

Recreation Plan

2018-2022

Bates Township, Michigan



2/15/2018

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Introduction

The 2018-2022 Bates Township Recreation Plan (Plan) has been developed to guide recreation improvements in the Township over the next five years and beyond. The Plan provides an overview of the community, presents an inventory of existing recreational facilities, and provides a framework for continued improvement and development of recreation facilities in Bates Township. The goal of the Plan is to establish a program of improvements that meet community needs but is also affordable and achievable for the Township. A five-year plan also qualifies Bates Township to apply for Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) recreation and other grants.

This Plan, prepared by GEI Consultants, was developed under the guidance of a Recreation Plan Committee on behalf of the Bates Township Board. Public comments and suggestions were taken under consideration during the development of the Plan. The Plan will continue to be updated, as needed, to address changing needs of the community. The Bates Township Board adopted the Plan on February 14, 2018.

Community Description

Iron County, with a population of 11,387 (US Census Bureau), is located in the southwestern portion of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, with U.S. 2 traversing the county from east to west. The county's southern boundary borders the Wisconsin state line, generally following the course of the Brule River, a popular sport fishing and canoe waterway.

A scenic area of 1,197 square miles, Iron County is characterized by rolling hills interspersed with tree framed lakes, comprising approximately 29,456 acres of pristine recreational waters. Of the 766,000 acres of land in the county, approximately 710,000 acres are forestlands, accounting for 91% of the total land area. There are numerous inland lakes and many miles of fishing streams in the County with much of them being navigable by canoe or kayak.

Iron County is a border county to the State of Wisconsin located to the south, separated for most of its border by the Brule River. A large portion of the local tourism economy consists of residents from neighboring states such as Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, and other midwestern states travelling to the area to enjoy the local rural landscape and the many outdoor activities that are available in the County and Township.

Bates Township is located near the center of Iron County with urban clusters to its east and west sides. The urban cluster on the west side is the City of Iron River. The City of Crystal Falls is the major urban and population center on its east side. Its location, along with its natural assets, allows Bates Township to provide a range of recreational opportunities within a short driving distance for many residents of the entire county as well as neighboring counties and states. In addition, US-2 bisects the Township which allows tourists and travelers to also easily access recreational features in Bates Township.

The extent and focus of the Plan and goals of Bates Township is to first enhance those areas where large numbers of people gather and then to also plan and reach out to other opportunities that can be developed to promote tourism and recreational opportunities. The recreation committee seeks to both preserve and develop the natural recreational opportunities that exist. To do this, the committee and Township Board are open to the idea of acquiring key properties that can provide these values. The Township Board has approached the County as well as the local school system in order to foster communication which may result in the acquisition of additional key properties, including river front opportunities and playground enhancement facilities.

Administrative Structure

In Bates Township, park and recreational facilities are ultimately managed by the Township Board that meets monthly according to a published schedule. The Township's Recreation Committee is responsible for advising the Township Board on items relating to upkeep, operation and expansion of the recreation facilities and programs. The recommendations of the Recreation Committee are acted on by the Township Board. Day to day activities are performed under the direction of the Township Supervisor. Current Township Board members and Parks and Recreation Committee members are as shown below:

Board of Trustees

Jon Oberlin, Supervisor
Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk
Teresa Nelson, Treasurer
John Bobnock, Trustee
Mike Franzene, Trustee

Parks and Recreation Committee

Mike Franzene
Mike Golas
Mike Stafford

Bates Township supports and maintains recreation facilities through annual budget appropriations in addition to camping and rental fees that are collected from the Bates Township Park. Maintenance is carried out by Township employees. The Annual Recreation Budget provides approximately \$12,000 for operations and maintenance of existing facilities. Additional funding is appropriated as needed. For the budget year 2017-18 the Township's recreation budget is \$12,000.

Inventory of Existing Parks Natural Areas and Recreation Facilities

Bates Township provides and maintains access to a number of recreation facilities for both local residents and tourists. Figure 1 located in Appendix A shows the locations of the following sites in the Township.

- **Bates Township Park (Sunset Lake):** Bates Township Park which is located on Sunset Lake includes a number of different amenities that allow park visitors to enjoy swimming, fishing, boating, camping, and other activities. Park facilities include a pavilion with a concession building and covered fireplace, ball field, basketball court, playground equipment, restrooms, changing house and beach, fishing pier, boat wash station and launch, campground, and accessible trails throughout the park. A map of Sunset Lake, courtesy of Justin Nelson is included in Figure 2 of Appendix A.

An accessibility evaluation conducted by GEI resulted in an accessibility ranking of (4) in which all of the existing features meet the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design.

- **Chicaugon Lake Public Access Boat Landing:** This property was donated to Bates Township by the late Tony Andreski. On September 28, 2005, a project including a “shallow access” boat landing, on the north shore of the lake was completed by Alex Atanasoff as an Eagle Scout project. Atanasoff organized the project, which included a donation of gravel by Dr. Robert Han, the use of equipment and miscellaneous items by Krist Oil, a bench from the Chicaugon Lake Association, and a monetary donation from Iron County Wildlife Unlimited. The landing is capable of handling small boats, canoes or kayaks. A site plan map of the Chicaugon Lake Public Access Boat Landing is included in Figure 3 of Appendix A.

An accessibility evaluation conducted by GEI resulted in an accessibility ranking of (1) in which none of the existing features meet the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design.

- **Paint River Access Site:** The Paint River Access site is an approximately 40-acre parcel that was given to the Township from Iron County. The property is located on County Road 643 (Bates-Amasa Road) just north of the Paint River. The parcel is currently undeveloped but does have a small river access located on the west side of the Bates-Amasa Road that is used for launching canoes and kayaks. The property was given to the Township on the premise that the Township develop the site into a park. Preliminary plans are for the development of primitive campsites on the property located west of the Bates-Amasa Road. A potential site development plan of the property is included in Figures 4A, 4B, and 4C of Appendix A. Also, the

proposed park property is located in a prime location to enhance the Township's Paint River Water Trail.

An accessibility evaluation conducted by GEI resulted in an accessibility ranking of (1) in which none of the existing features meet the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design.

- **Paint River Water Trail:** The Paint River Water Trail is an approximate 5-mile route along the Paint River that starts at Paint Dam and ends at the Bates Amasa Road at the site of the Township's Paint River Access Site. The Paint River is a popular canoe and rafting river that has multiple rapids and over 65 miles of navigable waters. The Hemlock Rapids are located on the Township's Trail. Figure 4D in Appendix A shows the Township's Water Trail.

An accessibility evaluation conducted by GEI resulted in an accessibility ranking of (1) in which none of the existing features meet the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design.

- **Bates School:** The Township has recently acquired the former Bates School located on Highway US-2 just west of the Bates-Gaastra Road. The 4.9-acre site includes the former Bates School and adjacent property including parking areas, a playground, and activity field. The school building includes a gymnasium, kitchen, and other rooms that have recently been used for school activities, storage, and office space. A site plan map of the Bates School is included in Figure 5 of Appendix A. An accessibility evaluation conducted by GEI resulted in an accessibility ranking of (2) in which some of the existing features meet the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design.
- **Iron County Non-Motorized Heritage Trail:** This bicycle/pedestrian trail has been developed in multiple phases with additional development planned in the future. The existing portions of the trail are shown on Figure 6 in Appendix A. The current trail links the Cities of Iron River, Caspian, and Gaastra along with Stambaugh Township. The trail begins in Iron River and currently ends at Pentoga Park located on Chicagoan Lake in Stambaugh Township. Plans for future phase include additional trail development with proposed routes through Bates Township to connect to an existing trail in Crystal Falls Township that extends into the City of Crystal Falls.

An accessibility evaluation conducted by GEI resulted in an accessibility ranking of (4) in which all of the existing features meet the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design.

- **Windsor Center:** Bates Township is a member of the Windsor Recreation Authority (WRA) which funds and operates the recreation programs at the Windsor Center located along Highway US-2 in the City of Iron River as indicated on Figure 1 of Appendix A. This building was the former West Iron County High School which was

converted to the Windsor Center instead of being demolished. The members of the WRA are the City of Iron River, Iron River Township, Stambaugh Township, and Bates Township. Recreation activities that take place at the Windsor Center are basketball, bocce, exercise, art, woodworking, dance, and more. The Windsor Center has a gymnasium for basketball and other activities; an auditorium which is used for movies, dance recitals, plays, lectures, concerts, open mic night and other activities; cafeteria; a woodshop; bocce courts; art room; computer lab; golf simulator; tennis; pickleball; karate; and various office rooms. The Windsor Center is the primary provider for youth and seniors. The WRA is funded by the member community tax dollars as well as donations from the community, registration fees for activities, and donations from the Friends of the Windsor Center (FOWC) group. So far, the FOWC have providing funding for a professional sound system in the auditorium, entry improvements, signage, movie theater equipment, installation of broadband internet and Wi-Fi, installation of donated organ and piano, and numerous building renovations.

An accessibility evaluation conducted by GEI resulted in an accessibility ranking of (2) in which some of the existing features meet the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design.

Natural Resource Inventory

Bates Township is largely forested with a vast number of rivers and lakes. The majority of the land can be categorized as:

1. privately owned land enrolled in the Commercial Forest Act and open to the public for recreational purposes;
2. federally owned land open to the public for recreational purposes; or
3. state owned land open to the public for recreational purposes.

Consequently, thousands of acres are available for year-round outdoor recreation. Popular activities include fishing, hunting, camping, snowmobiling, biking, walking, hiking, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing.

The following natural resource inventory includes the types and location of recreation facilities currently available in the Township (see Figure 1 of Appendix A for locations) and accessibility assessments and rankings are provided for each site based on the parameters outlined in the “DNR Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans.”

BATES TOWNSHIP NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY

Location	Activity	Owner	Facilities
Bates School Forest (1)	Natural Area/Wilderness	West Iron Schools	Forest/Natural Area
Block-House (1)	Canoe Access	Federal	Camp units (2), fishing, canoe access
Lake Emily (2)	Boat/Fishing Access	State (DNR Access)	Fishing and boat access, toilet
Lake Sainte Kathryn (1)	Campground	Federal	Camp units (25), picnic facilities, swimming, fishing, hiking
Hannah Webb Lake (1)	Boat/Fishing Access	Federal	Boat Launch
Nesbitt Lake (Camp Nesbitt) (1)	Campground	Federal	Camping, swimming, canoeing (used by schools in the U.P.)
Norway Lake (1)	Campground	Federal	Camp units (28), picnic facilities, swimming, fishing
Perch Lake (1)	Campground	Federal	Camp units (20), fishing, boat access
Winslow Lake (1)	Boat/Fishing Access	Federal	Boat Launch

- (1) None of the facilities meet Accessibility Guidelines
 (2) Some of the facilities meet Accessibility Guidelines
 (3) Most of the facilities meet Accessibility Guidelines

- (4) Facilities meet Accessibility Guidelines
 (5) Entire facility developed/renovated using principles of Universal Design

DNR Recreation Grants Inventory

Below is a summary of past DNR Recreation Grants the Township has received.

- **Bates Township Park (26-00349)**
 - In 1972 the Township received a \$30,500 grant to develop 7 acres of land to develop their park on Sunset Lake. The project included a boat ramp/launch, parking area, beach improvements, picnic area, baseball field, pavilion, horseshoes courts, swimming raft, multi-purpose court, and a bathhouse. This project has been completed and the project status is closed.

- **Bates Township Park Improvements (TF11-105)**
 - In 2011 the Township received a \$155,900 grant for some improvements at the Township's Sunset Lake Park. The park development project included barrier-free access trails throughout the site, improvements to the existing pavilion and fire place, a new accessible food service building at the pavilion, a new fishing pier, drainage improvements and upgrades to the existing access drives. This project has been completed and the project status is closed.

The Post Completion Self-Certification Checklists for each of the above listed projects are included in Appendix B.

Description of the Planning and Public Input Process

The Bates Township Board recognizes the need for a recreation plan in order to provide its residents and visitors with recreation opportunities. To obtain input from residents the Township Supervisor appointed a recreation plan committee to represent interests of the Township as a whole and to develop a plan for providing the best recreational opportunities for Township residents and visitors. There were multiple methods used to gather input for the Recreation Plan as outlined below.

- A Public Workshop was held at the Township Hall on December 13, 2017 to discuss, plan, and gather public input on recreational opportunities within the Township. The Workshop was attended by the Township Board, the Parks and Recreation Committee, and members of the Township. The workshop focused on gathering information on what types of recreational activities the Township should consider pursuing.
- Parks and Recreation Committee members and Township Residents were provided with a list of recreational activities and opportunities that were included in the original Recreation Plan and discussed at the December 13th Public Workshop to provide a priority ranking of the activities that they wanted to see the Township address.
 - During a Parks and Recreation Committee meeting on December 21 the committee reviewed and organized the input and responses that were received on the types of recreational improvements wanted by the community. The table below is a summary of the final ranking of improvements that were submitted.

Bates Township Potential Recreational Improvements		
Priority Ranking	Location	Activity/Improvement
1	Bates School	Development of soccer field
1	Bates School	Development of walking loop
1	Paint River Access Site	Development of primitive camp sites (2 sites)
1	Paint River Access Site	Development of boat launch rebuild
2	Bates School	Development of basketball court
2	Bates School	Development of additional parking
2	Bates Township Park	Beach improvements
3	Bates Township Park	Boat launch enhancements
3	Paint River Access Site	Development of additional primitive camp sites
4	Paint River Access Site	Development of hiking trail
5	Paint River Access Site	Development of an ADA accessible launch site
6	Bates School Forest	Development of forest hiking/bicycle trail
6	Paint River Access Site	Development of primitive site access road

- A draft copy of the Recreation Plan was available for review and comment at the Bates Township Hall, the West Iron Public Library and was available on the Bates Township webpage (www.batestownship.com). The draft copy was available for 35 days prior to the Public Hearing.
 - There were no written or verbal comments submitted during the public comment period.
- A Public Hearing was held at the Township Hall on February 14, 2018 to discuss, plan, and gather public input on recreational opportunities within the Township. An advertisement was placed in the January 10, 2018 edition of the Iron County Reporter notifying the public of the Public Hearing. A copy of the minutes from this Public Hearing including the comments received are included in Appendix C.

Goals and Objectives

Our goals and objectives are based on our abundantly available natural resources, our current inventory of recreational facilities, our inventory of potential sites for new facilities and our population.

The Township has recognized that a large portion of the people using the Township's recreational facilities are not only full-time residents but seasonal residents and tourists. While seasonal residents may own property in the Township and participate in local recreational functions they may not be counted in official population estimates. Providing recreational opportunities that attract and retain these seasonal residents and tourist is vital to the success of the Township's Recreation Plan.

Quality of life is one of the most important attributes that brings residents and visitors to Bates Township. Our natural resources are a major part of the setting that makes this area a superior place to live, work and recreate. Development and improvement of recreation facilities is important to maintaining this high quality of life.

The Township's goals and objectives include, but are not limited to, the following:

Goal 1: To develop the recently obtained Paint River Access Property into an outdoor recreational facility.

Objective 1A: Develop the currently undeveloped site to allow access for enjoying the natural wilderness area and scenic Paint River by providing primitive campsites on the property along with other site improvements that will attract local residents and tourist to the area.

Objective 1B: Improve access to the Paint River by developing an accessible small craft launch site.

There was some concern over the scope of the improvements at this site. Residents did not want to see a full blown campsite and had concerns over management and maintenance of the new facility. The idea of primitive paddle up camp sites and improvements to the access site were welcomed.

Goal 2: To maintain and improve our existing resources and facilities.

Objective 2: Make improvements to existing features at Bates Township Park such as beach and boat launch improvements.

A concern of residents was the additional time and cost associated with maintenance they did not want to see facilities fall into disrepair or have garbage and litter problems.

Goal 3: Provide additional recreation facilities in the Township to tie into and enhance recreational facilities in the surrounding area.

Objective 3A: Provide soccer fields, basketball courts, walking/biking trails, and other recreational opportunities that will allow Township residents to enjoy these activities in their community instead of traveling outside the community to enjoy.

Objective 3B: Work with other local communities to continue to develop the county wide non-motorized trail system.

Goal 4: Provide affordable recreation opportunities that allow people of all ages and abilities to enjoy.

Objective 4A: Provide parks with multiple recreational opportunities that cater to people of all ages and abilities.

Objective 4B: Ensure recreational facilities are constructed or updated to meet ADA Accessibility requirements.

Comments from residents supported the idea of improving the existing facilities to improve access and accessibility.

Goal 5: Provide recreation opportunities that attract and retain seasonal residents and tourists.

Objective 5A: Provide parks with camping and other outdoor recreational opportunities that will attract and appeal to people from urban areas.

The response to additional and improved outdoor recreational activities was very positive.

Action Program

To meet the recreational goals and objectives of the Township, a number of recreational enhancement opportunities have been identified. These opportunities were identified through the public information and planning process that was conducted during the development of this plan. The completion of these opportunities depends heavily on the availability of funds. It is expected that the Township will apply for grant funding for the completion of these projects. These grant funds when combined with budgeted funding as well as donations of funds, materials, and/or labor are expected to fund recreation improvements within the Township. Below is a list and brief description of the proposed improvements at each of the Township's recreational sites. The improvements have also been separated into higher priority needs that the Township would like to complete or more immediate needs and lower priority

Paint River Access Site

- Canoe/kayak put-in/take-out that is universally accessible
- Water Trail Head
- Expand the Water Trail to a regional trail system and collaborate with other municipalities along the Paint River.
- Primitive camp sites
 - Initially develop up to 2 camping sites during the park development and eventually add additional sites as use warrants.
- Toilets facilities
- Hiking trails
- Interpretive signage
- Develop a park/picnic area at the site

Funding sources:

- MDNR Recreation Grants
- Local Funding
- Community Donations

Bates School

- Development of soccer fields
- Development of ADA accessible restroom facility to serve outdoor activities

- Development of walking loop
- Development of basketball court(s)
- Development of additional ADA accessible parking to serve the site
- ***Funding sources:***
 - MDNR Recreation Grants
 - Local Funding
 - Community Donations

Bates Township Park (Sunset Lake)

- Beach and other waterfront improvements
- Boat launch improvements

Funding sources:

- MDNR Recreation Grants
- Local Funding
- Community Donations

Bates School Forest

- Develop a nature trail in the Bates School Forest
- Interpretive and informational signage along the route
- Mountain bike trail

Funding sources:

- MDNR Recreation Grants
- Local Funding
- Community Donations

Iron County Non-Motorized Heritage Trail

- Continue to assist with the development of a county wide bicycle and pedestrian trail system.
- Development of additional trail heads at significant locations within the Township. Trail heads may contain restrooms, pavilions, informational signage, parking and access areas, and other site amenities.

Funding sources:

- MDNR Recreation Grants
- MDNR or MDOT Trail Fund Grants
- Local Funding
- Community Donations

Windsor Center

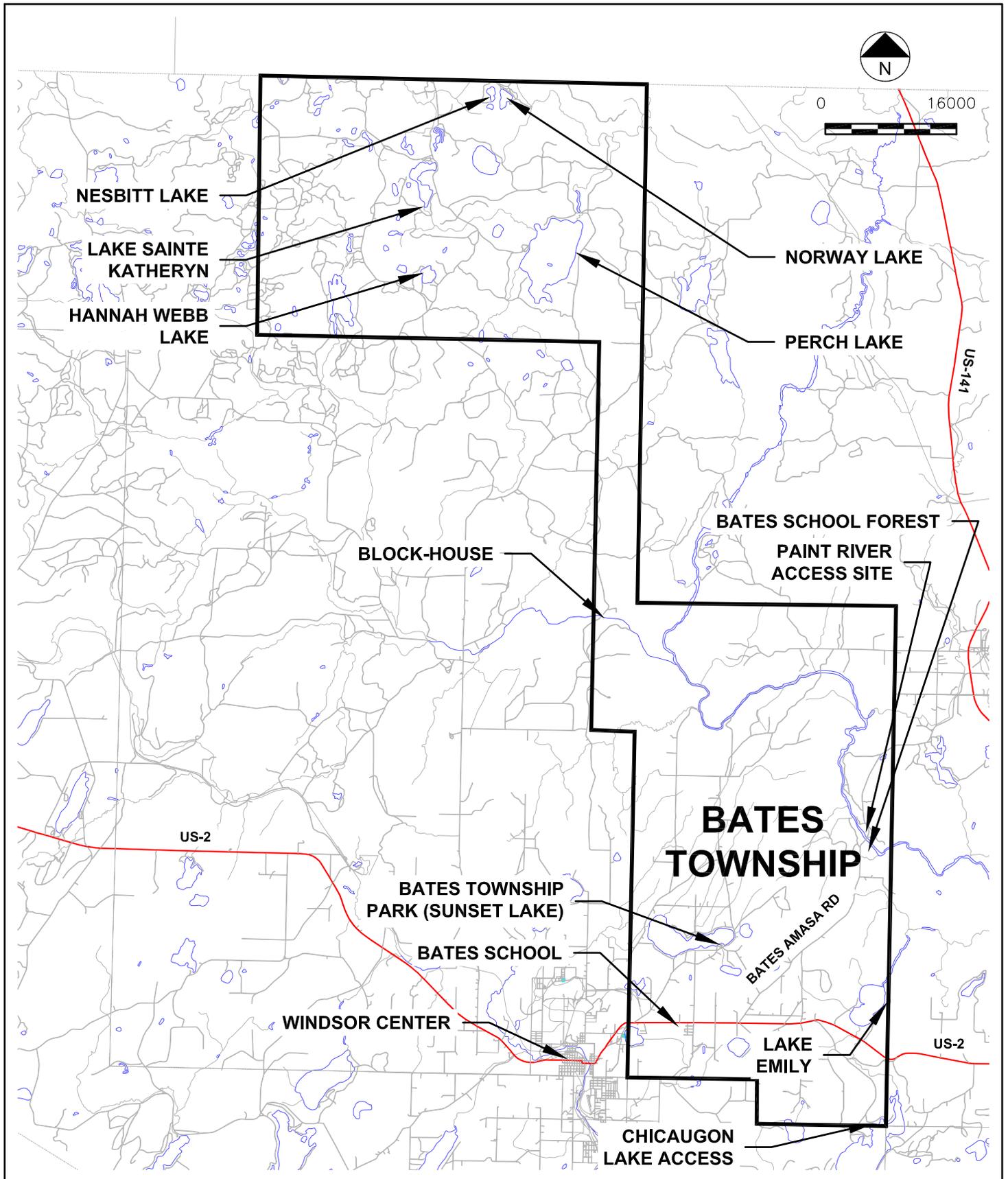
- In 2012 the Windsor Recreation Authority hired an architectural firm to complete a study of the feasibility for continued use of the Windsor Center building. The study concluded the building is structurally sound but in need to energy conservation measures to reduce operating costs. In addition, accessibility, safety, and egress improvements were also recommended to bring the facility up to current building codes and standards. The following is a list of recommended improvements to building to address the issues identified during the study but not limited to the following:
 - Replace Roofs
 - Tuckpoint Exterior Brick
 - Structural Repairs as Necessary to Preserve Building
 - Insulate Exterior Walls
 - Remodel Restrooms for Water Conservation and make Barrier-Free
 - Replace Exterior Doors
 - Install Fire Suppression System
 - New Wall and Flooring Finishes
 - Replace Door Hardware to make Barrier-Free
 - Repair Terrazzo Flooring
 - Increase Daylighting
 - Heating and Ventilation Improvements
 - Install Air Conditioning Units
 - Plumbing Improvements
 - Upgrade Electrical Service and Wiring in Building
 - Install Backup Electrical Generators
 - Upgrade Lighting System to LED Fixtures
 - Upgrade Mechanical Equipment

Funding sources:

- Energy Efficiency Grants
- Local Funding
- Community Donations

Appendix A

Maps and Figures



RECREATION PLAN
2018-2022

Bates Township
Michigan

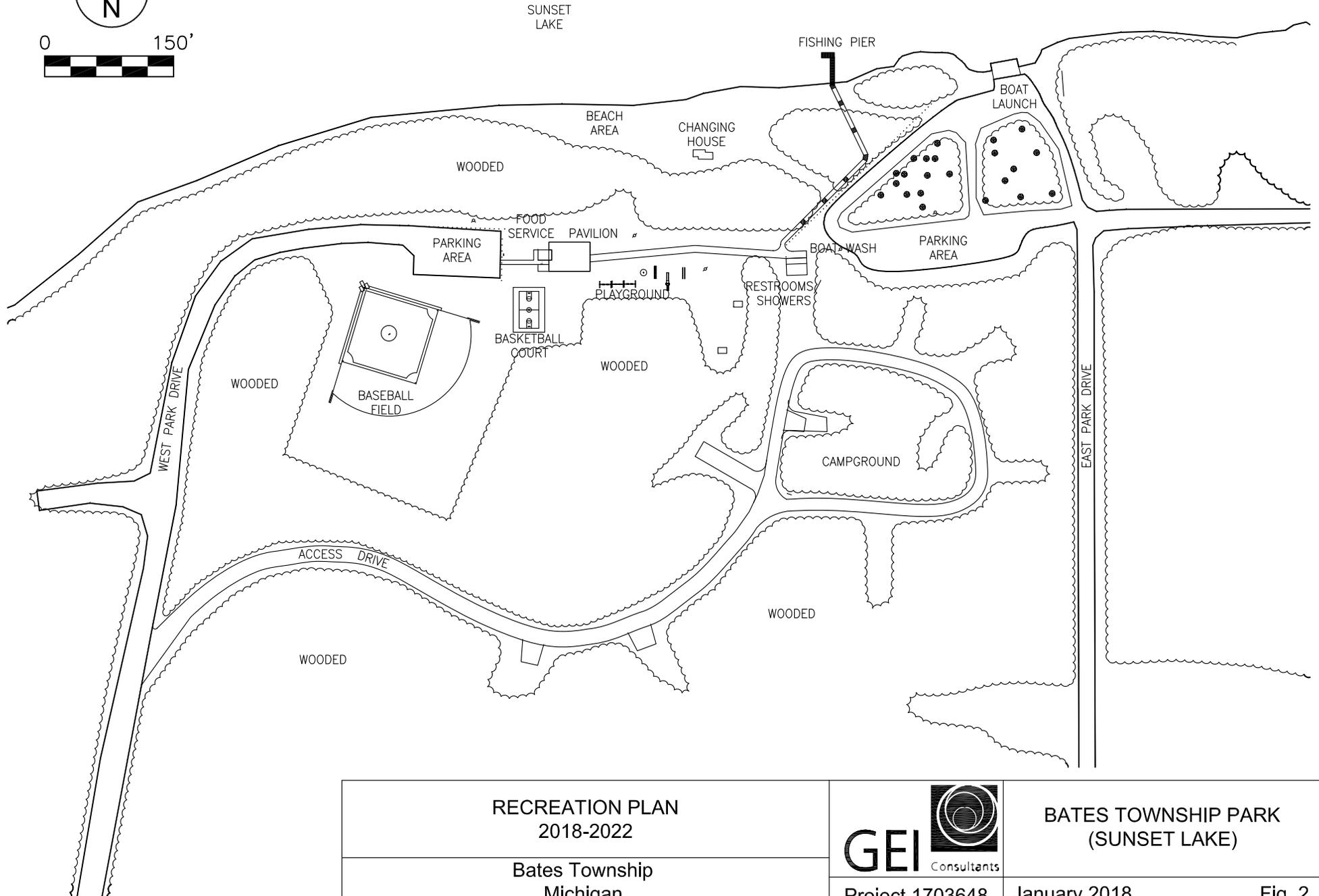
GEI Consultants

Project 1703648

RECREATION SITES

January 2018

Fig. 1



RECREATION PLAN
2018-2022

Bates Township
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BATES TOWNSHIP PARK
(SUNSET LAKE)

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January 2018

Fig. 2



RECREATION PLAN
2018-2022



CHICAUGON LAKE PUBLIC
ACCESS BOAT LANDING

Bates Township
Michigan

Project 1703648

January 2018

Fig. 3

MISKWAAGAMIWIZIIBI PARK (RED RIVER)

PROPOSED PARK PLAN

BEING GOV'T LOT 2 OF SECTION 36, T44N R34W,
BATES TOWNSHIP, IRON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

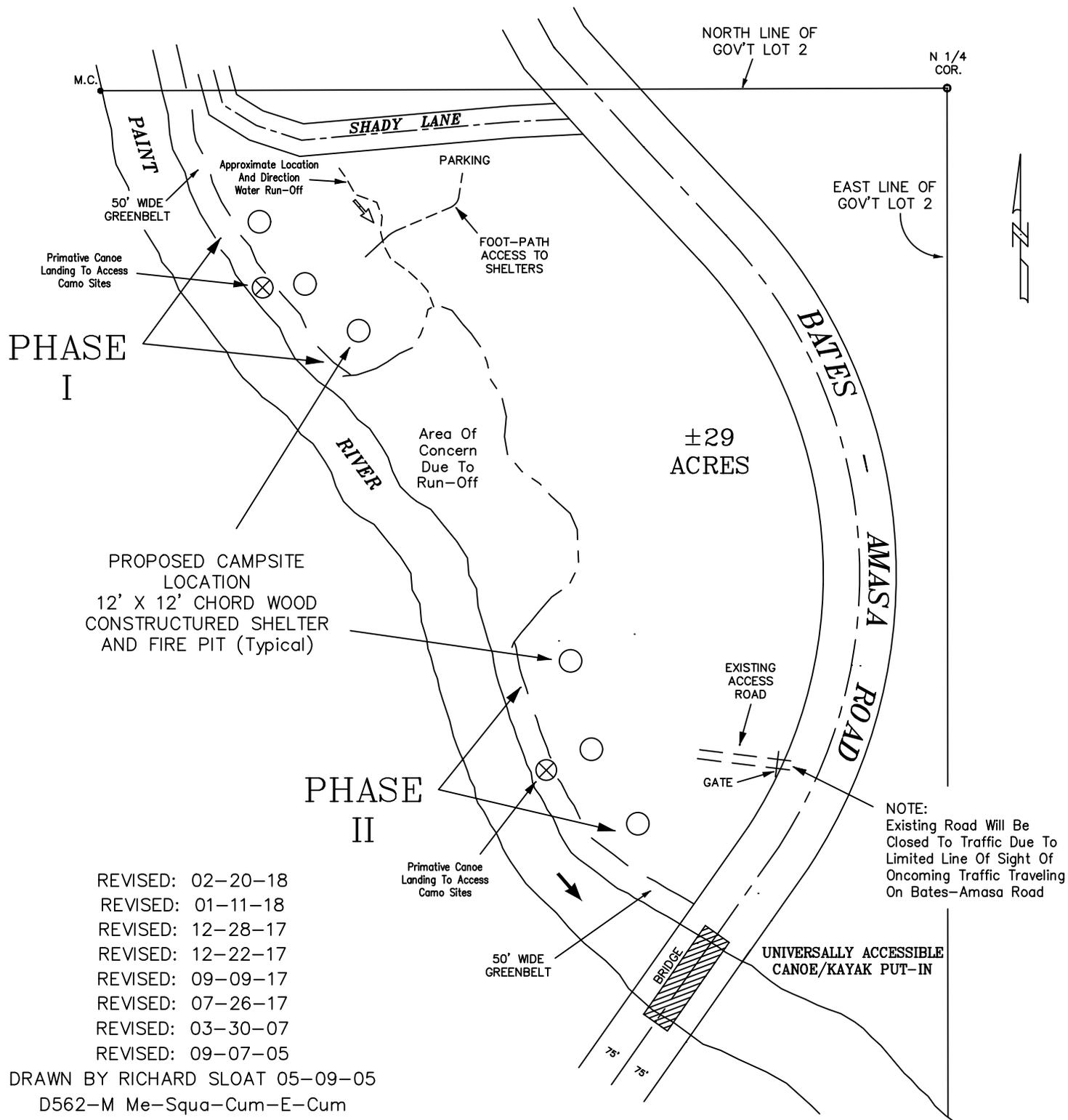


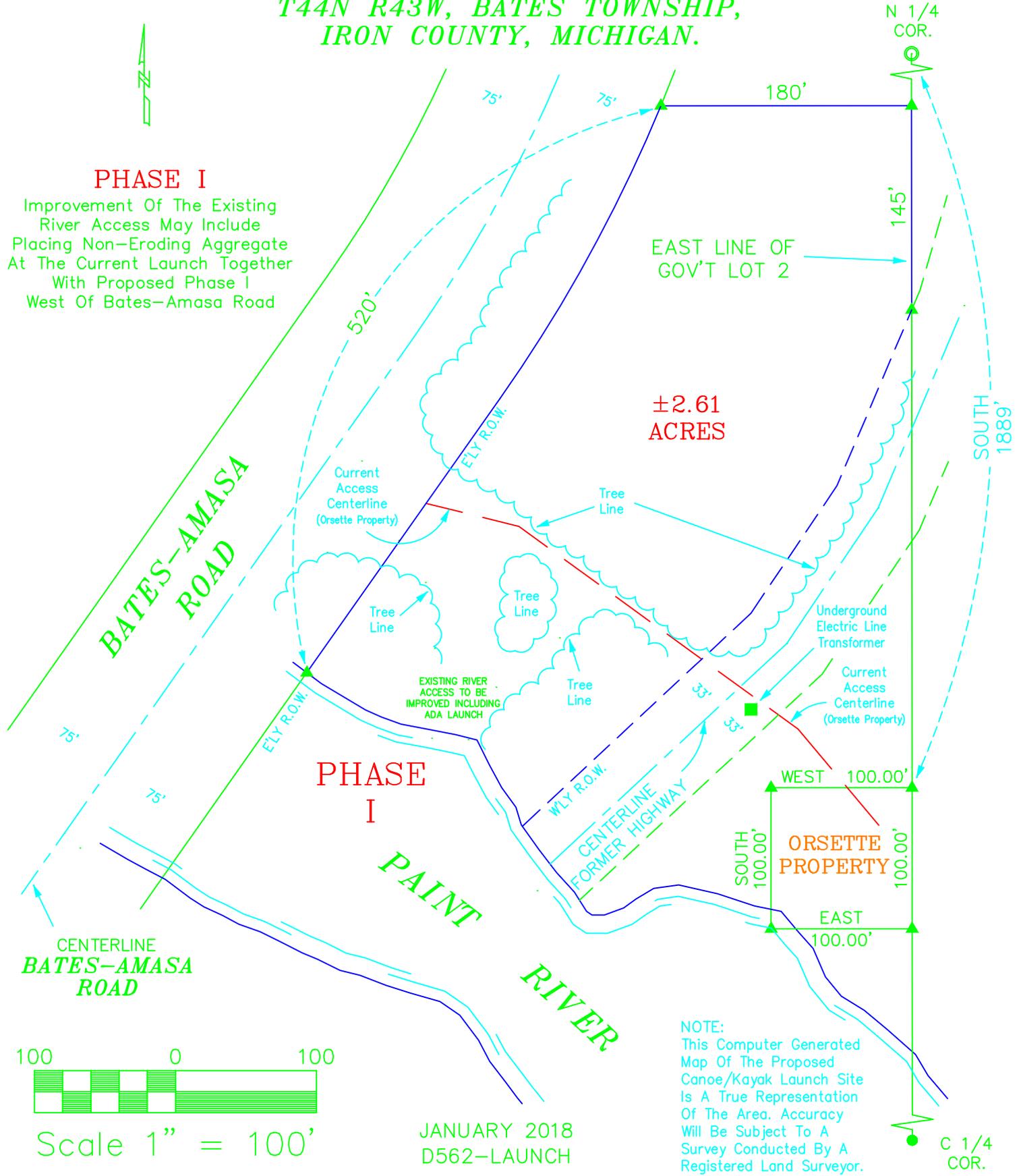
Figure 4B

CANOE/KAYAK LAUNCH SITE

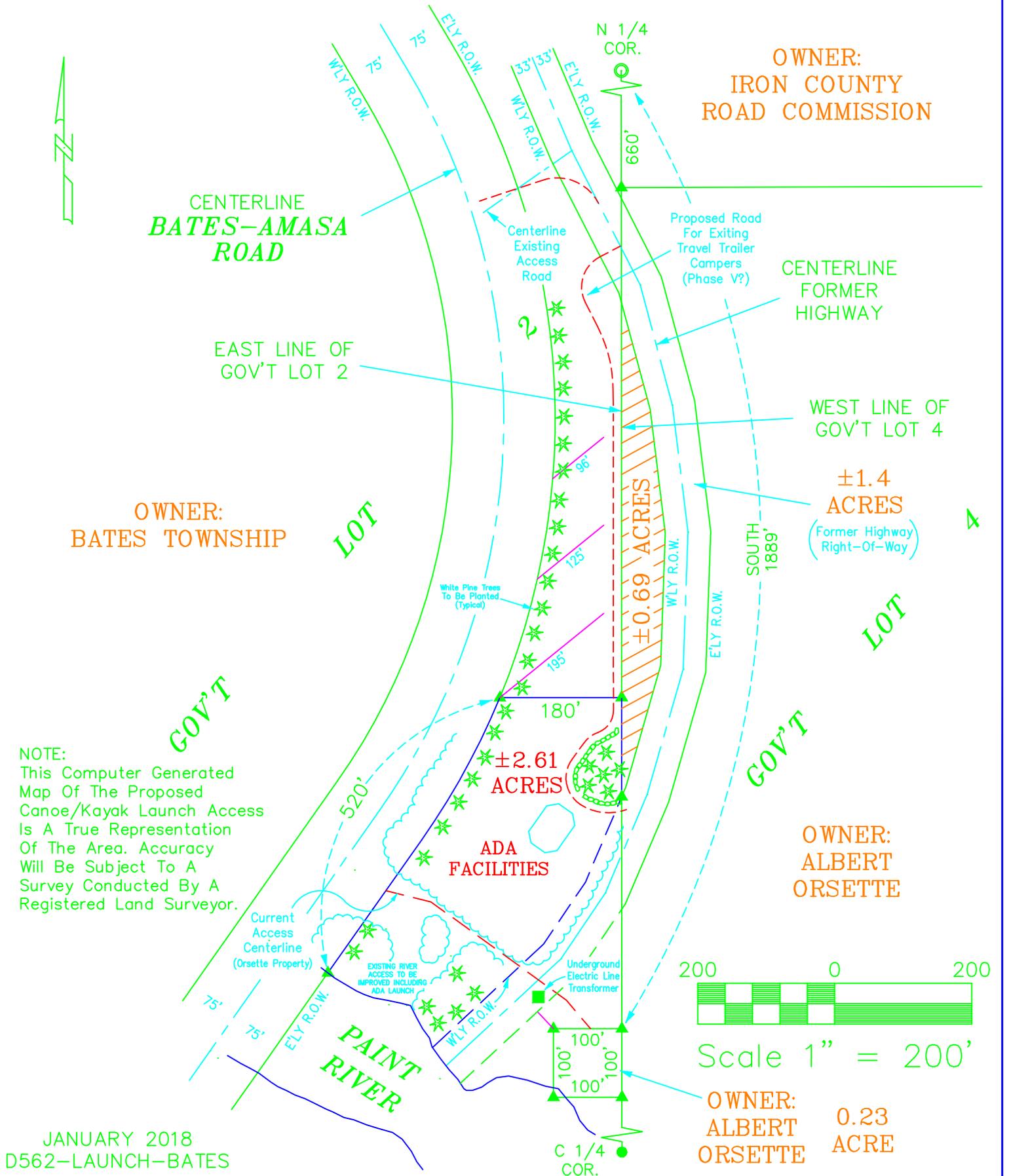
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T44N R43W, BATES TOWNSHIP,
IRON COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

PHASE I

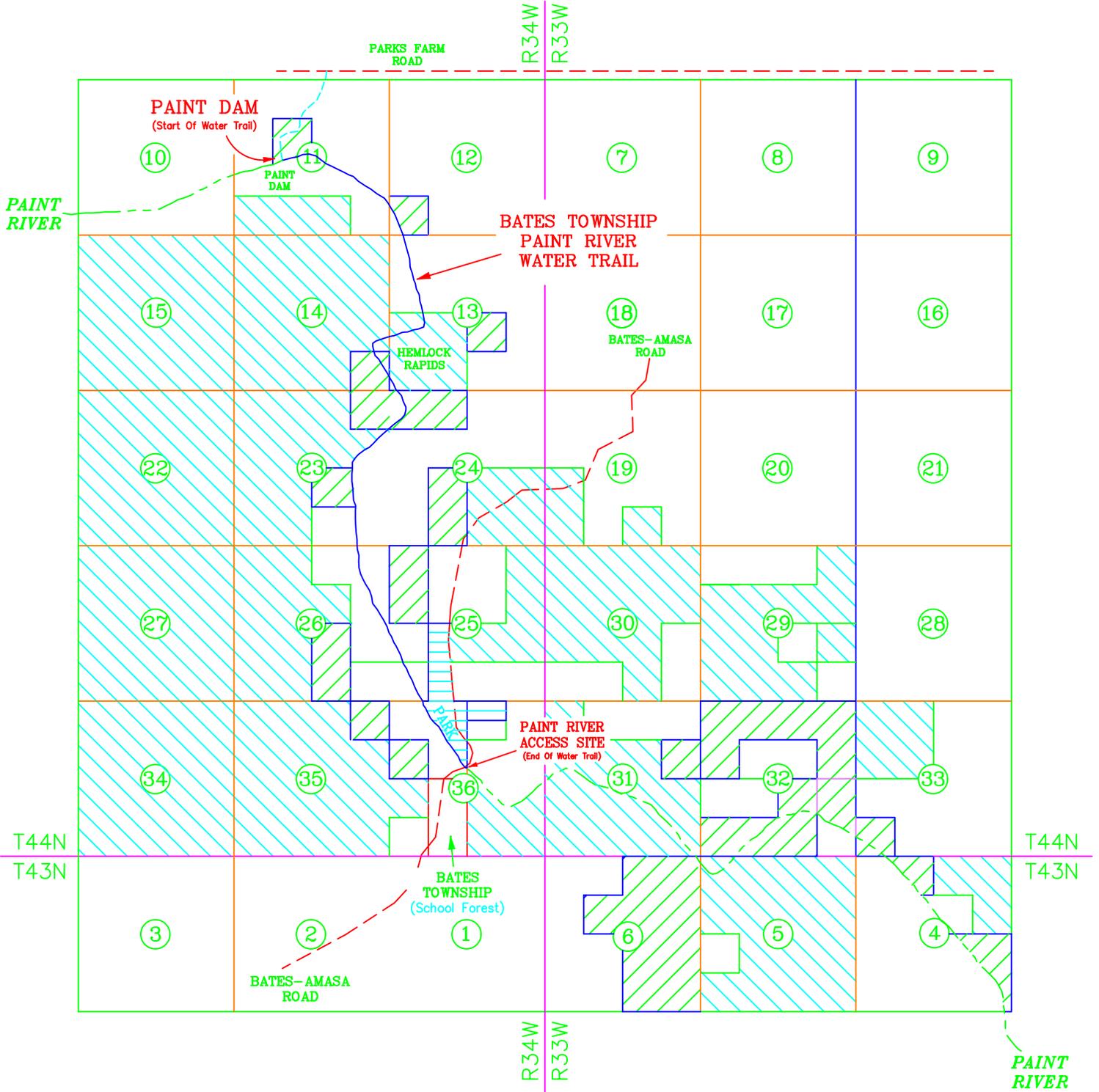
Improvement Of The Existing
River Access May Include
Placing Non-Eroding Aggregate
At The Current Launch Together
With Proposed Phase I
West Of Bates-Amasa Road



CANOE/KAYAK LAUNCH SITE ACCESS



LAND AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC ACCESS



EXPLANATIONS

- | | | | |
|-------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| STATE LAND | PRIVATE - COMMERCIAL FOREST LAND | SECTION NUMBER | SECTION LINES |
| COUNTY LAND | PRIVATE LAND - NO PUBLIC ACCESS | TOWNSHIP AND RANGE LINES | |



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Fig. 5

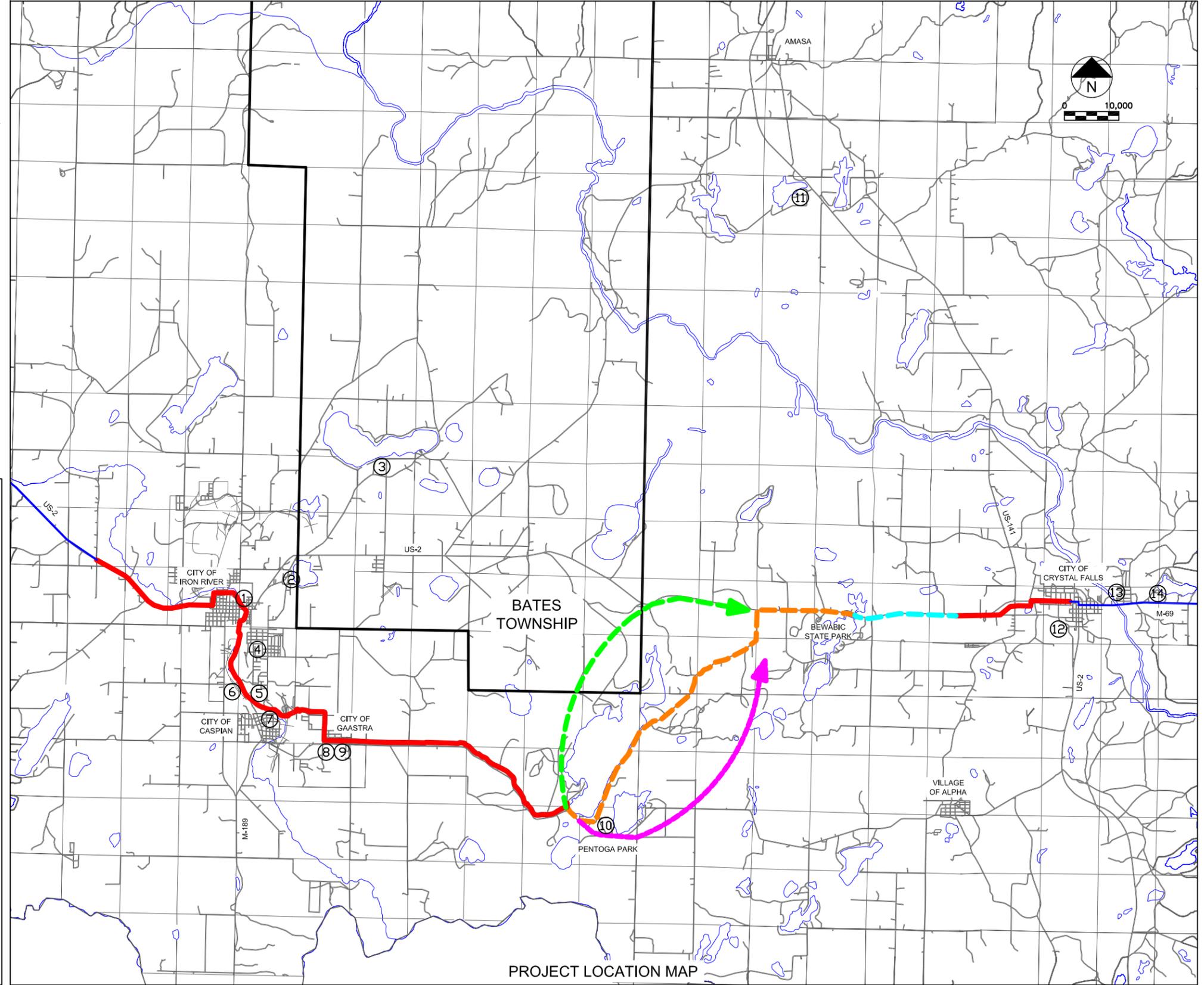
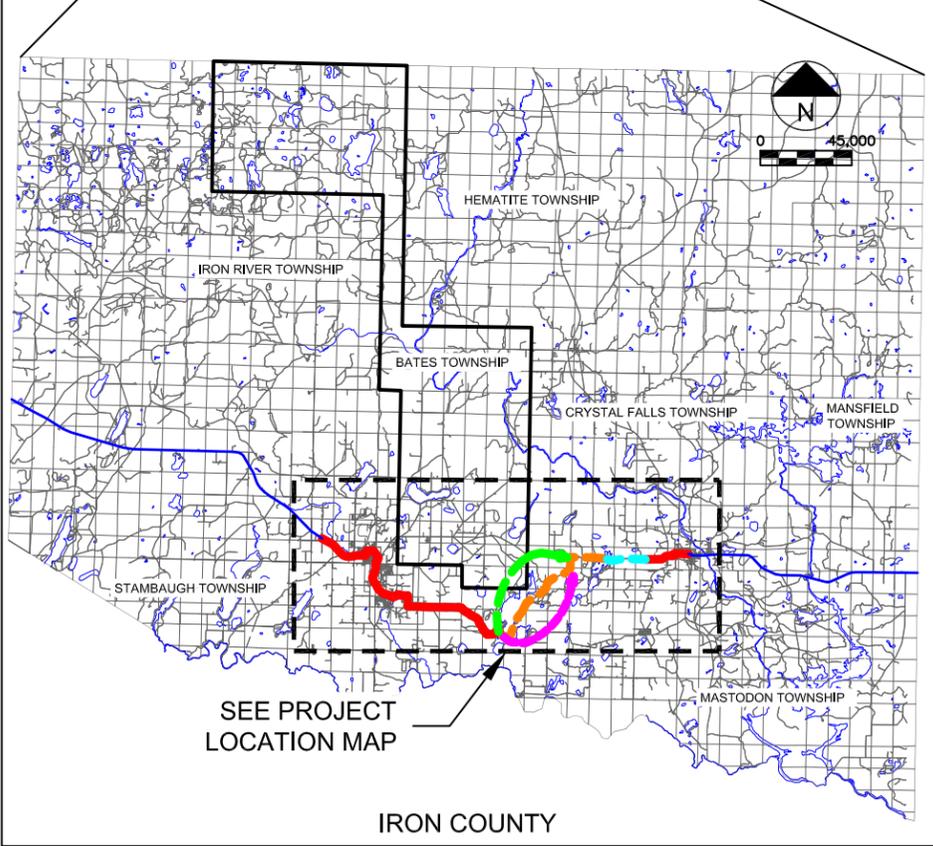
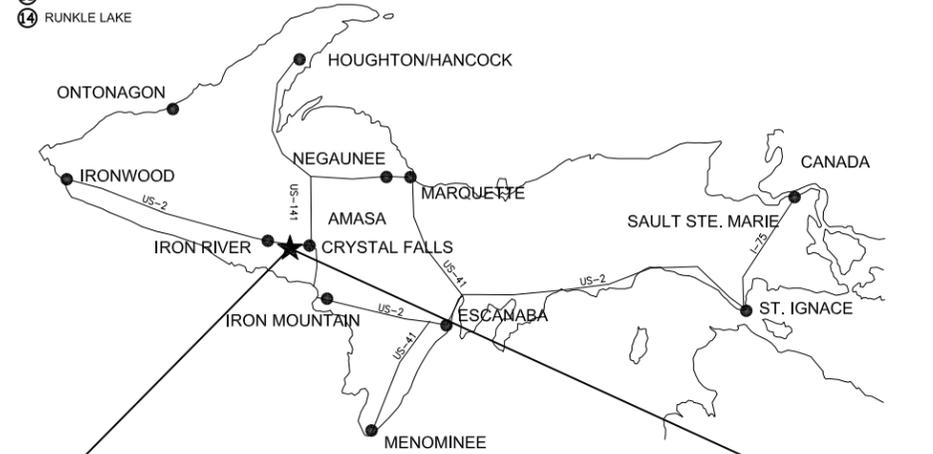
MDNR RECREATIONAL TRUST FUND PROJECTS:

- ① RV PARK/CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
- ② ICE LAKE PARK
- ③ SUNSET LAKE
- ④ NELSON FIELD
- ⑤ CASPIAN MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING AND ICE RINK
- ⑥ APPLE BLOSSOM TRAIL
- ⑦ APPLE BLOSSOM TRAIL EXTENSION
- ⑧ GAASTRA RESTROOM
- ⑨ ATHLETIC FIELD UPGRADES
- ⑩ PENTOGA PARK
- ⑪ GIBSON LAKE PARK
- ⑫ CRYSTELLA SKI HILL
- ⑬ PAINT RIVER BOARDWALK
- ⑭ RUNKLE LAKE

LEGEND:

- PROPOSED IRON BELLE TRAIL
- EXISTING PAVED NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL
- PHASE IN DEVELOPMENT
- ALTERNATE 1 - PROPOSED IRON BELLE CONNECTING SEGMENT*
- ALTERNATE 2 - PROPOSED IRON BELLE CONNECTING SEGMENT*
- ALTERNATE 3 - PROPOSED IRON BELLE CONNECTING SEGMENT*

* LOCATIONS OF ROUTES HAVE NOT BEEN DETERMINED, ROUTES ARE SHOWN FOR CONCEPT ONLY



Iron Belle/Heritage Trail
Bates Township, Michigan



SITE DEVELOPMENT MAP
January 2018 Fig. 6

Appendix B

Post Completion Self-Certification Checklists



PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

This information required under authority of Part 19, PA 451 of 1994, as amended; the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Stat. 897 (1964); and Part 715, of PA 451 of 1994, as amended.

GRANT TYPE: [] MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND [] CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE
[] LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND [] RECREATION PASSPORT [] BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Bates Township

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-00349

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Bates Township Park

PROJECT SCOPE: Boat launch, boat ramp, parking, beach and other improvements.

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Table with 3 columns: Name of Agency (Grantee), Contact Person, Title, Address, Telephone, City, State, ZIP, Email. Row 1: Bates Township, Jon Oberlin, Supervisor, 3070 E. US-2, 906.265.2787, Iron River, MI 49935, supervisor@batestownship.com

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? If yes, please describe change(s). [] Yes [X] No

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) [] Yes [X] No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. [] Yes [X] No

SITE QUALITY

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

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. [X] Yes [] No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. [] Yes [X] No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No
A campground hoist is employeed for typical daily maintenace while the Twp. DPW staff
performs spring and fall maintenance and all other necessary work.

GENERAL

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

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

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No
Fees are charged for overnight camping and park pavilion rental only.
There are no fees charged for entrance to the park.

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?
Seasonal, Open 24 hours a day.

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

The program recognition plaque was ordered on 1/10/2018 and will be installed in the Spring.
See attached completed order form and proof of payment.

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

CERTIFICATION

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

Jon Oberlin
Please print


Grantee Authorized Signature

2/14/2018
Date

Robb Anderson
Please print


Witness Signature

2-14-18
Date

**Send completed report to: POST COMPLETION GRANT INSPECTION REPORTS
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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PO BOX 30425
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**Bates Township, Michigan
MDNR Recreation Plan
Bates Township Park (26-00349)**



Bates Township Park Entrance Sign

Plaque was ordered on 1/10/2018 and will be installed in the Spring.

LWCF Recognition Plaque



Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Grants Management
 Recogni on Sign Request for the MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND
 AND

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

Required Under Authority of Part 19, 1994 PA 451, as amended.



Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Plaque/Medallions

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6" dia medallion (op onal)	qty wanted	_____	@ \$ 316.80 each =	_____



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The Department of Natural Resources requires that each Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and Land and Water Conserva on Fund project has suitable permanent public acknowledgement of Trust Fund assistance. Such permanent acknowledgement shall be in the form of a metal sign.

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City, State, ZIP <u>IRON RIVER, MI 49935</u>		City, State, ZIP	
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Bates Township Board - Clerk
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Check #: 18009
Check Date: 01/11/2018
Check Amount: \$251.80

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PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

This information required under authority of Part 19, PA 451 of 1994, as amended;
the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Stat. 897 (1964); and Part 715, of PA 451 of 1994, as amended.

GRANT TYPE: [X] MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND [] CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE
(Please select one) [] LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND [] RECREATION PASSPORT [] BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Bates Township

PROJECT NUMBER: TF11-105

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Bates Township Park Improvements

PROJECT SCOPE: Development for barrier free access, pavilion, concession stand.

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Table with 3 columns: Name of Agency (Grantee), Contact Person, Title, Address, Telephone, City, State, ZIP, Email. Row 1: Bates Township, Jon Oberlin, Supervisor, 3070 E. US-2, 906.265.2787, Iron River, MI 49935, supervisor@batestownship.com

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? If yes, please describe change(s). [] Yes [X] No

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) [] Yes [X] No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. [] Yes [X] No

SITE QUALITY

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

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. [X] Yes [] No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. [] Yes [X] No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No
A campground hoist is employeed for typical daily maintenace while the Twp. DPW staff
performs spring and fall maintenance and all other necessary work.

GENERAL

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

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

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No
Fees are charged for overnight camping and park pavilion rental only.
There are no fees charged for entrance to the park.

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?
Seasonal, Open 24 hours a day.

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

CERTIFICATION

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

Jon Oberlin

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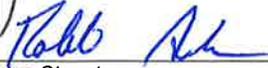

Grantee Authorized Signature

2/14/2018

Date

Robb Anderson

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Witness Signature

2-14-18

Date

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Appendix C

Notice of Recreation Plan Availability and Public Hearing and Meeting Minutes

Affidavit of Publication

State of Michigan

RECREATION PLAN NOTICE OF
AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC HEARING
Bates Township
John Oberlin, Supervisor



Jerry DeRoche, being duly sworn, says that he is Editor of the Iron County *Reporter*, a newspaper published and circulated in said county and otherwise qualified according to Supreme Court Rule; that annexed hereto is a printed copy of a notice which was published in said newspaper on the following date, or dates, to-wit: **January 10, 2018**. Subscribed and sworn before me on this **11th day of January 2018**.



Nanette M. Borske
Notary Public
Iron County, Michigan
My commission expires April 11, 2023

estions currently in the have been modified to winter fishing for mus- ge. it like "follows" dur- e open water months, ing the number of fish glers see in the winter is

meeting at the United Sports- man Club in Iron Mountain on Jan. 20. The meeting will be- gin at 9 a.m. Invited guests are JR Richardson of the Natural Resources Commission, John Matonich, State Rep. Scott Di- anda and State Rep. Sara Cam-

wasting disease. United Sportsman Club is located at W7689 Sportsmens Club Rd., Iron Mountain. For more information, contact Tony Demboski UP- SA president at 906-779-1405 or 906-396-1082.

Baldwin, the eagles had carried what appeared to be a deer carcass across the border from Wisconsin and took turns guarding and fighting for the remains. It was an amazing thing to see so many eagles at one time, she said. (submitted photos)

Master Gardener program offered in IM

TAL FALLS—The Michigan State Extension is offering a Master Gardener program from Jan. 13 through Jan. 26 in Iron Mountain. The program will be held from 4:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays at Bay West College. Registration is now open at: anr.msu.edu/events/master_gardener_training_in_iron_mountain_dickinson_county.

The Extension Master Gardener (EMG) program is a volunteer training certification program consisting of two components. The first component is required to gain certification to complete the 45-plus

hours of classroom instruction. This runs for 14 weeks, and participants have to commit to attending the sessions. Some exceptions can be made for extenuating circumstances. A variety of Michigan State University Extension educators and specialists, as well as some local professionals, assist with the teaching of the sessions.

After completing the classroom portion, participants need to complete at least a 40-hour volunteer project which focuses on teaching others more about proper gardening techniques in a community setting.

Volunteer projects can and do focus around community beautification, youth gardening, food gardening, environmental sustainability, and extending MSU Extension's resources.

All have the main focus of EMGs teaching others about gardening while they work together to beautify an area, enjoy the peacefulness that a garden often brings, exposing

youth to the joys of nature, growing food to share with others, or teaching about natural resources.

Registration is due by Jan. 11. For more information, contact Rebecca Krans, Michigan State University Extension consumer horticulture educator, and Upper Peninsula Extension Master Gardener Program coordinator, at kransr@anr.msu.edu or at 875-0606.

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Public Notice

The Iron County Road Commission announces that a meeting of the Iron County section of task force 13B will be held at their office at 800 West Franklin Street, Iron River, Michigan, on Friday, January 12, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of this meeting is to review the proposed transportation projects in Iron County which are financed through the Federal Transportation Bill.

R04 1/10 Iron County Road Commission

Recreation Plan Notice of Availability and Public Hearing

The Draft Bates Township Recreation Plan is currently available for public review at the Bates Township Hall. The Final Recreation Plan, which will be submitted to the MDNR by March 1, 2018, will state the goals and objectives of the Township's recreational opportunities along with action plan to achieve these goals. The submittal of this Plan is required in order to be eligible to receive recreation grant funding through the MDNR. Please submit written comments by February 14, 2018 to Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk, 3070 E. Hwy U.S. 2, Iron River, MI 49935. A Public Hearing is scheduled for February 14, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the Bates Township hall to discuss the draft recreation plan, receive public comments, and review written comments on the draft plan.

Jon Oberlin, Supervisor

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BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – February 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Supervisor Oberlin called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Oberlin, Clerk Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson, Trustees Franzene and Bobnock were present. Also in attendance were Water/Sewer Superintendent Benson; ZA Oberlin; Larry Nelson-PC; Jim Stolberg-WICFD; Mike Golas & Mike Stafford-Parks & Rec; Margee Brennan in for County Commissioner Brennan; Residents. Assr Erhart was absent.

ATTENDEES

Minutes were approved as read. All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s report for the month of January 2018 was submitted. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Franzene. All Ayes. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

MINUTES

General Fund:	\$ 171,051.85
Sewer Fund:	\$ 107,371.96
Water Fund:	\$ 352,101.30
Road Fund:	\$ 127,958.38
Liquor Law:	\$

FINANCIAL REPORT

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – (Comm Brennan was absent.) Margee Brennan presented the report. The Board approved an agreement with Aspirus Hospital for countywide ambulance service. There will be a garage on the east and west sides which will make a response time of 15 minutes or less. / There were no applicants to fill the County Parks & Rec Committee vacancy. Residents in the Twp are encouraged to apply. / The County approved a budget for MSU for \$32000. This is an important program for Iron County and includes 4-H even though membership has gone down. / At the meeting there was a presentation by UPSET & Communities that Care (Paul Cleath). Cleath presented data on the Iron County 2017 Risk & Protective Factor Community Assessment Report. Results were very disturbing. Maybe invite Cleath to a Township meeting. / The State is paying for new voting equipment to be used beginning August 2018. / The update on the logging project at Larson Park is that it is 50% completed. The selective cut will be completed by August.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated that there is nothing new to report. The 3 year road plan was submitted but was the same as discussed last year with carryover of Section 16 & 22 Rds.

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin gave his report. There was 1 new permit issued, 3 permits out waiting for a return. No new violations. He was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar was closed. Permits issued to date in 2018 = 1. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Master Plan – Supervisor Oberlin stated that Dave Gutowski worked extensively reviewing the plan and incorporating the changes discussed at the last PC meeting. Oberlin will review and get the changes to WUPPDR. Mike Golas requested that the public comments on the Master Plan become a part of the permanent minutes.

MASTER PLAN

Paint River Acreage – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the Township now has the deed and Rich Sloat can begin working with volunteers to clear the downed trees and brush. Hannula Insurance provided a liability waiver for the volunteers to sign. Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that she wanted to be sure that there was not going to be any clear cutting to protect the privacy of the homeowners on the other side of the river. Oberlin said that it will be a clearing of “downed trees and brush only.” Mike Stafford stated that it should also be noted that Sloat is very environmentally friendly.

PAINT RIVER ACREAGE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Bates School Acquisition – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the closing took place at 9:00am this morning and the Township has now acquired the building. Three companies have been contacted or roof estimates. There was a building inspection done and is available for public review. So far the renters will remain and there has been no notice on when the Hospital plans to vacate.

BATES
SCHOOL
ACQUISIT.

MDNR Rec Plan – A motion was made by Franzene to adopt the Recreation Plan Resolution for 2018-2022 with the changes that were noted at the public hearing. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

REC PLAN

Park Ordinance – Action tabled until next meeting. Mike Golas requested a rough draft of the proposed changes.

PARK
ORDINANCE

Water System Capital Improvements Plan/ DEQ Mandate – A motion was made by Supervisor Oberlin to adopt the Capital Improvement plan done by GEI. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. This is a state mandated plan that must be in place which is an inventory of the current water system and a plan of 5 year and 6-20 year plan of upgrades and changes. Per Water Superintendent Benson we are in good shape with a majority of the water system being newer than 1994.

WATER
SYSTEM
CAPITAL
IMPROVE
PLAN

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent. Supervisor Oberlin read her report. The report included the March BOR dates as well as a request to adopt the 2018 Federal Poverty Exemption guidelines. A copy of the Assessor's report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

March Board of Review Dates – The Organizational Meeting will be Tuesday, March 7, 2018 at 1:00PM. BOR meets Tuesday, March 13th from 9-3pm and Thursday, March 15th from 3-9pm.

MARCH BOR
DATES

2018 Federal Poverty Exemption Guidelines – A motion was made by Nelson to adopt the 2018 Federal Poverty Exemption Guidelines. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

2018
POVERTY
EXEMPTION
GUIDELINES

MDNR Trust Grant Application – A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to approve fees for GEI up to \$3000 to complete the application. The project will be the Paint River boat launch and no more than 3 primitive campsites. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

MDNR TRUST
GRANT APP

Bates Township Legacy Book – Clerk Benson-Stafford would like to explore the option of having the Bates Legacy Book 1885-1985 scanned and posted to the website for public review. The Board gave comments on the cost effectiveness of trying to reprint the book. The original data is not in the Township's possession and many of the original photos were loaned to the Township by local families and then returned. Clerk Benson-Stafford will try to bring some options to the next board meeting.

BATES TWP
LEGACY
BOOK

UPSET – In view of Iron County's extreme opioid epidemic a motion was made by Benson-Stafford to contribute \$500 to the organization. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. UPSET's requests are every 2 years.

UPSET

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Bates Twp Cemetery Ordinance – There was a review of the cemetery ordinance. Some of the dates/fees were obsolete since December 13, 1989. A motion was made by Oberlin to adopt the ordinance with the changes. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Unanimous. Motion carried. Clerk Benson-Stafford will provide Attorney Atanasoff with a copy for review and then publish the ordinance.

CEMETERY
ORDINANCE
CHANGES

Budget Workshop – The Board will meet on Monday, March 5th at the Bates Twp hall at 5:00pm for the workshop.

BUDGET
WORKSHOP

Budget Hearing – The Bates Twp Board will hold a Budget Hearing on Monday, March 19th at 5:00pm at the hall.

BUDGET
HEARING

Bates School Maintenance Person – Supervisor Oberlin stated that Dane Shovald who has been the maintenance man at the school for many years made a proposal to continue doing the building/boiler inspections on a daily basis for \$25. There is no operator engineers licensing required. He has the experience. It's a low pressure boiler and an annual state inspection is required. A motion was made by Bobnock to approve the \$25/for one hour daily inspection. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

BATES
SCHOOL
MAINTEN.
PERSON

Board Salary Resolutions – There was extensive discussion about raises and experience as well as what other municipalities do. A motion was made by Franzene to adopt a resolution that effective April 1, 2018 the Clerk's salary will be \$26000. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, abstain. Motion carried. The Supervisor declared the motion adopted. / A motion was made by Franzene to adopt a resolution that effective April 1, 2018 the Supervisor's salary will be \$21000. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, abstain. Motion carried. The Supervisor declared the motion adopted. / A motion was made by Oberlin to adopt a resolution that effective April 1, 2018 the Treasurer's salary will be \$25327.20. Supported by Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Nelson, abstain. Motion carried. The Supervisor declared the motion adopted. / The Trustee's salaries will remain the same.

SALARY
RESOLUTION

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report. / Water – Nothing new to report. / Sewer – The sewer motors that were refurbished are now back in the townships inventory. The Township probably saved about \$20,000 by reworking the old motors. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / Park – Nothing new to report.

GUEST COMMENTS

- A Resident asked if Enbridge notifies the Township whenever they do work on the pipelines. Oberlin responded no.
- Mike Golas asked if there was any more thought on the street lights? He would like to see the light turned off at the park boat landing. He stated that people like to watch the northern lights from the park and the light is a problem. There are concerns that there are drug deals happening at the boat launch.
- A Resident asked if a copy of the Treasurer's report can be available for the public. Clerk Benson-Stafford said yes and that Treasurer Nelson can handle that.

CORRESPONDENCE

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INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Trustee Bobnock to pay the township invoices. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 8.02pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 @ 6:00 PM.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: _____

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

DNR Recreation Plan

Public Hearing

GEI #1703648

The special meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 5:30PM at the Township Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to hear public comments on the Bates Township Recreation Plan.

Supervisor Oberlin called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Oberlin, Clerk Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson, Trustees Franzene & Bobnock present. Also in attendance were P&R-Mike Golas, Mike Franzene, Mike Golas; Robb Anderson/GEI & Residents.

ATTENDEES

Supervisor Oberlin opened the floor to public comment and questions. Summary of Public Comments, Questions, and Responses:

Public Comment: How was the Rec Plan advertised and made available to the public?

PUBLIC COMMENT

Response: An ad was placed in the Reporter informing residents that a draft copy was available. The Rec Plan was posted at the Township Hall, local library, and posted on the Township' website.

Public Comment: Concern was expressed by multiple residents over the proposed campsite ground/camps sites at the Paint River Access Property. Local residents did not want to see this turn into a meeting spot for parties and other large gatherings.

Response: The public was assured that the Township's plans for any camping at the site would be primitive camp sites catered to canoers and kayakers that are coming down the river and would like to camp on the river. The sites are planned to be small and back from the river so as to not be evident from the water. Signs at the river's edge would indicate the location of the camping area.

Public Comment: Residents commented that the addition of paddle in only camp sites and the addition of toilet facilities at the site was a great idea and welcome improvement.

Response: NA

Public Comment: How and who will manage and maintain the proposed Paint River Access site?

Response: At this time all maintenance would be by the Township.

Public Comment: Residents were supportive of the improvements to the Paint River launch site and indicated that the site is used often and improvements are needed to improve the launch area and protect against erosion.

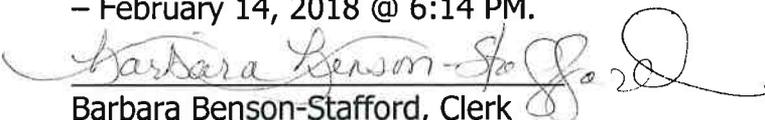
Response: NA

Public Comment: A question was raised on how much local support there was for the addition of soccer fields at the Bates School. How much it will be used and by who and some concern about taking away from other local communities' soccer facilities.

Response: The local soccer association was contacted regarding the potential addition of soccer fields and expressed interest. Currently they have some trouble locating places to practice and are looking for alternatives. There was no commitment to full time use of a facility in Bates Twp. but indications are it would be a welcome addition/alternative.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Franzene to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 6:13 PM. All ayes. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held immediately following at the Township Hall on Wednesday – February 14, 2018 @ 6:14 PM.


Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date approved: _____

Appendix D

Resolution of Adoption

**Bates Township
Recreation Plan**

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

WHEREAS, Bates Township has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five-year period covering the years 2018 through 2022, and

WHEREAS, Bates Township began the process of developing a community recreation and natural resource conservation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, residents of Bates Township were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least 30 days, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on February 14, 2018 at the Bates Township Hall to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Bates Township's MDNR Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, Bates Township has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the Township, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, Bates Township voted to adopt Bates Township Recreation Plan.

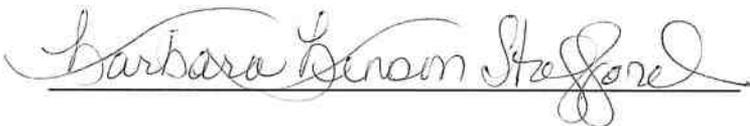
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Bates Township hereby adopts the Bates Township Recreation Plan.

Yeas: 5 Franzene, Bobnock, Oberlin, Nelson, Benson-Stafford

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

I, Barbara Benson-Stafford, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by Bates Township Board at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the (14th day of February, 2018.)



Barbara Benson-Stafford

Bates Township Clerk

Appendix E

Transmittal Letters to Planning Agencies



Consulting
Engineers and
Scientists

February 28, 2018

Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Region
P.O. Box 365
Houghton, MI 49931

RE: Bates Township 5-Year MDNR Recreation Plan

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find a copy of Bates Township's 5-Year MDNR Recreation Plan, as adopted by the Township Board on February 14, 2018.

The Plan is being filed with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and is submitted to you per their requirements. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

GEI CONSULTANTS OF MICHIGAN, P.C.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robb Anderson".

Robb Anderson, P.E.
Project Engineer

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cc: Jon Oberlin, Supervisor (Cover Letter)

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February 28, 2018

Mr. Gene Smith
Administrator
Iron County Courthouse
2 South Sixth Street
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

RE: Bates Township 5-Year MDNR Recreation Plan

Dear Mr. Smith:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Bates Township 5-Year MDNR Recreation Plan, as adopted by the Township Board on February 14, 2018.

The Plan is being filed with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and is submitted to you per their requirements. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

GEI CONSULTANTS OF MICHIGAN, P.C.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robb Anderson".

Robb Anderson, P.E.
Project Engineer

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cc: John Oberlin, Supervisor (Cover Letter)

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