

**COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN**

for the

**City of Rogers City**

and the

**Rogers City Area School District**

**2014**



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# INTRODUCTION

## History of Recreation Planning

The City of Rogers City has been active in recreation planning for thirty-eight years. In 1976, the City first prepared a recreation master plan under Michigan Department of Natural Resources guidelines. That plan was updated and revised in 1984 and again in 1991. The 1991 Recreation Plan Update was a joint effort between the City of Rogers City and the Rogers City Area School District. The joint planning efforts were carried out by an ad hoc committee composed of two school board members, the high school principal, three City planning commission members and the city manager. This committee was advisory in nature, with authority only to make recommendations back to the respective parent organizations. The 1997 plan update was prepared only for the City. In 2001 the City of Rogers City formally established a Parks and Recreation Commission. The Commission includes representatives of the City Council, City planning commission and members of the community. In 2004 and 2009, the plan update was again a joint effort between the City of Rogers City and the Rogers City Area School District with information being exchanged among City staff, the Parks and Recreation Commission, School administrative officials and School board members.

In addition to the 2004 and 2009 recreation plans, Rogers City undertook special planning efforts for numerous City-owned recreational facilities located in the coastal zone. The *1980 Coastal Zone Management Plan* was prepared by Snell Environmental Group, under contract to the City of Rogers City and MDNR's Coastal Zone Management Program. This 1980 plan was updated in 1997. Both the prior recreation plans and the Coastal Zone studies laid the groundwork for future recreation planning efforts.

The 2014 update of the community recreation plan was undertaken by the Parks and Recreation Commission, city manager, and public works foreman/harbor master. Community stakeholders, including the Rogers City Area School, were invited to participate in plan review. Also, a public review period and public hearing, both advertised to the public in advance, were conducted to ensure that the revised plan reflected the communities' needs and desires regarding recreational facilities and activities.

## Location

The City of Rogers City is located in Presque Isle County, on the shore of Lake Huron. The City lies approximately half way between Cheboygan, 40 miles to the north, and Alpena, 37 miles to the south. These three cities are connected by U.S. Highway 23, the main north-south transportation route, which the State of Michigan has designated as a Recreation Heritage Route. M-68 runs due west from Rogers City, 41 miles to the Indian River exit/entrance of I-75. Figure 1 shows a location map. Figure 2 provides a street map for the City.



## SOCIO-ECONOMIC DESCRIPTION

### Population

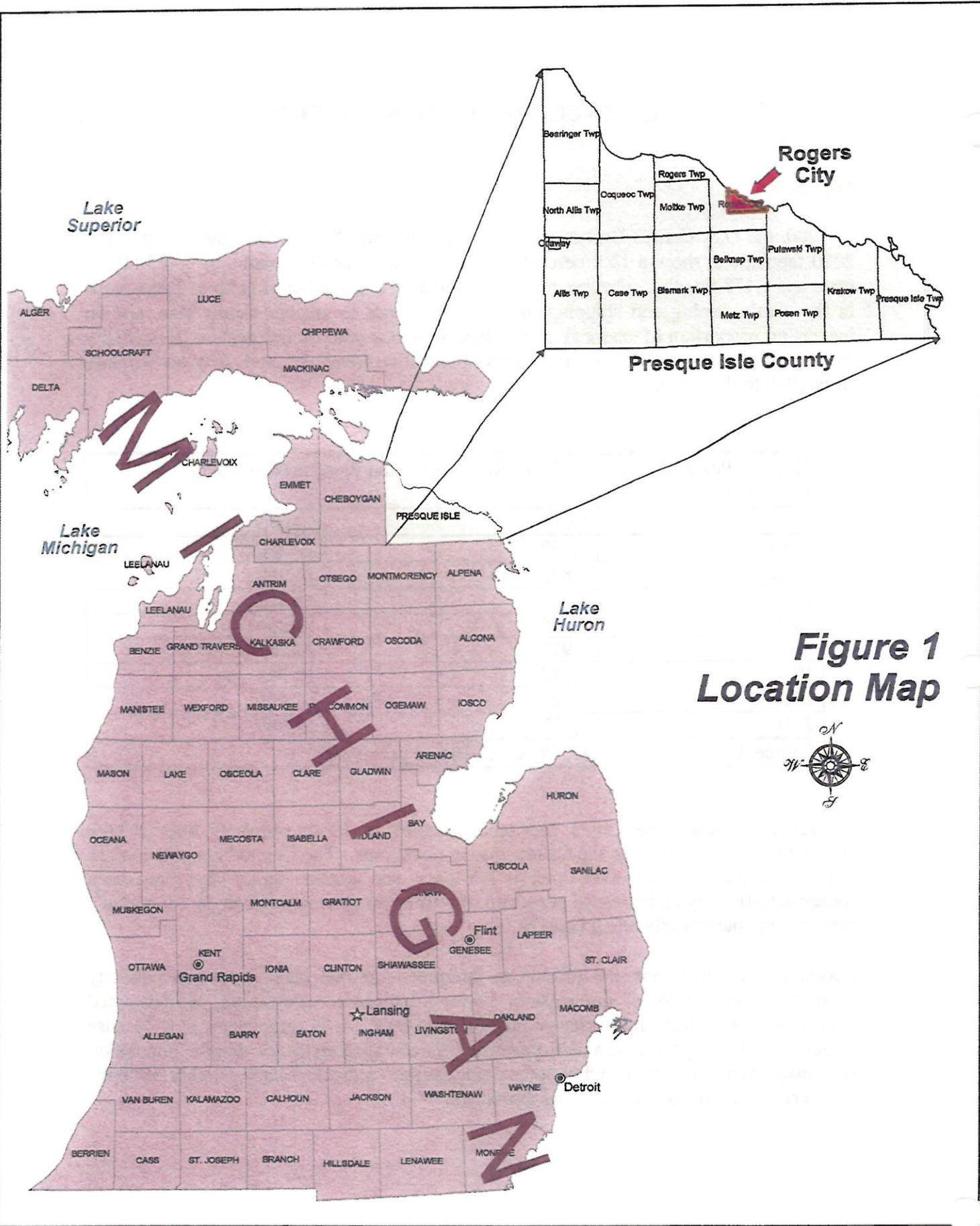
In 2000, the U.S. Census Bureau tabulated a population of 3,322 for Rogers City. The 2010 tabulations show a 14.9 percent population loss over the decade, to 2,827 (1,349 male and 1,478 female). The loss may be attributable to a number of factors: loss of jobs in the area's mining and shipping industry, the trends to smaller family size, and an increasing proportion of seasonal or part-time residents who do not declare Rogers City as their primary residence. Table 1 shows population trends for both City and County from 1940 to the present.

Year	City	County
1940	3,072	12,250
1950	3,873	11,996
1960	4,722	13,117
1970	4,275	12,836
1980	3,923	14,267
1990	3,642	13,743
2000	3,322	14,411
2010	2,827	13,376

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010 and prior years.

As Table 1 shows, the City's population peaked in 1960, primarily due to high employment associated with the Calcite quarry operations. The County's population has remained more consistent over time, as job losses and smaller family sizes have been somewhat offset by an increased attraction of retirement aged individuals to the region's rural setting, particularly along Lake Huron.

Recent population trends are difficult to interpret. On one hand, increased publicity about "The Sunrise Side," northeastern Lower Michigan's coast region, has prompted expectation of at least moderate population increases. It is anticipated that because Rogers City has experienced a shift toward retirement aged residents, that the population will again increase as state and national demographics indicate a large number of "baby boomers" who will soon be reaching retirement.



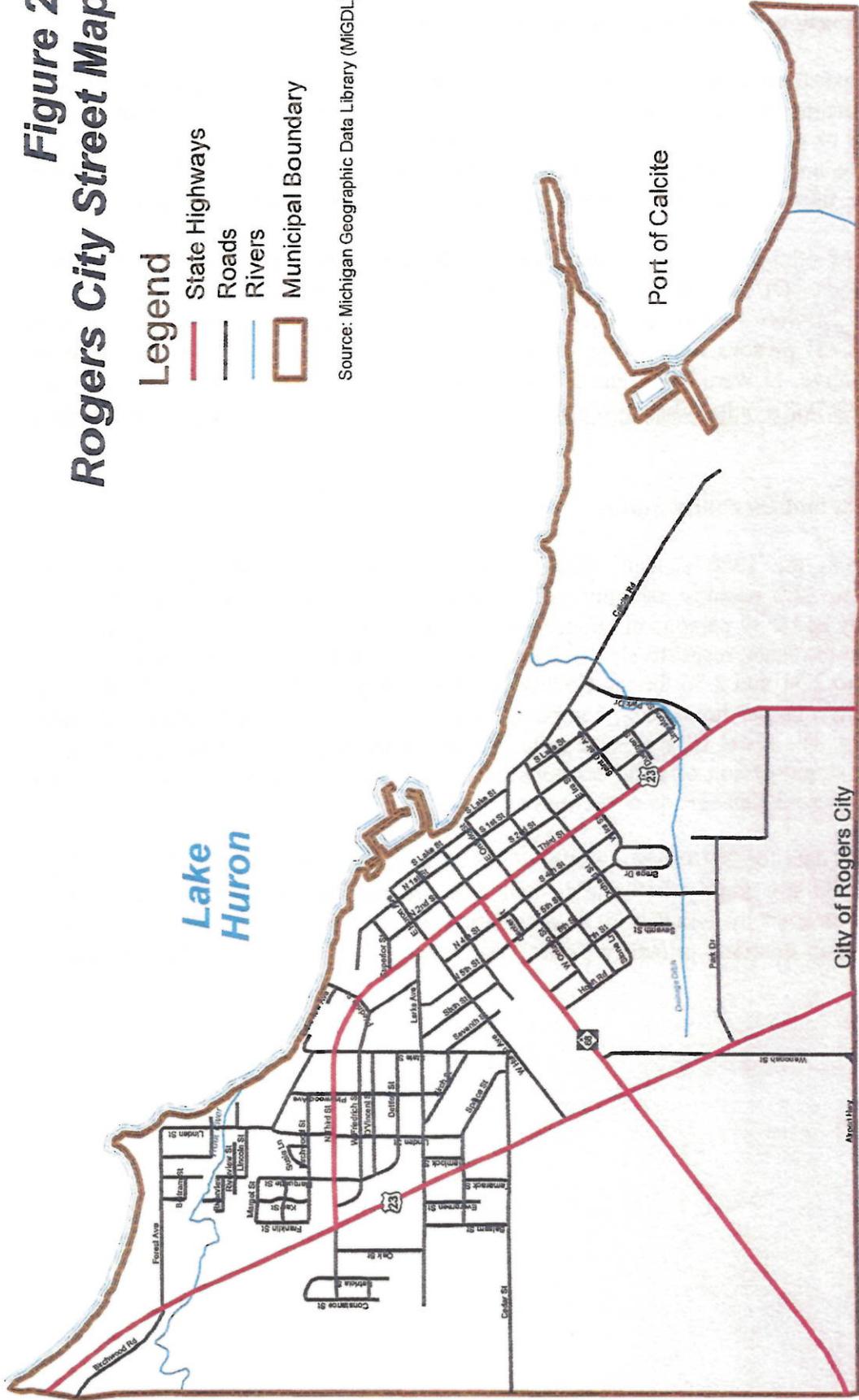
**Figure 1  
Location Map**

**Rogers City, Michigan**  
**Community Recreation Plan**

# Figure 2 Rogers City Street Map

- Legend**
-  State Highways
  -  Roads
  -  Rivers
  -  Municipal Boundary

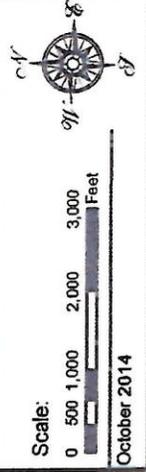
Source: Michigan Geographic Data Library (MIGDL).



# Rogers City, Michigan Community Recreation Plan

Scale: 0 500 1,000 2,000 3,000 Feet

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### **Age Distribution, Special Populations and Racial Make-Up**

The age distribution for Rogers City's population is shown on Table 2 (see following page), in comparison to that of the County and the entire state. As the table shows, the percentage of persons aged 65 and older in Rogers City is slightly higher than Presque Isle County, and considerably higher than the State of Michigan as a whole. Recreation planning in the City should therefore reflect the needs of this special population.

In terms of ethnic and racial characteristics, Rogers City's population is relatively homogeneous. Of the 2,827 City residents in 2010, 2,805 were of one race, while the remaining 22 were of two or more races. Further breakdown of those of one race indicates 2,751 persons were White, 21 persons were Asian, 15 were American Indian or Alaskan Native, 17 were Black and one was of another race. Among White groups, both German and Polish ethnic backgrounds are well represented in the City and surrounding region.

### **Households and Disability Status**

According to the 1980 Census, Rogers City averaged 2.67 persons per household, compared to 2.82 persons per household in both the County and the State. In 1990, Rogers City had 2.39 persons per household, compared to 2.53 and 2.66 for Presque Isle County and the State, respectively. In 2000, Rogers City had 2.17 persons per household, compared to 2.31 and 2.56 for the County and State, respectively. In 2010, Rogers City had 2.03 persons per household, compared to 2.20 and 2.49 for the County and State, respectively. The lower City average reflects a larger number of single adults and senior citizens in single-person or childless households. This also correlates to the City's and County's older median age, as noted above.

U.S. Census data for 2010 shows a total of 1,328 households in the City of Rogers City, of which 800 are family households and 528 are non-family households. Family households headed by females in Rogers City number 114. There were 134 persons living in group quarters, primarily in the Tendercare Nursing Home, in the City during 2010.

Age in Years	City Population	% of City Population	County Population	% of County Population	% of State Population
Under 5	98	3.5	530	4.0	6.0
5-9	110	3.9	628	4.7	6.5
10-14	138	4.9	728	5.4	6.8
15-19	141	5.0	691	5.2	7.5
20-24	95	3.4	447	3.3	6.8
25-34	261	9.2	1,021	7.6	11.8
35-44	277	9.8	1,282	9.5	12.9
45-54	456	16.1	2,158	16.1	15.2
55-59	233	8.2	1,274	9.5	6.9
60-64	197	7.0	1,119	8.4	5.8
65 and over	821	29.0	3,498	26.2	13.8
Totals	2,827	100.0	13,376	100.0	100.0
Median Age	51.9 years		51.7 years		38.8 years

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010

For tracking disability status, the U.S. Census breaks the population into three different age categories: 5-20, 21-64 and 65 and older. Of the civilian non-institutionalized population in the age group 5-20 years in Rogers City, 8.5 percent are listed as having a disability. In the 21-64 age group 13.2 percent are disabled. In the 65 years and over age group 39.1 percent are shown as having a disability, as compared to 41.8 percent for Presque Isle County.

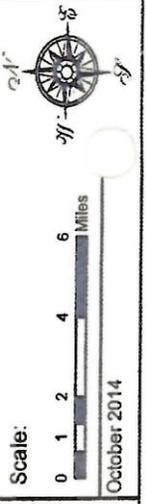
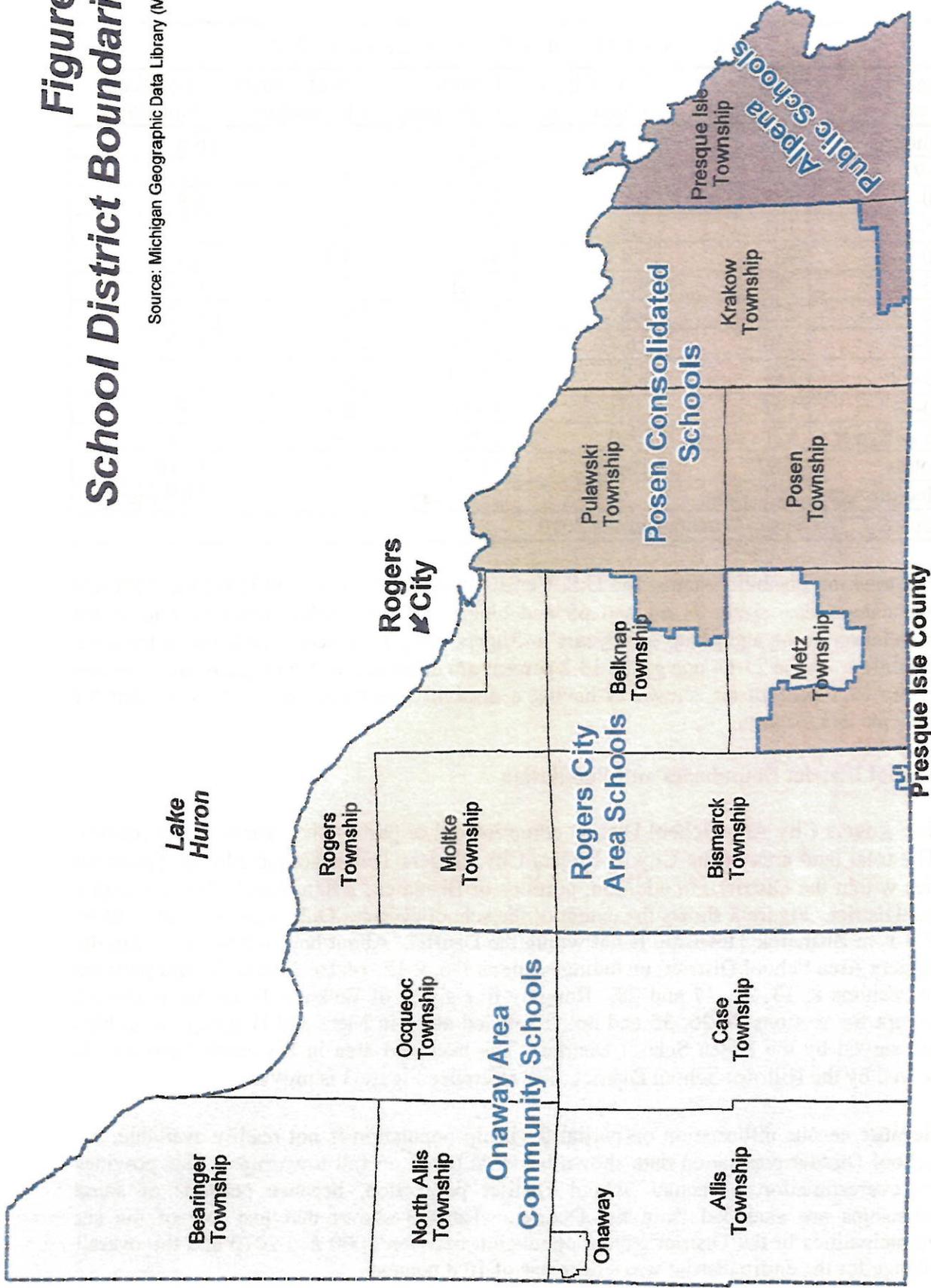
### School District Boundaries and Population

The Rogers City Area School District comprises all or part of six distinct municipalities. The total land area of the City of Rogers City, Rogers Township and Moltke Township lies within the District. In addition, portions of Bismarck, Belknap and Metz are within the District. Figure 3 shows the extent of the school district. Only section 36 of T 33 N, R 4 E in Bismarck Township is not within the District. About half of Metz is within the Rogers Area School District, including sections 1-6, 9-12, 14-16, 21 and 22, and portions of sections 8, 13, 23, 27 and 28. Roughly five-sixths of Belknap Township is served, except for sections 24-26, 35 and 36. Excluded areas in Metz and Belknap Townships are served by the Posen School District. The excluded area in Bismarck Township is served by the Hillman School District. For reference Figure 3 is provided.

Because census information on partial township population is not readily available, the School District population data shown below is based on full townships. This provides an overestimation of actual School District population, because portions of some townships are excluded from the District. Table 3 shows that just one of the six municipalities in the District gained population between 2000 and 2010 and the overall change for the entire district was a decrease of 10.8 percent.

# Figure 3 School District Boundaries

Source: Michigan Geographic Data Library (MIGDL).



Jurisdiction	2000	2010	Percent Change
City of Rogers City	3,322	2,827	-14.9
Rogers Township	949	984	3.7
Moltke Township	352	296	-15.9
Bismarck Township	408	386	-5.4
Belknap Township	854	751	-12.1
Metz Township	331	302	-8.8
Total	6,216	5,546	-10.8

Source: U.S. Census

### Trends in School Aged Population

Information on school enrollments can help identify recent trends in school aged populations within the City of Rogers City. At present, there are three elementary schools and one high/middle school located in the City. Elementary schools include: Rogers City Elementary school, grades K-4, St. John Lutheran School, grades K-8 and St. Ignatius Catholic School, grades 1-8. The Rogers City High School houses grades 5-12. Parochial school students transfer to the ninth grade at Rogers City High School. Summary enrollment totals for all schools within the City of Rogers City are shown in Table 4. The Rogers City Baptist Academy which is located outside of the City limits houses grades K-12.

Overall enrollments have declined in the past seven years by approximately 10%, which is reflective to the lack of economic (employment) opportunities in the area, and the increase in retirement aged persons.

School Year	*K – 5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	Total
2009-2010	367	322	689
2010-2011	349	330	679
2011-2012	332	325	657
2012-2013	327	335	662
2013-2014	330	352	682
2014-2015	317	344	661

Source: Rogers City Area Schools, Business Office  
\*K-5<sup>th</sup> includes Rogers City Elementary School, St. John Lutheran School grades K-8; St. Ignatius Catholic School grades 1-8.

## Income, Education and Employment

Generally speaking, income levels for the Northeast Michigan Region fall below those found in the State as a whole. Table 5 compares income statistics for Rogers City, Presque Isle County and the State.

Jurisdiction	Median Household Income	Per Capita Income
City of Rogers City	\$37,236	\$22,686
Presque Isle County	\$39,240	\$27,242
State of Michigan	\$48,669	\$33,221

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010 and ACS 2012 5-yr estimates.

Education is an important factor in analyzing the capabilities of the local work force. Educational attainment is tracked by the U.S. Census Bureau. Statistics from the 2010 Census indicate that 86.9 percent of Rogers City residents are high school graduates or higher, as compared to 85.4 percent in Presque Isle County and 88.7 percent for the State as a whole. City residents with a bachelor's degree or higher amount to 17.8 percent of the population, while the County and State have 14.4 and 25.5 percent college graduates, respectively.

The Michigan Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth (DELEG) compiles employment data annually on the Michigan.gov web site. Information and employment data on the civilian labor force is presented in Table 6, showing the County from 2008 to 2013.

The unemployment rate for Presque Isle County has traditionally been higher than that of the State. In fact, the County's unemployment rate has been ranking among the highest in the State over the past decade. Table 7 shows the unemployment rates for Presque Isle County and the State for the last five years.

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Employed	5,243	4,858	4,803	4,718	4,748	4,703

Source: Michigan Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth (DELEG)

Table 7 Unemployment Rate Comparisons Presque Isle County and State of Michigan 2009-2013 (Annual Averages)					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Presque Isle County	18.3	17.2	15.5	14.0	14.8
State of Michigan	13.5	12.7	10.4	9.1	8.8
Source: Michigan Department of Career Development Employment Service Agency, Office of Labor Market Information					

Rogers City serves as an employment and service center for Presque Isle County. Public sector employment in the City is supplied by the School District, County, City, and other offices. Large private sector employers are Carmeuse Lime and Stone, and Rogers City Rehabilitation Hospital and Extended Care Facility. In addition to service and retail jobs, Rogers City is home to a large limestone quarry and related shipping operations. In the past, this industry suffered significant layoffs, explaining the City's slowed economic growth during that period. Boating, sport fishing, and tourism have also declined due to current national and state economic conditions, further decreasing local economic activity.

Due to the economic declines in the area and decreased employment opportunities, free or low cost public recreational opportunities are more important than ever to the life of this community. Therefore, success in the actualization of these plans, including improved recreational facilities and activities is more important than ever before.

### **Transportation Network**

The two major transportation routes in Rogers City are U.S. 23, which runs roughly parallel to the Lake Huron shoreline, and M-68, which runs due west and intersects I-75 at Indian River, 41 miles from Rogers City. Erie Street is the urban extension of M-68. A business route has been established for U.S. 23, bringing traffic from the state highway into town along Third Street, the City's major downtown commercial artery.

In addition to roadways, Rogers City is served by a county airport located on the City's southeast side. Although the airport does not support a scheduled carrier, the paved and lighted runway supports chartered and private aircraft. A large airport renovation project was completed in 2003, including lengthening of the runway to 4,105 feet and other enhancements, making the airport accessible to larger planes. Public inter-City bus connections are available at Rogers City through Indian Trails which stops at Bayport Convenience Center. A public four-county transportation provider, the "Regional Ride" is available. Additionally, the Presque Isle County Council on Aging operates a bus for senior citizen functions, and a private bus serves the transportation needs of the mentally and physically disabled, which includes trips to City parks for recreation.

Water transportation is well served by the City's public marina and by the deep-water port of Calcite, operated by Carmeuse Lime and Stone. Ore boat and recreational boat traffic continue to provide Rogers City's designation as "The Nautical City," and significantly add to the recreational and scenic resources of the area. Rail service to the area is no longer available. The abandonment of the railway line may provide opportunities for conversion of rail right-of-way to recreational use. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and other stakeholders are moving forward with long-desired trail connections, linkages, and other trail improvements outside of Rogers City that will benefit the City and the entire region.

### **School Enrollment and Its Relationship to Available Recreation Facilities**

School enrollment data can help identify trends in school ages population in the City and surrounding area. Rogers City public schools include grades K-12, while two parochial schools run through the eighth grade. Three pre-school programs are active in Rogers City. Current enrollment (2014-2015 school year) in K-12 between the three City schools is 661 students, a decrease of 132 students from the enrollment in 2004-2005. While school activities continue to take precedence, indoor and outdoor school recreational facilities are made available for use by the general public or other organized groups. Few changes are expected with this arrangement since existing school sports and extra-curricular activities are planned to continue during the life of this document.

### **Tourism Impact on Recreational Facilities**

Tourism is a potentially significant industry in Rogers City and Presque Isle County. Presque Isle County is blessed with crystal clear waters, inland lakes, miles of streams, beautiful Lake Huron shoreline, pure clean air, acres of public land, three Lighthouses, and many festivals and activities. Rogers City parks and recreation facilities are not only for residents to enjoy, but visitors are encouraged and welcome. Rogers City hosts several events and festivals throughout the year including: Spring Fest, Family Fun Day (the Saturday after Independence Day), Sunrise Adventure Tour, the Nautical City Festival, various fishing tournaments, the Doublehanded Sailboat Race, Fall Fest, the "Light Up the City" event, Parks Day, a Halloween Party and Parade, and the Antique Snowmobile Show. Also, we conduct a Summer Concert Series, including performances by both commercial artists and the City Band.

## **NATURAL RESOURCES AND LAND USE FACTORS AFFECTING RECREATION**

### **Climate, Geology and Topography**

Climate in Rogers City is strongly affected by the presence of Lake Huron. Compared with inland locations, the City experiences warmer autumns and cooler springs, due to the Lake's slow response to atmospheric temperature change. Temperature factors can affect recreational use of lake shore parks and recreational facilities, including length of the swimming season and comfort level on area playing fields. The area's average annual mean temperature is 42.5 degrees Fahrenheit. The coldest month is January, with a mean temperature of 20.6 degrees, and the warmest month is July, with an average temperature of 68.6 degrees F. These relatively cool temperatures emphasize the need for an enclosed structure for recreational use during cool days and/or during the winter season. In summer, cooler temperatures in Rogers City help draw tourists from the hot and crowded metropolitan areas in downstate Michigan; although an overly cool summer can negatively affect casual tourist traffic.

The bedrock of the Rogers City area is limestone. Good exposures of the local formation can easily be seen in the Carmeuse Lime and Stone Operations quarry on the south end of town. The thickness, extent, chemical quality, and ease of shipping this stone explain much of the economic development of the City. The quarry is the largest open pit limestone mine in North America. Popular tourist stops, both the quarry and the deep-water port of Calcite can be observed from Quarry View and Harbor View.

Above bedrock lies a thin layer of glacial deposits, primarily sand and gravel. Other glacial features are visible in the City as well. For example, an abandoned shoreline of glacial Lake Huron is readily seen, paralleling the lake shore between Fifth and Sixth Streets. The sharp incline marks the shoreline formed at a time when melting polar icecaps raised lake elevations much higher than those existing today. The abandoned shoreline remains as a scenic feature of the City.

### **Water Resources and Fisheries**

Lake Huron is the dominant water resource feature of Rogers City. Due to the City's foresight, a good portion of the lake shore is public property. The lake shore is easily visible to the public and easily accessible at a number of public shoreline parks (see recreation inventory). Lake water quality is excellent, permitting a wide range of in-lake and lake shore recreational opportunities.

Primary among local uses is Lake Huron sport fishing, scuba diving, and boating. The municipal marina is a great attraction. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has conducted various fish stocking programs which have been successful in providing a stock of game fish; however, various problems with Lake Huron biological stability and diseases have harmed the fish populations.

Trout River is the most significant stream within the City limit. It enters Lake Huron on the north end of town. The City owns a large undeveloped parcel of land along the river, and the Herman Vogler Conservation Area upstream of City property and partially within City bounds provides additional recreation opportunities (see recreation inventory).

Outside of Rogers City, a number of inland lakes exist that are used by City residents for fishing, boating and second home locations. The most popular of these lakes is Grand Lake, approximately 15 miles south of Rogers City. Ocqueoc Lake, and Lake Nettie chain lakes are located 12 miles to the southwest. The Ocqueoc River, flowing through and out of this lake chain is also a popular regional recreation feature.

### **Woodlands and Wildlife**

Within the City limits, substantial areas of land remain as undeveloped woodlands. Large wooded tracts include privately held undeveloped parcels on the far western edge of town, surrounding Highway 68 and publicly held woodlands in the Seagull Point and Herman Vogler nature areas. Furthermore, Carneuse Lime and Stone holds several large second-growth parcels on the southern side of the City, adjacent to the quarry.

On a smaller scale, undeveloped wooded lots exist throughout many of the City's residential neighborhoods, even within older urbanized areas. The resulting wealth of local wildlife habitat makes small game a frequent sight within the City. Small game animals such as rabbit and raccoon are common, as are many species of songbirds. Deer are often sighted at the edges of town, near wooded locations. A few years ago, a deer, from the woods on the southern end of town, entered an open door at St. Ignatius School and wandered down the school corridor. The story of that deer's education was widely told, and is symbolic of the enjoyment City residents receive from close contact with local wildlife.

### **Land Use Patterns**

The City zoning map shown as Figure 4 gives an idea of the City's overall land use pattern. Most of the town's developed land lies between the Lake Huron shore land and U.S. 23. The limestone quarry and the Port of Calcite occupy the City's southeastern sector, with the county airport at the south central City limits. The City's industrial zones are near to the airport. Additional industrial lots along the southern boundary of the airport with extension of water and sanitary sewer mains were completed in 2003. Residential development occupies most of the land north of the airport and quarry, and south of Seagull Point Park. Most commercial uses are oriented along major transportation routes. Third Street or Business 23 historically has formed the heart of downtown Rogers City. Newer commercial development is located along the U.S. 23 corridor, especially near the intersection of U.S. 23 and M-68.

City Hall and the County Courthouse are located off Third Street in the middle of the central business district. The public high school, public elementary and Lutheran schools are all located on Erie Street, between Fifth Street and U.S. 23. St. Ignatius Catholic

School is located on South Third Street. The Rogers City Rehabilitation Hospital and Tendercare are located on U.S. 23, just north of the Larke Street intersection. And as noted in the introduction, large tracts of Lake Huron shoreline have been reserved for public use by incorporation into one of the City's many lake side parks and recreational facilities. In addition, Rogers City still retains undeveloped private acreage within the city limits. The undeveloped properties are concentrated on the City's western side, west of U.S. 23. Woodlands remain on much of this undeveloped property.

The land use pattern and scale of development in Rogers City offer several unique advantages for recreational planning and for overall quality of life. The City's commercial district on Third Street is just three blocks from the Lake Huron shoreline. Streetscape improvements installed in 2008 and 2011 have improved downtown pedestrian atmosphere, in part to appeal to visiting boaters. The municipal boat harbor functions as an extension of the downtown area, and visiting boaters can easily walk or bike from the harbor to downtown business. In fact, the City remains small enough that most locations are accessible to the pedestrian, including most of the City's park and recreation facilities. As previously noted, much of the Lake Huron shoreline is in public ownership. The Huron Sunrise Trail, which links most parks, provides nearly continuous public recreation access throughout the entire north/south length of the City.

While the central areas of Rogers City are intensively developed for urban uses, the City lies at the heart of a relatively isolated and rural region. Located five hours away from the State's major metropolitan area, it is difficult for residents to travel to downstate cultural and recreational events. Similarly, the distance factor and low population demand make it hard to recruit traveling entertainers or cultural programs. This geographic isolation makes local recreational and cultural opportunities essential for the life of our community.

The City's northern location allows extremely easy access to outdoor recreation opportunities, both in town and immediately nearby. Local citizens have expressed interest in establishing, through a mixture of public and private efforts, a community center or other attractions where recreational and educational activities can occur. Very limited indoor recreation is available at the Senior and Community Center. The need for additional all-season recreational facilities remains a top priority.

## **Zoning**

Rogers City has enforced zoning to guide development for several decades. The Rogers City Zoning Ordinance was updated as recently as 2011, with several amendments since that time. Zoning decisions are guided by the Rogers City Comprehensive Plan.

The Zoning Ordinance includes regulations for 14 different zoning districts as shown in Figure 4. The district locations are generally compatible with the existing land use patterns. The following table presents the districts, lot size and uses.

District	Lot Size/Width	Uses
R-1 Single Family Residential	12,000 sf/100'	1-family dwellings, municipal uses, parks, recreation facilities
R-2 Single Family Residential	7,500 sf/50'	
RT Two Family Residential	5,000 sf/50'	One and two family dwellings
RM Low Rise Multi-Residential	1 acre minimum	One and two family and Multiple family dwellings
RMH Manufactured housing	10 A	Manufactured housing community, parks
OS-1 Office Service	---	One and two family dwellings and Multiple family dwellings, offices, service businesses, limited retail
B-1 Local Business	---	Convenience shopping and service
B-2 Central Business	---	Retail businesses, service businesses, entertainment and gov't buildings.
B-3 General Business	---	Diversified business types
W Waterfront	---	Townhouses, marinas, museums, parks & recreation facilities
I-1 Light Industrial	20,000 sf/100'	Warehouse, wholesale and industrial operations
I-2 General Industrial	20,000 sf/100'	Manufacturing, assembling and fabrication
A-1 Airport	1 acre	Airport activities, wholesale, logistical, warehouses
RC Recreation Conservation	1 acre	Open space, woodlands, recreation and conservation



## RECREATION INVENTORY

The City of Rogers City is graced with a large number of recreation sites, both developed and undeveloped, public and private. Major sites in the City are described below, by ownership category. In addition, a short mention is made of recreation sites outside the City which are especially popular with City residents. A map of the recreation sites owned by the City is shown as Figure 5 at the end of this section. Also, at the end of this section shown as Figure 6 is the map of the recreational trails.

**City Owned Sites** (Note: asterisk indication grant funding used at these sites)

### 11 mile *Huron Sunrise Trail\**

The "Huron Sunrise Trail" is one of the most recent additions to the community's recreation inventory. The trail is a ~~9~~ 11 mile paved system that connects the City's parks and outlying attractions. The trail follows along the Lake Huron shoreline, providing access to the marina and fishing platform, then winds through a newly designated residential renaissance zone and wooded area along the Trout River and ends in the Herman Vogler Conservation Area, with mile makers beginning at South Shore Park and ending at Trout River Dam. A map of the trail system is shown in Figure 6. An extension of the original trail through a portion of Seagull Point Park and along US-23 to Hoeft State Park was completed in 2003. The trail extension from Hoeft State Park to 40 Mile Point Light House was completed in 2009. The trail is paved and totally barrier free. Several parking areas provide access to the trail, with trail heads located at South Shore Park, North Shore Park, Trout River Park, and Herman Vogler Conservation Area. The Huron Sunrise Trail needs two major-improvements to reach full potential. Both are discussed in the action plan (page 44) portion of this document.

Funding for the project included a wide variety of grants. A Coastal Zone Management Grant through the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) funded planning for the project. The majority of the trail was constructed with a grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, administered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Funding for the trail extension from Seagull Point Park to Hoeft State Park was provided by a transportation enhancement grant through MDOT with local funding from the City and County. An extension of the marina breakwall was funded by a grant from the Michigan Waterways Commission. The fishing platform, constructed on the breakwall extension, was built with a grant from the Fisheries Trust Fund. Local funding for the project included money from the City general fund as well as in kind services including property easements for the trail itself. Grant monies accounted for about 74 percent of the funds with the remainder being local contributions. This trail is mostly ADA assessable.

### ***Seagull Point\****

Seagull Point is the City's largest park, consisting of 43 acres and a mile of Lake Huron shoreline. The setting is unique in the City, in that the natural dune formations and shoreline vegetation have been preserved intact. A one and one-half mile bark-surface trail system was established in 1980 highlighting the dune vegetation and back dune forests with interpretive signs. Seagull Point is also adjacent to the 22-acre Trout River Park, which is in turn contiguous to the 300-acre Herman Vogler Conservation Area. The adjacency of these natural areas greatly adds to their recreation potential.

Uses at Seagull Point are passive in nature including walking, nature observation, picnicking and swimming. Picnic tables, grills, fire pit and portable toilet facilities are available in the summer. The park is a good location for views of the City, Lake Huron and sunsets, as well as viewing the Nautical Festival and Family Fun Day fireworks. A pump house building containing a well is located on the site. Parking is paved, but limited. The grass picnic area is barrier-free and accessible, but the beach area is rocky and in its natural state.

In 1990, with assistance from a Coastal Management Grant, the bark trail at Seagull Point was refurbished. Additionally, directional signs were added to make more citizens and visitors aware of the park's location. The *1980 Coastal Zone Management Plan* adopted by the City indicates maintaining this park in a natural state. Interpretive signs were updated in 2007 and an informational kiosk was added. Seagull Point Park was linked to Trout River property by the Huron Sunrise Trail in 2003. In 2008 an access ramp was installed to make the beach area accessible to most users, ADA access is planned.

### ***Trout River Park\****

Inland and adjacent to Seagull Point is a 22-acre wooded site surrounding the Trout River. The *1980 Coastal Zone Management Plan* committed the area to nature-oriented uses. The area has been developed as a picnic and recreational area to include picnic tables, benches, fire pit, horseshoe pit, barbecue grills, and a parking area directly off Forest Ave. In 2009 a volleyball court and vault toilet facility were installed. The Huron Sunrise Trail follows the banks of the Trout River through a mature mixed conifer and hardwood forest, crossing the Trout River Bridge, entering the meadow picnic and recreation area, and through Trout River Park. Wildflowers are planted in an area between Linden Street and the Trout River Bridge along the Huron Sunrise Trail. Trout River Park has limited ADA accessibility.

### ***North Shore Park***

North Shore Park is one of the least known City parks. Located along Lake Huron, the 3-acre park occupies, in part, an abandoned road bed parallel to the now-abandoned rail right-of-way. Narrow in depth, today's park is largely beach area. Beach grasses predominate, along with landscaping provided by a few young trees. The site is intended to function as a neighborhood park for north side residents. The park linkage trail passes

through the park and has increased its utilization. There is one City water production well and one test well located at this site. Better signage and small scale improvements such as landscaping and play equipment can stimulate increased use. Picnic facilities, Kiva, benches and bike racks are available in the summer. There are two parking lots: one can be accessed from Lakeview Street, which is paved, and level and the other from Depot Street. They are both good Lake Huron viewing sites. Because this park is directly adjacent to commercial property, joint public/private projects may be possible which will promote tourism while serving local needs. North Shore Park has limited ADA accessibility

### ***Rogers City Marina\****

The Rogers City Marina is situated in Lakeside Park (see description below). The Marina has a reputation for excellence in both location and service. Recent harbor expansion created 140 seasonal and transient slips, although there is water and power available for additional boats when wall space is included. In addition, a concrete ramp and three floating docks allow the simultaneous launching of six trailered boats. Benches are situated along the waterfront for harbor viewing. The old comfort station building has been renovated to a boaters lounge. The comfort station houses showers, restrooms and laundry facility; all are barrier-free and accessible. A refueling facility is also available. A floating gas dock is proposed for the end of the current facility. A modern fish cleaning station and barrier free public restrooms adjoin the marina, next to the paved parking lot. Recently a barrier free walkway was constructed on the existing breakwall and extends onto a newly constructed breakwall extension. The Rogers City Marina is ADA accessible, including a barrier free fishing platform. Adequate paved parking is available for vehicles with boat trailers. Due to proximity and traffic potential, the harbor expansion is closely associated with plans to revitalize Rogers City's central business area. In recent years, the City, with assistance from MDOT, has enhanced and expanded the streets leading to the marina to facilitate public access.

### ***Snowmobile Trail***

In 2008 a designated snowmobile trail into Rogers City was completed. A map of the snowmobile trail is shown as Figure 7 at the end of this section. This trail has limited ADA accessibility.

### ***Lakeside Park\****

Lakeside Park is by far the City's best equipped and most heavily used recreational facility. In addition to the Marina described above, the 10-acre park features a swimming beach, picnic pavilion with a water pumping station/office, two playground areas, a food concession, extensive picnic areas with landscaping and grills, two beach volleyball courts, and a basketball court. A swim raft that had been absent for several years was returned in 2003 to the designated swim beach. The pavilion has recently undergone renovations that have resulted in an enclosed gathering area with large windows to view

the lake side scenery. The enclosure of the pavilion lengthens the amount of time during the year in which it can be used, as cool lake breezes formerly limited use during the spring and fall. Additionally, barrier free accessible public restrooms are available at the pavilion. An accessible boardwalk and paved sidewalks snake through the park and along the waterfront. A gazebo with picnic table has been incorporated into the walkway. Parking for Lakeside Park is on the street with an accessible curb cut at the pavilion. A permanent band shell at the north end of the park is used for weekly performances by the City Band during the summer months as well as other entertainment events. The City band is supported by local property tax of 0.20 mils. On the Lake Street frontage of the park, at the intersection of Rogers City's "Avenue of Flags" (Michigan Avenue), the Sailors' Memorial has been constructed in memory of local sailors who died in the Bradley and Cedarville tragedies.

In addition to serving the recreational needs of residents, Lakeshore Park/City Marina is the host to the Nautical City Festival, Double-Handed Sailboat Challenge and numerous other events which attract tourists and out-of-town visitors including the men's and women's Fat Hogs Fishing Frenzy Tournaments.

A recent addition to the park is a playground structure that was constructed in 2001 and is handicap accessible with a ramp up the structure and a curb cut from the on street parking. Funding for the structure was provided through a grant from the Department of Natural Resources. Kiwanis Club and other civic groups assisted with funding and volunteer work along with City staff labor contributed to the local match for the construction of the facility.

### *Westminster Park*

One of the City's older facilities, this park occupies two acres located in downtown Rogers City. In recent years, its tree-shaded open space has been used primarily as a picnic and play area. Westminster is the site of the annual Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt, the Chamber of Commerce sponsored Spring and Fall Festivals, and the Nautical City Festival Antique & Classic Car Show. To spur use, the Optimists organized the relocation of the historic Rogers City Band Gazebo to Westminster Park in 1990. Presently the Optimist Club is sponsoring a Memorial Christmas Tree Program which will promote activity to the park through the winter holiday season. Outdoor weddings and summer band concerts have been held at this location, adding tremendously to the beauty and use of the park. However, growth in band size currently makes the Gazebo too small for use as a full band concert stage.

On street parking is available on Third Street where a new stairway was recently installed for entrance to the park. The Third Street side of the park has a sloping topography. Barrier free parking is on the southeast corner of the park on Second Street, where the surface is level and grass covered. Due to steep grades the site has limited ADA accessibility.

### ***Sports Park***

This 3-acre site is a natural bowl which houses a ball diamond in summer and an ice skating rink in winter. A basketball court is also on site. In 1989, the diamond was substantially improved to include fencing, field improvements and better lights for evening play. Field improvements occur annually including the recent placement of sod along the southern face of the slope overlooking the field as well as work on the infield. Additionally, barrier free restrooms are available, and a warming shelter is present for winter skating. The Sports Park ice rink was developed and is maintained by the City. City staff supervise the Sports Park rink in the evenings, where skating under lights is a popular youth activity. Handicap parking is not marked, but limited mobility visitors could view a ballgame from most any parking area around the field. An in-line hockey facility was recently added to the park.

### ***South Shore Park and Little League Fields***

This 17-acre park includes a half mile of beach on Lake Huron, four regulation softball and Little League diamonds, dugouts, fencing, restrooms, and concession stand. These fields were developed and are maintained in cooperation with the local Little League organization. The site also functions as a neighborhood park for residents of the City's south side. The park is the location of the south trail head of the Huron Sunrise Trail, where there is a portable restroom year round. Presently, small seating and picnic facilities have been developed near the trail head where individuals and families may sit and view the scenery of Lake Huron. A recent addition to the park is the Optimist Park playground and the City's Coral Fossil Park. The beach area behind the fields is used for unstructured outdoor recreation such as swimming, beachcombing and canoe or kayak launching. Entrances and parking areas are level gravel surface. Handicap parking is not marked. This site has limited ADA accessibility.

### ***Memorial Park Cemetery***

The City operates a lovely and historic cemetery lying southeast of the intersection of Larke and State Streets. The 8-acre cemetery was formerly owned by Rogers Township, and contains many beautiful gravestones dating to the early history of the community. Over 400 veterans are buried in the cemetery. The cemetery functions as open space and a peaceful place to walk, especially for those living in the quiet residential area surrounding the site. The City has in place a phased plan to pave the walkways through the cemetery; some have been completed to date. This site has limited ADA accessibility.

### ***First Street Lot***

The City owns a small residential lot (50 ft. X 150 ft.) at the southeast corner of First and Michigan Streets, near the Sailors' Memorial along the Avenue of Flags. Although presently undeveloped, it could be utilized for a midtown neighborhood park, or sold. The First Street lot is not ADA accessible.

### ***Larke Avenue Lot (Hornbacher)***

The City owns a lot located near Larke Avenue on the west side of the city. The lot was donated to the City by the Hornbacher family. The lot is currently undeveloped and lacks the availability of City utilities and is not ADA accessible.

### ***Riverview Park***

This narrow (66 feet) park is located at the east end of Riverview Street. Existing features include a grass area and bench. Neighborhood residents participated in the planting of perennials. The site provides a scenic view of the mouth of Trout River at Lake Huron. This site is partially ADA accessible.

### ***Hilltop Manor***

The senior citizens' apartment building in Rogers City, Hilltop Manor, features an outdoor recreation area. Facilities at the Manor include a small park area with picnic tables. Horseshoe pits and shuffleboard courts are also available for resident and visitor use.

### ***Public Works Park***

This property on which the City's wastewater treatment facility is located is north of, but not adjacent to, the City Marina. This site is approximately six acres in size with roughly 1,000 feet of Lake Huron frontage. The treatment building is located approximately in the center. Land on the east side of the building contains abandoned settling ponds and is generally undeveloped. The current proposed use at this site is as a picnic area and potential dog park. This site is partially ADA accessible.

## **Rogers City Area School District Sites**

### ***High School Campus***

Outdoor recreational facilities located at the High School campus include a track (made available for public use), practice football field (also used for soccer and marching band), and several outdoor tennis courts equipped with practice backboard areas. The tennis courts are available for public use and were upgraded by Rogers City using state grant assistance in the early 1990's. Additional undeveloped, partially wooded land owned by

the school district adjoins these developed facilities. Inside the school, the high school gym provides basketball courts, weight rooms (also used by police officers) and hallways used for running practice after school hours. The school opens its doors to the public for a walking program during the school year. The gym is also frequently used for ceremonies and performances, both by the school system and by community groups. Likewise, high school classrooms and the library have been available for community use for meetings, on a space available basis. Financed by user fees, increased use of school facilities could provide active and passive recreation as well as enrichment programs.

### ***Rogers City Elementary School***

The Elementary School completed a building renovation in 2007. School grounds include playground equipment and open play areas. In addition, a beautiful grove of cedar trees is located on the site. The elementary school has a gym frequently used for dances, recreation classes and performances by both school and community groups. Like the High School, a user fee system, with appropriate coordination and supervision, can make these facilities available to citizens and private groups.

### ***Gilpin Field***

Gilpin Field is the location of the High School football field, a field house, and baseball and softball diamonds. New baseball and softball diamonds were developed here by the school and volunteers in 2001. Volunteers added a new practice football field in 2007, along with the school resurfacing the primary football playing field. Approximately five acres were added to this site in 2003 as part of the adjacent airport improvement project. In 2012 a concession stand with barrier free restrooms were added to the complex. The south and west sides are fenced with six foot chain-link fencing.

### ***CLOSED Grambau Education Center***

Constructed in 1928; as the Rogers City High School, this building was built to house grades 9-12. In 1964 grades 9-12 were moved to the new Rogers City High School and the "old high school" then was used to house grades 6-8. The building was renamed the Harry G. Grambau Education Center in honor of long-time school superintendent Harry G. Grambau.

At present, the Grambau Education Center is closed. Notable facilities here include a historical planetarium. School grounds include a play area and equipment used by neighborhood children.

### **Private School Sites**

- St. Ignatius Elementary School and Playground
- St. John's Lutheran Elementary School and Playground
- Rogers City Montessori and Playground

## **Other Public Recreation Sites**

- Herman Vogler Conservation Area – Conservation District

The Herman Vogler Conservation Area was created in 1989. This beautiful 270 acre site is open year-round for a multitude of recreation activities. Approximately one-third of the land lies within the city limits of Rogers City. Seven miles of trails are used by hikers in the warm months and skiers during the winter months. Trout River crosses the property along with several other small creeks. The forests in the tract are managed by the staff forester from the Conservation District. Interpretive signs are posted along the trails and a trail map is posted at the inner parking lot. A portion of the Huron Sunrise Trail enters the park overlooking the pond. Fully accessible restrooms are at the parking lot. Trout are planted in the pond every spring and there is a fishing platform.

- Presque Isle District Library – District Library Board
- Presque Isle County Historical Museum – Private Non-Profit\*
- Rogers City Senior Citizens Center – Private Non-Profit
- Great Lakes Lore Maritime Museum – Private Non-Profit\*

\*key tourist site

## **Private Recreation Facilities within Rogers City**

- Harbor View – Carmeuse Lime and Stone Operations\*
- Visitor Information Center – Chamber of Commerce
- Nautical Lanes – Private
- Rogers City Theater – Private
- Driftwood Motel Indoor Pool – Private
- Presque Isle Athletic Club - Private

\*key tourist site

## **Recreation Sites outside the City Frequently Used by City Residents and Visitors**

- Rogers City Country Club – Membership and Public Golfing Organization
- Quarry View – Carmeuse Lime and Stone Operations\*
- Hoeft State Park – State of Michigan\*
- Thompson's Harbor State Park – State of Michigan
- Ocqueoc Falls and Trails – State of Michigan\*
- 40 Mile Point Lighthouse – Presque Isle County\*
- Old Presque Isle Lighthouse and Museum – Presque Isle Township\*
- New Presque Isle Lighthouse and Park – Presque Isle Township\*
- Presque Isle Harbor – State of Michigan\*
- Hammond Bay Harbor of Refuge – State of Michigan
- Sportsmen's Club

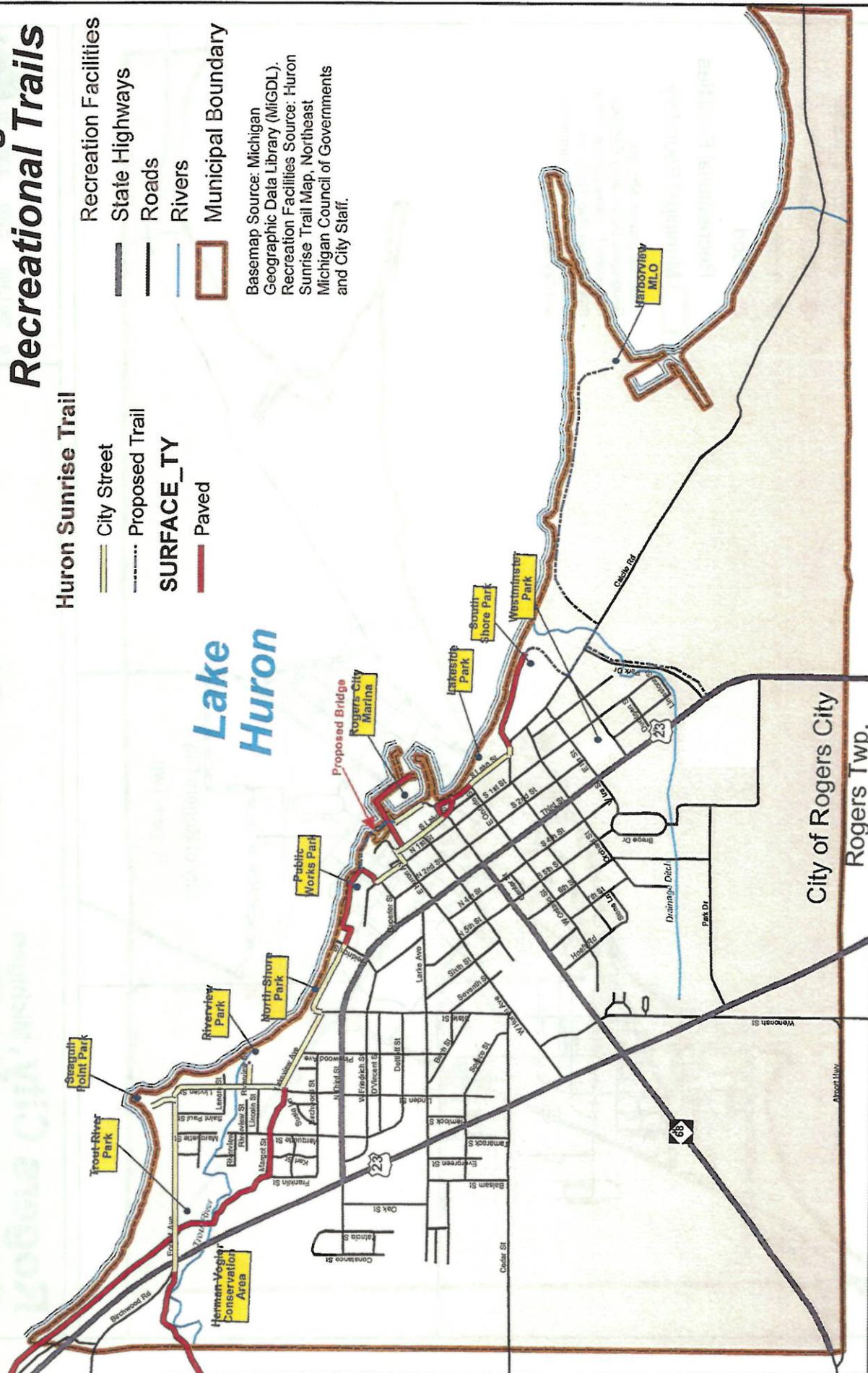
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# Figure 6 Recreational Trails

- Huron Sunrise Trail**
- City Street
  - - - Proposed Trail
- SURFACE\_TY**
- Paved
- Recreation Facilities
  - State Highways
  - Roads
  - Rivers
  - Municipal Boundary

Basemap Source: Michigan Geographic Data Library (MiGDL).  
 Recreation Facilities Source: Huron Sunrise Trail Map, Northeast Michigan Council of Governments and City Staff.



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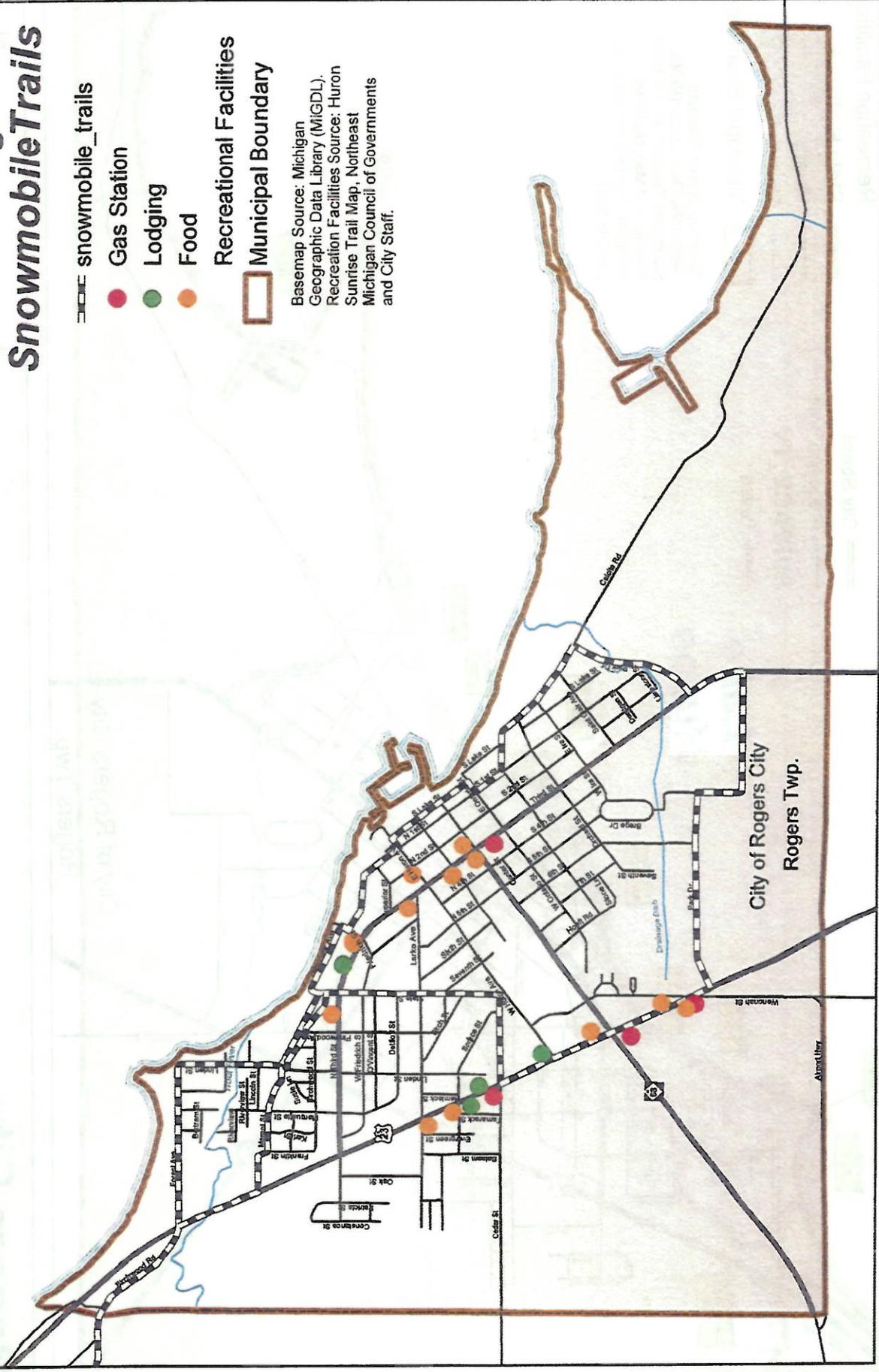
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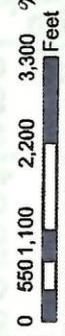
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**Figure 7**  
**Snowmobile Trails**

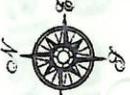
-  snowmobile\_trails
-  Gas Station
-  Lodging
-  Food
-  Recreational Facilities
-  Municipal Boundary

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**Rogers City, Michigan**  
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## ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

The current, 2014 Community Recreation Plan was completed exclusively with local resources due to financial constraints, as was the 2009 Plan. The 2004 recreation plan was a joint effort between Wade-Trim, City of Rogers City and the Rogers City Area School District. The 1997 recreation plan update was prepared for the City alone and the 1991 recreation plan was a joint effort of the City of Rogers City and the Rogers City Area School District.

### City Administrative Structure

The City of Rogers City operates under charter as a Council/Manager form of government. The five-member elected Council is the City's legislative body. Council employs a professional City Manager to carry out the City's day to day responsibilities, implement Council policies, and enforce City ordinances. The Manager also supervises administrative departments of the City.

In terms of recreation planning, the City Council is ultimately responsible for setting policy, authorizing plans or projects, and making budget decisions. In these responsibilities, Council is assisted by the Parks and Recreation Commission. The Commission is composed of appointed citizens, a City Council representative, a Planning Commission representative, a representative from the Soil Conservation District and City staff. The Council has also hired professional planning, engineering or design consultants when needed to assist with planning or development projects. The public is routinely invited to comment on recreation plans and projects at regular meetings of the Parks and Recreation Commission, and Council, or through special public meetings and hearings on particular projects. Figure 8 outlines the City's organizational structure for recreation planning and administration.

The City has outstanding volunteer leaders and workers who conduct recreation programs or services, with assistance from City staff. Park maintenance is provided by the City Public Works Department. One member of this staff is on duty to maintain the outdoor skating rink in the winter. The City employs a Harbor Master year round and several dock attendants during the boating season.

Actual 2013 fiscal year allotments for park and recreation maintenance and planning totaled \$118,543. This amount does not reflect the staff time shared among multiple departments. It is estimated that staff time spent on park and recreation related work was worth approximately \$20,000 in 2013. Recreation is supported by the City's general fund (\$1,759,930), while harbor operations are funded from user fees. For the fiscal year, marina expenditures were \$266,826 with revenue of only \$238,757. The marina is currently operating at a loss, which is unsustainable. Efforts to correct this problem are underway. A little over \$14,380 (0.20 mils) is dedicated for the City Band to pay the band director and members a modest salary. Proposed recreation program expenditures

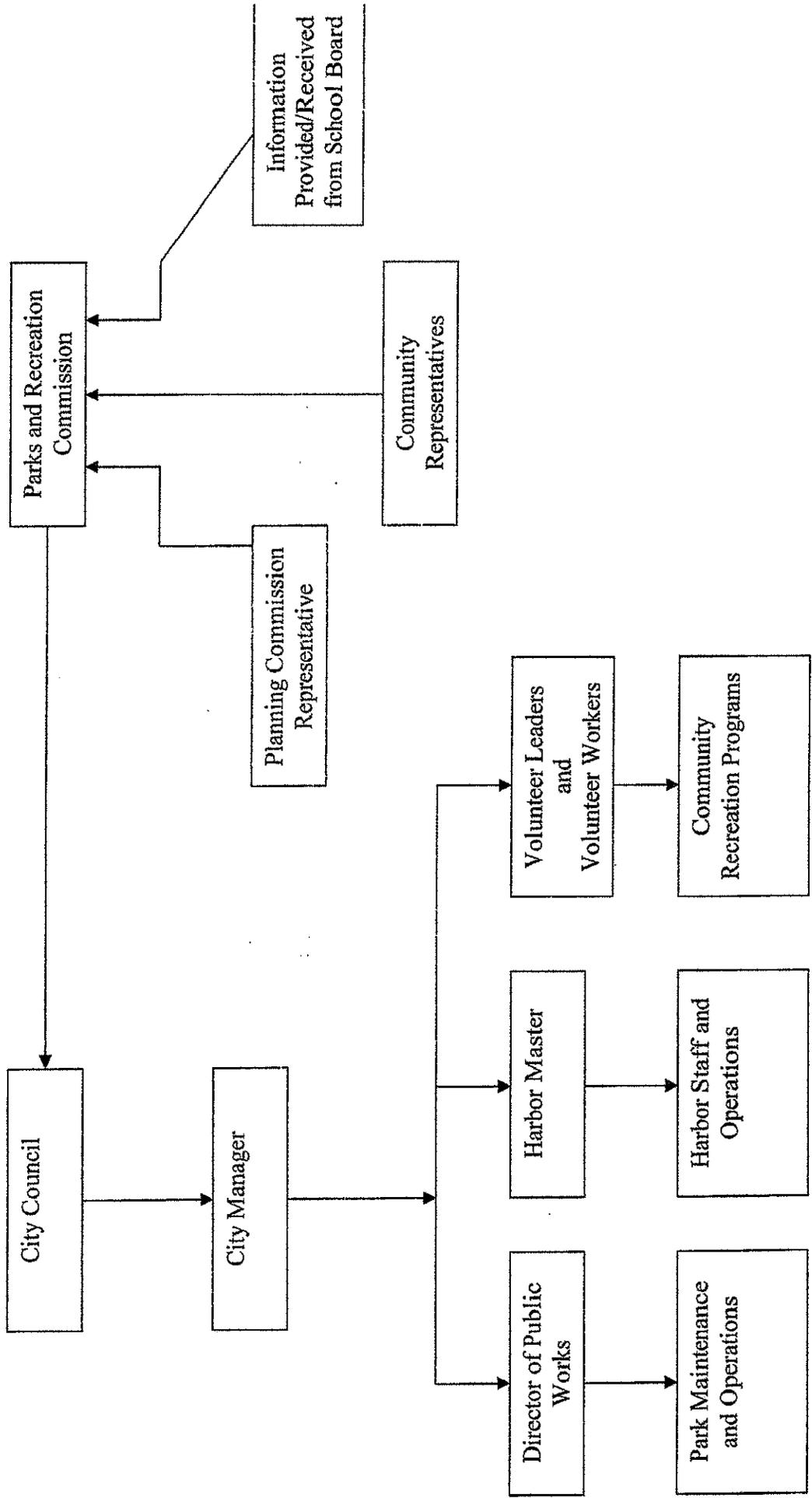
are shown in the Action Plan. The City expects to continue budgeting for parks and recreation for the long term.

### **School District Administrative Structure**

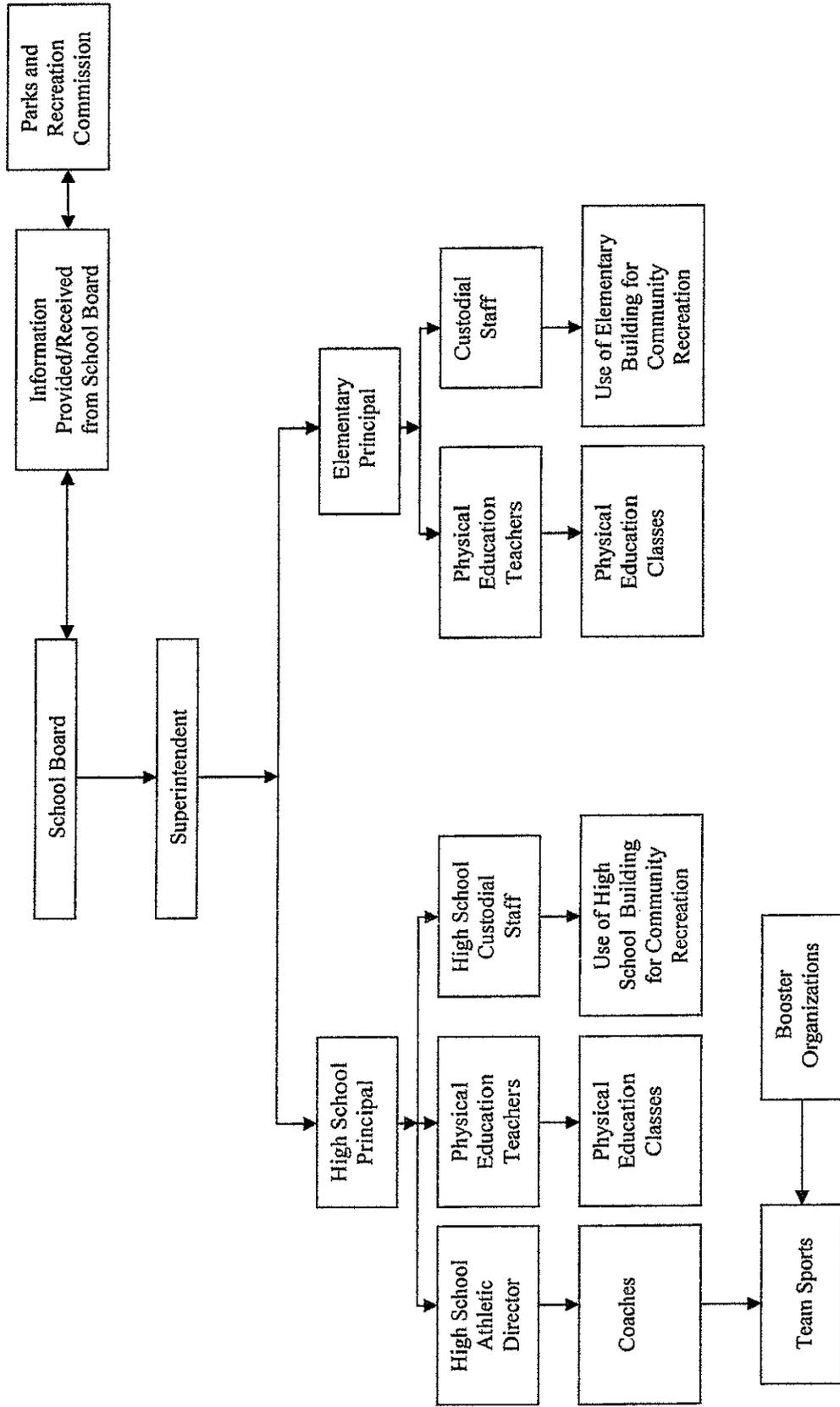
The Rogers City Area School Board has ultimate authority to make policy decisions and budget allocations for school recreation. The Board retains a professional superintendent to carry out school district policy and programs. In terms of recreation programs, the high school, and elementary school principals are in charge of programs within their respective buildings. At the high school, an athletic director operates team sports, while the physical education staffs at the high school and elementary school take care of non-team athletics. These administrative relationships are shown in Figure 9.

For the fiscal year 2014, the School District Budget for high school team athletics totaled \$110,375, down more than \$80,000 from 2009. This figure includes salary for the athletic director, coaches, field upkeep and some transportation. It does not include gate receipts, entry fees or funds raised by the teams themselves or by booster organizations. Nor does it include the salaries of staff for normal physical education classes in either the high school or the elementary.

**Figure 8**  
 City of Rogers City Organizational Chart for Recreation Planning and Administration



**Figure 9**  
 Rogers City Area School District Organization Chart for  
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## Recreational Activities by Other Organizations

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Additionally, the Presque Isle County Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) administers a 4-H summer recreation program. The program is conducted at various locations and serves youth of the area. The program operates five days a week for six weeks during the school summer break. Funding is provided by various local and state sources as well as volunteer services. Emphasis of the program includes character education, skill building, and fun.

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## DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

Past recreation planning efforts in Rogers City include prior editions of a community recreation plan adopted in 1976, 1984, 1991, 1997, 2004, and 2009, along with the 1980 and 1997 coastal zone management plans. The present effort to revise and update the *City of Rogers City Community Recreation Plan* began in early 2014.

In discussion among city staff, City Council, and Parks and Recreation Commission, it was agreed to proceed with recreation plan update activities. As a starting point, the Commissioners decided to review the 2009 recreation plan and make the necessary changes to this plan to bring it up-to-date.

The following is a chronological listing of Park and Recreation Commission activities involved in the recreation plan update process. The information is taken from minutes of Commission meetings.

**March 19, 2014** – Commissioners review the text of the plan, including the park inventory, and make changes based on improvements that have occurred since 2009 (See Appendix A).

**June 18, 2014** – Commissioners go over the objectives and action plan at length, updating budget figures and estimated improvement dates based on information provided by the city manager and public works department foreman/harbor master (See Appendix A).

**June 19, 2014 through October 17, 2014** – The city manager updates the census data from 2000 information to 2010 information. He also goes through the plan with the public schools superintendent and gathers information from her.

**October 17, 2014 through October 29, 2014** – The draft 2014 plan is reviewed by the school superintendent and other school staff. The plan also is provided to Parks and Recreation Commission members for review.

**October 27, 2014** - Planning Commission reviews the proposed Community Recreation Plan (See Appendix A).

**October 29, 2014** – Parks and Recreation Commission passes resolution to recommend the Community Recreation Plan to City Council for adoption (See Appendix A).

**November 4, 2014** – City Council passes resolution to publish notice of draft plan public review period and public hearing requesting citizen input, with the review period to extend through December 15, 2014 and the public hearing to be conducted December 16, 2014 (See Appendix A).

**November 13, 2014** – Notice of draft plan public review period and public hearing requesting citizen input was published in the *Presque Isle Advance* (See Appendix A).

**December 15, 2014** – Rogers City Board of Education held a public hearing at its regular meeting to receive comments on the Community Recreation Plan. No comments were offered. Rogers City Board of Education adopted the Community Recreation Plan. (See Appendix A).

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## DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

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## RECREATION GOALS

Goals are value-based statements that are not necessarily measurable. Objectives appropriate to attaining the goals are measurable steps. Policies, programs and projects outlined in an action plan or capital improvements schedule are ways to implement the community's goals and objectives.

### **Goal A: Sustain a Continued Planning and Implementation Process**

Maintain an open and broad-based planning and implementation process for recreation development and maintenance characterized by:

- Continued communication and cooperation with units of government, agencies and organizations involved in recreation development and programming such as:
  - ❖ Schools
  - ❖ County
  - ❖ Townships
  - ❖ State agencies
  - ❖ Federal agencies
  - ❖ Library
  - ❖ Churches
  - ❖ Rogers City Area Senior Center
  - ❖ Museum/Nautical Museum
  - ❖ Parks and Recreation Commission
  - ❖ Community Development Authority
  - ❖ Chamber of Commerce
  - ❖ Service Clubs
- Maximum use of existing information such as:
  - ❖ Soil, vegetative, topography and climate data
  - ❖ Demographic data
  - ❖ Land use plans and zoning ordinances
  - ❖ Tourism studies
  - ❖ Local, state and federal assistance programs
- Made available by agencies such as:
  - ❖ USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
  - ❖ Michigan Department of Natural Resources
  - ❖ Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
  - ❖ US Forest Service
  - ❖ US Census Bureau
  - ❖ MSU Extension Service
  - ❖ State Economic Development Program
  - ❖ National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration
  - ❖ Presque Isle County Conservation District

**Objective 1:** To update this recreation plan every fourth year of the five-year plan, or amend as required. With City Council approval, the City Manager will coordinate with the Parks and Recreation Commission to call a meeting involving all parties with an interest in this plan to discuss and coordinate planning activities for the upcoming year.

**Rationale:** Plans are helpful only when they are frequently used, discussed and amended. Because execution rarely follows a projected path, it is important to communicate on a regular basis to update and re-prioritize.

**Accountability:** City Council, City Manager, Parks and Recreation Commission

**Objective 2:** To guarantee the open-to-the-waterfront charm of Rogers City by enacting and/or enforcing zoning and other regulations or incentives necessary.

**Rationale:** Rogers City's uniqueness as a lakefront town is dependent upon maintaining its open waterfront. This will require careful attention and consistent application of regulations.

**Accountability:** City Council, City Manager, Planning Commission, Community Development Authority

**Objective 3:** To encourage the involvement of the private sector in recreation development and, where appropriate, to participate in funding for support services.

**Rationale:** Economic development is in the City's best interest. When the private sector shows a willingness to invest in the City, the City needs to be willing to support that investment in whatever way is appropriate and feasible.

**Accountability:** City Council, City Manager, Community Development Authority, Private Sector.

**Objective 4:** To encourage development of school, township, county, state and federal lands in the Rogers City area for recreational use.

**Rationale:** Rogers City has much to offer residents, potential residents, and visitors. A wide variety of recreational activities are feasible when every public landholder is committed to enhancing enjoyment of the outdoors.

**Accountability:** All public entities participating in the provision of recreation facilities and programs.

### **Goal B: Develop and Maintain Recreation Facilities**

Develop and maintain recreational facilities in the City of Rogers City which:

- Provide a wide variety of recreational opportunities for all age groups
- Are available to both residents and tourists/visitors
- Are available to all persons regardless of physical and mental ability
- Are designed wherever possible for multiple and year-round use
- Are related to the capacity of the environment
- Are planned to produce a unified image for the region

### **Goal C: Address the Need for Additional Funding Sources for Recreation Facility Development and Maintenance and Recreational Property Acquisition**

Many sources of funding assistance are available to municipalities in Michigan. Michigan law allows communities to target or set aside certain current or future tax revenues for public facilities and programs. A few of the current programs are noted below. Each program has its own rules and procedures. Any comprehensive municipal funding effort is likely to employ many of the approaches noted here. New opportunities are created on a regular basis, and must be constantly monitored for applicability to City needs.

### **Objective 1: Tax Revenue Allocation Approaches**

#### **General Obligation Bonds**

- Revenue Bonds
- Special Assessment Districts

### **Objective 2: Selected Grant and Loan Programs**

- Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund
- Clean Michigan Initiative Program
- Land and Water Conservation Fund
- Recreation Snowmobile Trail Grants Program
- Inland Fisheries Resources Grants
- Boating Facilities Grants
- Recreation Improvement Fund
- Transportation Enhancement Grants
- Community Development Block Grants
- Brownfields Program Grants
- National Endowment for the Arts Grants
- Coastal Zone Management
- State Aid to Libraries
- Michigan Council of Arts and Cultural Affairs
- Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan
- Great Lakes Fisheries Trust Fund

In addition to the above listed funding programs securing funding through such sources is an important part of implementing the public facility and land development goals of any active community today.

### **Objective 3: Local Donations**

Beyond well-known funding programs, Rogers City has been able to tap support close to home. Especially for small-scale projects, local civic and charitable organizations, as well as local businesses, are frequently ready to assist communities with public projects through donated cash, materials or volunteer labor. In tight-knit communities like Rogers City these opportunities for local support are frequently evident. It is essential that the City Council and the Parks and Recreation Committee create and maintain ties to local civic groups, foundations, and businesses and invites them to partner with the City in achieving plan goals.

## ACTION PLAN

The action plan for this recreation plan update is illustrated in the two tables below. The first table, table A shows recreation projects, activities and programs which are conducted by the City on a routine annual basis. It is anticipated that these programs and local funding sources will continue through the life of this planning period. Action plan project locations for both tables are found on Figure 4.

**Table A**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Annual Recreation Projects and Programs</i>	<i>Budget *</i>	<i>Source</i>
2015-2019	Perform annual maintenance and repair at existing city parks	\$142,000	RC
2015-2019	Provide harbormaster and harbor staff at city marina and launch	\$323,450	UF
2015-2019	Fund Nautical City Festival preparation and clean-up	\$20,000	RC
2015-2019	Plow parking area for cross-country skiing at Herman Vogler	\$1,000	RC
2015-2019	Continue "adopt a park" program with civic groups to provide park maintenance and small-scale improvements	Volunteer labor	CG
2015-2019	Summer Concert Series	\$10,000	Multi
2015-2019	Support for City Band concerts during summer months	\$13,200	0.20 Mil
2015-2019	Summer Recreation Program	\$7,700	Multi
2015-2019	Family Fun Day	\$1,000	Multi
2015-2019	Parks Day	\$1,500	Multi
2015-2019	Tennis Court maintenance	\$500	RC

\* Note: These are 2014/15 Fiscal Budget Figures, actual annual amounts will vary.

**Table B**

The second table for the action plan of the recreation plan update is shown on the following page. It details recreation projects, activities or programs that are not routine. Rather, they are special or will occur only once. Many of these projects are not affordable under the current city budget and will require outside assistance for funding sources. This list is divided into sub-categories as activities occurring at all parks or multiple parks, and activities occurring at specific park locations. The key to funding sources follows:

**Funding Source Key**

CG = Civic Groups; Community Gifts	RC = Rogers City General Fund
CDA = Community Development Authority	SCH = Rogers City Area Schools
CZ = Coastal Zone Grant	TBD = To be determined
DEQ = Department of Environmental Quality	TF = MI Natural Resource Trust Fund
HS HC = Huron Shores Humanities Council	UF = User Fees
MDOT = Michigan Department of Transportation	SR2S = Safe Routes to School
PS = Private Sector	

<i>Year</i>	<i>Special Projects and Programs by Location</i>	<i>Estimated Cost</i>	<i>Funding Source</i>
2015-19	ALL PARKS OR MULTIPLE PARK PROJECTS		
2019	a.) Picnic improvements at all parks including benches and tables.	\$2,000 per park	RC/CG
2015-19	b.) Barrier free restroom improvements for parks not currently meeting ADA requirements (Little League)	\$10,000 per park	RC/TF/MDOT
2015-19	c.) Develop new uses for underutilized parks	TBD	TBD
2015-19	d.) Improve safety and aesthetics of storm water discharges at City parks (rain gardens)	\$200,000	RC/DEQ/CZ
2015	e.) Designate barrier free parking spaces and provide signage at all City parks and recreational facilities.	\$1,000 per park	RC/MDOT
2015-19	f.) Create a updated trails and parks map.	\$2,000	RC/CDA
2015-19	HURON SUNRISE TRAIL		
2015-19	a.) Trail extension to Harbor View (see figure 11)	\$100,000	RC/TF/TBD
2015-19	c.) Trail link to State-wide trail system through Gilpin Field (see figure 12)	\$500,000	CMI/SR2S/TBD DEQ
2019	SEAGULE POINT PARK		
2015-19	a.) ADA Access	\$50,000	TBD
2015-19	b.) Kiva, Kiosks and benches	\$1,500	CZ/CG
2015-19	c.) Open pavilion	\$20,000	TBD
2019	NORTH SHORE PARK		
2015-19	a.) Landscaping and restoration of native vegetation	\$3,000	RC/CG
2015-19	b.) Add additional benches	\$500	TBD
2015	ROGERS CITY MARINA		
2016	a.) Add floating gas dock	\$54,500	RC/CG/CZ/DNR
2016	b.) Replace parking lot LED replacements	\$6,000	RC
2015-19	SNOWMOBILE TRAIL		
2015-19	a) Redirect the trail through Herman Vogler Conservation Area	\$200,000	TBD
2016	LAKESIDE PARK		
2017	a.) Revitalize the Bandshell	\$5,000	TBD
2016	b.) Resurface the basketball court	\$10,000	RC
2016	c.) Solar lights along the boardwalk on aluminum poles	\$2,000	RC
2015-19	WESTMINSTER PARK		
2015-19	a.) Renovation and re-landscape the gazebo	\$1,000	Multi

2015-19	<b>SPORTS PARK</b> Improve lighting and existing bleachers, by adding a cement slab underneath, add bleachers and benches	\$10,000	TBD
2015-19	<b>SOUTH SHORE PARK (LITTLE LEAGUE)</b> a.) See all park projects for picnic improvements	Above	Above
2015-19	b.) Improve / extend trail head (see Huron Sunrise Trail)	Above	Above
2015-19	c.) Landscaping and plantings for erosion control and windbreak (see all parks projects item e.)	\$15,000	RC/CG
2015-19	d.) Additional playground equipment (Optimist Club)	Above	Above
2015-19	e.) Little League Pavilion	PS \$1,000	PS RC
	<b>PUBLIC WORKS PARK</b>		
	<b>QUARRY VIEW</b>		
	<b>HARBOR VIEW</b>		
2015-19	<b>HERMAN VOGLER CONSERVATION AREA</b> a.) Establish building fund for nature/interpretive center	TBD	TBD
2015-19	b.) Construct nature/interpretive center building on HVCA property 1) building to encompass public restrooms, display cases, indoor nature area/classrooms, office space for PICD staff	TBD	TBD
2015-19	c.) Hire naturalist for nature center 1) develop curriculum for outdoor classes	TBD	TBD
	d.) Other improvements as noted in HVCA Master Plan	TBD	TBD
2015-19	<b>ROGERS CITY AREA SCHOOLS (HIGH SCHOOL AND GILPIN FIELD)</b> a.) Renovation of sports facilities including bleachers, field house. b.) Improve track facilities around high school practice field with the resurfacing of the track and expansion of the track pole vault, high jump, and long jump areas. c.) Renovate current High School Indoor Recreational, including hallways, classrooms, and gymnasium.	TBD TBD TBD	TBD/CG/SCH/ Volunteer TBD/CG/SCH TBD/SCH

## **BASIS FOR THE ACTION PLAN**

The basis for the action plan of this recreation plan update is divided into two categories; annual recreation projects/programs and special projects/programs as presented in the action plan portion of this document.

### **Annual Recreation Projects and Programs (Table A)**

The first group of programs or projects are continuation and maintenance-related projects. These involve annual recreation activities which are anticipated to continue throughout the planning period. Further, the City provides harbor master and staff at the city marina. These operational expenses are part of the annual city budgeting process (see Action Plan).

Each year the City of Rogers City hosts one major festival. The Rogers City Nautical Festival brings thousands of visitors for a week-long event including carnivals, music, sporting events, entertainment, arts and crafts, parade, and family reunions. At this event, the City provides preparation and cleanup services, additional police and emergency personnel, as well as organization and material assistance. The City also shares in the cost of a fireworks finale, weather permitting. The Nautical Festival has helped put Rogers City "on the map" for summer tourists and is anticipated to remain the primary recreational event during the planning period.

The City of Rogers City hosts several small scale festivals and events. The Spring Festival and Fall Festival bring many people to the area to purchase arts and crafts. The Family Fun day is held the Saturday or Sunday following the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, with the City sharing in the cost of the fireworks and other assistance. Events that the City hosts are the Antique & Vintage Car Show, Sunrise Adventure Tour, Doublehanded Challenge, and Antique Snowmobile Show. At these events, the City provides preparation and cleanup services, as well as organization and material assistance. In 2008 the Parks & Recreation Commission, along with City Staff held a Parks Day. The purpose of Parks Day was to inform people of the different parks and the activities that are available at these parks. Parks Day will be an annual event. The City of Rogers City contributes to a number of small-scale recreational services. In the summer, the City contributes funding for summer swimming instruction for youth. In the winter, city crews construct and maintain an outdoor ice rink at the Sports Park. In addition, they plow the parking area at the Herman Vogler Conservation Area to allow access for cross-country skiers.

Volunteers and donations are essential for progress in our parks and recreation programs. In 1996 the Kiwanis Club assembled sections of the shoreline boardwalk in Lakeside Park, and in 2003 they assisted with funding and volunteer labor for the new playground equipment at Lakeside Park. The Lions and Optimist Clubs have been involved in improvements in other parks. Beginning in 2004, a group of local volunteers, who call themselves the Wacky Weeders, provide maintenance of particular parks. In 2008 the Optimist Club funded the new playground equipment and created a small playground area at South Shore Park. City staff and the city manager work with groups to target and organize appropriate volunteer projects. This activity is anticipated to continue throughout the planning period.

The City of Rogers City supports a unique recreation program by maintaining a millage-funded City Band. The band, which has been in continuous operation for more than 100 years, performs weekly concerts at the bandshell in Lakeside Park during the summer months. These concerts are popular with residents, tourists and boaters alike and draw large crowds. This activity is expected to continue throughout the planning period.

The bandshell is the location for additional musical performances by various local and state artists during the peak summer months. Funding is provided through the City and various sources. These special events and the City Band performances are at no cost to the public.

### **Special Projects and Programs by Location (Table B)**

Basis for special projects and programs identified by the Parks and Recreation Commission are listed by location. Park locations are noted on Figure 6.

#### ***All Parks or Multiple Park Projects***

- a.) Picnic improvements at under utilized parks including benches and tables.

At present, a number of Rogers City parks are underutilized, in part, due to lack of equipment and facilities. Underutilized parks include Seagull Point and North Shore. Numerous citizen requests over the years have suggested simple, low-cost additions to facilitate park use for picnicking, walking and shoreline enjoyment. These improvements include adding seating, picnic tables, grill and/or bonfire facilities, trash cans and modest landscaping improvements. More expensive improvements, such as barrier free bathroom and paved parking are pending redevelopment. In most cases, picnicking and lakefront enjoyment will increase when minor improvements are completed.

- b.) Barrier free restroom improvements for parks not currently meeting ADA requirements

Not all restroom facilities at Rogers City parks meet ADA requirements. Rogers City is committed to making all park and recreation facilities available to all users regardless of mental or physical capabilities.

- c.) Develop new uses for underutilized parks

Now that parks near the lakeshore are connected by the Huron Sunrise Trail, it is reasonable to expect that trail users would stop at parks along the way. The *1997 Coastal Zone Management Plan* suggested appropriate uses at parks along the coast line and trail. This recreation plan update recommends incorporating those suggestions into this action plan.

- d.) Improve safety and aesthetics of storm water discharges at City Parks

Because most of the City's parks are along Lake Huron shoreline, they are at the lowest levels in the area. Storm water naturally flows toward the lake. Several storm water ditches or pipes have been installed over the years to accommodate the water flow. It flows especially heavy during

the spring months with snow melt conditions. These ditches or pipes are not always aesthetically pleasing, designed with safety in mind, and erosion tends to occur at various sites. This action plan recommends improving the storm water facilities by incorporating them into landscaping with such measures as ponds or rain gardens.

- e.) Designate barrier free parking spaces and provide signage at all City parks and recreational facilities

During a tour of the City parks for the inventory, it was noted that most of the sites do not have designated barrier free parking. The City wishes to make all parks and recreation facilities available to all users regardless of mental or physical ability. The designation for such parking spaces at all parks should accommodate access to all.

- f.) "Walking Tour" map for downtown and shoreline including all City Parks

A "walking tour" map for downtown and shoreline including all City parks will benefit users.

#### ***Huron Sunrise Trail***

Since 1997, the City of Rogers City has been working to develop a paved trail connecting the City's major parks along or near the Lake Huron shoreline. The trail currently runs from South Shore Park to the 40 Mile Point Lighthouse 7 miles north of the City limits. The *1997 Rogers City Park Linkage Plan* recommends extensions to the inland parks, schools and to the Carmeuse Lime & Stone Operations' Quarry View site. In 2009 the trail was expanded to 40 Mile Point Lighthouse. This recreation plan recommends implementation of the *Park Linkage Plan*. Most importantly, this plan recommends the following two specific improvements:

- a.) The current paved trail also ends at South Shore Park. Continuing this trail to Harbor View will create the next link in the Huron Sunrise Trail experience. See figure 11.
- b.) The final link is to connect the Huron Sunrise Trail with the State-wide trail system through Gilpin Field (see figure 12).

#### ***Seagull Point Park***

- a.) ADA parking improvements are needed to accommodate users of the park. Parking is currently limited and with no barrier free access to the beach.
- b.) Proposed improvements are to add a kiva, and benches along the trail, provide permanent restroom facilities, enhance rip-rap around the point, continue to maintain the picnic area, maintain undisturbed beach and shore-land native plant communities for low-intensity passive recreation.
- c.) An open pavilion would be beneficial to the park. There is no shelter area for picnickers to escape the rain squalls off Lake Huron. An open pavilion would greatly enhance opportunities for family gatherings and small community events.

### ***North Shore Park***

Because this park is also considered underutilized, small scale improvements such as landscaping, picnicking, and seating areas can stimulate increased use. Because this site is located on what was previously a railroad yard, native vegetation is severely disturbed. Vegetation re-growth has included undesirable species. The City has replanted a few native trees, but vegetation on site remains both a maintenance problem and a barrier to increased use of the beach environment. Because the park is adjacent to a major motel and restaurant complex frequented by tourists, it is an important visual representation of the City. The two planned projects are: landscaping with restoration of native vegetation and additional benches.

### ***Rogers City Marina***

The Old Comfort station at the marina has been vacant for several years. Future plans to use the building are an information center for the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary or/and as a boaters lounge. It is anticipated that this will draw people who have an interest in shipwrecks and maritime heritage. The marina also could use improved lighting a floating fuel platform could improve staff and boater safety.

### ***Snowmobile Trail***

In 2008 a designated snowmobile trail into Rogers City was completed; However, the Presque Isle Sno Trails Club and the Presque Isle Soil Conservation District wish to link a section of the trail through the Herman Vogler Conservation Area. This link will provide better access to fuel, food, and lodging for the snowmobile users.

### ***Lakeside Park***

- a.) The band shell could use work
- b.) Basketball court needs resurfacing.
- c.) Lighting along the boardwalk would improve visibility.

### ***Westminster Park***

Westminster Park is located in the downtown area of the City where special events occur during the year, as well as general park usage. A schematic plan has been created to include improved parking and access on the Second Street side, and plantings. This plan recognizes the need to repaint the gazebo. Finally, this plan recognizes a Chamber of Commerce request to place donated memorial brick pavers in the park.

### ***Sports Park***

An in-line hockey rink was constructed in 2007 with financial assistances from the Rogers City Kiwanis Club. During the spring and summer months the park is used by area softball and baseball teams during weekday evenings and on weekends. The current lighting needs to be

improved and the existing bleachers need a cement slab added underneath. Additional bleachers and benches are needed for spectators who come to watch the softball/baseball games.

### ***South Shore Park (Little League Fields)***

Projects at this site are included with picnic improvements at all parks, Huron Sunrise Trail extension and storm water control at several parks. Landscaping and plantings for erosion control and windbreak is also considered necessary at this park. The Optimist Club has donated new playground equipment and this is an ongoing project. A fossil park area has been added using donated material; however, some City manpower is needed. A pavilion also would improve the facility.

### ***Public Works Park***

The City explored the option of establishing a RV park at this park, but after a feasibility study decided that the site was not large enough. Since the Huron Sunrise Trail passes by this location, it is the ideal location for a picnic area and possible dog park.

### ***Herman Vogler Conservation Area – Presque Isle Conservation District***

The Herman Vogler Conservation Area (HVCA) was established in 1989. This beautiful 270 acre site is open year-round for a multitude of recreational activities that can include; nature walks, bird watching, wildlife viewing, fishing, limited hunting, picnics, relaxation, etc. Approximately one-third of the land lies within the city limits of Rogers City. Seven miles of trail are used by hikers in the warm months and skiers during the winter months. Trout River crosses the property along with several other small creeks. Interpretive signs are posted along the trails and a trail map is posted at the inner parking lot. Brochures describing the park, which includes a trail map, are available from the District office or the Chamber of Commerce. A portion of the Huron Sunrise Trail enters the park and overlooks the Trout River Flooding. Fully accessible restrooms are at the parking lot.

# Figure 10 Recreational Trails at Harbor

- Huron Sunrise Trail**
- City Street
  - Proposed Trail
  - Paved
- Recreation Facilities**
- State Highways
  - Roads
  - Rivers
  - Municipal Boundary

Basemap Source: Michigan Geographic Data Library (MIGDL).  
 Recreation Facilities Source: Huron Sunrise Trail Map, Northeast Michigan Council of Governments and City Staff.

Lake Huron

Proposed Bridge

Rogers City Marina

Yoshimine Ct

Elkhorn Ave

N 12th St

N 20th St

S Lake St

S 19th St

Elkhorn Ave

Todd St

## Rogers City, Michigan Community Recreation Plan

Scale:

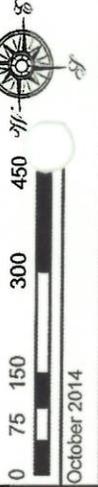


Figure 11

Huron Sunrise Trail Link to Harbor View (Around wetland)

Existing



Proposed

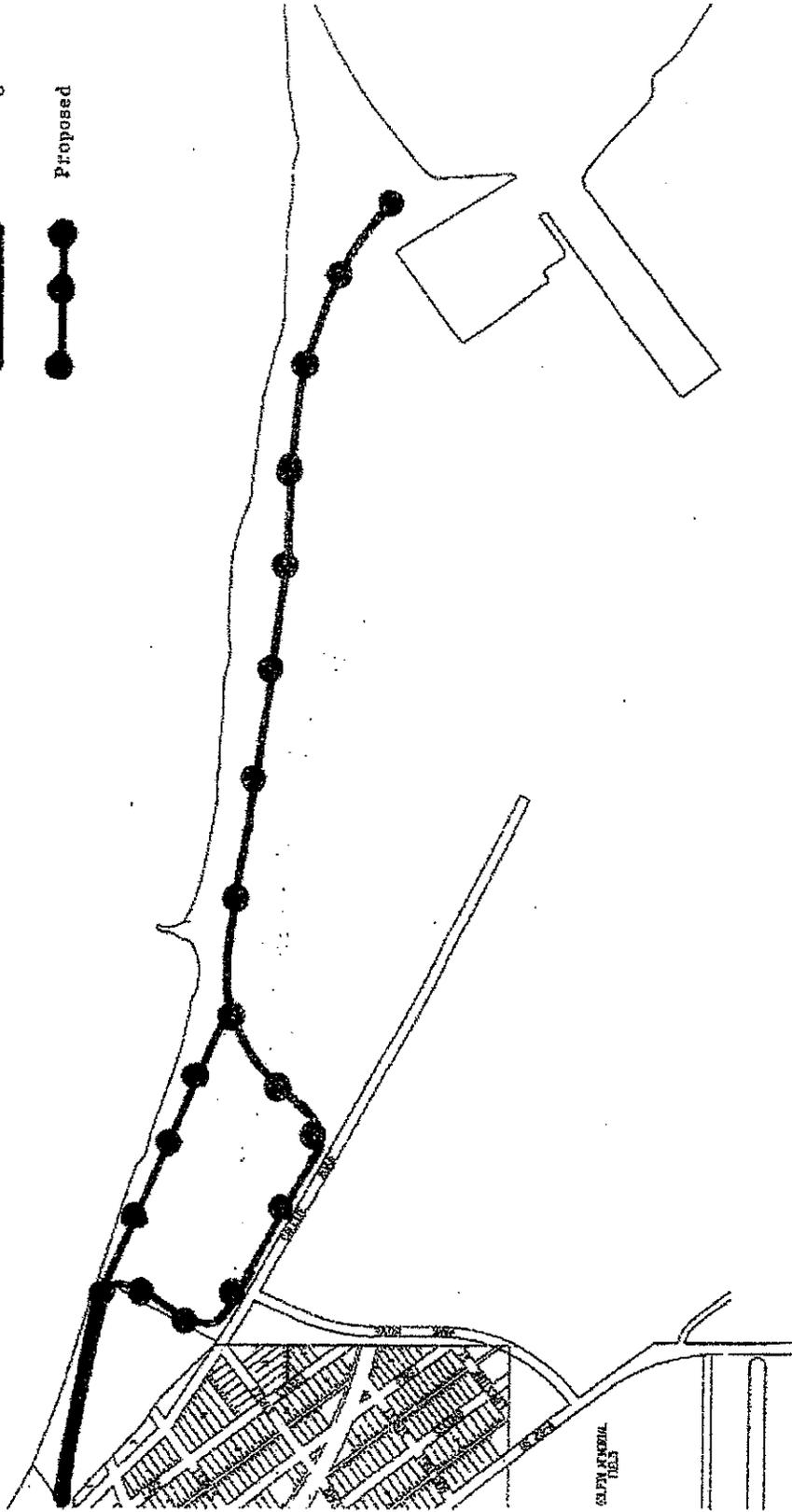
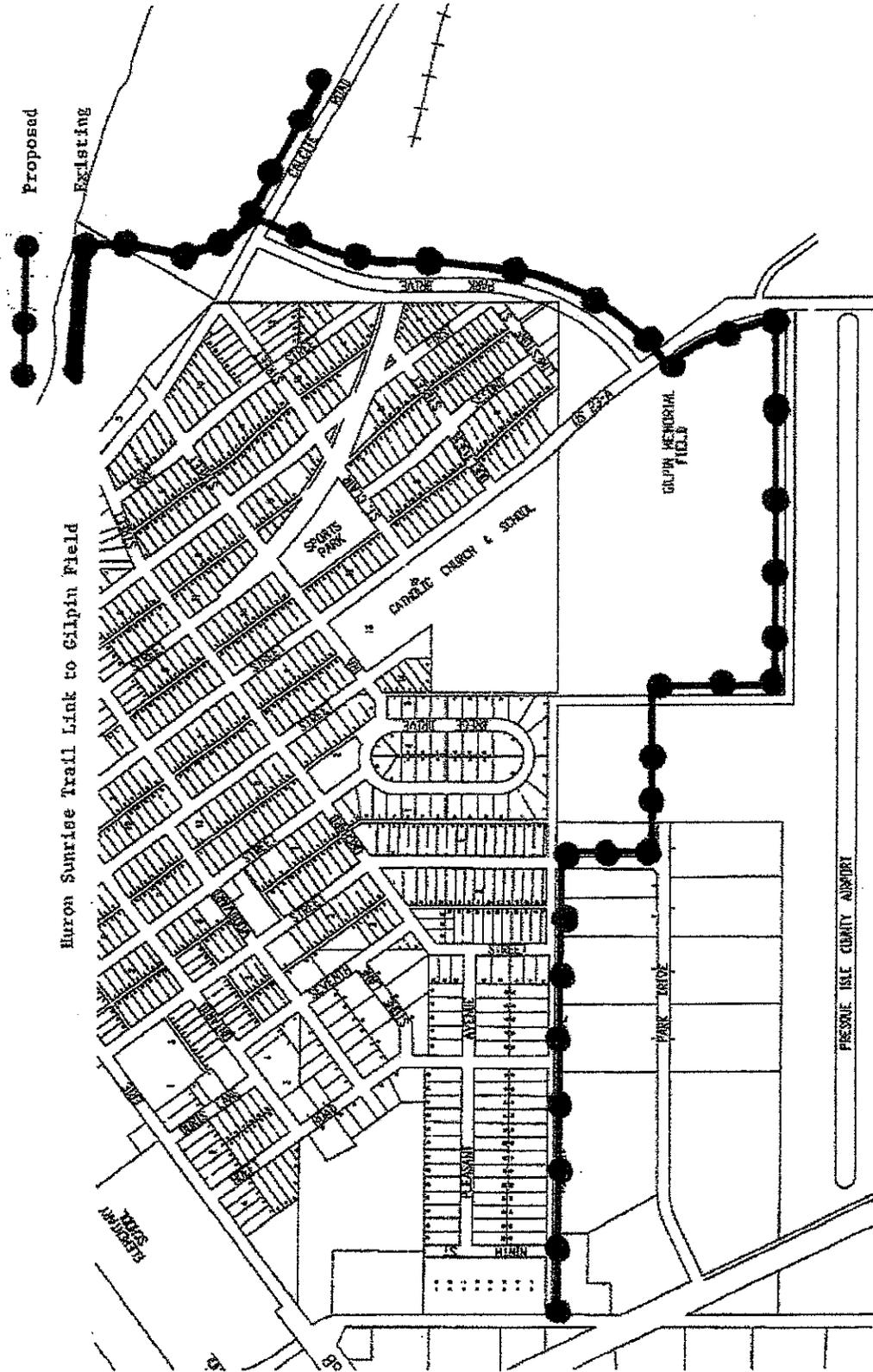


Figure 12



## PLAN ADOPTION

**October 27, 2014** - Planning Commission reviewed and commented on the proposed Community Recreation Plan (See Appendix A).

**October 29, 2014** - Parks and Recreation Commission passed resolution to recommend the Community Recreation Plan to City Council for adoption (See Appendix A).

**November 4, 2014** - City Council passed resolution to publish notice of draft plan public review period and public hearing requesting citizen input, with the review period to extend through December 15, 2014 and the public hearing to be conducted December 16, 2014 (See Appendix A).

**November 13, 2014** - Notice of draft plan public review period and public hearing requesting citizen input was published in the *Presque Isle Advance* (See Appendix A).

**December 15, 2014** - Rogers City Board of Education held a public hearing at its regular meeting to receive comments on the Community Recreation Plan. No comments were offered. Rogers City Board of Education adopted the Community Recreation Plan. (See Appendix A).

**December 16, 2014** - City Council held a public hearing at their regular meeting to receive comments on the Community Recreation Plan. No input was received at the hearing or prior during the public input period. Rogers City Council adopted the Community Recreation Plan. (See Appendix A).

**December 17, 2014** - Community Recreation Plan was transmitted to the Presque Isle County Planning Commission and to Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (See Appendix A).

**December 17, 2014** - Community Recreation Plan was submitted to MDNR for final approval (See Appendix A).



## **APPENDIX A**

MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2014 ROGERS CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REVIEWS AND MAKES CHANGES TO THE RECREATION INVENTORY  
FEATURED IN THE EXISTING COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN.

MINUTES OF JUNE 19, 2014 ROGERS CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REVIEWS, UPDATES, AND MAKES CHANGES TO THE ACTION PLAN  
FEATURED IN THE EXISTING COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2014 ROGERS CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEWS THE DRAFT 2014 COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN.

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 29, 2014 ROGERS CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING  
INCLUDES RESOLUTION 2014-01, RECOMMENDING ROGERS CITY COUNCIL ADOPTION OF 2014  
COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF ROGERS CITY AND ROGERS CITY AREA SCHOOL  
DISTRICT.

RESOLUTION 2014-148, ADOPTED NOVEMBER 4, 2014 BY ROGERS CITY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL AGREES TO PUBLISH A NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING ASSOCIATED  
WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE 2014 COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF ROGERS CITY AND  
ROGERS CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT.

DISPLAY ADVERTISEMENT FEATURED IN NOVEMBER 13, 2014 EDITION OF THE PRESQUE ISLE ADVANCE  
AD PROVIDES FOR 32-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON THE PROPOSED 2014 COMMUNITY  
RECREATION PLAN AND ANNOUNCES PUBLIC HEARING IN CONSIDERATION OF PLAN TO BE CONDUCTED  
BY CITY COUNCIL DECEMBER 16, 2014. NO COMMENT WAS RECEIVED DURING THIS 32-DAY PERIOD.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED DECEMBER 15, 2014 POSTED AT ROGERS CITY AREA SCHOOLS  
NOTICE, POSTED AS REQUIRED BY THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, ALERTS PUBLIC OF HEARING IN  
CONSIDERATION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION ACTION ON COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN.

AGENDA OF DECEMBER 15, 2014 ROGERS CITY AREA SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
AGENDA INCLUDES CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN BY ROGERS CITY  
AREA SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION.

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2014 MEETING OF ROGERS CITY AREA SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
APPLICABLE PORTION OF MEETING MINUTES SHOWS BOARD ADOPTION OF COMMUNITY RECREATION  
PLAN.

AGENDA OF DECEMBER 16, 2014 MEETING OF ROGERS CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA INCLUDES CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN BY COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 2014 MEETING OF ROGERS CITY COUNCIL  
APPLICABLE PORTION OF MEETING MINUTES SHOWS PUBLIC HEARING CONDUCTED IN CONSIDERATION  
OF COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN, FOLLOWED BY THE ADOPTION OF THAT PLAN BY COUNCIL.

RESOLUTION 2014-162 ADOPTED DECEMBER 16, 2014 BY ROGERS CITY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL ADOPTS 2014 COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING.

LETTER TRANSMITTING ADOPTED PLAN TO PRESQUE ISLE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
AS REQUIRED

LETTER TRANSMITTING ADOPTED PLAN TO NORTHEAST MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
AS REQUIRED

APPENDIX I OF FORM IC 1924 (REV 10/24/2014)

COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE AND GREENWAY PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST.  
SIGNATURE PAGE EXECUTED BY BOTH CITY OF ROGERS CITY AND ROGERS CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

APPENDIX L OF FORM IC 1924 (REV 10/24/2014)

BLANK POST COMPLETION SELF-INSPECTION REPORT. EXECUTED COPIES OF THIS REPORT WERE  
PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF ROGERS CITY TO THE DNR FOR ALL CITY PROJECTS EARLIER THIS YEAR.

**MINUTES OF THE  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING  
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2014**

Chairman Wagner called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Ken Bielas, Lisa Gleason, Michelle LaBar, Ralph Stedman, Debbie Stiller and Rick Wagner.

Absent: Art Getzinger, and Mike Peltz.

Also present: Interim City Mgr. Terri Koss, DPW Supt. Roger Wenzel and Recording Secretary Judy Darga.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Comm. Stiller, seconded by Comm. Gleason to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 as written. Motion carried by a voice vote.

**CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COMMISSION:**

Gary Rickard was present to inform the members of a possible funding source for the tennis courts through a National Tennis Association. He also wanted to donate a pickleball net from the Presque Isle Athletic Club for use at the tennis courts. Pickleball is a retiree's form of tennis set up on a 20 ft. x 44 ft. court which would take one tennis court and make 2 pickleball courts.

Jackie Quaine was approached by Dave Nadolsky to set up a volleyball event to go along with the Flag Day event sponsored by the Mason's on June 14<sup>th</sup>. She inquired about boundary lines for the volleyball courts at Lakeside Park, she feels that the courts would be used more if there were lines available. DPW Supt. Wenzel wondered what happened to the sets of boundary lines that have been up for the last couple of years. He will look to see if they are in the Pavilion. Chr. Wagner suggested that she inquire with the previous high school volleyball coaches.

**REPORTS/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

A motion was made by Comm. Bielas, seconded by Comm. Gleason, to elect Rick Wagner and Mike Peltz as Co-Chairpersons and Deb Stiller as Vice-Chairperson. Motion carried by a voice vote.

**REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF**

**INTERIM CITY MANAGER REPORT:**

Interim City Mgr. Koss followed up on the liability issues for a dog park. She was informed that there is no additional cost to the City for liability insurance for a dog park. She also passed around a 25-page document containing rules from various dog parks in Michigan.

**DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

- Researched pond aerators for the Lakeside Park ponds. The only problem seems to be protecting the solar power source.
- The ice rink was open from December 20<sup>th</sup> through March 7<sup>th</sup>, which is the longest year in recent memory.  
There are 37 dead ash trees around town.
- Inspection of little league field bleachers and park equipment for safety issues and repairs will commence when the snow melts.

**COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN REVIEW:**

Pages 18 – 26 of the 2009 Community Recreation Plan were included in the packet for review. The following items were noted:

- ♦ Seagull Point
  - remove "and water department office"
- ♦ Trout River Park
  - Change "In 2009 a volleyball court and vault toilet facility was installed." to read "In 2009 a volleyball court and vault toilet facility were installed."
- ♦ North Shore Park
  - Change "Picnic facilities, Kiva, benches, bike racks, and portable toilets are available in the summer." to "Picnic facilities, Kiva, benches, and bike racks are available in the summer."
- ♦ Lakeside Park
  - Change "Additionally, public restrooms are available at the pavilion, but need to be upgraded to barrier free accessibility." to "Barrier free accessible public restrooms are available at the pavilion."
  - Add "including the men's and women's Fat Hogs Fishing Frenzy Tournaments" at the end of the second paragraph.
- ♦ Gilpin Field
  - add "In 2012 a concession stand with barrier free restrooms was added to the complex."
- ♦ Grambau Education Center
  - add "is closed"
- ♦ Other Public Recreation Sites
  - Delete "Soil and Water" and "Soil" from in front of Conservation District.
  - Add "Trout are planted in the pond every spring and there is a fishing platform."
- ♦ Private Recreation Facilities within Rogers City
  - Add "Presque Isle Athletic Club – Private" to end of list.
- ♦ Recreation Sites outside the City Frequently Used by City Residents and Visitors
  - Delete "North Star Motel Outdoor Pool – Private" from the list.

Comm. Gleason will assist with obtaining new information from the Rogers City Area School System. It was the consensus that another portion be reviewed at the next meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Wagner declared the meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

**MINUTES OF THE  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING  
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by Recording Secretary Judy Darga at 4:22 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Art Getzinger, Michelle LaBar, Shannon McKinstry, John Nordin, and Mike Peltz.

Absent: Tom Sobeck, Ralph Stedman, Debbie Stiller, and Chr. Rick Wagner.

Also present: Recording Secretary Judith A. Darga.

**ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON:**

In the absence of Chr. Wagner a motion was made by Comm. Getzinger, seconded by Comm. LaBar, to elect Comm. Peltz as the temporary chairperson for the June 19, 2013 meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Comm. Nordin, seconded by Comm. Getzinger, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, April 17, 2013.

The motion was approved by a voice vote.

**CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COMMISSION:** None.

**REPORTS/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**SOUTH SHORE PARK-GRANT UPDATE:**

Recording Secretary Darga read an update from City Mgr. Slown stating he met with DNR representatives at South Shore Park to review the grant application. The DNR is requesting a change to the trail route. A map was distributed showing the proposed change. The revised route was approved by Carmeuse Lime and Stone.

The base has been installed for the Optimist Park teeter-totter. The park is very popular.

**MASTER PLAN SURVEY QUESTIONS:**

A sample survey from the City of Alpena was included in the packet for use in the upcoming Master Plan Update. The Planning Commission was asking all city committee's review and suggest changes for the survey. It was the consensus of this committee to make no changes to the survey.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

No one from the group proposing a dog park has come forward with costs or fund raising plans.

Comm. Peltz stated that the foundation for the Calcite Centennial Landmark project was poured on June 18, 2013.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

A request was received for another handicap access from the Marina parking lot with a concrete area for easier and safer maneuvering for band concerts. This will be discussed at the next Parks & Recreation meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion from Comm. LaBar, seconded by Comm. Nordin, the meeting was declared adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

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Myron "Mike" Peltz, Temporary Chairperson

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Judith A. Darga, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2014**

Chr. Vogelheim called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Commissioners Sue Flewelling, Steve Harris, John Nordin, Ellen Planck, Mayor Tom Sobeck, Neil Tolly, and Charles Vogelheim.  
Absent: Amy Muckle and Council Member Gary Nowak.

Also present: Zoning Administrator Toby Kuznicki, and Recording Secretary Elizabeth Fuhrman.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Comm. Tolly made a motion, seconded by Comm. Flewelling, to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2014 meeting. Ayes-All, the motion carried.

**CITIZENS APPEARING:** None.

**REPORTS:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**PUBLIC HEARING-Article 3, 32-41 Fences and Walls, E. Dumpster/Trash Area Screening**

Chr. Vogelheim opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m. by stating this public hearing is to take comment on a proposed zoning amendment to Article 3, 32-41 Fences and Walls, E. Dumpster/Trash Area Screening; stating the screening requirements may be adjusted, when after review of the zoning application the zoning administrator determines that strict adherence to the ordinance will serve no purpose and waiver from the ordinance will not detrimentally impact neighboring properties at the time of application. With no verbal or written comments the public hearing was closed at 6:03 p.m. After a brief discussion the following resolution was offered.

**RESOLUTION: PC 2014-21**

Comm. Nordin made a motion, seconded by Comm. Planck to recommend that City Council approve the zoning amendment to Article 3, 32-41 Fences and Walls, E. Dumpster/Trash Area Screening.

ROLL CALL: Ayes-All, the motion carried.

**REC. PLAN REVIEW**

Zoning Admin. Kuznicki gave background on the need for the Rec. Plan review by stating the last review was done in 2009; this would be a 5 year plan review. Kuznicki reported that the goals and objectives for the Rec. Plan have been included in the packet for review and comment; all comments will be noted by staff and presented to the Parks & Rec. Commission for consideration. Comm. Nordin requested information on DNR slips in the Marina; Kuznicki will research the question and present it to the Commission at the next meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Chr. Vogelheim reported that Comm. Tolly will not be serving another term on the Planning Commission; Vogelheim thanked Tolly for his years of service.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chr. Vogelheim declared the meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

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Charles Vogelheim, Chairperson

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Elizabeth Fuhrman, Recording Secretary

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Steve Harris, Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING  
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2014**

Co-Chairperson Peltz called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Art Getzinger, Ken Bielas, Lisa Gleason, Mike Peltz, Ramona Suszek and Debbie Stiller.  
Absent: Michelle LaBar, Ralph Stedman, and Rick Wagner.  
Also present: City Mgr. Joe Hefele and Recording Secretary Judy Darga.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Comm. Bielas, seconded by Comm. Stiller to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, June 18, 2014 as written. The motion carried by a voice vote.

**CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COMMISSION:** None.

**REPORTS/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN REVIEW:**

City Mgr. Hefele stated that the most important part of the 2014 Community Recreation Plan was covered at the June meeting. He has updated the census facts and other figures since that time. The plan was included in the packet for review. He also covered the timeline for completion by December 31, 2014.

**P&REC RESOLUTION: 2014-01**

A motion was made by Comm. Getzinger, supported by Comm. Suszek, to recommend City Council adopt the 2014 Community Recreation Plan. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Comm. Stiller questioned the lack of meetings this summer. Hefele stated that since he hadn't finished his part of updating the plan, he believed it was unnecessary to have the meetings. She felt that the meetings should be held so that the public has a chance to bring ideas to the commission for discussion. It was suggested that the chairpersons be contacted regarding the need for a meeting when staff doesn't have agenda items.

Co-Chr. Peltz stated that the addition to the pavilion at South Shore Park (Little League Fields) went up quickly last week. He noted that he raised almost \$3,000 for the project.

The painting of the nativity set is coming along only 3 figurines need to be done and they all need to be sealed with a protective clear coat.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

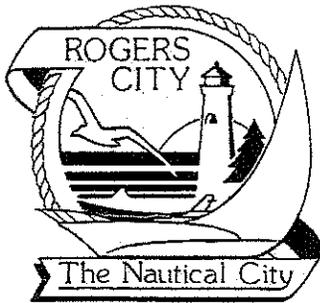
Comm. Bielas made the motion, supported by Comm. Suszek to adjourn the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

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Myron "Mike" Peltz, Co-Chairperson

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Judith A. Darga, Recording Secretary



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**COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-148**

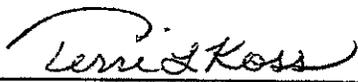
A motion was made by Council Member McLennan, seconded by Council Member Nowak, to publish a public hearing notice in the *Presque Isle Advance* regarding the adoption of the Community Recreation Plan for the City of Rogers City said hearing to be held on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 7 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - All, the motion carried.

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

I, Terri L. Koss, duly appointed and acting City Clerk/Treasurer for the City of Rogers City, Michigan, do hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Rogers City City Council at their regular meeting of November 4, 2014.

Dated: December 16, 2014

  
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Terri L. Koss  
City Clerk/Treasurer

and District 3 commissioner Mike Darga graciously volunteered.

Monday evening he attended the Rogers City Area Schools Board of Education meeting to talk to them about his plans.

"I am really excited about this project, more than I thought that I would be. The Grambau Center as you know is a very historic building. So many of our parents,

A senior citizen living in Presque Isle sent him a letter. In the letter she said that she and her husband plan to move to Rogers City when their home gets to be too much for them to take care of. She talked about a search she did looking for one-level living space for mid to upper income senior citizens, the only place she found has a one-year waiting list. McLennan said that could be

an option for the building. "We live in a jewel of an area. I think the ultimate goal here is to pull everyone's ideas together to see what we can do to save a very beautiful, very historic, very solid structurally well-built building. Having spent a year living in Traverse City and two years in Petoskey those places have some really cool things but you know what, we do too, it is just that it is a secret over here," said McLennan.

With two new members coming on the board in January, in Ivy Cook and Frank Andrews with Mike Marx and Lee Gapezynski leaving, the board told McLennan to stay in touch with the superintendent about when meetings are and will have the facilities committee stay involved.

McLennan also told the board that he has heard from long-time district business manager Don Schaedig who said he is willing to help and happens to know quite a bit about the building.

As things continue to come together, McLennan hopes to involve community members as well as Jim

Klarich from Target Alpena economic development as the committee comes up with ideas.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE – COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN

The proposed 2014 Community Recreation Plan for the City of Rogers City and the Rogers City Area School District is available for review at Rogers City City Hall, 193 E. Michigan Ave, Rogers City, MI, through December 15, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.

The Rogers City Council has scheduled a public hearing in consideration of the adoption of the 2014 Community Recreation Plan, December 16, 2014 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Rogers City Hall.

Written input will be accepted throughout the public comment period until the public hearing. Comment also will be accepted at the hearing or in advance, mailed to the address included in this notice.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION  
1033 WEST HURON AVENUE  
ROGERS CITY, MICHIGAN 49779  
TELEPHONE: (989) 734-9100

## **CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING**

On Monday, December 15th, 2014

Members of the Board of Education of Rogers City Area Schools, Rogers City, Michigan.

Please Take Notice that a Public Hearing of the Board of Education of said School District will be held in the **High School Library of the Rogers City High School at 1033 West Huron Avenue, Rogers City, Michigan in said District** on the 15th day of December, 2014, scheduled for 6:35 p.m.

### Agenda:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Board of Education
2. Opportunity for Guests to Speak – Five Minutes Allotted Per Individual, Maximum of Six Individuals
3. Community Recreation Plan – Mrs. Makowski
4. Adjournment

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**ROGERS CITY AREA SCHOOLS**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**WORKSHOP MEETING**  
**ROGERS CITY HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**  
**1033 WEST HURON AVENUE, ROGERS CITY, MICHIGAN**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2014 – 6:30 P. M.**

**AGENDA:**

- 1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Opportunity for Guests to Speak – Five Minutes Allotted Per Individual, Maximum of Six Individual**
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
  - A. Public Hearing #1 – December 1, 2014
  - B. Public Hearing #2 – December 1, 2014
  - C. Regular Meeting – December 1, 2014
- 4. Board Information Action Items**
  - A. Curriculum Revision for the Sex Education Class – Mrs. Makowski
  - B. Community Recreation Plan – Mrs. Makowski
  - C. Recommendation for Employment – Mr. O'Bryant
  - D. Discussion of Honors Diploma Criteria – Mr. O'Bryant
  - E. Fundraiser Requests – Mr. O'Bryant
  - F. Acceptance of Donations and Grant – Mrs. Makowski
- 5. Correspondence**
- 6. Board Members Concerns and/or Comments**
- 7. Dismiss to Closed Session at Superintendent Makowski's Request for the Superintendent's Evaluation as Permitted by Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act.**
- 8. Appoint Board President to Negotiate Superintendent Contract**
- 9. Adjournment**

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Rogers City Area Schools, Presque Isle County, Michigan (the "District").

A public hearing of the Board of Education (the "Board") of the District was held in the Rogers City High School Library at 1033 West Huron Avenue, Rogers City, Michigan, in the District, on the 15th day of December 2014, at 6:35 o'clock in the evening.

The meeting was called to order by Michael A. Marx, President.

Present: Members Marx, Gapczynski, Krajenta, Hall, and Haselhuhn.

Absent: Member Kromer and Budnick.

The following resolution was introduced by Member Hall, seconded by Member Gapczynski

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rogers City has undertaken a Five-Year Community Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation properties and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation properties during the period between 2015 and 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rogers City has developed the Plan for the benefit of the entire community and has adopted the Plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rogers City has partnered with the Rogers City Area School District in the preparation of the Recreation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, after a public hearing, the City of Rogers City Council voted to adopt the Recreation Plan.

**WHEREAS**, a public comment session was held December, 15th 2014 at the Library of the Rogers City High School to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Plan; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Rogers City Area Schools Board of Education adopts the Community Recreation Plan for the City of Rogers City and the Rogers City Area School District.

**ROLL CALL:**

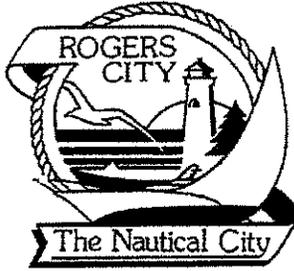
Ayes: Members Marx, Gapczynski, Krajenta, Hall, and Haselhuhn.

Nays: Members None.

The motion carried.

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Secretary, Board of Education



Thomas J. Sobeck, Mayor  
Gary Nowak, Mayor Pro Tem  
Kenneth Bielas, Council Member  
Scott McLennan, Council Member  
A. J. Przybyla, Council Member  
Terri L. Koss, City Clerk/Treasurer  
Joseph Hefele, City Manager

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## **AGENDA**

**CITY OF ROGERS CITY  
Council Meeting  
Tuesday, December 16, 2014  
7 P.M.**

- A. CALL TO ORDER**
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- C. ROLL CALL**
- D. CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL**
- E. APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF MINUTES**
  - 1. December 2, 2014 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
  - 2. December 2, 2014 Workshop Minutes
- F. REPORTS**
  - 1. **CITY CLERK/TREASURER**
  - 2. **CITY ATTORNEY**
  - 3. **CITY MANAGER**
  - 4. **COMMISSIONS**
  - 5. **LIAISONS**
  - 6. **MAYOR**
- G. BUSINESS**
  - 1. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
    - A. Water well development
    - B. 2014 Community Recreation Plan
    - C.
  - 2. **NEW BUSINESS**
    - A. Budget amendments
    - B.
- H. OTHER BUSINESS**
- I. CLOSED SESSION**
- J. ADJOURNMENT**

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROGERS CITY CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2014

Mayor Sobeck presided and called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. with Council Member Przybyla leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT – Council Members Kenneth Bielas, Scott McLennan, Gary Nowak, A. J. Przybyla and Mayor Thomas Sobeck.

OTHER CITY PERSONNEL PRESENT – City Atty. Michael Vogler, City Mgr. Joseph Hefele, Police Chief Matt Quaine and Clerk/Treasurer Terri Koss.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Council Member Przybyla, seconded by Council Member McLennan, that the minutes of the Workshop and Regular Council Meeting of December 2, 2014 be approved as written.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

**CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:** None.

**CITY CLERK'S REPORT:**

**CHECK AND INVOICE APPROVAL:**

It was moved by Council Member Nowak, seconded by Council Member Bielas, that the following total fund expenditures be recognized as payments made and payments to be made, in the amount of \$321,355 and the Mayor authorized to sign the check register.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** None.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

City Mgr. Hefele reported that he and Harbormaster Wenzel went to the Alpena Marina to review the arrangement they have in running the marina. They will be forwarding information to the DNR Waterways Commission for review.

**COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:**

Minutes from the December 2, 2014 Harbor Advisory Commission were included in the meeting packet.

**LIAISONS:**

Council Member McLennan stated that the Ambulance Authority reviewed a proposal that was submitted and further investigation is being done.

**MAYOR:**

**APPOINTMENTS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-160**

A motion was made by Council Member Nowak, seconded by Council Member Przybyla, to appoint Tom Bruning to the Parks and Recreation Commission to replace Rick Wagner with the term expiring September 2016, to reappoint Deb Stiller and Art Getzinger to the Parks and Recreation Commission with their term expiring September 2017, to appoint Paul Stempky to the Planning Commission to replace Amy Muckle with the term expiring December 2015, to appoint Rose Boyce to the Planning Commission to replace Neil Tolly with the term expiring December 2017, to appoint Sue Fiewelling as Liaison to the Zoning Board of Appeals, to reappoint Keith Gordon to the Local Officers Compensation Commission with the term expiring in 2018 and to reappoint David Viegelahn to the Local Officers Compensation Commission with the term expiring in 2019.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - All, the motion carried.

Mayor Sobeck wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**WATER WELL DEVELOPMENT**

City Mgr. Hefele reviewed the need for this agenda item. Kirt Moore answered questions that Council had on the proposed process. Council Member Nowak inquired if we had the money to pay for this. Hefele stated that this project is eligible for use of the RRI Water fund.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-161**

A motion was made by Council Member Nowak, seconded by Council Member McLennan, to approve the estimate of installing a liner at Well No. 8 in the amount of \$60,395 submitted by City Well Services with the payment for said services to come from the Water RRI fund.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Bielas, McLennan, Nowak and Sobeck.  
Nayes - Przybyla, the motion carried.

**2014 COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN**

Mayor Sobeck declared the public hearing to receive comments on the Community Recreation Plan open at 7:30 p.m. It was reported that there were no written comments received and no comments were expressed

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from those in attendance at this meeting. Hearing no comments, Mayor Sobeck declared the public hearing closed at 7:31 p.m.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-162**

A motion was made by Council Member Przybyla, seconded by Council Member Bielas, to adopt the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Rogers City Council hereby adopts the Community Recreation Plan for the City of Rogers City and Rogers City Area School District. WHEREAS, the City of Rogers City has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five year period covering the years 2014 through 2019, and

WHEREAS, the City of Rogers City has entered into this planning process in collaboration with the Rogers City Area School District, and

WHEREAS, the combined area of the aforementioned local units of government constitutes the planning area, and

WHEREAS, the Rogers City Council is of the understanding that the governing body of the Rogers City Area School District has passed a similar resolution of adoption of the Community Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Rogers City Parks and Recreation Commission began the process of developing a Community Recreation Plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, residents within the City of Rogers City and Rogers City Area School District were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the proposed Community Recreation Plan for a period of at least 30 days, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on December 16, 2014 at Rogers City Hall to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Rogers City Parks and Recreation Commission has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the City of Rogers City and Rogers City Area School District, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Rogers City Council voted to adopt said Community Recreation Plan.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - All, the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

City Mgr. Hefele reviewed the necessary budget amendments as listed in the meeting packet along with a list of amendments as recommended by the auditor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-163**

The following resolution was offered by Council Member McLennan, seconded by Council Member Nowak:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Rogers City, Michigan to amend the 2014-2015 Annual Budget as prepared by City Staff, presented to Council in writing, and reviewed at this December 16, 2014 meeting. A copy of said amendment to be placed on file in the City Clerk's office.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - All, the motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Council Member Przybyla presented a letter of resignation effective December 31, 2014.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-164**

A motion was made by Council Member Nowak, seconded by Council Member Bielas, to accept the letter resignation submitted by Council Member Przybyla with regret and have City Mgr. Hefele do a letter of commendation to Council Member Przybyla for his service to the City of Rogers City.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - All, the motion carried.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-165**

A motion was made by Council Member Nowak, seconded by Council Member Bielas, to enter into closed session to discuss collective bargaining strategy.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: All, the motion carried and the meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:44 p.m. Upon reconvening in public session at 8:10 p.m. no action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With nothing further to come before Council, Mayor Sobeck declared the meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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THOMAS J. SOBECK, MAYOR

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TERRI L. KOSS, CITY CLERK/TREASURER

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CITY OF ROGERS

**COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN  
FOR THE CITY OF ROGERS CITY AND  
THE ROGERS CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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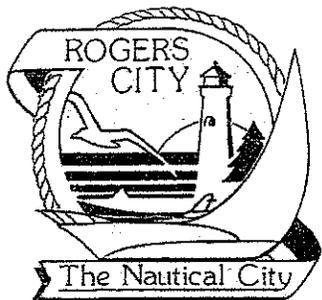
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Yeas:           5                   Nays:           0                   Absent:        0

I, Joseph Hefele, City Manager, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Rogers City Council at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the 16th day of December, 2014.)



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December 17, 2014

Mr. Mike Libby, Chair  
Presque Isle County Planning Commission  
PO Box 110  
Rogers City, MI 49779

Re: Rogers City Community Recreation Plan

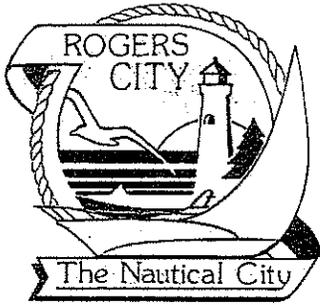
Dear Mr. Libby:

Enclosed is a copy of the 2014 Rogers City Community Recreation Plan, adopted recently by both the Rogers City Council and the Rogers City Area Schools Board of Education. Please retain this plan in your records. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Joseph Hefele  
City Manager  
City of Rogers City



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December 17, 2014

Ms. Diane Rekowski, Executive Director  
Northeast Michigan Council of Governments  
PO Box 457  
Gaylord, MI 49735

Re: Rogers City Community Recreation Plan

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City of Rogers City

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



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: Community Recreation Plan for the City of Rogers City and the Rogers City Area School District		
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 Rogers City	Presque Isle	December 2014
Rogers City Area School District	Presque Isle	December 2014

### PLAN CONTENT

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please check each box to certify that the listed information is included in the final plan.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation Programming <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Current Funding Sources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Role of Volunteers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations <b><u>Regional Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only</u></b> <input type="checkbox"/> Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of Participating Communities <input type="checkbox"/> Articles of Incorporation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>3. RECREATION INVENTORY</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accessibility Assessment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS</b>

**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 November 13, 2014

Type of Notice Display ad in local newspaper

Plan Location City Hall, Rogers City, MI

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) 32 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 November 13, 2014

Name of Newspaper Presque Isle Advance

Date of Meeting December 16, 2014

Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting (public hearing and meeting where the plan was adopted)

**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: December 16, 2014

2. Official resolution of the Parks and Recreation Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: October 29, 2014

3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: December 17, 2014

4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: December 17, 2014

**OVERALL CERTIFICATION**

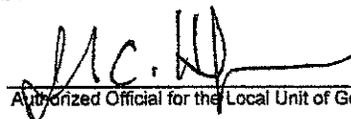
**NOTE:** For multi-jurisdictional plans, Overall Certification must include the signature of each local unit of government. Prepare and attach a separate signature page for each unit of government included in the plan.

*I hereby certify that the recreation plan for*

City of Rogers City  
(Local Unit of Government)

*above and as set forth by the DNR.*

*includes the required content, as indicated*

  
Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government

12-17-14

Date

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*I hereby certify that the recreation plan for*

Rogers City Area School District *includes the required content, as indicated*

(Local Unit of Government)

*above and as set forth by the DNR.*

 12-17-14  
Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government Date

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# APPENDIX L. POST COMPLETION SELF-INSPECTION REPORT



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## PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

*This information required under authority of Part 19, PA 451 of 1994, as amended;  
the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 76 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)  LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND     RECREATION PASSPORT     BOND FUND

GRANTEE: CITY OF ROOFS CITY - ALL SELF-INSPECTION REPORTS SUBMITTED 8-4-14

PROJECT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ PROJECT TYPE: \_\_\_\_\_

PROJECT TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

PROJECT SCOPE: \_\_\_\_\_

### TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
Address	Telephone	
City, State, ZIP	Email	

### SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Is the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain.  Yes  No

\_\_\_\_\_

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.

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\_\_\_\_\_

## 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

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

### 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?

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

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

Large empty rectangular box for providing comments.

**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.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Please print Grantee Authorized Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Please print Witness Signature Date

**Send completed report to:** POST COMPLETION GRANT INSPECTION REPORTS  
GRANTS MANAGEMENT  
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
PO BOX 30425  
LANSING MI 48909-7925

