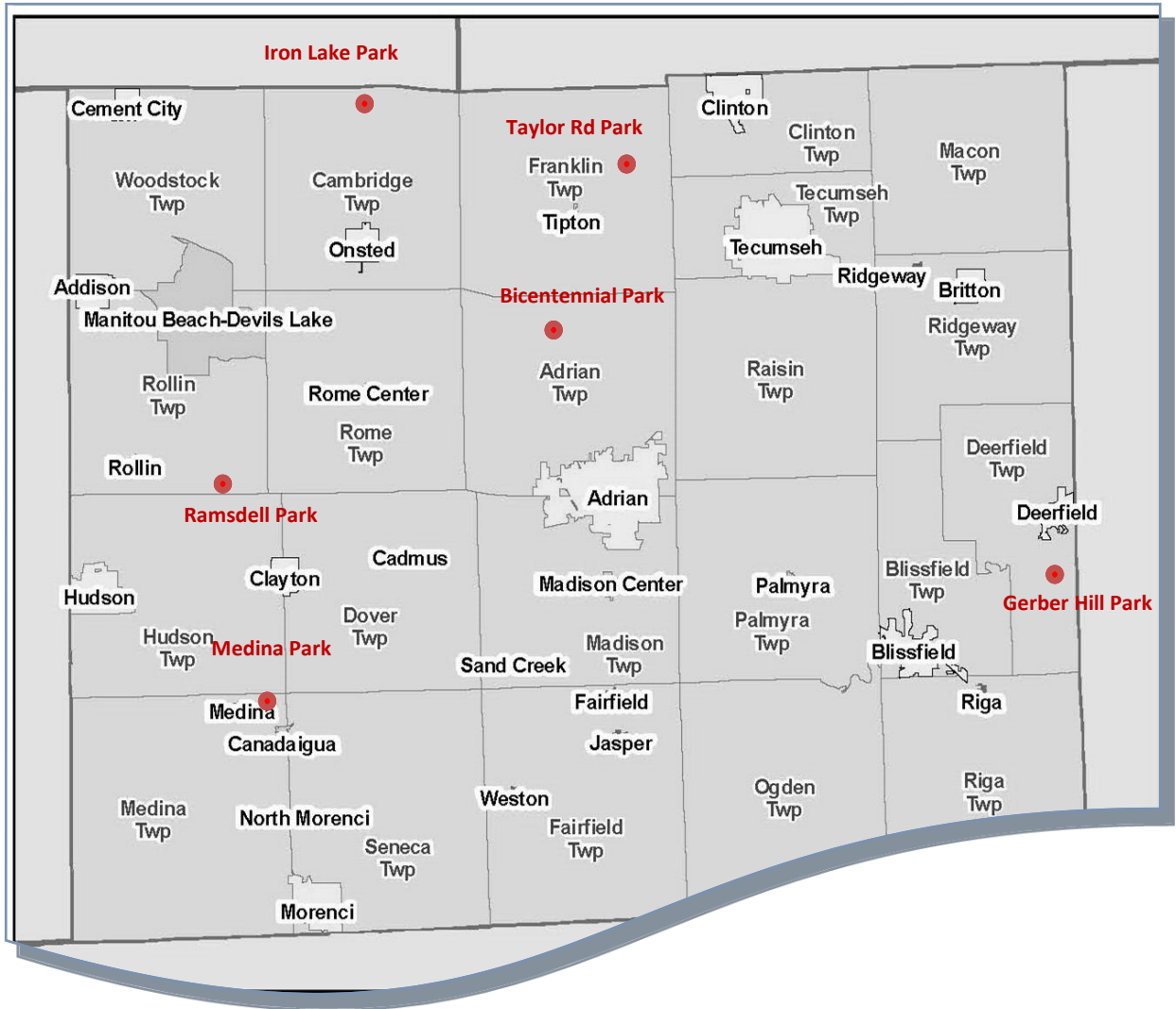
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Rationale:

The projects proposed for Taylor Rd. implement the following goals and their underlying objectives:

- #1 Provide all residents of Lenawee County with park and recreation areas and activities that meet acceptable standards, thus providing wholesome and safe leisure time opportunities.
- #3 Continue to preserve, protect, and enhance the natural resources in Lenawee County and the recreational opportunities that they provide.
- #7 Improve and expand maintenance management in the areas of quantitative and qualitative maintenance, standards establishment, equipment availability, personnel, and scheduling.

Map #5-1
Action Program





Population Summary



**2015 – 2019
Lenawee County
Parks and Recreation Plan**



Demographics

The demographic composition of Lenawee County residents has an effect upon their recreational needs. For example:

- **Population History & Projections** – establish the need for general recreational facilities (standards for which are based upon the size of the population).
- **The Gender & Age of the Population** – further refine the need for general recreational facilities balanced among various age groups and gender interests.
- **Households & Families** – further refine the need for general recreational facilities balanced between family-oriented and individual activities.
- **Racial and Ethnic Minorities** – further refine the need for general recreational facilities balanced among the various interests of racial and ethnic groups.
- **The Disabilities of Residents** – establish the need for special recreation facilities and disability accommodations to general recreation facilities.
- **Income** – helps to illustrate the need for publicly-funded recreational facilities.

Clinton-Tecumseh-Adrian Urbanizing Area

The Adrian Urban Cluster — as determined by the U.S. Census Bureau— comprises portions of Adrian, Clinton, Madison, and Tecumseh Townships as well as all of the Village of Clinton and the Cities of Adrian and Tecumseh. Collectively, the municipalities comprise the Clinton-Tecumseh-Adrian Urbanizing Corridor (please see Map A-1).

Population History

Lenawee County’s population comprised of 99,892 people in 2010 according to the US Census. The Adrian Urban Cluster had a population of 45,444 people.¹ A total of 57,445 people lived in the Clinton-Tecumseh-Adrian Urbanizing Area. The Irish Hills-Devils Lake Recreational Area was home to 14,299 people. Rural Lenawee County residents comprised 28,148 people.²

Population History

	1930	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010
Lenawee County	49,849	53,110	64,629	77,789	81,609	89,948	91,476	98,890	99,892
C-T-A Urbanizing Corridor	22,023	24,942	32,671	42,093	44,631	48,545	49,990	56,109	57,445
IH-DL Recreational Area	4,957	5,304	6,709	8,128	9,393	11,914	12,539	13,715	14,299
Rural Lenawee County	22,869	22,864	25,249	27,568	27,585	29,489	28,947	29,066	28,148

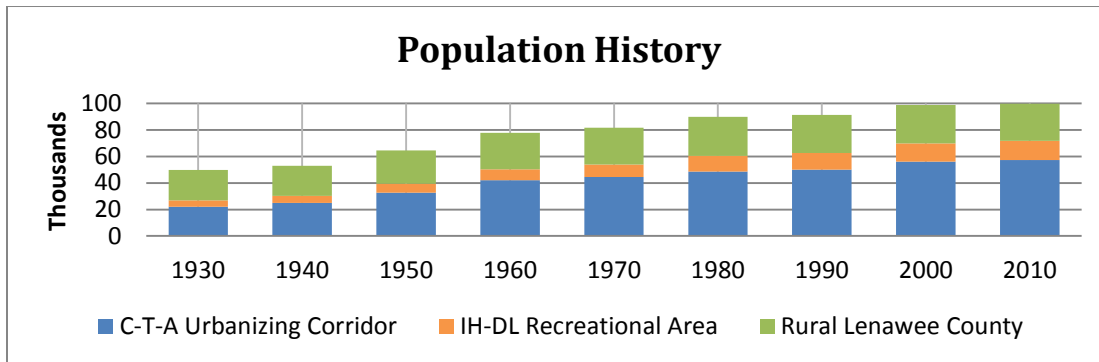
Source: U.S. Census Bureau & Region 2 Planning Commission

The population of the Clinton-Tecumseh-Adrian (C-T-A) Urbanizing Area increased by 18.3% since 1980 while the County population only increased by 11.1%. Consequently, the percent of County residents living in the C-T-A Urbanizing Area has increased slightly from 54.0% in 1980 to 57.5% in 2010. The Irish

¹ Please note that the shape and size of the Adrian Urban Cluster changes with each decennial census.

² City, village, and township populations located in Rural Lenawee County are included in this total.

Hills-Devils Lake (IH-DL) Recreational Area population increased 20.0% between 1980 and 2010, in contrast to the population of Rural Lenawee County which decreased by 4.5%.



Population Projections

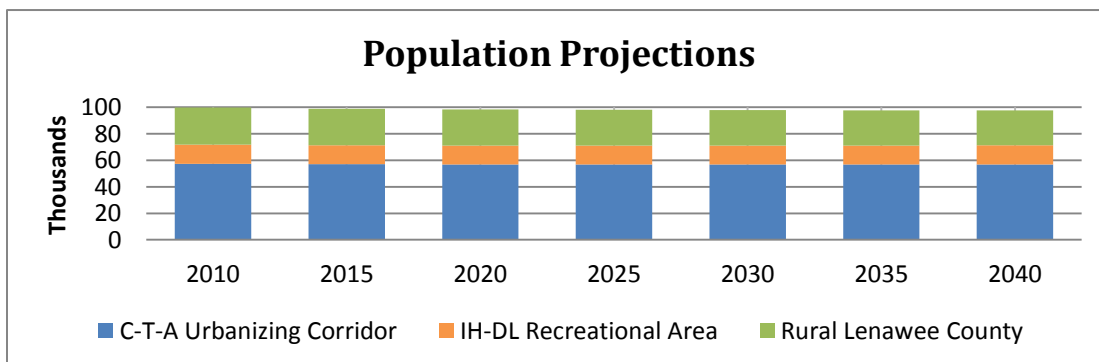
The 2040 population projections utilized in this plan are “based on previous trends as depicted in” historic U.S. Census data “and on the Regional Economic Models Inc. (REMI) forecast data developed for the Michigan Department of Transportation. The REMI data forecast is based upon the Cohort Survival methodology in association with economic development factors for a particular jurisdiction.”

Population Projections

	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040
Lenawee County	99,892	98,984	98,342	98,041	97,916	97,598	97,598
C-T-A Urbanizing Corridor	57,445	57,051	56,808	56,763	56,819	56,764	56,895
IH-DL Recreational Area	14,299	14,234	14,206	14,227	14,274	14,293	14,360
Rural Townships	28,148	27,700	27,328	27,051	26,822	26,540	26,343

Source: REMI & Region 2 Planning Commission

The countywide population is projected to decrease to -0.9% by 2015, -1.6% by 2020, -1.9% by 2025, and -2.3% by 2040. The decrease in the Clinton-Tecumseh-Adrian Urbanizing Area is projected to be -0.7% by 2015, -1.1% by 2020, -1.2% by 2025, and -1.0% by 2040, considerably less than countywide. The Irish Hills-Devils Lake Recreational Area is projected to decrease by -0.5% by 2015, -0.7% by 2020, and -0.2% by 2025, but increasing by 0.4% by 2040. The cause of the countywide decrease is the decrease in Rural Lenawee County which is projected to be -1.6% by 2015, -2.9% by 2020, -3.9% by 2025, and -6.4% by 2040.



American Community Survey

The use of estimates provided by the U.S. Census Bureau’s American Community Survey (ACS) provides more up-to-date demographics. Reporting jurisdictions the size of the Rural Townships are provided five-year average estimates on a regular basis. The reporting period utilized for this plan is 2008-2012.

Gender

The American Community Survey (ACS), U.S. Census, estimates that males and females each comprised approximately half of the populations of the Clinton-Tecumseh-Adrian Urbanizing Corridor and Rural Lenawee County between 2008 and 2012. However, males (51.3%) slightly outnumbered females (48.7%) in the Irish Hills-Devils Lake Recreational Area during the same time period. The countywide population was also roughly half male (50.4%) and females (49.6%).

The Age of the Population

The median age of all Lenawee County residents between 2008 and 2012 was an estimated 40.2 years according to the ACS.

It is estimated by the ACS that between 2008 and 2012:

- ‘Very Young Children’ (people less than 5 years of age in 2010) comprised 6.3% of the population of the Clinton-Tecumseh-Adrian Urbanizing Corridor, 5.4% of the population of Rural Lenawee County, 3.6% of the population of the Irish Hills-Devils Lake Recreational Area, and 5.7% of the countywide population.
- ‘Millennials’ (people between 5 and 24 years of age in 2010) comprised 28.3% of the population of the Clinton-Tecumseh-Adrian Urbanizing Corridor, 26.9% of the population of Rural Lenawee County, 22.3% of the population of the Irish Hills-Devils Lake Recreational Area, and 27.1% of the countywide population.
- ‘Generation X’ (people between 25 and 44 years of age in 2010) accounted for 28.8% of the population of Rural Lenawee County, 24.0% of the population of the Clinton-Tecumseh-Adrian Urbanizing Corridor, 21.0% of the population of the Irish Hills-Devils Lake Recreational Area, and 23.8% of the countywide population.
- It is estimated that between 2008 and 2012 ‘Baby Boomers’ (people between 45 and 64 years of age in 2010) comprised 35.0% of the population of the Irish Hills-Devils Lake Recreational Area, 25.0% of the population of Rural Lenawee County, 27.1% of the population of the Clinton-Tecumseh-Adrian Urbanizing Corridor, and 28.7% of the countywide population.

*Irish Hills-Devils Lake
Recreational Area*

The Irish Hills and the Manitou Beach-Devils Lake Census Designated Place (CDP) are located in the north-western corner of Lenawee County. Those destinations host a number of lakes with adjacent residential neighborhoods which are transitioning from seasonal to full-time occupation. Collectively, the Townships of Cambridge, Rollin, Rome, and Woodstock and the Villages of Addison, Clinton, and Onsted (please see Map A-1).

- ‘Older Generations’ (people 64 years of age or older in 2010) comprised 18.1% of the population of the Irish Hills-Devils Lake Recreational Area, 14.3% of the population of the Clinton-Tecumseh-Adrian Urbanizing Corridor, 13.8% of the population of Rural Lenawee County, and 14.7% of the countywide population.

Households and Families

There were an estimated 37,591 households in Lenawee County between 2008 and 2012, according to the ACS, with 56.3% located in the Clinton-Tecumseh-Adrian Urbanizing Corridor, 28.0% located in Rural Lenawee County, and 15.7% located in the Irish Hills-Devils Lake Recreational Area. Families comprised 71.9% of Rural Lenawee County households, 69.5% of Irish Hills-Devils Lake Recreational Area households, 66.7% of Clinton-Tecumseh-Adrian Urbanizing Corridor households, and 68.6% of households countywide. Nonfamily households comprised 33.3% of Clinton-Tecumseh-Adrian Urbanizing Corridor households, 30.5% of Irish Hills-Devils Lake Recreational Area households, 28.1% of Rural Lenawee County households, and 31.4% of households countywide. One-person households comprised 28.1% of Clinton-Tecumseh-Adrian Urbanizing Corridor households, 26.7% of Irish Hills-Devils Lake Recreational Area households, 23.8% of Rural Lenawee County households, and 26.7% of households countywide.³

Households

	Lenawee County	C-T-A Urbanizing Corridor	IH-DL Recreational Area	Rural Lenawee County
Households	37,591	21,181	5,900	10,510
Family Households	25,776	14,122	4,099	7,555
Non-Family Households	11,815	7,059	1,801	2,955
1-Person Households	10,037	5,955	1,578	2,504

Racial and Ethnic Minorities

The overwhelming majority of Lenawee County residents were white and non-Hispanic between 2008 and 2012 according to the ACS. Racial minorities only comprised 9.7% of the population of the Clinton-Tecumseh-Adrian Urbanizing Corridor, 5.0% of the population of Rural Lenawee County, 2.5% of the population of the Irish Hills-Devils Lake Recreational Area, and 7.3% of the countywide population.⁴ Hispanics accounted for 10.4% of the population of the Clinton-Tecumseh-Adrian Urbanizing Corridor, 4.9% of the population of Rural Lenawee County, 1.6% of the population of the Irish Hills-Devils Lake Recreational Area, and 7.6% of the countywide population.⁵

The Disabilities of Residents

A small, but significant portion of Lenawee County residents are disabled by a hearing, vision, cognitive, ambulatory, or self-care difficulty. Disabled individuals comprised 14.7% of the population of the Clinton-Tecumseh-Adrian Urbanizing Corridor, 14.1% of the population of Rural Lenawee County, 14.8% of the population of the Irish Hills-Devils Lake Recreational Area, and 14.5% of the countywide population.

³ One-person households are a subset of nonfamily households.

⁴ Racial minorities include African Americans, American Indians and Alaskan Natives, Asians, and Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders as well as people of some other race or more than one race.

⁵ Please note that ‘Hispanic’ is an ethnic rather than a racial description. Each Hispanic person is also a member of one or more races.

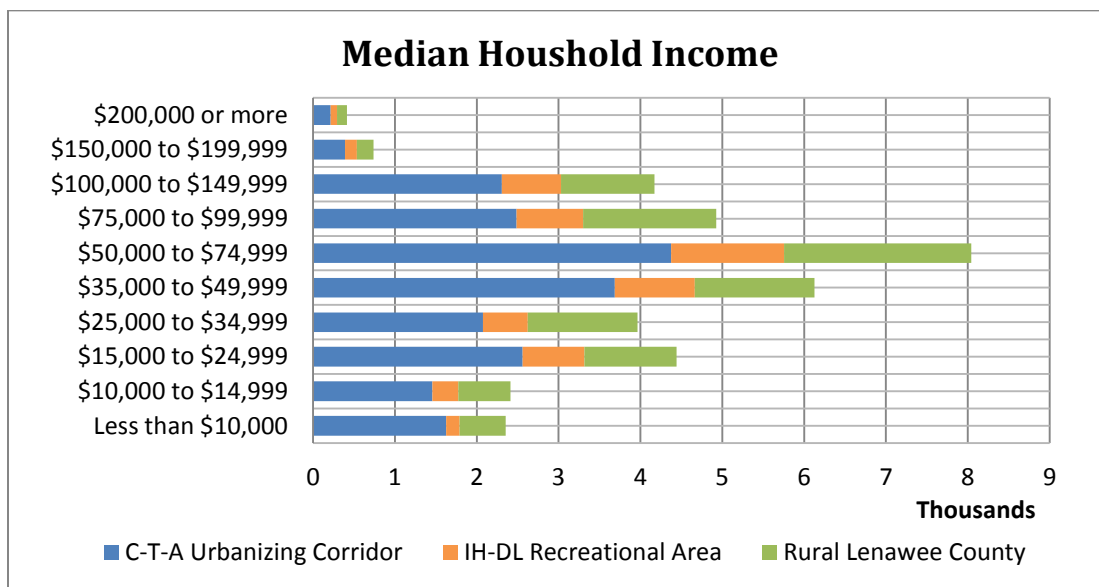
People with an ambulatory disability comprise 51.6% of the disabled population of the Clinton-Tecumseh-Adrian Urbanizing Corridor, 49.8% of the disabled population of the Irish Hills-Devils Lake Recreational Area, 47.3% of the disabled population of Rural Lenawee County, and 50.1% of the countywide disabled population

Disabled Residents

	Lenawee County	C-T-A Urbanizing Corridor	IH-DL Recreational Area	Rural Lenawee County
Under 5 Years	63	40	0	23
5 to 17 Years	1,185	686	154	345
18 to 64 Years	7,536	4,456	1,040	2,040
65 Years and Over	5,299	2,874	905	1,520
Total Disabled	14,083	8,056	2,099	3,928

Income

The estimated median household income was \$48,528 countywide between 2008 and 2012, according to the ACS.^{6,7} The estimated countywide median family income was \$59,487. The estimated median nonfamily income was \$27,149 countywide. The estimated countywide per capita income was \$22,256 for the same time period.⁸



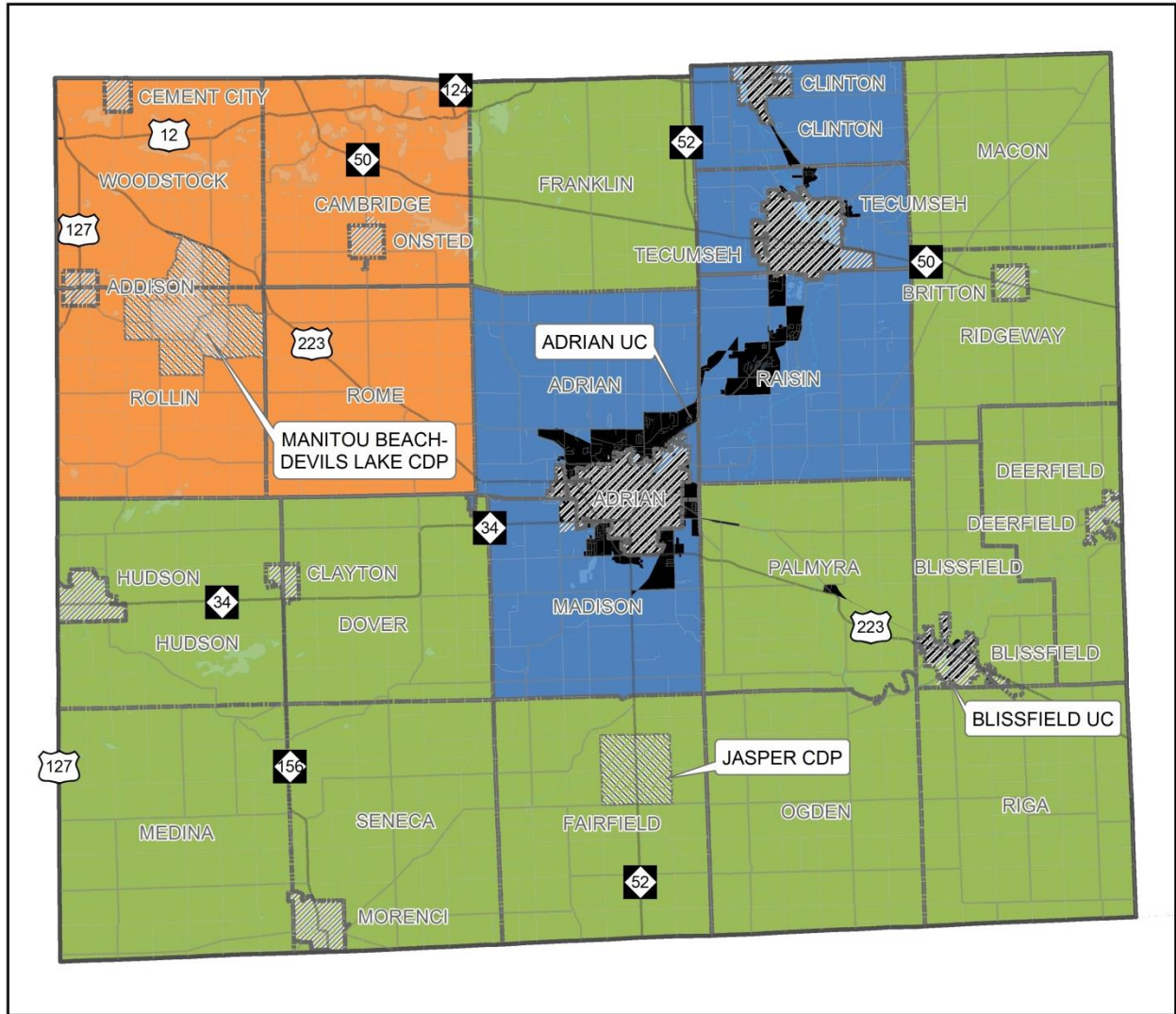
⁶ Household income, according to the American Community Survey (ACS), includes “income of the householder and all other people 15 years and older in the household, whether or not they are related to the householder.”

⁷ The ACS defines median household income as the “point that divides the household income distribution into halves, one-half with income above the median and the other with income below the median. The median is based on the income distribution of all households, including those with no income.”

⁸ According to the ACS, per capita income means “money income received in the past 12 months computed for every man, woman, and child in a geographic area. It is derived by dividing the total income of all people 15 years old and over in a geographic area by the total population in that area. [It should be noted that] income is not collected for people under 15 years old even though those people are included in the denominator of per capita income. This measure is rounded to the nearest whole dollar.”

Households that were estimated by the ACS to have made less than \$25,000 a year between 2008 and 2012 accounted for 26.7% of Clinton-Tecumseh-Adrian Urbanizing Corridor households, 22.1% of Rural Lenawee County households, 21.0% of Irish Hills-Devils Lake Recreational Area households, and 24.5% of households countywide. Households that were estimated have made between \$25,000 and \$49,999 a year accounted for 27.2% of Clinton-Tecumseh-Adrian Urbanizing Corridor households, 26.7% of Rural Lenawee County households, 25.8% of Irish Hills-Devils Lake Recreational Area households, and 26.8% of households countywide. Households that were estimated have made between \$50,000 and \$99,999 a year accounted for 37.2% of Rural Lenawee County households, 37.2% of Irish Hills-Devils Lake Recreational Area households, 32.4% of Clinton-Tecumseh-Adrian Urbanizing Corridor households, and 34.5% of households countywide. Households that were estimated have made \$100,000 or more accounted for 16.0% of Irish Hills-Devils Lake Recreational Area households, 14.0% of Rural Lenawee County households, 13.7% of Clinton-Tecumseh-Adrian Urbanizing Corridor households, and 14.2% of households countywide.

Map #A-1
Lenawee County Planning Regions



- REGIONS**
- CLINTON-TECUMSEH-ADRIAN URBANIZING CORRIDOR
 - IRISH HILLS-DEVILS LAKE RECREATIONAL AREA
 - RURAL LENAWEE COUNTY

- MUNICIPALITIES & PLACES**
- CITY AND VILLAGES
 - URBAN CLUSTER (UC)
 - CENSUS DESIGNATED PLACE (CDP)

SOURCE(S):
 - MICHIGAN GEOGRAPHIC DATA LIBRARY
 - US BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
 - REGION 2 PLANNING COMMISSION

