



Parks and Recreation Master Plan

2024-2029





I. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

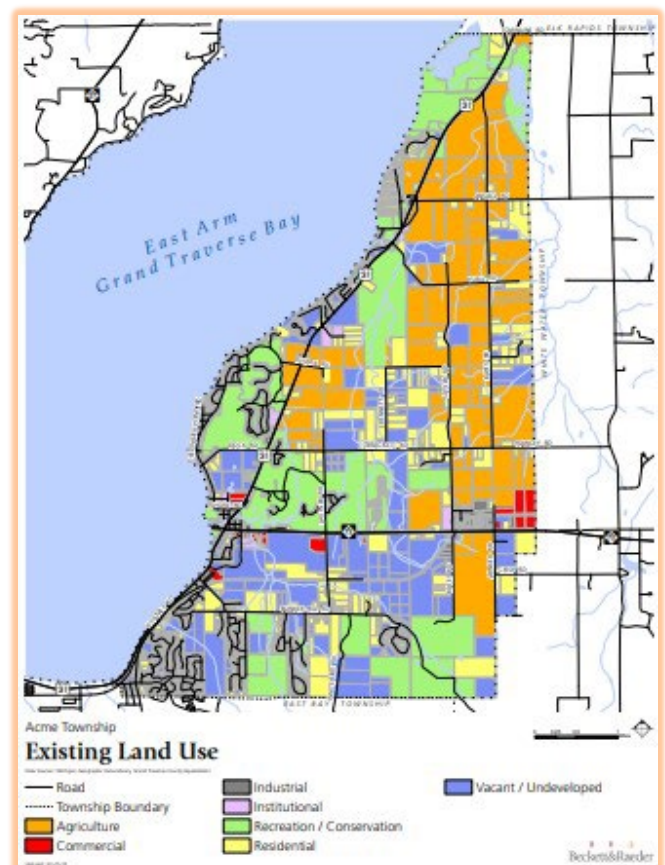
INTRODUCTION

Acme Township recognizes that an ongoing commitment to its parks and recreational areas is a vital investment in its future. Public parks and recreational service areas serve an important societal function as recreational spaces for diverse communities of people, with well documented physical and mental health benefits. Acme Township strives to cultivate and maintain parks and recreation services in an effort to enhance quality of life for residents and visitors, fostering a greater appreciation for the community.

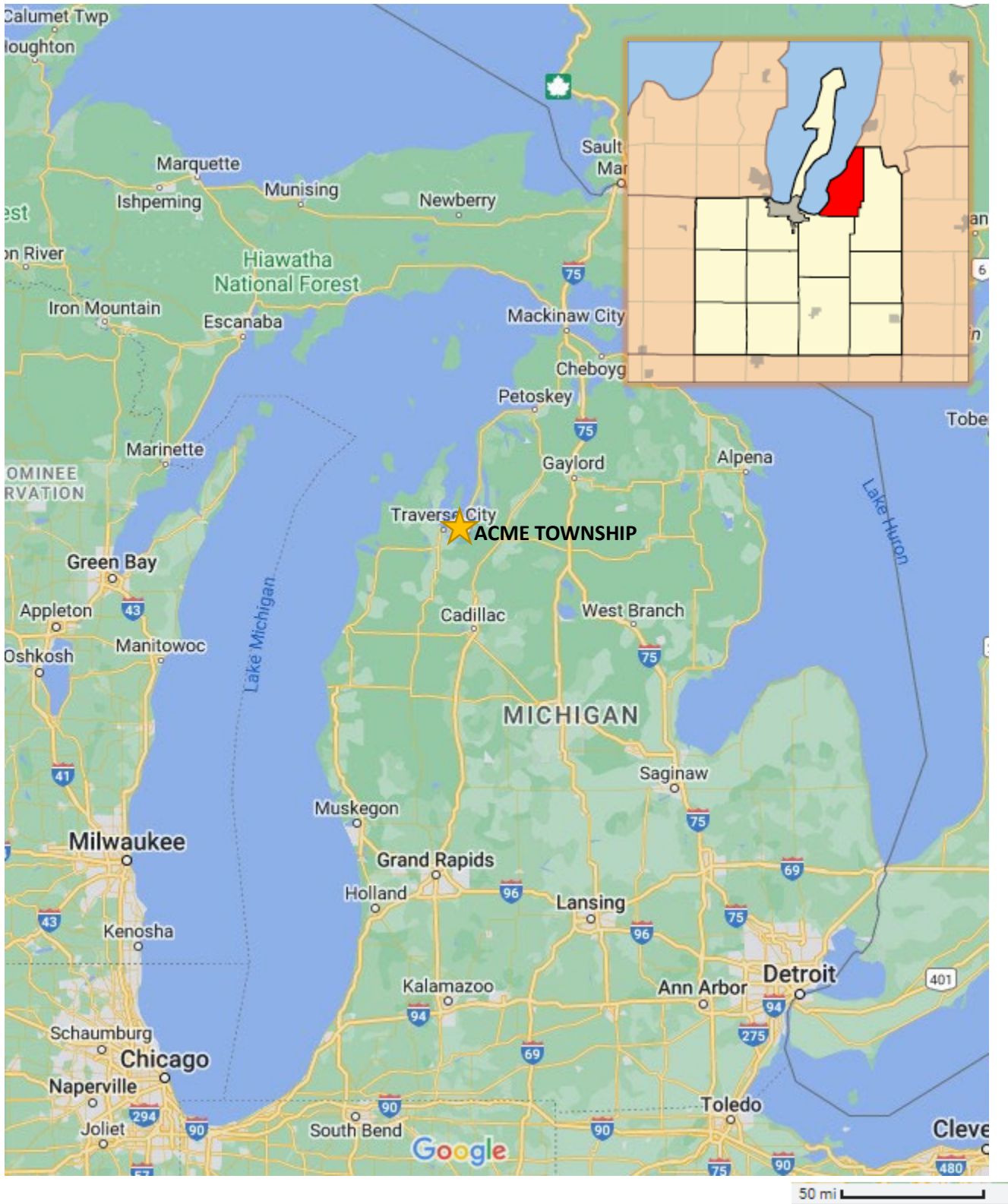
The Parks and Recreation Master Plan provides a guide to recreational development in Acme Township over the next 5 years. The plan includes parks, natural areas, trails, and other recreational amenities within the Township, emphasizing properties owned and maintained by the Township. This plan is vital for the pursuit of future grant funding to assist with the expansion and advancement of recreational opportunities within Acme Township.

IDENTITY & LOCATION

Acme Township is located in the northwest quadrant of Michigan's Lower Peninsula, approximately six miles northeast of Traverse City. There are two major highways running through the Township: US 31 runs south to north, and M-72 runs primarily east to west. Commercial development exists along US-31 and at the US-31 and M-72 intersection. A variety of residential developments are scattered throughout the Township, generally south of M-72 and along the Grand Traverse Bay. The Township maintains a rural character with the interior of Acme boasting rolling hills and agricultural farmland. Adjacent communities include Elk Rapids (north), East Bay (south), Whitewater (east), and Peninsula (west).



Regional Location Map: Acme Township



DEMOGRAPHICS & ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

In order to develop a parks and recreation plan that is in tune with the current and future needs of Acme Township, a comprehensive demographic and economic analysis of the community is necessary. The following subsections highlight a number of significant population and household trends that have shaped the Township:

- Population change and projections
- Population characteristics – age, race, persons with disabilities, education
- Household characteristics – units, income, employment

The most current demographic data available for the Township was obtained from the following sources: U.S. Census Bureau; U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey. Whenever possible, comparable data for Grand Traverse County has been included for the purpose of understanding the relationship between Acme Township to the larger geographical area.

POPULATION

The 2020 Decennial Census found that Acme Township's population was 4,456 persons. The average household size was 2.98 persons per household.

Population changes for Acme Township and its neighboring communities over the 30-year period between 1990 and 2020 are shown in the table below. During this period, the Township's population increased from 3,447 persons in 1990, to 4,456 persons in 2020, an increase of 1,009 residents.

Table 1: Population of Acme Township and Comparable Municipalities, 1990-2020

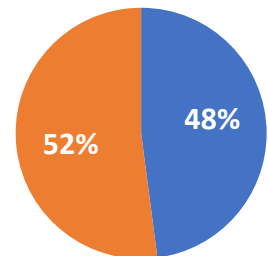
Community	1990	2000	2010	2020
Acme Township				
Population	3,447	4,332	4,375	4,456
% Change		25.7%	1.1%	1.9%
East Bay Township				
Population	8,307	9,919	10,663	11,559
% Change		19.4%	7.5%	8.4%
City of Traverse				
Population	15,116	14,383	14,674	15,678
% Change		-4.9%	2.0%	6.8%
Whitewater Township				
Population	1,833	2,467	2,597	2,688
% Change		34.6%	5.3%	3.5%
Grand Traverse County				
Population	64,273	77,654	86,986	92,640
% Change		20.8%	12%	6.5%

Source: U.S. Decennial Census 1990-2020



Figure 1: Population Male - Female

Total Population 4,469



■ Male ■ Female

Source: 2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, DP05

Acme Township’s population has continually increased since 1990. It is increasing at a slower rate than the neighboring communities of East Bay, Traverse City, Whitewater, and Grand Traverse County as a whole.

MEDIAN AGE

The steady aging of the region’s population is among the more important trends illustrated by the Census. Between 2010 and 2020, the median age in Acme Township increased from 43.2 to 44.6.

Table 2: Median Age, Acme Township and Comparable Communities

Community	2010	2020
Acme Township	43.2	44.6
East Bay Township	40.2	45.5
City of Traverse	38.7	40.4
Grand Traverse County	40.5	43.4

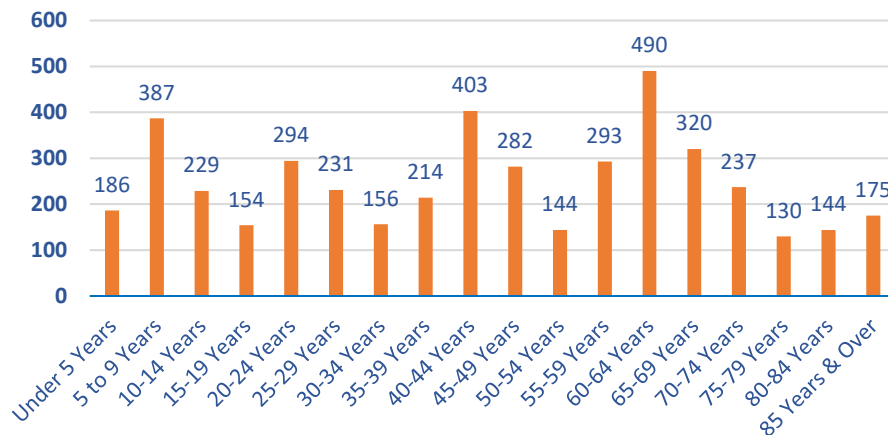
Source: U.S. Decennial Census 1990-2020

An increase in the median age reflects that the Township has a greater concentration of older individuals than it had previously – this could be attributed to a multitude of factors, including the aging of residents living in the area, a result of younger people moving out of the area, or an increased number of older individuals moving to the Township.

POPULATION BY AGE

By reviewing the various age groupings that make up the population of Acme Township, it is possible to ascertain how various segments of the Township’s population have changed over time and what impact these changes have on growth. Further examination of these age groups can also provide insight as to the present and future demand for age specific programming, services and facilities.

Table 3: Population Pyramid by Age: Acme Township



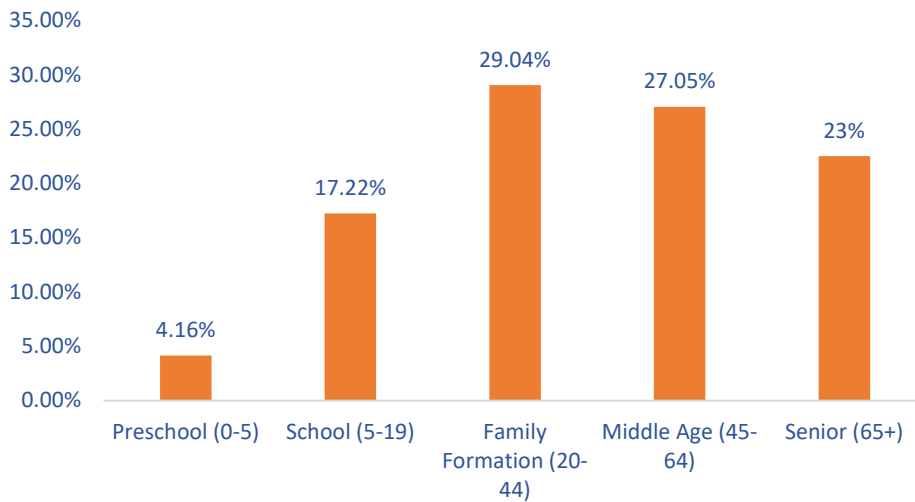
Source: 2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, DP05

AGE BY LIFE CYCLE

Obtaining a more expressive picture of the Township’s population age distribution is possible when the individual age categories shown on Table 3 are combined into smaller age-related groups, which more closely resemble identifiable stages of a normal human life cycle. Selected categories and the age intervals that they represent include pre-school (0-4); school (5-19); family formation (20-44); middle age (45-64); and seniors (65+).

The percentage of the Township’s population that falls into each of these categories is shown in Table 4. Each of the life cycle categories shown in Table 4 has an important meaning for planning. The pre-school and school-age categories, for example, offer useful indicators of future school enrollment trends and the adequacy of existing educational facilities to meet these needs.

Table 4: Age By Life Cycle



Source: 2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, DP05

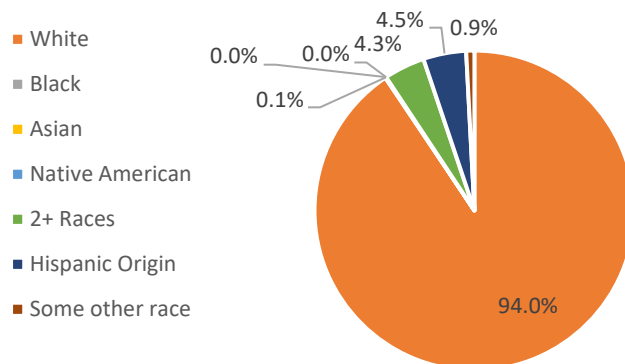
RACE

Acme Township, like the surrounding area, has a predominantly white population. It is comparable to East Bay (94.3%) and Grand Traverse County as a whole (94.5%).

Acme Township has seen a slight increase in the population of Hispanic Origin (from 1.7% to 4.5%) and in the population of those individuals that are two or more races (from 1.3% to 4.3%).

There has been a slight decline in the proportion of the population that is white, Asian, Black, and Native American.

Figure 2: Race & Ethnicity



Source: 2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, DP05

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Individuals with disabilities are a population group community leaders must consider when planning for the future of Acme Township. Ensuring all residents, regardless of physical ability, can actively be engaged in community life is a major factor when considering community prosperity. A high proportion of disabled individuals requires an increased focus on accommodation needs, although accessibility needs should be incorporated whenever possible even with a smaller proportion of disabled individuals.

Approximately 14.6% of Acme Township residents have a disability, which is higher than the State of Michigan's percentage of population with disability of 14.2%. Of these, the majority of those with a disability are those who cannot live independently (i.e., have difficulty doing necessary tasks alone, such as running every day errands and attending appointments).

Table 5: Percentage of Population with Disabilities

Disability Type	Percentage of Population
Hearing	4.7%
Vision	0.4%
Cognitive	5.1%
Ambulatory	7.6%
Self-Care	3.1%
Independent Living	8.6%

Source: 2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Acme Township has a higher proportion of individuals with a bachelor's degree (24.7%) than in Grand Traverse County as a whole (23.7%), and a higher proportion than the State of Michigan (18.3%). Acme Township also has a higher proportion of individuals that have obtained a graduate degree (20.6%) than in Grand Traverse County (14.7%) and the State of Michigan (11.3%).

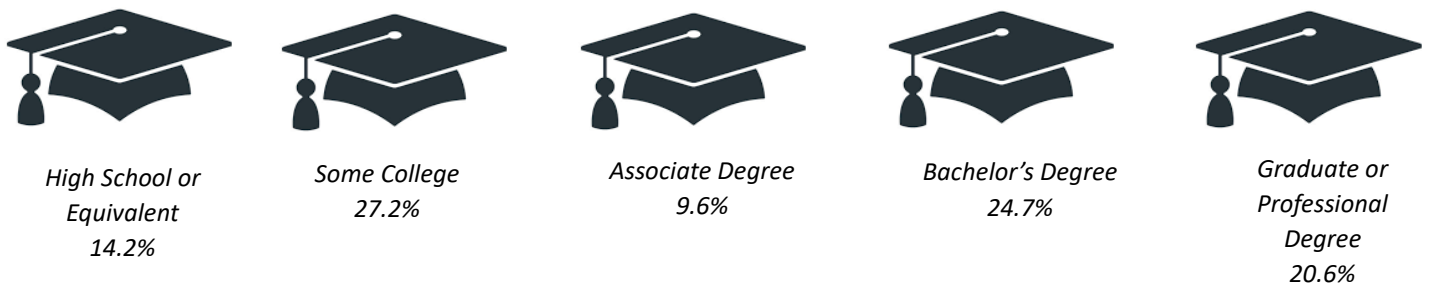


Figure 3: Educational Attainment; Source: U.S. Decennial Census 2020

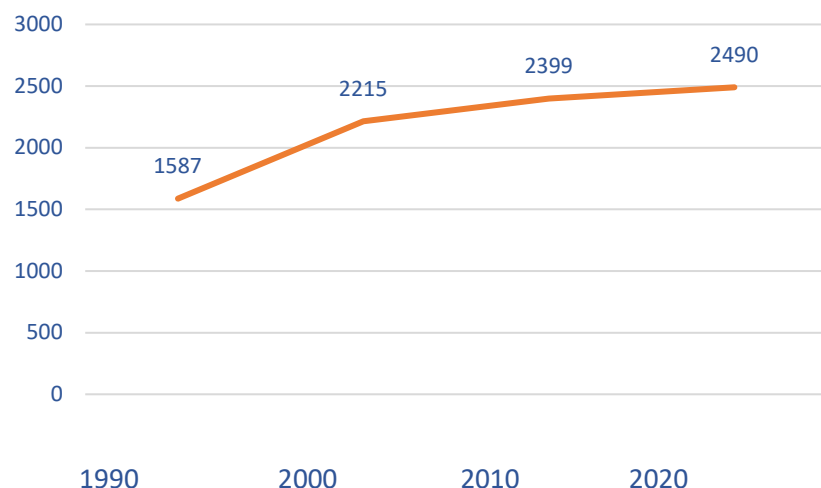
HOUSING UNITS

Household growth within the Township generates property tax revenues, creates demand for goods, and increases the population. Each of these factors has the ability to positively impact economic growth.

Household growth also impacts municipal services, especially the need for public utilities, emergency services, general community administration, and the need for future transportation system improvements.

Acme Township experienced a 56.8% increase in the number of housing units between 1990 and 2020. The largest increase in housing units was between 1990 and 2000, with 628 units constructed at that time (39.5% increase). In contrast, the lowest increase in housing units was between 2010 and 2020, with 91 units constructed (3.8% increase). Single-family dwellings make up a majority of the Township's housing stock.

Table 6: Number of Housing Units



Source: 1990, 2000, 2010, 2020 U.S. Census

Acme Township has grown at a slower rate than the neighboring municipalities of East Bay (8.9%), Traverse City (14.3%), and Grand Traverse County as a whole (10%) between the years 2010 and 2020.

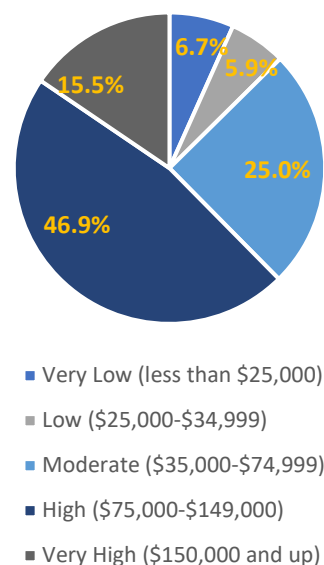
INCOME & POVERTY

The household median income of Acme Township has increased by 15.1% between 2010 (\$74,827) and 2020 (\$86,153). This reflects a decrease in the lower income brackets. Between 2010 and 2020, the proportion of the population with household incomes of \$75,000-\$149,000 grew at the fastest rate.

Acme Township's household median income is greater than that of East Bay Township (\$76,711), Grand Traverse County as a whole (\$61,056) and the State of Michigan (\$59,234).

Acme Township has a lower percent of households in poverty (4.3%) than that of East Bay (6.0%), Grand Traverse County (10.2%), and the State of Michigan (13.7%).

Figure 4: Household Income

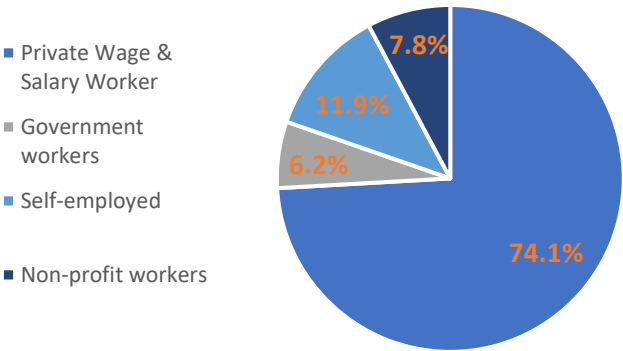


Source: 2020 U.S. Census

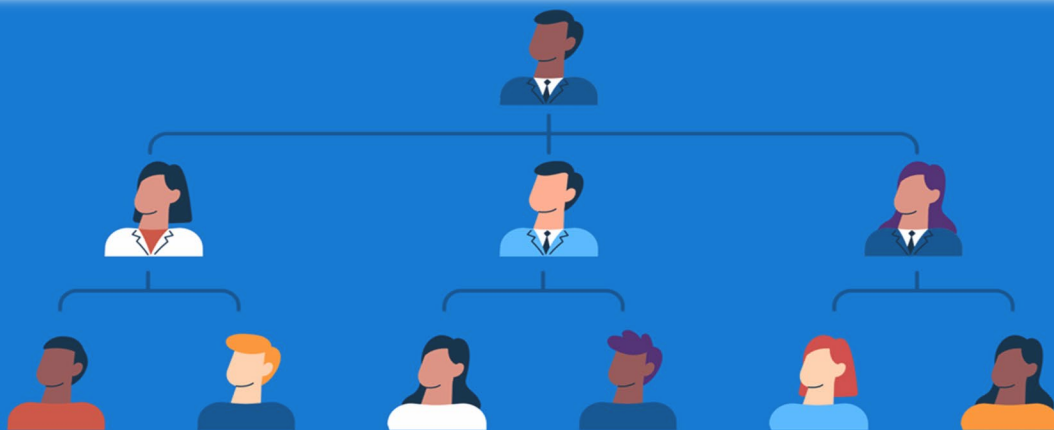
EMPLOYMENT

There is a total of 3,619 people that are recorded as employed within Acme Township. A majority of the individuals employed are those that work as private wage and salary workers. The average commute time is 20.4 minutes, with 64.7% of those individuals commuting to work alone.

Figure 5: Work



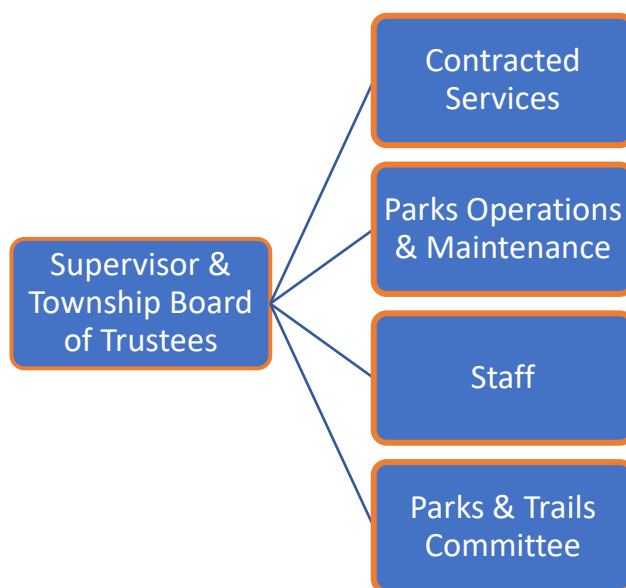
Source: 2021 ACS 5-Year Estimates Data Profiles



II. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

ORGANIZATION

Without a unified administrative structure, the planning, development, and maintenance of a comprehensive parks and recreation system cannot be accomplished. Acme Township's parks and recreation programs and operations are administratively aligned under a traditional local government organizational structure.



The Township Supervisor and Board of Trustees provide governance, establish public policy, adopt the annual budget and millage rates, accept grants, and are the approval authority for community plans and projects. Specifically, the Township Supervisor is responsible for the execution and implementation of Board policies, budgets, and plans, as well as performing oversight for day-to-day operations within the Township.

Township staff includes the Planning and Zoning Department, Parks Operations Manager, and any contractors, all of whom report to the Supervisor. Planning and Zoning Department staff act as a liaison between the Parks and Recreation Committee and Township Board of Trustees. The staff is also responsible for ensuring that essential ordinances and plans are up to date. The Parks and Maintenance Operator is responsible for

maintenance and construction occurring within the Township parks. Services are contracted as needed to perform any additional duties.

The Parks and Trails Committee is an advisory committee that provides citizen input for Acme Township parks and recreation programs. A combination of citizens, staff, and elected officials participate on this committee. Recommendations are presented at the meetings of the Township Board of Trustees.

PARTNERSHIPS AND VOLUNTEERS

Acme Township is privileged to have partnered with numerous groups and organizations who share the goal of preserving and enhancing the Township's recreational assets.

These partnerships include (but are not limited to):

- Acme Business Association
- Acme Historical Society
- Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians
- Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy (GTRLC)
- Networks Northwest (NNW)
- Public Schools (Elk Rapids, Traverse City)
- TART Trails/Iron Bell
- The Watershed Center for Grand Traverse Bay
- Scouts (Boy, Girl, Eagle)
- Sweetwater Evening Garden Club

The Acme Business Association has been responsible for the execution of the Acme Fall Festival, hosted on the Grounds of the Great Lakes Equestrian Festival (Flint Fields).

The Acme Historical Society has been influential in the restoration of the Yuba School House. The Acme Historical Society provides continued historical support as needed.

The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians have been instrumental in the planning and development of Acme Township parks and recreational facilities through Tribal 2% grant allocations. A representative currently sits on the Township's Planning Commission.



Acme Township has partnered with the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy to raise funds for parkland acquisition, to remove private structures, and to plan for future improvements. GTRLC has played an essential role in acquiring land and grants to further support recreational planning and development efforts.

Networks Northwest has been a valued partner, providing grant assistance for engineering of the Acme Connector Trail. NNW has also been a leader in coordinating efforts towards Grand Traverse County becoming a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). As of the 2020 U.S. Census, Acme Township is included within the MPO boundaries.

Elk Rapids and Traverse City School students offer their time to aid in the betterment of Township recreational facilities to fulfill school civic requirements. Several opportunities are available annually.

TART Trails and Acme Township have a successful relationship when it comes to trailways. The Acme Connector Trail was established in 2022, made possible by generous grants through the MDNR Trust Fund and Iron Belle, collaboration and funds from TART Trails, and generous donations. The trailhead of the Traverse to Charlevoix Trail (TC>TCH Trail – also known as the Nakwema Trailway) is located at Bayside Park. The Township and TART continue to work on the connection through Deepwater Point – the latest segment of the Nakwema Trailway.



The Watershed Center of Grand Traverse Bay has partnered with Acme on testing for E.coli at two swimming beaches between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

An Eagle Scout delivered a flag retirement box down at Bayside Park; this is one example of the commitment of the scouts to Acme Township. Other initiatives have included the clearing of pathways, beach cleanup, plantings, invasive species removal, and painting – to name a few.

The Sweetwater Evening Garden Club plays a vital role in the beautification of Acme Township. Their plantings can be found at the Acme Township Hall, Bayside Park and at the corner of 5 mile and US 31. Their monthly meetings are open to the public and held at the Acme Township Hall. New members are always welcome.

Acme Township has and continues to receive donations toward park and recreation initiatives.



BUDGET

The Acme Township annual parks and recreation budget for 2023-2024 is around \$139,314. Funds come from the General Fund, as well as grants and donations. In fiscal year 2022-2023, the Nakwema Trailway Fund received a \$325,000 grant from the Iron Belle Trail Fund, a \$300,000 grant from the MDNR Trust Fund, and \$786,218 in funds from TART Trails. In fiscal year 2023-2024, the Nakwema Trailway Fund received a \$25,000 grant from The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. Capital expenditures for larger projects and grant contributions are budgeted annually when the funds are expensed.

Table 7: Budget

Maintenance and Recreation Expenditures		
Item	2022-2023	2023-2024
Maintenance & Parks Expenditures	\$9,266	\$90,314
Capital Improvements	\$9,000	\$9,000
Contributions & Endowments	\$13,000	\$15,000
Nakwema Trailway Fund	\$1,411,218	\$25,000

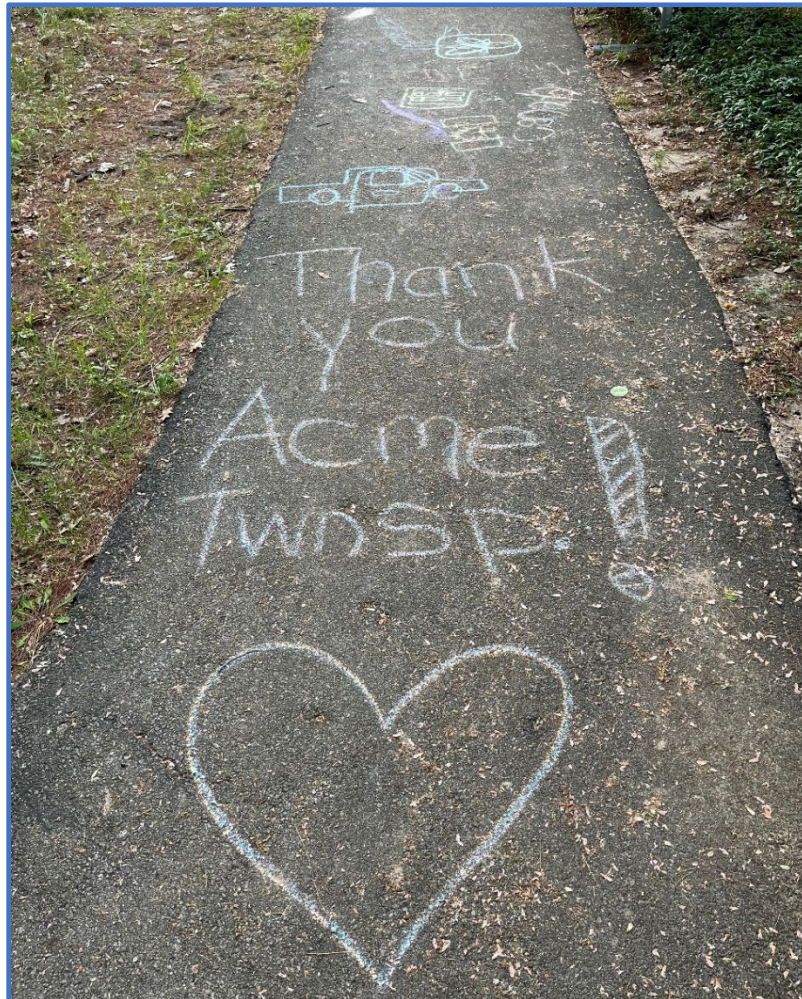


Image: Sidewalk Art at Bayside Park



III. INVENTORY

OVERVIEW

When developing a comprehensive parks and recreation master plan it is imperative to catalog existing park and recreation facilities. A thorough inventory allows the Township to highlight its assets, develop linkages, and note any gaps in services. The recreation inventory describes all parks, natural areas, public spaces, and recreation facilities within the Township – highlighting land and facilities the Township owns and operates. In total, there are 21 parks and recreation facilities within the Township. Of these 21 facilities, there are 6 under the control of the Township.

Acme Township has over 3,979 acres of public recreation land, much of which is composed of the Yuba Creek Natural Area, Petobego State Game Area, Pere Marquette State Forest and Maple Bay County Park. These facilities account for 90% of the Acme Township public recreation acreage. Acme Township has 37 acres of recreational land not dedicated to natural areas and preserves. Privately owned recreational land is expansive in Acme totaling about 1,542 acres of land. The private facilities offer a wider variety of uses, such as golf courses, equestrian facilities, swimming pools, tennis courts, and campgrounds, in addition to many of the same opportunities available at the public facilities. The Grand Traverse Land Conservancy also has 37.5 acres of recreational land within Acme Township. They also assist in the management of Deepwater Point and Yuba Creek Natural Area.

Overall, Acme Township has an immense amount of recreational opportunities, both public and private. With the updating and implementation of the recreation plan, current opportunities can only be improved, resulting in greater ease and use for everyone throughout the community.

Entity	Acres
Acme Township	465
Grand Traverse County	531
State of Michigan	1,427
Private Entities	1,542
Grand Traverse Land Conservancy	37.5
Total	4,002

Table 8: Total Acreage



Image: Grand Traverse Resort & Spa

Existing Recreation Facilities

Data Sources: Grand Traverse County GIS, Acme Township

Acme Township

1. Bayside Park, Bunker Hill Road Boat Access
2. Deepwater Point Natural Area
3. Saylor Park & Boat Launch
4. Yuba Creek Natural Area
5. Bunker Hill Boat Access

Grand Traverse County

6. County Park Land
7. Dock Road Water Access
8. Maple Bay County Park
9. Shores Beach Lane Water Access

Private

10. East Bay Harbor Marina
11. Everflowing Waters Campground
12. Grand Traverse Resort
13. Flintfields Horse Park
14. Lochenheath Golf Course
15. New Hope Community Church
16. Traverse Bay RV Park

State of Michigan

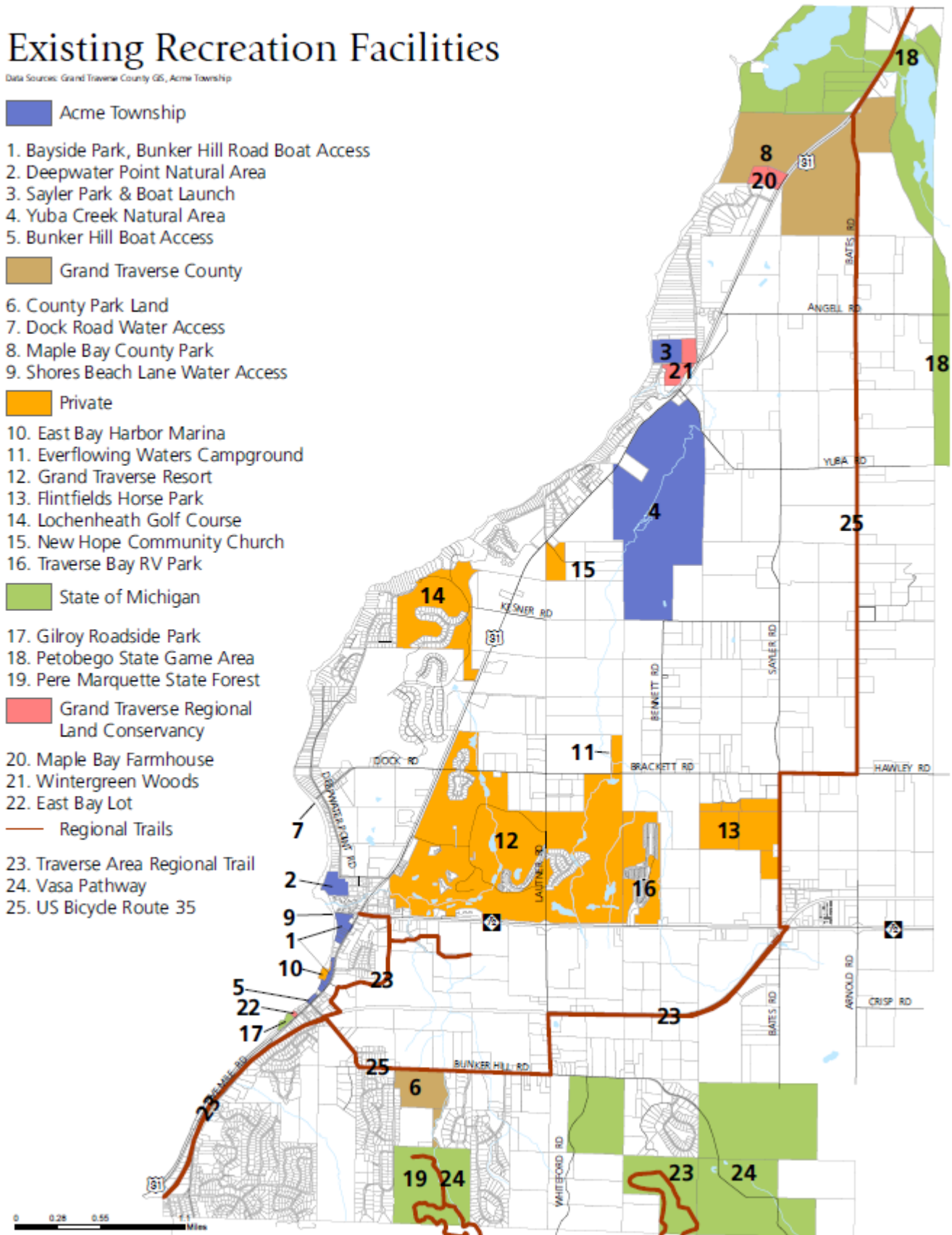
17. Gilroy Roadside Park
18. Petobego State Game Area
19. Pere Marquette State Forest

Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy

20. Maple Bay Farmhouse
21. Wintergreen Woods
22. East Bay Lot

Regional Trails

23. Traverse Area Regional Trail
24. Vasa Pathway
25. US Bicycle Route 35



REGIONAL RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

Acme Township, located in Grand Traverse County, is nestled in a region that has a wealth of parks and recreation destinations. There is a diversity of recreation facilities available within the County under the ownership of public and private enterprises. These include local parks and recreation facilities, private golf courses, public and private marinas and boat liveries, and state parks and forests.

ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

It is essential that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy these facilities and any programs provided. Each of the four parks owned by Acme Township was evaluated for its current level of accessibility. The evaluation was performed by Township staff, which includes the Planning and Zoning Department and Parks Operations Manager by visually evaluating the amenities available at each park. Each of the four parks owned by Acme Township was evaluated for its current level of accessibility on a scale of 1-5. The accessibility evaluation score can be found on the inventory sheet for each park.

Table 9: Accessibility Grading System

DNR Accessibility Grading System for Parks and Recreation Facilities	
Accessibility Grade	Definition
1	None of these facilities meet accessibility guidelines
2	Some facilities meet accessibility guidelines
3	Most facilities meet accessibility guidelines
4	The entire park meets accessibility guidelines
5	The entire park was developed using the principles of universal design

PARKS AND RECREATION INVENTORY

During the Spring of 2023, Township staff, which includes the Planning and Zoning Department and Parks Operations Manager, conducted a detailed inventory of the facilities owned and operated by Acme Township. Recreation facilities in Acme Township are made up of three different elements: Public Recreation Facilities (Township, County, and State), Private Recreation Facilities, and the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy. Table 10 summarizes the recreation facilities found within Acme Township.



Image: Sayler Park Boat Launch

Table 10: Recreation Facilities in Acme Township

ACME TOWNSHIP RECREATION FACILITIES		
Facility Name	Facility Description	Acres
Acme Connector Trail/Nakwema Trailway	1.8 miles of trail from Bunker Hill Road to the intersection of M-72 and US 31. A section also runs east towards Meijer.	n/a
Bayside Park	Beach Frontage on Grand Traverse Bay, Picnic Tables and Grills, Overlook Deck, Swimming, Wash Rooms/Changing Area, Play Equipment, Pavilion, Walking Paths, Gardens, Shuffleboard Court, Volleyball Court	14.7
Bunker Hill Road Boat Access	Boat Access for watercrafts under 16 feet	0.3
Deepwater Point Natural Area	Frontage on Grand Traverse Bay, Trails and Parking	14.9
Sayler Park	Beach Frontage on Grand Traverse Bay, Picnic Tables and Grills, Swimming, Wash Rooms/Changing Area, Play Equipment, Horseshoe Pits, Shelter 1 (48 people), Shelter 2 (80 people), Shelter 3 (80 people), Boat Launch, and Volleyball Courts	22
Yuba Creek Natural Area	Frontage on Yuba Creek, Benches, Trails and Natural Area, Hunting	413
GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY		
Facility Name	Facility Description	
Dock Road Water Access	Unimproved Boat Launch and Gravel Parking Area	0.3
Maple Bay	Beach Frontage on Grand Traverse Bay, Swimming, Hiking, Skiing and Snowshoeing, Hunting	450
Shores Beach Lane Water Access	Unimproved Boat Launch	0.3
VASA Pathway	Trailhead VASA Trail, Restrooms and Trails	80
STATE OF MICHIGAN		
Facility Name	Facility Description	
MDOT Gilroy Roadside Park	Beach Frontage on Grand Traverse Bay, Picnic Tables and Grills, Toilets	2.2
Pere Marquette State Forest	Forest encompasses a section of the VASA Trail	812
Petobego State Game Area	Natural Area, Hunting	612.3
PRIVATE FACILITIES		
Facility Name	Facility Description	
East Bay Harbor Marina	Offers boat slips, Gasoline, Water, Electricity, Restrooms/Shower and Laundry	0.72
Everflowing Water Campground	Rustic Campground	12
Flintfields Horse Park	Stables, Riding and Competition Fields	101.5
Grand Traverse Resort	Golf Course (54 Holes), Hotel and Conference Center, Indoor/Outdoor Tennis (5), Indoor/Outdoor Pools (4), Beach Frontage on Grand Traverse Bay, Salon and Spa, Restaurants	1400
New Hope Community Church		20.5
GRAND TRAVERSE REGIONAL LAND CONSERVANCY FACILITIES		
Facility Name	Facility Description	
East Bay Lot	Open Undeveloped Lot	0.5
Maple Bay Farm	Farm house, Root cellar, Sugar shack and Pole barn	16
Wintergreen Woods Conservancy	Natural pine forest and 0.6 miles of trail	21



Image: Acme Connector Boardwalk

PARK CLASSIFICATION

The following table indicates the general park categories, location criteria, and size criteria that the National Recreation and Park Association follows as a general guideline. Acme Township exceeds the recommended criteria for each park category except the mini parks. The Township goals and objectives highlight potential acquisition of inland parkland.

Table 11: Park Classification

Classification	General Description	Location Criteria	Size Criteria
Mini Park	Used to address limited, isolated or unique recreational needs.	Less than 1/4 mile in residential setting	2500 sq ft to 1 acre
Neighborhood Park	Serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Focus is on informal active and passive recreation.	1/4-to-1/2-mile distance and interrupted by nonresidential roads and other physical barriers	5-10 acres
Community Park	Serves broader purpose than neighborhood park. Focus is on meeting community-based recreation needs.	Usually serves two or more neighborhoods and ½ to 3-mile distance	Usually between 30-50 acres
Large Urban Park	Serves a broader purpose than community parks and are used when community and neighborhood parks are not adequate to serve the needs of the community.	Usually serves the entire community	Usually a minimum of 50 acres, 75 acres or more is optimal
Natural Resource Areas	Lands set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space, and visual aesthetics/buffering.	Resource availability and opportunity	Variable

Source: Adapted From: Lancaster, R. A., Ed. *Recreation, Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines*. Alexandria, VA: National Recreation and Park Association, 1983. Mertes, J. D. and J. R. Hall. *Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines*. Alexandria, VA: National Recreation and Park Association, 1995.

PARK LAND ANALYSIS

Properties that are within Acme Township are summarized in the following table based upon a total population of 4,456. Acme Township has a surplus of acreage based upon the population per the National Park and Recreation Association standards.

Table 12: Park Land Analysis

	NRPA	Recommended Acreage for Acme Township	Acme Township Parks	County Parks	Surplus/ Deficiency
Mini Park	.25 - .5 Acres	1.2 - 2.3	0	-	-
Neighborhood Park	1.0 - 2.0 Acres	4.6 - 9.2	14.9	-	5.7
Community Park	5.0 - 8.0 Acres	23-36.9	33	-	3.9
Regional Park	5.0 - 10.0 Acres	23-46	413	531	898
Totals		51.8 - 94.4	461	531	911.45

TYOLOGY OF PARKS IN ACME TOWNSHIP

When determining what types of features and amenities belong in a particular park, it is useful to first determine the classification of the park in question. The Michigan Department of Recreation has created “A Recommended Classification System For Local And Regional Recreation Open Space and Trails,” which outlines 16 types of open spaces and their descriptions.

For use in Acme Township, a classification system has been devised that consists of just four types of open spaces: Natural Parks, Linear Parks, Rural Parks, and Urban Parks. Each type of park has a different use and subsequently different types of amenities typically found in them. This is useful for determining what kinds of features should be planned for and developed in each park, which maintains a diversity of uses between parks. In this way, each park can develop a unique character and identity within the community.



Natural Park – Yuba Creek Natural Area



Linear Park – Acme Connector/TART Trail



Rural Park – Sayler Park



Urban Park – Bayside Park

Typology of Parks in Acme Township		
Park Type	Characteristics	Example
Natural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Minimally developed *Low-impact design features such as woodchip paths, grass, or gravel parking lots *The goal is to preserve the natural beauty of the landscape or natural features *Typically includes interpretive signage and walking paths 	Yuba Creek Natural Area Deepwater Point Natural Area
Linear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Long, narrow *Used for non-motorized transportation *Connects destinations *Typically includes wayfinding signage and mile markers, paved paths, occasional benches, and water stations 	Acme Connector/TART Trail VASA Pathway
Rural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Provides recreational amenities for small to medium gatherings in a rural setting *Universally accessible but lower-impact design features such as gravel paths are typical *Located away from the town core *Typically includes playgrounds, shelters, restroom facilities, outdoor grills, benches, picnic areas, and athletic courts 	Sayler Park
Urban	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Provides recreational amenities for a wide range of users *Located in the town core *Universally accessible amenities used throughout *Can be used for larger gatherings and community events *Can include concrete paths, pavilions, play structures, pools or splash pads, plazas, amphitheaters, lighting, restrooms, athletic courts, and a wide variety of other recreational facilities 	Bayside Park

Table 13: Typology of Parks

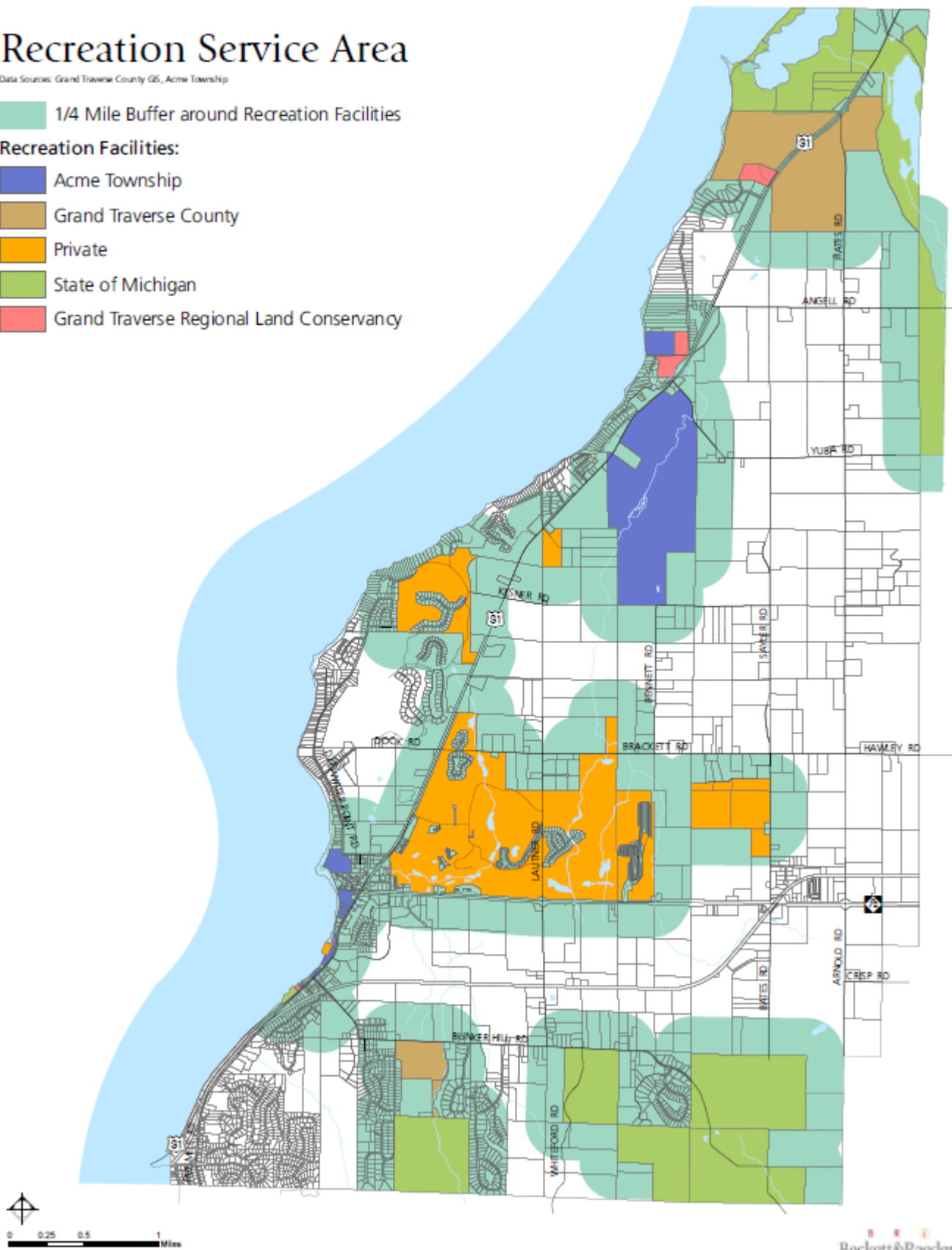
Recreation Service Area

Data Sources: Grand Traverse County GIS, Acme Township

1/4 Mile Buffer around Recreation Facilities

Recreation Facilities:

- Acme Township
- Grand Traverse County
- Private
- State of Michigan
- Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy

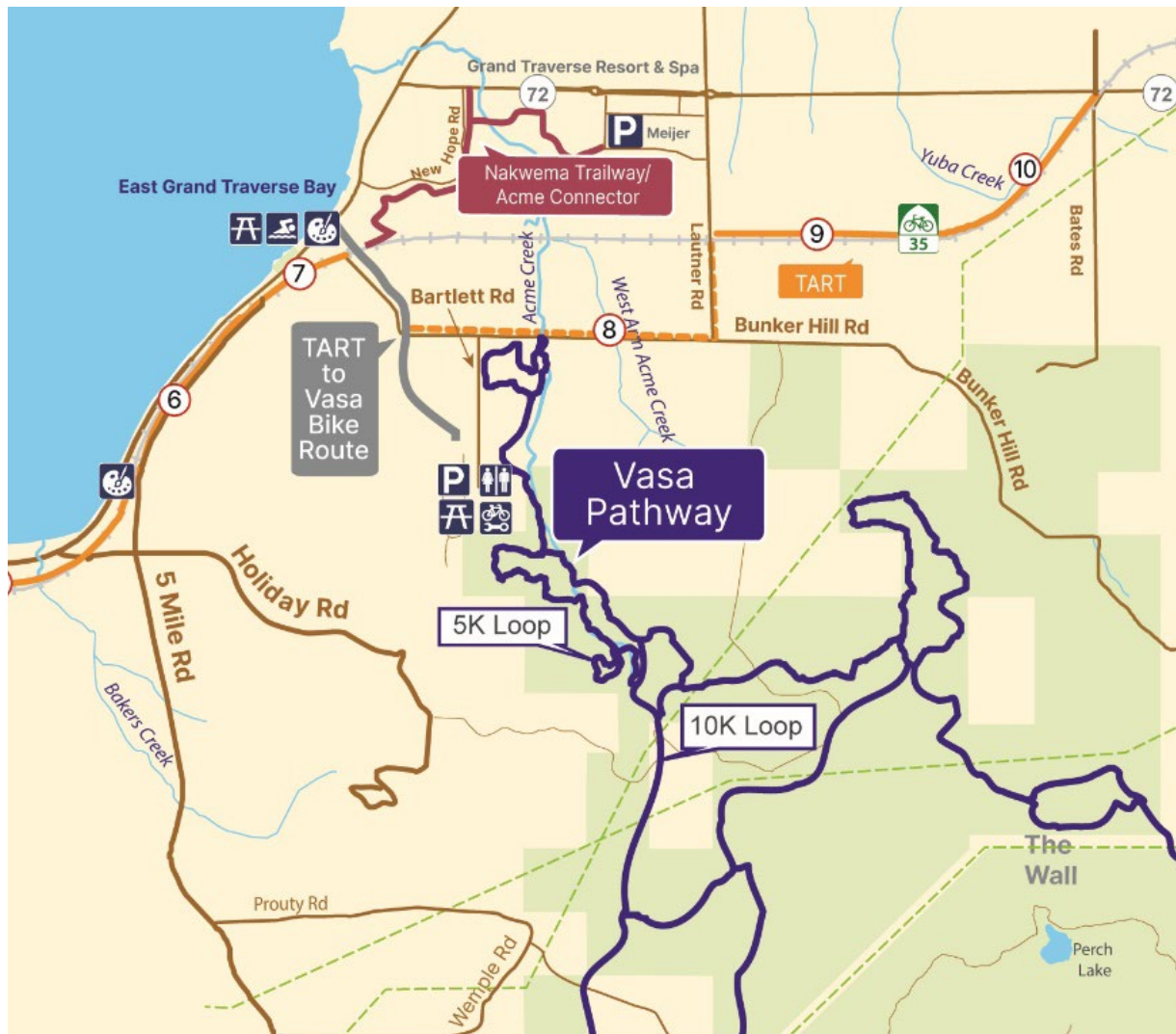


PATHWAYS AND TRAILWAYS

The VASA Pathway is a significant recreational facility in Acme Township. It is a year-round recreational pathway for hiking, running, mountain biking, winter fat biking, groomed cross country skate and classic skiing, snowshoeing, bird watching, and hunting.

The VASA Pathway is maintained through a collaborative effort between TART Trails, DNR, Grand Traverse County, and Northern Michigan Mountain Bike Association. One of the trailheads has a warming hut located off Bartlett Road. The 2.5-mile VASA snowshoe trail is very popular and widely used.

The 1.8-mile Acme Connector portion of the TART Trail in Acme allows for safe access to businesses, existing trails, and recreation opportunities. The trail connects the current TART Trail terminus at Bunker Hill Road to the intersection of M-72 and US-31 in Acme. A section of the trail runs east toward the Acme Meijer store and Grand Traverse Town Center development. This is the southernmost segment of the Nakwema Trailway.



BAYSIDE PARK

Size: 14.7 acres

Location: Intersection of US-31 and M-72

Ownership Entity: Acme Township

Accessibility Score: 4



Table 14: Bayside Park Inventory

Facilities/Activities/Landscape				
Type	Quantity	Condition	Notes/Suggested Action	
Benches Metal : Wood	9:11	Good-Excellent	2 concrete benches (1 near bathhouse & 1 in butterfly garden) both courtesy of The Sweetwater Evening Garden Club	
Bike Rack	7	Excellent		
Bottle Filler	1	Excellent	Newest feature to the park	
Butterfly Garden	1	Excellent		
Dog Waste Bag Dispenser	2	Good		
Flag Retirement Box	1	Excellent		
Garbage Cans	10	Fair-Excellent	4 metal cans (newest) in excellent condition	
Groomed Swimming Area	3	Good		
Metal Play Structures	4	Good	1 UA swing	
Mobi-mat	2	Excellent	2 mats available	
Native Plant Garden	1	Fair-Good		
Net Climber	1	Good	Surface under climber has soft/sinking spots especially around the polls creating uneven surface	
Open Lawn	1	Good	Irrigation system in place	
Park Grills	7	Good		
Parking Lots - Paved	2	Excellent	UA Accessible	
Picnic Tables	26	Good	18 regular/8 accessible; a couple boards need replacement; most in need of paint	
Restrooms	Yes	Fair	UA Accessible: Roof assessment needed	
Shelter - Small	1	Fair	Roof in good shape, needs paint and lattice removal	
Shuffleboard	1	Excellent		
Signage - Interpretive	5	Poor-Good	2 DNR signs (good); Large wood sign near bathroom (poor), Kiosk near bathroom (poor); Viewing platform (fair)	
Signage - Road	1	Excellent	Located at the main entrance	
Swing Benches	2	Excellent		
TART Trailhead				
Walking Paths - Concrete	1	Excellent	Connected through the park/(2) 4x4' sections near net climber are uneven	
Walking Paths - Dirt	Multiple	Good	Flat	
Viewing Platform - Wood	1	Good	Weathered, needs sealing	
Volleyball Court	1	Good		

Bayside Park is located in the heart of Acme Township, near the intersection of US-31 and M-72 and was established in 1987. Bayside Park is used by locals and tourists as it is the most visible park to passing vehicles. The park grew over time through a collaborative acquisition campaign to obtain adjacent land.

Two paved parking areas provide convenient entry to the park. A universally accessible trail leads from the parking lot past an accessible restroom facility and into the woods. Nestled in the woods are a few sturdy play structures, shuffleboard court, and many park grills and benches. A winding paved trail leads to a deck looking out over the beach and the beautiful Grand Traverse Bay; the shoreline is a mix of groomed and natural areas that minimize erosion while providing space for swimmers to enter the pristine water. On the west side of the parking lot, an open lawn dotted with trees stretches from the road to the beach. Other park features include a net climbing structure, pavilion, native and butterfly gardens maintained by the Sweetwater Evening Garden Club and interpretive signage.

The most recent improvements include an asphalt trail along US-31 that connects to adjacent sidewalks and businesses. Sidewalks and benches are located throughout the park. Bike racks are located near the parking area and restroom facility for access to the park from a variety of transportation modes.

The park is available for year-round use, providing snowshoers and ice fishers access to the bay front. Boaters can access the water on Shores Beach Lane. The park's close proximity to the Deepwater Point Natural Area affords greater recreation opportunities; active uses such as swimming and picnicking can take place in Bayside Park, and passive uses such as nature walks, and birding are only a short walk down the beach. Dogs are allowed in Bayside Park on a leash and owners are required to clean up after their pets. The trailhead to the Traverse to Charlevoix Trail (TC>TCH Trail – also known as the Nakwema Trailway) is located at Bayside Park.

Accessibility Notes

- Three barrier-free spaces marked next to restroom facility
- Several accessible picnic tables
- Paved path to accessible restroom facilities
- Asphalt path through woods to wooden deck near beach
- Paved path down to the beach. A Mobi-Mat is installed to improve access to the water.

Comments

- Parking lot maintained in winter months.
- Playground equipment primarily for ages 6+





Acme Bayside Park has become a treasured community gathering place.

PHOTO BY RICK KANE

DEEPWATER POINT NATURAL AREA

Size: 17 acres

Location: Intersection of Deepwater Point Road and Shore Road

Ownership Entity: Acme Township

Accessibility Score: 1



Table 15: Deepwater Point Natural Area Inventory

Facilities/Activities/Landscape			
Type	Quantity	Condition	Notes/Suggested Action
Parking Lot - Gravel	1	Good	4-5 parking spots available
Signage - Park Name & Rules	6	Poor-Good	2 signs near parking lot (fair-good); 1 near subdivision illegible; 3 no campfire poor (1 is on the ground)
Walking Paths - Woodchips	Multiple	Good	In need of woodchips replacement, paths are interconnected
Waterfront/Beach		Good	Lots of misc. wood pieces, sections of docks, etc. have washed up onto beach

Deepwater Point Natural Area, located just down the beach from Bayside Park, is accessed by Shore Road off US-31. This property, an old pine plantation, is more removed from US-31 than Bayside Park and has a peaceful and contemplative atmosphere. The natural area boasts 17 acres of woods and .7 miles of woodchip trails that wind from the parking area to the bay shore and is a springboard for activities such as kayaking, birdwatching, or quiet walks through the tall pines. The area is primarily used by local residents.



Image Credit: Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy

Deepwater Point Natural Area has a beautiful waterfront shoreline along East Bay near the mouth of the Acme Creek. This park is best used for hiking, walking, and being one with nature.

Accessibility Notes

- Paths are woodchips—not accessible to persons in wheelchairs

Comments

- No current management plan
- A trail map at entrances may be useful to visitors for orientation
- Parking area may be difficult to find for first-time visitors



YUBA CREEK NATURAL AREA

Size: 413 acres

Location: Intersection of US-31 and Yuba Road

Ownership Entity: Acme Township

Accessibility Score: 4



Table 16: Yuba Creek Natural Area Inventory

Facilities/Activities/Landscape			
Type	Quantity	Condition	Notes/Suggested Action
<i>(Upper Section)</i>			
Benches - Wood	2	Fair	1 bench in need of replacement boards
Blue Bird Nesting Boxes	Many	Fair	
Information Kiosk	1	Good	In need of paint
Parking Lot – Grass/Gravel	1	Good	
Walking Trail Loop		Good	Mowed, foot path connects the upper and lower mowed walking trails
Walking Paths - 2 Miles Mowed		Good	Mowed
Walking Path Maps		Fair	
Wood Fencing		Good	In need of stain
Garbage Can	1	Good	
Dog Waste Dispenser	1	Good	
<i>(Lower Section)</i>			
Benches	3	Poor	2 benches in need of replacement boards
Blue Bird Nesting Boxes	Many	Fair	
Information Kiosk	1	Good	
Parking Lot - Gravel	1	Good	
Walking Path - 2 Miles		Good	Mowed
Walking Path Maps			
Wood Fencing		Good	In need of stain
Dog Waste Dispenser	1		
Garbage Receptacle	1		
Plaque	1	Good	

Yuba Creek Natural Area has no shortage of beautiful vistas to enjoy; at 413 acres, it is Acme Township's largest Township-owned natural area. Two access points allow visitors to experience the natural beauty of the area; one grass parking lot at the highest point in the park affords panoramic views of the Yuba Creek valley below, and the other gravel parking lot off of Yuba Road leads to a path that runs the length of the valley. Yuba Creek

is primarily used by Acme Township residents, but its adjacency to US-31 increases opportunities for regional users.

A management plan for the Yuba Creek Natural Area was adopted in November of 2002. The plan outlines several goals and objectives for the care of several natural features of the area, including protecting and improving existing wetlands, creating and improving upland habitat, protecting existing eagle nest sites, preserving the water quality of Yuba Creek, and providing birdhouses for bluebirds and kestrels. The plan also provides for the continuation of hunting opportunities, additional land preservation, and public outreach and education.



Acme Township has partnered with the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy (GTRLC) to implement trail improvements at Yuba Creek Natural Area. Previously, an out-and-back hiking trail existed off Yuba Road through the creek valley. Additionally, a small hiking loop was accessible from the parking lot off US-31. Through the help of the GTRLC's AmeriCorps workers and community volunteers, the two trails are now connected. Future plans include another connection between the two existing trails on the south side of the property to create a large interior hiking loop.

Accessibility Notes

- Access to YCNA is limited for persons in wheelchairs—mowed paths are not ideal, but other improvements are not intended per the Management Plan

Comments

- Management Plan in place—2002
- Panoramic views
- Hunting is allowed
- Add new benches
- Update kiosks
- Invasive species management will be implemented in an annual maintenance plan. Autumn Olive will be eradicated with the help of the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy.



SAYLER PARK

Size: 22 acres

Location: Yuba Park Road

Ownership Entity: Acme Township

Accessibility Score: 3



Table 17: Saylor Park Inventory

Facilities/Activities/Landscape			
Type	Quantity	Condition	Notes/Suggested Action
Benches - Wood	9	Good	1 bench near the beach needs removal
Beach		Good	Groomed
Boating Access Site	1	Good	
Horseshoe Pits	2	Good	In need of replacement stakes
Park Grills - Metal/Stone	16/2	Good	
Parking Lot - Dirt/Paved	2	Good	Accessible spaces paved - 2 smaller spots near shelter #1, and 1 spot in the large lot with trailer access
Picnic Shelters	3	Good	#1 = 6 wood picnic tables; #2 & #3 = 10 metal picnic tables in each; fire pit in #1 & #3; fire extinguisher in #2
Picnic Tables - Metal/Wood	20	Good	
Play Structures	7	Good	Wood swing set is weather worn
Restrooms - Accessible	Yes	Good	Water fountain and 2 benches in front; Doors in need of paint
Sand Volleyball Courts	2	Fair-Good	
Sidewalk	1	Good	
Trails		Good	
Access to Wintergreen Trail	1	Good	
Chain Link Fence		Poor	In disrepair largely due to downed trees
Money Box at Boat Launch	1	Good	
Signage Near Boat Launch	5	Good	
Walking Paths	Multiple	Good	Natural, mowed
Waste Disposal	Multiple	Good	3 dumpsters (located near each of the 3 shelters); 3 garbage cans; 2 dog waste bag dispensers
Water Pumps	3	Good	2 in working condition, the 3rd does not work
Wooden Kiosk at Entry	1	Fair	(Eagle scout project); currently empty
Wood Sign at Entry	2	Good	In need of paint

Saylor Park is located off Yuba Park road in Yuba. This 22-acre rustic park is a fantastic place for family recreation. The park has three shelters that can be rented for gatherings, play equipment, outdoor grills, horseshoe and volleyball areas, and accessible restrooms. The park also has access to the beach and Grand Traverse Bay. Saylor Park, out of all of the parks owned by Acme Township, is best equipped for family

gatherings and group recreation due to the number of amenities in place. Sayler Park's location is not as visually prominent as Bayside Park is, but it still receives many visits from residents and visitors.

The Sayler Park Boating Access Site was completed in 2018. The site has been very popular since being opened to the public. The facilities include a concrete boat launch pad, paved entrance, and roundabout for the launching of boats. The site is posted and advertised on the Acme Township website. Sayler Park Boating Access Site is included in the Acme Township annual maintenance schedule.

Asphalt paving leads from US-31 to the launch. There is also a gravel parking area with a concrete pad for handicap accessible parking. An accessible trail was also developed within the park. The boat launch is not staffed, therefore there is an honor box located to the side of the boat launch area where individuals can drop the requested \$5 fee. Annual passes are made available with a discount offered to residents. The suggested fee helps to offset the cost for annual maintenance. The project was funded through the Great Lakes Fishery Trust.



The dock is put in place in April and removed in October. Dredging will be completed on an as needed basis and monitored regularly. Infrastructure and large-scale maintenance and replacement schedules will be reviewed on an annual basis and budgeted accordingly.

Accessibility Notes

- Paths are firm and stable—gravel, asphalt, or brick
- Bathrooms are accessible
- There are a few barrier-free parking spaces designated near the park entrance with a paved path down to the boat launch.
- Few barrier-free amenities along shore bluff

Comments

- Lots of amenities—tables and grills, numerous play structures. Wood swing set needs replacing. Play structures include one ADA swing
- Barrier-free parking exists at the restroom facility and at shelters. No designated individual barrier-free sites
- Play equipment primarily for ages 6+





PREVIOUS GRANT ASSISTANCE

Deepwater Point Natural Area: TF96-110

Year: 1996

Description: Acquisition of approximately 1335' of rocky beach frontage on Grand Traverse Bay

Grant Award: \$1,968,000

Status: Rustic trails and a gravel parking lot have been constructed on the acquired property and remain in good condition.



Yuba Creek Natural Area Acquisition: TF00-162

Year: 2000

Description: Acquisition of over one mile of frontage on Yuba Creek

Grant Award: \$1,576,201

Status: Rustic trails, gravel parking lots, and trailhead signage were installed and remain in good condition.



Acme Waterfront Park Acquisition Phase I: TF08-095

Year: 2008

Description: Acquisition of 540' of shoreline properties

Grant Award: \$3,006,200

Status: Existing buildings on acquired property have been demolished and small improvements have been made.

Acme Waterfront Park Phase II: TF09-171

Year: 2009

Description: Acquisition of 900' of shoreline properties

Grant Award: \$2,266,500

Status: Existing structures on acquired property have been demolished.



Acme Waterfront Park Phase III: TF11-082

Year: 2011

Description: Acquisition of 337' of frontage on East Grand Traverse Bay in two parcels.

Grant Award: \$862,500

Status: The property is part of the Bayside Park development to provide access to Grand Traverse Bay.

Waterways Grant for Saylor Park Boating Access Site Great Lakes Fisheries Trust Grant

Year: 2014, 2015, 2016

Description: Boating access site improvements

Grant Award: \$94,485, \$91,485, \$77,698

Status: A new paved boat launch was developed, along with accessible paved pathways and parking to accommodate everyone.



Bayside Park Development: TF16-0061

Year: 2016

Description: Development of Bayside Park, and a trailhead for the Lake Michigan Water Trail.

Grant Award: \$300,000

Status: Universally accessible walkways throughout the park, playground, shade structures, parking, amenities, and trailhead signs.



Traverse City-Charlevoix Trail: Bunker Hill to M-72
Segment: TF19-0086

Year: 2019

Description: Development of the first segment of the Traverse City to Charlevoix Trail.

Grant Award: \$300,000

Status: Traverse Area Recreational Trail (TART) terminus at Bunker Hill Road to new Meijer Store and other businesses along the M-72 corridor to Bayside Park, an official trailhead with parking, bathrooms, and bottle filler(via crosswalk and light at US-31/M-72).



GRANTS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

Table 18: Grants From Outside Agencies

Cherry Capital Cycling Club		
Project Title	Description	Grant Award
Acme Connector Trail	Development of the Acme Connector Trail	\$10,000
Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians		
Project Title	Description	Grant Award
Sayler Park Playground Equipment	Replaced outdated and unsafe playground equipment and added ADA-compliant features	\$14,350
Sayler Park Boat Launch	Construction of new boat launch	\$7,000
Acme Connector Trail	Engineering ACT	\$15,000
UA Net Climber	Installation of safety surfacing for climber	\$15,000.81
Acme Connector Trail	Funding towards TART Trails for essential maintenance to critical transportation and recreational connections	\$2,500
Acme Connector Trail	Construction of the Acme Connector Trail	\$25,000
Iron Belle Trail Fund		
Project Title	Description	Grant Award
Traverse City-Charlevoix Trail/Acme Connector	Development of the Traverse City-Charlevoix Trail/Acme Connector (a key connector to the Iron Belle)	\$300,000
Michigan Regional Prosperity Initiative, Community Growth Grant		
Project Title	Description	Grant Award
Acme Connector Trail	Design and Construction Engineering	\$20,000
Rotary Charities of Grand Traverse		
Project Title	Description	Grant Award
Waterfront Visioning Plan	Financed the preparation of a waterfront visioning plan	\$5,000

Resource Inventory

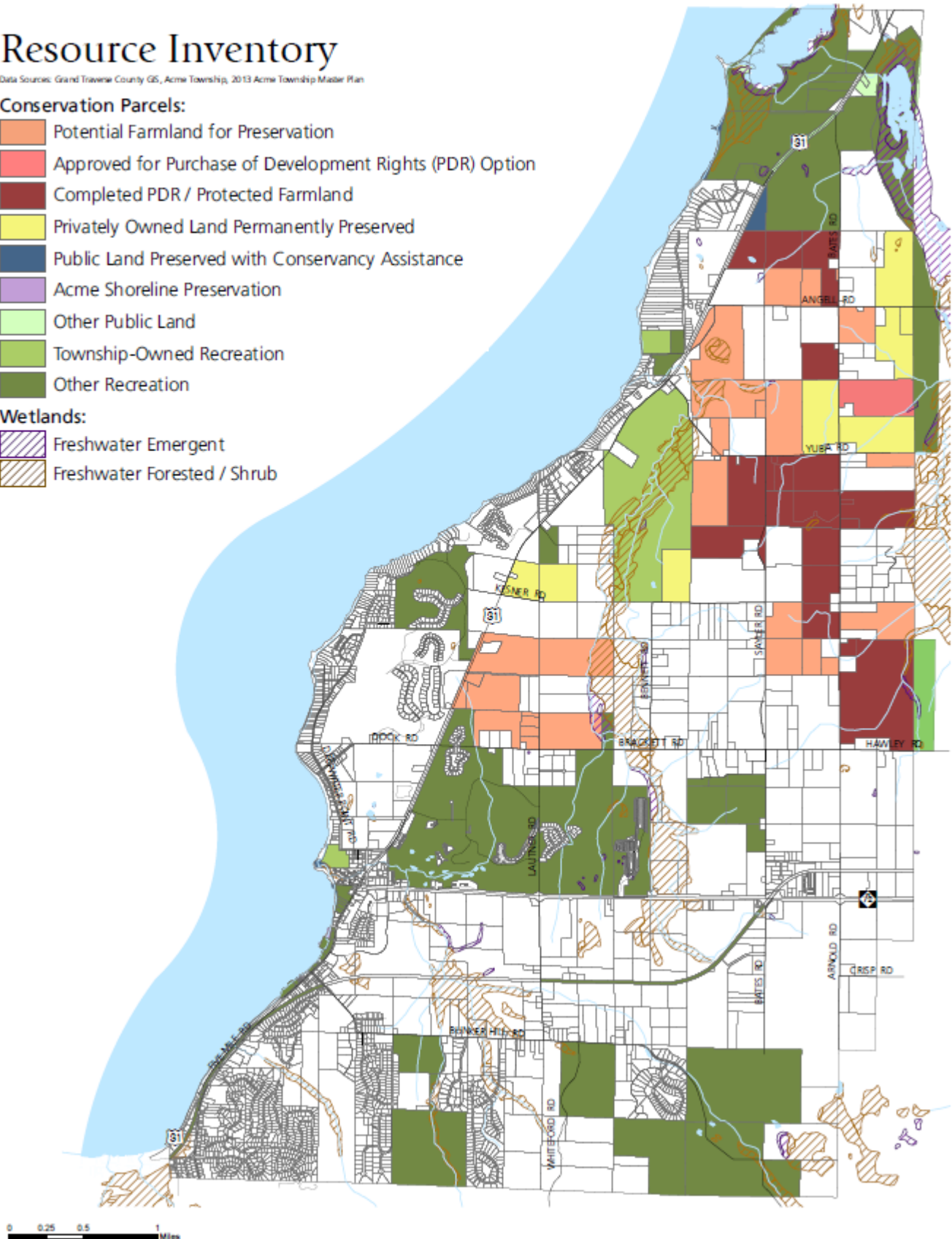
Data Sources: Grand Traverse County GIS, Acme Township, 2013 Acme Township Master Plan

Conservation Parcels:

- Potential Farmland for Preservation
- Approved for Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) Option
- Completed PDR / Protected Farmland
- Privately Owned Land Permanently Preserved
- Public Land Preserved with Conservancy Assistance
- Acme Shoreline Preservation
- Other Public Land
- Township-Owned Recreation
- Other Recreation

Wetlands:

- Freshwater Emergent
- Freshwater Forested / Shrub



RESOURCE INVENTORY

Acme Township's natural environment undoubtedly has an impact on the character of the existing and future development trends. Resource inventories provide a method to identify open-space land that may be desirable for future protection and/or public access through acquisition or other means due to the natural features present, as well as accounting for land that is already protected.

Further, it is important to develop a resource inventory to assist in identifying the most desirable lands for acquisition in terms of their ecological significance, location, proximity to other natural areas, and other factors. Specific features considered in this inventory include topography, water, climate, woodlands, wetlands, and cultural resources. Ignoring physical features during development can have significant, long-term negative consequences for the individual land owner, the municipality, and the environment as a whole.

Topography

Topography can have a significant influence on land development patterns. Where slopes are extreme, concerns exist relating to both the ability of the land to bear the weight of buildings and the danger of erosion. Acme Township's topography is relatively flat, ranging in elevation from 580 feet at the Bay to 860 feet at the southern boundary of the township. Areas that are of high-risk for erosion are located on the northern boundary along the shore of the East Arm of the Grand Traverse Bay. Coastal communities need creative and adaptive solutions when addressing the challenges associated with the unpredictability of the Great Lakes water levels, increased storm intensities and frequency associated with climate change.

Water

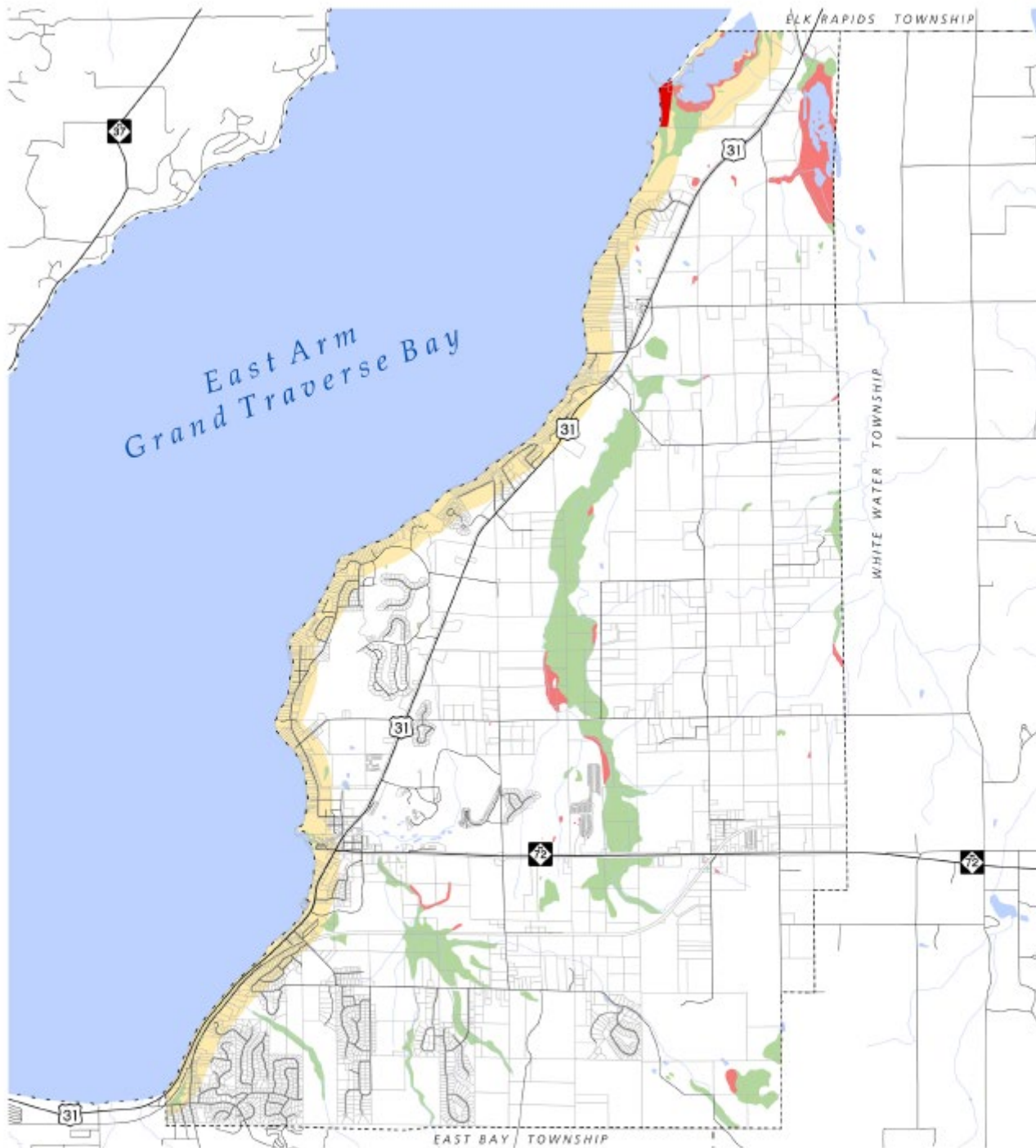
Acme Township's land area is 24.17 square miles and located within the Grand Traverse Bay Watershed. There are four sub-watershed areas in the Township, and these include Acme Creek, East Bay Shoreline, Petobego Creek, and Yuba Creek. The Acme Creek (13.2 square miles) and Yuba Creek (8.4 square miles) sub-watersheds are located within the interior of the Township, and many of the operable orchards and farms are located within this geographic zone. The East Bay Shoreline sub-watershed is adjacent to Grand Traverse Bay, and this area has witnessed significant residential development. The Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council provides resources for protection and management of the Grand Traverse Bay Watershed.

Climate

Acme Township's climate is affected a great deal by its location near Grand Traverse Bay. It simulates a marine-like climate that moderates temperature and precipitation, allowing for a longer frost-free growing period for plants that would not normally be feasible at this latitude. The average maximum and minimum temperatures in January are 27 degrees and 17 degrees, and in July they are 77 degrees and 64 degrees. The average rainfall is 32 inches, and the average snowfall is 70–80 inches.

Woodlands

Forests cover about a sixth of the Township and are the primary land cover in the southern portion of Acme Township. Forestry is also abundant in the northern part of the Township, where forests surround the Petobego swamp and wildlife areas. Woodlands provide slope stabilization and erosion control, conserve water quality, help maintain a micro-climate, filter pollutants, decrease noise, and provide a habitat for wildlife.



Acme Township

Natural and Sensitive Landscapes

Data Sources: Michigan Geographic Data Library, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Michigan Natural Features Inventory, Grand Traverse County Equalization, Grand Traverse County GIS

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|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Parcel Boundary | DNR Coastal Zone Management Area |
| Township Boundary | High-Risk Area for Erosion |
| Major Road | Emergent Wetland |
| Minor Road | Lowland, Shrub, or Wooded Wetland |

Wetlands

Some of the major existing areas with highly sensitive ecosystems in the Township include Acme Creek in the south, Yuba Creek and its extensive greenways and wetlands in the middle region, and the Petobego wetlands and pond in the far north. Land uses adjacent to the streams and wetlands of Yuba Creek should use sound environmental stewardship and ecological practices in order to conserve natural resources and protect highly sensitive ecosystems as well as ground and surface water.

Cultural Resources

One significant historic property in Acme Township, the John Pulcifer house, was built in 1883. John Pulcifer organized Acme Township and served as the Town Supervisor from 1891 to 1919. John's niece occupied the house until 1964; it was abandoned until restoration began 35 years later in early 1999. In 2000, the John Pulcifer House was added to the National Register of Historic Places. Currently, it operates as a bed and breakfast.

Public Resource Summary

Acme Township is a diverse natural landscape influenced by topography, climate, wetlands, forests, and Lake Michigan. Urban land cover constitutes approximately 11% of the geographic area, while the remainder consists of forested and agricultural uses. For example, the predominant land cover for the Acme Creek sub-watershed is forested land, while the principal land cover in the Yuba Creek sub-watershed is agriculture. Influenced by growth in Grand Traverse County, the natural assets of the Township, if not managed and developed properly, will come under continued pressure, possibly leading to their degradation.



Image: Acme Creek

What would *you* like to see in Acme Township?

The Acme Township Parks & Trails Committee invites you to a

Public Engagement Event

where you can interact and share your thoughts on recreational development in the Township.



IV. PLANNING AND PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

The planning process for the Acme Township Parks System is not an isolated event; rather, it is part of a multiyear planning effort to forge a vision for the Township derived from community input. In the previous Parks System Plan, the three goals were: Access to Grand Traverse Bay (ensure that future generations have access to the East Grand Traverse Bay shoreline), Attractive Waterfront Parks (ensure that waterfront facilities are well maintained and have a diversity of activities) and Connectivity between uses (require non-motorized trail connections between parks, retail and residential developments). These goals are still relevant today.

To facilitate a professional and impactful planning experience, the Acme Township Board of Trustees tasked staff, which includes the Planning and Zoning Department and Parks Operation Manager to tabulate data, assess existing resources, and facilitate the public input process. Staff from Beckett and Raeder, Inc. provided a forum for a public survey, mapping, and review of the plan. Parks and Trails Committee meetings were open to the public and held several times during the planning process to review the plan. In addition, there were two public engagement events to gather further community input.

A system's-based method of planning was used to assist with the assessment of the Township's park, recreation and open-space needs. The system's approach to planning was developed by James D. Mertes and James R. Hall for the National Recreation and Park Association in 1995. This planning approach is a process of assessing the park, recreation, and open space needs of a community and translating that information into a framework for meeting the physical, spatial, and facility requirements to satisfy those needs. As planning efforts are implemented, the system can be re-evaluated to measure success and guide future planning goals.

In order to effectively utilize this system-based approach, Acme Township developed this Parks and Recreation Master Plan based on an extensive inventory of all the Township owned and operated parks and recreation facilities (presented in Section III). This inventory, coupled with the demographic analysis created for the Community Description, has become the baseline for future planning and investment. In the following section the plan will highlight a series of goals and objectives that will lead Acme Township into the next 5 years of

parks and recreation prosperity. The goals and objectives will then be linked to a strategic plan of action that recommends specific parks and recreation projects to be undertaken over the lifespan of this document. Each goal, objective and subsequent action plan was crafted with the intent of creating a more comprehensive system of parks and recreation services within Acme Township.

PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

Open Meetings

Acme Township took great strides to engage the public in the development of this Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Over the span of 7 months the Parks and Trails Committee and staff completed the following:

- Reviewed a proposed timeline for plan completion
- Drafted a public survey
- Engaged with the public
- Reviewed survey data
- Reviewed relevant plan sections as completed
- Presented draft text to the Planning Commission and Township Board

Parks and Trails Committee meetings are typically held on the third Monday of the month. The meeting agenda and packets are posted on the Township website. Meetings are open to the public with recorded meeting minutes.

Public Engagement Sessions

ACME TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Plan

HOW FAR DO YOU TRAVEL TO ENJOY RECREATIONAL SITES?
Please place a sticky dot on your answer choice(s).

0-5 miles	4 dots
5-10 miles	0 dots
10-20 miles	5 dots
20-30 miles	1 dot
30+ miles	3 dots

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE CLOSE TO HOME? Please place a sticky dot on your answer choice(s).

A place to play or take kids to play	3 dots
A place to exercise	0 dots
A place to relax or enjoy the outdoors	8 dots
A trail on which to walk, run, or bike	5 dots
A place to gather with friends, family, or neighbors	3 dots
A place to participate in or watch sports	1 dot



During the course of the planning process the Parks and Trails Committee and staff held two public engagement sessions. The first session was held June 13, 2023, at Samaritas Senior Living Facility. At this event senior community members gave staff their feedback on current and potential future recreational opportunities. Twelve community members were in attendance. A presentation, survey, and chocolates were provided by the Township.

On July 17, 2023, the Parks and Trails Committee and staff hosted an engagement session at Bayside Park. Members of the public were encouraged to attend and give their feedback via survey and a variety of interactive message boards. This event was promoted on the Township website, and through posters at the Township Hall and Acme owned and operated facilities. There were 32 individuals in attendance at Bayside Park and valuable feedback was received.

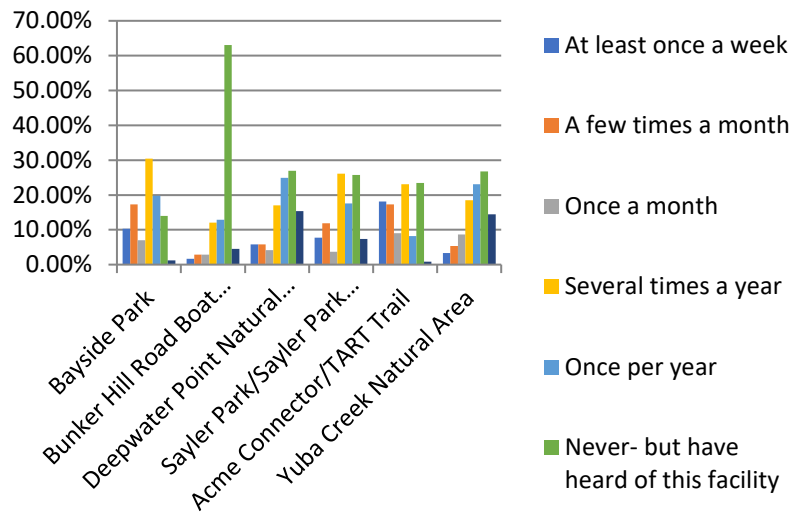
Public Survey Results

Beginning in May of 2023 and ending on July 31, 2023, an online survey was open for the public. The survey was promoted on the Township website, hard copies were available during business hours, posters were located at Acme Township owned and operated facilities, a mailer was distributed to each tax payer in the Township, and it was highlighted on the summer tax bills. The survey received 250 responses; this was double the feedback received from the previous parks plan survey (125 responses). Responses provided valuable feedback regarding current and future facilities and programming. The survey results in this section reflect those facilities that are owned and operated by Acme Township. A copy of the survey and results in their entirety can be found in the appendix of this plan.

Usage

Under the Acme Township owned and operated recreational areas/facilities, the Acme Connector Trail is most frequently used, followed by Bayside Park. Just over 18% use the trail at least once per week; and 17% use it a few times a month. Just over 10% use Bayside Park at least once a week; and 17% use it a few times a month. Most respondents have never used but have heard of the Bunker Hill Road Boat Access (63.07%).

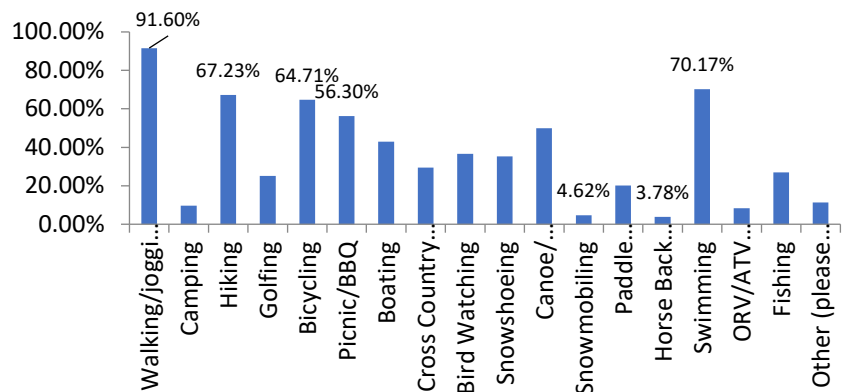
How often do you use the following recreational areas/facilities in Acme Township? (Acme Owned/Operated)



Activities

Walking/jogging is the activity that most respondents enjoy doing in the township (91.6%). Other popular activities include swimming (70.17%), Hiking (67.23%), Bicycling (64.71%), and Picnic/BBQ (56.30%). Horseback riding and snowmobiling received the lowest response rates.

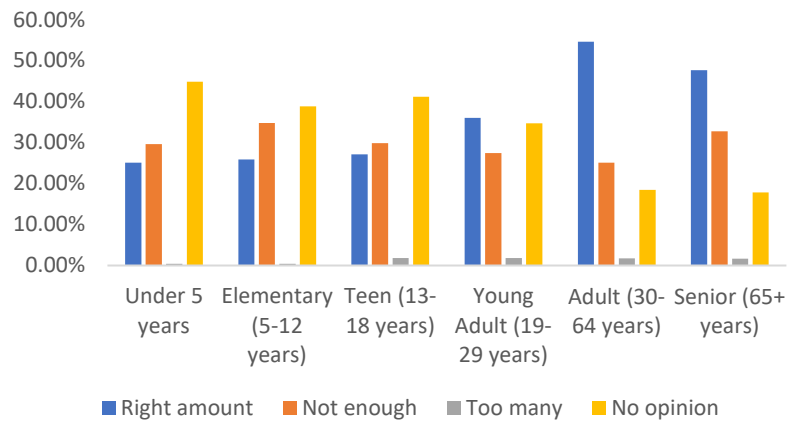
Please select all recreational activities you enjoy doing in Acme Township.



Availability by Age Group

Most respondents thought there was the right amount of recreational facilities and activities for adults (30-64 years) and seniors (65+). In contrast, few respondents felt there were too many.

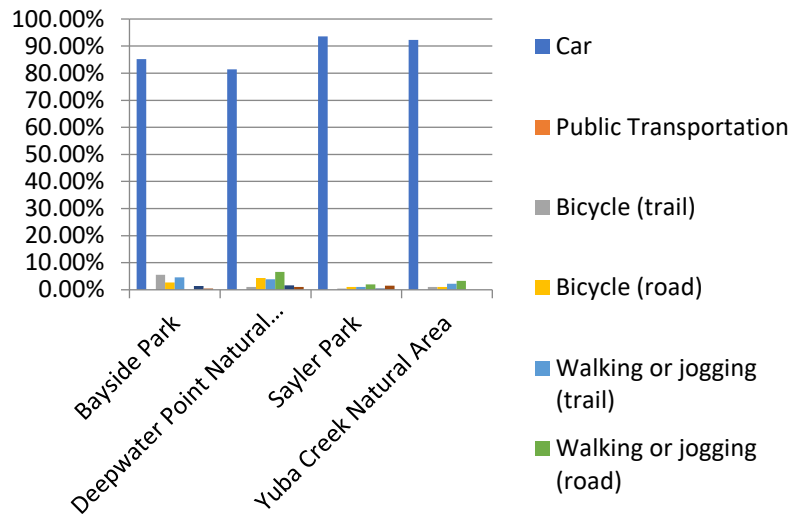
Please rate the availability of recreation facilities and activities within the Township for the following age groups.



Transportation

Over 80% of respondents use a car as their method of transportation to Acme Township parks.

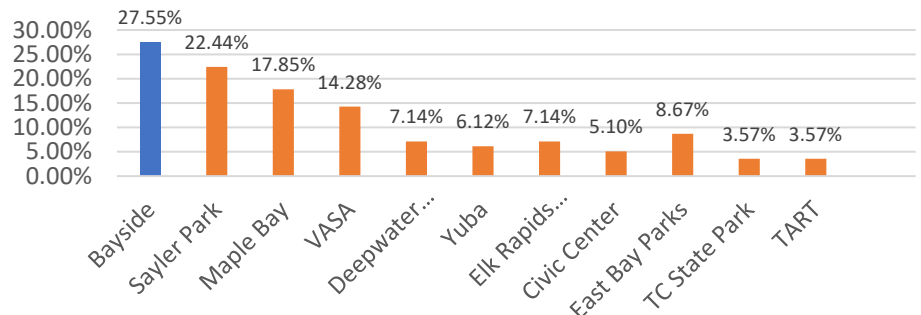
Please describe the methods of transportation you use to get to the following parks owned and maintained by Acme Township:



Frequency of Visits

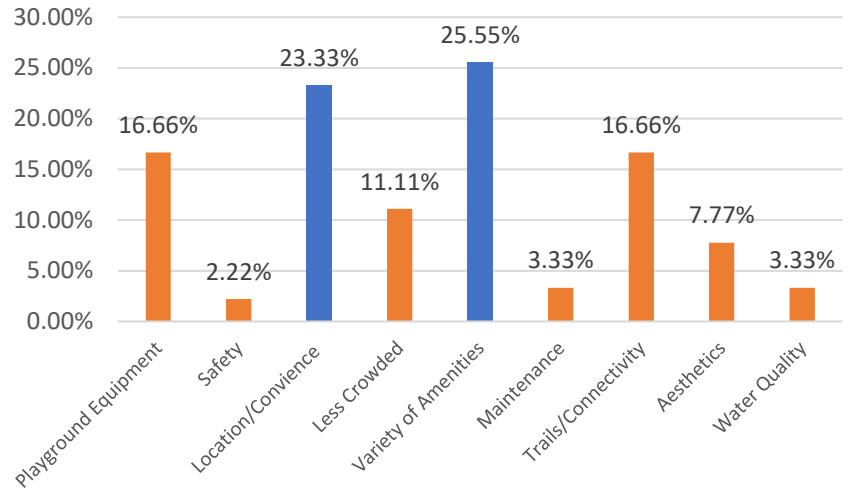
Most respondents use Bayside Park (27.55%) most frequently within Acme Township, followed by Sayler Park (22.44%). Outside of the Township, parks located within East Bay Charter Township received the highest response rate (8.67%).

Which park do you visit most frequently? (Please include parks not in Acme Township, if those are visited most frequently)



Preference for those who visit parks outside of Acme Township include a variety of amenities (25.55%), and location and convenience (23.33%). Playground equipment and trails and connectivity were also noted (16.66%).

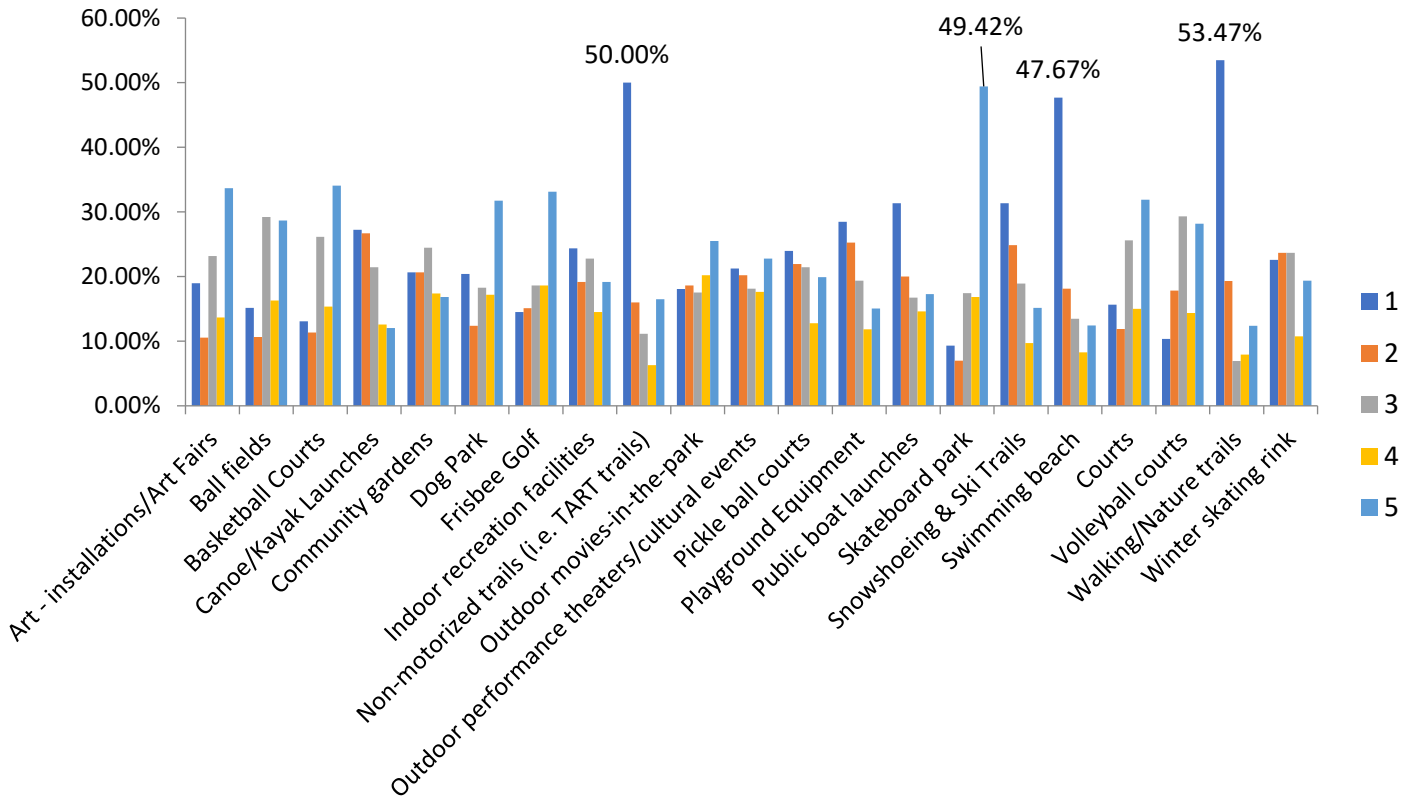
If the park you visit most frequently is outside of Acme Township, why do you prefer this park?



Planning and Development

Most respondents indicated that walking/nature trails were a top priority (53.47%). Non-motorized trails were a close second (50%), followed by swimming beaches (47.67%). A majority of respondents did not view a skateboard park as a top priority (49.42%).

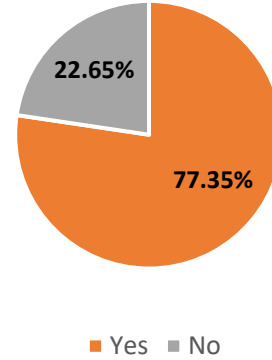
Please indicate which of the following recreation facilities and activities Acme Township should plan for and develop. Please rate each category individually 1-5.



Dedicated Parks Millage

Respondents replied that 77.35% would support a millage dedicated for maintenance and improvements to the Township's recreational assets.

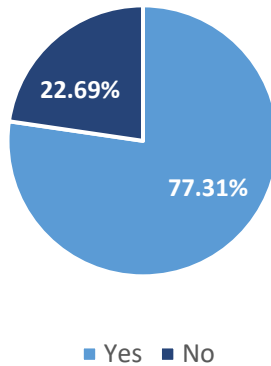
Would you support a small, dedicated millage levied specifically for maintenance and improvements to the Township's recreational assets, including parks and trails?



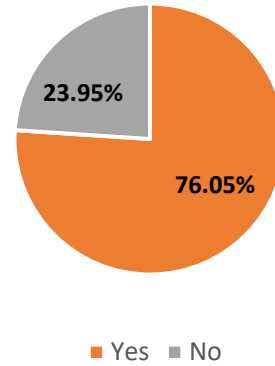
Land Acquisitions

Most respondents agree that the Township should continue land acquisitions to provide access to the Grand Traverse Bay (77.31%), and to provide access to more lands for parks (76.05%).

Acme Township should continue additional land acquisitions to provide greater access to Grand Traverse Bay?



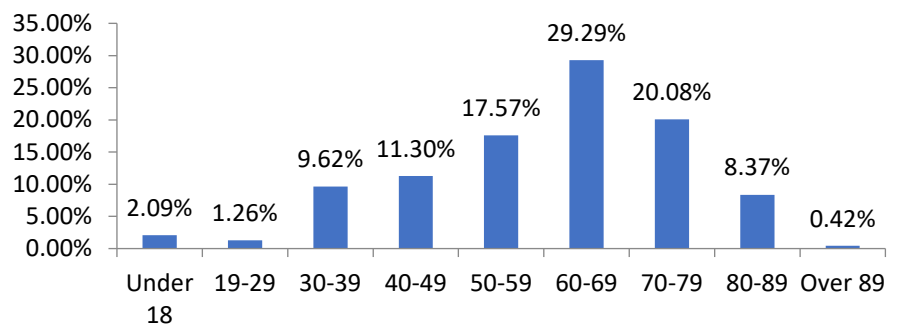
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Demographics

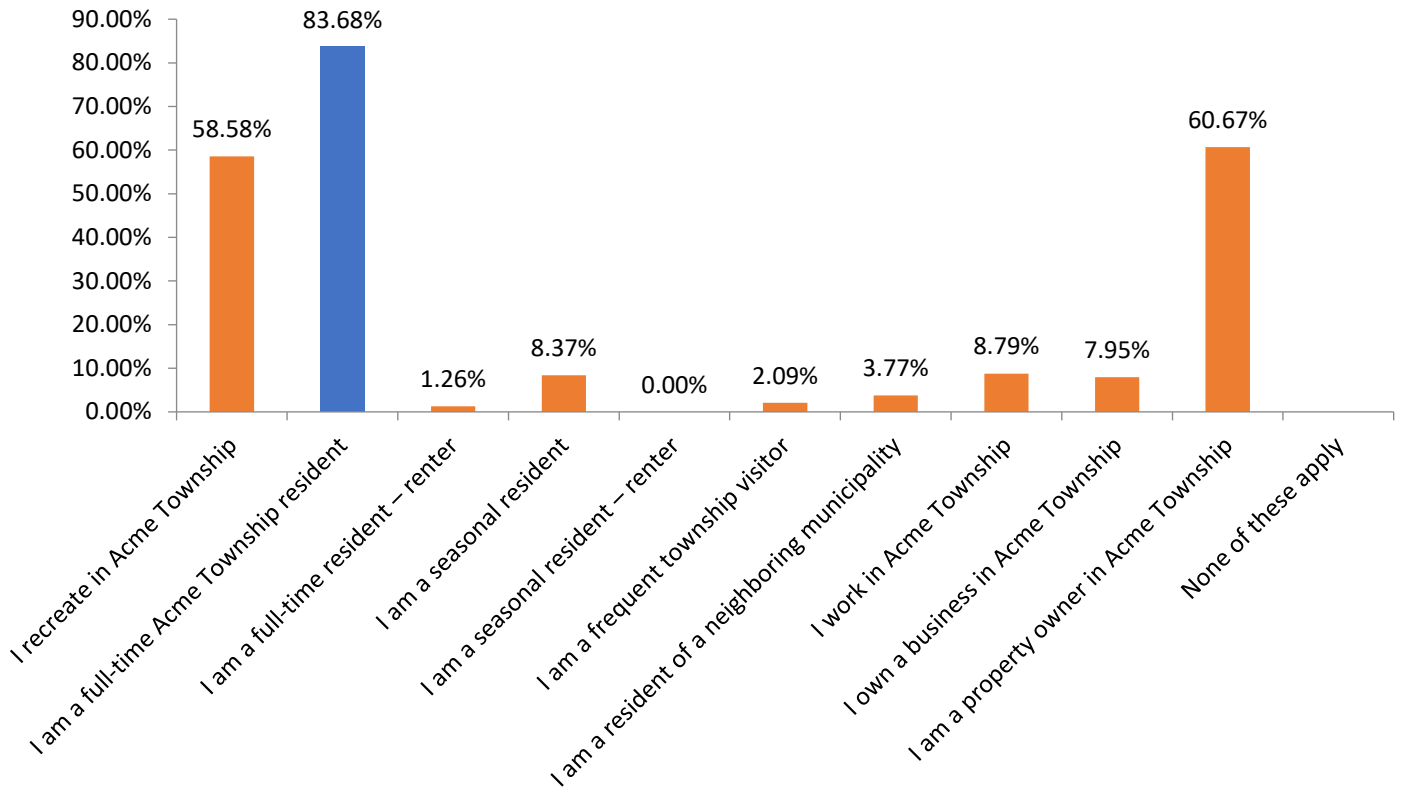
Most respondents were in the 60-69 age group (29.29%). The smallest percentage of respondents included the 19-29 age group (1.26%) and those over 89 age group (0.42%).

Which category below includes your age?



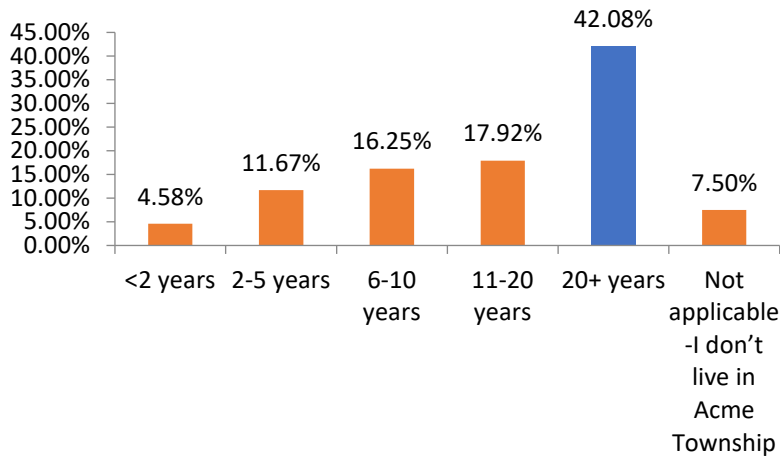
Most respondents are full-time residents of Acme Township (83.68%), followed by property owners in the Township (60.67%).

Please describe your relationship with Acme Township (select all that apply):

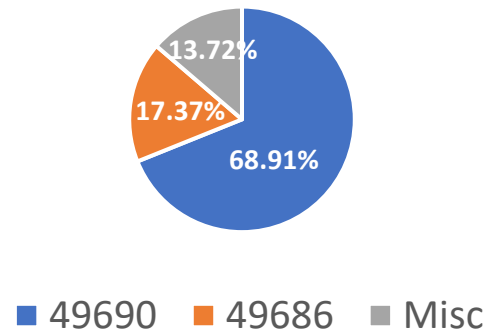


Most respondents have been long-time Township residents of 20+ years, with a zip code of 49690 (68.91%)

How long have you lived in Acme Township?



In what zipcode is your primary (homesteaded) place of residence?



Public Comment Period and Public Hearing

A public notice of the completed draft plan was published in the Traverse City Record Eagle on September 10, 2023. Acme Township opened the required 30-day public comment period from September 10 – October 10, 2023. The draft plan was available on the homepage of the Acme Township website. A hard copy of the plan was available at the Township Hall.

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PUBLIC NOTICE ACME TOWNSHIP	
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Acme Township Parks and Trails Committee is currently working on the proposed 2024-2029 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Acme Township has opened the required 30-day public comment period on the proposed plan. The comment period will be open September 12 - October 12, 2023.	
The draft plan is available for review and download on the homepage of the Township's website: www.acmetownship.org or may be viewed at the Township Hall, 6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg, MI 49690. Written comments may be directed to Lindsey Wolf, Planning & Zoning Administrator, zoning@acmetownship.org .	
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A public hearing was notice was published in the Traverse City Record Eagle on October 29, 2023. A public hearing was at the Acme Township Hall on November 14, 2023, at 7 p.m. A resolution was passed by the Township Board following the public hearing at the same meeting.

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PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ACME TOWNSHIP	
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the ACME TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES will hold a public hearing at its regular meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Acme Township Hall, 6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg, MI 49690 to consider the following: Review and comment on the proposed 2024-2029 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.	
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All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard at the public hearings before the Township Board. After the public hearing the Township Board may or may not consider adoption of the plan at this meeting. If you are planning to attend and require any special assistance, please notify Lisa Swanson, Township Clerk, within 24 hours of the meeting at 938-1350.	
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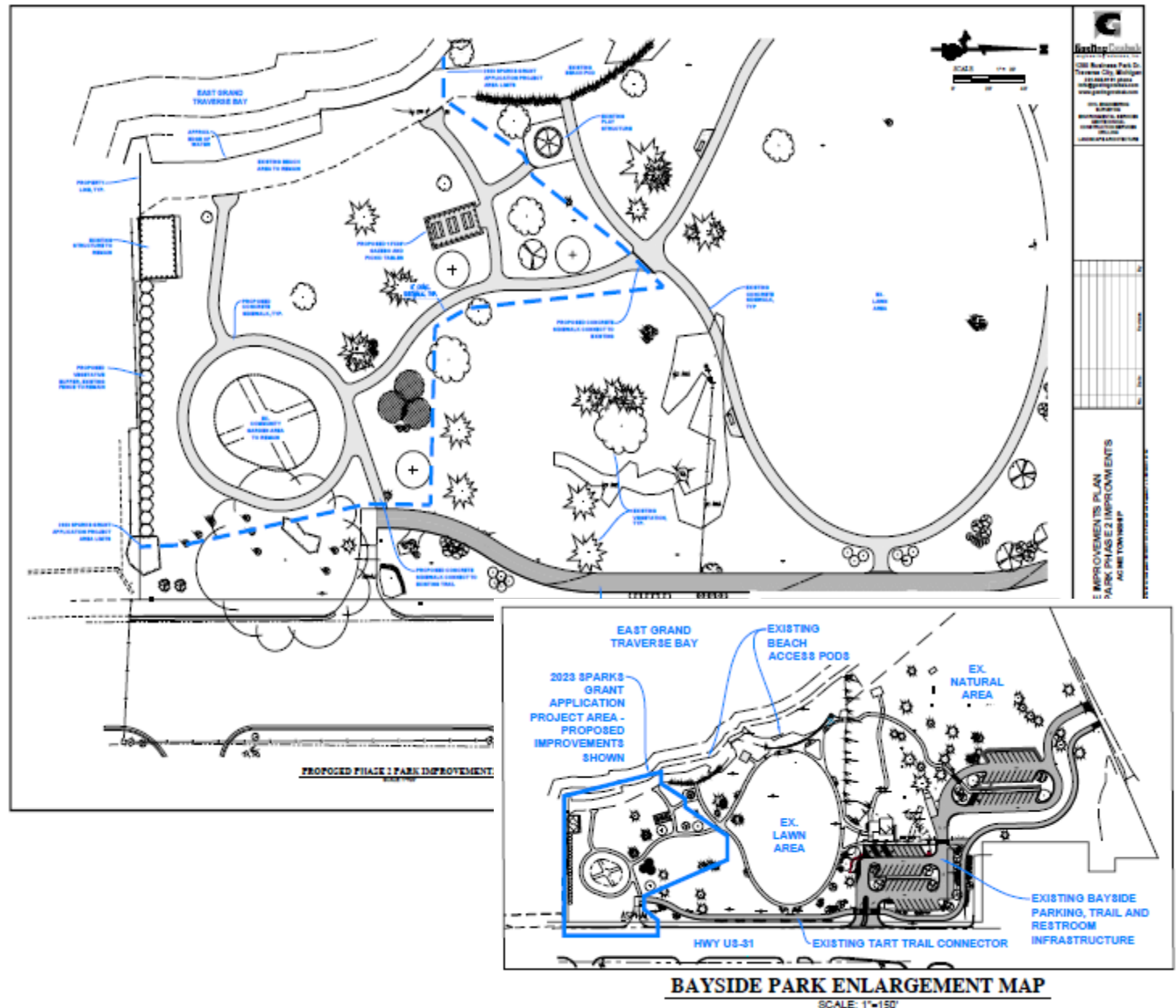
CONCURRENT PLANNING EFFORTS

Bayside Park -South Improvements Phases II and III

The concept plan for phases II and III at Bayside Park includes a gazebo that would allow for multiple groups to gather simultaneously, while being able to enjoy the shoreline in a protected, shaded area.

The southern most portion of the park lacks a cohesive, accessible circulation system and design connectivity to the existing amenities located here. The amenities on the southernmost portion include a large, beautifully maintained parterre garden; over 400' of naturalized shoreline; small pavilion; and mature trees.

Future improvements could include additional playground equipment.



Nakwema Trailway – Traverse City to Charlevoix Trail

The Nakwema Trailway will traverse through Traverse City, Acme, Elk Rapids, Eastport, Norwood, and Charlevoix. TART Trails and Top of Michigan Trails Council, together with Networks Northwest and in cooperation with local and state governments, are collaborating to close the 45+ mile gap between the Little Traverse Wheelway in Charlevoix and the TART Trails' networks in Acme. By closing this gap, the landmark trail will create a continuous 415+ mile trail network, including the statewide Iron Belle Trail, helping Michigan lead the nation as "The Trails State."

A year-round destination for outdoor recreation and transportation, the Nakwema Trailway will be accessible by individuals of all ages and abilities for work and play. The trail will connect over 25 protected natural areas, granting unmatched access to the region's iconic shoreline. The Trailway will offer a safe, non-motorized option to move through communities and explore the beauty of northwest Lower Michigan. Community benefits and trail user experience will drive the design of the trail. Trail development will ensure the goals of elevating our region's rich cultural and natural resources and providing important access in harmony with the natural environment.



Nakwema Trailway – Deepwater Connector

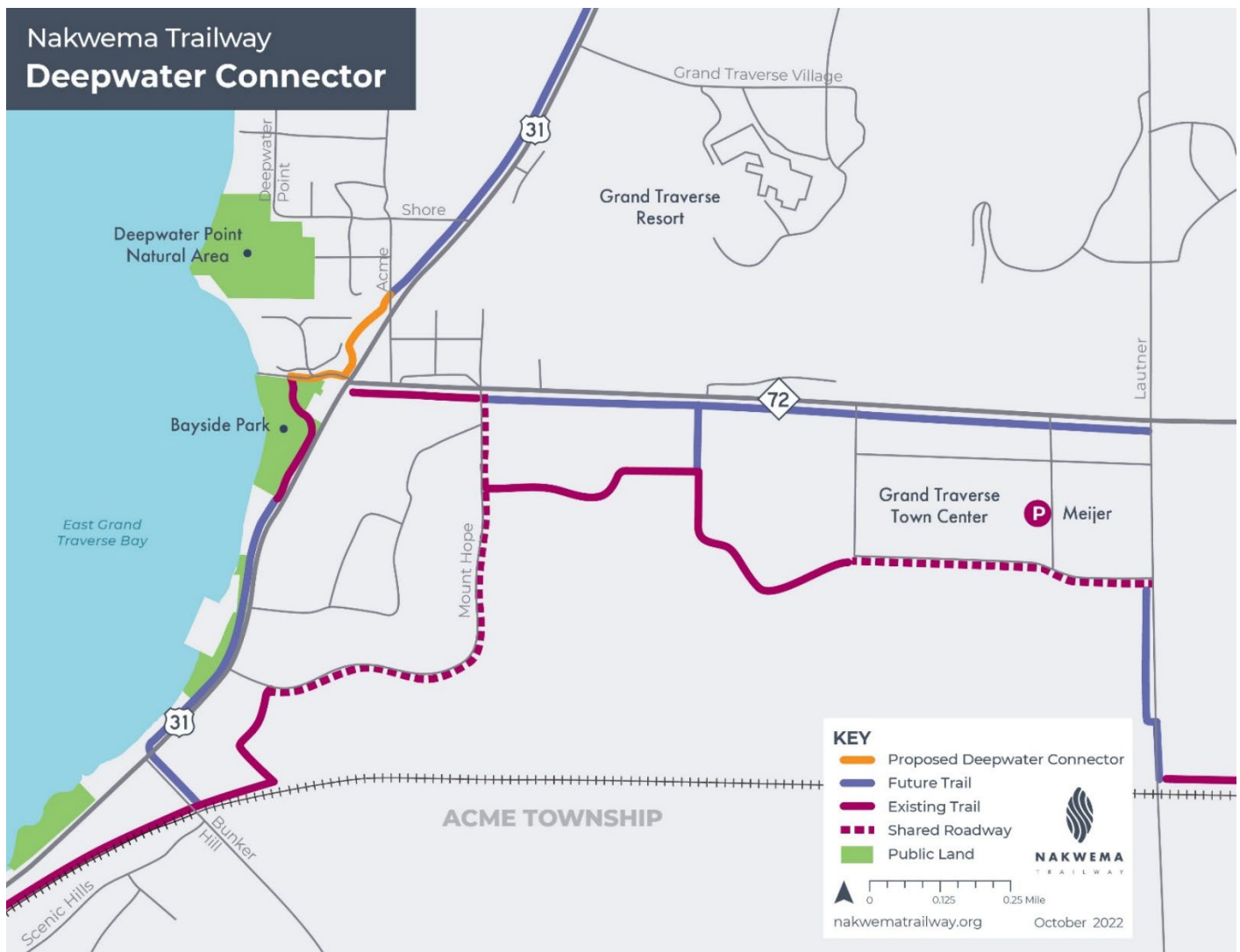
Trail planners at TART are working with Acme Township and partners on this essential connection between Bayside Park, the recently completed Acme Connector, and Acme Road. This section of trail will begin at the southernmost Nakwema trailhead at Bayside Park, follow a scenic stretch of Acme Creek, and provide non-motorized access to the Deepwater Point Natural Area via shared roadway. In addition, the Deepwater Connector will create a connection for a densely populated area to our regional trail network. Schematic design was completed in 2022. TART is working to advance engineering to get the project shovel ready in 2023. If project fundraising goals are met, TART anticipates trail construction in 2024.

Status

Schematic Design: Complete

Engineering: Underway

Anticipated Construction: 2024



[VASA Trailhead](#)

The VASA trailhead on Bartlett Road is located within Acme Township boundaries. Plan project improvements include increasing the parking lot capacity, improving landscaping, and upgrades to the existing warming hut that include greater accessibility.

[United States Bicycle Route 35](#)

US Bicycle Route 35 is part of the US Bicycle Route system, first established in 1982 and revived in 2003. USBR 35 connects Sault Ste Marie to New Buffalo along a 501-mile route, portions of which are on non-motorized trails. In Acme Township, it travels north along Five Mile Road, takes a detour down Bunker Hill Road, and connects back up to Lautner Road before turning north onto Bates Road, followed by a quick left to travel east on Hawley Road, and then north to US-31 along Bates Road.

[Maple Bay Park and Natural Area](#)

Maple Bay Park and Natural Area has a tremendously diverse landscape with significant natural and scenic resources including: 2,583 feet of Great Lakes shoreline, sand dunes, wetlands, and farmland. There are no remaining undeveloped private parcels of land in the Grand Traverse region with its characteristics and size. The park provides a habitat for a number of rare and endangered bird and plant species. From the pristine shoreline on the west, the property extends one mile east to the Petobego Marsh and State Game Area. A development plan for this park is critical to maintain wildlife habitats, provide hunting and fishing opportunities, and to protect the integrity of the regionally important coastal wetlands. The same is true for the nearby Petobego watershed.

Maple Bay Park is open year-round to the public for recreational activities including swimming, kayaking, parasailing, kite boarding, bird watching, paddle boarding, canoeing, hiking, hunting, observing wildlife, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing in winter, and nature education.

Grand Traverse Parks and Recreation's primary goals are to: preserve the natural features of the property, provide public access to Grand Traverse Bay, maintain and enhance the value of the property for the wildlife of the Petobego watershed corridor, use the property as a source for environmental education, and provide additional opportunities for hunting.

[Acme Shoreline Placemaking Plan](#)

In the fall of 2012, Acme Township began a Placemaking Plan to develop strategies for future development. The Placemaking Plan started out as a citizen-driven strategy for the existing and newly acquired shoreline park properties and shoreline corridor along US-31. The community anticipated forging beneficial connections between local businesses and the emerging new public space, therein providing mutual economic, functional and aesthetic benefits. Early in the planning process, it was evident that the shoreline corridor was and will be greatly influenced by traffic and development plans outside of the immediate area. As such, the planning study geographic boundary was expanded to include the M-72 corridor east to Lautner Road and south on US-31 to the Township Boundary.



V. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

OVERVIEW

The goals and objectives for Acme Township are derived from the inventory of existing recreation facilities, public input, and community demographics, and they serve as a guide for future planning decisions.

GOAL 1: ENHANCE COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY

Vision: Connect community assets through non-motorized transportation routes.

Objectives:

- Improve pedestrian circulation and safety throughout the Township.
- Incorporate cohesive circulation systems.
- Designate local non-motorized spurs that connect existing parks, various community points of interest, and residential/commercial areas to the designated regional routes (US Bike Route 35 and the TART Trail), as well as to intra-township trails to be identified in the action plan.
- Create opportunities for everyone to participate in active living and healthy lifestyles through year-round outdoor recreation and active transportation, while providing access to the Grand Traverse Bay.
- Engage neighboring local units of government, MDOT, TART, and land owners to connect Acme Township to the expanding network of regional trails.
- Engage private developers to extend/enhance the network of trails within the community by providing linkages through their developments.

Support from Public Input:

- Per survey results, under the Acme Township owned and operated recreational areas/facilities, the Acme Connector Trail is most frequently used. Just over 18% of survey respondents use the trail at least once per week; and 17% use it a few times a month.

- 91.60% of survey respondents reported walking/jogging as the activity they enjoy doing in Acme Township. Other noteworthy items respondents reported include hiking (67.23%) and bicycling (64.71%).
- 53.47% of respondents indicated that walking/nature trails were a top priority for planning and development (1st on the list of priorities). 50% indicated that non-motorized trails were a priority (2nd on the list of priorities).

GOAL 2: ACCESS TO GRAND TRAVERSE BAY

Vision: Increase access to Grand Traverse Bay for people of all abilities.

Objectives:

- Improve ADA accessibility to the water along the Acme Township shoreline.
- Promote the Lake Michigan Water Trail Northwest – East Grand Traverse Bay Trail.
- Provide at least two accessible canoe/kayak launches along the blueway.
- Continue to maintain and improve boat launches.
- Continue selective property acquisition as shoreline properties become available.

Support from Public Input:

- 70.17% of survey respondents reported swimming as the activity they enjoy doing in Acme Township. Other noteworthy items respondents reported include canoe/kayak/paddle boarding (50%), boating (42.86%), and fishing (26.89%).
- 47.67% of respondents reported that swimming beaches were a top priority for planning and development. 31.35% indicated that boat launches were a priority (4th on the list of priorities). 27.23% reported canoe/kayak launches (6th on the list of priorities).
- 77.31% of respondents reported the Township should continue additional land acquisitions to provide greater access to the Grand Traverse Bay.

GOAL 3: PROVIDE A VARIETY OF AMENITIES

Vision: Offer park users a meaningful experience that promotes healthy lifestyles.

Objectives:

- Incorporate cohesive circulation systems.
- Explore opportunities to include the addition of playground equipment for children of all ages and abilities.
- Explore opportunities for additional amenities such as ball courts, performance theaters, gardens, and art installations.

Support from Public Input:

- 91.60% of survey respondents reported walking/jogging as the activity they enjoy doing in Acme Township.
- 53.47% of respondents indicated that walking/nature trails were a top priority for planning and development (1st on the list of priorities). 50% indicated that non-motorized trails were a priority (2nd on the list of priorities).
- 28.49% of respondents indicated that playground equipment is a top priority for planning and development (5th on the list of priorities). Pickle ball courts were 8th on the list (23.98%), followed by community gardens (20.65%), and dog parks (20.43%).
- 25.55% of respondents reported that they visit parks outside of Acme Township because of the variety of amenities.

GOAL 4: PROVIDE FOR PARKS AND RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

Vision: Explore future opportunities to expand park and recreation facilities and programs.

Objectives:

- Identify areas where Acme Township can establish new, or expand existing, parks and recreation facilities, programs, partnerships and services.
- Continue selective property acquisition as shoreline properties become available.
- Continue selective property acquisition to provide access to more land for parks.
- Explore opportunities for indoor and outdoor recreational space.

Support from Public Input:

- 77.31% of survey respondents reported the Township should continue additional land acquisitions to provide greater access to the Grand Traverse Bay.
- 76.05% of respondents reported that Acme Township should continue additional land acquisitions to provide access to more land for parks.
- 22.33% of respondents provided additional comments focused on improving and acquiring additional indoor and outdoor recreational spaces.

GOAL 5: MAINTENANCE AND FUNDING

Vision: Provide a maintenance plan and funding sources for the Acme Township Park System.

Objectives:

- Create and implement an annual maintenance plan for the entire park and trail system.
- Establish a campaign for a dedicated Parks millage for future funding.
- Implement a rental and reservation system to create sustainable revenue.

- Establish procedures for invasive species management and education.
- Maintain or improve water quality through stormwater runoff mitigation.

Support from Public Input:

- 77.35% of survey respondents reported they would support a small, dedicated millage levied specifically for maintenance and improvements to the Township's recreational assets, including parks and trails.
- 33.06% of respondents indicated that upkeep and maintenance and grounds could be improved at Bayside. 30.84% indicated that maintenance and grounds could be improved at Sayler, Yuba Creek (30.38%), Bunker Hill (28.24%), and Deepwater Point Natural Area (20.22%).



VI. ACTION PLAN

Acme Township has developed a set of action items to be considered for implementation over the next five years. Input from the public survey and public comment have established these goals and objectives with an achievable action plan. In the next five years, there are concrete steps that Acme Township can take to work toward the goals of enhancing community connectivity, accessing the Grand Traverse Bay, providing a variety of amenities, providing for parks and recreation opportunities, and maintaining and funding parks. The action items have also been prioritized as items to be addressed in the next 1-2 (short term), 3-5 (long term) years, or as ongoing tasks.

The highest priority is the completion of local non-motorized connections to enhance community connectivity. This item will require continued coordination with TART Trails, VASA Pathway, the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy, land owners and other agencies along the US-31 corridor route.

Another priority is to keep implementing access to the Grand Traverse Bay for people of all abilities. The Township will need to maintain and improve upon the current boat launches. Designated shore access zones, located in township parks or road-end boat launches, give paddlers a range of access points to the blueway. Two additional accessible canoe/kayak launches would allow access to the water for paddlers of all abilities.

Providing a variety of amenities will offer park users a meaningful experience that promotes healthy lifestyles. This will promote increased park usership for people of all ages and abilities. Residents won't have to travel outside of the Township when their favorite amenities are located close to home.

Identifying areas where Acme Township can establish new, or expand existing, parks and recreation facilities, programs, partnerships and services will provide for more parks and recreation opportunities. Acme Township will acquire new properties as they become available if the opportunities align with the goals and objectives the Township has put in place. Acquiring trail easements are planned upon availability if the option arises and the connectivity is part of an integral part of the overall scope of Township priorities, and it is supported by respondents.

It should be noted that with additional park amenities come additional maintenance costs. These costs will need to be factored into the future general fund. Acme Township will create and implement an annual maintenance plan that will create policies and procedures to complete preventative maintenance on a regular basis. Developing a millage campaign that will directly support maintenance and improvements to the Township's recreational assets, including parks and trails, was supported by a majority of survey respondents.

Enhance Community Connectivity

Action Item	Parks & Trails Committee	Township Board	Township Staff	Community Partners	Short-term, Long-term, or Ongoing
Incorporate a cohesive circulation at Bayside Park	X	X			Long-term
Engage developers to extend/enhance trails within their developments			X	X	Ongoing
Coordinate with TART and MDOT on the Nakwema Trailway	X	X	X	X	Ongoing
Acquire necessary trail easements as they become available		X			Ongoing

Access to Grand Traverse Bay

Action Item	Parks & Trails Committee	Township Board	Township Staff	Community Partners	Short-term, Long-term, or Ongoing
Construct ADA Kayak/Canoe Launch with parking based on the design funded through the Coastal Zone Management Program	X	X			Long-term
Continue selective property acquisition as shoreline properties become available.		X		X	Ongoing
Repair sidewalk at Bayside Park for Mobi-Mat placement			X		Short-term

Provide a Variety of Amenities

Action Item	Parks & Trails Committee	Township Board	Township Staff	Community Partners	Short-term, Long-term, or Ongoing
Installation of a modern playground area at Bayside Park	X	X			Ongoing
Develop a new pavilion/gazebo structure at Bayside Park	X	X	X		Long-term

Provide for Parks and Recreation Opportunities

Action Item	Parks & Trails Committee	Township Board	Township Staff	Community Partners	Short-term, Long-term, or Ongoing
Identify areas where the Township can establish new or expand existing parks and facilities	X	X	X	X	Ongoing
Continue selective property acquisition as shoreline properties become available.	X	X	X	X	Ongoing
Acquire property for an inland park.	X	X	X	X	Ongoing

Maintenance and Funding

Action Item	Parks & Trails Committee	Township Board	Township Staff	Community Partners	Short-term, Long-term, or Ongoing
Explore a dedicated funding source for parks and recreation equipment and programming			X		Ongoing
Repair wooden signage at Bayside and Saylor Park		X	X		Short-term
Replace roof on bathhouse at Bayside Park		X	X		Short-term
Replace cracked sidewalk at Bayside Park			X		Short-term
Replacement of benches at Yuba Creek Natural Area			X		Short-term
Replacement of cedar tree buffer at Bayside Park		X	X		Short-term
Install wayfinding signage at Deepwater Point Natural Area			X	X	Short-term

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Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Grants Management

PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

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

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

GRANTEE: Acme TownshipPROJECT NUMBER: TF96-110PROJECT TYPE: Land AcquisitionPROJECT TITLE: Deepwater Point Natural AreaPROJECT SCOPE: Acquire 14 acres of undeveloped, forested shoreline (1075.46 lf)**TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)**

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
Acme Township	Lindsey Wolf	Planning & Zoning Admin
Address	Telephone	
6042 Acme Road	231-938-1350	
City, State, ZIP	Email	
Williamsburg, MI 49690	zoning@acmetownship.org	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
If yes, please describe change(s).

☐ Yes ☒ No

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please
describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation
buildings.)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No**SITE QUALITY**

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

One incident has occurred in the history of the site. The offending party was caught and
paint was removed.

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. ☒ Yes ☐ No
Site is monitored by the Grand Traverse County Land Conservancy annually. Parks and
maintenance performs inspections for trash/debris/removes fallen limbs from pathways.

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?

Continuously open

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

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

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

Doug White, Acme Township Supervisor

Please print


Grantee Authorized Signature

8/23/2023

Date

Lindsey Wolf

Please print


Witness Signature

8/23/2023

Date

Send completed report to: **POST COMPLETION GRANT INSPECTION REPORTS
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GRANTEE: Acme TownshipPROJECT NUMBER: TF00-162PROJECT TYPE: Land AcquisitionPROJECT TITLE: Yuba Creek Natural AreaPROJECT SCOPE: Acquisition of over one mile of frontage on Yuba Creek**TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)**

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SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
If yes, please describe change(s).

☐ Yes ☒ No

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No**SITE QUALITY**

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. ☒ Yes ☐ No
Regular mowing of pathways and parking lot. Invasive species management annually in
cooperation with thte Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy.

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
Bicycles and motorized vehicles are prohibited by management plan.

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?
Continuously open

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

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GRANTEE: Acme TownshipPROJECT NUMBER: TF08-095PROJECT TYPE: Land AcquisitionPROJECT TITLE: Acme Waterfront Park Acquisition - Phase 1PROJECT SCOPE: Acquisition of 540' of shoreline properties**TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)**

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SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?

If yes, please describe change(s).

☒ Yes ☐ No

Beach walls, sidewalks, benches, flower gardens, irrigation, ADA accessible beach mats,
playground equipment, parking lot, trailhead (all part of MDNR Trust Fund Grant (TF16-
0061))

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

One former building on the site still exists. It is currently being used for equipment
storage.

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

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. ☒ Yes ☐ No
Mowing, irrigation, beach grooming, landscape management, sidewalk sweeping, winter snow removal from main entry parking lot.

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?

Open 30 minutes before sunrise - 30 minutes after sunset. No gates for enforcement.

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

Located next to the existing Bayside Park, this acquisition became an extension of that facility. The MDNR Trust Fund Development Grant (TF16-0061) encompassed the whole property. Although the park does not have a gate to control entry outside of operation hours there is a locking mechanism on the restrooms to restrict entry at night.

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GRANTEE: Acme TownshipPROJECT NUMBER: TF09-171PROJECT TYPE: Land AcquisitionPROJECT TITLE: Acme Waterfront Park Acquisition - Phase IIPROJECT SCOPE: Acquisition of 900' of shoreline properties**TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)**

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SITE DEVELOPMENT

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If yes, please describe change(s).

☐ Yes ☒ No

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No**SITE QUALITY**

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

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

☒ Yes ☐ NoRegular mowing of property**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?

Open 30 minutes before sunrise - 30 minutes after sunset. No gates for enforcement.**COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)**

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GRANTEE: Acme TownshipPROJECT NUMBER: TF11-082PROJECT TYPE: Land AcquisitionPROJECT TITLE: Acme Waterfront Park - Phase IIIPROJECT SCOPE: Acquisition of 337' feet of frontage on East Grand Traverse Bay**TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)**

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SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

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

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

SITE QUALITY

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

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

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

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

☒ Yes ☐ NoGrass is mowed, gravel is added as needed, trees are trimmed as needed.**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/AIs 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?

Open 30 minutes before sunrise - 30 minutes after sunset. No gates for enforcement.**COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)**

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GRANTEE: Acme TownshipPROJECT NUMBER: TF16-0061PROJECT TYPE: Site DevelopmentPROJECT TITLE: Bayside Park DevelopmentPROJECT SCOPE: Universally accessible walkways, playground, parking, trailhead**TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)**

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SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

Beach walls, sidewalks, benches, flower gardens, irrigation, ADA accessible beach mats, play
ground equipment, parking lot, trailhead (in conjunction with MDNR Grant TF08-95)

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

One former building on site still exists. It is currently being used for equipment
storage

SITE QUALITY

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

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

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. ☒ Yes ☐ No
Mowing, irrigation, beach grooming, landscape management, sidewalk sweeping, winter snow removal from main entry parking lot.

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?

Open 30 minutes before sunrise - 30 minutes after sunsets. No gates for enforcement.

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

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GRANTEE: Acme TownshipPROJECT NUMBER: TF19-0086PROJECT TYPE: Trail DevelopmentPROJECT TITLE: Traverse City-Charlevoix Trail: Bunker Hill to M72 SegmentPROJECT SCOPE: 1.8 mile connector trail for access to businesses and recreation**To Be Completed By Local Government Agency (GRANTEE)**

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SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?

If yes, please describe change(s).

☒ Yes ☐ NoInstallation of trails, benches, trash receptacles, and two boardwalks.

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**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

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. ☒ Yes ☐ No
Regular trash and recycling removal. Trail to be cleared of snow in winter.

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
Not for use of motorized vehicles - with the exception of electric bicycles.

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?

Continuously open

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

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Park Usage:

- How often do you use the following recreational areas/facilities in Acme Township?

	At least once a week	A few times a month	Once a month	Several times a year	Once per year	Never- but have heard of this facility	Never - have not heard of this facility
Acme Owned/Operated							
Bayside Park							
Bunker Hill Road Boat Access							
Deepwater Point Natural Area							
Sayler Park/Sayler Park Boat Launch							
Acme Connector/TART Trail							
Yuba Creek Natural Area							
Grand Traverse County Owned/Operated							
Maple Bay County Farm Park							
VASA Pathway/Bartlett Park							
Dock Road Water Access							
Shores Beach Lane Water Access							
State of Michigan Owned/Operated							
Petobego State Game Area							
MDOT Gilroy Roadside Park							
Pere Marquette State Forest							
Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy Owned/Operated							
Wintergreen Woods Conservancy							
East Bay Lot							
Maple Bay Farm							
Privately Owned/Operated Facilities							
Everflowing Water Campground							
Grand Traverse Resort							
New Hope Community Church							
East Bay Harbor Marina							
Flintfields Horse Park							

2. Please describe the activities you do at the following recreational areas/facilities.

	Walking , hiking, jogging	Biking	Boating, Canoeing, Kayaking, Kite Surfing, Paddle Boarding	Fishing	Use of playground/ outdoor sporting equipment	Swimming	Hunting	Bird Watching	Picnic/ BBQ	Ski, Snow- shoe	None of these
Acme Connector/ TART Trail											
Bayside Park											
Bunker Hill Boat Access											
Deepwater Point Natural Area											
Dock Road Water Access											
Grand Traverse Resort											
Maple Bay County Farm Park											
MDOT Gilroy Roadside Park											
New Hope Church											
VASA Pathway/ Bartlett Park											
MDOT Gilroy Roadside Park											
Pere Marquette State Forest											
Petobego State Game Area											
Sayler Park											
Wintergreen Woods Conservancy											
Yuba Creek Natural Area											

Other activities (please specify):

3. Please select all recreational activities you enjoy doing in Acme Township.

Walking/jogging	Camping
Hiking	Golfing
Bicycling	Picnic/BBQ
Boating	Cross County Skiing
Bird Watching	Snowshoeing
Canoe/ Kayak/Paddleboard	Snowmobiling
Paddle boarding	Horse Back Riding
Swimming	ORV/ATV Recreation
Fishing	Other – please specify

4. Please rate the availability of recreation facilities and activities within the Township for the following age groups.

	Right amount	Not enough	Too many	No opinion
Under 5 years				
Elementary (5-12 years)				
Teen (13-18 years)				
Young Adult (19-29 years)				
Adult (30-64 years)				
Senior (65+ years)				

5. Please describe the methods of transportation you use to get to the following parks owned and maintained by Acme Township:

	Car	Public Transportation	Bicycle (trail)	Bicycle (road)	Walking or jogging (trail)	Walking or jogging (road)	Watercraft (non-motorized)	Watercraft (motorized)
Bayside Park								
Deepwater Point Natural Area								
Sayler Park								
Yuba Creek Natural Area								

6. Which park do you visit most frequently? (Please include parks not in Acme Township, if those are visited most frequently)
7. If the park you visit most frequently is outside of Acme Township, why do you prefer this park?
8. Please indicate which of the following recreation facilities and activities Acme Township should plan for and develop. Please rate each category individually 1-5 (1 being your top choice).

	1	2	3	4	5	No Opinion
Art - installations/Art Fairs						
Ball fields						
Basketball Courts						
Canoe/Kayak Launches						
Community gardens						
Dog Park						
Frisbee Golf						
Indoor recreation facilities						
Non-motorized trails (i.e. TART trails)						
Outdoor movies-in-the-park						
Outdoor performance theaters/cultural events						
Pickle ball courts						
Playground Equipment						
Public boat launches						
Skateboard park						
Snowshoeing & Ski Trails						
Swimming beach						
Tennis Court						
Volleyball courts						
Walking/Nature trails						
Winter skating rink						

Other activities (please specify):

9. Please indicate what could be improved within the following facilities owned and maintained by Acme Township.

	Safety	Lighting	Signage	Accessibility	Parking	Access from a variety of transportation modes	Aesthetics of natural surroundings	Upkeep and maintenance of grounds	Upkeep and maintenance of equipment
Bayside Park									
Bunker Hill Boat Access									
Sayler Park/ Boat Launch									
Deepwater Point Natural Area									
Yuba Creek Natural Area									

10. Would you support a small, dedicated millage levied specifically for maintenance and improvements to the Township's recreational assets, including parks and trails?
Yes or No
11. Acme Township should continue additional land acquisitions to provide greater access to Grand Traverse Bay?
Yes or No
12. Acme Township should continue additional land acquisitions to provide access to more land for parks?
Yes or No

Demographics:

13. Please describe your relationship with Acme Township (select all that apply):

I recreate in Acme Township
 I am a full-time Acme Township resident
 I am a full-time resident – renter
 I am a seasonal resident
 I am a seasonal resident – renter
 I am a frequent township visitor

I am a resident of a neighboring municipality
 I work in Acme Township
 I own a business in Acme Township
 I am a property owner in Acme Township
 None of these apply

14. Which category below includes your age?

Under 18	60-69
19-29 years	70-79
30-39	80-89
40-49	Over 89 years
50-59	

15. How many members of your household are under the age of 18?

1
2-3
3+
None

16. How many members of your household are over the age of 65?

1
2-3
3+
None

17. In what ZIP code is your primary (homesteaded) place of residence?

18. How long have you lived in Acme Township?

<2 years
2-5 years
6-10 years
11-20 years
20 + years
Not applicable -I don't live in Acme Township

19. Feel free to share any additional comments regarding recreational opportunities within Acme Township.

* If you are interested in receiving future updates about the township via email, please leave your email address (your email will not be shared with any outside parties):

PUBLIC SURVEY RESULTS

Q1 How often do you use the following recreational areas/facilities in Acme Township? (Acme Owned/Operated)

Answered: 247 Skipped: 0

	AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK	A FEW TIMES A MONTH	ONCE A MONTH	SEVERAL TIMES A YEAR	ONCE PER YEAR	NEVER- BUT HAVE HEARD OF THIS FACILITY	NEVER - HAVE NOT HEARD OF THIS FACILITY	TOTAL
Bayside Park	10.29% 25	17.28% 42	7.00% 17	30.45% 74	19.75% 48	13.99% 34	1.23% 3	243
Bunker Hill Road Boat Access	1.66% 4	2.90% 7	2.90% 7	12.03% 29	12.86% 31	63.07% 152	4.56% 11	241
Deepwater Point Natural Area	5.81% 14	5.81% 14	4.15% 10	17.01% 41	24.90% 60	26.97% 65	15.35% 37	241
Sayler Park/Sayler Park Boat Launch	7.76% 19	11.84% 29	3.67% 9	26.12% 64	17.55% 43	25.71% 63	7.35% 18	245
Acme Connector/TART Trail	18.11% 44	17.28% 42	9.05% 22	23.05% 56	8.23% 20	23.46% 57	0.82% 2	243
Yuba Creek Natural Area	3.29% 8	5.35% 13	8.64% 21	18.52% 45	23.05% 56	26.75% 65	14.40% 35	243

Q2 How often do you use the following recreational areas/facilities in Acme Township? (Grand Traverse County Owned/Operated)

Answered: 246 Skipped: 1

	AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK	A FEW TIMES A MONTH	ONCE A MONTH	SEVERAL TIMES A YEAR	ONCE PER YEAR	NEVER- BUT HAVE HEARD OF THIS FACILITY	NEVER - HAVE NOT HEARD OF THIS FACILITY	TOTAL
Maple Bay County Farm Park	4.51% 11	11.07% 27	7.38% 18	28.28% 69	10.25% 25	18.85% 46	19.67% 48	244
VASA Pathway/Bartlett Park	15.70% 38	9.09% 22	4.96% 12	18.18% 44	13.64% 33	26.86% 65	11.57% 28	242
Dock Road Water Access	5.37% 13	4.96% 12	2.07% 5	13.22% 32	15.29% 37	38.84% 94	20.25% 49	242
Shores Beach Lane Water Access	1.65% 4	1.24% 3	2.07% 5	6.20% 15	5.79% 14	28.93% 70	54.13% 131	242

Q3 How often do you use the following recreational areas/facilities in Acme Township? (State of Michigan Owned/Operated)

Answered: 244 Skipped: 3

	AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK	A FEW TIMES A MONTH	ONCE A MONTH	SEVERAL TIMES A YEAR	ONCE PER YEAR	NEVER- BUT HAVE HEARD OF THIS FACILITY	NEVER - HAVE NOT HEARD OF THIS FACILITY	TOTAL
Petobego State Game Area	1.24% 3	6.64% 16	5.39% 13	12.86% 31	12.03% 29	26.56% 64	35.27% 85	241
MDOT Gilroy Roadside Park	1.24% 3	2.49% 6	2.07% 5	6.64% 16	10.79% 26	32.37% 78	44.40% 107	241
Pere Marquette State Forest	6.25% 15	4.17% 10	3.33% 8	12.50% 30	12.92% 31	31.25% 75	29.58% 71	240

Q4 How often do you use the following recreational areas/facilities in Acme Township? (Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy Owned/Operated)

Answered: 244 Skipped: 3

	AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK	A FEW TIMES A MONTH	ONCE A MONTH	SEVERAL TIMES A YEAR	ONCE PER YEAR	NEVER- BUT HAVE HEARD OF THIS FACILITY	NEVER - HAVE NOT HEARD OF THIS FACILITY	TOTAL
Wintergreen Woods Conservancy	2.07% 5	0.83% 2	2.07% 5	3.73% 9	5.81% 14	14.11% 34	71.37% 172	241
East Bay Lot	0.88% 2	0.88% 2	0.44% 1	5.75% 13	8.41% 19	24.34% 55	59.29% 134	226
Maple Bay Farm	2.89% 7	6.20% 15	4.55% 11	23.55% 57	11.98% 29	30.17% 73	20.66% 50	242

Q5 How often do you use the following recreational areas/facilities in Acme Township? (Privately Owned/Operated)

Answered: 244 Skipped: 3

	AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK	A FEW TIMES A MONTH	ONCE A MONTH	SEVERAL TIMES A YEAR	ONCE PER YEAR	NEVER- BUT HAVE HEARD OF THIS FACILITY	NEVER - HAVE NOT HEARD OF THIS FACILITY	TOTAL
Everflowing Water Campground	0.00% 0	0.42% 1	0.42% 1	0.42% 1	0.83% 2	41.25% 99	56.67% 136	240
Grand Traverse Resort	13.64% 33	3.72% 9	4.55% 11	27.27% 66	28.51% 69	21.49% 52	0.83% 2	242
New Hope Community Church	4.60% 11	2.09% 5	0.42% 1	5.02% 12	11.72% 28	65.69% 157	10.46% 25	239
East Bay Harbor Marina	1.24% 3	0.00% 0	1.24% 3	7.47% 18	9.96% 24	72.61% 175	7.47% 18	241
Flintfields Horse Park	0.83% 2	0.41% 1	1.24% 3	6.64% 16	24.90% 60	58.09% 140	7.88% 19	241

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Na	7/31/2023 11:58 AM
2	Pere Marquette State Forest - Snowmobiling	7/13/2023 4:25 PM
3	Leashes Dog walking and dog swimming	7/11/2023 9:56 PM
4	NHCC- disc golf	7/4/2023 1:58 PM
5	General landscape photography	6/29/2023 4:27 PM
6	Enjoying nature	6/25/2023 9:51 AM
7	hiking trail from Christ the King church to Dock Rd	6/24/2023 12:49 PM
8	Taking the dog for a hike	6/19/2023 5:16 PM
9	Perhaps I didn't know the names of some of these places.	6/17/2023 10:32 AM
10	Drive through viewing	6/16/2023 1:33 PM
11	Need for signal lights to get in and out of Acme Park	6/16/2023 9:57 AM
12	Looking for wildflowers and mushrooms.	6/16/2023 9:23 AM

Q7 Please select all recreational activities you enjoy doing in Acme Township.

Answered: 238 Skipped: 9

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walking/jogging	91.60%	218
Camping	9.66%	23
Hiking	67.23%	160
Golfing	25.21%	60
Bicycling	64.71%	154
Picnic/BBQ	56.30%	134
Boating	42.86%	102
Cross Country Skiing	29.41%	70
Bird Watching	36.55%	87
Snowshoeing	35.29%	84
Canoe/ Kayak/Paddleboard	50.00%	119
Snowmobiling	4.62%	11
Paddle boarding	20.17%	48
Horse Back Riding	3.78%	9
Swimming	70.17%	167
ORV/ATV Recreation	8.40%	20
Fishing	26.89%	64
Other (please specify)	11.34%	27

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Enjoy my township being quiet, and not being crowded by non-residents and traffic.	7/31/2023 5:22 PM
2	N/a	7/27/2023 12:09 PM
3	Pickleball	7/19/2023 4:52 PM
4	Hunting	7/17/2023 3:00 PM
5	Babyising	7/16/2023 2:24 PM
6	I do small weddings at Bayside Park	7/11/2023 10:57 PM
7	Pickleball	7/5/2023 3:49 PM
8	Beach	7/4/2023 2:07 PM
9	Disc golf , sailing, one-wheeling, skateboarding	7/4/2023 1:58 PM
10	General landscape photography	6/29/2023 4:27 PM
11	Hunting	6/29/2023 12:17 PM
12	Tennis, pickleball	6/25/2023 3:06 PM
13	The many restaurants at the GT Resort, the sidewalks where available	6/25/2023 9:51 AM
14	Watching sunsets	6/23/2023 7:36 PM
15	hunting	6/20/2023 2:17 PM
16	relaxing at the beach	6/20/2023 11:25 AM
17	Tennis courts	6/19/2023 8:06 AM
18	Sleigh rides, Hot air ballon rides, campfires with smores , would like carriage rides, cant wait to do the new railroad adapted bike like pedal cars/ , used to love the dinner trains	6/18/2023 9:21 PM
19	Pickleball	6/18/2023 11:14 AM
20	Disc golf	6/17/2023 9:24 PM
21	tennis, pickleball	6/17/2023 5:43 PM
22	rock hunting	6/17/2023 10:32 AM
23	Gardening at home in Acme Twp.	6/16/2023 9:45 PM
24	Sitting in sun/shade by the water	6/16/2023 12:24 PM
25	Beach	6/16/2023 11:48 AM
26	Need updated playground area	6/16/2023 9:57 AM
27	Seeing wildflowers like trillium, lady slippers etc. Enjoying nature: seeing fall colors, water views, snow on pines.	6/16/2023 9:23 AM

Q8 Please rate the availability of recreation facilities and activities within the Township for the following age groups.

Answered: 241 Skipped: 6

	RIGHT AMOUNT	NOT ENOUGH	TOO MANY	NO OPINION	TOTAL
Under 5 years	25.11% 56	29.60% 66	0.45% 1	44.84% 100	223
Elementary (5-12 years)	25.89% 58	34.82% 78	0.45% 1	38.84% 87	224
Teen (13-18 years)	27.15% 60	29.86% 66	1.81% 4	41.18% 91	221
Young Adult (19-29 years)	36.04% 80	27.48% 61	1.80% 4	34.68% 77	222
Adult (30-64 years)	54.63% 124	25.11% 57	1.76% 4	18.50% 42	227
Senior (65+ years)	47.66% 112	32.77% 77	1.70% 4	17.87% 42	235

Q9 Please describe the methods of transportation you use to get to the following parks owned and maintained by Acme Township:

Answered: 233 Skipped: 14

	CAR	PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	BICYCLE (TRAIL)	BICYCLE (ROAD)	WALKING OR JOGGING (TRAIL)	WALKING OR JOGGING (ROAD)	WATERCRAFT (NON- MOTORIZED)	WATERCRAFT (MOTORIZED)
Bayside Park	85.25% 185	0.00% 0	5.53% 12	2.76% 6	4.61% 10	0.00% 0	1.38% 3	0.46% 1
Deepwater Point Natural Area	81.42% 149	0.00% 0	1.09% 2	4.37% 8	3.83% 7	6.56% 12	1.64% 3	1.09% 2
Sayler Park	93.53% 188	0.00% 0	0.50% 1	1.00% 2	1.00% 2	1.99% 4	0.50% 1	1.49% 3
Yuba Creek Natural Area	92.27% 167	0.00% 0	1.10% 2	1.10% 2	2.21% 4	3.31% 6	0.00% 0	0.00% 0

Q10 Which park do you visit most frequently? (Please include parks not in Acme Township, if those are visited most frequently)

Answered: 196 Skipped: 51

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Bayside	7/31/2023 10:21 PM
2	Maple Bay, Sayler.	7/31/2023 5:22 PM
3	VASA Trail	7/31/2023 2:18 PM
4	Bayside, civic center, east bay park	7/31/2023 11:58 AM
5	Boardman Lake, VASA pathway	7/31/2023 10:08 AM
6	Yuba Many of the Conservancy properties	7/30/2023 6:04 PM
7	Sayler	7/30/2023 4:00 PM
8	Park by woodland creek; state park on east bay; civic center; Maple Bay natural area;	7/27/2023 7:12 PM
9	Sayler park Boat Launch	7/27/2023 12:09 PM
10	Bayside	7/26/2023 2:50 PM
11	Bunkerhill boat launch for kayak. VASA trailhead on supply and Bartlett for MTB and xc skiing	7/26/2023 1:46 PM
12	Pierce Stalking Drive	7/24/2023 3:45 PM
13	Sayler	7/23/2023 10:56 AM
14	Sayler park and Yuba Creek natural area	7/21/2023 2:35 PM
15	Maple bay and sayler park. Not in acme township but medalie park	7/21/2023 10:49 AM
16	Railroad Park	7/20/2023 4:41 PM
17	Traverse Bay RV Resort	7/19/2023 4:52 PM
18	Bayside and grace Macdonald park	7/18/2023 7:49 AM
19	Yuba Creek	7/17/2023 9:42 PM
20	Maple Bay	7/17/2023 8:21 PM
21	Bayside Park	7/17/2023 4:56 PM
22	Yuba Creek natural Area	7/17/2023 3:00 PM
23	VASA AND Maple Bay Area	7/14/2023 10:51 PM
24	Sayler & Maple Bay	7/14/2023 12:51 PM
25	Sayler Park	7/12/2023 3:17 PM
26	Maple Bay	7/12/2023 1:00 PM
27	Petobego, Elk Rapids, Old Mission	7/12/2023 9:07 AM
28	Maplehurst, Maple Bay, Traverse city State Park, Sayler Park, all area GTR Land Conservancy sites	7/12/2023 7:43 AM
29	Bayside Deepwater	7/11/2023 10:57 PM
30	Bunker Hill	7/11/2023 9:56 PM
31	Bayside Park	7/11/2023 7:12 PM

32	Civic Center	7/11/2023 4:44 PM
33	Maple Bay	7/10/2023 10:37 AM
34	Maple bay	7/9/2023 1:07 PM
35	Whitewater Township Park.	7/7/2023 12:34 PM
36	VASA, Bayside Park, Sayler, Maple Bay, Deepwater Point.	7/7/2023 11:50 AM
37	Saylor	7/6/2023 5:07 PM
38	Saylor	7/6/2023 4:47 PM
39	Pere Marquette Forest Northern Michigan Mountain Bike Association Winter and Summer trails.	7/5/2023 9:05 PM
40	Elk Rapids Art Park	7/5/2023 6:23 PM
41	Maple Bay Natural Area, Petobego State Game Area, Sayler Park, Maplehurst Natural Area	7/5/2023 3:49 PM
42	Civic center	7/5/2023 2:09 PM
43	Elk Rapids	7/5/2023 1:54 PM
44	Acme Bayside, Gilman (sp), State Park at three mile.	7/5/2023 12:35 PM
45	Grace MacDonald Park	7/5/2023 12:23 PM
46	Vasa trail	7/5/2023 7:21 AM
47	Bayside Park and Saylor Park	7/4/2023 2:07 PM
48	Bayside Park/sailor Park/Grace MacDonald	7/4/2023 1:58 PM
49	Sayler	7/3/2023 3:41 PM
50	Bayside Park	7/3/2023 9:57 AM
51	Vasa (live on it), otherwise Bayside and Gilroy	7/1/2023 4:07 PM
52	Traverse City State Park and Elk Rapids Beaches	6/30/2023 9:49 PM
53	Bayside Park.	6/30/2023 1:31 PM
54	Peterson Park, Northport MI	6/29/2023 7:15 PM
55	Vasa trail, bunker hill boat access, saylor park, maple bay, sleeping bear national lakeshore	6/29/2023 4:27 PM
56	Vasa-Bartlett multiple times per week	6/29/2023 3:15 PM
57	Sayler Park, Yuba Creek Natural Area, Petobego State Game Area, Maple Bay County Farm Park Rugg Pond Natural Area, Seven Bridges Nature Area, Boardman River access (various)	6/29/2023 12:17 PM
58	Bayside park	6/29/2023 6:36 AM
59	Sayler Park	6/28/2023 10:21 AM
60	Vasa Trail	6/28/2023 7:48 AM
61	Vasa Trail	6/27/2023 8:05 AM
62	Sayler park	6/26/2023 10:50 PM
63	Maple Bay	6/26/2023 4:22 PM
64	Maple Bay Beach	6/26/2023 3:50 PM
65	Bayside	6/26/2023 12:55 PM
66	Elmwood Township	6/25/2023 1:06 PM
67	Bayside park	6/25/2023 1:01 PM
68	Styler Park	6/25/2023 12:11 PM

69	Whitewater Campground and boat launch	6/25/2023 10:54 AM
70	Deepwater Point or Yuba	6/25/2023 9:51 AM
71	Yuba Creek Natural Area	6/24/2023 11:03 PM
72	Bayside Park with access to walking, picnic tables, beach, swings/benches to rest, kids area to play, restrooms, and beautiful flower gardens. Civic Center with picnic tables, great children's play area, soccer nets, baseball fields, walking/biking paths, dog friendly, skate park.	6/24/2023 8:29 PM
73	The Beach at Elk Rapids. Lots of playground equipment for children. Bayside park has one jungle gym and that's it.	6/24/2023 6:27 PM
74	Holiday Woodlands Preserve/Mt Holiday	6/24/2023 12:49 PM
75	deepwater point natural area	6/24/2023 8:14 AM
76	Traverse Cuty State Park	6/23/2023 7:36 PM
77	Petobeco	6/23/2023 7:35 PM
78	Deepwater Point Natural Area	6/23/2023 10:03 AM
79	Bayside	6/22/2023 4:16 PM
80	Yuba	6/21/2023 6:00 PM
81	Holiday Woodlands, Killingsworth Park	6/21/2023 3:59 PM
82	Bartlett/ VASA trailhead, both summer and winter.	6/21/2023 2:17 PM
83	Vasa bike park! Wonderful addition to Acme recreation.	6/21/2023 11:13 AM
84	Civic center. Grace McDonald	6/20/2023 10:04 PM
85	Ptobego	6/20/2023 10:02 PM
86	Bayside Park	6/20/2023 9:29 PM
87	Whitewater twp campground	6/20/2023 8:50 PM
88	Maple Bay Trails and Beach Sayler Park East Bay Park Veterans park in Elk Rapids Blair Township Park	6/20/2023 8:38 PM
89	VASA Bartlett	6/20/2023 3:57 PM
90	Bunker Hill/Bartlett Road	6/20/2023 3:18 PM
91	yuba creek natural area	6/20/2023 2:17 PM
92	Bayside, Deepwater, Dock Rd, East Bay Harbor, Maple Bay, Petobego	6/20/2023 1:10 PM
93	Bayside	6/20/2023 11:25 AM
94	Yuba	6/20/2023 11:23 AM
95	Bayside Park	6/20/2023 9:33 AM
96	Civic center	6/20/2023 2:23 AM
97	Grace McDonald	6/20/2023 2:12 AM
98	Elk Rapids	6/19/2023 9:25 PM
99	Boardman Lake Trail	6/19/2023 8:34 PM
100	Maple Bay, Deep Water point, Dock Road, Vasa, Saylor Park, Bayside Park	6/19/2023 7:50 PM
101	Saylor Park	6/19/2023 5:16 PM
102	Tart Trail, Sayler Park, Deep water Point, Bunker Hill Boat Launch, Jen's Park, Arbutus Lake Boat Launch	6/19/2023 4:35 PM
103	Sayler Park & Bayside Park, Maple Bay	6/19/2023 4:26 PM

104	bayside park	6/19/2023 2:28 PM
105	Kingsley Civic Center South Park.	6/19/2023 2:24 PM
106	Maple Bay - the nicest beach for us on this side of town besides heading up to ER.	6/19/2023 1:44 PM
107	Sayler Park	6/19/2023 12:02 PM
108	East Bay Park, Civic Center	6/19/2023 10:55 AM
109	Sayler, Elk Rapids Veterans Memorial Park	6/19/2023 9:48 AM
110	I live adjacent to the VASA trail system and that is a huge part of my family's lifestyle. We would be devastated if that was no longer available for year round recreation. We also enjoy Sayler Park as it is not nearly as busy as the other waterfront parks during the summer.	6/19/2023 8:28 AM
111	Bayside and Elk Rapids	6/19/2023 8:06 AM
112	VASA	6/18/2023 9:41 PM
113	Bayside Park, TC State Park	6/18/2023 9:33 PM
114	elk rapids alot.. very charming, small and quaint. very walkable with my dog and dog friendly. Love the charm of a walkable area that has it all there... parks , play ground goof food, ice cream, safety.	6/18/2023 9:21 PM
115	Maple Bay	6/18/2023 5:59 PM
116	Deep Water Point Natural Area	6/18/2023 5:22 PM
117	Boat launch with the water being low the only place to put in is Sayler park we need to improve Dock Road and Bunker Hill boat launches !!!	6/18/2023 5:14 PM
118	Senior Center	6/18/2023 4:40 PM
119	Clinch, vasa trails, sand lake quiet area, tuba, new Hope,	6/18/2023 4:18 PM
120	Vasa, Sawyer Park, Maple Bay, Maplehurst, Antrim County Recreation, Leelanaw County, Sleeping Bear Lakeshore, Sand Lakes Quiet Area, Brown Brudge, Elk Rapids Parks,	6/18/2023 1:56 PM
121	Yuba Creek Natural Area	6/18/2023 1:31 PM
122	tart trail	6/18/2023 1:26 PM
123	Batsude	6/18/2023 12:47 PM
124	Sayler, grace mcdonald, school facilities in off hours, Alden park	6/18/2023 10:27 AM
125	Bayside Park	6/18/2023 9:03 AM
126	Dock road access & Deepwater point park	6/17/2023 9:24 PM
127	State Park keith charters	6/17/2023 4:16 PM
128	Vasa Pathway, Maplehurst Natural Area, Brown Bridge	6/17/2023 2:28 PM
129	Sayler park, bayside park	6/17/2023 1:13 PM
130	Bayside Park	6/17/2023 12:37 PM
131	Maple bay	6/17/2023 11:30 AM
132	Acme Bayside Park	6/17/2023 10:34 AM
133	Bayside Park	6/17/2023 10:32 AM
134	Maple Bay	6/17/2023 9:51 AM
135	tart, vasa	6/17/2023 9:05 AM
136	Dock Road	6/17/2023 6:49 AM
137	Bayside Park.	6/16/2023 9:45 PM
138	bayside park, miliken (East bay park) Greilickville harbor park	6/16/2023 9:07 PM

139	Elk Rapids	6/16/2023 8:31 PM
140	Maple Bay, VASA, Elk Rapids beach	6/16/2023 6:27 PM
141	Bayside park	6/16/2023 5:40 PM
142	Maple run	6/16/2023 4:59 PM
143	Bayside	6/16/2023 4:13 PM
144	VASA Pathway/ Bartlett Park	6/16/2023 4:10 PM
145	Deepwater Point	6/16/2023 4:08 PM
146	Maple bay, bayside park, Bryant park, mission point (the park at OMP's lighthouse)	6/16/2023 3:39 PM
147	Saylar park	6/16/2023 3:23 PM
148	Sayler Park	6/16/2023 2:16 PM
149	Bunker Hill Launch	6/16/2023 1:33 PM
150	Christmas Cove near Northport.....Van's Beach in Leland.....Sailor Park	6/16/2023 1:25 PM
151	Bayside	6/16/2023 1:10 PM
152	Bayside	6/16/2023 1:02 PM
153	Sayler park	6/16/2023 12:30 PM
154	Bayside Park Elk Rapids Park and Beach	6/16/2023 12:24 PM
155	Deep water park, sayler, maple bay	6/16/2023 11:48 AM
156	Gens park	6/16/2023 11:42 AM
157	Maple Bay	6/16/2023 10:52 AM
158	Sleeping Bear	6/16/2023 10:35 AM
159	bayside	6/16/2023 10:12 AM
160	Acme Park	6/16/2023 9:57 AM
161	Saylor Park	6/16/2023 9:39 AM
162	Maple Bay	6/16/2023 9:36 AM
163	Maple bay park	6/16/2023 9:23 AM
164	Vasa	6/16/2023 8:18 AM
165	Bayside Park	6/16/2023 7:53 AM
166	North Country Trail from Supply Road	6/15/2023 11:29 PM
167	Senior Center in Traverse City (I consider a park etc) Would be nice to have Bertha Vos School as an Activity Center (morning-afternoons-evenings)	6/15/2023 11:21 PM
168	Civic center	6/15/2023 9:41 PM
169	Vasa trail TART Trail	6/15/2023 9:37 PM
170	Bayside, but would use Sayler Park more if there was better access to parking boat trailers and more than one boat launch.	6/15/2023 9:23 PM
171	Deepwater Point Natural Area (because i live on Deepwater Poiny	6/15/2023 9:06 PM
172	Deepwater Point Natural Area, Bayside Park, Maple Bay	6/15/2023 9:01 PM
173	East Bay Park, TC State Park, Bayside Park, TART trail	6/15/2023 8:32 PM
174	Yuba Creek and Maple Bay	6/15/2023 8:25 PM
175	Sayler	6/15/2023 8:11 PM

176	Sayler Park mostly, but frequently at Maple Bay also.	6/15/2023 7:58 PM
177	Sayler Park	6/15/2023 7:29 PM
178	Acme Bayside Park	6/15/2023 6:48 PM
179	Bayside Park	6/15/2023 6:37 PM
180	Vasa area	6/15/2023 6:08 PM
181	Dock road access every day.	6/15/2023 6:03 PM
182	Bayside	6/15/2023 5:59 PM
183	Civic Center	6/15/2023 5:04 PM
184	Bayside park	6/15/2023 3:49 PM
185	TART Trail, VASA Pathway, Maple Bay, Brown Bridge Quiet Area, Sand Lakes Quiet Area	6/15/2023 3:47 PM
186	Bunker Hill boat launch	6/15/2023 3:02 PM
187	Bayside	6/15/2023 2:43 PM
188	TC State Park	6/15/2023 2:36 PM
189	None	6/15/2023 2:08 PM
190	Dock road	6/15/2023 1:59 PM
191	Sayler Park	6/15/2023 1:59 PM
192	Bay side park	6/15/2023 1:33 PM
193	Vasa Maple bay	6/15/2023 1:07 PM
194	Tart trail	6/13/2023 7:05 PM
195	Bayside park	6/13/2023 7:04 PM
196	Veterans Memorial Park in Elk Rapids	6/9/2023 3:00 PM

Q11 If the park you visit most frequently is outside of Acme Township, why do you prefer this park?

Answered: 90 Skipped: 157

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Maple Bay - It is expansive, has amazing water views, uncrowded, not over-developed, and has a lot of variety.	7/31/2023 5:22 PM
2	Playground equipment	7/31/2023 11:58 AM
3	trail distance, views,	7/31/2023 10:08 AM
4	Many of the Conservancy properties	7/30/2023 6:04 PM
5	More play structures	7/27/2023 7:12 PM
6	Gens park. We live in Holiday Hills, so easy.	7/26/2023 1:46 PM
7	It is closer to various other venues. More restaurants for example.	7/24/2023 3:45 PM
8	We need our parks to be connected via bike paths to allow for non car transportation to be utilized.	7/21/2023 2:35 PM
9	I use this park for rowing, it connects the lake to the tart trail	7/21/2023 10:49 AM
10	Play structure, picnic area with grills	7/20/2023 4:41 PM
11	Beautiful	7/19/2023 4:52 PM
12	Grace Macdonald is quieter and has more trees for protection from the wind on poor weather days. More play equipment for ages 7 and under.	7/18/2023 7:49 AM
13	Elk Rapids Beach. location	7/17/2023 8:21 PM
14	N/A	7/17/2023 4:56 PM
15	Primarily because they are clean, also because they are accessible from the water	7/12/2023 9:07 AM
16	Extensive hiking paths or larger beach areas	7/12/2023 7:43 AM
17	Amenities in one location - ball fields, walking loop, playground equipment, swimming	7/11/2023 4:44 PM
18	Usually not over crowded	7/9/2023 1:07 PM
19	They have picnic areas, great boat launch and parking close by Elk Lake.	7/7/2023 12:34 PM
20	Unique combination of trails, water, and public art	7/5/2023 6:23 PM
21	Maplehurst has great hiking trails	7/5/2023 3:49 PM
22	I prefer this park because of the fencing and safety for myself and my children	7/5/2023 2:09 PM
23	Elk Rapids, it is always clean and maintained very well.	7/5/2023 1:54 PM
24	Better maintenance	7/5/2023 12:35 PM
25	Pickleball	7/5/2023 12:23 PM
26	Sports fields and Pickleball courts and sledding	7/4/2023 1:58 PM
27	Nicer beaches, no weeds in the water, wide sandy beach, sandy lake bottom, no gravel or big rocks. Overall better beach grooming.	6/30/2023 9:49 PM
28	Not crowded, very natural, no intrusive oversight of users	6/29/2023 7:15 PM
29	The amount of forest with no houses/buildings around, and hiking trails that are less used	6/29/2023 4:27 PM

30	Fishing	6/29/2023 12:17 PM
31	NA	6/28/2023 10:21 AM
32	beautiful park facilities, much nicer than Bayside park. Bayside should get updated bath facility & picnic pavilion. Better walking trail around the park and more benches to enjoy the view	6/25/2023 1:06 PM
33	Most convenient boat launch for chain of lakes	6/25/2023 10:54 AM
34	The size of Yuba makes it easy to not feel overcrowded. Also, I have a pool so I don't go to the bay to swim. I'd love to have the TART Trail completed.	6/25/2023 9:51 AM
35	It's hard to beat the Civic Center, if that is considered a "park." It has it all for all age groups.	6/24/2023 8:29 PM
36	A variety of playground equipment.	6/24/2023 6:27 PM
37	Two options, lots of different paths	6/24/2023 12:49 PM
38	Easy to access	6/23/2023 7:36 PM
39	Better hiking/snowshoe trails	6/21/2023 3:59 PM
40	Civic center for athletic fields and playground. Grace McDonald for sledding hill and tennis/pickleball courts	6/20/2023 10:04 PM
41	We enjoy camping	6/20/2023 8:50 PM
42	Larger playground for younger kids Spash Pad	6/20/2023 8:38 PM
43	Hiking, snow shoeing and cross country skiing	6/20/2023 3:18 PM
44	nope	6/20/2023 11:23 AM
45	Circular network pathways - brown bridge quiet area	6/20/2023 2:23 AM
46	Killdigsworth has better hiking trails	6/20/2023 2:12 AM
47	Easier ingress/egress, more picnic facilities, no heavy traffic, nice beach, walk to library/small cafes/theater	6/19/2023 9:25 PM
48	Great trails for biking, running, walking the dog	6/19/2023 8:34 PM
49	Better parking and bathrooms/porta-potty.	6/19/2023 4:35 PM
50	They have disc golfing facilities.	6/19/2023 2:24 PM
51	We love Elk Rapids because there is so much to do for kids, a beautiful beach, and easy to access.	6/19/2023 1:44 PM
52	Playground, basketball, shade, picnic tables	6/19/2023 10:55 AM
53	Better Play area/ swim area for small kids (under 5)	6/19/2023 9:48 AM
54	Tennis courts in Elk Rapids	6/19/2023 8:06 AM
55	Swimming, proximity to home	6/18/2023 9:33 PM
56	ITs charming. I came from a big sprawled out city with lots of big box stores. Its boring.. have to drive everywhere. Polluted. Great for the retailers but not for those that like nature. . There is beautiful walkable everything.. water, trees, food, everything.. they have it right	6/18/2023 9:21 PM
57	cleaner water	6/18/2023 4:40 PM
58	Can access a multitude of activities at one site: walking, biking, fishing, playground for kids, food options, swimming, etc	6/18/2023 4:18 PM
59	Good combination of forest, water, trails, picnic areas, trails	6/18/2023 1:56 PM
60	Dog Park in Traverse City to play Pickleball	6/18/2023 1:18 PM
61	Fenced in playground, away from major road and bodies of water, equipment for younger children, pickleball facilities	6/18/2023 10:27 AM

62	I prefer to visit hickory hills in traverse city due to the presence of disc golf facilities	6/17/2023 9:24 PM
63	Closer	6/17/2023 4:16 PM
64	Porcupine Mtn State Park - the remote wilderness, hiking and fall color	6/17/2023 2:26 PM
65	Location and amenities. Good parking and bathrooms. Nice open space and lots of sandy shore inlets to picnic in along the shoreline.	6/17/2023 12:37 PM
66	Na	6/17/2023 11:30 AM
67	big clean benches beach playground picnic tables dog friendly	6/17/2023 10:34 AM
68	grelickville, bryant	6/17/2023 9:05 AM
69	Morr park activities for young children	6/16/2023 8:31 PM
70	Quality of the beach and water for swimming	6/16/2023 6:27 PM
71	Closest and easy parking	6/16/2023 4:13 PM
72	Not applicable	6/16/2023 4:10 PM
73	Bryant has a great playground. OMP's lighthouse's beach is amazing	6/16/2023 3:39 PM
74	N/A	6/16/2023 3:23 PM
75	They are directly on Lake Michigan and have beautiful stones!	6/16/2023 1:25 PM
76	More beach area, nice park area with picnic tables, tennis courts and within walking distance to food and beverages and shopping. Good parking.	6/16/2023 12:24 PM
77	Looking for quiet (no road noise) to sit on the beach & relax or hike.	6/16/2023 11:48 AM
78	More convenient to get to the water and smaller crowds	6/16/2023 11:42 AM
79	On Lake Michigan, beautiful scenery, excellent biking trails.	6/16/2023 10:35 AM
80	Better hiking	6/15/2023 11:29 PM
81	About the only indoor-outdoor activity center for Seniors. Seniors, esp. older seniors come up on the short side for activities to meet their needs	6/15/2023 11:21 PM
82	More activity and better location	6/15/2023 9:41 PM
83	More family oriented items like playscapes and splash pads.	6/15/2023 9:23 PM
84	Boat launch	6/15/2023 8:11 PM
85	More children's play equipment.	6/15/2023 5:04 PM
86	It's quiet	6/15/2023 3:47 PM
87	Easy access	6/15/2023 2:36 PM
88	We love launching our boat into East Bay. There is also more of a playground for our toddler vs. Bayside park.	6/15/2023 1:59 PM
89	It is good for biking	6/13/2023 7:05 PM
90	Easy for me to get to, nice amenities	6/9/2023 3:00 PM

Q12 Please indicate which of the following recreation facilities and activities Acme Township should plan for and develop. Please rate each category individually 1-5 (1 being your top choice).

Answered: 234 Skipped: 13

	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
Art - installations/Art Fairs	18.95% 36	10.53% 20	23.16% 44	13.68% 26	33.68% 64	190
Ball fields	15.17% 27	10.67% 19	29.21% 52	16.29% 29	28.65% 51	178
Basketball Courts	13.07% 23	11.36% 20	26.14% 46	15.34% 27	34.09% 60	176
Canoe/Kayak Launches	27.23% 52	26.70% 51	21.47% 41	12.57% 24	12.04% 23	191
Community gardens	20.65% 38	20.65% 38	24.46% 45	17.39% 32	16.85% 31	184
Dog Park	20.43% 38	12.37% 23	18.28% 34	17.20% 32	31.72% 59	186
Frisbee Golf	14.53% 25	15.12% 26	18.60% 32	18.60% 32	33.14% 57	172
Indoor recreation facilities	24.35% 47	19.17% 37	22.80% 44	14.51% 28	19.17% 37	193
Non-motorized trails (i.e. TART trails)	50.00% 103	16.02% 33	11.17% 23	6.31% 13	16.50% 34	206
Outdoor movies-in-the-park	18.09% 34	18.62% 35	17.55% 33	20.21% 38	25.53% 48	188
Outdoor performance theaters/cultural events	21.24% 41	20.21% 39	18.13% 35	17.62% 34	22.80% 44	193
Pickle ball courts	23.98% 47	21.94% 43	21.43% 42	12.76% 25	19.90% 39	196
Playground Equipment	28.49% 53	25.27% 47	19.35% 36	11.83% 22	15.05% 28	186
Public boat launches	31.35% 58	20.00% 37	16.76% 31	14.59% 27	17.30% 32	185
Skateboard park	9.30% 16	6.98% 12	17.44% 30	16.86% 29	49.42% 85	172
Snowshoeing & Ski Trails	31.35% 58	24.86% 46	18.92% 35	9.73% 18	15.14% 28	185
Swimming beach	47.67% 92	18.13% 35	13.47% 26	8.29% 16	12.44% 24	193
Courts	15.63% 25	11.88% 19	25.62% 41	15.00% 24	31.87% 51	160
Volleyball courts	10.34% 18	17.82% 31	29.31% 51	14.37% 25	28.16% 49	174
Walking/Nature trails	53.47% 108	19.31% 39	6.93% 14	7.92% 16	12.38% 25	202
Winter skating rink	22.58% 42	23.66% 44	23.66% 44	10.75% 20	19.35% 36	186

Q13 Please indicate what could be improved within the following facilities owned and maintained by Acme Township.

Answered: 187 Skipped: 60

											Access from a variety of transportation modes		Aesthetics of natural surroundings		Upkeep and maintenance of grounds		Upkeep and maintenance of equipment		Total
	Safety		Lighting		Signage		Accessibility		Parking										
Bayside Park	12.90	1	19.35	2		1		1		1		4		2		4		2	124
	%	6	%	4	13.71%	7	8.06%	0	11.29%	4	36.29%	5	22.58%	8	33.06%	1	17.74%	2	
Bunker Hill Boat Access	30.53	4	17.56	2		3		4		8		1		3		3		1	131
	%	0	%	3	22.90%	0	%	1	64.89%	5	14.50%	9	23.66%	1	28.24%	7	14.50%	9	
Sayler Park/ Boat Launch	14.02	1	24.30	2		1		1		2		1		1		3		2	107
	%	5	%	6	16.82%	8	%	9	22.43%	4	17.76%	9	11.21%	2	30.84%	3	24.30%	6	
Deepwater Point Natural Area	16.85	1	11.24	1		3		1		3		2		1		1			89
	%	5	%	0	35.96%	2	%	3	33.71%	0	22.47%	0	11.24%	0	20.22%	8	4.49%	4	
Yuba Creek Natural Area	13.92	1	13.92	1		2		1		1		2		1		2			79
	%	1	%	1	30.38%	4	%	9	12.66%	0	27.85%	2	18.99%	5	30.38%	4	7.59%	6	

Q14 Would you support a small, dedicated millage levied specifically for maintenance and improvements to the Township's recreational assets, including parks and trails?

Answered: 234 Skipped: 13

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	77.35% 181
No	22.65% 53
TOTAL	234

Q15 Acme Township should continue additional land acquisitions to provide greater access to Grand Traverse Bay?

Answered: 238 Skipped: 9

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	77.31%	184
No	22.69%	54
TOTAL		238

Q16 Acme Township should continue additional land acquisitions to provide access to more land for parks?

Answered: 238 Skipped: 9

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	76.05%	181
No	23.95%	57
TOTAL		238

Q17 Please describe your relationship with Acme Township (select all that apply):

Answered: 239 Skipped: 8

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I recreate in Acme Township	58.58%	140
I am a full-time Acme Township resident	83.68%	200
I am a full-time resident – renter	1.26%	3
I am a seasonal resident	8.37%	20
I am a seasonal resident – renter	0.00%	0
I am a frequent township visitor	2.09%	5
I am a resident of a neighboring municipality	3.77%	9
I work in Acme Township	8.79%	21
I own a business in Acme Township	7.95%	19
I am a property owner in Acme Township	60.67%	145
None of these apply	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 239		

Q18 Which category below includes your age?

Answered: 239 Skipped: 8

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	2.09%	5
19-29	1.26%	3
30-39	9.62%	23
40-49	11.30%	27
50-59	17.57%	42
60-69	29.29%	70
70-79	20.08%	48
80-89	8.37%	20
Over 89	0.42%	1
TOTAL		239

Q19 How many members of your household are under the age of 18?

Answered: 240 Skipped: 7

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1	7.50%	18
2-3	14.17%	34
3+	2.50%	6
None	75.83%	182
TOTAL		240

Q20 How many members of your household are over the age of 65?

Answered: 240 Skipped: 7

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1	16.25%	39
2-3	37.08%	89
3+	0.42%	1
None	46.25%	111
TOTAL		240

Q21 In what ZIP code is your primary (homesteaded) place of residence?

Answered: 236 Skipped: 11

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Q22 How long have you lived in Acme Township?

Answered: 240 Skipped: 7

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
<2 years	4.58%	11
2-5 years	11.67%	28
6-10 years	16.25%	39
11-20 years	17.92%	43
20+ years	42.08%	101
Not applicable -I don't live in Acme Township	7.50%	18
TOTAL		240

Q23 Feel free to share any additional comments regarding recreational opportunities within Acme Township.

Answered: 103 Skipped: 144

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I believe Acme will continue to attract members of the horse community . Bridle paths should be developed , perhaps alongside hiking/biking paths . This is common practice in the Netherlands . There are no squash courts in northern Michigan . That would be a unique draw . Has any thought been given to private [Acme resident only] parks ? I would like to see an Acme Foundation formed . Many communities benefit from foundation dollars directed at community services . They are donor financed and managed . The Foundation would work with the Township by helping to fund special projects of interest to Acme residents . Examples might be skating rink , pool , pickle ball courts , movie theatre etc . There are residents with capacity that may be interested . Give them a project they are interested in perhaps a naming opportunity and good things happen . Finally , I would like to see a boat marina for Acme residents . Why not ? The community I grew up in as a child offers a resident's marina, pool and movie theatre . The movie theatre was erected thanks to Foundation funds .	7/30/2023 6:04 PM
2	Hi! I would LOVE to see more indoor opportunities for winter! It's so isolating and depressing (and LONG, haha) it would be nice to have more options for all ages! Indoor park would be amazing, events, etc. thank you!	7/27/2023 7:12 PM
3	PLEASE do not allow a shooting range to open in Acme Township	7/26/2023 2:50 PM
4	make an easy and safe access to bayside park from the TART.	7/26/2023 1:46 PM
5	Zero maintenance to bathrooms, they are disgusting.	7/22/2023 9:50 AM
6	This is a wonderful area, rich with some of the most beautiful natural areas in michigan. Let's highlight those with a long term plan and not just take the short term wins for the short term dollars. This survey is a step in the right direction.	7/21/2023 2:35 PM
7	It would be nice if East bay harbor marina had a boat launch. For us to launch our boat we have to go to sayler park or on the opposite side of the bay to launch. It's too big to use the launch at the end of bunkerhill.	7/18/2023 7:49 AM
8	We've only lived here less than six months & we're involved in a complete home remodel. I answered based on how expect to use the parks. Not familiar yet to know what improvement are needed. We've only been to Sayler & Maple Bay, but maintaining, improving & acquiring more land for parks are very important to us.	7/14/2023 12:51 PM
9	Please do not acquire, create or invest in any more projects or properties that will result in an increased tax burden on homeowners	7/13/2023 4:25 PM
10	Please take better care of the cemetery in Acme! More frequent mowing, better landscaping, walking trails, etc.	7/12/2023 3:17 PM
11	I love the opening up of the waterfront	7/12/2023 1:00 PM
12	1) Why have we stopped supporting trails and maintenance for motorized vehicles? I see all kinds of projects and money for bike and walking trails but less and less for ATV and snowmobile. 2) Why don't we concentrate on maintaining the resources we have instead of adding more? 3) Bunker Hill Rd. is not a bike trail and is extremely unsafe for bikers. Either add a bike lane to Lautner or stop bike traffic in this area before we have a serious accident.	7/12/2023 9:07 AM
13	Sound barriers made of natural elements to keep out the sound of traffic at Bayside. Do something with the little building left over from the motels that used to be there. Collect garbage in the winter. Too much duck poop! Glad to see the poop bags though for dogs.	7/11/2023 10:57 PM
14	Although I'm only a resident for 1 year, I was raised in the township for decades. It's improved dramatically since the 80s - 90's	7/11/2023 9:56 PM

15	It would be great to see the Berta Vos grounds restored with gardens, playground equipment, and ICE SKATING RINK!	7/11/2023 4:44 PM
16	The boat launch at Yuba park is great, but it would be nice to have another launch or be able to access both sides of the dock to launch.	7/10/2023 10:37 AM
17	The breaker wall at Saylor Park boat ramp needs to be built to assist with loading/launching boats etc.	7/7/2023 12:34 PM
18	Need to have bike trail along US 31 from the Grand Traverse Resort to Bunker Hill road. In order to get on Tart Trail	7/6/2023 4:47 PM
19	There is a tremendous amount of poison ivy on the tart trail. The county recent came in and cleared trees on Five Mile rd, leaving just messy dead brush, but also creating an open spot where the poison ivy is just growing wildy. Tourists biking along the trail of often stop to take pictures and they are standing in a pile of poison ivy. We see this as we walk along the trail. Thank you.	7/5/2023 7:09 PM
20	We need dedicated pickleball courts (& yes I'm aware of the upcoming courts in the old KMart)	7/5/2023 3:49 PM
21	We live on Bunker Hill Rd across from Hampshire Dr. We see bikers and pedestrians daily enjoying this road. We are happy to slow down and share the road. Due to safety concerns, we do not personally use Bunker Hill for walking or biking. The road is deteriorating and has no space for a bike lane. I would love to see these improvements made. Please come to our road and observe a normal use day. It is in the best interest of our community to improve the road for our bikers and walkers. The tart trail connector is confusing and not family friendly. Signage needs to be improved. Thank you!	7/5/2023 2:09 PM
22	Some venting machines.. for snacks and drinks by the restrooms would be nice.	7/5/2023 12:35 PM
23	Woodland creek playground for kids is a hidden secret and very valuable for younger kids Saylor: Where are the bathrooms for boat launches? more boat launches. Improve bunker hill launch (it's ok that it is only for small boats). Make a separate kayak/canoe/paddle board launch. Deep water point is a great place to visit by canoe/paddle board. The focus should be on outdoor recreation instead of more urban parks (dog park, skate park, etc).	7/4/2023 2:07 PM
24	More boat launches, improve existing boat launches, put in bathrooms or improve bathrooms at Sailor Park, improve Bunker Hill Road put in- in all areas- More playground equipment and playgrounds!!	7/4/2023 1:58 PM
25	Boat Launch !!	7/3/2023 3:41 PM
26	Really appreciate all the township has done to focus on recreation (versus hotels and restaurants geared toward tourists).	7/1/2023 4:07 PM
27	keep it a quiet area for residents recreation not noisy loud facilities. The area is building up to fast and we want it to stay small quiet area.	7/1/2023 12:27 PM
28	Bayside Park should have trees trimmed a bit so there aren't dark creepy areas for safety.	6/30/2023 9:49 PM
29	Land acquisition takes land off tax rolls and recreational development costs tax dollars. People want to keep living in their homes and not be driven out by ever increasing costs.	6/29/2023 7:15 PM
30	Please put more trees back at bayside	6/29/2023 4:27 PM
31	Love living here! I run, bike, hike and ski year round. Would like to see open land preserved from development, such as acme creek headwaters and land adjacent to vasa.	6/29/2023 3:15 PM
32	Improving bike and walking trails	6/29/2023 6:36 AM
33	I like the survey. Acme Township is good. It can be great. I would like to help.	6/28/2023 7:48 AM
34	I think Acme should purchase the ~60 acre lot for sale adjoining to the Vasa trail head.	6/27/2023 8:05 AM
35	Expand the bike trails please!	6/26/2023 10:50 PM
36	The pickleball courts will be a welcome addition to our community.	6/26/2023 4:22 PM
37	Not at this time	6/26/2023 12:55 PM
38	What is primarily lacking is facilities (indoor and outdoor) for tennis and pickleball.	6/25/2023 3:06 PM

39	The township needs improvements to existing parks and trails. I support increase in millage to support. Our Bayside park is sorely lacking in esthetics and function	6/25/2023 1:06 PM
40	I think it's important to focus on things for kids to do. I'd love to see a little bus system within Acme (kids and elders). Also, a plus would be to have the marina up and running. Maybe some type of incentive to beautify our town.	6/25/2023 9:51 AM
41	It would be great if the Grand Traverse Resort would offer a deal for Acme Township residents to use their facilities, especially exercise/pool areas and classes. Golf deals would be great too.	6/23/2023 7:36 PM
42	A tax to support and maintain facilities in Acme is acceptable if you develop a way to allow free access to township landowners/renters and non residents need to pay for daily or annual passes for access.	6/23/2023 10:03 AM
43	It's a lovely place to live and we appreciate how responsive the township board was re short term rental restrictions.	6/22/2023 4:16 PM
44	Owned a business in Acme Twp 20+ years	6/22/2023 10:39 AM
45	Trails provide year-round recreational opportunities--walking, hiking, birding, mt. biking, XC skiing, snowshoeing	6/21/2023 3:59 PM
46	Biking/hiking and cross country skiing trails would be number one priority for me.	6/21/2023 2:17 PM
47	I am a huge fan of all phases of the bike park at the vasa trail head. I would also be a big fan of developing additional bike trails.	6/21/2023 11:13 AM
48	A park along the lines of grace McDonald would be amazing!	6/20/2023 10:04 PM
49	I would Potentially support a millage depending on current budget and how monies would be used.	6/20/2023 10:02 PM
50	No new taxes!	6/20/2023 9:29 PM
51	Make better use of the land you already have, or sell some of the land you have in order to purchase new land for expansion. Look into ways to generate income instead of just taxing land owners (campgrounds, boat launch fees, charging for use of facilities)	6/20/2023 8:50 PM
52	Would love to see more areas for younger kids such as a playground and/or Splash Park	6/20/2023 8:38 PM
53	I would love to see an indoor community/biking facility geared toward LOCALS and NOT TOURISTS. There are amazing empty retail spaces within our township. Another thing would be a food truck outdoor area such as Little Fleet with casual dining options within a nice picnic type setting.	6/20/2023 3:57 PM
54	on question number 7 was hunting conveniently left off as a choice?	6/20/2023 2:17 PM
55	don't make the bayside parks too busy, keep them restful and low key	6/20/2023 11:25 AM
56	Keep agriculture lands untouched - no wineries or commercial businesses on Agricultural land.....avoid our beautiful farms from being destroyed, we dont want to be another Old Mission Peninsula. Keep Route 35 passing on Bates Road...peaceful and little traffic noise	6/20/2023 11:23 AM
57	Would love to see the Acme Connector Trail connect to the Grand Traverse Resort. There is already a tunnel from the Meijer property under 72 to the North side of the road.	6/19/2023 8:34 PM
58	Acme Township is an amazing area, it's natural resources have to be protected, and it makes sense to have the residents help with this.	6/19/2023 7:50 PM
59	I love Saylor Park just as it is!	6/19/2023 5:16 PM
60	I grew up on the east side of town (East Bay/Acme Townships). It was always nice to have entertainment or shopping on this side of town be it concerts at the Resort, movies at the old theater, or shopping at Tom's and Kmart. It would be nice to see things like that on this side of town again. More parking at boat launches and beaches and more restrooms at beaches would also be nice. It would also be nice to have some kind of ice skating rink either outdoor or a bubble like the old one at the Civic Center and even a place for skateboarding and roller skating.	6/19/2023 4:35 PM
61	It would be nice if Acme didn't allow buildings such as the condo's next to the roadside park,	6/19/2023 4:26 PM

across from Bayview In. It's not only an eyesore but takes up beautiful water space that could be used as a park. Let's leave the water frontage open as much as possible.

62	I love to see Acme have more options for its residents to avoid going into town as much as possible. Embracing our beauty and beaches is important to us. We also value the land and recognize that as much as we love options there has to be a balance to maintain the country feel of our area.	6/19/2023 1:44 PM
63	Best to do well with a few things, than to have to many to and not be able to keep track of them.	6/19/2023 9:48 AM
64	I am happy to see that the bay hasn't been completely choked off to the public.	6/19/2023 8:28 AM
65	Need more things for kids to do.	6/18/2023 9:41 PM
66	Dont make it a Detroit... keep the beauty and nature. Once it is built up it is gone. Be different. Keep the charm of a true up north feel for all seasons. I dont want to live in another suburb of Detroit. That not why I cam to ACME so long ago. Will be living there full time in a year. Please dont take the charm away. Developers only care about money. Nature doesnt give you big bucks ...but big bucks will come with charm and beauty if you hold true to Nature. People really want that. They want to get away from the rat race.	6/18/2023 9:21 PM
67	Bunker hill and dock Road boat launches both need improvement for the ramp. This could be done with mats or something less costly than what is it Sayler Park which is wonderful more for smaller boats closer access to better fishing spots. East Grand Traverse Bay has to be one of the best fishing places on the whole planet need to make it available to people with small boats kayaks as well as people large boats.	6/18/2023 5:14 PM
68	Better signage for no beach fires, off-leash dogs, better playground equipment, maybe not related but I would love a farmers market that isn't downtown	6/18/2023 10:27 AM
69	There are disc golf courses in nearly every municipality in the surrounding area, and Disc golf is a low maintenance, low cost installation to bring a low barrier of entry sport that is highly accessible, and it would greatly increase the quality of acme township's recreational offerings.	6/17/2023 9:24 PM
70	having paved sidewalks all the way from the Tart trail to the Grand Traverse Resort would be helpful at the 72 light	6/17/2023 10:34 AM
71	How accessible are the areas for limited mobility?	6/17/2023 10:32 AM
72	There are no shortages of recreational activities in our area but our roads are terrible. "fix the damn roads!" most backroads and subs have old crumbling roads, that should be the first priority by the township	6/17/2023 9:05 AM
73	I'm now a senior citizen and our four children are young adults. I don't utilize Bayside Park with the children now but appreciate the improvements the Township has completed there. Have had some nice times there over the years.	6/16/2023 9:45 PM
74	like many townships in TC, cars drive too fast and safety is an issue....it's also sad that two big vacant bldgs, Toms and Kmart have ample parking and space for indoor recreation-just a thought!	6/16/2023 9:07 PM
75	Keep it rural!!! Let's become a major location for year round residents to maintain healthy happy lifestyles with the natural beauty of our township. And let's do what we can to appeal to young families, local amenities that make moving to Acme a no-brainer!!!	6/16/2023 3:39 PM
76	Acme needs an indoor walking facility. Many residents drive to the Mall or Resort to walk during the winter months or rainy days.	6/16/2023 2:00 PM
77	Stop acquiring Rec land , you've already taken huge amounts of property off the tax rolls. All this crap has been done for the tourists. Sell the land you have on Bunker Rd, and other sites so the land can get back on the tax rolls	6/16/2023 1:29 PM
78	Changing the Bayside Park to have actual playground equipment for children would be great instead of some "artsy" sculpture half circle and think that is the same as a "park". There is absolutely nothing for children in our area unless you are a resort memeber. It is cold and wet most of the year, there is nothing indoors for people under 25 in our area. The "park" at bayside is not a playground people want to make the effort to bring kids to, it does not entertain the kids but for maybe 3 minutes.	6/16/2023 12:30 PM

79	Acme twp should publish a map and information about these facilities and send it to its residents. More activities. Acme also needs to promote a few nice restaurants and breakfast/coffee shop. No fast food please. No homeless parks.	6/16/2023 12:24 PM
80	K-mart building, and Toms should have been put to a use that would benefit residents and not just the owners and council members.	6/16/2023 12:04 PM
81	Update Playground, signal lights to get in and out, more walking paths for easier access to water,	6/16/2023 9:57 AM
82	The boat launch at Saylor Park could be expanded to allow two boats to launch and land.	6/16/2023 9:39 AM
83	I would like to have a playground and other opportunities for pre-school and early elementary children. Perhaps at the Bayside park, or if you are buying Bertha Vos school, have a playground there! Also a bike skills park for everyone. More facilities or services that encourage outdoor winter recreation.	6/16/2023 9:23 AM
84	I wish bunker hill road had wide shoulder or a separate bike trail	6/16/2023 8:18 AM
85	Please expand VASA Pathway/ Bartlett Park	6/16/2023 7:53 AM
86	Bertha Vos School would be a great start for recreational opportunities for ALL AGES.	6/15/2023 11:21 PM
87	Improve Bunker hill launch and do not try to close it . Like the last Supervisor tried to do .	6/15/2023 9:52 PM
88	I have none at this time.	6/15/2023 9:41 PM
89	Because of the various skill levels of the Vasa trails, and the recreational value of the TART trails, Bunker Hill Rd needs repaving to provide bike lanes and plenty of shoulder space for bike enthusiasts traveling to these trails. The speed limit should not be 55 mph. We do not want to see a tragic accident occur between a bicyclist and a vehicle, possibly killing someone or putting another in jail for vehicular homicide, due to speed on a road full of varying terrain and crumbling pavement.	6/15/2023 9:23 PM
90	non motorized trails mean No motor!!!!	6/15/2023 8:34 PM
91	Township needs a better marina which it should own (like Elk Rapids).	6/15/2023 8:32 PM
92	Some beach volleyball courts would be great. Improve the bunker hill boat launch.	6/15/2023 8:11 PM
93	What I'd like to see happen: 1) Extended land acquisition south of 72, Bayside to Gilroy, with either an overpass across, or better yet a tunnel beneath (bikes), 31; 2) Furtherance of the TART trail to Elk Rapids; 3) Improvements to Wintergreen Park to make it an extension of Saylor Park, and a pathway provided from that area to Yuba Creek NA.	6/15/2023 7:58 PM
94	Handicap access is important	6/15/2023 7:29 PM
95	Pickle ball courts!!	6/15/2023 6:48 PM
96	Love the forest.	6/15/2023 6:08 PM
97	When I bought my house in 1995, I didn't realize how wonderful it would be to be so close to the VASA Pathway for cross country skiing and hiking. I also appreciate how easy it is to bike into TC via the TART Trail. I would really like it if we could get a paved bike trail on the east side of US-31 between M-72 and Bunker Hill (plus a paved connector from Deepwater Point to Bayside Park), so we wouldn't have to climb Mt. Hope Road. I'm not getting any younger. Crossing M-72 and US-31 can be scary, though occasionally the motorists slow down to let me cross safely.	6/15/2023 3:47 PM
98	It's a shame to see hard won assets go unmaintained for so long as Bunker Hill boat ramp. And to purposely make it unsafe to utilize by removing a working signal with a driveway aligned directly with a four way signaled intersection. Shame on the authorities	6/15/2023 3:02 PM
99	I would love to see fewer people coming here to recreate!	6/15/2023 2:09 PM
100	Whatever is undertaken, would appreciate MUCH more transparency into the process and who is benefiting from changes	6/15/2023 1:59 PM
101	We need more boat launches to access East Grand Traverse Bay. Our boat does not fit at Bunker Hill, therefore we go to Saylor Park all the time. However, there is a seriously long wait time to launch. We need more boat launch spots like Elmwood on West Bay. They have 6	6/15/2023 1:59 PM

launch spots. I would be willing to pay for a seasonal pass to access more launches. It's a high need, especially with the fisherman going to East Bay.

102	Lower taxes	6/15/2023 1:33 PM
103	Would like to see the property for sale off Bartlett Rd purchased and added to park area that it is in middle of.	6/15/2023 1:07 PM

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Samaritas Senior Living Facility

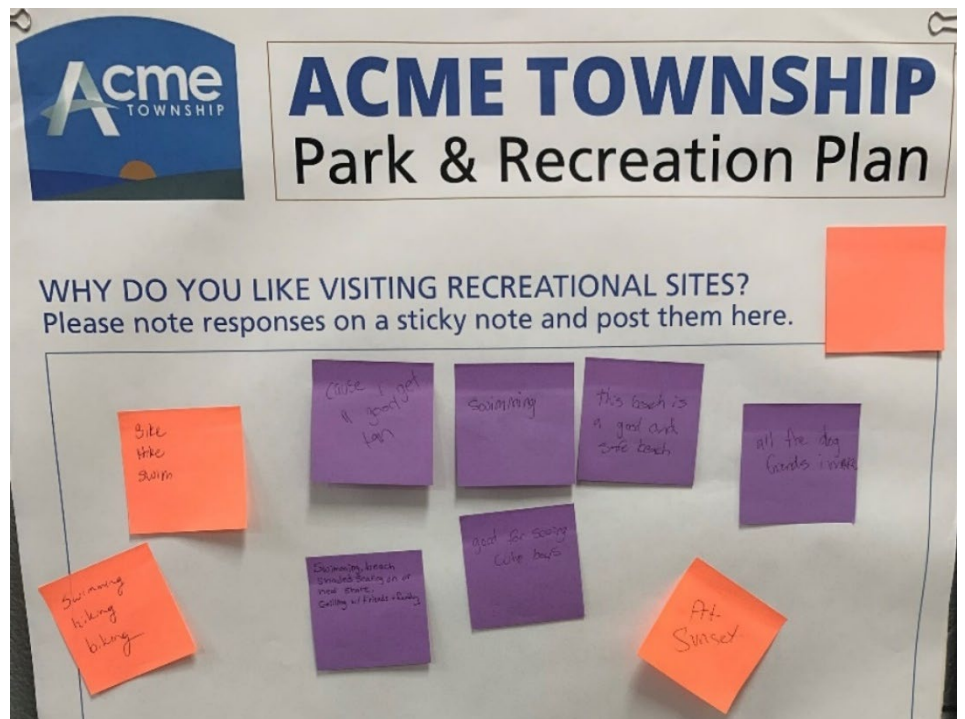
On June 13, 2023, a public engagement session was held at Samaritas Senior Living Facility in Acme Township, with twelve residents in attendance. Township staff prepared a PowerPoint presentation that discussed the planning process and highlighted the park and recreation facilities in Acme Township.


At this event senior community members gave staff their feedback on current and potential future recreational opportunities. Their comments included:

- Enjoy picnics at Sayler Park
- Sayler Park is a place where school reunions have been held
- Enjoy the views when driving by
- There is no public transport system (BATA) from Samaritas to the parks
- Residents appreciated staff offering to provide tours and play shuffleboard with them
- Family members enjoy visiting Acme parks with in the area
- Concerns about trail users parking at the pump house, provide no parking signage
- Concerns about trail users using the entire road between Samaritas and Feast of Victory Church. There is no trail marking on the pavement.
- Speed limit on Mt. Hope Road

Bayside Park

On July 17, 2023, the Parks and Trails Committee and staff hosted an engagement session at Bayside Park. There were 32 individuals in attendance at Bayside Park and valuable feedback was received on a variety of message boards.













ACME TOWNSHIP


Park & Recreation Plan

HOW FAR DO YOU TRAVEL TO ENJOY RECREATIONAL SITES?
Please place a sticky dot on your answer choice(s).

0-5 miles	
5-10 miles	
10-20 miles	
20-30 miles	
30+ miles	

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE CLOSE TO HOME? Please place a sticky dot on your answer choice(s).




A place to play or take kids to play	
A place to exercise	
A place to relax or enjoy the outdoors	
A trail on which to walk, run, or bike	
A place to gather with friends, family, or neighbors	
A place to participate in or watch sports	



ACME TOWNSHIP

Park & Recreation Plan

HOW WOULD YOU RANK ACME TOWNSHIP'S CURRENT PARK & RECREATION FACILITIES?
Please place a sticky dot on your answer choice.

GREAT	
GOOD	
FAIR (room for improvement)	
POOR	

WHAT PARKS & RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE (ANYTHING FROM MAINTENANCE TO NEW AMENITIES)?
Please note responses on a sticky note and post them here.

More frequent garbage pick up

Foot Wash Station
Closer to beach

Playground Swings

Keeping the grass clean of doggy "doo-doo"

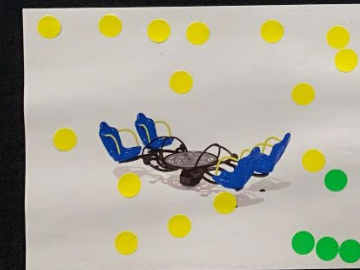
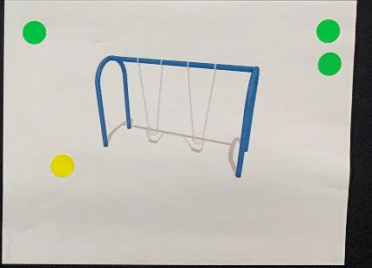
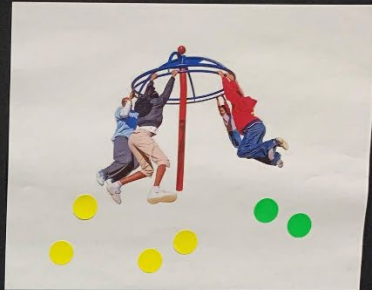
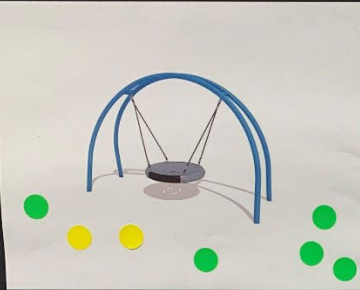
More Grills

Cigarette Disposal

More new trees to replace old.

Screening for noise + to hide traffic more grills more shade around near shore

Put a dot on your favorite spot!



ACME TOWNSHIP Park & Recreation Plan

QUESTION FOR SCHOOL-AGE YOUTH: WHERE DO YOU USUALLY GO AFTER SCHOOL?

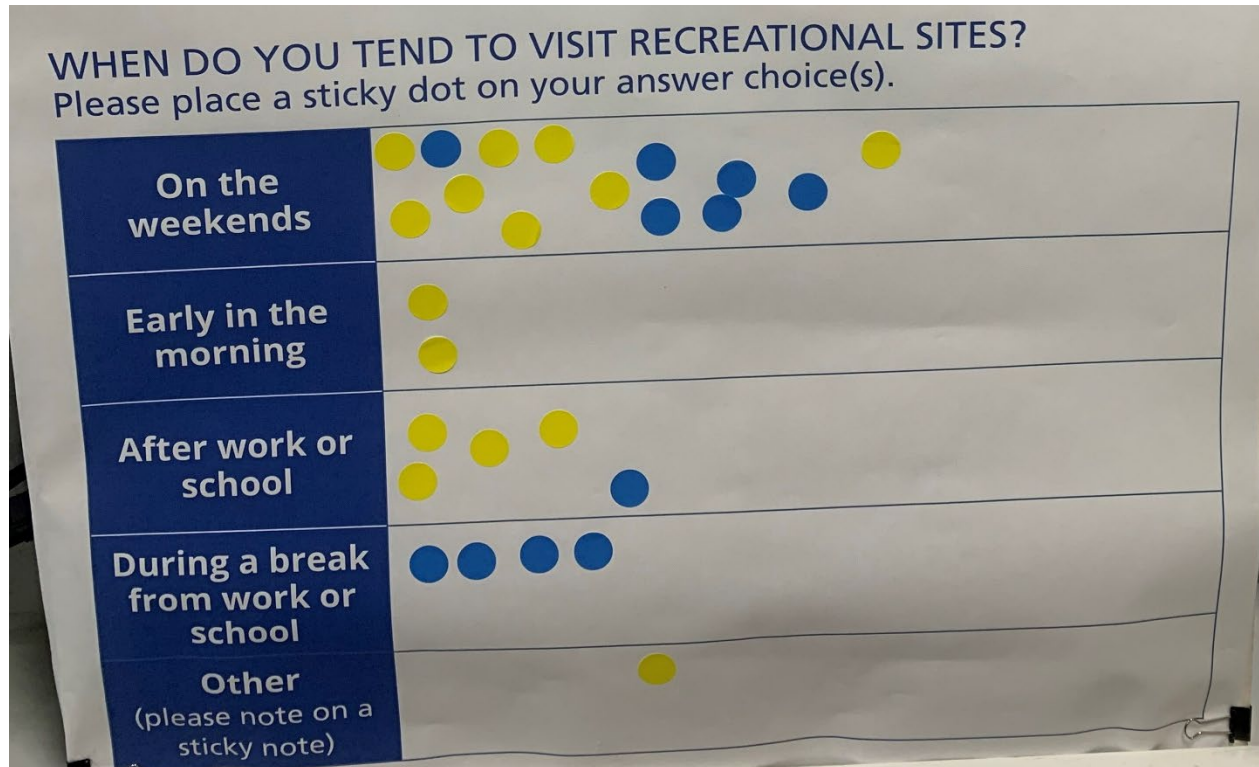
Please place a sticky dot on your answer choice(s).

Private club activities	
Work or volunteer activity	
Rec or teen center	●
Skateboard park	
Team sports	● ●
Home or friend's house	● ● ●
Parks	●
After-school activities	
Other (please note on a sticky note)	

WHO IN YOUR FAMILY ENJOYS SPENDING TIME AT PARKS & RECREATION LOCATIONS?

Please note responses on a sticky note and post them here.

All of us:
Mom, Dad +
the kids!



July 17, 2023

To: Acme Parks & Trail Committee

From: Jim Heffner & Donna Hagan, 4050 Bayberry Ln, Williamsburg, MI 49690, Jhefgan@yahoo.com, 231-938-9764

Subject: 5 Yr Master Plan Update

The following are our thoughts on goals to achieve in the next five years:

1. Develop N. Bayview Park

- a. Install kiosk at N. Bayview Park with permitted activities (i.e. addressing camping, dogs off leash & in water, glass on the beach, alcohol, fireworks, etc.), history of park, map, hours of operation, contact numbers, etc. similar to the GTRLC Kiosks (see attachment). Note that we have donated \$1,000 to the GTRLC to develop this kiosk for Acme Township.
- b. Construct picnic pavilion with restroom facilities similar to Elmwood Twp.
- c. Extend paved pathway loop to south along bay, around the beautiful Sweetwater Garden Club flower bed and back north along US 31 North
- d. Install a kids playground

2. Continued development of the Deepwater Connector & the Nakwena Trailway in Acme Township
3. Develop S. Bayview Park
 - a. Pursue the purchase of two parcels, the old Acme Animal Hospital and the parcel directly adjacent to the south. The second parcel used to be across the road bay access for the motel across the street. See attachment. Note Chris Sullivan, the Director of Land Acquisition for the GTRLC has discussed the purchase with Kevin Reabe, the primary owner. Chris had a buyer that would donate it.
 - b. Close the boat launch at Bunker Hill Rd due to limited depth of lot and GTC Sewer Lift Station with back-up generator limiting the utility of the lot.
 - c. Move the small boat (up to 18') launch & parking to the parcel directly north of the old Acme Animal Hospital which has much greater depth and already has a curb cut for fire trucks to obtain water. Site the launch directly to the south of the south marina break wall, which would provide shelter from waves and quick access to the dredged deep boat channel. There has been a long history of Acme fishermen utilizing this general location to reach The Hole, which is in safe travel proximity, unlike the Yuba large boat launch. Jet skis, kayaks, canoes, and small sailboats have, also, used this area to launch.
 - d. Develop a bayside, paved, non-motorized pathway from Bunker Hill Rd to the last park parcel which is just north of the marina to allow public access to this large stretch of public bay frontage. This would include restroom facilities.
 - e. Develop a paved, non-motorized pathway from the existing TART Trail on the north side of Bunker Hill Rd to the light at US 31 North with a pedestrian crossing across US 31 North to the above mentioned bayside, paved, non-motorized pathway.

N. Bayside Park Kiosk Example



N. Bayside Park Playground Example from East Bay Park



Recommended Parcels to Acquire

Parcel 1

01-103-060 00 5415 US 31 North

Owners - Kevin, Karen, & Kathryn Reabe

Non-conforming home with 127 FF East Bay Frontage

Parcel 2

01-103-0600 5396 US 31 North

Owner - Classic Motor Sports & Equipment

"Across the Road" East Bay Frontage with 45 FF East Bay Frontage



PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD

A public notice of the completed draft plan was published in the Traverse City Record Eagle on September 10, 2023. Acme Township opened the required 30-day public comment period from September 10 – October 10, 2023. The draft plan was available on the homepage of the Acme Township website. A hard copy was available at the Township Hall.

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PUBLIC NOTICE ACME TOWNSHIP	
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Acme Township Parks and Trails Committee is currently working on the proposed 2024-2029 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Acme Township has opened the required 30-day public comment period on the proposed plan. The comment period will be open September 12 - October 12, 2023.	
The draft plan is available for review and download on the homepage of the Township's website: www.acmetownship.org or may be viewed at the Township Hall, 6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg, MI 49690. Written comments may be directed to Lindsey Wolf, Planning & Zoning Administrator, zoning@acmetownship.org .	
September 10, 2023- 1T	606020

A public hearing was notice was published in the Traverse City Record Eagle on October 29, 2023. A public hearing was at the Acme Township Hall on November 14, 2023 at 7 p.m. A resolution to adopt the plan took place at the same meeting.

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PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ACME TOWNSHIP	
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the ACME TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES will hold a public hearing at its regular meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Acme Township Hall, 6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg, MI 49690 to consider the following: Review and comment on the proposed 2024-2029 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.	
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All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard at the public hearings before the Township Board. After the public hearing the Township Board may or may not consider adoption of the plan at this meeting. If you are planning to attend and require any special assistance, please notify Lisa Swanson, Township Clerk, within 24 hours of the meeting at 938-1350.	
October 29, 2023- 1T	608190

Parks and Trails Committee Meeting Minutes

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ACME TOWNSHIP PARKS & TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING
6042 Acme Road
US 31 N Williamsburg, MI 49690
August 21, 2023 4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER at 4:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members present: Danca, DeVogel, Morrison, Schmitz, Wielenga

Committee Members excused: Jenema expected to arrive late

Advisory present:

Staff present: L. Wolf, Planning & Zoning Administrator, R. Lamott, C. Danca

A. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Brian Kelley, Acme resident

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Schmitz, supported by DeVogel, to approve the Agenda as presented. No discussion. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

C. INQUIRY AS TO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: None

D. CORRESPONDENCE: Brian Kelley, regarding Park Lighting

Committee discussion about solar lighting at Saylor Park and Bayside Park occurred. It was decided to put this item to rest and not pursue it at this time.

The Committee discussed **OLD BUSINESS F. 2. Life Jacket Library**. It was decided that Wolf would reach out one final time and if there was no response, this item would be put to rest.

Wolf added *Election of Officers* to the agenda under **G. New Business #3**.

E. ACTION:

1. Approve *Draft Parks & Trails Minutes 6.19.2023*

Motion by Morrison, supported by Danca, to approve the *Draft Parks & Trails Minutes 6.19.2023* as presented. No discussion. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

F. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Solar Lights

Previously discussed under Correspondence.

2. Life Jacket Library

Previously discussed under Correspondence.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Parks & Recreation Plan – Survey Results

Wolf gave a power point presentation reviewing survey results with the Committee and discussion occurred throughout.

Schmitz departed at 4:28 p.m.

2. Review DRAFT of 5 Year Parks and Recreation Plan

Wolf highlighted changes from the previous plan. She indicated that the short-term goal of adding trees near the Shell gas station will be added to the plan. The plan will be presented to the Board of Trustees and Planning Commission in September, and a public hearing is expected to occur in November. At this time, Wolf does not expect Parks & Trails to have a meeting in September. Committee discussion occurred and consensus was positive for the plan with regards to the photos, cover, color branding and graph colors. Committee members agreed to review the plan content and contact Wolf with any issues.

3. Election of Officers

Jenema arrived at 4:40 p.m.

Chairperson Wielenga opened the floor for nominations for Chair.

Motion by Jenema, supported by DeVogel, to nominate Wielenga for Chair. Wielenga accepted the position. No discussion. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Wielenga, supported by DeVogel, to nominate Morrison for Vice Chair. Morrison accepted the position. No discussion. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jenema, supported by Wielenga, to nominate DeVogel for Secretary. Brief discussion occurred. DeVogel accepted the position. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Brian Kelley, Acme resident

Amy Jenema shared that the Mountain Bike Association is seeking a letter of support from the Acme Township Board to have some currently unmarked single-track trails in the Pere Marquette Forest area recognized by the State and by VASA, and to have them marked. Marking the trails would create logging boundaries for any future logging projects in that area.

ADJOURN: Motion by Jenema, supported by Danca, to adjourn. No discussion. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Respectfully,

Cristy Danca

Public Comment

Landis, Joy

9/25/2023

Hello,

Please include repairing and updating signage for the Deepwater Point Nature area and the Dock Road water access under maintenance in the action item “repair wooden signage at Bayside and Sayler Park.” Current signage is faded and no longer readable. The information printed on the existing signage is inadequate for the level of usage of these areas. Use by people beyond the neighborhood has increased since the start of the pandemic and expansion of the equestrian competition. If more housing is built at the location of the old Kmart on 31, the new residents will also need to know what is appropriate for the nature reserve and Dock Road and where to go for launching larger boats, or recreating at beaches with facilities.

- At the nature reserve, there are 2 trails at the parking area for the nature reserve. The existing sign is a few steps down the least used trail and not very visible. A new sign directing people to the shortest trail to the beach is badly needed. This sign should state the distance to the beach. Currently the entrance looks like private property because of the elaborate, decorative gate. New users, especially women with children or those with limited capacity to walk, may hesitate to enter the woods and head to the beach without more information. Signs prohibiting fires on the beach are too faded to read.
- At Dock Road, people try to launch larger boats, rather than small fishing boats and paddle craft, becoming stuck and leaving ruts. The launch area is also being used as a public beach and sometimes perhaps due to poor signage, the public use neighboring private property including climbing on docks and boats. Some of these people would use the beach at the nature reserve if they knew about it and the bigger boat launch sites at Sayler and Bunker Hill.

More people are coming to use the park/rec facilities and that is good. Better signage directing people to locations intended for their uses would help maintain resources and private property. Photos below of current signs.



Deepwater Pt Nature Area sign mostly tells what you can't do there and is located down a less traveled path.



Deepwater Pt Nature Area. Nothing here indicating this is the best path to the beach and how far to the water.



Current Dock Road signage.

November 13, 2023

Kimberly Challender
4836 Bunker Hill Rd
Williamsburg, MI 49690

RE: Parks and Recreation Master Plan draft concerns

To whom it may concern,
I have gone over the news proposed plan and have some concerns.

We have a population of 4,200+ residents in Acme Township but your survey results are only for 236 residents. You used that number to put this plan together. 236 responses should have raised a flag for you to make another attempt to reach more residents. I do not go to your website to see events that are happening. I think it is wonderful that you went to Simaritas to get input. I am sure that the residents enjoyed the company but how many of the parks do these residents use? The second event stated that the survey was available and other message boards (what ones?).

For a survey to be valid, there needs to be at least 20% of a response. I checked the numbers, and this report is based upon 5.6% of the residents. Before any time was spent on this draft report, there should have been a time when you stated that we need more input, more than 5%. Why were no postcards sent out to go to the website to take the survey? When the college did their survey years ago, it was mailed and the responses were a lot higher, a true representation of the county.

My concerns for the public areas are below and I am wondering if we are getting estimates to get these item that are below Good to bring up to standards? Are we getting more than one and will it be available to the public to review?

I have gone through the draft report and have concerns based upon the info provided.

1) Bayside Park - Net Climber - how can this be in good condition when it has soft / sinking spots?

1) Shelter - you have as fair, but it just needs paint and lattice removal, why not good?

2) Deepwater Point Natural Area

1) Signage - you have marked as Poor - Good but the signs are in bad shape and on the ground.

2) Are you going to make a management plan for this park as none exists now?

3) Yuba Creek Natural Area

1) There seems to be quite a bit of upkeep required at this park, are we getting estimates or will the township employee be taking care of this?

2) What is the Management Plan in okay from 2002? What is the \$\$ amount? Will it cover the maintenance required to make improvements.

3) Is the GTRLC going to cover the whole cost of getting rid of the Autumn Olive or are we sharing the cost? How much per year is slated to be done and when done, are we going to mow it yearly to keep it from coming back or is there another plan to keep it in check?

4) Saylor Park, items marked as good but are in disrepair, what is the criteria for these conditions

1) What is the budget to take care of all of these items that have issues as I seen one of the large items is the 3rdf pump that does not work. The sign into the park I believe is in worse shape than noted, it dies not just need paint, boards should be replaced. The wood swing set needed replacing but having been a part of the playground committee when the play area was redone, the new swings will need to have ADA swings on it and that is quite expensive, is this included in the budget for this park to be replaced?

I think that we are very fortunate to have so many areas in our community to enjoy with friends and families but I think that before we decide to purchase more areas to enjoy, we need to invest in what we have. There is a lot of maintenance to be done on all these areas and there also needs to be a plan in place to continue to be able to care for them. We must be good stewards of our assets.

I am concerned that there are so many issues that have been piling up, was there no money allocated to maintain these properties to date and if not, what are we going to do moving forward so that these repairs are not, as it appears, ignored until now.

Thank you so much,
Kimberly Challenger
4836 Bunker Hill Rd
Williamsburg, MI 49690

From: Brian Kelley, Acme resident
To: Acme Trustees

Nov 14, 2023

Re: Parks and Trails Draft Master Plan

Good evening,

I have been attending the Parks and Trails meetings since 2014. Our current plan is a very good plan, with a solid process behind it. But this new plan really has a lot of great improvements.

I have some suggestions for ways to possibly make our park experience better, but I don't want that to be seen as a criticism of this plan.

Survey

Parks and Trails did a great job of planning the survey by reviewing every survey question. Unfortunately, there wasn't much time for them to review and discuss the draft Master Plan Goals and Objectives as it related to using the Survey data. In some cases Survey support for a Goal was quite low, but it was used to justify a Goal. In other cases, Activities that received quite a bit of support were not included in the Goals.

Much of this relates to question 12, and you can find it on Page 44 of the draft Plan and on page 106 of the raw data. The format of the raw data seems more useful than the very busy graph on page 44.

Examples of Survey data not matching goals:

Art - page 53, Goal 3. There seemed to be little Survey support for Art and I recall that Art was also not supported in the 2019 Survey. I like Art, but other communities have found acceptance of art in parks is very challenging, even when they have large budgets. I don't believe the data supports this Goal.

Ball fields - There seemed to be little support for this activity and I question whether it should be a Goal.

Ice Skating Rink was actually more popular than some of the activities included in the goals. This suggests more review may be needed, for other inconsistencies.

Surprisingly, Playground Equipment did not seem to be highly prioritized by respondents.

Survey - priority of non-residents?

The Survey asks some questions that give an idea of residency:

17. Please describe your relationship with Acme Township (select all that apply)
(full time, part time, etc)

21. In what ZIP code is your primary (homesteaded) place of residence?

22. How long have you lived in Acme Township?

For some questions it is essential to filter responses between residents and non-residents, like whether they would support a park millage. For other questions, it is just quite important. That issue was raised early on, and we were told that the results would be split by residency, but that apparently did not happen. That is very important, and I believe we still need that.

Online Survey reliability

Online Surveys are always a huge challenge to get good data. Over 4000 cards were sent out. A former parks committee member received a smeared card that could not be read. There were about 250 responses to the survey. It is customary to throw out responses that are not complete. Approximately 5 to 10% probably should have been thrown out. We did not get enough responses for this to be statistically valid. This is more of a rough sketch. That should be emphasized in the Master Plan

Past Survey

It would have been extremely helpful if these results were compared to our 2019 results. That would still be useful going forward.

Challenges

Some parks were extremely crowded this Summer. Bayside users were using the TART trail to enter and exit the park, as shown by tire tracks. Large groups may be displacing residents.

That was also seen at Sayler park. Large Pavillion rental groups may be choking out residents. How does the Yogi quote go? "It's too crowded. No one goes there anymore"

Bayside Park Noise from US31 Highway

In years past there was substantial buffer vegetation that shielded the park from the the Shell gas station and the US31 highway. That was removed during the park renovation. At a recent township park event, highway traffic was very loud, large truck "jakebrakes" were very loud. The township should consider what vegetative buffers can be put in place to screen the park environment from those incompatible adjacent uses, and reduce noise. An ordinance restricting Jakebrake use might also help.

Shell Station runoff and easement

The parking lot of the Shell Gas station adjacent to Bayside park is on park property. The township should explore how it can reclaim that valuable property and put to public use.

The Shell station Bayside park was granted a park easement by Supervisor Jay Zollinger, apparently without Trustee approval. It allows the Shell station to store snow on park property and grass. Any gas or oil spills at the pumps wash into the park, whether via the snow or via direct surface water flow. Videos show this. The soil at the property border at times has a gas and oil smell.

Outside of the easement area the Shell station is pushing snow on to park grass and into park trees. Those trees have for years suffered from poor health and have had to be replaced.

If there was ever a major gas spill, it would flow into the park.

Steps should be taken to keep gas station runoff off of park property.

Thank you,

Brian Kelley

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ACME TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

ACME TOWNSHIP HALL

6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690

Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER WITH PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Members present: J. Aukerman, D. Hoxsie, A. Jenema, D. Stevens, L. Swanson, D. White

Members excused: P. Scott

Staff present: Lindsey Wolf, Planning & Zoning Administrator, Cristy Danca, Recording Secretary

A. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Limited Public Comment was opened at 7:02 p.m.

Brian Kelley, Acme resident

Dale Sterrett, Acme resident, spoke and provided written correspondence that was accepted as general correspondence to the Board.

Limited Public Comment closed at 7:06 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Supervisor White accepted written correspondence from Kimberly Challender as general correspondence to the Board.

Motion by Swanson, supported by Stevens, to approve the agenda as presented. No discussion. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

C. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES: 10/03/2023

Motion by Aukerman, supported by Hoxsie, to approve the draft Board minutes from 10/03/2023. No discussion. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

D. INQUIRY AS TO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: None

E. REPORTS:

a. Clerk – Clerk Swanson stated the annual audit was completed successfully by UHY LLP Certified Public Accountants (formerly Baird & Cotter) the week of October 9th. Board members have written summaries of the audit and were invited to direct questions to Swanson or Jenema. More information will follow at the December meeting. The clerk and deputy clerk participated in a Zoom call with State Representative Betsy Coffia and the Deputy Secretary of State Aghogho Edevbie regarding election information. Acme will have three elections in 2024 – February, August, and November with nine days of early voting before each. February 27, 2024 is the date of the Presidential Primary election. The clerk has also been working on several FOIA requests recently.

b. Parks – None

c. Legal Counsel – None

d. Sheriff – Officer Abbring presented October statistics as follows: there were 11 citations, 19 crashes and 4 arrests in the township. He has been working on retail fraud cases involving the Acme Meijer store. Also, once snow comes, the speed sign will no longer be in use for the winter season.

e. County – Darryl Nelson, Grand Traverse County Commissioner, provided the following

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information: they are finalizing the budget and receiving requests from some departments for more personnel; they have been aggressive and supportive of employees when it comes to compensation and they have seen greater employee retention; in the last year the county's fund balance increased from 20% to 30%; the county will recoup money from the Grand Traverse Pavilions over the next year, as approved payments are received from sources including Medicare and the PACENorth settlement – making up for the 8-million-dollar shortfall this past year. Nelson spoke favorably about the Pavilion's Interim Director, an improved work environment, upgraded software system, and about the Pavilion's financial plan moving forward. Additionally, policies have been put in place to alert commissioners sooner should similar type issues arise.

Rob Henschel, Grand Traverse County Commission Chair, spoke about completion of the county's Continuity of Government plan (COG) aimed at ensuring that governance and essential functions continue to be performed before, during, and after an emergency. He commended Gregg Bird for his efforts. Henschel encouraged local governments to examine their own contingency plans during an emergency.

f. Supervisor – Supervisor White has been working on the Hampshire Drive SAD and the sewer project. He expects to present an update regarding the sewer capacity study at the January meeting. Work continues in the search for a new Metro Fire Chief, and White has been working with Aukerman on Bertha Vos.

g. Planning and Zoning – Wolf and White attended a Road Commission meeting along with other supervisors and planners from Grand Traverse County and the surrounding area. Danca completed short-term rental and medical marijuana license renewals for the upcoming year. The Planning Commission discussed Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's) at this month's meeting and will continue discussion at the December meeting to determine what purpose they could serve in Acme Township. The Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing for a rezoning of the old Acme Skyport property, originally zoned Agricultural. It was changed to Mixed Housing Neighborhood, and the current owner is seeking a return to Agricultural. The department is gearing up for the 2024 Master Plan review and update to be discussed with the Planning Commission in January.

h. MMR report – October 2023 report included in packet

i. Farmland preservation – RCPP Agricultural Land Easement Monitoring Report included in packet

F. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: 2% Tribal Grant Application

1. 2% Grant Request – Holiday Hills Resort

Jim Pearson, Executive Director of Mt. Holiday, provided a handout (included in packet) and further discussed the safety, sustainability, and youth project that was first presented at last month's meeting. He described the type of utility vehicle they are hoping to purchase, spoke about the electrical audit, LED lighting, and magic carpet installation. Mt. Holiday now has a full-time mechanic and all their machines will be maintained by the resort. They have received a \$10,000 donation from a local family. Board discussion occurred.

Motion by Jenema, supported by Stevens, to approve the Tribal Council Allocation of 2% Funds Application submitted by Mt. Holiday for \$97,000 and request that Doug White have the authority to sign off. No discussion. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Farmland Update

Laura Rigan, Farmland Program, provided updated information (Memo included in packet) pertaining to the last remaining applicant in Acme's Round 2 of the PDR Program, and there are sufficient funds to cover the project. Upon final approval of the appraisal from the USDA, Rigan will come back before the Board to request a formal resolution to purchase the easement. Board discussion occurred.

G. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. RECEIVE AND FILE:

- a. Treasurer's Report

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b. Clerk's Revenue/Expenditure Report and Balance Sheet

2. APPROVAL:

1. Accounts Payable Prepaid of \$132,308.74 and NO current to be paid
(Recommend approval: Clerk, L. Swanson)

Motion by Jenema, supported by Stevens, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. No discussion. Roll call vote. Motion carried unanimously.

H. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR: None

I. CORRESPONDENCE: None

J. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Acme Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2024-2029

Jenema and Wolf summarized how the current plan came to be, beginning with brainstorming in March 2023, to the multiple public outreach opportunities, to the demographic changes and to the shifting of some goals as compared to the previous plan. Updating the plan provides the opportunity to apply for additional grant money to further improvements that have been made and to use toward new projects. During the 30-day review time frame, one comment was received that will be incorporated into the plan. Other people provided written comment outside the review period and those will also be included in the plan.

Public hearing opened at 8:07 p.m.

Dale Sterrett, Acme resident, asked about the impact of the housing development at the Kmart property on area recreation, law enforcement and park maintenance. Wolf, Officer Abbring, and Jenema spoke to these issues.

Brian Kelley, Acme resident, spoke favorably about the new Parks and Recreation Master Plan. He posed questions about retaining goals that received little survey support like art in the parks and adding ball fields. He also suggested separating residency data received from the survey questions by residents and nonresidents. He commented on the parks being busy over the summer, the occurrence of large events, and overflow parking on the grass as a possible deterrent for local park goers. He spoke about traffic noise at Bayside Park and the possibility of an ordinance prohibiting jake braking and/or installation of a noise buffer along U.S. 31. He also expressed concern about gas station runoff in the easement.

Public hearing closed at 8:18 p.m.

Board discussion occurred.

K. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Acme Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2024-2029

Motion by Jenema, supported by Swanson, to approve the Parks and Rec Master Plan as presented Resolution #2023-27. No discussion. Roll call vote. Motion carried unanimously.

L. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discussion on Hampshire Hills SAD

White began by stating that Hampshire Drive residents received a questionnaire asking whether they were in favor of moving forward with the SAD and preliminary information from the Road Commission was provided on the questionnaire. Of the 54 postcard questionnaires mailed out, responses received by the township totaled 12 'Yes' and 11 'No'. November 6th White received notice that Al and Cynthia

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Schneider, residents of Hampshire Drive, filed a lawsuit against Acme Township (included in packet). White read aloud a memo (included in packet) from legal counsel Jeff Jocks regarding the lawsuit. Board discussion occurred. Two Hampshire Drive residents spoke briefly. Board discussion continued.

Motion by Jenema, supported by Aukerman, that the Township move forward with the resolutions being drafted by John Axe for our next regular scheduled meeting for the Hampshire Hills SAD district. No discussion. Roll call vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Board discussion occurred.

2. Continued discussion on Rules of Procedures (draft included in packet)

White began discussion by inviting the Board to ask questions. Jenema asked Danca about 4.1 as it pertained to stating name and address. Board discussion occurred.

Motion by Jenema, supported by Swanson, to approve the Acme Township Board: Rules of Procedure with the change under 4.1 to He/she may state name and address before addressing the Board not shall. No discussion. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Update on East Bay Lift Station #1 Force Main

White referred to the project status meeting information (included in packet). He is waiting for information regarding recent survey work pertaining to location of the new force main. Board discussion occurred regarding location and funding of this potentially 12-million-dollar project.

4. Discussion on Property Acquisition

White stated that after one year of working diligently with Aukerman on acquiring the Bertha Vos property, the cost involved ultimately exceeds Acme Township's budget. He requested a motion to end negotiations with TCAPS. Board discussion occurred centered primarily on financial concerns.

Motion by Hoxsie, supported by Stevens, to end negotiations with TCAPS (Traverse Area Public Schools) regarding purchase of the Bertha Vos Property because the price to purchase the property and upgrade infrastructure to make it usable for Acme Township's intended purpose exceeds Acme's budget. No discussion. Roll call vote. Motion carried unanimously.

White spoke about the ASCOM building and adjoining lot as a potential property acquisition. Aukerman handed out a comparison chart (included in packet) that the Board had requested she and White create following the closed session portion of the October Board meeting. The rest of the Board and the public present, viewed the chart for the first time during this November meeting. The current owners of the ASCOM building, Dave Barth and Dave Wierenga, were present to answer questions. Board discussion occurred regarding information on the comparison chart. White moved to recess for ten minutes to review a Purchase Agreement (included in packet) for the Ascom Building and Vacant Lot. The Board agreed unanimously.

Board recess began at 9:56 p.m.

Board reconvened at 10:07 p.m.

Per Aukerman, the purchase agreement was created by a real estate attorney. Board discussion occurred regarding access to the building for inspections, etc.

Motion by Jenema, supported by Hoxsie, to sign the Purchase Agreement for the Ascom Building and Vacant Lot, give permission for White to sign on behalf of Acme Township as presented. No discussion. Roll call vote. Motion carried unanimously.

White noted that Mr. Barth and Mr. Wierenga were present and prepared to sign the agreement tonight.

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The Board agreed to Aukerman's request to contact other entities that could, based on community feedback, provide future on-site small-scale community programming, events, etc. in the new building.

PUBLIC COMMENT and OTHER BUSINESS:

Public Comment opened at 10:16 p.m.

Brian Kelley, Acme resident

Board discussion occurred regarding Metro Fire Department.

Chuck Stevens, Acme resident

Board discussion occurred regarding elections.

Motion by Swanson, supported by Hoxsie, to adjourn the meeting. No discussion. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a document from the official records of the township.


Lisa Swanson, Acme Township Clerk

ACME TOWNSHIP, GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2023-27

TITLE: 2024-2029 Acme Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan Adoption

WHEREAS, Acme Township, Grand Traverse County 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 2024 through 2029, and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on November 14, 2023, at 6042 Acme Road Williamsburg, MI 49690 to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions and discuss all aspects of the Acme Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2024-2029, and

WHEREAS, Acme Township, Grand Traverse County has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for Acme Township, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Acme Township Board of Trustees voted to adopt said the Acme Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2024-2029.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Acme Township Board of Trustees hereby adopts the Acme Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2024-2029 as a guideline for improving recreation for residents of Acme Township, Grand Traverse County.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Jenema and supported by Board Member Swanson.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

Yeas: Aukerman, Hoxie, Stevens, White

Nays:

Absent: Scott

I, Lisa Swanson, Acme Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by Acme Township at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the 14th day of November, 2023.



Lisa Swanson, Acme Township Clerk

12/6/23

Date



Doug White, Acme Township Supervisor

12-6-2023

Date



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To: John Chase, Director
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Project: Acme Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2024-2029

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Remarks:

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Sincerely,

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