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# City of Harrisville Recreation Plan



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**CITY OF HARRISVILLE  
RECREATION PLAN**

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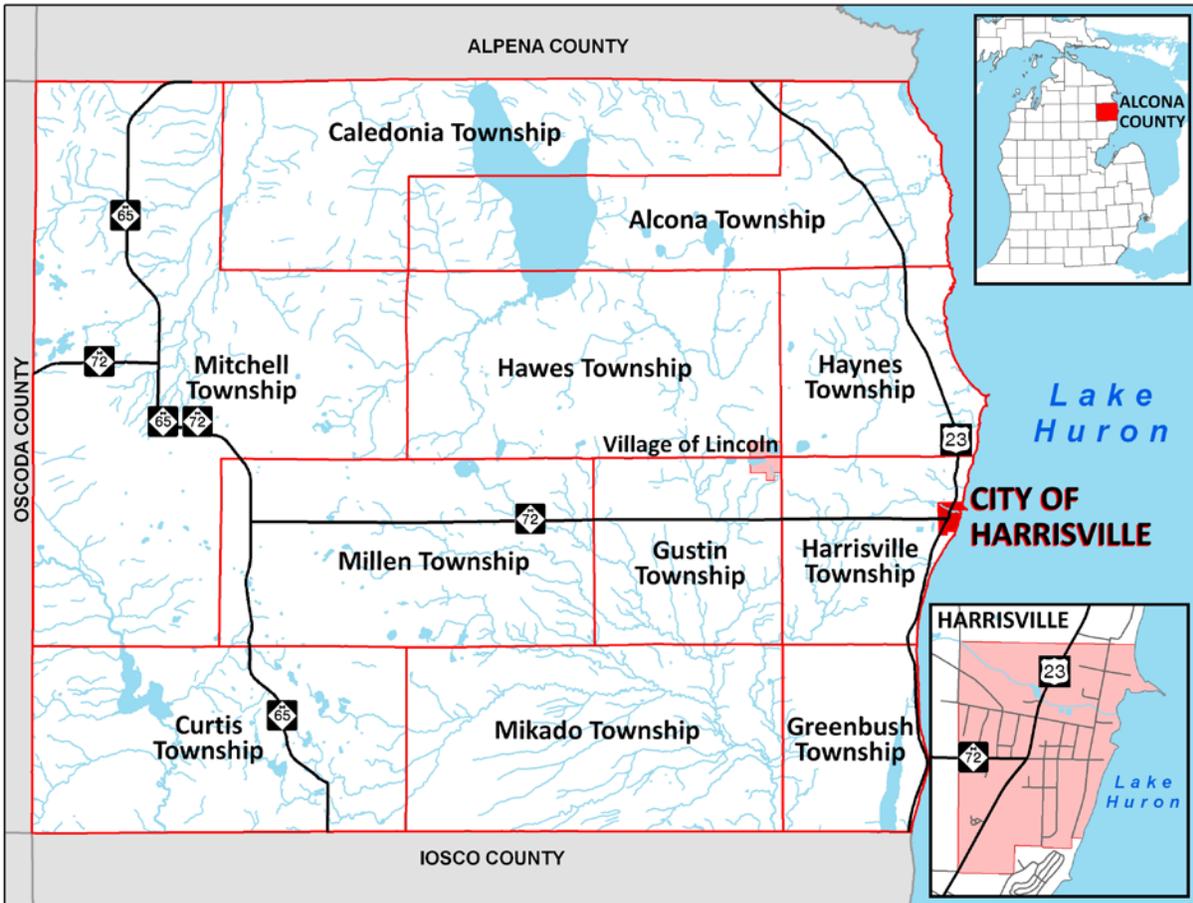
- Attachment A:** Recreation Plan Certification Checklist
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# Chapter 1: Community Description

## Location and Regional Setting

Located in the Northeastern Lower Peninsula of Michigan along the western shore of Lake Huron (See **Figure 1-1**), the City comprises a total area of 0.6 square miles and is bordered on the north, south and west by Harrisville Township. According to the US 2010 Census, the City of Harrisville (population is 493; population is estimated at 387 in 2014<sup>1</sup>) serves as the county seat of Alcona County (Alcona County population estimated at 10,657 in 2014<sup>1</sup>). The US-23 Heritage Route traverses the community south to north. M-72 highway's eastern terminus connects to US 23 within the community with the US-23 and M-72 junction being the location of the County's only signalized intersection. The latitude of Harrisville is 44.656N, approximately half way between the North Pole and the equator. Harrisville is located in a rural area with abundant natural resource recreational opportunities but few instances of developed, in-town recreational sites.

**Figure 1-1**



<sup>1</sup> 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

## Extent of Plan Focus

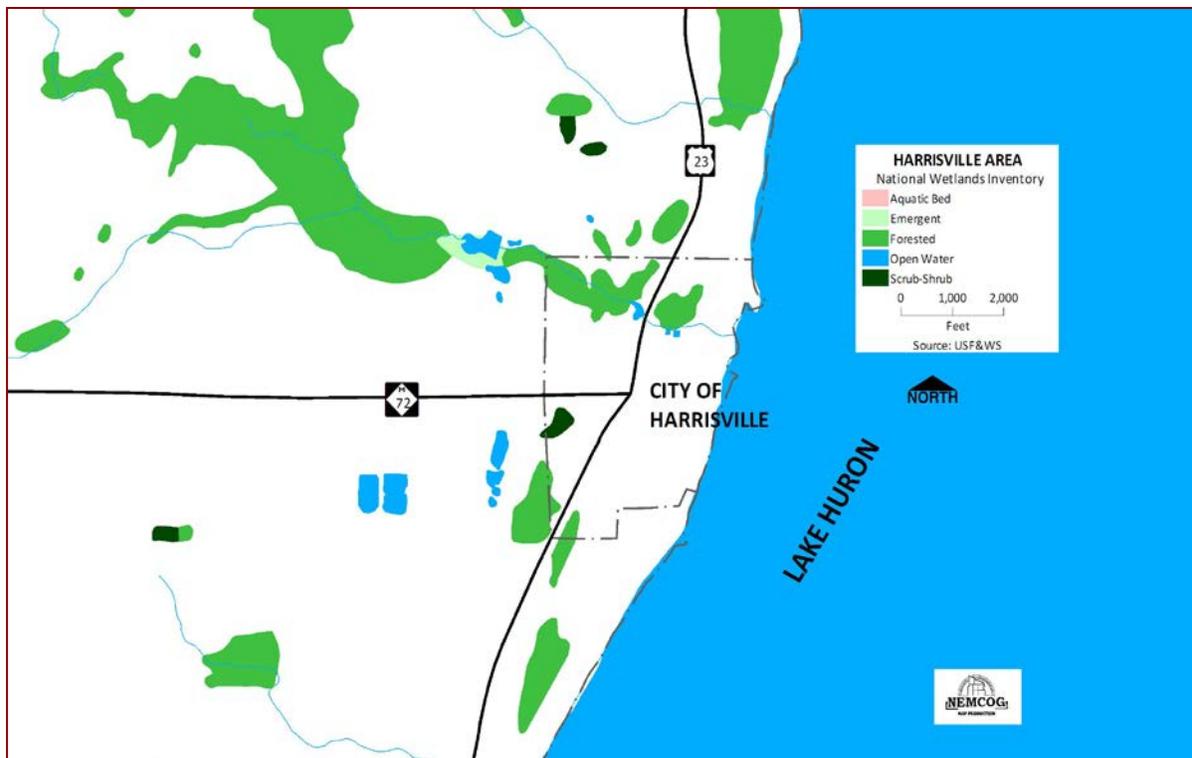
This Recreation Plan addresses recreational facilities and plans within the boundaries of the City of Harrisville. The plan will evaluate the surrounding recreational opportunities as well as the socio-economic status of Harrisville and the surrounding area in order to determine recreational needs of the population and to plan for improvements which fit those needs.

## A Snapshot of Natural Features of the Community:

### Water Resources & Wetlands

One of the most valuable natural resources of the City of Harrisville is water. The City is located within the Great Lakes watershed. With over 5,400 feet of shoreline, the major surface water resource connected to the City of Harrisville is Lake Huron. Mill Creek flows through the northern part of the City, emptying into Lake Huron near the Harbor. There is a small manmade pond on Mill Creek on the west side of US-23. **Figure 1-2** depicts forested and non-forested wetlands (data developed from the National Wetlands Inventory (US Fish & Wildlife Service). Wetlands associated with Mill Creek can be found in the northwest part of the City. Note this wetland is part of a much larger complex that extends westward beyond the municipal boundary.

Figure 1-2



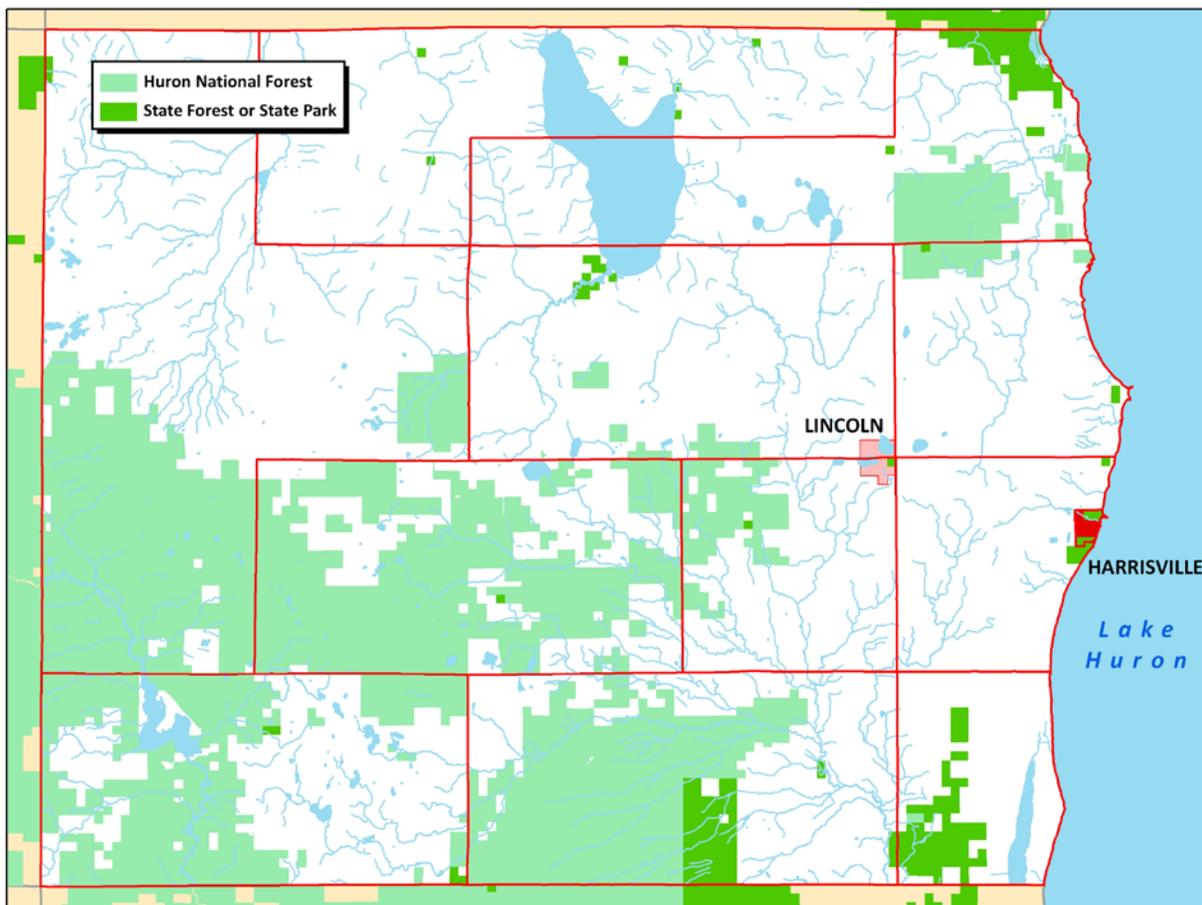
## ***Fish and Wildlife***

Brown trout, steelhead, and various species of salmon are found in Lake Huron. The DNR Public Access site is a popular launching site for sport fishing. Habitat for populations of shorebirds, songbirds, waterfowl, muskrat, mink and raccoon are provided by the lakeshore and wetlands within the City. The Lake Huron shoreline is a migratory corridor for land and water birds. Predominant mammal species found in the City of Harrisville are squirrel, grouse, rabbit and deer.

## ***State of Michigan and Federal Land***

State and Federal land covers a significant portion of Alcona County (**Figure 1-3**). Together, the Huron National Forest and Au Sable State Forest (as well as a portion of the Mackinaw State Forest) covers 122,129 acres or over 27 percent of Alcona County. Included in this calculation are Negwegon State Park, Harrisville State Park, and the Sturgeon Point Lighthouse site (see Recreation Inventory for map of parks).

**Figure 1-3**



## Existing Land Use/Land Cover Characteristics

In the process of creating the City of Harrisville Master Plan in 2009 (which was updated in 2015), parcels were classified into the following categories: Single-Family Residential, Multi-Family Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Institutional/Recreational, Lowland Forests, Upland Forests, Non-Forest Uplands, and Beaches. The land use map (Figure 1-4) was originally generated utilizing 2005 aerial photography from the US Department of Agriculture, the National Wetlands Inventory (US Fish & Wildlife Service), Alcona County Soil Survey, and field checking. The city was classified on a parcel by parcel basis. Table 1-1 provides a breakdown of land cover/land use in the City. An equal land area exists as lowland forest and recreational/institutional (over 24 percent each). This shows the great potential of recreational development within the city limits.

Figure 1-4



Table 1-1: City of Harrisville Existing Land Use/Land Cover Statistics

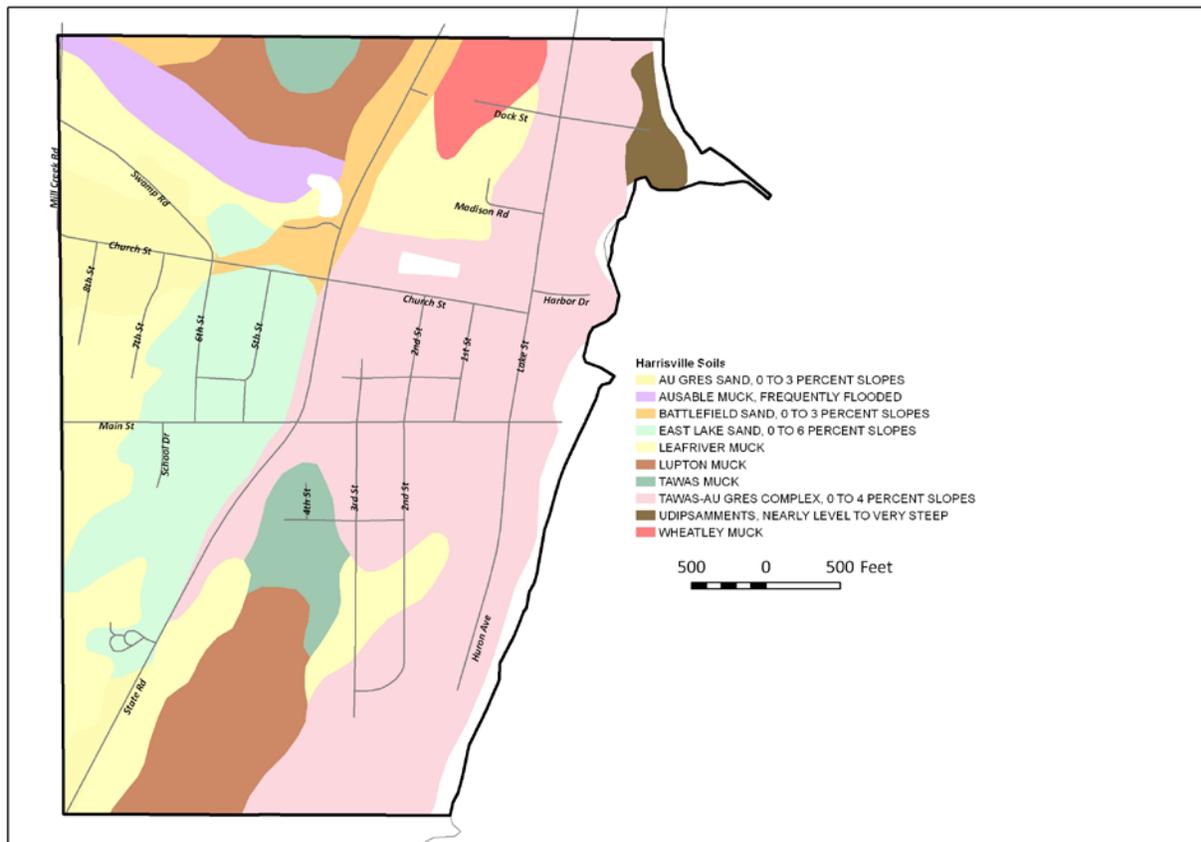
Land Use Category	Number of Acres	Percent of City
Single-Family Residential	119	34.2
Lowland Forests	84.3	24.2
Institutional/Recreational	84.1	24.2
Commercial	21.1	6.1
Beaches	13.8	4.0
Upland Forests	9.7	2.8
Multi-Family Residential	8.5	2.4
Non-Forest Uplands	4	1.1
Industrial	3.6	1.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>348.2</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: NEMCOG – 2009 Existing Land Use Map

## Soil Limitations in Recreational Development

Soils in the City of Harrisville (**Figure 1-5**) include Au Gres Sand (0 – 3% slope), AuSable Muck (frequently flooded), Battlefield Sand (0 – 3% slope), East Lake Sand (0 – 6% slope), Leafriver Muck, Lupton Muck, Tawas Muck, Tawas-Au Gres Complex (0 – 4% slope), Udipsammments (nearly level to very steep), and Wheatly Muck. Soil limitations pertain to each area in general and are not specific for small areas or sites. Small areas with different soil limitations and use limitations may be found in any and all separations. Individual Soil Interpretations Records evaluate soil limitations for recreation on the basis of camp areas, picnic areas, playgrounds, paths and trails. The majority of soil type limitations within the city are evaluated as “very limited” for recreational use, largely because they are somewhat poorly to very poorly drained and therefore rated as too wet or mucky. However, East Lake is considered to be somewhat excessively drained and Udipsammments well to excessively drained with moderate to severe limitations caused by surfaces which are too sandy. Many of these same limitations create scenic areas, wetland and wildlife habitat lands and are well suited to the purpose of passive recreation or watchable wildlife activities. It is also necessary to note that, with proper engineering, sites rated as “very limited” still have potential for active recreational development.

**Figure 1-5**

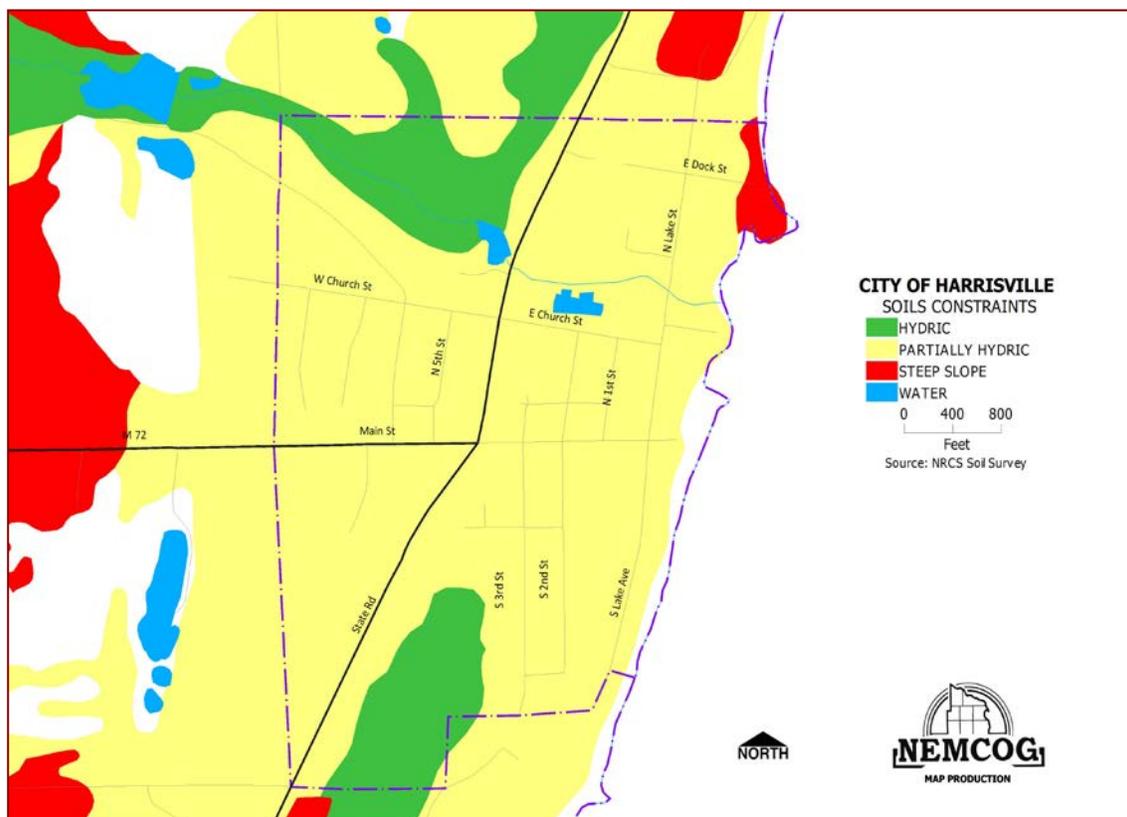


### Hydric Soils and Steeply Sloped Areas

**Figure 1-6** is a map that classifies hydric soils and soils on steep slopes. Hydric soils are saturated, flooded or ponded during part of the growing season and are classified as poorly drained and very poorly drained. Hydric soils have poor potential for building site development. Wetness and frequent ponding are severe problems that are difficult and costly to overcome. Sites with high water tables may be classified as wetlands and a wetlands permit would be required to develop these areas. The hydric soils are shown as green and soils with hydric inclusions are as yellow.

Hills and steeply rolling terrain may provide opportunities for spectacular views of the landscape. However, steeply sloped sites have severe building constraints and tend to be more difficult and costly to develop. Maintenance costs tend to be higher on steeply sloped terrain. Special design standards such as erosion control measures, limiting size of disturbed areas, retaining natural vegetation, slope stabilization and on-site retention of water run-off from impervious surfaces would all serve to minimize resource impacts. According to information presented in the Alcona County Soil Survey, areas with slopes 18 percent and greater are located in the northeast corner of the City.

**Figure 1-6**



## ***Topography***

The City of Harrisville is approximately 600 feet about sea level. From its lowest point along the Lake Huron Shore it rises through a series of gently rolling hills to its highest point at the western city limits.

## ***Vegetation***

Vegetation within the city includes pine, spruce and other evergreen trees, maples, and other hardwoods. Along the 100 block of the City's Main Street, a number of chestnut trees remain. Several areas of remaining cedar attest to the fact that the city was built on a portion of a cedar swamp. A tree-planting program initiated by the City of Harrisville has added a variety of young trees throughout the City of Harrisville (such as Flowering Crab, Locust, Little Leaf Linden, and a variety of fast growth maples) which will remain relatively small in size.

## Chapter 2: Administrative Structure

### ***City Administration***

The City of Harrisville is governed by an elected city council consisting of a mayor, clerk, treasurer, and two council persons from each of the City's three wards. The council also employs a part-time zoning administrator and contractual assessor.

Responsibility for the planning and operation of recreational sites within the City of Harrisville falls primarily to two bodies: the City Planning Commission and City Harbor Commission.

### ***Planning Commission***

The Harrisville City Planning Commission was established by City Ordinance #74-3 under the Municipal Planning Act 285 of 1931 and became effective on January 2, 1975. The Planning Commission consisted of seven at-large members appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council. On July 14, 2008, the City Council repealed City Ordinance #74-3 and reestablished the Harrisville City Planning Commission by City Ordinance #08-1 in accordance with the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, P.A. 33 of 2008. According to its bylaws, the Planning Commission consists of nine members (six in addition to three ex-officio members) appointed for three-year terms.

The Planning Commission is responsible for all aspects of planning for the city, including the preparation of a comprehensive master plan, site plan review, and recommendations to the City Council on requests for amendments to the zoning ordinance, and zoning and re-zoning requests. Members serve for three year terms.

In 1985, the City unanimously passed a resolution causing the existing Planning Commission to assume the functions of a parks and recreation commission. The duties and responsibilities defined in that resolution include the establishment of a Parks and Recreation Master Plan, overseeing the operation of any recreational facilities owned and/or maintained by the City, and other duties related to parks and recreation that the City Council directs.

### ***Harbor Commission***

The City of Harrisville Harbor Commission consists of seven members, appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the City Council, each to serve three-year terms. In addition, the harbormaster serves as an ex-officio member. Commission functions include the authority to operate and maintain the harbor, to hire employees, including the harbormaster, to maintain harbor revenues and expenditures within a separate account, and to be responsible for the harbor's financial and physical activities. The Harrisville Harbor is open to boaters from late-April to October. All revenues accrued from the harbor are maintained by the commission for

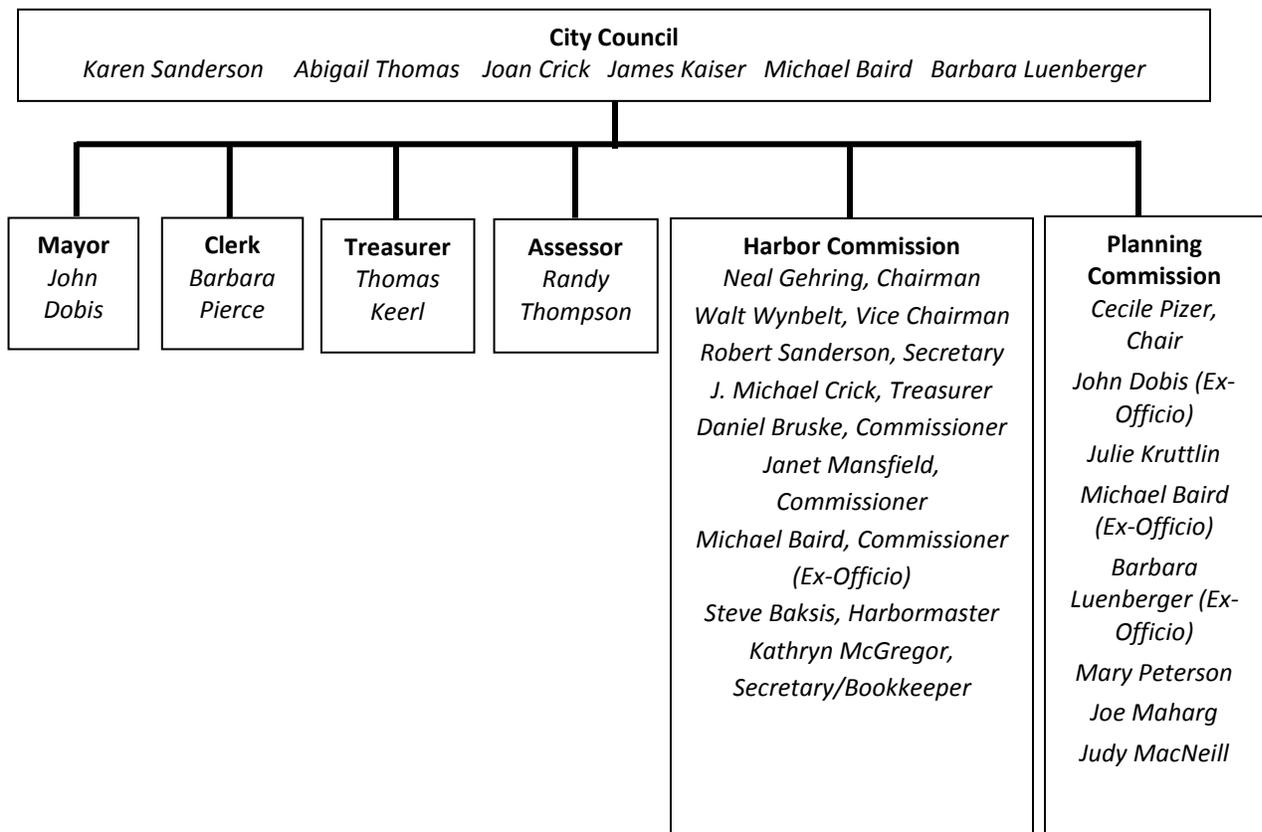
harbor operations. A line-item in the city's general fund budget allows for maintenance and supplies for Harbor Park at the top of the hill overlooking the harbor. The City of Harrisville owns the docks within the harbor and has maintenance jurisdiction of the water around the docks, allowing for dredging and other maintenance operations. The State of Michigan holds ownership of the water and lake bottom surrounding the harbor. Two break-walls surrounding the harbor were created and are owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. During the summer months, the Harbor Commission employs between six and ten individuals.

**Additional City Commissions and Boards**

The Airport Commission operates and maintains the City's airport on much the same basis as the Harbor Commission operates the harbor. The Harrisville Area Visioning Committee was formed in 2003 with the assistance of the Michigan State University-Extension office as a part of the Small Town Initiative. It was composed of three permanent members, one each from the City of Harrisville, Harrisville Township, and Alcona County Commission. This committee was disbanded upon completion of their work.

**Staff/Park & Recreation Maintenance**

Harrisville employs one part-time and two full-time employees in its maintenance department. These employees are responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of all City-owned property other than the harbor and its docks. Snow removal, street maintenance, and operation of the City's water and sewer system also fall within their area of responsibilities. An organizational chart for the city is as follows:



## ***Relationship with Other Agencies & Role of Volunteers***

**US 23 Huron Shores Heritage Route – Alcona County Team:** Each county along the US 23 Heritage Route’s 200 mile span has its own team of volunteers which implements projects in its county with the assistance of the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments. In addition, the Alcona County Team participates in the US 23 Management Council which provides the overall organizational direction and structure to coordinate efforts along the route. The Alcona Heritage Route Team consists of representation from Harrisville, Harrisville Township, Harrisville and Negwegon State Parks, Alcona County Board of Commissioners, Alcona County MSU Extension, neighboring Sanborn Township (Alpena County), and interested citizens. The Alcona Heritage Route Team was responsible for the establishment of an historic walking trail through the city and, with technical assistance from NEMCOG and a grant from the Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan, developed signage for the trail route as well as a coordinating brochure which describes the historic buildings along the trail. The Team is now interested in developing a trail system throughout Alcona County along US 23 to connect to the city trail. The Team is in the process of developing a tourism website which will market recreational facilities in Harrisville as well as along US 23 from Standish to Mackinaw City. Recently, they completed and printed brochures highlighting recreational attractions in Alcona County and the City of Harrisville.

**Sunrise Garden Club:** The Garden Club contributes to the beautification of city facilities. Most recently, the Garden Club has coordinated with the Alcona County Heritage Route Team to beautify the trailhead of the Harrisville Heritage Route Trail at the corner of Harbor Drive and Lake Street.

**Harrisville Arts Council:** The Harrisville Arts Council is responsible for the Labor Day Art Fair taking place around the Craftmaker’s Cabin and the open area near the tennis courts on US 23. The Council coordinates over 500 exhibitors.

**East Shore Art Guild:** The East Shore Art Guild sponsors an art show at the Harbor and operates a gallery in downtown Harrisville.

**Chamber of Commerce:** The Chamber sponsors most of the summer activities that are held at the Harbor such as the Antique and Collectibles Show and the Wine and Food Festival.

**Lions Club:** The Harrisville Lion’s Club sponsors recreational events in Harrisville such as the Duck race on July 4 and the Lincoln Lions sponsors a fishing tournament in June.

**Alcona County Quilt Trail Committee:** The Quilt Trail Committee has developed Michigan’s first Quilt Trail which includes sites in Harrisville as well as around Alcona County.

## **Finances**

Finances for recreation within the City are as follows:

<b>Table 2-1: Current &amp; Projected Budget</b>		
	<b>2015-2016</b>	<b>2016-2017 (projected)</b>
<b>1. Other City Property</b>		
Salaries	\$14,000	\$14,500
IRA	\$500	\$500
Supplies	\$1,000	\$1,100
Prof.Serv./Uniforms	\$2,000	\$2,100
Refuse	\$2,000	\$2,100
Telephone	\$700	\$750
Beautification	\$1,000	\$1,000
Tree Maintenance	\$2,000	\$2,000
Utilities	\$5,500	\$6,000
Repairs	\$500	\$500
Equipment Rental	\$6,500	\$7,000
Employee Licensing	\$140	\$150
Miscellaneous	\$50	\$50
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0
Total	\$35,890	\$37,750
<b>2. Harbor</b>		
Insurance	\$7,000	\$7,200
Utilities	\$1,200	\$1,300
Repairs	\$100	\$100
Equipment Rental	\$3,000	\$3,100
Total	\$11,300	\$11,700
<b>3. Misc.</b>		
Special Events	\$3,000	\$3,000
Concerts	\$2,500	\$2,500
Airport	\$4,000	\$4,200
Mill Pond Light	\$400	\$450
Total	\$9,900	10,150
<b>Total 1, 2, and 3 above</b>	<b>\$57,090</b>	<b>\$59,600</b>

The combined total of the three categories for 2015/2016, \$57,090, represents 25.8% of the city's total general fund budget.

## Chapter 3: Description of the Planning Process

### ***Schedule***

<b>April, 2015</b>	City of Harrisville enters into an agreement with the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments to complete an update to the expired Recreation Plan.
<b>May 14, 2015</b>	Kyle Robinson of Northeast Michigan Council of Governments began updating the Recreation Plan to required format.
<b>August 26, 2015</b>	An ad was placed in the Alcona Review inviting the public to attend a public input session for the Recreation Plan scheduled for September 9, 2015. In addition, flyers were placed around the community and at the entrance to the City Offices.
<b>September 9, 2015</b>	A public input session was held to gather input on recreational facilities in the City. Rick Deuell, from the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments, facilitated the session. Members of the public and the Planning Commission provided input concerning their specific recreation interests.
<b>December 9, 2015</b>	The Planning Commission met to review the updated Recreation Plan. The Planning Commission approved the plan to begin the 30-day public review period.
<b>December 16, 2015</b>	The draft Recreation Plan became available for public review at the Alcona County Library (Harrisville branch) and online at <a href="http://www.nemcog.org">www.nemcog.org</a> .
<b>January 20, 2016</b>	The public hearing notice for the Planning Commission Public Hearing appeared in the Alcona Review.
<b>January 27, 2016</b>	The Planning Commission met to pass a resolution approving the plan and recommended adoption to the City Council.
<b>February 8, 2016</b>	The City Council approved the Recreation Plan by Resolution.

## **Public Input**

Citizen opinion on recreation priorities is key to the development of a recreation plan. The Planning Commission opted to hold a public input session to gather comprehensive public opinion and ideas about the future of recreation in the City. The public was notified of the meeting through an advertisement appearing in the newspaper. At the meeting, each participant was encouraged to discuss the current state of City recreational facilities as well as what they would like to see for the future. Because of Harrisville's small size, the Planning Commission felt that the community was well-represented through the input received throughout the process. After all public input was gathered and recorded, the Planning Commission met to prioritize projects for the Action Plan and to develop a capital improvements plan.

### **COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**

**September 9, 2015**

- Community should be elder-friendly.
- Possibly a trail from Mill Pond to the harbor.
- People still want a community center – possibly the Harbortown Mall would be a location. It should hold around 70 people.
- Mill Pond Park – dredging. Possible planting of fish in the pond.
- The Harbor needs docks upgraded.
- The children's play area at the park is outdated and is in need of updating. It needs new play structures and sand.
- Discussion occurred on DNR boat launch in city.
- Fishing should be encouraged. There's not a good place to fish in the city. Possibly build a portable fishing dock which is removable.

### **Ad from Alcona Review for Public Input Session:**

Page 4, Alcona County Review August 26, 2015

**NOTICE**

The City of Harrisville Planning Commission, as part of the Recreation Plan update, invites the public to an input session to gather ideas for recreational facilities/improvements in Harrisville. The meeting will take place Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2015 at the Harrisville City Offices at 200 N. Fifth St. at 6:30 p.m. Written comments may be submitted to Harrisville Planning Commission c/o City of Harrisville, P.O. Box 278, Harrisville, MI 48740.

8/26, 9/2 & 9/9

## Flyer for Public Input Session



ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE  
INVITED TO ATTEND THE...

# CITY OF HARRISVILLE

## RECREATION PLAN PUBLIC INPUT MEETING



**DATE:**  
Wednesday,  
SEPT 9

**TIME:**  
6:00 PM

**PLACE:**  
Harrisville  
City Offices

### Come and share your recreation ideas!

The City of Harrisville is updating their Recreation Plan with the assistance of the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments. The purpose of the Recreation Plan is to inventory recreational facilities in the City and to provide an action plan for future recreational improvements. In addition, Recreation Plans that have been approved by the Department of Natural Resources & Environment allow the City to be eligible for State recreational grant funding.

A public input session is being held to give the public the opportunity to participate in the planning process. All members of the public that are interested in the future of recreation in Harrisville are encouraged to attend.

Questions? Please contact Denise Cline at  
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## **COMMENTS FROM PREVIOUS PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**

**October 6, 2010**

Many of the comments received at the public input session held in 2010 are still relevant today, so the City feels it is important to include those comments as well.

### **GENERAL**

- Recreation improvements in Harrisville should be tied into the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and the Maritime Heritage Trail: major assets in the community.
- Harrisville State Park is working with the sanctuary to establish a visitor center.
- A new multi-use trail through Harrisville State Park links to the city for day use visitors.
- Possibility of interpretive kiosks at Harrisville Harbor.
- The US 23 Heritage Route trail has recreation goals and would like to connect Harrisville State Park to the Sturgeon Point Lighthouse and on up to Black River.
- Interest in being “green” – using energy efficient utilities/alternative energy – tourist draw.
- Need for recreation programming.
- Need for community center for recreation programs such as yoga for youth and seniors. It would be a central place to go for wellness classes.
- Wayfinding signage is needed.
- Disc golf.

### **TENNIS COURTS**

- Upgrades to the tennis courts are needed: re-surfacing.
- Fix backstops.
- Get old water fountain working.

### **HARRISVILLE HARBOR**

- Docks need upgrading – critical.
- Investigate using solar/wind energy to run bubbler.
- General maintenance
- Volleyball court was removed for parking area – need new volleyball court.
- Playground area needs upgrade

### **VFW BUILDING**

- Upgrade ponds – develop as a resource to the community
- Upgrade basketball court. Design so court could be flooded in winter to make ice skating rink.
- Picnic tables behind building.
- Walking paths.
- Bring Heritage Route Multi-Use Trail through VFW property and on toward Depot.

### **SHORELINE**

- Lack of a public beach in town is a problem.
- Work with DNRE on lease agreement to create a public beach on DNRE property near Harbor. Send in formal request to DNRE.
- Something might be needed to keep sand there.
- Discussion of Dock Street – 66’ wide right-of-way to the edge of the water. Not going to be used.
- Wetland area on Point – could be developed for bird watching.

#### **MILL POND**

- Needs to be developed nicer.
- Possible playground
- Restroom or screening for Porta-Jon.
- Drinking fountain.
- Walking trail from Harbor.

#### **DEPOT**

- Depot is currently leased. Assessment is too low for price that is being asked. Depot group has stepped back. Look at fundraisers to raise money to purchase depot. Depot should still be included in Recreation Plan for the future.

#### **SCENIC OVERLOOK AT FOOT OF MAIN STREET**

- Water fountain – issue with Michigan Historical Society. Couldn’t determine when it became a natural spring. No documentation of year people started taking water from the natural spring. In the 1950’s, the fountain was hooked up to city water.
- Main Street overlook needs to be enhanced.

#### **CRAFTMAKER’S CABIN**

- Leased out. See if there are improvements that the leasing group would like.

#### **AIRPORT**

- Trees need to be cut.

**Notice of Availability of Recreation Plan for at least 30 days  
Newspaper: Alcona Review**

Page 4, Alcona County Review December 16, 2015

**NOTICE**

The City of Harrisville has prepared a draft Recreation Plan for 2016-2020 which will be available for the next 30 days at the Harrisville City Offices and online at [www.cityofharrisvillemi.org](http://www.cityofharrisvillemi.org) and [www.nemcog.org](http://www.nemcog.org). Written comments may be submitted to John Dobis, City of Harrisville, PO Box 278, Harrisville, MI 48740, or to [harrisville1905@hotmail.com](mailto:harrisville1905@hotmail.com).

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**Public Hearing Notice for Planning Commission meeting  
Newspaper: Alcona Review**

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

**CITY OF HARRISVILLE RECREATION PLAN**

The City of Harrisville Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the draft Recreation Plan. The meeting will take place at the Harrisville City Offices located at 200 N. Fifth Street in Harrisville, on January 27, 2016, at 6:30 pm. The draft plan contains an action plan for recreation in the City of Harrisville from 2016-2020. The draft plan is available for review at [www.cityofharrisvillemi.org](http://www.cityofharrisvillemi.org) and at the city office. Written comments may be submitted to John Dobis, City of Harrisville, PO Box 278, Harrisville, MI 48740 or to [harrisville1905@hotmail.com](mailto:harrisville1905@hotmail.com).

JAN. 20, 2016

# Resolution of the Planning Commission Recommending Adoption of the Recreation Plan

## CITY OF HARRISVILLE RECREATION PLAN UPDATE

### RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

#### City of Harrisville Planning Commission

**WHEREAS,** The City of Harrisville has undertaken a 5-Year Recreation Plan Update which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreational facilities during the period of 2016-2020, and

**WHEREAS,** A public input session was held on September 9, 2015 at the Harrisville City Offices to provide for an opportunity for citizens to discuss the future of recreation in the City, and

**WHEREAS,** A public notice was published in the Alcona Review which began a 30-day public review period for the draft plan, and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Harrisville has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the entire community.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** That the City of Harrisville Planning Commission hereby adopts the Recreation Plan Update and recommends to the City Council adoption of the The City of Harrisville Recreation Plan Update as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of Harrisville.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Absent: Dobis

**I HEREBY CERTIFY,** that the forgoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the City of Harrisville Planning Commission, held on January 27, 2016.

Jan. 27, 2016  
Date

Cecile E. Pizer

## Minutes of 1-27-16 Public Hearing

### City of Harrisville Planning Commission Minutes

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Planning Commission was held on January 27, 2016 at the City Office.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Pizer.

Members: present; Baird, Kruttlin, Luenberger, MacNeil, Maharg, Peterson, Pizer. Absent; Dobis.

Visitors present: Sharon Getz, Joan Crick, KiAnn Kruttlin, Cheryl Peterson, Becky Stoddard.

Motion by Maharg, support by Baird to approve the minutes of December 11, 2015. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Kruttlin, support by Peterson to approve the agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

At Public Hearing held from 6:32 pm - 6:35 pm, there were no public comments regarding review of the City of Harrisville Recreation Plan Update. The next Public Hearing shall be held 4/13/16 at 6:30 pm.

Motion by Baird, support by Peterson to elect Luenberger as Secretary. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Luenberger, support by MacNeil to elect Baird as Vice Chairperson. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Baird, support by Peterson to elect Pizer as Chairperson. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by MacNeil, support by Baird that the City of Harrisville Planning Commission adopt the Recreation Plan Update and recommend to the City Council adoption of The City of Harrisville Recreation Plan Update as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of Harrisville. Motion carried: Yeas 7; Baird, Kruttlin, Luenberger, MacNeil, Maharg, Peterson, Pizer. Nays 0. Absent; Dobis.

The Harrisville Business Association spokesperson, Cheryl Peterson, presented the "Redevelopment Ready Communities Program" which they hope to implement for positive change. It is a free program offered by the State of Michigan to help promote and market our community to prospective investors.

Motion by Kruttlin, support by Peterson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Regular Planning Commission Meeting Dates: April 13, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.  
July 6, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.  
October 5, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

# Resolution of the City Council - Adoption of the Recreation Plan

2016-01

## CITY OF HARRISVILLE RECREATION PLAN UPDATE

### RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

#### Harrisville City Council

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**WHEREAS,** A public input session was held on September 9, 2015 at the Harrisville City Offices to provide for an opportunity for citizens to discuss the future of recreation in the City, and

**WHEREAS,** A public notice was published in the Alcona Review which began a 30-day public review period for the draft plan, and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Harrisville has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the entire community, and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Harrisville Planning Commission has recommended adoption of the 5-Year Recreation Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Harrisville City Council hereby adopts the Recreation Plan Update as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of Harrisville.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

**I HEREBY CERTIFY,** that the forgoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council, held on 2/8/16

2/9/16  
Date

Joan Crick

## Minutes of 2-8-16 City Council Meeting

### CITY OF HARRISVILLE MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on February 8 at the city office. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Joan Crick and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was said. Present: Mayor Pro Tem Crick, treasurer Keerl, clerk Pierce and council members Kaiser, Thomas, Baird and Luenberger, city attorney Cook and guests. Absent: Mayor Dobis, alderman Sanderson.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Thomas, to approve the minutes of January 11. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Baird, support by Luenberger, to pay the bills in the amount of \$12,147.68. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Luenberger, support by Thomas, to set the Tax Board of Review dates as follows: Organizational meeting: March 8 - 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; March 15 - 3 to 9 p.m.; March 17 - 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.; July 19 - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; December 13 - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Luenberger, support by Baird, to set the 2016/2017 General Fund Budget and the Annual Truth and Taxation Hearing for March 14. Hearing to start at 7:30 p.m. Clerk to publish notice. Motion carried 5-0. End of 2015 water/sewer adjustments and final budget figures addressed by treasurer Keerl. Motion by Thomas, support by Baird, to accept 2015 water/sewer, water debt, sewer bond and interest adjustments and final budget figures. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion by Harrisville Business Association about Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) Program. Council advised to become familiar with information packet included in council information. Information to be sent to city Planning Commission for their review and comments. No action taken at this time.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Luenberger, for Harrisville Arts Council to use city properties as stated in its letter of request, starting Tuesday, Aug. 30 for booth marking, through cleanup of area

Monday, Sept. 5 for Harmony Weekend activities. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Baird, support by Kaiser, for Harrisville Lions Club to use city properties as stated in its letter of request, Friday, July 1 and Saturday, July 2 at the Mill Pond, Harbor Pavilion and surrounding areas for annual Duck Race and activities associated with it in conjunction with the Fourth of July fireworks (Saturday, July 2) and Wednesday, July 13 for the pulled pork dinner under the tent on Lake Street. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Baird, support by Kaiser, to now, therefore be it resolved, that the Harrisville City Council hereby adopts the Recreation Plan Update, City Council Resolution 2016-01, as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of Harrisville as adopted by resolution 2016-01 set forth by the city planning commission on January 20. Yeas: Five - Baird, Crick, Kaiser, Luenberger and Thomas. Nays: Zero. Absent: Sanderson

Bids for winterizing upper floor of VFW Building on Lake Street discussed. Two bids were considered. Motion by Baird, support by Kaiser, to authorize up to \$500 for the job and to accept the bid by Sweet Heating and Cooling, LLC of \$450 to winterize upper floor of VFW Building. Motion carried 5-0.

Reports: Clerk Pierce - Summer Concert Series dates are filled. The dates for the Summer Concert Series are Wednesdays, July 6, 13, 20, 27 and August 3. Clerk Pierce also reported that absentee voter applications and ballots are available through Saturday, March 5. Please call the city office at (989) 724-6666 for any questions. The presidential primary is Tuesday, March 8.

Harbor Commissioner Baird reported the commission has been looking into possibilities of the realignment of responsibilities of the harbormaster position. Planning commissioner Baird informed council of the discussion by the planning commission about forming a committee to study the

Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) Program offered by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to municipalities across the state, in conjunction with the Harrisville Business Association.

County Commissioner Johnson spoke about the reassignment of office spaces in the county building. Harbortown Marketplace on Main Street will be having a "Selling Saturday" on Saturday, Feb. 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Anyone interested in renting space for the sale, contact Sheila Phillips, county commissioner, at (989) 736-6881

Comment cards: None. Council's last comments: Alderman Baird discussed resident's concern about the dredging cleanup at the harbor. Kaiser moved meeting to be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m. Next City Council meeting is March 14.

Published prior to council approval.

## Copies of Submittal Letters

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February 19, 2016

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Please find enclosed a complete copy of the updated City of Harrisville Recreation Plan which was adopted by the Harrisville City Council on February 8, 2016.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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## Chapter 4: Recreation Inventory

### ***City-Owned Recreational Property (Map 4-1)***

1. **HARRISVILLE HARBOR AND HARBOR PARK:** A 4.5-acre site on the waterfront. The harbor facilities include 97 boat slips (48 for transient boaters and 49 for seasonal boaters). Facilities associated with the harbor include fuel (gasoline and diesel), pump-outs, 30 & 50 amp electric hook-ups, public restrooms/showers, laundry service, wireless internet, ice/soft drinks, boat launch, courtesy van, volleyball courts, horseshoe pits, pavilion, grills, picnic tables, playground and dog run area. The harbor is part of the State of Michigan's Harbor of Refuge network and is considered one of the most scenic on the Great Lakes. In addition, it will support 50 people in a disaster.



The playground area features 4 benches, bike rack (14 spaces), water fountain, 2 play structures, tire swing, swingset (6 swings), tire in ground, and sand under the swings and the larger play structure



Parking lots are located at three levels at the site: one providing 37 spaces at the lake level next to the harbor building, one providing 36 spaces at mid-level, and one providing 30 spaces at the road level next to Lake Street. A viewing area is provided next to the mid-level parking lot. Six benches, two trash receptacles, and a coin-operated viewing device are located at the east end of the parking lot providing

a spectacular view of Lake Huron.



A pavilion is located near the playground area. Located on this section of the site are seven picnic tables, two grills, two trash receptacles, and two benches overlooking the harbor.

**Type:** Community Park & Special Use Area

**Service Area:**

Playground & Pavilion - Harrisville and surrounding areas

Harbor – Region and State

**Barrier-Free Accessibility = 2 (some of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines)**

Two handicap parking spaces are provided in the mid-level lot and two next to the harbor building. Viewing area at the mid-level lot is not accessible due to a small step up to the bench area. There is no ramp to harbor from mid- and top-level parking lots (Harbor Drive is the only access). There is no barrier-free access from parking lots or the sidewalk on Lake Street to the playground or pavilion areas. There is no barrier-free access within the playground area or pavilion areas. There are no barrier-free play structures within the playground area. There is no barrier-free access to benches or picnic tables. Barrier-free facilities are present in the harbor building.

2. **HARRISVILLE MILL POND:** (US-23 North) The pond, formed by the damming of Mill Creek, is stocked with trout and open for public fishing. In 1992, the Harrisville Lion's Club erected a water wheel at the dam which adds to the scenic quality of the small waterfall. The 8.5 acres adjacent to the pond contains a grassy area with benches, cookout grills and fire pits as well as gravel parking facilities. The Mill Pond property, in addition to surrounding the pond, extends eastward, across US-23 to the harbor, where Mill Creek empties into Lake Huron.



**Type:** Community Park

**Service Area:** Harrisville and surrounding areas

**Barrier-Free Accessibility = 1 (none of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines)**

No barrier-free parking spaces are provided in the gravel parking lot. The covered bridge is not accessible due to a step up. No barrier-free paths are provided across the grassy area.

No barrier-free picnic tables are provided. No fishing platform exists.

3. **VETERAN'S CLUB PROPERTY:** This parcel of land on Lake Street is directly across from Harbor Park. It is the site of the former Harrisville Fish Hatchery. The building, which also houses the Health Department, is owned by the State of Michigan from which the City leases the property. The property is the site of the City's basketball courts and is also the area where a lighted ice-skating rink with temporary benches has been created during the winter months. Behind the building is a pond, a part of the former fish hatchery, which was a favorite fishing site for children of the area.



**Type:** Special Use Facility

**Service Area:** Harrisville and surrounding areas

**Barrier-Free Accessibility = 2 (some of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines)**

Barrier-free parking spaces exist in the rear of the building.

4. **TENNIS COURTS/PAVILION/CITY OFFICES (STATE STREET):** Adjacent to the Harrisville City Offices, are two fenced, concrete tennis courts with partial backboard, benches, and open air picnic pavilion on a cement pad. This facility is also used for the Harmony Days Craft Show on Labor Day weekend.



**Type:** Community Park  
**Service Area:** Harrisville and surrounding areas  
**Barrier-Free Accessibility (tennis courts/pavilion) = 1 (none of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines)**

No barrier-free access is provided.



**Barrier-Free Accessibility (City Offices) = 1 (some of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines)**

5. **DOCK STREET ROAD-END:** The area north of the DNR Boat Launch where Dock Street ends at Lake Huron is not available for development.

**Type:** Mini- Park

**Service Area:** Limited surrounding area.

**Barrier-Free Accessibility = 1 (none of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines)**



6. **SCENIC OVERLOOK, FOOT OF MAIN STREET:** An improved area of landscaping, benches, and safety fencing, reinforced by a rock breakwall, where Main Street ends at the Lake Huron shore.

**Type:** Mini- Park

**Service Area:** Harrisville

**Barrier-Free Accessibility = 1 (none of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines)**



7. **CRAFTMAKER'S CABIN AND PROPERTY:** A log cabin and surrounding property at corner of highways US-23 and M-72 in downtown Harrisville houses a variety of crafts made and sold by local senior citizens during the summer months when it also serves as an information and visitors' center. It is staffed by local volunteers, and each year attracts hundreds of visitors.

**Type:** Special Use Facility

**Service Area:** Region and State (visitors)

**Barrier-Free Accessibility = 1 (none of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines)**



8. **CITY AIRPORT:** A class "D" airport of approximately 40 acres currently used for recreational purposes by the local flying club and by those in the area who fly ultra-light aircraft. It has two runways and offers tie-down services.

**Type:** Special Use Facility

**Service Area:** Alcona County

**Barrier-Free Accessibility = 1 (none of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines)**

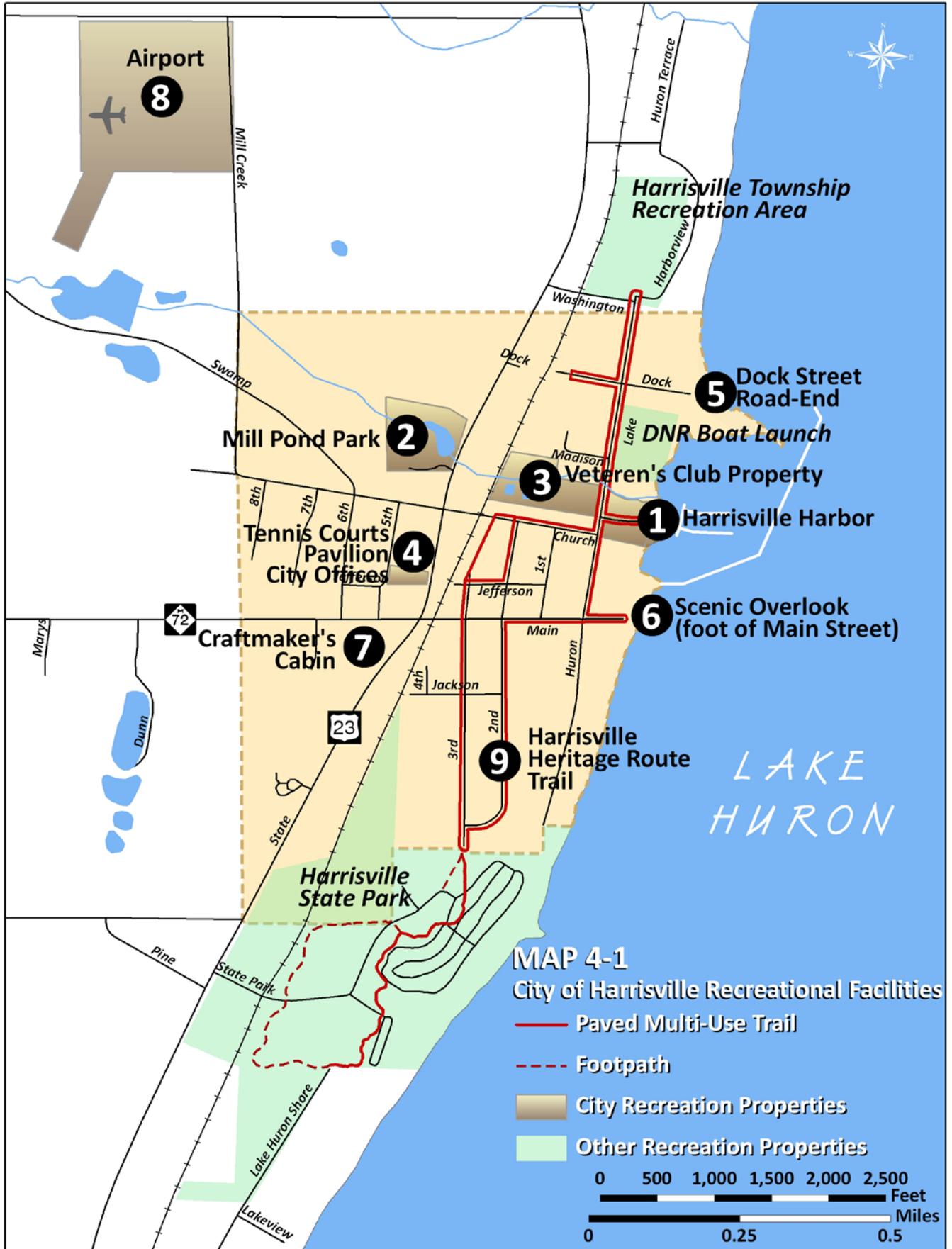
9. **HARRISVILLE HERITAGE ROUTE TRAIL:** The Harrisville Heritage Route Trail is a 2.5 mile pedestrian and bicycle trail which winds along the streets of Harrisville. The trail begins at the Harrisville Harbor, follows portions of Lake Street, Church Street, Main Street, 3rd Street, and 2nd Street and connects to trails at Harrisville State Park at the south end of town and Harrisville Township Park at the north end. Trail brochures were developed for trail users to read about historic structures along the route such as the Harrisville Depot, Craftmaker's Cabin, and former Harbor Master's House. The trail follows public streets and sidewalks and is a paved non-motorized trail between Jefferson and Church Streets. US 23 is designated as a State Recreational Heritage Route and is called the "Huron Shores Heritage Route".



**Type:** Variation of a Connector Trail (Type II: however, facilities are not separate from roadway)

**Service Area:** Alcona County

**Barrier-Free Accessibility = 3 (most of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines).** Trail is hard surface following roadway, sideways, and is paved across greenspace.



### ***Other Publicly-Owned Recreational Facilities in the City***

10. **MICHIGAN DNR BOAT LAUNCH AND PUBLIC ACCESS SITE:** Located off Lake Street on the harbor, it consists of two large parking areas, launch ramp, and toilet facilities. It is available for day use only with no overnight camping.

### ***Privately-Owned Recreational Facilities in the City:***

11. Village Lanes Bowling Alley
12. J & J Campground: a 20-acre campground with 25 campsites, electrical hookups and water available.
13. Old Railroad Depot: Located at the west end of Dock Street in Harrisville, the depot was finished in 1902 and still stands. A Depot Restoration Committee has been active in the past but is inactive at this time.

### ***Publicly Owned Land and Buildings***

14. Harrisville City Hall
15. Alcona County Courthouse
16. Vets Club Property
17. Alcona County Sheriff's Department
18. Alcona Health Center and Secretary of State Office (privately-owned/leased to State).
19. Soil Conservation/MSU-Extension/Emergency Management Offices
20. City Storage and Maintenance Garage

### ***Publicly Owned Recreational Property Adjoining the City***

21. **HARRISVILLE RECREATIONAL AREA:** (Lake Street & Washington Avenue) A 17-acre site owned by Harrisville Township, directly north of the city limits, containing a pavilion, one softball diamond, two baseball diamonds, restroom facilities, dugouts, fences, and a picnic area. A hoop house, used for gardening, has been added by the Alcona Local Foods Association.

22. **HARRISVILLE STATE PARK:** (US-23 South) A 107-acre State-owned park on Lake Huron located directly south of the city limits. In addition to a day-use area for picnicking and swimming, there are scenic foot trails, 229 modern campsites, two rental cabins (mini cabins and rustic cabins are available all year), bathroom and shower facilities, electric hook-ups, a boat launch, baseball diamond, basketball and volleyball courts, horseshoe pits and a children's playground.

### ***Regional Recreation in Alcona County (Map 4-2)***

Complete information on all public and private recreational facilities can be found in the Alcona County Recreation Plan. Following is a list of recreational sites in Alcona County:

#### ***Alcona Township***

**Public:**

1. Black River/Lake Huron Site
2. Hubbard Lake Access Sites
3. Black River Recreation Area
4. Negwegon State Park
5. Huron National Forest

**Private:**

6. Lost Lake Woods Club
7. Viking Marine

#### ***Caledonia Township:***

**Public:**

1. Hubbard Lake Access Sites
2. Hickey Hill
3. Spruce Park

**Private:**

4. Paul Bunyan Campground
5. Monarch Ridge Golf Course
6. Hubbard Lake Marine
7. Churchill Pointe Inn

#### ***Curtis Township:***

**Public:**

1. Indian Lakes Park
2. Alcona Park
3. Vaughn Lake Public Access
4. North Lake (trailhead for snowmobiles)
5. Au Sable River
6. Huron National Forest

**Private:**

7. Alcona Canoe Rental & Campground
8. Middleton Campground

9. Eagle Ridge Golf Course

***Greenbush Township:***

**Public:**

1. Cedar Lake Access Sites
2. Ten Acres
3. Greenbush Recreation Area
4. Greenbush Country School
5. Swart House
6. Two access sites on Lake Huron

**Private:**

7. Greenbush Golf Course
8. Timberlakes Subdivision

***Gustin Township:***

**Public:**

1. Alcona Community Schools
2. Former Memorial Hall

***Harrisville Township:***

**Public:**

1. Harrisville Recreation Area
2. Harrisville State Park
3. Alcona Recreation Area
4. Springport Road End
5. Trask Lake Road End

**Private:**

6. Springport Hills Golf Course
7. 80-acre Reserve

***Village of Lincoln:***

**Public:**

1. Barlow Park/Flights of Imagination
2. Brownlee Lake Park
3. Lincoln Lakefront
4. Railroad Park
5. Brownlee Lake Public Access
6. Lincoln Train Depot
7. Lincoln Area Multiuse Pathway (LAMP)

***Hawes Township:***

**Public:**

1. Public Access Site (West Branch River)
2. Mudd Lake

Private:

3. Former Timber Creek Resort
4. Deep Woods Taxidermy
5. White Pines National Golf Club

***Haynes Township:***

**Public:**

1. Sturgeon Point Lighthouse
2. Bailey School

**Private:**

3. Cedarbrook Trout Farm

***Mikado Township:***

**Public:**

1. Bruce park
2. Ball parks
3. Ten Acres
4. Pine River National Forest Campground
5. Vandercook Trail Head

**Private:**

6. Chippewa Indian Settlement
7. Indian Mission Church

***Millen Township:***

**Public:**

1. Barton City Community Park
2. Jewell Lake and Campground
3. Horseshoe Lake Campground
4. Reid Lake Foot Travel Area
5. Sprinkler Lake Education Center

**Private:**

6. Barton City Eagles Club

***Mitchell Township:***

**Public:**

1. Mitchell Township Park
2. Hoist Lake Area
3. O'Brien Lake
4. McCollum Lake State Forest Campground
5. AuSable River

Following is a detailed description of significant recreational sites in Alcona County (numbers represent the facility on Map 4-2 Regional Recreation):

**ALCONA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (#1):** There is no school-owned recreational property located within the City of Harrisville. Alcona Community School District encompasses approximately 426 square miles in Alcona County. The 54 acre rural school campus houses Alcona Elementary School, Alcona Middle School, Alcona Community High School, NEMCSA Headstart, a transportation center, outdoor athletic complex, and a 650 seat community auditorium. Recreational and educational facilities available for community use include three gymnasiums, a weight room, an 8-lane all-weather rubberized track, baseball diamond, softball diamond, football/soccer stadium, football practice field, five locker rooms, two playground areas, two media centers with computer facilities, four computer labs, one interactive television lab, a mobile interactive television unit, two cafeterias, a fully-equipped 650-seat auditorium with stage, light and sound booth, and dressing rooms, and conference and classrooms throughout the district. Community members are welcome to access district facilities through a facility use policy developed by the Alcona Community Schools Board of Education and with district approval.

**ALCONA RECREATION AREA (#2)** is a 123 acre County-owned site located in the northeast corner of Harrisville Township approximately eight miles from the City. The area is the site of the Alcona County Fair as well as the Lincoln 250 Enduro Snowmobile Race. The location has a one-half mile dirt track for trotter and snowmobile racing, a Motocross track, four pole barns, four animal barns, a multipurpose building for displays, meetings and other events, a horse arena and show arena, an office and maintenance building with flush toilets, a 300' complete BMX track, an observation/broadcast booth, a gatehouse, two wells, four irrigated soccer fields which host AYSO soccer, water and sewer, six portable toilets, and 80 acres of undeveloped forest land. It also boasts a Braille Nature Trail.

**STURGEON POINT LIGHTHOUSE (#3)**, located approximately five miles north of the city in Haynes Township, is a major tourist attraction. The Alcona Historical Society offers summer tours of the still-operating, Federally-owned facility. The State of Michigan owns the 40 acres surrounding the lighthouse and has no immediate plans for development. **Old Bailey School**, one of the few remaining one-room, log schoolhouses in Michigan, is situated near the lighthouse and is open to the public. **HARRISVILLE STATE PARK (#4)**, at the southern City limits, and **ALCONA PARK (#5)**, near Glennie in Curtis Township, offer modern camping facilities. **NEGWEGON STATE PARK (#6)** is an unimproved state park, which currently includes 3,378 acres of land, falls partly in Alcona Township in Alcona County and partly in Alpena County's Sanborn Township. Present facilities allow for primitive camping and provide hiking and nature trails.

The **GREENBUSH RECREATION AREA (#7)**, approximately 10 miles south of the city, is a 34-acre site with an open-air pavilion, two ball fields, a children's playground, nature trails and picnic areas. Bathroom facilities are also available. **THE PINE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST CAMPGROUND (#8)**, located at the former state trout-rearing ponds in the Huron National Forest in Mikado Township, offers eleven primitive campground sites with toilets and hand-pumped water, a picnic pavilion and grills. Three recreation sites are maintained by the U.S. Forest Service in Millen Township: **JEWELL LAKE CAMPGROUND (#9)**, **HORSESHOE LAKE**

**CAMPGROUND (#10)**, and **REID LAKE QUIET AREA (#11)**. Each has primitive campsites, hand-pumped water, and picnic & foot trail areas. The Reid Lake site also offers over six miles of cross country ski trails. **THE HOIST LAKE AREA (#12)**, maintained by the U.S. Forest Service in Mitchell Township, is approximately 22 miles west of the city. It has seven small lakes and over 20 miles of cross country ski trails. **GABIONS CAMPGROUND (#13)** in Mitchell Township offers camping and RV sites.

**FOREST LAND:** Approximately 74.5% of the land in Alcona County is forested, with State and Federal Forest areas comprising approximately 35.6% of it. Most of these areas are open to the public for hunting, hiking, camping and other outdoor sporting activities. Facilities on federal forests are utilized primarily for primitive camping, hiking, and wildlife observation.

**GOLF:** Alcona County has four public nine-hole golf courses: Greenbush Golf Course in Greenbush, Springport Hills, The Back Nine in Barton City, and Monarch Ridge in Caledonia Township. There are also two 18-hole courses: Loggers' Trace at Springport Hills and White Pine National Golf Course in Spruce. Blackshire Hills, part of Lakewood Shores, is situated just to the south in Oscoda.

**FLIGHTS OF IMAGINATION**, a play structure in Lincoln, is located on 11 acres of land in **BARLOW PARK (#14)**. (The park also includes softball and baseball fields, a wooded park and picnic area, tennis courts, and public restrooms). The play structure was designed by Robert A. Leathers & Associates, of Ithaca, New York for the children of Alcona County, as well as seasonal visitors to the area, and was funded and constructed using grassroots community efforts. **THE LINCOLN DEPOT (#15)** is located in the downtown area of the Village of Lincoln, and was restored by the Friends of the Lincoln Depot. It now serves as a tourist and educational attraction, and includes many of the original furnishings and a gift shop. The **LINCOLN AREA MULTI-USE PATHWAY (LAMP)** travels through the streets of Lincoln and Barlow Park.

**SNOWMOBILE TRAILS:** There are 90 miles of groomed trails in Alcona County, while Oscoda County, to the west, has 121 miles and Iosco County, to the south, has 94 miles.

**TRAILS:** Three major hiking trail systems are located in Alcona County – the Hoist Lakes Foot Travel Area, Reid Lake Quiet Area, and approximately 14 miles of the Shore to Shore Trail passes through the southwestern portion of the county on its way from Lake Huron to Lake Michigan. Hoist Lakes (over 20 miles of trails) and Reid Lake (12 miles of trails) are footpaths for hikers and skiers while the Shore to Shore Trail is an unpaved multi-use trail for mountain bikes, hikers, and horses.

**SHIPWRECKS:** The Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary has expanded its boundaries to include the waters off Alcona County. The sanctuary currently encompasses the waters off Alpena County and was designated to protect a significant collection of nearly 200 shipwrecks that lie in Lake Huron. The boundary expansion would include the waters off Alcona and Presque Isle Counties to the Canadian border. Visitors can fish, kayak, or snorkel the wrecks.



## ***Recreation Outside of Alcona County***

In addition to recreation within Alcona County, city residents have access to recreational opportunities in Alpena, 32 miles to the north, as well as Oscoda, 16 miles south. The City of Alpena is the largest city in the northeast Michigan region and offers 22 recreational properties. Community based recreation in Alpena includes an indoor community pool, a city ice rink with provisions for both hockey and pleasure skating, and many community parks with swimming and fishing access.

Oscoda High School has an indoor swimming pool which is open for public use on a limited basis; the community also has a waterfront park on its Lake Huron beach with playground equipment and tennis courts.

A second lake-side park area, located just north of Oscoda on U.S-23, offers picnicking and swimming. Several campgrounds are located in or near the Huron National Forest, including the Old Orchard Campground on the AuSable River.

The Lumberman's Monument area on the River Road offers a visitor's center with informative and educational displays depicting lumbering days, a gift shop, interpretive center, the impressive monument itself, numerous scenic hiking and walking trails, and a spectacular view of the AuSable River. Picnicking and boating is also available at Van Etten Lake in Oscoda.

It is important to note that while all of these regional recreational opportunities are available to residents of the City of Harrisville, many require fees and all require travel in order to access them.

## ***Events in Harrisville***

**Harmony Weekend:** The annual Harrisville Arts & Crafts Show is held the Saturday & Sunday preceding Labor Day. Over 400 exhibitors display their wares on the grounds of the courthouse. Barbershop Quartets and Sweet Adelines perform from the hill above the arts and craft show at various times during the show. A parade is also held that weekend.

**Fourth of July Weekend:** Fireworks, Children's Parade, Sidewalk Chalk Art Competition immediately following Children's Parade, craft show at the Craftmaker's Cabin, duck race.

**City Wide Garage Sale:** Second Saturday in June

**Antique & Collectables Tent:** Second weekend in July

**Wine & Food Fest:** Third Saturday in July

Christmas in the Village: First Saturday in December

Harbor Nights Summer Concert Series: Wednesday nights in July and August

Lincoln Lions Fishing Tournament: June

### Tours in Alcona County/Harrisville

**Heritage Route Trail through the city/walking tour of Harrisville historic buildings:** The trail is composed of city streets, sidewalks, and bike path which winds through Harrisville streets, through the Harrisville Harbor, and into Harrisville State Park. A brochure highlights historic buildings and recreational features along the route.



**Alcona County Quilt Trail:** Michigan's first quilt trail includes a self-guided walking and driving tour throughout the county including stops at merchants in downtown Harrisville. A map highlights locations of quilt squares as well as an historic description of each site. Visitors are encouraged to find the 12" fabric quilt squares at the downtown merchants. Wooden quilt squares measuring 8' X 8' are located throughout the rest of the county.



## ***Recreation Grant Inventory***

**PROJECT TITLE:** Harrisville Park Development

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 26-01346

**YEAR:** 1985

**GRANT AMOUNT:** \$30,000

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Develop playground, picnic areas, paved parking, pavilion, burial of overhead wires, and Land & Water Conservation Fund sign.

**CURRENT STATUS:** The “Harrisville Park Development” is described above in #1: Harbor Park. The playground area is still in use. However, repair and maintenance are needed on the playground equipment. In addition, newly designed barrier-free playground equipment should be installed. The paved parking lot is in good condition and is currently used. The pavilion is in good condition and is used extensively for gatherings as well as for concerts in the park each Wednesday night in the summer. Picnic areas exist in various locations throughout the park and portable picnic tables are available. Overhead utility lines have been buried and the Land & Water Conservation Fund sign is present. **The Post-Completion Self-Certification Report is contained on the following pages.**



## ***Inventory Procedures***

The methods used by NEMCOG staff to compile this recreational inventory include site visits to each facility, compilation of information provided by City of Harrisville officials, and a compilation of information from the Alcona County Recreation Plan and the City of Harrisville Master Plan. Compiled information was compared to existing information to ensure consistency and/or accuracy.





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
(Please select one) [x] LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND [ ] RECREATION PASSPORT [ ] BOND FUND

GRANTEE: City of Harrisville

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01346

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Harbor Park

PROJECT SCOPE: Develop playground, picnic areas, paved parking and burial of overhead

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: City of Harrisville, John Dobis, Mayor, PO Box 278, 989-724-6666, Harrisville, MI 48740, harrisville1905@hotmail.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

Please refer to the attached boundary map. 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. [x] Yes [ ] No
Playground equipment is old and not barrier-free.

Is the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain. [ ] Yes [x] No
There are no barrier-free playground areas. Pavilion is not barrier-free.

List all additional existing development/facilities at the referenced project site. If the site is undeveloped, please describe the present use and provide a schedule for future development, including a list of proposed facilities.

Playground area.

Pavilion with picnic tables.

Parking lot.

Harbor building and docks.

**POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)**

**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.

Yes  No

**There is no sign for the park itself.**

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

Yes  No

Are there any features near the site which would detract from the use and enjoyment of the site or would pose a health or safety problem? If yes, please explain.

Yes  No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

Yes  No

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

Yes  No

**Weekly maintenance is performed during seasons of use.**

**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

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

**n/a**

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

Photograph of program recognition plaque shown on page 4-15 of the Harrisville Recreation Plan.

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.

Barbara Pierce, City Clerk

Please print

*Barbara A. Pierce*  
Grantee Authorized Signature

02-23-16  
Date

Denise Clinc, Nemcog

Please print

*Denise Clinc*  
Witness Signature

2-23-16  
Date

Send completed report to:

POST COMPLETION GRANT INSPECTION REPORTS  
GRANTS MANAGEMENT  
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
PO BOX 30425  
LANSING MI 48909-7925

## Chapter 5: Goals & Objectives/Action Plan

Goals and objectives were developed from the public input session as well as by input from the City of Harrisville Planning Commission. Table 5-1 contains the Capital Improvements Schedule.

### A. GENERAL GOALS & BASIS FOR ACTION

#### **General Goals**

1. Improve the quality of life for residents and bring visitors to Harrisville by maintaining, improving and expanding recreational opportunities within the City and surrounding areas by working cooperatively with local and State governmental agencies, community service agencies, and local businesses to create a sense of place within the City in order to offer a full spectrum of year-round recreational experiences.
2. Install wayfinding signage to direct visitors to and within City recreational facilities.
3. Provide a balance of recreational amenities which cater to the aging population to increase the desirability of the community to retirees.
4. Provide recreational amenities which are oriented toward the younger population and families in order to increase the livability of the community to attract young families to the area and retain older youth.
5. Improve the overall local economy by enhancing the livability of the community and improving the availability of reliable internet, WI-FI, and cell phone service in order to attract entrepreneurs and encourage the creation of new jobs.
6. Maintain a working relationship with Harrisville State Park to cross-promote visitor/resident use of the park and City facilities and businesses.
7. Support cooperative regional recreation planning and development with Harrisville Township, Alcona County, the Michigan DNR, and other surrounding communities.
8. Improve the economy of the Harrisville area by marketing the area as part of a destination package which offers year-round tourism.
9. Support the US 23 Heritage Route Alcona County Team in their efforts to promote Harrisville as a recreation destination and support the goals of the US 23 Corridor Management Plan.

#### **General Basis for Action Program**

There are a number of issues pertinent to recreation planning in the City of Harrisville (figures are from American Community Survey 2013 5-Year Estimates unless noted):

1. The city has a significant older population. Individuals 60 years of age and older make up 42.2% of the population, more than double that of the state average of 18.7%. The majority of in-migration is also due to relocation of persons aged 60 or older. Therefore, thought must be given to planning for this large resident population which has both the time and desire for age-appropriate recreational activities.
2. Due to its rural nature, Harrisville offers little in the way of commercial recreation for young people beyond a small bowling alley. The local elementary, middle and high schools are located six miles west of the City, necessitating transportation for young people to utilize school facilities.
3. Harrisville's median household income is \$28,125 compared to that of the state average of \$48,411. More than half of the households in the city (58.7%) include Social Security recipients, compared to 32.3% statewide. Thirty-four percent of households have retirement income, compared to only 22.7% statewide. Accordingly, to truly be accessible, recreation must also be affordable.
4. Harrisville is a small community with a public works staff consisting of two full-time employees and one part-time employee. This staff is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of all city park and recreation sites, including the Harbor Park area. In addition, they maintain streets within the community, runways at the airport, and operate the city's water and sewer system. Because Harrisville is the county seat of Alcona County, and has numerous state and federal offices, the percentage of its nontaxable holdings is approximately 40%, compared to the average of approximately 25% in most communities.
5. Harrisville is very proud of its natural beauty. It is important to those planning for its growth and development that every effort be made to balance ecological concerns with tourism potential. Protection of natural resources and scenic areas must therefore be a major element of the planning process.
6. The issue of improving the local economy by establishing the area as a premier recreation destination is of utmost importance. Loss of industrial jobs and closing of businesses have forced communities to take a new look at employment and the future of jobs in northeast Michigan. The City sees an opportunity to re-make itself into a premier tourism destination by capitalizing on its location on Lake Huron. The attraction of visitors to coastal recreational amenities has the potential to create not only direct tourism related jobs, but also to increase sales at local establishments which serve those visitors (i.e. local motels, cottage rentals, watercraft rentals, restaurants, resorts, grocery stores, gas stations, etc.). In addition, the City strives to create a community with a defined sense of place and a high livability/quality of life factor which will attract young families who have the option of work mobility (telecommuters) or who have the potential to be entrepreneurs. This livability/quality of life factor will also help to retain local youth who otherwise would leave the area upon reaching adulthood. The retention of youth and the attraction of visitors are two methods with which the City hopes to begin the much needed economic turn-around.

With these issues in mind, other factors to be considered in recreational plan development for the City of Harrisville include:

1. Development of recreation opportunities which are appropriate to the City's major population groups. Both active and passive recreation opportunities require easy access to allow use by those with limited transportation and resources, including the elderly and youth of the City.
2. Development and maintenance of recreational opportunities for individuals with diverse incomes, including recreation available at a no-cost or low-cost basis, as well as appealing to upscale, urban visitors.
3. Maintenance and operation of existing and new recreational facilities in a manner which preserve their ecological and scenic value, with limited staff.
4. The challenge that the City faces in attempting to provide recreational and leisure time activities to both residents and visitors on a limited budget, derived from a residential tax base, due to the large number of non-taxable properties within the City.

## B. HARRISVILLE HARBOR

***GOAL: Continue improvements to the Harbor facilities and grounds to encourage its use by residents of the City, the surrounding area, and visitors.***

1. **OBJECTIVE:** Ensure the harbor is a state of the art facility for boaters.
  - a. **ACTION:** Upgrade docks.
  - b. **ACTION:** Continue general maintenance plan.
2. **OBJECTIVE:** Protect the environment and encourage "green" tourism.
  - a. **ACTION:** Investigate the feasibility of solar/wind energy to power bubbler system.
  - b. **ACTION:** Use energy efficient lighting.
  - c. **ACTION:** Investigate participation in the MDNR Clean Marina program.
3. **OBJECTIVE:** Encourage the use of the Harbor property by residents and visitors.
  - a. **ACTION:** Construct a volleyball court.
  - b. **ACTION:** Upgrade playground equipment to more modern structures which are barrier-free.
  - c. **ACTION:** Maintain vegetation by the shoreline.

- d. **ACTION:** Replace sand under playground equipment.
  - e. **ACTION:** Capitalize upon the statewide Central Reservation System to promote and attract new boaters to the Harbor.
  - f. **ACTION:** Explore local and regional marketing opportunities for the Harbor.
  - g. **ACTION:** Maintain or upgrade current Harbor pavilion.
  - h. **ACTION:** New pavilion in upper Harbor parking area.
4. **OBJECTIVE:** Encourage fishing on Lake Huron.
- a. **ACTION:** Investigate locations to install a 200-300 foot-long portable fishing dock.
  - b. **ACTION:** Install portable fishing dock if feasible.

**HARBOR BASIS FOR ACTION:** Like many communities in northern Michigan, Harrisville is dependent on tourism for its economic base and with the recent economic downturn, promoting tourism is more important than ever. According to Michigan DTMB, unemployment rates in Alcona County peaked at 24.2% in January of 2010. In January of 2015, that rate dropped to 10.4%. Since many of the tourists and summer residents are from largely urban areas and of relatively high income brackets, recreation activities must meet their needs to encourage their return. Harrisville is also home to one of Michigan's official Safe Harbors of Refuge located at various points on the Great Lakes. This harbor is central to its tourism industry. The Harbor Nights Concert Series held in Harbor Park each Wednesday during July and August draws large crowds of tourists visiting the area, people from surrounding communities, as well as local residents. In many cases these concerts provide visitors to the area with an initial impression of the area.

The Harbor is the primary facility in the City for family recreational activity. According to the 2010 US Census, nearly 18.5% of the population of the City is under the age of 19. In addition, there are also 3,329 families living in Alcona County that could potentially utilize a family recreational amenity. Improvements to the playground area and the addition of a volleyball court will cater toward these demographics. The addition of barrier-free playground equipment is critical.

## C. MILL POND PARK

**GOAL:** *Encourage the use of Mill Pond Park as one of the premier recreation focal points in the City.*

- 1. **OBJECTIVE:** Make the natural area more accessible.
  - a. **ACTION:** Install barrier-free walkways.
  - b. **ACTION:** Ensure pathways allow visitors to view the natural features.

- c. **ACTION:** Connect to larger in-town trail system (trail to connect to Harbor).
- 2. **OBJECTIVE:** Encourage the park’s use by all age groups.
  - a. **ACTION:** Consider installing playground equipment at the park.
  - b. **ACTION:** Construct either permanent restroom facility or screening for porta-jon facilities.
  - c. **ACTION:** Install drinking fountain.
  - d. **ACTION:** Construct picnic pavilion.
  - e. **ACTION:** Install wayfinding and interpretive signage.
- 3. **OBJECTIVE:** Restore the pond as a fishing site.
  - a. **ACTION:** Evaluate and implement dredging of the pond.
  - b. **ACTION:** Investigate introducing fish into the pond. Contact the DNR about tying the site into the State fish hatchery program.

**MILL POND BASIS FOR ACTION:** Mill Pond Park is one of the few remaining natural areas within the City limits. Its strategic location on the north side of the City makes it feasible to develop a system of recreational facilities distributed throughout the City. In addition, its location on the US 23 Heritage Route gives it a unique opportunity to become a “Heritage Route” facility providing travelers with a destination within Harrisville.

**D. OTHER RECREATIONAL FACILITIES/PROGRAMS**

***GOAL: Provide recreational amenities which satisfy various age groups, interest areas, and ability levels.***

- 1. **OBJECTIVE:** Encourage use of tennis courts on US 23.
  - a. **ACTION:** Re-surface courts.
  - b. **ACTION:** Fix backstops.
- 2. **OBJECTIVE:** Provide for greater access to Lake Huron.
  - a. **ACTION:** Improve accessibility and aesthetics of the overlook at the end of Main Street.
  - b. **ACTION:** Investigate the feasibility of leasing land from the DNR to create a public beach area.
  - c. **ACTION:** Develop areas for birdwatching.
- 3. **OBJECTIVE:** Encourage various year-round uses on the VFW property.

- a. **ACTION:** Upgrade ponds.
  - b. **ACTION:** Upgrade and maintain basketball court area which would also be used as an ice skating rink in the winter months.
  - c. **ACTION:** Place picnic tables behind the building.
  - d. **ACTION:** Create walking paths. Investigate routing the Heritage Route Multi-Use Trail System through VFW property.
4. **OBJECTIVE:** Encourage historical/cultural tourism.
- a. **ACTION:** Support the acquisition and restoration of the Depot.
  - b. **ACTION:** Maintain and improve the Craftmaker’s Cabin.
  - c. **ACTION:** Work with the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary to develop the Maritime Heritage Trail highlighting facilities in the City.
  - d. **ACTION:** Support the establishment of Maritime Heritage Trail kiosks at the Harbor.
  - e. **ACTION:** Participate in the Alcona County Quilt Trail project.
  - f. **ACTION:** Support local designations of historical sites. Support the creation of local historical districts.
5. **OBJECTIVE:** Satisfy the need for recreation programming for youth and seniors.
- a. **ACTION:** Support the development of a community recreation center.
6. **OBJECTIVE:** Provide recreational facilities for adolescents and young adults.
- a. **ACTION:** Investigate the feasibility of building a disc golf course.
7. **OBJECTIVE:** Promote the use, development and expansion of non-motorized trail systems throughout the City which connect to other trail systems and connect points of interest.
- a. **ACTION:** Support the efforts of the Alcona County US 23 Heritage Route Team and other governmental and community agencies and groups to connect trails at Harrisville State Park to Sturgeon Point and Black River with the greater vision of connecting trails throughout the county.
  - b. **ACTION:** In the event that Lake State Railway ceases operation, support the development of a railway corridor trail.
  - c. **ACTION:** Promote use of non-motorized trails through marketing materials such as maps showing trails, trailheads and other access points, points of interest, and nearby services.
  - d. **ACTION:** Designate Harrisville as a walkable/bikeable community.

8. **OBJECTIVE:** Promote Alcona County as a snowmobile destination.

- a. **ACTION:** Work with local snowmobile groups and neighboring communities to establish designated route to enhance the winter recreational base in and around Harrisville.

**Table 5-1: Proposed Capital Improvements Schedule 2016-2020**

<i>Priority</i>	<i>Proposed improvement</i>	<i>Est. Cost†</i>	<i>Possible funding source(s)</i>
<b>HARRISVILLE HARBOR</b>			
High	Upgrade docks	\$2,000,000	MDNR
High/ Medium	Investigate the feasibility of solar/wind energy to power bubbler system.	TBD	MDNR; local or private foundations; community service orgs
High	General maintenance	TBD	Local funding
High/ Medium	Volleyball courts	\$2,000	MDNR; local or private foundations; community service orgs
High	Upgrade playground equipment	\$50,000	MDNR; local or private foundations; community service orgs
High	Maintain vegetation at shoreline	TBD	Local funding.
High	Replace sand under playground equipment	TBD	Local funding; MDNR
Medium	Investigate locations to install a 200-300 foot-long portable fishing dock.	TBD	Local funding; MDNR
Medium	Install portable fishing dock, if feasible.	TBD	MDNR; MDEQ
High	Maintain or upgrade current Harbor pavilion.	\$20,000	Local funding; MDNR
High	New pavilion in upper harbor parking area.	\$100,000	Local funding; MDNR
<b>MILL POND PARK</b>			
Low	Pavilion	\$25,000	MDNR; local or private foundations; community service orgs
Medium	Drinking fountain	\$4,000	Local or private foundations; community service orgs
High/ Medium	Barrier-free walkways ( <i>cost dependent upon length</i> )	TBD	MDNR; local or private foundations; community service org
Medium	Interpretive signage ( <i>cost dependent upon number of signs</i> )	TBD	MDNR; local or private foundations; community service orgs
High	Screening for Porta-Jon ( <i>cost dependent upon type of structure</i> )	\$2,500	MDNR; local or private foundations; community service orgs
Low	Playground equipment	\$35,000	MDNR; local or private foundations; community service orgs
Medium	Evaluate and implement dredging of the pond.	TBD	Local funding; local or private foundations; MDNR, MDEQ.
Medium	Investigate introducing fish into the pond. Contact the DNR about tying the site into the State fish hatchery program.	TBD	MDNR; MDEQ
<b>TENNIS COURTS</b>			
High	Re-surface courts & fix backboards	\$6,000	Local or private foundations; community service orgs
† Costs are estimates only. Actual costs may be less than or greater than the estimates. Projects may be implemented contingent upon the availability of local and grant funding.			

**Table 5-1: Capital Improvements Schedule 2016-2020**

<i>Priority</i>	<i>Proposed improvement</i>	<i>Est. Cost†</i>	<i>Possible funding source(s)</i>
<b>LAKE HURON</b>			
Medium/ Low	Investigate the feasibility of leasing land from DNR for public beach.	TBD	MDNR; local or private foundations; community service orgs
High/ Medium	Develop area for birdwatching	\$5,000	MDNR; local or private foundations; community service orgs
High/ Medium	Improve Main Street overlook	\$10,000	MDNR; local or private foundations; community service orgs
<b>VFW PROPERTY</b>			
Medium	Upgrade ponds ( <i>costs will be researched</i> )	TBD	MDNR; local or private foundations; community service orgs
High	Upgrade and maintain basketball court area	\$2,500	Local or private foundations; community service orgs
High	Create ice skating rink in basketball court area	\$5,000 - \$10,000	Local or private foundations; community service orgs
Medium	Picnic tables	\$2,500	Local or private foundations; community service orgs
Medium	Walking paths through City property ( <i>cost dependent upon length</i> )	TBD	MDNR; local or private foundations; community service orgs
<b>OTHER</b>			
Medium	Community recreation center ( <i>costs will be researched</i> )	TBD	MDNR; local or private foundations; community service orgs
High/ Medium	Maintenance at Craftmaker's Cabin	TBD	Local or private foundations; community service orgs
High	Develop a maintenance plan for upkeep of park and recreational facilities	n/a	Local funds
High	Wayfinding signage throughout city: develop coordinated wayfinding signage for all recreational facilities	\$30,000	MDOT; MDNR; local or private foundations; community service orgs
† Costs are estimates only. Actual costs may be less than or greater than the estimates. Projects may be implemented contingent upon the availability of local and grant funding.			

## APPENDIX A



Michigan Department of Natural Resources-Grants Management

### COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND GREENWAY PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST

By Authority of Parts 19, 703 and 716 of Act 451, P.A. 1994, as amended, submission of this information is required for eligibility to apply for grants

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete, obtain certification signatures and submit this checklist with a locally adopted recreation plan.

All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans* provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Plans must be submitted to the DNR **with** a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan. Plans may be submitted at any time of the year, but no later than March 1 of the year the local unit of government is applying for grants.

PLAN INFORMATION		
Name of Plan: City of Harrisville Recreation Plan		
List the community names (including school districts) that are covered under the plan and have passed a resolution adopting the plan.	County	Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body
City of Harrisville	Alcona	February 2016

PLAN CONTENT
<p><b>INSTRUCTIONS:</b> Please check <u>each</u> box to certify that the listed information is included in the <u>final</u> plan.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation Programming</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Current Funding Sources</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Role of Volunteers</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations</li> </ul> <p><b>Regional Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of Participating Communities</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Articles of Incorporation</li> </ul> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>3. RECREATION INVENTORY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accessibility Assessment</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities</li> </ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS</b></p>

**6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS**

Description of the Method(s) Used to Solicit Public Input Before or During Preparation of the Plan, Including a Copy of the Survey or Meeting Agenda and a Summary of the Responses Received

Copy of the Notice of the Availability of the Draft Plan for Public Review and Comment

Date of the Notice 12/16/2015

Type of Notice Newspaper

Plan Location City offices and online

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) 43 days

Copy of the Notice for the Public Meeting Held after the One Month Public Review Period and Before the Plan's Adoption by the Governing Body(ies)

Date of Notice 1/20/2016

Name of Newspaper Alcona Review

Date of Meeting 1/27/2016

Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

**7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

**8. ACTION PROGRAM**

**9. POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT(S)**

**PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION**

**APPROVAL DOCUMENTATION:** For multi-jurisdictional plans, each local unit of government must pass a resolution adopting the plan. Prepare and attach a separate page for each unit of government included in the plan.

1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: 2/8/2016

2. Official resolution of the Planning Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: 1/27/2016

3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: 2/19/2016

4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: 2/19/2016

**OVERALL CERTIFICATION**

**NOTE:** For multi-jurisdictional plans, Overall Certification must include the signature of each local unit of government. Prepare and attach a separate signature page for each unit of government included in the plan.

I hereby certify that the recreation plan for

CITY OF HALLSVILLE  
(Local Unit of Government)

includes the required content, as indicated

above and as set forth by the DNR.

Benjamin A. Purice  
Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government

02.23.16  
Date

**This completed checklist must be uploaded in MiRecGrants.**

## APPENDIX B

# Harrisville Harbor

## Supplement to the City of Harrisville Recreation Plan



The City of Harrisville has addressed the recreational needs at the Harbor within Chapter 5 (Item B) and within Table 5-1 (Proposed Capital Improvements Schedule).

### Size of Facility

A preliminary engineering study, conducted by Edgewater Resources LLC, on March 31, 2015 has recommended 70 traditional slips and 8 broadside dockage spaces. The Harbor currently has 89 traditional slips available. Therefore, the current size of the facility exceeds the customer demand.

In 2015, 300 powerboats and 342 sailboats utilized the Harrisville Harbor facilities.

### Infrastructure

#### Annual major maintenance schedule

Maintenance Items	Annual Cost
Start-up costs	\$500
Restroom & supplies	\$300
Office & supplies	\$1,000
Painting	\$200
Vehicles	\$1,000
Parking lot	\$1,000
Winterizing	\$1,000
Tools and hardware	\$300
Cleaning supplies	\$500
Garbage removal	\$600
Utilities	\$15,000
Equipment Rental	\$2,000
Misc	\$2,000

#### Replacement or rehabilitation schedules of large investments

Presently, the City of Harrisville is in a grant process with the State of Michigan Waterways Commission for replacement of all of the docks at the Harrisville Harbor. The total project cost is \$2,471,000 as a

single contract replacement. However, the project is being budgeted over five separate grant rounds at a total project cost of \$2,787,200 under five separate contracts. A Waterways Commission grant is currently in the appropriations process for October 2016. The City of Harrisville does not anticipate major replacement or rehabilitation of the Harbor Building within the next 10 years.

Year	Action	Cost
2016	Replace docks phase 1	\$492,100
2017	Replace docks phase 2	\$459,200
2018	Replace docks phase 3	\$452,300
2019	Replace docks phase 4	\$499,300
2020	Replace docks phase 5	\$455,200

## Dredging

### Dredge Cycle

In 2014, dredging took place in the entrance channel and ramps fairway under the emergency dredging program by the State of Michigan at a cost of \$230,692. A total of 6,330 cubic yards of material was removed. In 2015, through the City of Harrisville, 9,950 cubic yards of material was removed from around the docks at an equivalent value of \$429,100.

The City does not anticipate dredging within the next 6 years.

### Disposal Location

Under the State of Michigan emergency dredging program, materials were transferred from a barge directly into trucks on a spit of land south of the north breakwater before being hauled away to a 25-acre city-owned property several miles north and west of the Harbor.

For the dredging around the docks, the City built a temporary confinement area in the same transfer area used by the State. Dredged material settled in this location over the summer and fall of 2015 then was removed to same disposal area as used by the State of Michigan.

## Events

The following events are held at the Harrisville Harbor. Expansion of events will only occur if a new pavilion in the upper parking area is constructed (item listed in Table 5-1 under "Harrisville Harbor").

- July Harbor Fish Fry
- TBA Pirates Party
- June Boaters Swap 'n' Sale Event (held in conjunction with the city-wide garage sale)

July	Sunrise Wine & Food Festival
August	Blues Cruise
July – Aug	Summer Concert Series (weekly)
September	Labor Day Arts/Crafts (Harmony Weekend) – this event is held near the downtown area, however the Harbor can see increased usage each year over this weekend.

## Marketing Plan

### Web

For marketing purposes, the Harrisville Harbor currently maintains a website: <http://www.harrisvilleharborofrefuge.com/> and also receives visitors through the DNR website. In addition, Harbor activities are promoted by the Alcona County Chamber of Commerce. The Harbor is also promoted by the US 23 Heritage Route partnership – a six-county collaborative effort to market the Lake Huron coastal area known as the Sunrise Coast. The Harbor is also listed on the Pure Michigan website.

### Collaborative Marina Marketing

A recent effort has been proposed to engage in a collaborative marketing effort with marinas in Alpena and Rogers City. Possible marketing tools that this effort would use include websites, brochures, travel shows, videos, and billboards.

### Specials

1. GIFT BAG GIVAWAY - In the past, the Harbor has advertised in boating trade publications offering a free "gift bag" containing local products. This gift is intended for first time boaters visiting Harrisville.
2. REDUCED FUEL PRICES - Offered to 1) Boaters purchasing larger quantities of fuel 2) Multi-Boat groups visiting Harrisville and 3) Professional Boat Transport Captains
3. FREE FOR THREE Incentive - Receive one night free dockage with purchase of three.
4. LANDLUBBERS FREEBEE COUPON BOOK - All transient boaters visiting Harrisville receive a Coupon Book (20 coupons approximately) containing free and discounted offers from local merchants.

## Partners

**Current:** Michigan DNR, Alcona County Chamber of Commerce, Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary

**Future:** City of Alpena Marina, Rogers City Marina