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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, regional parks, and recreational opportunities; 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 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 members of the Parks Commission are also members of the Lenawee County Planning Commission.

It is appropriate that the plan is periodically reevaluated to ensure an up-to-date document that meets the needs and desires of Lenawee County. Recommended procedures for reevaluation of the Plan shall be that the Parks and Recreation Commission reevaluate 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 2020-2024 edition of the *Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Plan* was developed in accordance with the Guidelines for the “MDNR Guidelines for the Development of Community Parks and Recreation” as revised by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in November 2018.

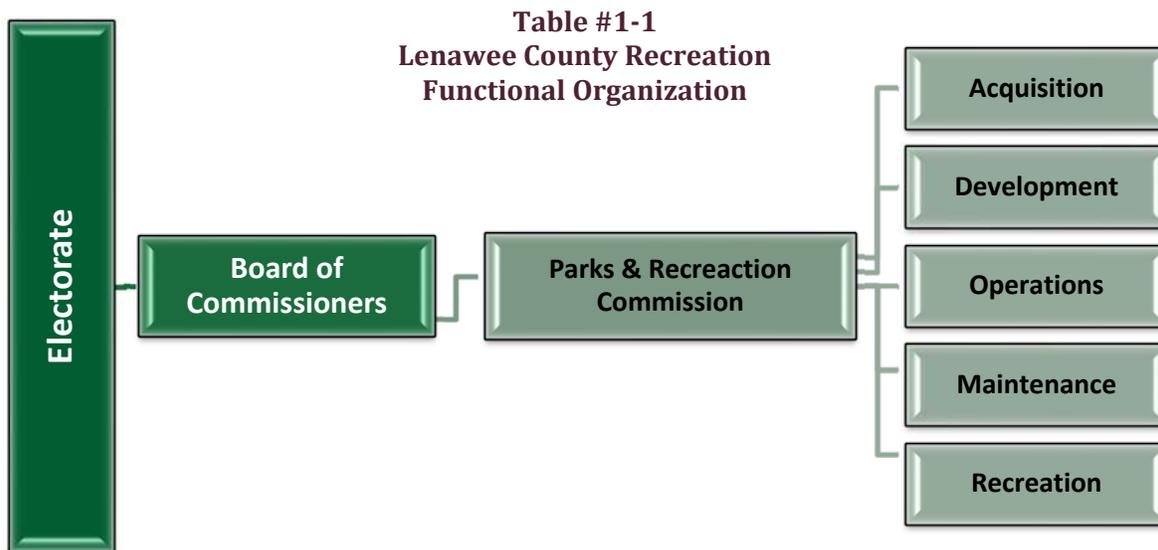


Administrative Structure

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 parks 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 and coordinate with local units of government for the development and maintenance of park lands and recreational facilities in communities and/or neighborhoods across the county.

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



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 comprised of five (5) members; four County Board of Commissioners and one at-large member.

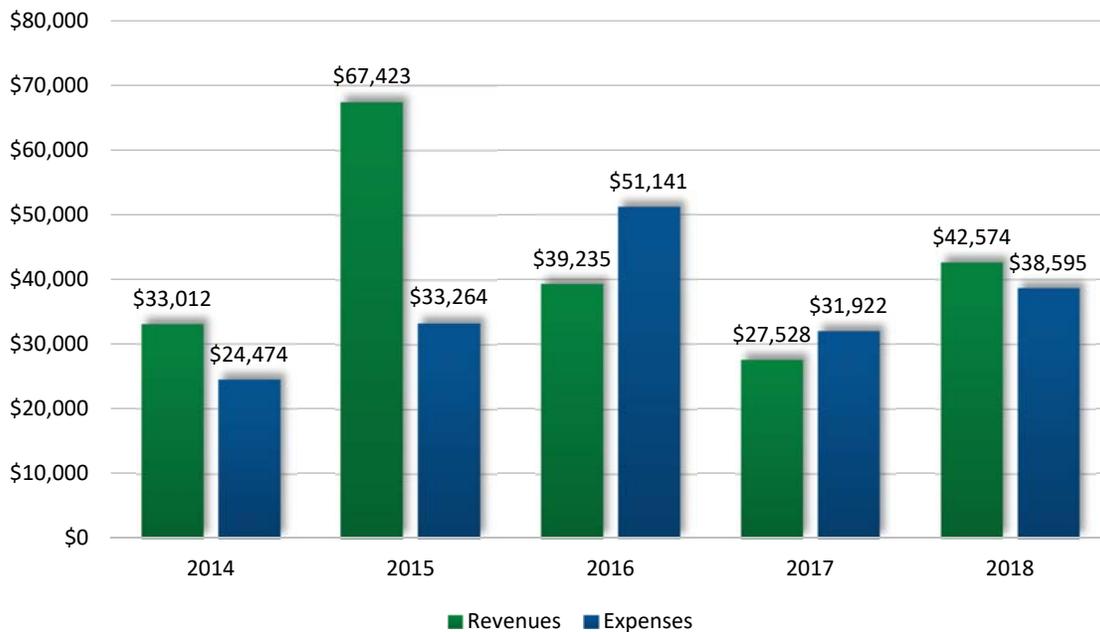
Funding

A successful recreation program usually relies on many sources of revenue such as general tax dollars, grants, revenue sharing funds, donations, crowdfunding, fundraisers, as well as gifts from citizens. Annual parks revenues in Lenawee County between 2014 and 2018 averaged \$42,000. That average includes both state and federal grants, rents, contributions, and donations, as well as other miscellaneous revenues including an annual appropriation from the County’s general fund.

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Lenawee County parks expenditures include both personnel and non-personnel expenses. Annual expenditures between 2014 and 2018 averaged almost \$36,000. 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. Having revenues in excess of expenditures has allowed Lenawee County parks to create a small fund reserve that can be used for emergency repairs or a larger park improvement.

**Graph #1-2
Parks Revenue & Expenses**



Community Description

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

Lenawee County is characterized by an urban corridor extending from the City of 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; the Village of Clinton; and the cities of Adrian and Tecumseh. According to 2017 population estimates, 56,583 people live in the Corridor, accounting for 58% of the County’s population. The Irish Hills-Devlis Lake (IH-DL) Recreational Area includes the villages of Addison, Cement City, and Onsted and the townships of Cambridge, Rollin, Rome, and Woodstock. According to population estimates, 13,926 people live in the Area, accounting for 14% of the County’s population. The remaining

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townships, villages, and cities comprise Rural Lenawee County. According to estimates, 27,806 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 '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 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-Deville 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.

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 Lower 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

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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.

Water Features

The largest watershed in Lenawee County is the River Raisin, which drains eastward into Monroe County and Lake Erie. It contains an area of approximately 595 square miles, or more than 78% of the County. 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.



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 (kettle holes) left during 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 (vernal pools), but because of their relative shallowness, they constitute a different type of environment from lakes. Source of water for wetlands include: flow from the water table, precipitation, inlet streams, and accumulation from poorly drained lands. Fens are unusual, and increasingly rare, wetlands that receive water from underground alkaline springs rather than from precipitation. Lenawee County is home to the Ives Road Fen Preserve, a unique 700-acre preserve.

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 their navigability by canoe. Factors which affect a canoe's navigational ability are stream width, depth, vegetation, and physical obstructions such as bridges, dams, rocks, or fences.

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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.

Maintaining good water is vital to the health and quality of life in Lenawee County.

Wildlife Habitats

Wildlife habitats are places where animals 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, and habitats for small game including, pheasants, bobwhite quail, cottontail rabbits, deer, grassland songbirds, mallards, and eastern wild turkey, at the Lake Hudson Recreation 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 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. Top Quality Warmwater Mainstreams 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. Second Quality Warmwater Mainstreams and Feeder 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 from its original boundaries, left some of the best farmland in the Midwest in the eastern and southern portions of the County (see Map 1-4). Soils in Class I, II, and III are best suited for crop production, with few, moderate, and severe limitations, respectively. Soils in Class IV and above are extremely limited for cultivation:

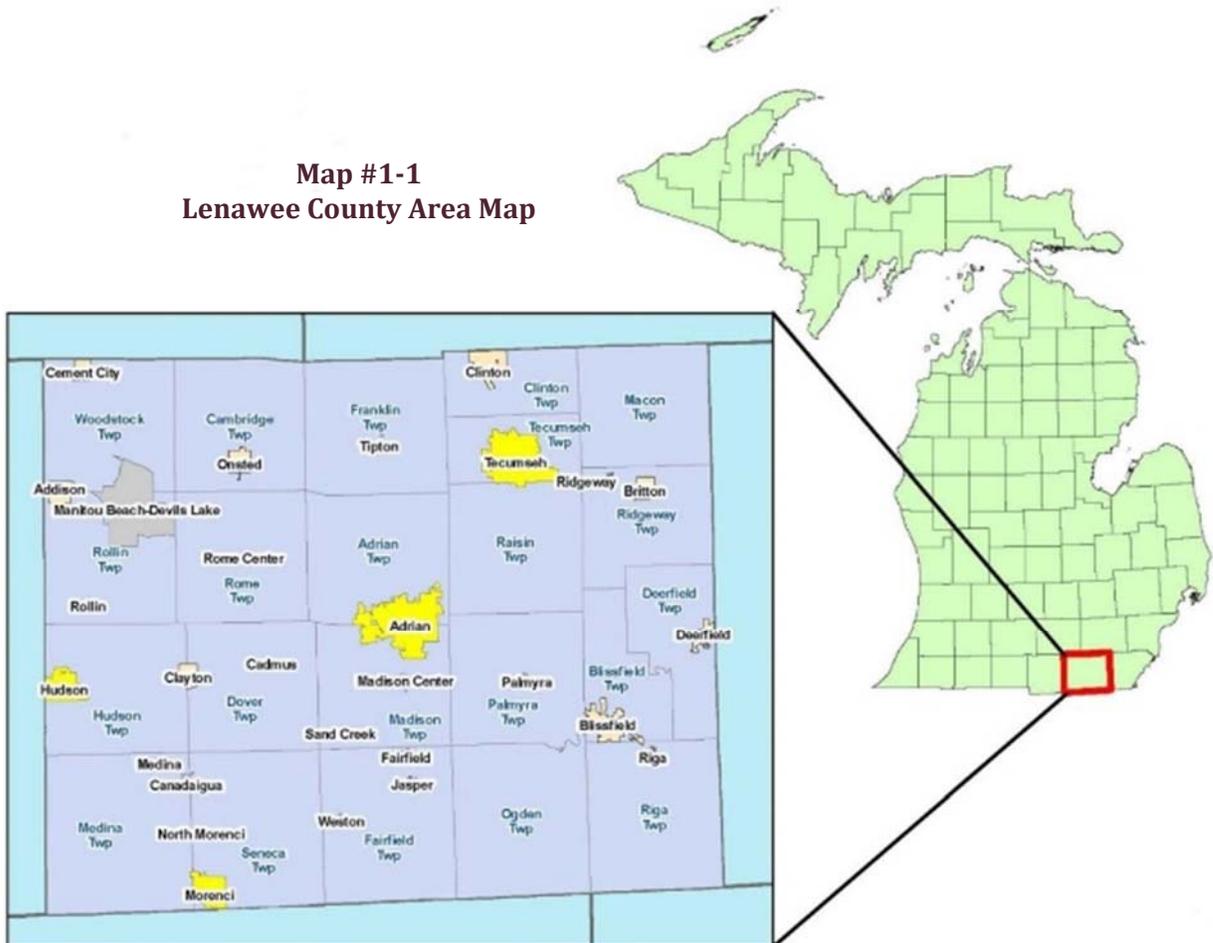
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- Class I soils are somewhat scattered but there are large concentrations on the eastern edge of the county north of Deerfield, and long the southern edge of the county east of Morenci.
- Class II soils are also distributed throughout the county but they are highly concentrated in the area east of the Ridge in the former lake bed. These are highly productive soils but tend to be wet unless properly drained.
- Class III soils are found scattered throughout in areas west of the Ridge. These are marginal soils for crop production.
- Very few soils are shown as Class IV and above. There are only two small concentrations east of the City of Adrian. Otherwise, they are found in very small areas in the Irish Hills.

Roads

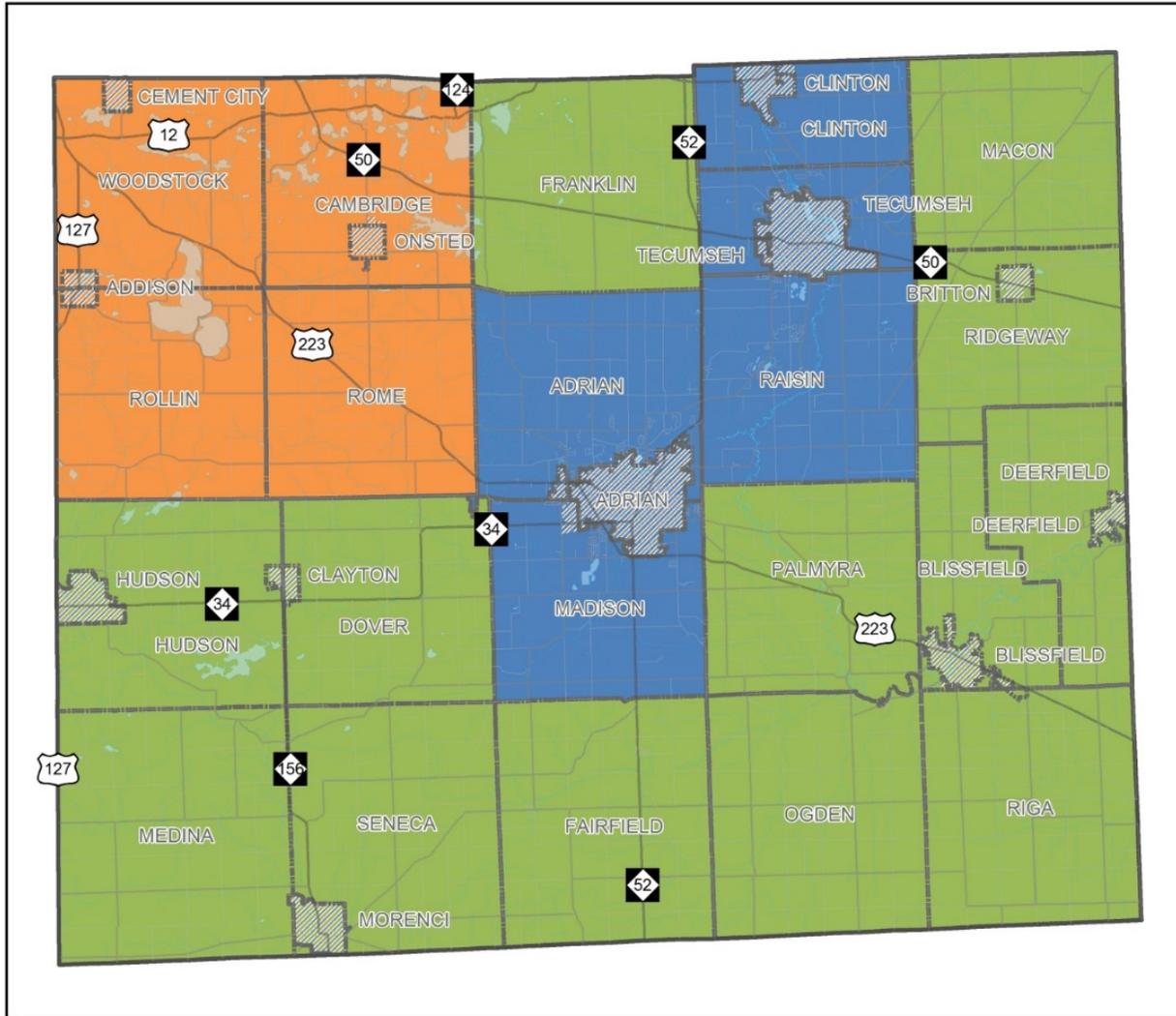
The road system within Lenawee County is anchored by three United States Highways – US-223, US-12, and US-127. US-223 bisects the County in a northwest-southeast direction, US-127 provides north-south access along the western portion of the County, and US-12 traverses the north part of the County in an east-west direction. Michigan Highways supplement those three major roadways. There are a total of five state highways 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 Wampplers Lake. These major highways and State highways are further supplemented by a series of county arterial roads.

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



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**Map #1-2
Planning Regions**



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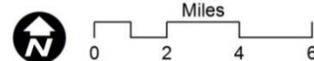
REGIONS

- CLINTON-TECUMSEH-ADRIAN URBANIZING CORRIDOR
- IRISH HILLS-DEVILS LAKE RECREATIONAL AREA
- RURAL LENAWEЕ COUNTY

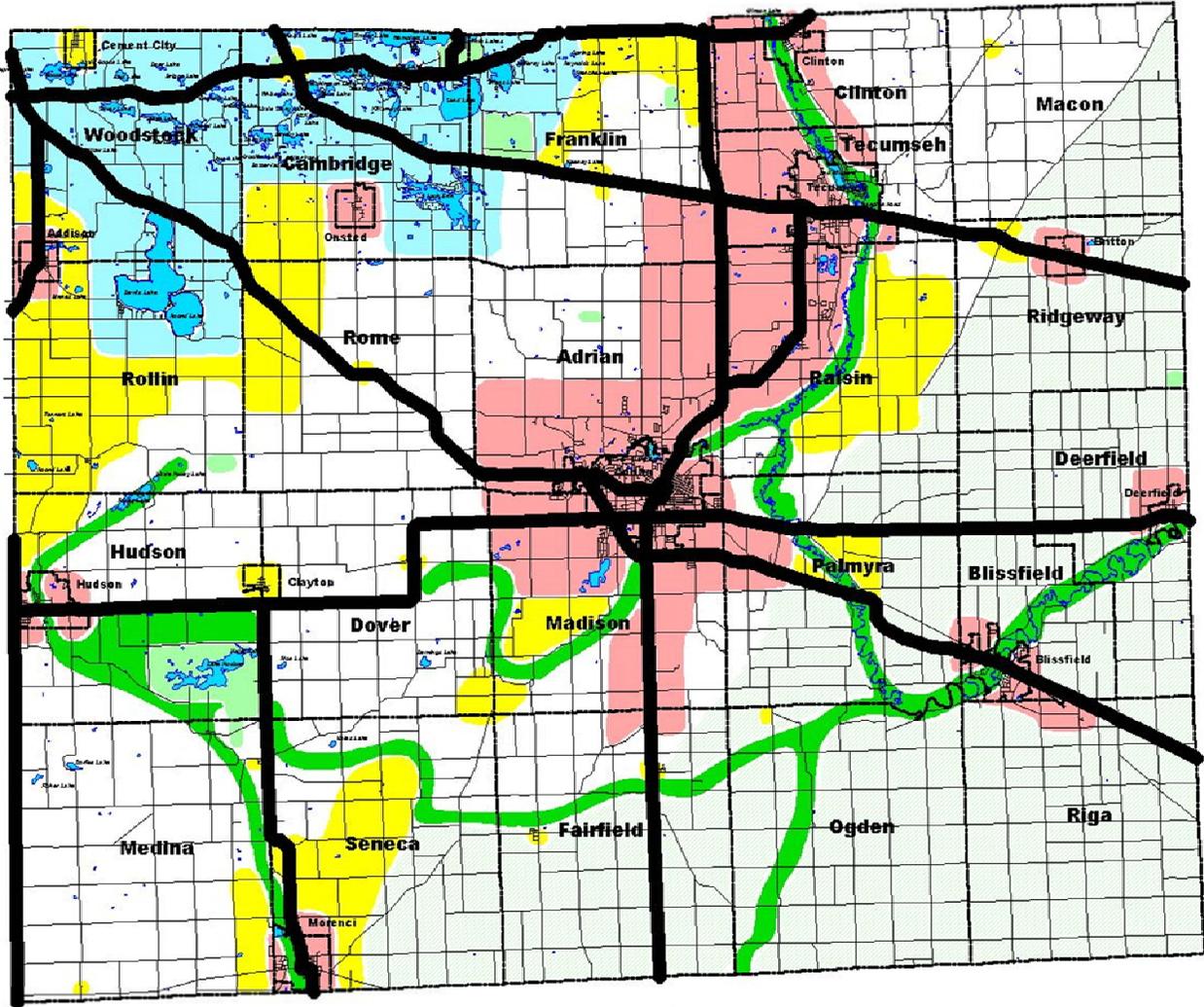
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CITY AND VILLAGES

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Map #1-3 Future Land Use



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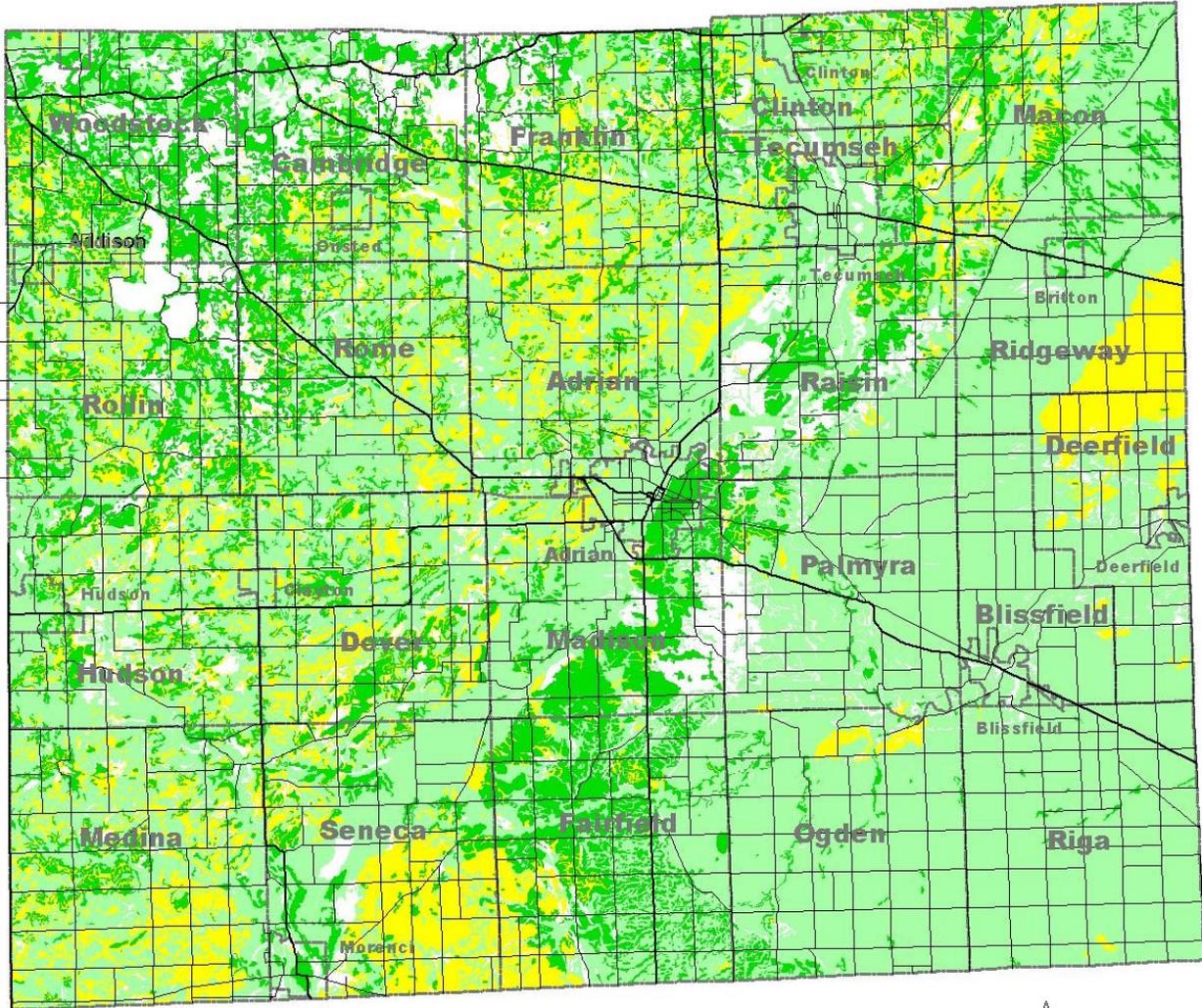
LEGEND

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



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Map #1-4 Soils



Land Capability Classification

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LEGEND

- Class 1 Soils
- Class 2 Soils
- Class 3 Soils
- Class 4 Soils & Above

Source: Lenawee County Soil Survey, 1947

RECREATION INVENTORY

Section 2

IN THIS SECTION:

- Recreation Inventory
- Inventory of Lenawee Parks
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 - Gerber Hill Park
 - Iron Lake Park
 - Medina Park
 - Ramsdell Park
 - Taylor Road Park
- State Parks
- Municipal Parks & Recreation Facilities

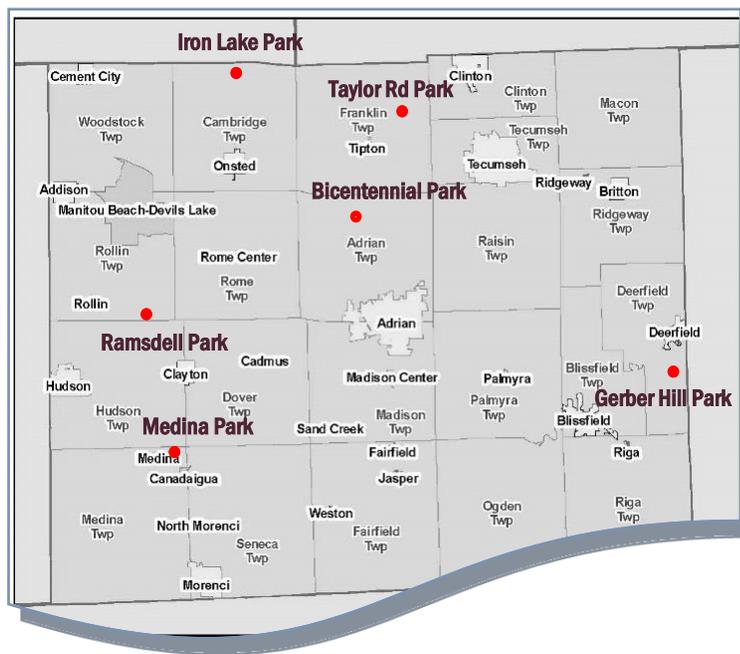
Recreation Inventory

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.

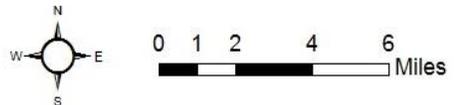
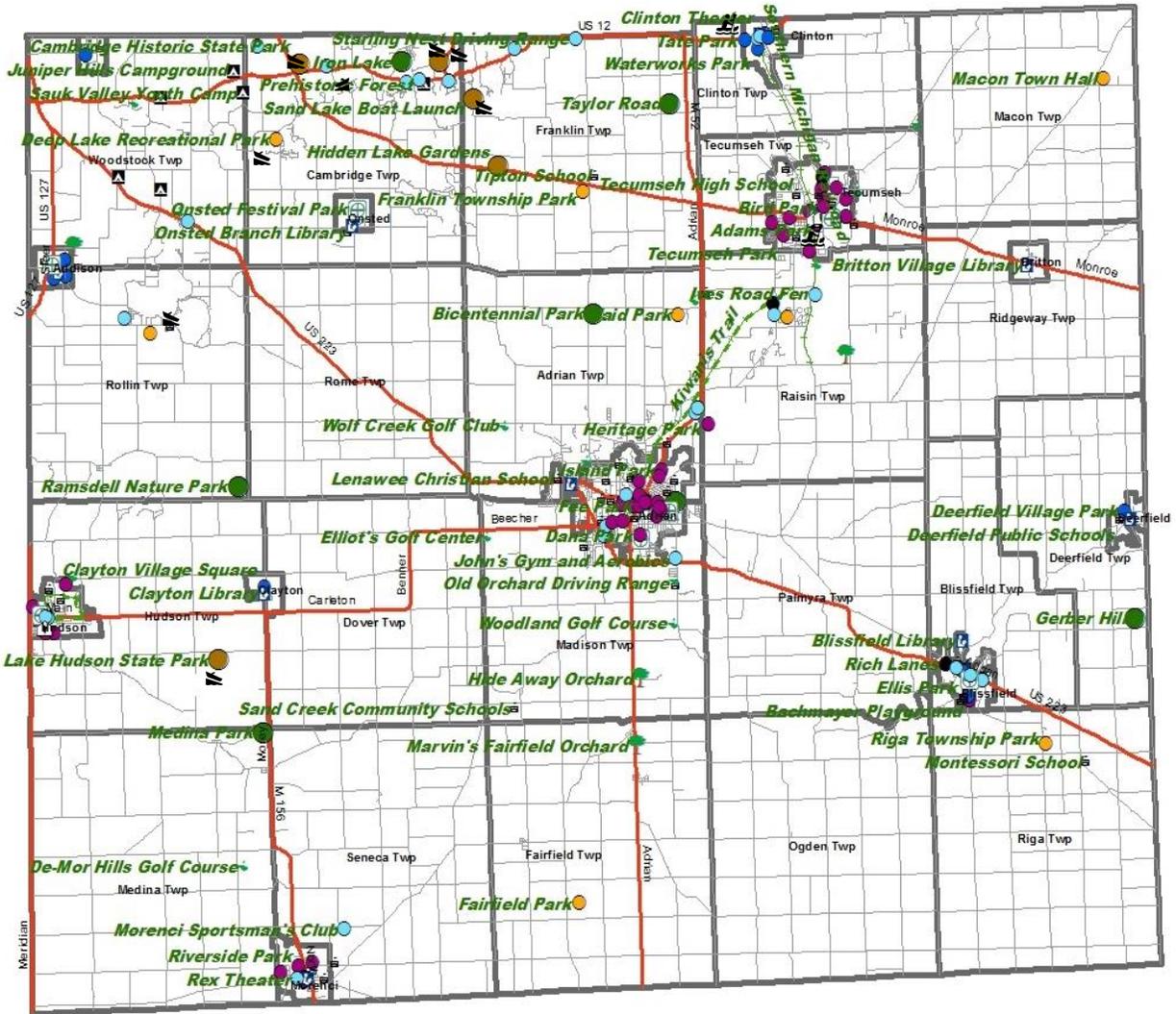
**Map #2-1
Lenawee County Parks**



* 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 Parks & Recreation Facilities: Within Lenawee County



Community Parks

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

Recreation Facilities

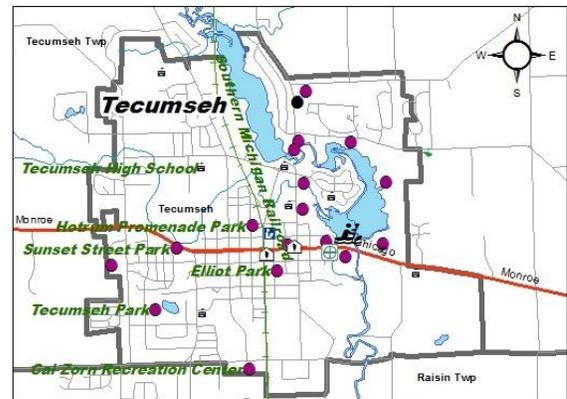
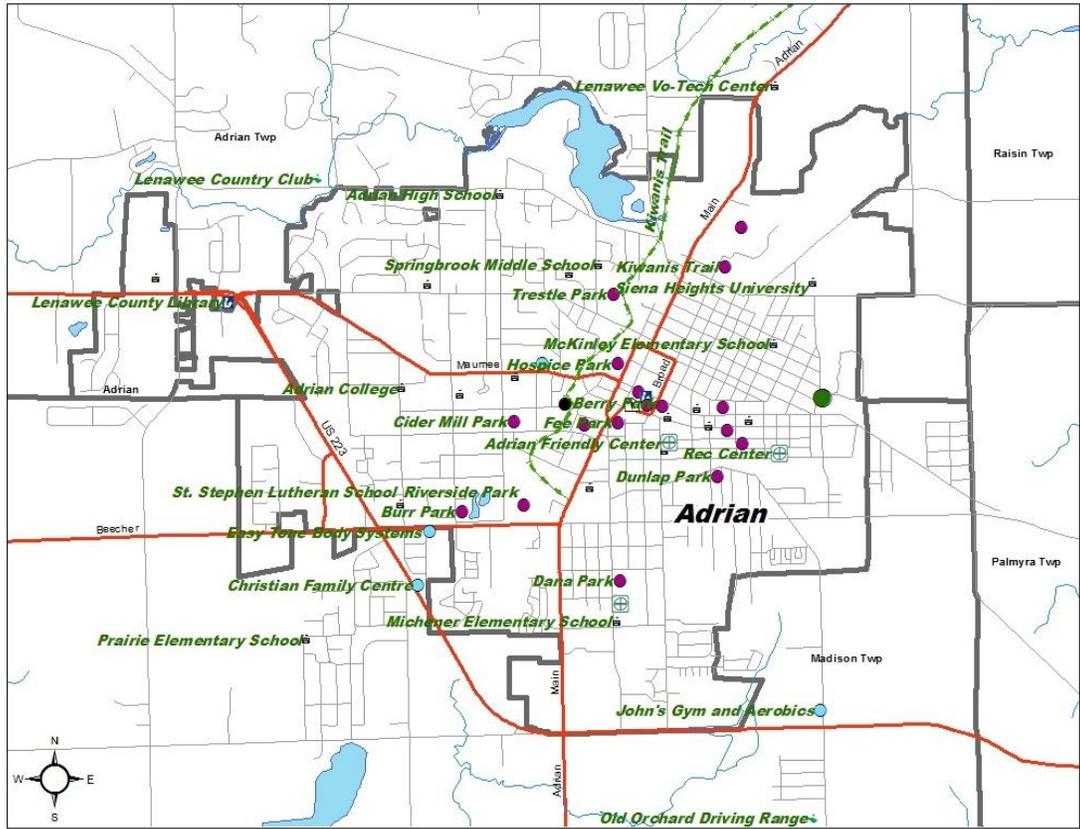
- Museum
- School
- Bowling
- Campground
- Orchard
- Trails
- Scenic RR
- Boat Launch
- Canoe/Kayak

- Senior Center
- Library
- Golf Course
- Private (misc.)

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



Community Parks

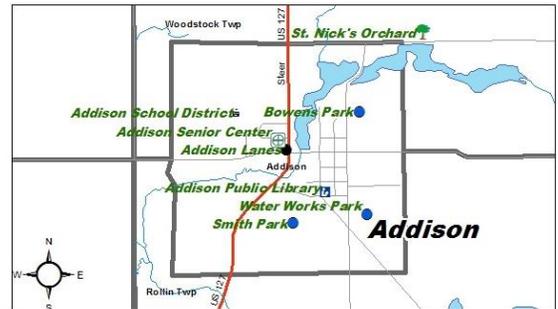
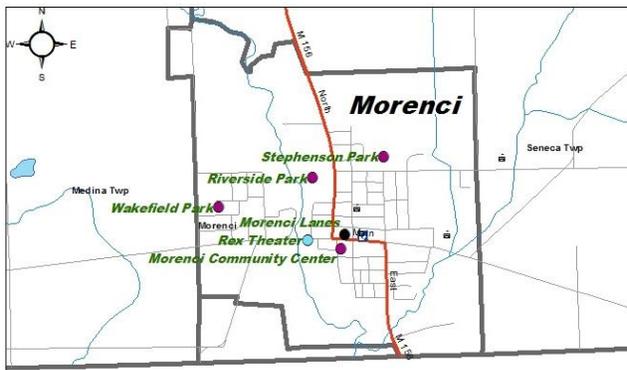
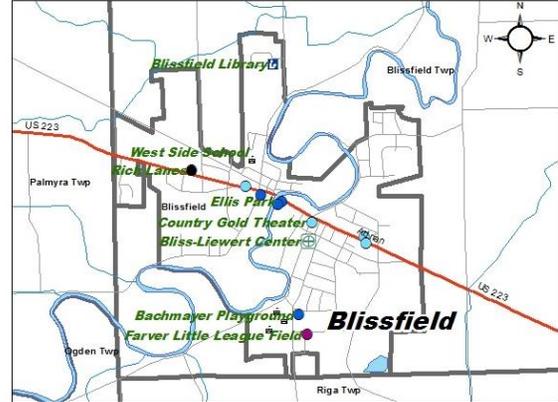
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Map #2-4 Parks & Recreation Facilities: Addison, Blissfield, Hudson, & Morenci



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Inventory of Lenawee County Parks

Lenawee County parks are intended for use by all persons, regardless of their disability status. It is the intent of the County to comply with the appropriate accessibility standards and guidelines for play areas, outdoor developed areas, parking areas, and other facilities, which fall under the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Recent improvements to the County parks have been designed to comply with or exceed accessibility guidelines and standards, and to retrofit, when appropriate, those facilities, which pre-date ADA standards.

The ranking system suggested by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Guidelines was used to evaluate the accessibility of the County parks. The ranking system ranges from 1 to 5 as follows:

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

Each park was evaluated using the Michigan Department of Natural Resources ranking system noted. The elements evaluated include parking areas, paths of travel from parking to activity areas, the activity areas themselves, and support facilities such as restrooms and surfacing.

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

Lenawee County Park	General location
Bicentennial Woods Park	Central area of Lenawee County
Gerber Hill Park	Eastern area of Lenawee County
Iron Lake Park	North area of Lenawee County
Medina Park	Southwest area of Lenawee County
Ramsdell Park	Western area of Lenawee County
Taylor Road Park	Northeast area of Lenawee County

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Bicentennial Woods

History: Acquisition and development of this park was initiated by the Environmental Council of Lenawee in 1975 as a community bi-centennial project. Initial acquisition was funded by a loan from the Nature Conservancy, repayment of the loan was made 50% by United States Department of the Interior Land and Water Conservation Fund, and 50% by the County of Lenawee and many local private contributors.

Description: 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

Water Sources & Trails: The Black Creek runs through the property with primitive access from trails and there are approximately 2 miles of maintained winding trails through both field and wooded areas

Capital Plans: Continue to improve accessibility and educational opportunities, electrical outlets installed in pavilions; ga-ga ball court; pickleball; installation of well with tap for water; playground equipment; parking lot gravel/grading; picnic table and grill replacements

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

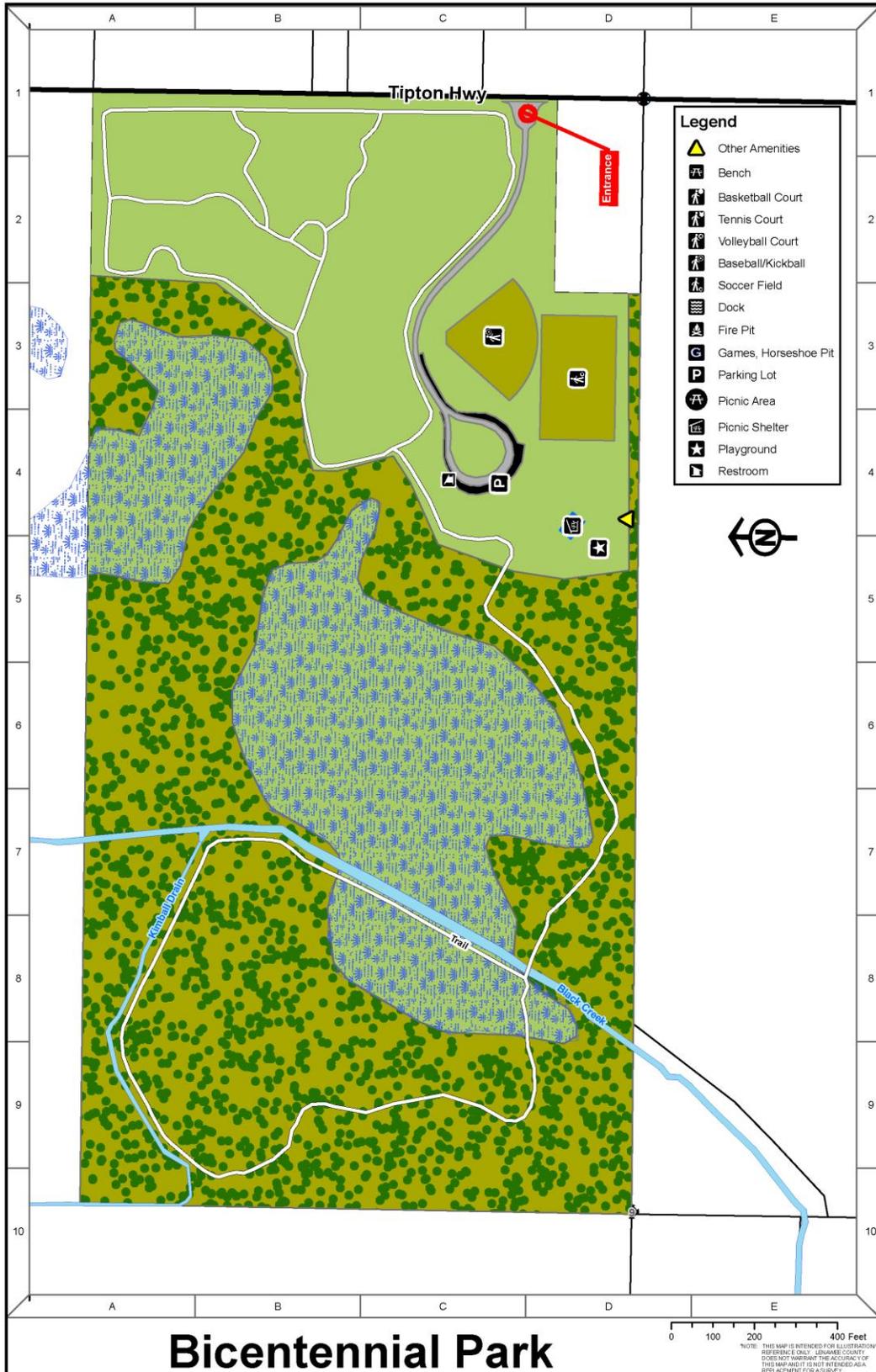
DNR Grants: 1977 LWCF (26-01023 A1) Acquisition –Acquire 78 acres for outdoor recreation

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



Map #2-5
Bicentennial Park



Lenawee County

Gerber Hill Park

History: Frank and Elizabeth Gerber bought this 19 acre parcel in 1935 for \$450. For many years they made it available to youth groups and neighborhood children for recreation and winter sledding, thus, the area became known as Gerber Hill. In 1988, the Gerbers donated the area to Lenawee County. Development was funded by the County and a major grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. The Park was dedicated by the Lenawee County Parks Commission in 1992.

Description: (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, and latrine

Water Sources & Trails: There is a small stocked pond with a dock for fishing and there are approximately 3½ miles of maintained trails through both fields and woods

Capital Improvement Plans: Soccer net replacements; property line fence replacement; horse shoe pit area improvements; install electrical outlets at each pavilion; pickleball court; continue to improve accessibility and educational opportunities

Accessibility Ranking 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



Map #2-6 Gerber Hill Park



Lenawee County

Iron Lake Park

History: The County of Lenawee obtained the Iron Lake Access Park in 1959 from Norman and Edna Grogitsky.

Description: County-owned public boat launch located on a 78 acre lake. This lake is approximately 63 feet deep at its deepest point and include such fish as Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Bluegill, 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, dock, and picnic table

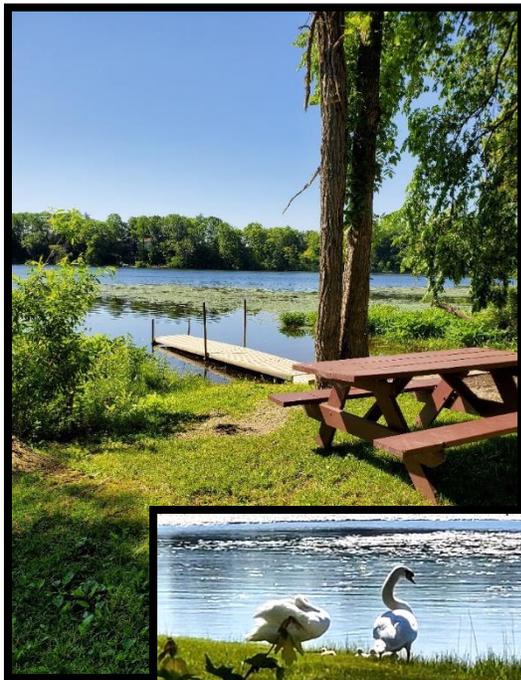
Water Sources & Trails: Maintained 50' waterfront access to 78 acre Iron Lake and there are no trails

Capital Improvement Plans: Continue to improve accessibility and educational opportunities

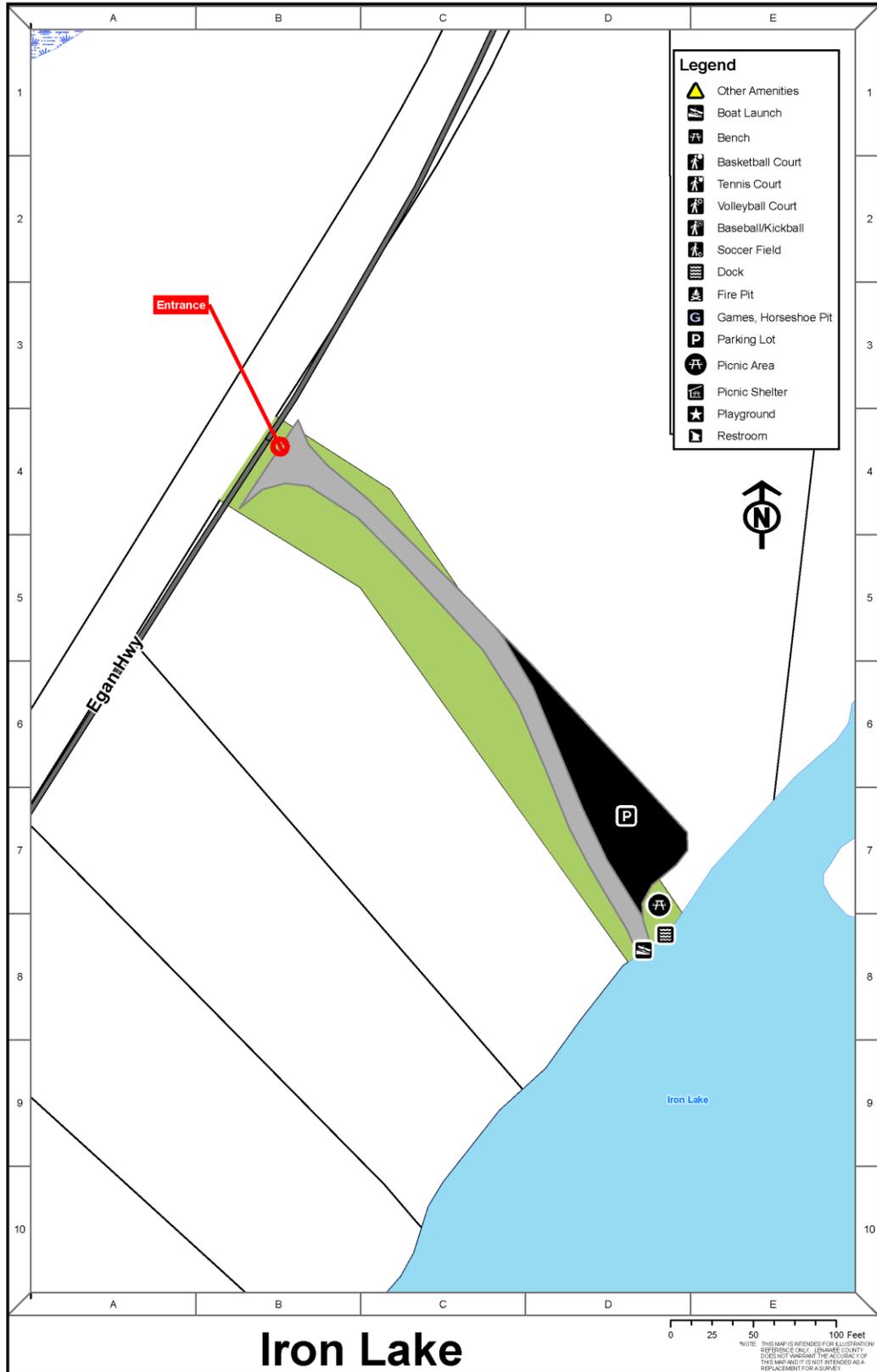
Accessibility Ranking 2: Some of the park areas meet accessibility guidelines

Capital Improvement Plans: Property line fence replacement; outhouse, signage upgrades; drive graded and reworked; improve accessibility and educational opportunities

DNR Grants: n/a



Map #2-7
Iron Lake Park



Lenawee County

Medina Park

History: The County of Lenawee obtained Medina Park property in 1974 from Roscoe and Wilma Huff.

Description: The main attractions in Medina Park includes 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

Water Sources & Trails: The Bean Creek runs through the park with open field on one side and woods on the other, and there are approximately 3/4 mile of rustic trails through both field and wooded area

Capital Improvement Plans: Electrical outlets installed at each pavilion; ga-ga ball court; pickleball court; rework horseshoe pits; playground equipment; picnic table and grill replacements; improve accessibility and educational opportunities

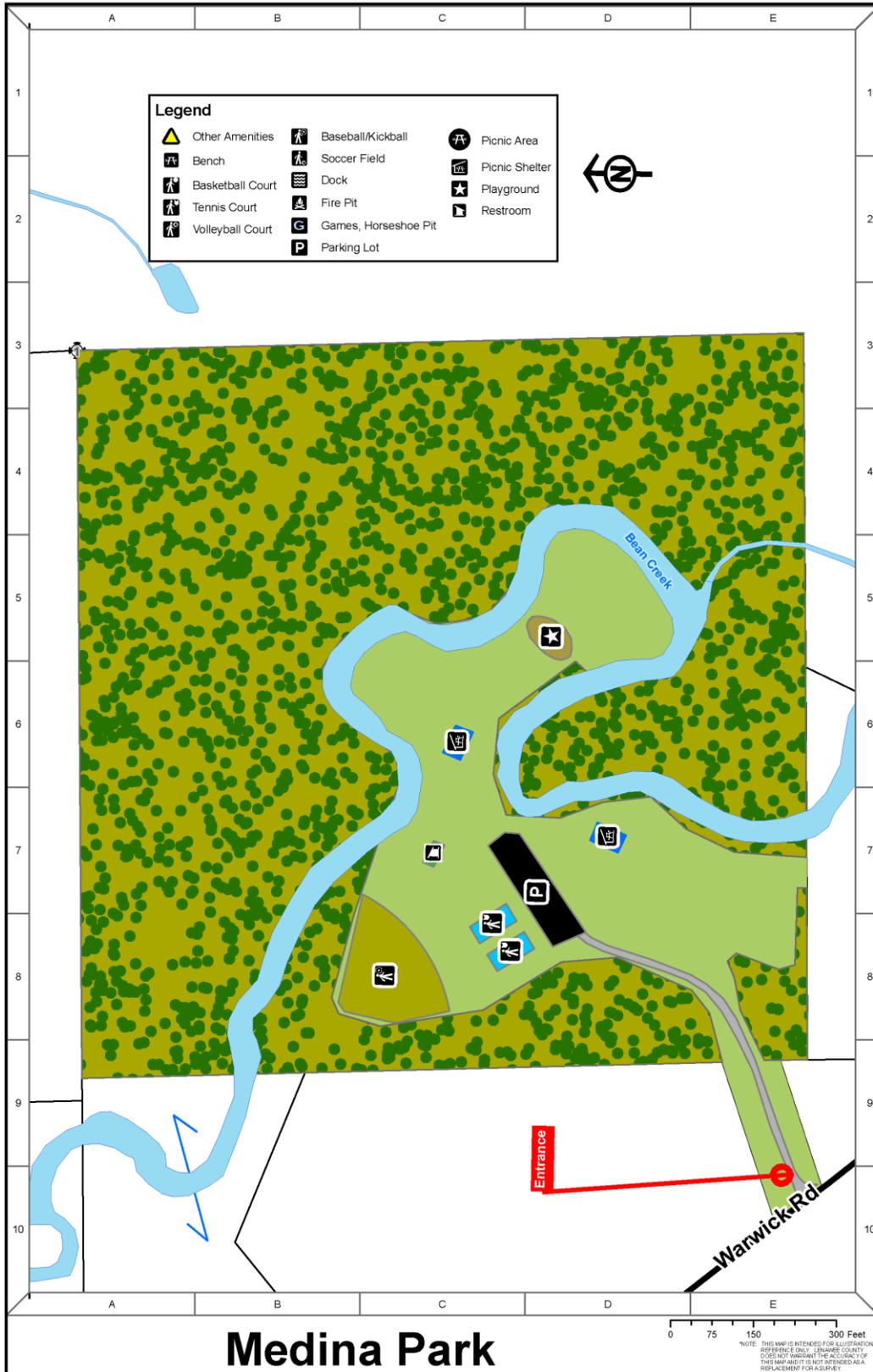
Accessibility Ranking 3: Most of the park areas meet accessibility guidelines

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



Map #2-8
Medina Park



Lenawee County

Ramsdell Park

History: Ramsdell Nature Park was bequeathed to the County of Lenawee in 1988 by David R. Ramsdell so that future generation can enjoy the land, the out-of-doors, birds and nature as he had for so many years.

Description: 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: Pavilion with fireplace, grills, tables, and latrine

Water Sources & Trails: There are two small ponds, one with dock access and the other with primitive access from trail, and there are approximately 5 miles of maintained trails through both fields and woods

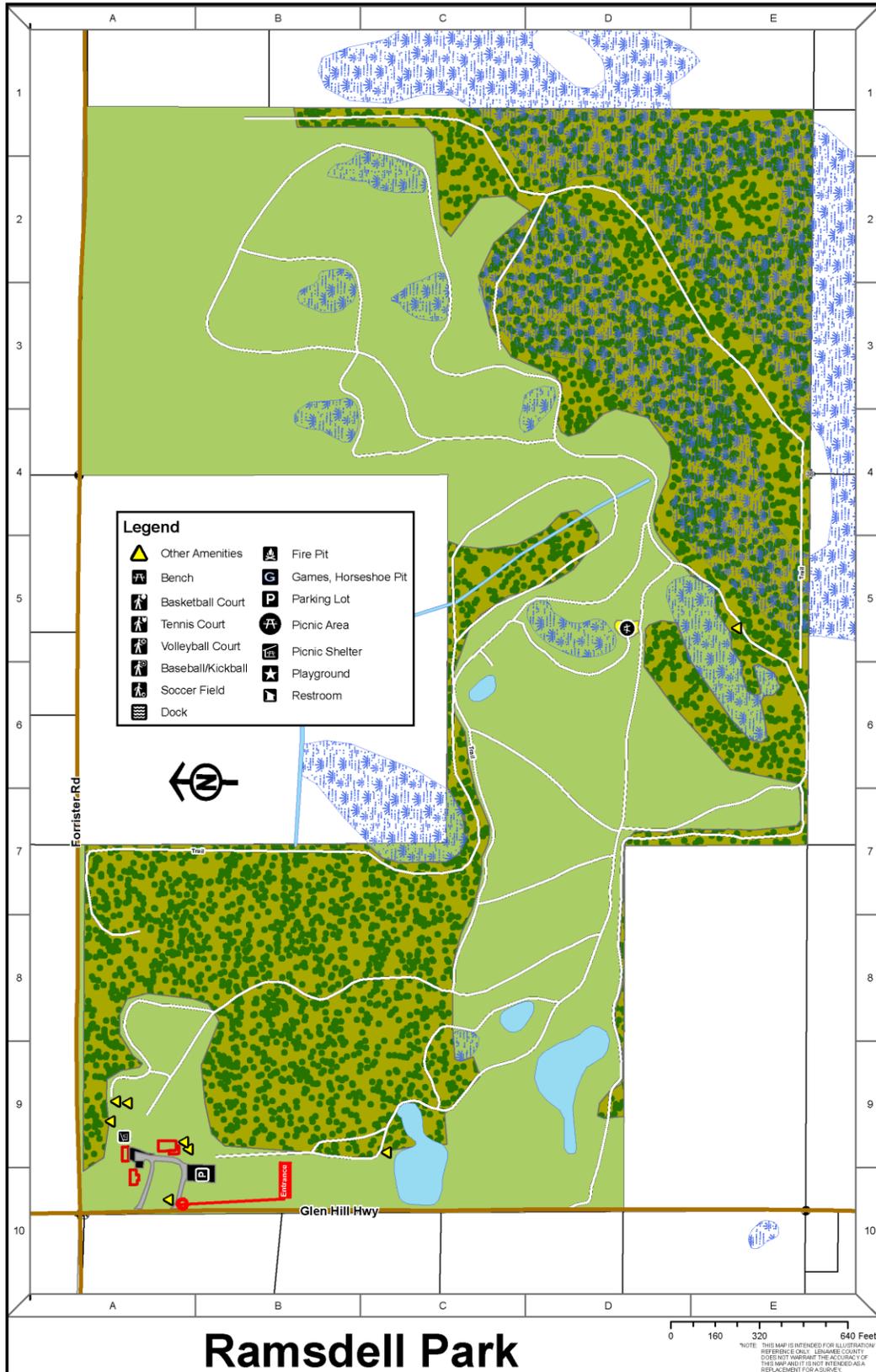
Capital Improvement Plans: Improve accessibility and educational opportunities; ga-ga ball court; rework horseshoe pit; playground equipment; picnic table and grill replacements; trail enhancements; livery; farm museum

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



Map #2-9 Ramsdell Park



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Taylor Road Park

History: Taylor Road Park was originally owned by the Tecumseh Conservation League and donated to the City of Tecumseh in 1966. It was acquired by the County of Lenawee in 1984 from the City of Tecumseh through a collaborative property exchange.

Description: Primitive park with a trail system throughout for hiking, biking and cross country skiing, an engineered flood pond for natural habitat designed in cooperation with the DNR and wildlife organizations, tree and plant identification markers, and native plantings in the open oak area.

Size: 80 Acres - Serving the entire county, all ages

Location: The northeast section of the county

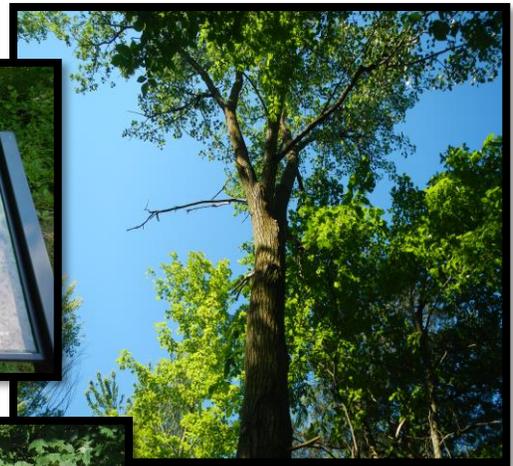
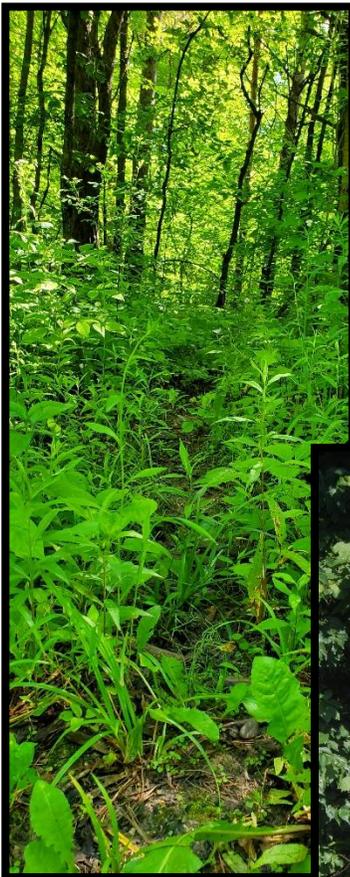
Facilities: No additional facilities

Water Sources & Trails: There is a small pond with primitive access from the trail and there are approximately 1¼ miles of maintained trails through woods

Capital Improvement Plans: Add viewing areas for wildlife on and off ponds; add educational interactive activities; signage upgrades; create additional trails; improve accessibility and educational opportunities

Accessibility Ranking 2: Some of the park areas meet accessibility guidelines

DNR Grants: n/a



Map #2-10
Taylor Road Park



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

Park Name/ Type	Service Area	Facilities	Acreage (if available)
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	Bent Oak Crossing	Shelter, Picnic tables, water, grills, Kiwanis Trail access	0.3
	Berry Park	Formal garden, picnic tables, benches	0.9
	Burr Ponds Park	Bicycle, walking, benches, picnic shelters, grill and outlets, fishing	11.3
	Cider Mill Park	Picnic tables, River Raisin access, open space	0.4
	Comstock Park	Gazebo, grills, benches, River Raisin access, river terraces (floral areas), Kiwanis Trail access, Millennium sculptures	2.3
	Dana Park	Youth baseball field, play equipment	1.4
	Dunlap Park	Playground equipment, picnic shelter, basketball court, open space	1.5
	Fee Park	Gazebo, picnic tables, benches, floral gardens, open space	1.7
	George St. Park (Duck Park)	Picnic tables, River Raisin access, open space, community garden	0.3
	Heritage Park	Softball fields, soccer fields, bicycle and walking trails, benches, playground, shelters, picnic tables, grills, hiking trails, sledding hill, disc golf course, electric, open space, restrooms	410.4
	Island Park	Softball field, youth baseball fields, playground equipment, shelters, concession stand, picnic tables, grills, electric, restrooms, sledding hill, open space	30.5
(continued)	Kiwanis Trail	Biking & walking trail	7.5 miles

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Type/ Location	Park Name	Facilities	Acreage (if available)
City of Adrian	Library Square	Formal garden, benches	0.2
	McFarland Park	Shelter, benches	0.3
	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	0.7
	Piotter Center	Senior citizen center, gym, locker room, cafeteria/kitchen, 6 classrooms	1.4
	Riverside Park	Baseball field, swimming pool, shelters, picnic tables, grills, playground equipment, basketball court, sand volleyball courts, Kiwanis Trail access	23.7
	Riverview Trail	Part of the Kiwanis Trail, benches, river views	0.3
	Skate & Bike Park	Half-pipe combo, Bank Hip corner, start box, streetspine, launch box, escalator quarter-pipe and half pyramid	0.3
	Trestle Park	Raised board walks, trails, walking paths, picnic shelters, ball field, amphitheater, restrooms, water, Kiwanis Trail access	20.5
	West Park	Benches, open space	1.5
	Yew Park (AK.A. Hospice Park)	Formal garden, benches	0.2
City of Hudson	Hudson Trail System	City-wide network of paved nonmotorized trails: biking, walking, ADA accessible	4.4 miles
	Community Center	Senior Center and Recreation hall available for rent with kitchen facilities and bathrooms	0.8
	Memorial Park	Soccer/ball fields, restrooms, concession stand, playground equipment	18.0
	Thompson Field	Football field, concession stand, bathrooms, playground areas, little league field	17.3
	Thompson Park	Playground, athletic field, picnic tables, picnic shelter, 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	Picnic shelter, restrooms, ball field, grills, playground equipment	5.0
City of Morenci	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

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Type/ Location	Park Name	Facilities	Acreage (if available)
City of Tecumseh	Adams Park	5 Benches, 1 fountain, 1picnic 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, 1soccer field	10.0
	Beardsley Park	Undeveloped green space	8.3
	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 rentals	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	7.0
	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	Baseball, volleyball courts, softball, picnic tables, play equipment, skateboard park, shuffleboard courts, boat launch, small/large dog park	17.6
	Farver Little League Field	Baseball field	4.7
	Gail Giles Pool	Relocating to Sugar Street to open Spring, 2020	

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Type/ Location	Park Name	Facilities	Acreage (if available)
Village of Clayton	Village Square	Pavilion, basketball court	
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	Basketball courts	2.0
Village of Cement City	Cement City Park	Pavilion, basketball court, play structure, swings, little li- brary, port-a-john	1 block
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, shuf- fleboard court	20.0
Adrian Township	Waid Park	Picnic shelter	0.3
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 playfield	
	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
St. John's Lutheran	Adrian	Gym, play equipment		

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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	Adrian Twp.		
	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	Addison	
		Adrian	
		Britton	
		Clayton	
		Deerfield	Roberts-Ingold Memorial Library
		Onsted	
		County-wide	Bookmobile
	Adrian District 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
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
Orchards	Carpentier Farms	Adrian Twp.	Seasonal produce and entertainment
	Applewood Orchards Inc	Deerfield	Fruit production, processing
	Hanover Orchard	Deerfield	Fruit production, processing
	Marvin's Fairfield	Fairfield Twp.	Fruit production, seasonal entertainment
	Keeney Orchards	Franklin Twp.	Fruit picking
	Hide Away Orchard	Madison Twp.	Fruit production
	Kapnick Orchards	Raisin Twp.	Fruit production, seasonal entertainment
	St. Nick's Orchard	Woodstock Twp.	Fruit production

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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

Public Boat Access	Allen Lake	Cambridge Twp	63 acres
	Deep Lake	Cambridge Twp	65 acres
	Devils Lake	Rollin Twp	1,330 acres
	Hudson Lake	Hudson Twp	502 acres
	Iron Lake	Cambridge Twp	78 acres
	Onemile Lake	Woodstock Twp	29 acres
	Round Lake	Rollin Twp	515 acres
	Sand Lake	Cambridge Twp	440 acres
	Wamplers Lake	Cambridge Twp	780 acres
	Wolf Lake	Cambridge	69 acres

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Livery	Tate Park	Clinton	Canoe livery
	Tecumseh Paddling Co.	Tecumseh	Kayak, paddle boarding

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Type	Name	Location	Facilities
Private (Miscellaneous)	Addison Bowling Lanes	Addison	Bowling
	Adrian & Blissfield Railroad Co	Adrian/Blissfield	Railroad, amusement
	Adrian Skatery	Adrian Twp.	Roller skating
	Adrian Cinemas	Adrian Twp.	6 screen movie theater
	Croswell Opera House	Adrian	Live theater, historic structure, mini-park bench tables, gallery
	Lenawee Recreation	Adrian	Bowling – 24 lanes, pro shop, dining
	Lenawee County Fairgrounds (Not for profit association)	Adrian	Exhibit hall, race track, grandstands, horse stalls, concessions, restrooms, rental halls
	Spotted Cow Putt Putt	Adrian	Miniature golf
	Blissfield Dinner Train	Blissfield	Railroad, amusement
	Blissfield Model Railroad	Blissfield	Model railroad displays
	Raisin Valley Model Railroad	Blissfield	Model railroad displays
	Rich Lanes	Blissfield	Bowling
	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
	Michigan State University - Hidden Lake Gardens	Franklin Twp.	Arboretum, picnicking, hiking trails, scenic drives, educational classes
	Hudson Cinema/DZ Laser Tag	Hudson	2 screen movie theater, laser tag, arcade
	Hudson Bowling Lanes	Hudson	Bowling – 10 lanes
	Rex Theater	Morenci	Movie theater
	Mor-N-C Lanes	Morenci	Bowling
Village Greens	Onsted	Miniature golf	
Stone Mountain Putt Putt	Tecumseh	Miniature golf	
Ten Pin Alley	Tecumseh	Bowling	
Southern Michigan Railroad	N/A	Scenic Railroad: Clinton, Tecumseh, Raisin Center	
Golf Courses	Lenawee Country Club	Adrian	18 holes, driving range, 2 tennis courts, 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
	Irish Hills	Onsted	9 holes
	Raisin Valley	Raisin Twp.	18 holes
	Tecumseh Country Club	Tecumseh	18 holes
	Shank's Driving Range	Tipton	Driving range
	Silver Lake	Woodstock Twp.	9 holes golf course
	Devils Lake	Woodstock Twp.	18 holes

Source: Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Survey

PUBLIC INPUT

Section 3

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- Description of the Public Input Process
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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 2020-2024 edition of the Plan in the spring of 2019.
- The County’s Parks and Recreation Commission conducted an online public opinion survey during April and May of 2019.
- 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 October 18, 2019 through November 18, 2019 and recommended the plan to the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners which held a public hearing on the plan on December 11, 2019.
- The County Board of Commissioners adopted the new edition of the Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Plan on December 11, 2019.

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.

Public Opinion Survey



The Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Commission conducted an online public opinion survey which was placed on the county website (lenawee.mi.us) from March 27, 2019 through May 10, 2019 on the homepage of the website as well as the Parks webpage. The survey was posted on Twitter and Facebook on April 8, 2019 and was shared 13 times. It was also advertised in the April and May editions of the County newsletter and emailed to every municipality. A printed version of the survey was available in the County Administrator’s Office as well as at both of the open parks. A total of 183 responses were received.

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

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requested in order to ascertain the validity of the response and to cross-tabulate them to demographic sector.

The survey opened with a series of demographic questions. First, respondents were asked to indicate their age bracket and the age brackets of others living in 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:

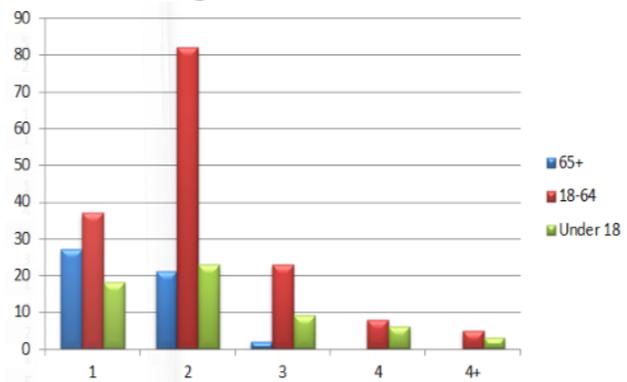
Question #1: Respondents were asked to provide their age and of the 183 people that answered:

- 61.3% were at least 51 years of age
- 26.0% fell between the ages of 36 and 50
- 11.6% were between 22 and 35 years of age
- 1.1% was between age of 15 and 21
- No one under the age of 14 participated in the survey

The age brackets represented within the households of the respondent was also established:

- 28.3% of households had at least one member at least 65 years old — 15.3% had one member, 11.9% had two members, and 1.1% had more than two members.
- 85.9% of households had at least one member between the ages of 18-64 — 20.8% had one member, 45.5% had two members, 12.4% had three members, 4.5% had four members, and 2.8% had more than four members.
- 33.2% of households had at least one person under the age of eighteen — 10.1% had one member; 13.0% had two members, 5.1% had three members, 3.4% had four members, and 1.7% had more than four members.

**Graph #3-1
Age Bracket**



Location:

Question #2: Respondents were asked to provide their residential zip code. 43.2% of the 180 respondents to this question lived in the Adrian (49221) area and an additional 19.7% and 2.2% lived in the Tecumseh (49286) and Clinton (49236) areas, respectively; that percentage is comparable to the 58% of the County's population estimated to have lived in the Clinton-Tecumseh-Adrian Urbanizing Corridor in 2017.

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Of the remaining zip codes, most lie completely or partially within Lenawee County:

49287	Tipton	3.3%	49247	Hudson	1.6%
49235	Clayton	2.7%	49253	Manitou Beach	1.6%
49265	Onsted	2.7%	49233	Cement City	1.1%
49220	Addison	2.2%	49238	Deerfield	1.1%
49230	Brooklyn	2.2%	49279	Sand Creek	1.1%
49236	Clinton	2.2%	49229	Britton	0.5%
49248	Jasper	2.2%	49234	Clark Lake	0.5%
49256	Morenci	2.2%	49249	Jerome	0.5%
49228	Blissfield	1.6%	49268	Palmyra	0.5%
			49276	Riga	0.5%
			49247	Hudson	1.6%

However, 3.8% of the responses came from a zip code entirely outside of Lenawee County, including Manchester (48158), Clark Lake (49234) Ypsilanti (48197), Detroit (48221), Gross Pointe (48286), Sterling Heights (48312) and Ceresco (49033).

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:

Question #3: Respondents were asked what types of outdoor activities they enjoy. The majority of the 172 respondents reported enjoyed hiking (74.1%), biking (57.7%), and running (21.2%). Fishing (50.6%), swimming (44.7%), and bird watching (36.5%) were also very popular. Organized sports (31.8%), geocaching (14.1%), and cross-country skiing (8.8%) also received considerable support.

The following activities were ‘write-ins’:

Pickleball (13)	Camping (2)	Bench sitting (1)
Walking (10)	Cookouts/Picnics (2)	Sledding (1)
Kayaking/paddleboats (6)	Horseback Riding (1)	Snow Shoeing (1)
Dog Walking (4)	Playgrounds (1)	Tennis (1)
Hunting (4)	Target Shooting (1)	Wildlife viewing (1)
Golf (4)	Gardening (1)	Boating (1)

Visiting a Park:

Question #4: Respondents were asked how often they visit a public park. Only 3.0% of 182 respondents never visited a public park, 22% visited ‘rarely’, and 20% visit ‘maybe once a month’. However, 32.0% visited ‘2-3 times a month’ and 23.1% visited a park ‘more than once a week’.

Question #4a: Respondents were asked if they visit other parks regularly and 74.2% of 97 respondents said ‘yes’ and 25.8% said ‘no’. There were also 69 responses as to what factors contributed to visiting a non-county park and the responses included:

- 76.81% Location
- 56.52% Amenities (*playground equipment, restroom, ball fields, etc.*)
- 28.99% Accessibility
- 52.17% Trail systems
- 42.03% Upkeep/Maintenance

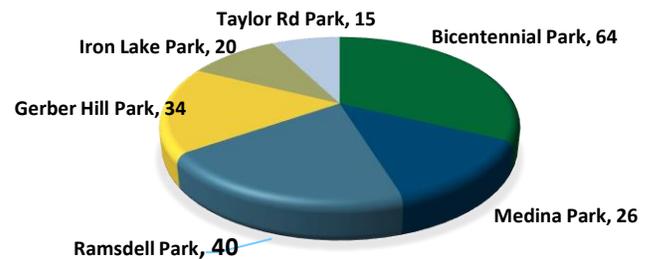
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County Park Familiarity:

Question #5: Respondents were asked if they were familiar with Bicentennial, Medina, Ramsdell, Gerber Hill, Iron Lake, and/or Taylor Road County Parks. Of the 161 respondents, 68% were familiar with at least one of the parks. Respondents were also asked about the last time they visited one of those parks — 34.2% of 161 respondents had visited a Lenawee County park in 2018 and/or 2019, 18.0% visited a park ‘between 2 and 5 years ago,’ 19.3% visited a county park ‘a long time ago,’ and 28.6% stated ‘I have never visited one of these parks.’ Respondents were also asked to identify each park they have visited. Of the 98 respondents:

- 66.7% had visited Bicentennial Park
- 34.4% had visited Gerber Hill
- 39.6% had visited Ramsdell Nature Park
- 20.8% had visited Iron Lake Park
- 27.1% had visited Medina Park
- 14.6% had visited Taylor Road Park

**Graph #3-2
Park Participation**



If a respondent had visited Gerber Hill Park or Taylor Road Park, he/she was asked if they liked recent improvements and 94% answered ‘yes’. Comments on the improvements made about either Gerber Hill Park or Taylor Road Park included:



Respondents were also asked if they enjoyed the park and 92.8% of the 97 respondents answered ‘yes’. The following reasons were shared by the 7.2% of respondents who answered ‘no’:

Road into Medina caused underbody damage to car	They are unkept and limited activity areas. There needs to be more family areas and enclosed dog parks so families can spend more time at the parks.
So. Many. Mosquitos.	
Went sledding, but got stuck in the entrance because it wasn't plowed	When I go to Iron Lake boat launch I put my kayaks in the water. Parking is terrible, no place to sit. I never thought of this
Needs to be kept up better	

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Park Activities:

Question #6: Respondents were asked what types of activities they participate in while visiting the parks and of the 93 respondents to this question:

- 68 used walking trails
- 17 fished
- 23 watched birds
- 22 used playgrounds
- 12 participated in another type of event
- 11 participated in an organized sporting event

The following activities were 'wrote in' by 20 respondents:

Horseback riding	Kayaking (2)	Ate lunch (2)	Peaceful walk
Biking, hiking	Picnic (4)	County cross-country meet	Praise in the park
Walking down to the river	Dog walking (2)	Cousins engagement photos	Family reunion (2)
Taking my great grandchildren to park		sledding	

Question #6a: Respondents were asked if they would return to a county park within the next year: 50.0% of 98 respondents said 'yes, definitely', 44.0% answered 'maybe', and only 6.1% said 'no, probably not'.

Question #6c: When asked what factors might entice them into visiting a county park, 32 of 39 respondents indicated organized sports, 15 indicated amenities such as playground equipment, restrooms, etc., while 4 indicated better parking. Here are other 'write in' activities:

Baseball (1)	Nature education - foraging (1)
Bike trails (3)	Pickleball (4)
Safety (2)	Awareness of County Parks (4)
Walking tracks (1)	Senior specific events (1)
Groomed cross-country skiing trails (1)	Combination of time and interest (1)

Questions #6d: When asked what types of activities they would participate if they were available at one of the County Parks, 36 people offered a variety of suggestions:

Activities listed	Bicentennial Park	Medina Park	Ramsdell Park	Gerber Hill Park	Taylor Road Park	Iron Lake Park
Trails: Hike/Walk/Run/Biking	8	5	5	1	6	2
Fishing		1				1
Pickleball	9	3	3	3	3	3
Concert / music	1			1		
Swimming/kayaking/boating		1	1	1	2	3
Cookout/Picnic	2	1		2		1
Sports event: cross-country, volleyball, horseshoe, softball, soccer, etc.	6	4	2	3	2	1
5K, Awareness events	2	1	2		1	
Dog park	2	1	1	1	1	1
Pump Track	1	1	1	1	1	1
Horseback riding			1			
Bird watching			1			
Education	3		1			
Miscellaneous items	6	3		2		1

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Survey results suggest the greatest system-wide request is trail/pathway improvements (27.8%). 33.9% of the requests were for sporting events such as cross-country meets, volleyball, horseshoe, softball, soccer and pickleball (which made up 57.1% of sporting event total). There were also a considerable number of suggestions that were non-attributable and miscellaneous.

Club and Organization Affiliations:

Question #7: Respondents were asked if they are affiliated with a club or organization that may be interested in using, or has used, a county park and 31 said ‘yes’ and listed the following clubs:

- Church (3)
- River Raisin Bee Club (1)
- Moms Club of Tecumseh (1)
- YMCA (1)
- Beta Lax Lacrosse Club (1)
- Pickleball Clubs: Lenawee, Irish Hills, YMCA (7)
- Nordic Walkers Group (1)
- Boy Scouts (1)
- Local Rotary / Kiwanis Clubs (3)
- Irish Hills Chamber of Commerce (1)
- Adrian Dirtbags Softball (1)
- YMCA of Lenawee (1)
- Cross Country
- Visit Lenawee (1)
- Gleanor (1)
- Non-attributable Miscellaneous (3)

Funding Suggestions:

Question #8: Respondents were asked to provide their suggestions to help fund park project. There were 37 responses:

- Get colleges involved with cross country events or any sport that would bring monies in for park
- Donate parks to state of Michigan and let them maintain them
- School/club fundraisers, commissioner involvement
- County-wide Parks and Recreation Millage, Crowdfunding, State (MNRTF) Grants
- Have a park day, do a picnic with hotdogs, make it like a little festival
- Get the government grants
- Pop bottle, recycling or other fundraiser
- Participant fee under \$2 p/person for programs
- Host events and charge a fee
- 5Ks
- Yoga classes, quidditch class, nature walks
- Grants, fees
- 5K 1K
- Have events at the parks that would require admission
- Nominal fee per event
- N/A
- Use money more wisely
- Dog parks!!
- 5K run or walk, having donation jars at local stores, or any event to raise money
- Maybe a volunteer day or two – perhaps once in the spring then again in the fall before they close the park
- Use the donations you already have
- Grants or federal funding
- Our club has looked in grants for pickleball
- Park district
- Use \$ for what it’s SUPPOSED to be used for & not dipped for other “projects”
- Bbq at the parks with a donation
- Grants and general fund
- Not sure
- DNR Rec Passport grants, Land and Water Conservation Fund grants
- Frankly, I know little about our county parks, so can’t really say
- Taxes marked for parks

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- Community fundraising event at one of the parks
- I would love to see more public parks on the lakes, maybe the county and townships could partner?
- Service groups, county millage, grants
- Fund drive
- Private or business sponsor
- Maintain cleanness

Other Comments:

Question #9: The survey concluded by soliciting additional comments. Although there were only 20 people responded, there were many good suggestions, with only a couple of non-relative responses:

- The general appearance does not seem equal throughout the parks. Gerber seems to constantly be updated, Medina doesn't.
- Is there signage to these parks?
- all parks should be handicap accessible and most in Lenawee County are not handicap accessible
- Anyway Co.
- Would love to cross country ski at any park.
- promoting the parks....one a week in the paper or on FB or both. Have an event at the parks.
- Lenawee County has some of the best parks. Keep up the good work.
- Parks are nice for families. My taxes are going to support them.
- None of these parts were known to me before the survey
- Heritage Park, Trestle Park, Island Park are more accessible
- Hope this is helpful.
- Your parks suck
- More spaces for dogs off leash like designated dog parks or dog friendly areas/trails.
- Lenawee county needs more off road bike activities. Pump tracks are a great way to give bikers off road challenges without the large space needed for a trail system
- Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the USA. Communities have pickleball tournaments that bring revenue into the area. Pickleball attracts people to move into communities.
- We really need some outdoor pickleball courts in this county. It's the fastest growing sport in the US, yet there are no outdoor courts that are safe to play on.
- This county really needs some good outdoor pickleball courts!
- More police patrolling
- Raising awareness that these parks are open and available to the public. Advertising through Lenawee County Visitor's Bureau or having free family events at the parks to get people there?
- taking input from the residents could aid in getting buy in on what they would help fund.

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 Telegraph*, 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 Board of Commissioners held a public hearing to solicit public input on December 11, 2019. The Lenawee County Board of Commissioners approved the plan on December 11, 2019.

The advertisement is for 'classifieds@lenconnect.com' and features a prominent phone number '(517) 417-2009'. Below the header is a grid of various classified categories including Real Estate, Business, and Services. A 'SCAM ALERT' section is also visible, warning about a 'FREE MONEY' scam. The ad is dated Monday, November 25, 2019.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Section 4

IN THIS SECTION:

- Determining a Vision
- Goals and Objectives
- Goals 1-8

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 that provide citizens of the County with diverse choice and maximize 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; including but not limited to a park that specifically addresses the needs of the elderly, disabled and special needs.

Rationale:

“Maintenance and Upkeep” was identified as a contributing factor in the decision of 26% of community opinion survey respondents who visit parks other than those owned by Lenawee County (Q#6b). Other respondents commented on recent improvements at both Gerber Hill and Taylor Road Parks (Q#5).

The American Community Survey estimated that 15.6% of residents countywide have some type of disability between 2013 and 2017. An estimated 50% of those residents had an “ambulatory difficulty.” Several county parks are listed on accessforall.disabilityconnect.org an app maintained by DisAbilities Connections that provides accessibility reviews.

Goal #2— *Increase park visitor usage and tourism at county park facilities and expand recreational opportunities through cooperation and collaboration with public and private partners.*

Objectives:

- Seek out opportunities for special events in County parks.
- Improve advertising and communications with communities.
- Promote community awareness of County Parks.
- Work in cooperation and collaboration with state, local and private sector partners to enhance access and options to recreational facilities

Rationale:

One community opinion survey respondent suggested ‘*better publicity of their existence*’ while another commented on the ‘*need to know what the parks offer*’ (Q#5). Only 7% of respondents visited a county park for “organized sports” and only another 8% visited for “another type of event” (Q#6); write-in responses to that question included “reunion” and “wedding.” Only 17% 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#7). Finally, 74% of respondents indicated that they visit other parks regularly (Q#4a).

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By cooperating with state, local and private sector partners, access to and the variety of recreational facilities can be expanded. Sharing resources reduces the cost for any one entity while increasing the overall opportunities. An example of this cooperation is the extension of the Kiwanis Trail into the City of Tecumseh. Cooperation on the part of Lenawee County, the cities of Adrian and Tecumseh, and the townships of Adrian and Raisin, resulted in a grant award to extend the Kiwanis Trail into the city limits of Tecumseh.

Incorporation of the Connecting Lenawee Non-motorized Plan, the Kiwanis Trail Master Plan, and River Raisin Plan (**attachments A-C**) into the Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Plan positions Lenawee County to collaborate with public and private partners to extend these services to county residents.

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, 45% of community opinion survey respondents identified “walking trails,” 11% identified “fishing,” and 15% identified “birdwatching” (**Q#6**). Write-in responses included: “picnicking” (7), “walking/hiking” (5), “sledding” (1), “running” (1), “biking” (2), and “boat launch” (2). 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. pickleball, 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.

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Rationale:

The American Community Survey illustrates the wide spectrum of ages of its residents. ‘Generation Z’ and younger (people less than 15 years of age in 2017) comprised 18% of the countywide population and 19% of the population of Rural Lenawee County. ‘Millennials’ (people between 15 and 34 years of age in 2017) comprised 25% of the countywide population and 27% of the population of the Clinton-Tecumseh-Adrian Urbanizing Corridor. ‘Generation X’ (people between 35 and 54 years of age in 2017) accounted for 26% of the countywide population and 27% of the populations of the Irish Hills-Devils Lake Recreational Area and Rural Lenawee County. ‘Baby Boomers’ (people between 55 and 74 years of age in 2017) comprised 25% of the countywide population and 31% of the population of the Irish Hills-Devils Lake Recreational Area. The ‘Silent Generation’ and older (people 75 years of age or older in 2017) comprised 7% of the countywide population and 8% of the population of the Irish Hills-Devils Lake Recreational Area.

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.

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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.

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

Section 5

Action Program

- Action Program
 - Bicentennial Woods Park
 - Gerber Hill Park
 - Iron Lake Park
 - Medina Park
 - Ramsdell Park
 - Taylor Road Park

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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 2020 and 2024. 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 2020 and 2024. 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	\$15,000
	Parking lot upgrades	\$26,000
	Electrical for well and pavilion	\$12,000
Medium	Additional picnic tables/grills	\$7,000
	Metal shelter roof	\$12,000
	Trail enhancements	\$6,000
	Pave entrance / Lot grading	\$12,500
Low	Frisbee/disc golf course	\$10,000
	Ga-Ga ball court	\$750
	Pickleball court	
	Sand volley ball pit	\$3,000
	Bleachers for soccer fields	\$10,000

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	Property line fencing replaced	\$7,500
	Rework horse pits	\$750
	Property line fence replacement	\$7,500
	Playground equipment	\$15,000
Medium	Teaching area	\$25,000
	Wildlife planting (south side)	\$10,000
	Electrical at Pavilions	\$2,000
Low	Bleachers for soccer field	\$7,500
	Frisbee/disc golf course	\$10,000
	New soccer nets	\$2,000
	Redo the fencing for the baseball diamond	\$3,500

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.
- #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.

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- #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	Property line fence replacement	\$7,200
Medium	Outhouse	\$12,000
	Signage upgrades	\$3,000
Low	Drive graded and reworked	\$15,000

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 adventure-some Bean Creek.

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

Priority	Project Description	Estimated Cost
High	Playground equipment	\$15,000
	Fencing at front gate and parking lot replaced	\$10,500
	Signage upgrades	\$3,000
	Picnic tables/grills	\$7,000
	Rework horse pit	\$500
	Electrical at pavilions	\$1,100
Medium	Restroom facilities upgrade	\$3,500
	Metal shelter roofs (3)	\$36,000
	Reconstruct bridge and trail enhancements	\$50,000
	Pave entrance/driveway improvements	\$22,500
	Convert tennis court into basketball court	
	Repair Fence at Baseball and Tennis court areas	\$4000
Low	Frisbee/disc golf course	\$10,000
	Sand volley ball pit	\$3,000

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	RV camping area	\$50,000
	Convert swamp to pond	\$17,500
		<i>N/A = not available</i>

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.
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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	\$15,000
	Trail enhancements/grooming (cross country skiing)	\$5,000
	Establish controlled burn schedule	N/A
Medium	Picnic Tables	\$3,600
	32' x 32' Storage Building	\$50,000
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

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.

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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	Viewing areas for wildlife on and off of ponds	\$10,000
	Educational interactive activities	\$15,000
Medium	Signage upgrades	\$5,000
	Gate at entrance	\$4,500
Low	More trails added	\$7,500

N/A = not available

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.

General Collaboration with Recreation Partners

Position the Lenawee County Parks Commission to serve as a facilitator and collaborator in larger local projects and cross-jurisdictional recreation projects such as trails and waterways.

**Table 5-7
General Collaboration Program
Action Program Improvements**

Priority	Project Description	Estimated Cost
High	Incorporate non-profit recreations plans into County Plan	\$0
	Review local parks plans for cooperation options	\$0
Medium	Facilitate cross jurisdictional cooperation on parks	\$0
	Partner with private sector to improved options	\$0
Low	Explore regional trail connections with other counties	\$0

N/A = not available

Rationale:

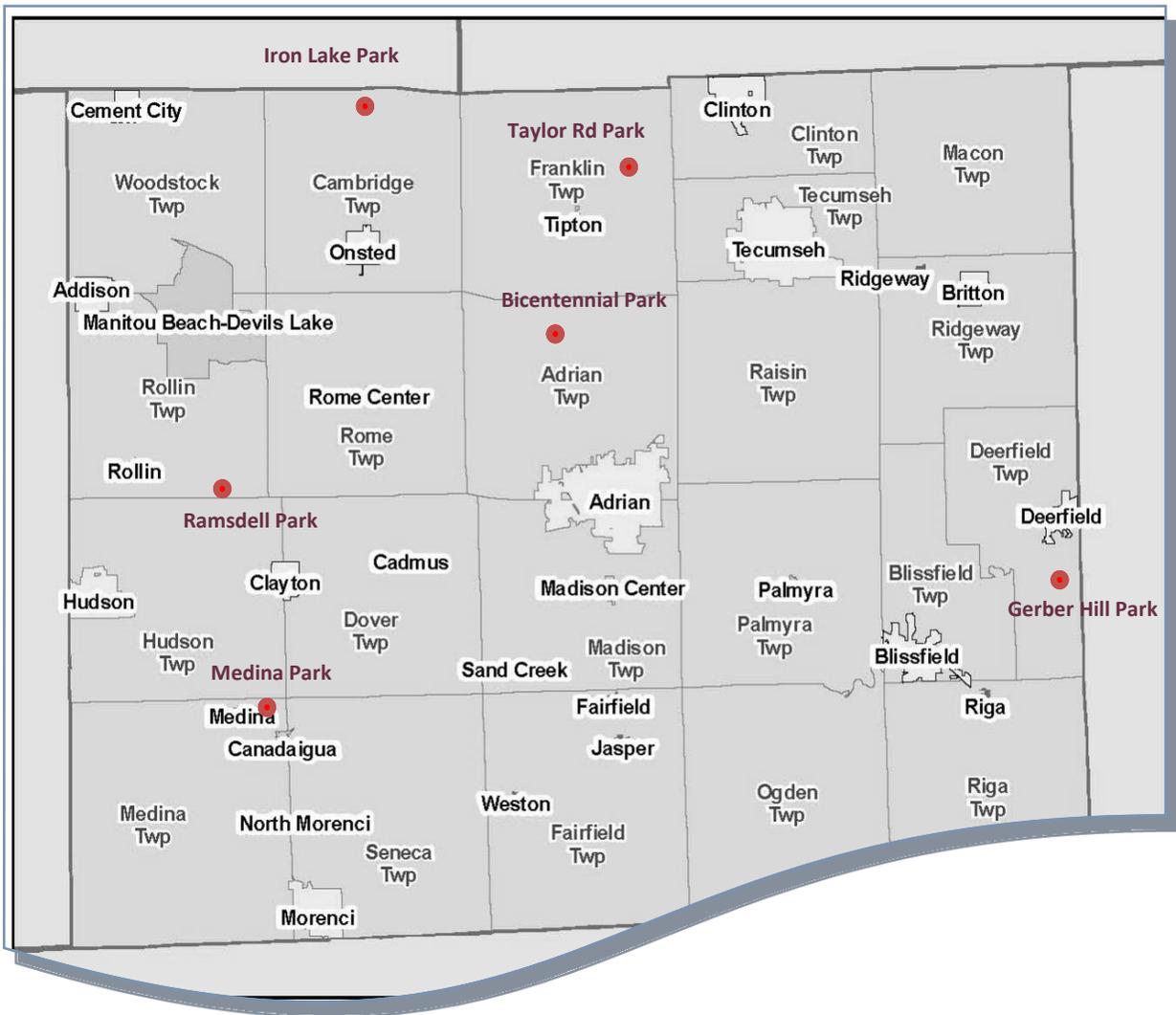
The projects proposed for General Collaboration implement the following goals and their underlying objectives:

- #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.

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- #2 Increase park visitor usage and tourism at county park facilities and expand recreational opportunities through cooperation and collaboration with public and private partners.
- #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**



APPENDIX A

Section 6

IN THIS SECTION:

- Population Summary
 - Demographics
 - Population History
 - Population Projections
 - Population gender
 - Age of Population
 - Household & Families
 - Racial & Ethnic Minorities

Appendix A - Population Summary

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 (C-T-A) Urbanizing Corridor

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 (C-T-A) Urbanizing Corridor. The Irish Hills-Deville Lake (IH-DL) 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 Recreation 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

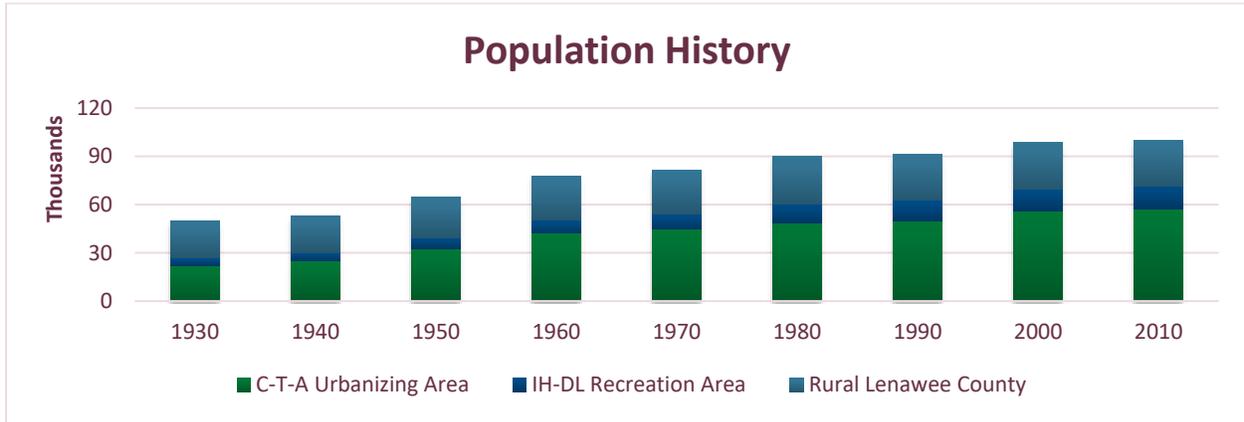
Source: U.S. Census Bureau & Region 2 Planning Commission

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.

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The population of the Clinton-Tecumseh-Adrian (C-T-A) Urbanizing Corridor increased by 18% from 1980-2010 while the County population only increased by 11.1%. Consequently, the percent of County residents living in the C-T-A Urbanizing Corridor has increased slightly from 54% in 1980 to 58% in 2010. The Irish Hills-Devils Lake (IH-DL) Recreational Area population increased 20% between 1980 and 2010, in contrast to the population of Rural Lenawee County which decreased by 5%.



Population Projections

The 2045 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”.

Population Projections

	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045
Lenawee County	98,572	99,021	100,179	100,919	101,112	100,660	99,514
C-T-A Urbanizing Corridor	56,861	57,275	58,102	58,687	58,956	58,849	58,330
IH-DL Recreation Area	14,116	14,247	14,481	14,656	14,753	14,754	14,653
Rural Lenawee County	27,595	27,499	27,596	27,576	27,403	27,057	26,531

Source: REMI & Region 2 Planning Commission

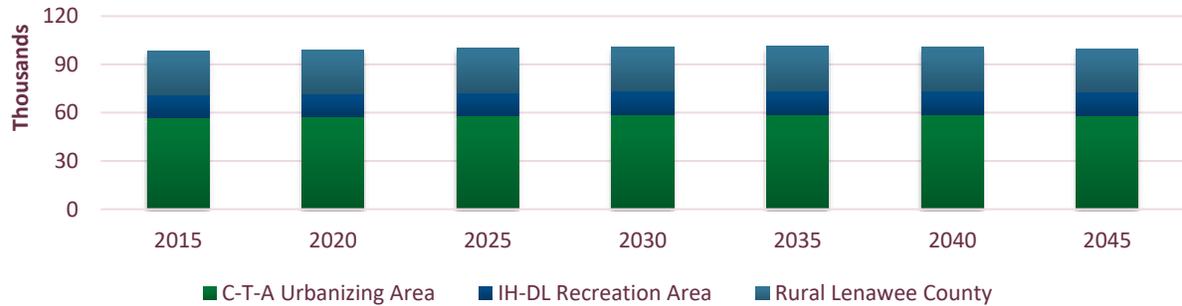
The Lenawee County population is projected to decrease 1% from 2010-2015, remain constant between 2015-2020, increase 2% from 2020-2030, remain constant between 2030-2040, and decrease 1% from 2040-2045. The population in the C-T-A Urbanizing Corridor is projected to decrease 1% between 2010-2015, increase 3% from 2015-2030, remain constant between 2030-2040, and decrease 1% from 2040-2045. The IH-DL Recreational Area population is projected to decrease 1% between 2010-2015, increase 4% from 2020-2035, remain constant between 2035-2040, and decrease 1% from 2040-2045. The population in Rural Lenawee County is projected to decrease 2% between 2010-2015, remain constant from 2015-2030, and decrease 4% between 2030-2045.

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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 2013-2017 (hereafter referred to simply as 2017).

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Gender

The ACS estimates that ratio of males per 100 females (i.e., the sex ratio) was 103 for Lenawee County in 2017. The sex ratio was 102 for the C-T-A Urbanizing Corridor and Rural Lenawee County. The sex ratio was 105 for the IH-DL Recreational Area.

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The Age of the Population

The median age of all Lenawee County residents in 2017 was an estimated 41.6 years according to the American Community Survey.

It was estimated that in 2017:

- **‘Generation Z’ and younger** (people less than 15 years of age in 2017) comprised 19% of the population of Rural Lenawee County, 18% of the population of the C-T-A Urbanizing Corridor, 15% of the population of the IH-DL Recreational Area, and 18% of the countywide population.
- **‘Millennials’** (people between 15 and 34 years of age in 2017) accounted for 27% of the population of the C-T-A Urbanizing Corridor, 24% of the population of Rural Lenawee County, 18% of the population of the IH-DL Recreational Area, and 25% of the countywide population.
- **‘Generation X’** (people between 35 and 54 years of age in 2017) comprised 27% of the population in both the IH-DL Recreational Area and Rural Lenawee County, 25% of the population of the C-T-A Urbanizing Corridor, and 26% of the countywide population.
- **‘Baby Boomers’** (people between 55 and 74 years of age in 2017) – accounted for 31% of the population of the IH-DL Recreational Area, 24% of the population of Rural Lenawee County, 23% of the population of the C-T-A Urbanizing Corridor, and 25% of the countywide population.
- **‘Silent Generation’ and older** (people 75 years of age or older in 2017) – comprised 8% of the population of the IH-DL Recreational Area, 7% of the population in both the C-T-A Urbanizing Corridor and Rural Lenawee County, and 7% of the countywide population.

Irish Hills-Devils Lake (IH-DL) Recreational Area

The Irish Hills and the Manitou Beach-Devils Lake Census Designated Place (CDP) are located in the northwestern 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 comprise the Recreational Area (please see Map A-1).

Households and Families

There were an estimated 38,115 households in Lenawee County in 2017, according to the ACS, with 55% located in the C-T-A Urbanizing Corridor, 29% located in Rural Lenawee County, and 16% located in the IH-DL Recreational Area. Families comprised 68% of Rural Lenawee County households, 67% of IH-DL Recreational Area households, 65% of C-T-A Urbanizing Corridor households, and 66% of households countywide. One-person households comprised 29% of C-T-A Urbanizing Corridor households, 29% of IH-DL Recreational Area households, 28% of Rural Lenawee County households, and 29% of households countywide.³ Other nonfamily households comprised 6% of C-T-A Urbanizing Corridor households, 5% of Rural

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

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Lenawee County households, 4% of IH-DL Recreational Area households, and 5% of households county-wide.

Households

	Lenawee County	C-T-A Urbanizing Corridor	IH-DL Recreational Area	Rural Lenawee County
Total Households	38,115	21,138	6,103	10,874
Family Households	25,130	13,716	4,073	7,341
1-Person Households	10,985	6,195	1,790	3,000
Other Non-Family Households	2,000	1,227	240	533

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

Racial and Ethnic Minorities

The majority of Lenawee County residents were white and non-Hispanic in 2017 according to the ACS. Racial minorities only comprised 9% of the population of the C-T-A Urbanizing Corridor, 5% of the population of Rural Lenawee County, 3% of the population of the IH-DL Recreational Area, and 7% of the countywide population.⁴ Hispanics accounted for 11% of the population of the C-T-A Urbanizing Corridor, 4% of the population of Rural Lenawee County, 3% of the population of the IH-DL Recreational Area, and 8% 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 16% of the population of the C-T-A Urbanizing Corridor, 15% of the population of both the IH-DL Recreational Area and Rural Lenawee County, and 15% of the countywide population. People with an ambulatory disability comprise 50% of the disabled population in both the C-T-A Urbanizing Corridor and the IH-DL Recreational Area, 45% of the disabled population of Rural Lenawee County, and 49% of the countywide disabled population.

Disabled Residents

	Lenawee County	C-T-A Urbanizing Area	IH-DL Recreational Area	Rural Lenawee County
< 5 Years	62	0	0	62
5-17 Years	1,323	833	142	348
18-34 Years	1,531	1,003	139	389
35-64 Years	5,970	3,313	892	1,765
65-75 Years	2,748	1,663	341	744
>75 Years	3,261	1,786	588	887
Total Disabled	14,895	8,598	2,102	4,195

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

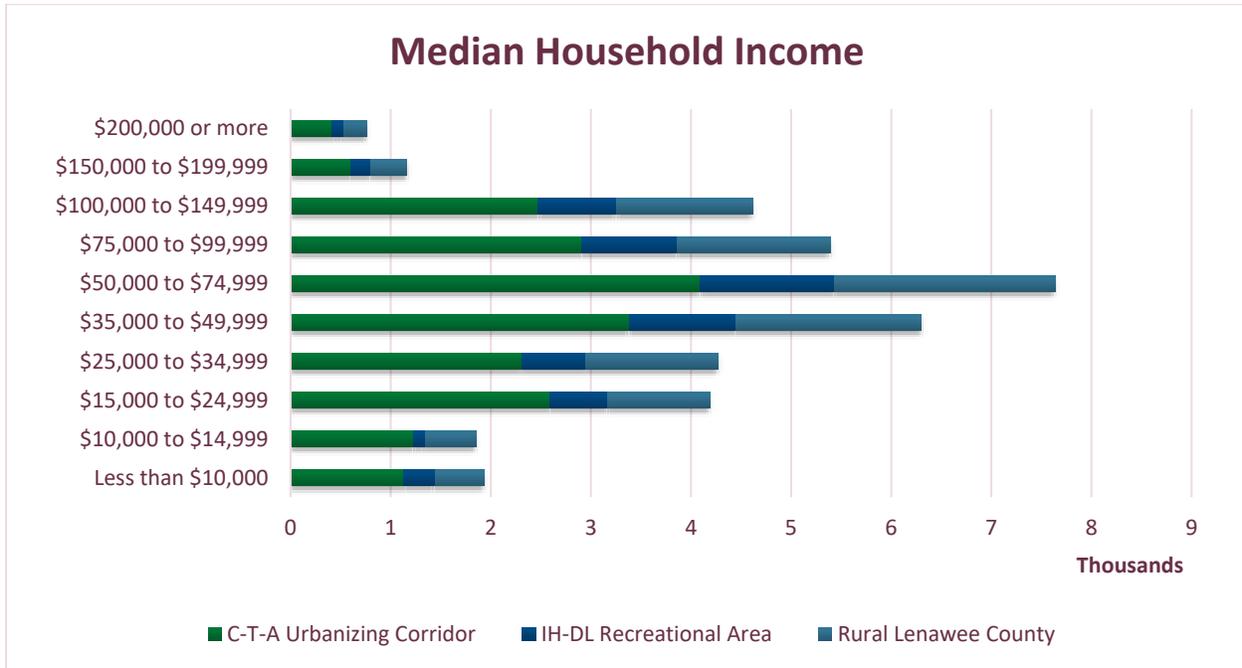
⁴ Racial minorities include African Americans, American Indians and Alaskan Natives, Asians, and Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders as well as people of some other race or more than one race.

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.

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Income

The estimated median household income was \$51,339 countywide in 2017, according to the ACS.^{6,7} The estimated median family income was \$63,490. The estimated median nonfamily income was \$30,888. The estimated per capita income was \$25,649.⁸



Households that were estimated by the ACS to have made less than \$25,000 a year in 2017 accounted for 23% of C-T-A Urbanizing Corridor households, 19% of Rural Lenawee County households, 17% of IH-DL Recreational Area households, and 21% of households countywide. Households that were estimated have made between \$25,000 and \$49,999 a year accounted for 29% of Rural Lenawee County households, 28% of IH-DL Recreational Area households, 27% of C-T-A Urbanizing Corridor households, and 28% of households countywide. Households that were estimated have made between \$50,000 and \$99,999 a year accounted for 37% of IH-DL Recreational Area households, 34% of Rural Lenawee County households, 33% of C-T-A Urbanizing Corridor households, and 34% of households countywide. Households that were estimated have made \$100,000 or more accounted for 18% of households in both the IH-DL Recreational Area and Rural Lenawee County, 17% of C-T-A Urbanizing Corridor households, and 17% of households countywide.

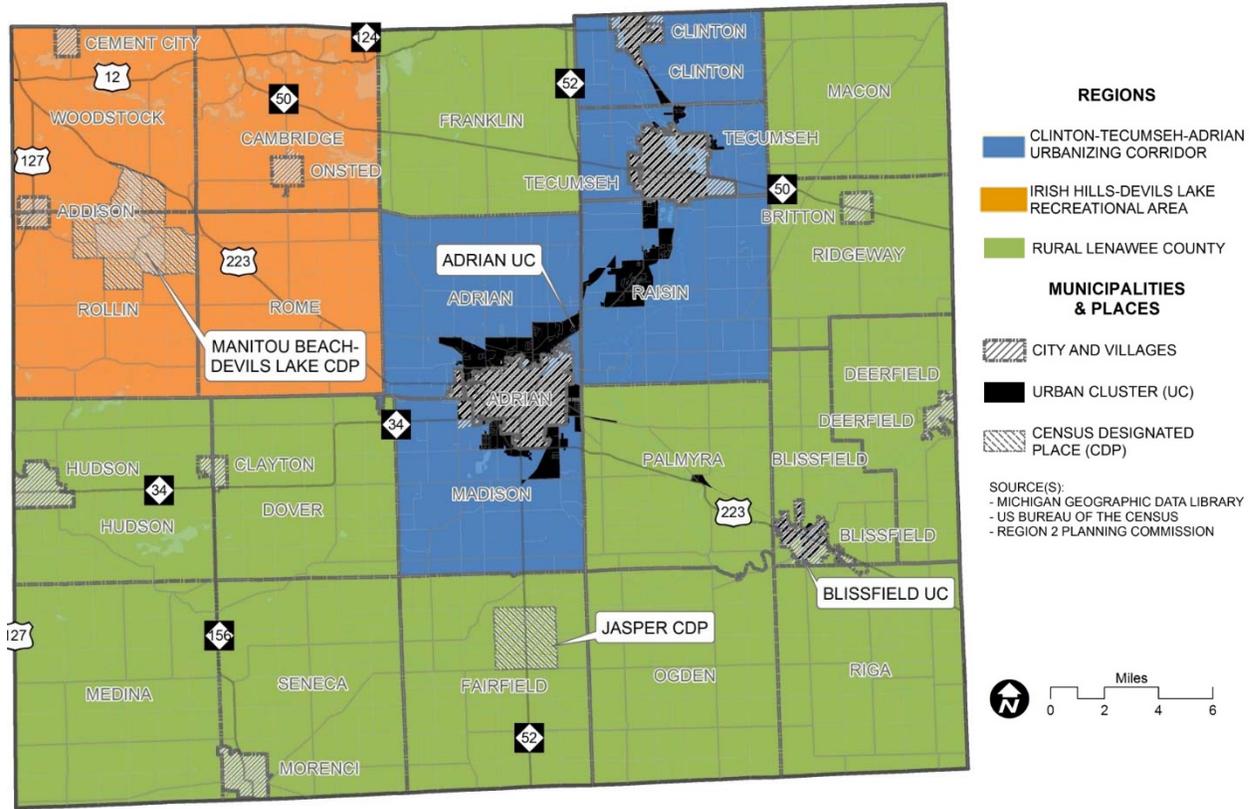
⁶ Household income, according to the American Community Survey (ACS), includes “income of the householder and all other people 15 years and older in the household, whether or not they are related to the householder.”

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.”

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**Map #A-1
Lenawee County Planning Regions**



ATTACHMENTS

IN THIS SECTION:

- A. Connection Lenawee Plan
- B. Adrian Area Non-Motorized Transportation Plan for the Kiwanis Trail and Surrounding Areas
- C. South Branch of the River Raisin Environmental Interaction Study
- D. Notice of Availability of the Draft Plan for Public Review & Comment
- E. Notice of Public Meeting
- F. Minutes from Board meeting/Public Hearing
- G. Post-Completion Self-Certification Reports

Section 7