

Recreation Plan

2022-2026

Iron County, Michigan



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1. Acknowledgements

The Iron County Board of Commissioners and the Parks and Recreation Commission wish to thank the citizens of Iron County for their contributions to the new 5-Year Iron County Recreation Plan.

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2. Description of the Community

For the purpose of this plan, the “community” is defined as the area encompassed by Iron County’s political boundaries. Within these boundaries are the cities of Caspian, Gaastra, Iron River, Crystal Falls, Village of Alpha, Bates Township, Crystal Falls Township, Hematite Township, Iron River Township, Mansfield Township, Mastodon Township, and Stambaugh Township.



Iron County is located in the west central region of the Upper Peninsula and borders Wisconsin to the south. Geographically, it is the fourth largest in the state by square miles, having a total of 1,166.36 square miles and population of 11,631 (2020 US Census). The average temperatures in the summer are a high of 79 and a low of 52; average winter temperatures are a high of 22 and a low of 1.

Primary sectors of the economy include forestry, tourism and long-time key manufacturers all centered around the bountiful resources within the County. These resources include northern hardwood and pine forests, numerous lakes, rivers and streams

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and a dedicated workforce. A person in Iron County is never more than 2 ½ miles from a lake, river, stream, creek or pond.

The development of this plan was initiated by the Iron County Board of Commissioners by the creation of the Iron County Parks & Recreation Commission (the Commission). The Commission has endeavored to include all county municipalities in their planning process by inviting representatives to submit comments and to participate in the planning process by special invitation to planning sessions. The focus of this plan is to address current and projected needs for all types of recreational activities. Discussion primarily focuses on parcels currently owned by the County and set aside for recreation. The Commission has also investigated the feasibility of additional land acquisition for recreation use.

3. Administrative Structure

The Iron County Board of Commissioners established a ten member Parks and Recreation Commission that meets monthly according to a published schedule. The Parks and Recreation Commission is responsible for advising the County Board of Commissioners on items relating to upkeep, operation and expansion of the County's recreation facilities and programs. The recommendations of the Parks and Recreation Commission are acted on by the County Board of Commissioners. Day to day activities are performed under the direction of the County Administrative Assistant overseen by the Board Chair.

Funding for County recreation facilities and programs is through the County's General Fund in addition to user fees that are generated at Pentoga Park, Camp Batawagama, and the Iron County Historical Museum. For the budget year 2021-22 the County's recreation budget is \$187,319 (see Appendix B). Special projects are appropriated as necessary. The County's recreation projects also rely on the generosity of the many committed citizen volunteers. This applies to all County facilities and programs except Camp Batawagama which is supported by a four-year renewable millage. Camp Batawagama is a County owned and operated facility with a unique administrative structure. The County employs a park manager and seasonal staff to run the camp. Funding for the camp comes through a millage that is up for renewal every four years. The Camp also has an independent group with a special interest in the Camp. Special projects are funded through the millage with financial help from the Friends of Camp Batawagama. Friends of Camp Batawagama are a group made up of former campers, staff and citizens that view the camp as a special place. The mission of the group is to foster interest in the social, economic, and educational preservation of the Camp. Today the group is responsible for marketing the camp and fund raising for special projects. Iron County also has one County owned campground, Pentoga Park, which is located on Chicagoan Lake. The Park Manager at Pentoga Park is responsible for carrying out the day-to-day operations and maintenance at that facility. Funding for this park is provided by overnight camping fees along with the County's General Fund.

4. Recreation Inventory

Iron County provides a variety of recreational facilities and opportunities for its residents and visitors. Popular County Recreational properties are listed below and the location of each is shown in Figure 2 of Appendix A. A complete list of recreational facilities and properties located in Iron County is listed in Appendix D. These facilities and properties although located in Iron County are generally owned by other entities.

- **Iron County Heritage Auto Route.** This roadway route is designed to allow drivers to explore the rich history of Iron County. Designated by the Michigan Department of Transportation in 2000 as an historic route, the thirty-six-mile loop connects 14 premier sites that provide visitors the opportunity to discover and enjoy Iron County historic and recreational resources. The historic sites include the Iron County Museum, Pentoga Park Indian Burial Grounds, the Alpha Circle Historical District, the Iron County Courthouse, Harbor House Museum, Historic Mansfield Location and Pioneer Church, the Amasa Museum, Fortune Pond, Bewabic State Park, Larson Park, the Apple Blossom Trail, Lake Ottawa Recreation Area & Campgrounds, Mile Post Zero & Treaty Tree, and Camp Gibbs Recreation Area. A route map and brochure are attached as Appendix A Figures 2 and 7. An evaluation of the route was not conducted as the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design area not applicable for a roadway route.
- **Iron County Bicycle/Non-Motorized Heritage Trail.** This bicycle/pedestrian trail has been developed in multiple phases with additional development planned in the future. The existing portions of the trail are shown on Figure 2 in Appendix A. The current western portion of the trail, known as the Apple Blossom Trail, links the Cities of Iron River, Caspian, and Gaastra along with Stambaugh Township. The western trail begins in Iron River and currently ends at Pentoga Park located on Chicagoan Lake in Stambaugh Township. The eastern trail begins in the City of Crystal Falls and continues into Crystal Falls Township to Donahue Park on Fortune Lake. Future phases will include additional trail development to connect the western and eastern sections of trail together. An accessibility evaluation conducted by GEI resulted in an accessibility ranking of (4) in which all of the existing features meet the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design.
- **Snowmobile/ORV Trails.** Iron County is home to 236 miles of snowmobile trails and 37 miles of ORV Trails. Of these 273 miles of trails, 21 miles are owned by Iron County. Maps showing the snowmobile and ORV trails in the County are shown in Figures 8-10 in Appendix A. An evaluation of the trail system was not conducted as

there are no facilities associated with the trail system and the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design are not applicable for these types of trails.

- **Iron County Fairgrounds.** The Iron County Fairgrounds is a 30-acre site located in the City of Iron River, see Figure 5 in Appendix A. The grounds consist of a grandstand and arena, an upper horse arena, exhibition buildings, mud bog pit, and restrooms. An accessibility evaluation conducted by GEI resulted in an accessibility ranking of (2) in which some of the existing features meet the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design.
- **Camp Batawagama.** Camp Batawagama is located on a 96-acre County owned parcel of land between Chicagoan and Indian Lakes, see Figure 4 in Appendix A. The Camp occupies about 28 acres of land on the shores of Indian lake. For the last 60 years the camp has been providing summer programs through the Iron County Youth Camp Program. The programs run for seven (7) weeks throughout the summer and typically serve youth from Iron County and across the Country. An accessibility evaluation conducted by GEI resulted in an accessibility ranking of (2) in which some of the existing features such as the dining hall meet the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design.
- **Pentoga Park.** Pentoga Park is a 60-acre County Park and includes a 135-site campground, playground, swimming beach, boat launch, and Indian Burial Grounds, see Figure 3 in Appendix A. An accessibility evaluation conducted by GEI resulted in an accessibility ranking of (2) as only some of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines, specifically the Park has two (2) barrier free campsites, an accessible restroom facility, and accessible paths to the playground area.
- **Iron County Historical Museum.** Located in Caspian, MI on 10 acres of County property that was a former mine site, the museum includes 26 buildings and over 100 major exhibits and two (2) art galleries. Many of the buildings are historic structures that have been relocated to the site to serve as exhibits. The museum was opened in 1968 and is run by a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving local history throughout the County. The location of the Museum is shown in Figure 6 located in Appendix A. An accessibility evaluation conducted by GEI resulted in an accessibility ranking of (2) as only some of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines.
- **Cooks Run Historical Property.** Located in Stambaugh Township, this 122-acre site is located off Cooks Run Road about 14 miles west of the City of Iron River. The property was deeded to Iron County in 1961, with the intention that the property be maintained for public use. The historic stie was added to the National Registry of Historic Places in 1983. The site was previously used as a trout feeding station and

consists of rearing ponds, a small dam, several outbuildings, and a main caretaker cabin. The location of the site is shown in Figure 2 located in Appendix A. An accessibility evaluation conducted by GEI resulted in an accessibility ranking of (1) as none of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines.

- **Helgemo Game Preserve/Nature Area.** The Helgemo Game Preserve is an 80-acre portion of land that was donated to Iron County with the intent to provide access to residents for enjoyment of local natural resources. The location of the site is shown in Figure 2 located in Appendix A. An evaluation of the site was not conducted as there are no facilities at the site and the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design are not applicable.
- **Wagner Lake Property.** The County owns a 416-acre portion of land on the east side of Wagner Lake in Stambaugh Township. The undeveloped property is a great asset to the County and its residents and would provide a great location for development of hiking, biking, snow shoeing, and cross-country skiing trails, primitive camping, and other activities design to enjoy to local natural resources. The location of the site is shown in Figure 2 located in Appendix A. An evaluation of the site was not conducted as there are no facilities at the site and the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design are not applicable.

5. DNR Recreation Grants Inventory

- **Pentoga Park (26-00055)**
 - In 1964 Iron County received a \$5,000 grant from the DNR to acquire 1.86 acres of land that was to be developed at part of the County's Pentoga Park. This project has been completed and the project status is closed.
- **Pentoga Park (26-00137)**
 - In 1968 the County received a \$58,000 grant from the DNR to develop 56 campsites, construct campground roads, install underground utilities, construct a sewage dump station, septic system, and new service building, and install site lighting. The project has been completed and the project status is closed.
- **Iron County Pentoga Park Shelter (26-01029)**
 - A \$25,277.09 grant was awarded to the County in 1978 to construct a new picnic area shelter at the County's Pentoga Park. The project included the development of 6 acres for the shelter building. This project has been completed and the project status is closed.
- **Iron County Fairgrounds Recreation Area (TF87-093)**
 - In 1987 the County received a \$58,000 grant from the Michigan DNR's Trust Fund Grant Program. This grant was used to renovate the existing County grandstands at the Fairgrounds to make them barrier free. This project has been completed and the project status is closed.
- **Pentoga Park Campground Improvements (TF05-128)**
 - In 2005 the County received a \$90,000 grant from the Michigan DNR's Trust Fund Grant Program for campground improvements at Pentoga Park. This project included the development of additional campsites, installation of new and updated utilities, campground roadway construction, a new fishing pier, and new walkways to provide access to Chicagoan Lake. This project has been completed and the project status is closed.

- **Iron County Heritage Trail (TF10-064)**

- In 2010 the County received a \$500,000 grant from the Michigan DNR's Trust Fund Grant Program for the development of a 7.85-mile trail connecting the existing Apple Blossom Trail in the City of Caspian to Pentoga Park. The trail is planned to be eventually continued to the City of Crystal Falls. The construction of the trail consisted of a paved trail, boardwalks/bridges, guardrails and culverts, a Trailhead Kiosk and trail signage along with the associated site work. Construction activities started in the spring of 2015 and were completed later that fall. This project has been completed and the project status is closed.

6. Natural Resource Inventory

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

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

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

Iron County has more lakes per capita than leopards have spots. An alphabetical listing of named lakes is included below. It is noted that public access is not provided at all lakes.

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| 1. Bass Lake | 22. Fence Lake |
| 2. Bear Paw Lake | 23. Fern Lake |
| 3. Bela Lake | 24. Fifteen Lake |
| 4. Brule Lake | 25. Fire Lake |
| 5. Buck Lake | 26. Fortune Lake Four |
| 6. Buddle Lake | 27. Fortune Lake One |
| 7. Cable Lake | 28. Fortune Lake Three |
| 8. Camp Lake | 29. Fortune Lake Two |
| 9. Cedar Lake | 30. Gasley Lake |
| 10. Chicagon Lake | 31. Gibson Lake |
| 11. Clear Lake | 32. Gilbert Lake |
| 12. Curry Lake | 33. Glidden Lake |
| 13. Dawson Lake | 34. Golden Lake |
| 14. Dead Mans Lake | 35. Golden Lake |
| 15. Deer Lake | 36. Hagerman Lake |
| 16. East Mud Lake | 37. Hannah Webb Lake |
| 17. East Paint Lake | 38. Harding Lake |
| 18. East Paint Lake (Version 2) | 39. Hehe (Jumbo) Lake |
| 19. Ebony Lake | 40. Ice Lake |
| 20. Emily Lake | 41. Indian Lake |
| 21. Erickson Lake | 42. Iron Lake |

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| 43. James Lake | 74. Nesbit Lake |
| 44. Jingle Lake | 75. Norway Lake |
| 45. Kidney Lake | 76. Norway Lake |
| 46. Killdeer Lake | 77. Ottawa (Pickeral) Lake |
| 47. La Crosse Lake | 78. Paint Lake |
| 48. Lake 5 | 79. Paw Lake |
| 49. Lake Ellen | 80. Perch Lake |
| 50. Lake Mary | 81. Petrow Lake |
| 51. Lake On 2 | 82. Porter Lake |
| 52. Lake Ottawa | 83. Railroad Lake |
| 53. Lake Robinson | 84. Robinson Lake |
| 54. Lake Seventeen | 85. Round Lake |
| 55. Lewis Lake | 86. Runkle Lake |
| 56. Light Lake | 87. Silk Lake |
| 57. Little Ellen Lake | 88. Sixteen Lake |
| 58. Little Maggie Lake | 89. Skyline Lake |
| 59. Little Smoky Lake | 90. Smoky Lake |
| 60. Liver Lake | 91. Spree Lake |
| 61. Long Lake | 92. Stager Lake |
| 62. Loon Lake | 93. Stager Pond |
| 63. Lost Lake | 94. Stanley Lake |
| 64. Lower Holmes Lake | 95. Sunset Lake |
| 65. Madelyn Lake | 96. Swan Lake |
| 66. Maggie Lake | 97. Tepee Lake |
| 67. Marten Lake | 98. Timber Lake |
| 68. McPherson Lake | 99. Trap Lake |
| 69. Minnie Lake | 100. Upper Holmes Lake |
| 70. Mitchell Lake | 101. Violet Lake |
| 71. Mitigwaki Lake | 102. West Mud Lake |
| 72. Nelson Lake | 103. Winslow Lake |
| 73. Nesbit (Little) Lake | |

There are also a significant number of rivers and streams located in the County. A couple of major rivers include the Paint, Brule, Fence, Net, Deer, Cooks Run, Hemlock, Michigamme, Iron, Perch, and Tamarack. The location of these can be found in Figure 11 located in Appendix A.

7. Planning and Public Participation

The Iron County Parks & Recreation Commission acknowledges the importance of involving the public in planning the future improvements to the County's recreation facilities and have made efforts to involve their citizens in that process. There were multiple methods used to gather input for the Recreation Plan as outlined below.

- A survey was created and sent out to Iron County residents asking them to evaluate existing facilities and provide feedback on what is most important to them and what they would like to see added or improved in the County.
 - A copy of this survey results is included in Appendix E.
 - The results of this survey were used in the development of the draft Recreation Plan.
- Multiple County Parks & Recreation Commission meetings were held prior to the drafting of the Recreation Plan. These meetings which were open to the public were used for gathering ideas and prioritizing the activities that are most
- The Draft Recreation Plan was posted at the Iron County Courthouse and available on the County's website for review and comment by the Public. Public comments can be sent to Mary Dalpra, Administrative Assistant, Iron County Courthouse, 2 S. Sixth St., Suite 7 Crystal Falls, MI 49920 by December 6, 2021.
 - There was one public comment received during the public comment period from the Iron County Lakes & Streams Partnership. The group encouraged the County to make boat washing stations and public education on invasive species a priority. A copy of the correspondence is included in Appendix F.
- A Public Hearing to solicit public comments on the Recreation Plan was held on January 3, 2022 at the Iron County Courthouse. An advertisement was placed in the December 22, 2021 edition of the Iron County Reporter notifying the public of the Public Hearing.
 - The County's Parks and Recreation Commission members presented some ideas for proposed recreation projects and goals that have been discussed. There were no additional public comments. Minutes from the Public Hearing can be found in Appendix E.
 - The Parks & Recreation Commission approved the Recreation Plan at their meeting following the Public Hearing and made a motion to

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recommend formal adoption of the Plan by the Iron County Board of Commissioners.

- The Recreation Plan was formally adopted by the Iron County Board of Commissioners at their January 11, 2022 Regular Meeting. A copy of the resolution of adoption and draft meeting minutes are included in Appendix F.

8. Goals and Objectives

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

Iron County has experienced a decrease in population over the last several decades. This decline is in part due to the fluctuation of a natural resource-based economy. The current population of approximately 11,631 reflects a leveling off of the population decline due to the fact that Iron County has seen an influx of retirees as well as an increase in the support economy for the large number of seasonal residences.

Iron County Population

Year	Population	Decrease #	Decrease %	Average Annual Decrease #
1970	13,763			
1980	13,635	128	0.93%	13
1990	13,197	438	3.21%	44
2000	13,109	88	0.67%	9
2010	11,809	1,300	9.92%	130
2013	11,516	293	2.48%	98
2014	11,387	129	1.12%	129
2020	11,631	244	2.10%	41

Almost 17% of the County's population of 11,631 is under the age of 18 and almost 30% are over the age of 65. These facts highlight the importance of providing recreation activities that interest both young people and our aging population. Accommodating seniors can also serve to accommodate persons with disabilities and be an additional draw for tourists.

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

Our goals and objectives include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Goal 1: To provide a wide variety of year-round recreational opportunities to all residents of and visitors to Iron County.
- Objective 1A: Develop and expand the various trail systems including the non-motorized trails, snowmobile and ORV trails, water paths, cross country skiing and/or snowshoeing trails, primitive camping, and motorized trails.
- Objective 1B: Continue to invest in the County's existing recreational properties such as Pentoga Park, the Iron County Fairgrounds, and Camp Batawagama by making improvements
- Objective 1C: Take advantage of the vast natural resources and potential for outdoor activities at County owned property such as Cooks Run Historical Site, the Helgemo Game Preserve/Nature Area, and the Wagner Lake property.
- Goal 2: To maintain and improve our existing resources and facilities.
- Objective 2A: Make improvements to existing features at Pentoga Park such as an improved boat launch and parking area, new boat wash station, restroom/shower facilities, site improvements, road improvements, and other general site improvements.
- Objective 2B: Improve and update facilities at Camp Batawagama to allow for year-round or extended season activities.
- Objective 2C: Continued expansion of the County's non-motorized trail system including connecting two existing paths together, trail lighting, addition of parking/trail heads, and improved maintenance.
- Goal 3: To develop facilities that enhance the cultural, historic and natural characteristics of the area or site.
- Objective 3: Make improvements to Cooks Run Historical Site to include a driveway and parking area, accessible restroom, interpretive signage nature trails, and primitive camping.
- Goal 4: To develop facilities or to modify existing facilities to accommodate persons with disabilities to the extent possible given limited financial resources.
- Objective 4A: Continue to update facilities to meet and exceed ADA standards such as restrooms and shower facilities at Camp Batawagama, Pentoga Park, and Cooks Run Historical Site.

Objective 4B: Provide new facilities when applicable that meet or exceed ADA Standards. This could include new ADA accessible launch sites along waterways that may tie into existing or proposed Water Paths.

Goal 5: Promote activities that protect all Iron County lakes, streams, and waterways from invasive species and other environmental concerns.

Objective 5: Work with other organizations to develop new or improve existing facilities such as boat wash stations, restrooms, and other facilities that promote the control of invasive species and other environmental contamination.

Meeting these goals will require partnering with local municipalities and private sector organizations as well as state and federal agencies. Collaborating with neighboring counties to enhance our facilities and services will also serve to avoid duplicity of services.

Preservation and restoration of historic sites is encouraged. Ongoing planning with regard to the maintenance of new facilities is essential. Costs analyses of all current and proposed facilities and programs are critical to their success. We believe visions are the first step to creating a positive recreational environment, but a realistic financial analysis and plan is the second step to making it happen and keeping it going!

9. Action Plan

Iron County Pentoga Park

- Upgrade the boat ramp and boat launch area. Upgrades would include a boat wash station to help control invasive species and diseases, launch and dock improvements, restrooms, and access road and parking improvements.
- Expand the parking area, develop a handicap accessible parking area and toilets, replace and upgrade the docks to include accessible kayak/canoe launches.
- Add additional handicap accessible features to the site, particularly the waterfront area including an accessible canoe/kayak launch, accessible fishing pier, and additional accessible walking paths to the waterfront and other site facilities.
- Improvements or upgrades to the existing restroom and shower facilities.
- Improvements to the existing camp site utilities (sewer, water, electric)

Funding sources:

- MNRTF / LWCF Recreation Grants
- Michigan Waterways Commission Grants
- Local Funding
- Park Fees
- Community Donations

Iron County Bicycle/Non-Motorized Heritage Trail

- Continue with the development of the proposed bicycle and pedestrian trail system. Bicycle and pedestrian facilities along the proposed Iron Belle Trail route.
 - Some property acquisition may be necessary to continue with the development of the trail system.
- Include additional signage and/or additional barriers along the roadway portions of the route, bicycle lanes, and shared use path.
- Trail lighting along heavily used portions of the trails near residential areas.
- Development of additional trail heads at significant locations along the existing and proposed path including the Iron County Medical Care Facility, Bewabic State Park, Pentoga Park, and other locations. Trail heads may contain restrooms, pavilions, informational signage, parking and access areas, and other site amenities.

- The acquisition of some additional property along the route may be required for the development of trail heads and parking areas.
- This project is likely to be completed in phases.

Funding sources:

- MNRTF Recreation Grants
- MDNR Trail Fund Grants
- Local Funding
- Community Donations

Iron County Bicycle/Non-Motorized Heritage Trail Acquisition for Extension of Trails and Development of Connecting Trails:

- Property acquisition as necessary to continue to develop the County non-motorized trail system to both connect the two existing trails.
- Property acquisition as necessary construct hiking/biking trail connecting existing County trails to nearby regional trails, such as Michigan’s Iron Belle Trail, the Iron Ore Heritage Trail, Dickinson County Bicycle network and the North Country Trail.

Funding Source:

- MNRTF / LWCF Recreation Grants
- MDNR Trail Program
- MDOT Transportation Enhancement
- Local Funding
- Community Donations

County-Wide Water Path

- Acquire additional lands or work with the State to utilize State land for primitive campsites and waterway access particularly along water path routes with established launch sites such as the Paint River. Provide amenities such as, universally accessible toilets and landing/launching areas. Acquire land to develop a hut – to - hut canoe/kayak experience. A map showing the potential water paths highlighting the scenic rivers and lakes of Iron County as well as river access sites is included on Figure 11 of Appendix A.

Funding Source:

- MNRTF / LWCF Recreation Grants
- Local Funding
- Community Donations

Cooks Run Historical Property

- Improvements to the existing lodge including a new roof and repairs to the cabin's logs, windows, and doors.
- Development of the site to allow for enjoyment of the natural resources including the addition of hiking, biking, snowshoeing, and cross-country ski trails, primitive camping, along with site access and parking improvements, and the addition of other site facilities to enhance the development of the site such as restrooms, nature centers, or other structures.

Funding Source:

- MNRTF / LWCF Recreation Grants
- Local Funding
- Community Donations

Camp Batawagama

- Upgrade existing facilities to support an extended season and a potential Youth Conservation Corp. Upgrades would include ADA upgrades, site facilities improvements and upgrades, and winterizing key structures.

Funding Source:

- MNRTF / LWCF Recreation Grants
- Local Funding
- Community Donations

Iron County Fairgrounds Accessibility Improvements

- Accessibility improvements to provide accessible paths linking the Grandstand Area to the Fairgrounds Midway level.
- Development of additional ADA accessible restroom facilities and general site access and pathways.
- Improvements to the lighting and sound system in the Grandstand and Mud Bog areas.
- The addition of portable bleachers for use for Fair and Mud Bog areas.

Funding Source:

- MNRTF Recreation Grants
- Local Funding

- Community Donations

Iron County Snowmobile/ORV Trail Development / Acquisition

- Improve Trail Connections to surrounding communities and between existing trails for ATV's and Snowmobiles and improve the conditions of existing trails.
- Acquire property or easements as necessary to provide connections from surrounding motorized trail systems and to create additional trails.
- Construct new trail systems as necessary to create or improve access to downtown areas and to broader regional trail systems.

Funding Source:

- MDNR Snowmobile Trail Program
- Local Funding
- Community Donations

Iron County Historical Museum

- Improvements to the Iron County Historical Museum would include maintenance and improvements to stabilize and do all necessary maintenance on all outbuildings.

Funding Source:

- Local Funding
- Community Donations

Helgemo Game Preserve/Nature Area

- Development of the site to provide enhanced access to local natural resources. Improvements would provide better access and parking, nature trails and signage, picnic areas, restrooms, and general site improvements.

Funding Source:

- MNRTF Recreation Grants
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- Community Donations

Wagner Lake Property

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- Development of the site to allow for enjoyment of the natural resources including the addition of hiking, biking, snowshoeing, and cross-country ski trails, primitive camping, along with site access and parking improvements, and the addition of other site facilities to enhance the development of the site such as restrooms, nature centers, or other structures.
- Development of trails, trailheads and access improvements to link this property with the nearby Iron County Bicycle/Non-Motorized Heritage Trail and Pentoga Park.

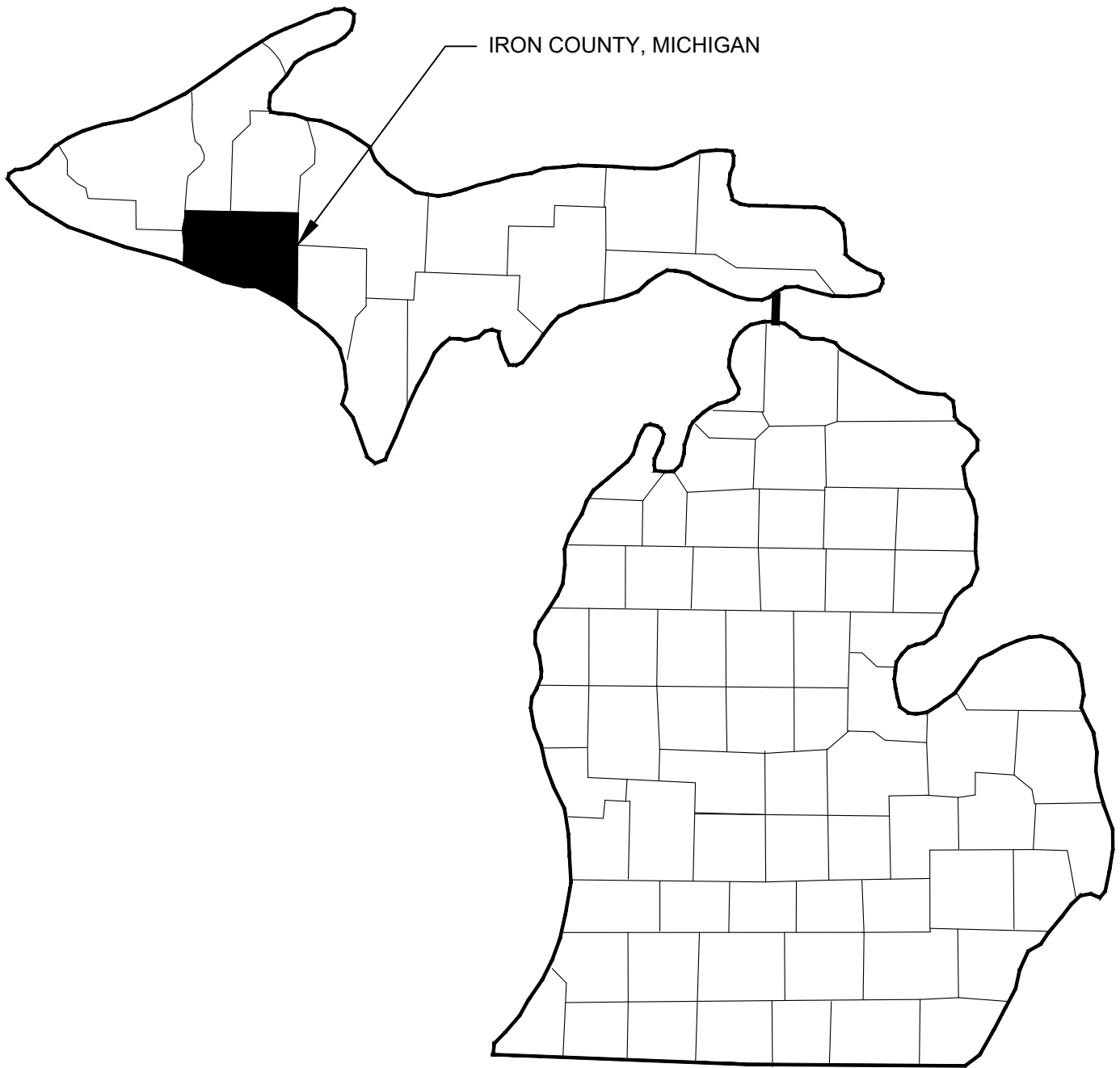
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LOCATION MAP

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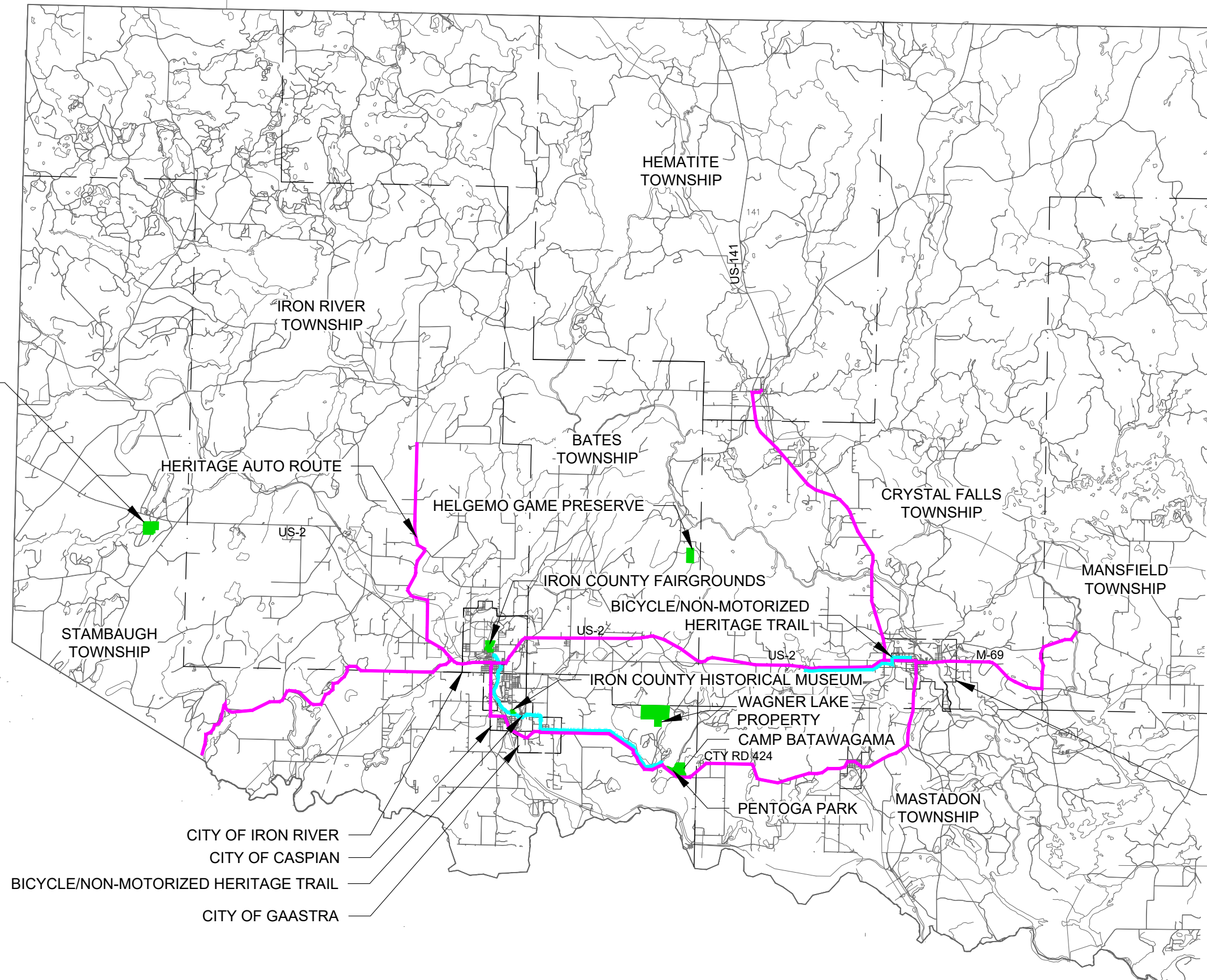
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Fig. 1



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CITY OF CASPIAN
BICYCLE/NON-MOTORIZED HERITAGE TRAIL
CITY OF GAASTRA

CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS

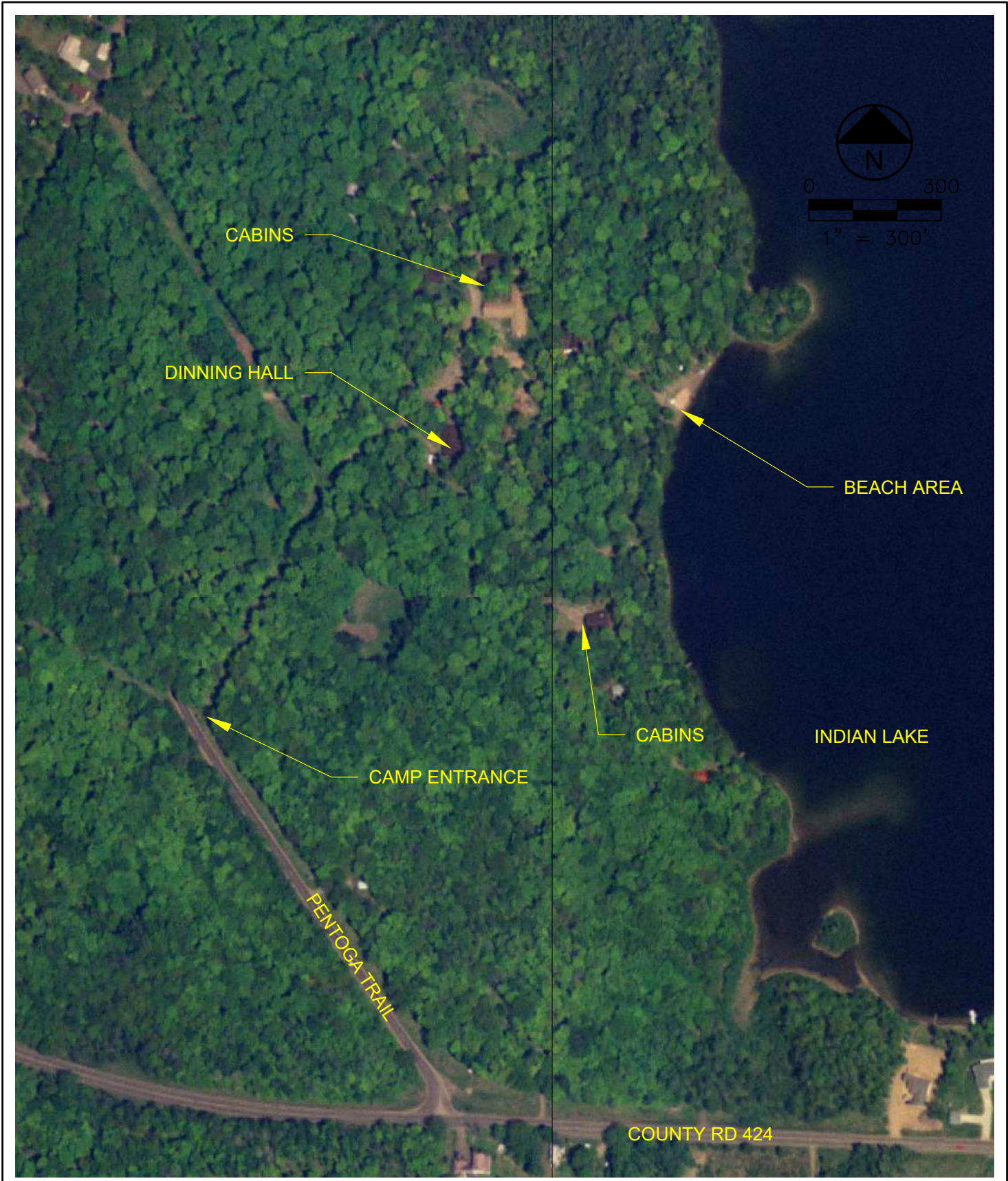
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2. SEE FIGURES 6-10 FOR INFORMATION ON THE SNOWMOBILE AND ORV TRAILS IN IRON COUNTY.

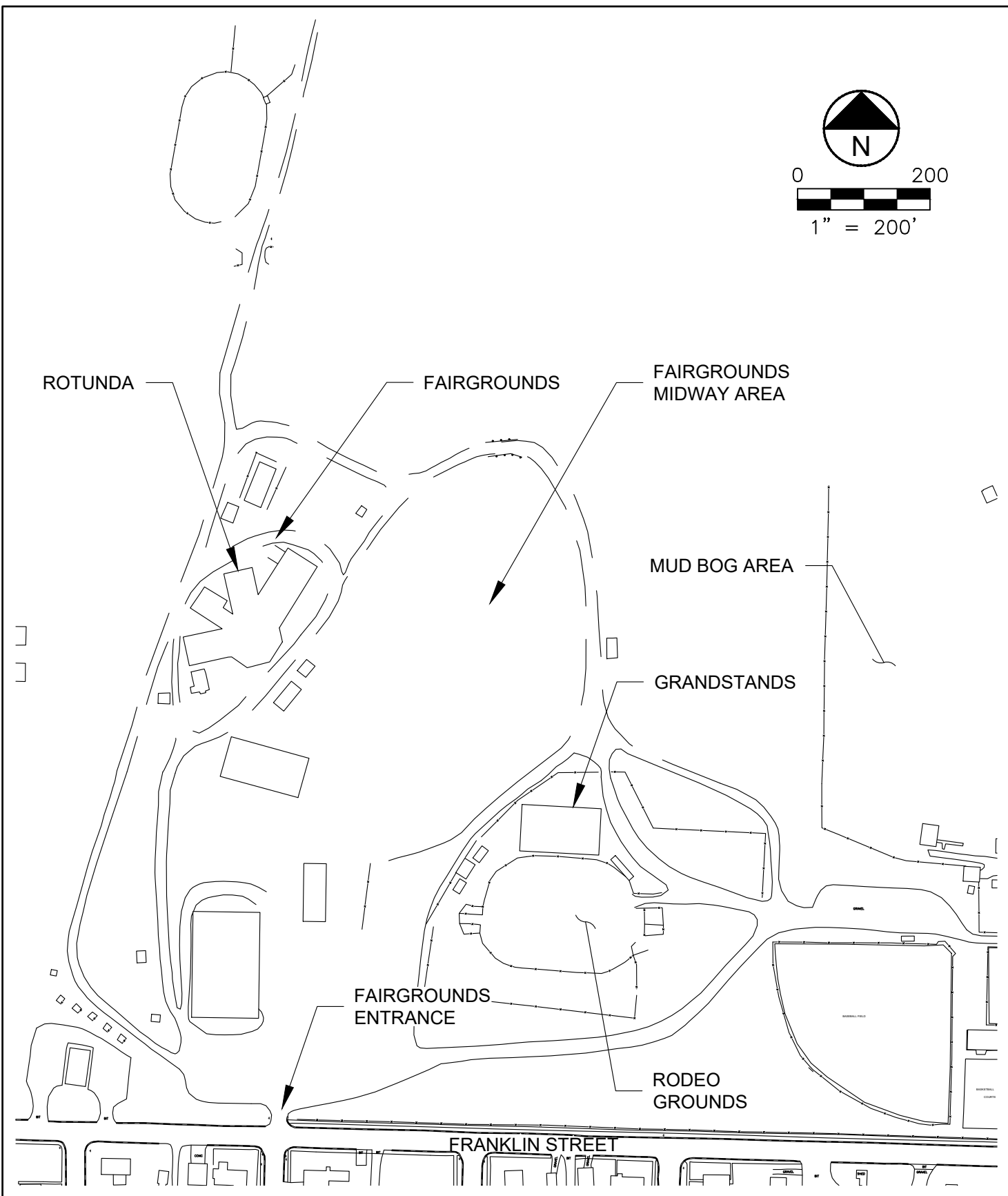
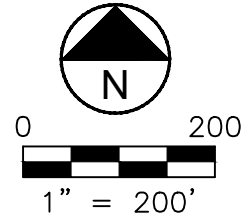
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Iron County, Michigan	Project 2102887	October 2021 Fig. 2



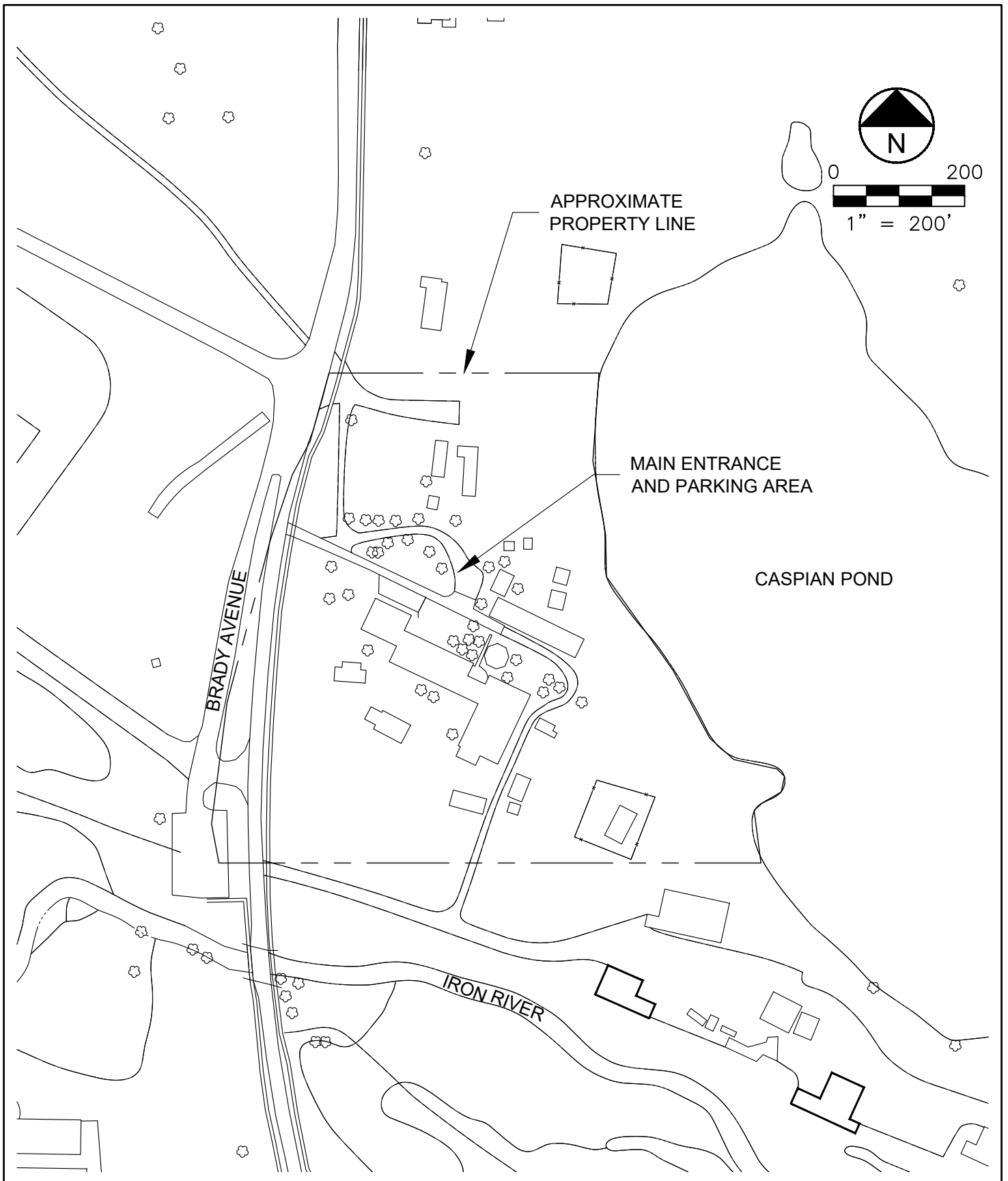
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DNR Recreation Plan

Iron County, Michigan



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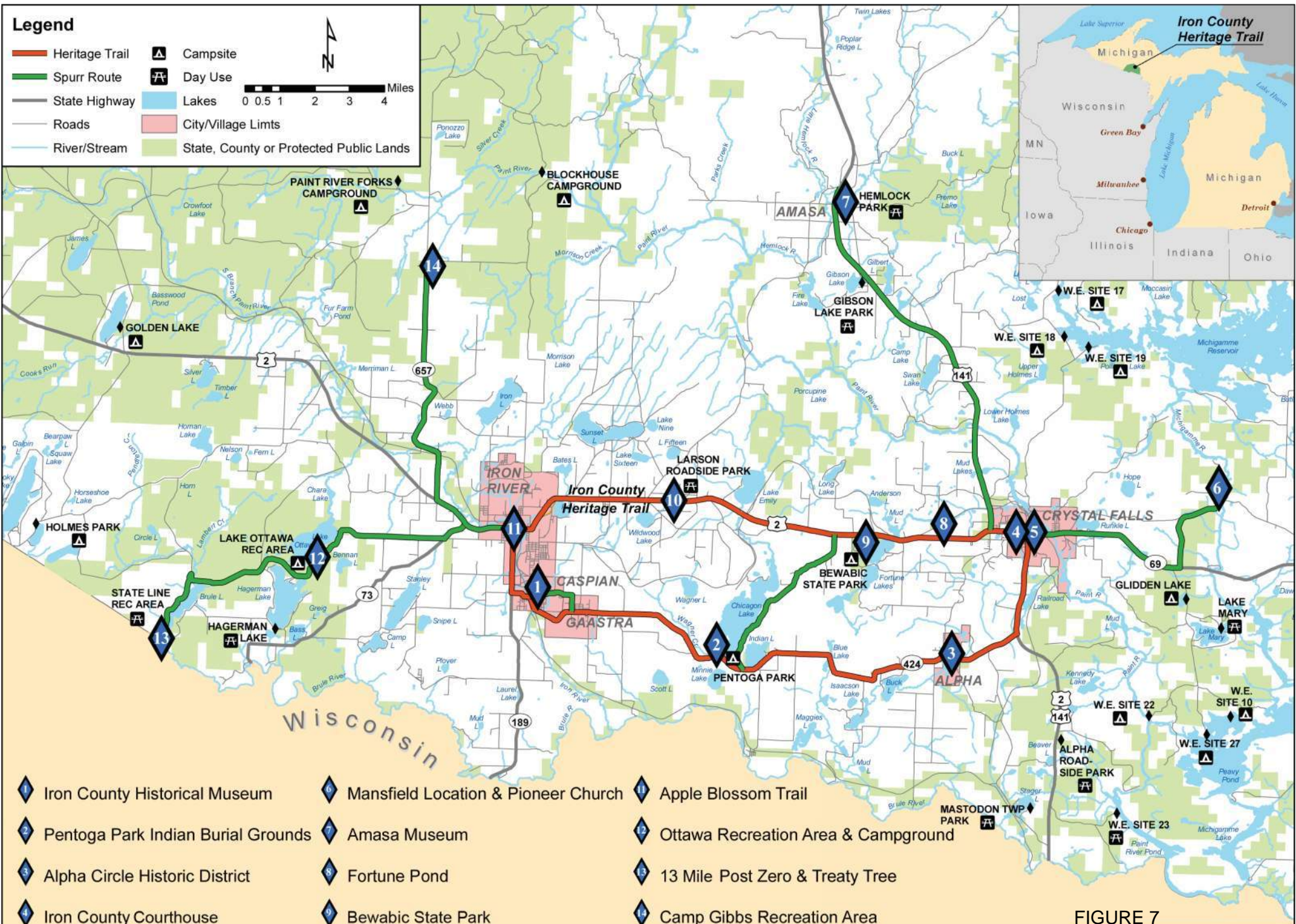
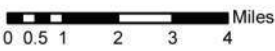
IRON COUNTY HISTORICAL
MUSEUM SITE PLAN

October 2021

Fig. 6

Legend

- Heritage Trail
- Spurr Route
- State Highway
- Roads
- River/Stream
- ▲ Campsite
- ⛑ Day Use
- Lakes
- City/Village Limts
- State, County or Protected Public Lands

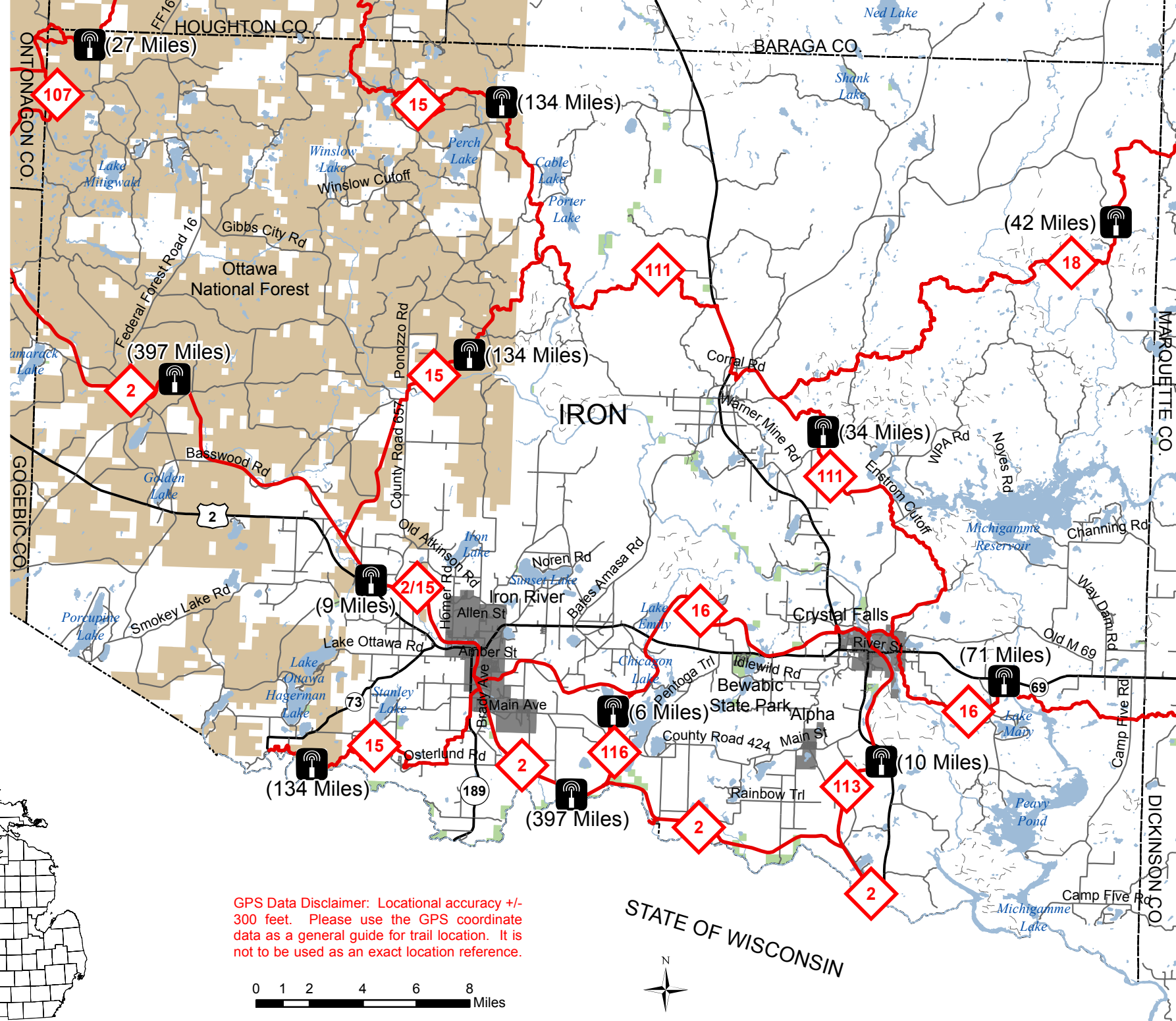


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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ◆ Iron County Historical Museum | ◆ Mansfield Location & Pioneer Church | ◆ Apple Blossom Trail |
| ◆ Pentoga Park Indian Burial Grounds | ◆ Amasa Museum | ◆ Ottawa Recreation Area & Campground |
| ◆ Alpha Circle Historic District | ◆ Fortune Pond | ◆ 13 Mile Post Zero & Treaty Tree |
| ◆ Iron County Courthouse | ◆ Bewabic State Park | ◆ Camp Gibbs Recreation Area |
| ◆ Harbour House Museum | ◆ Larson Park | |

>> Site descriptions on back cover

Department of Natural Resources
 Designated
 Snowmobile Trails
 Iron County, Michigan

- Legend**
- Parking Lot
 - Link to Download GPS file
 - Snowmobile Trail
 - Highway
 - Paved or Gravel Road
 - Poor Dirt Road
 - Lakes and Rivers
 - Cities
 - State Land
 - Federal Land
 - County Boundaries



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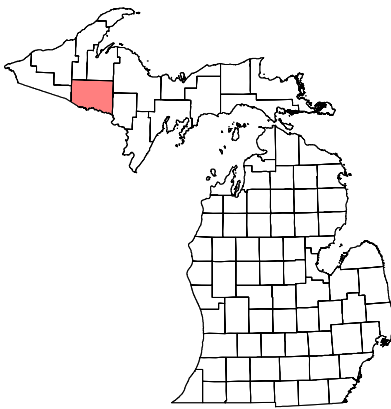
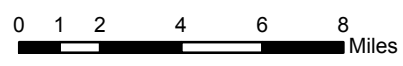
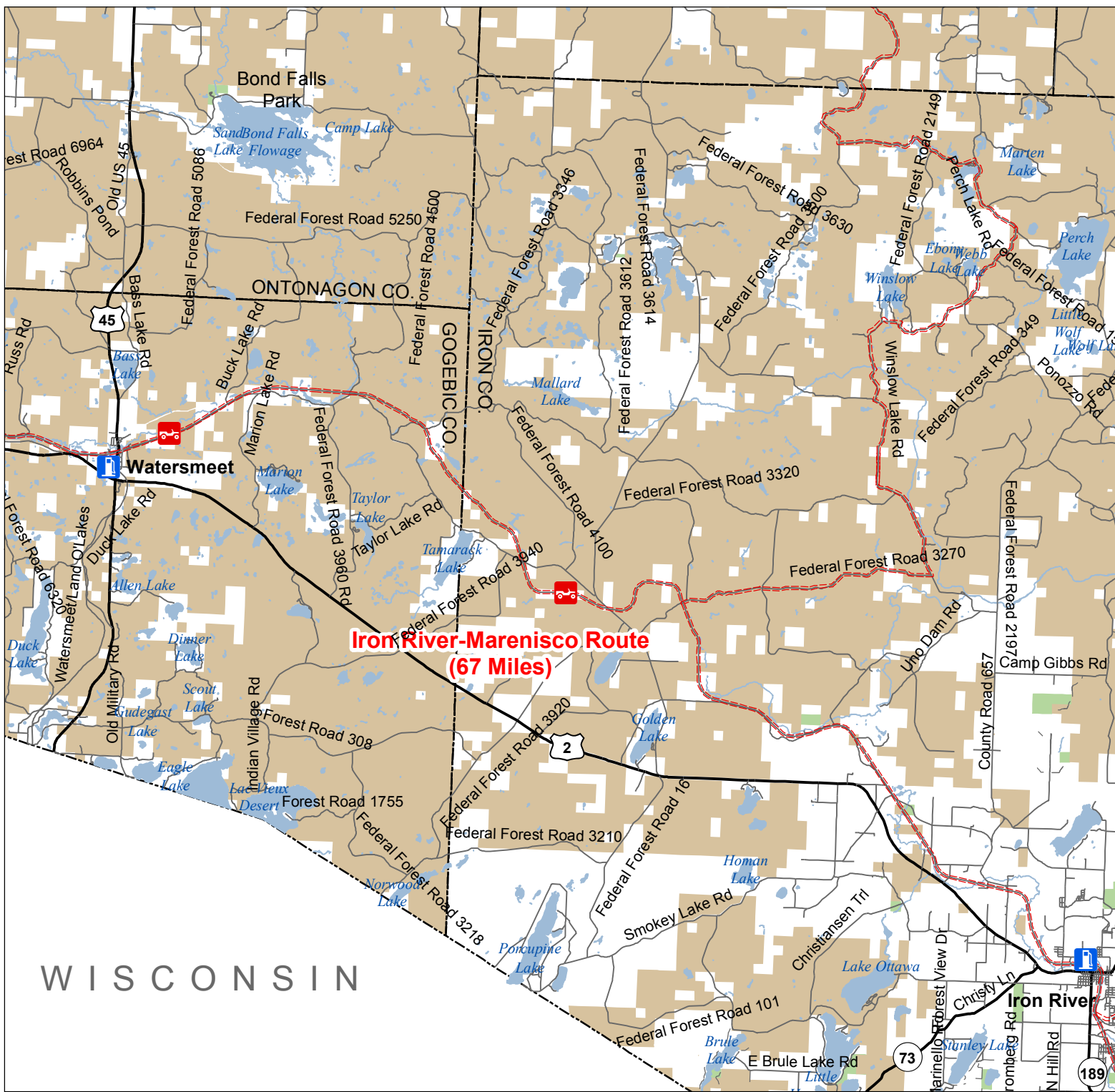











FIGURE 8 - IRON COUNTY SNOWMOBILE TRAIL SYSTEM MAP

Iron River-Marenisco Route East

Gogebic & Iron Counties, Michigan



 ORV Route – ORVs of all sizes including off-road motorcycles. ORV license and trail permit required unless licensed by the Secretary of State.

-  Gas Stations
-  Highway
-  Gravel; Paved
-  Poor Dirt
-  Lakes and Rivers
-  Ottawa National Forest
-  State Land Forested
-  County Boundary

Advisory: Trails and Routes have two-way traffic.

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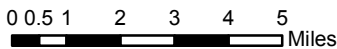
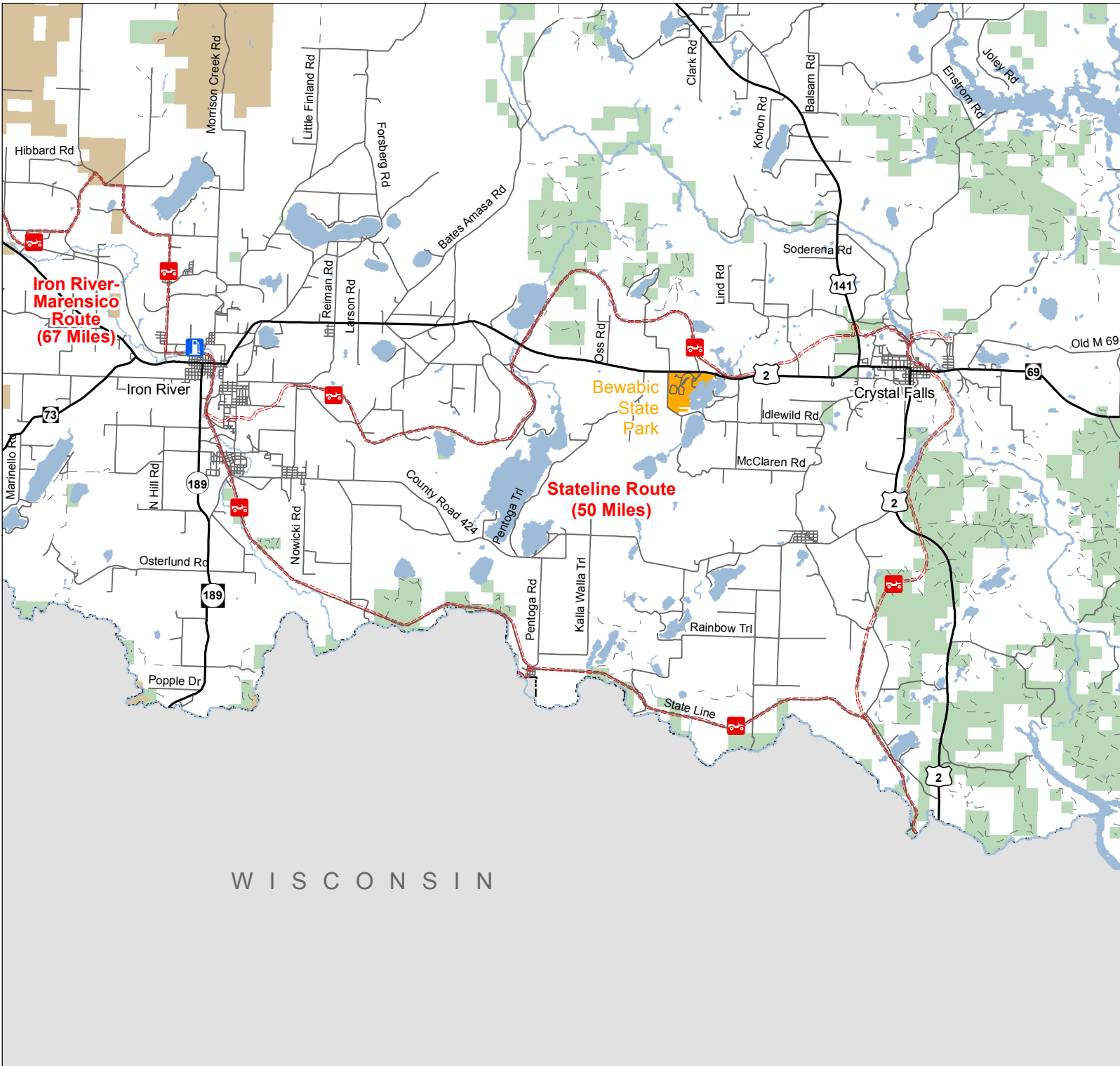


FIGURE 9 - IRON COUNTY SNOWMOBILE TRAIL MAP













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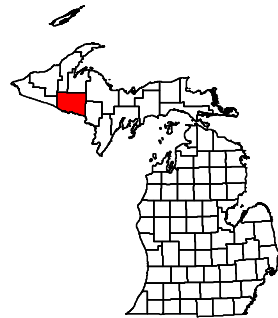
Iron County, Michigan



W I S C O N S I N

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-  Gas Station
-  Highway
-  Paved or Gravel Road
-  Poor Dirt Road
-  Lakes and Rivers
-  State Forest
-  State Park
-  Federal Land
-  County Boundaries



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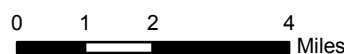


FIGURE 10 - IRON COUNTY ORV TRAIL MAP

Updated 5/01/2014

IRON COUNTY MICHIGAN RIVER ACCESS SITES

200 PLUS MILES
NAVIGABLE
RIVERS

PAINT RIVER
65 CANOEING MILES
(NOT INCLUDING NORTH BRANCH)

BRULE RIVER
59 CANOEING MILES

FENCE RIVER
28 CANOEING MILES

NET RIVER
17 CANOEING MILES

DEER RIVER
11.5 CANOEING MILES

COOKS RUN
4.5 CANOEING MILES

HEMLOCK RIVER
5.5 CANOEING MILES

MICHIGAMME RIVER
7.5 CANOEING MILES
NOT INCLUDING RESEVOIRS

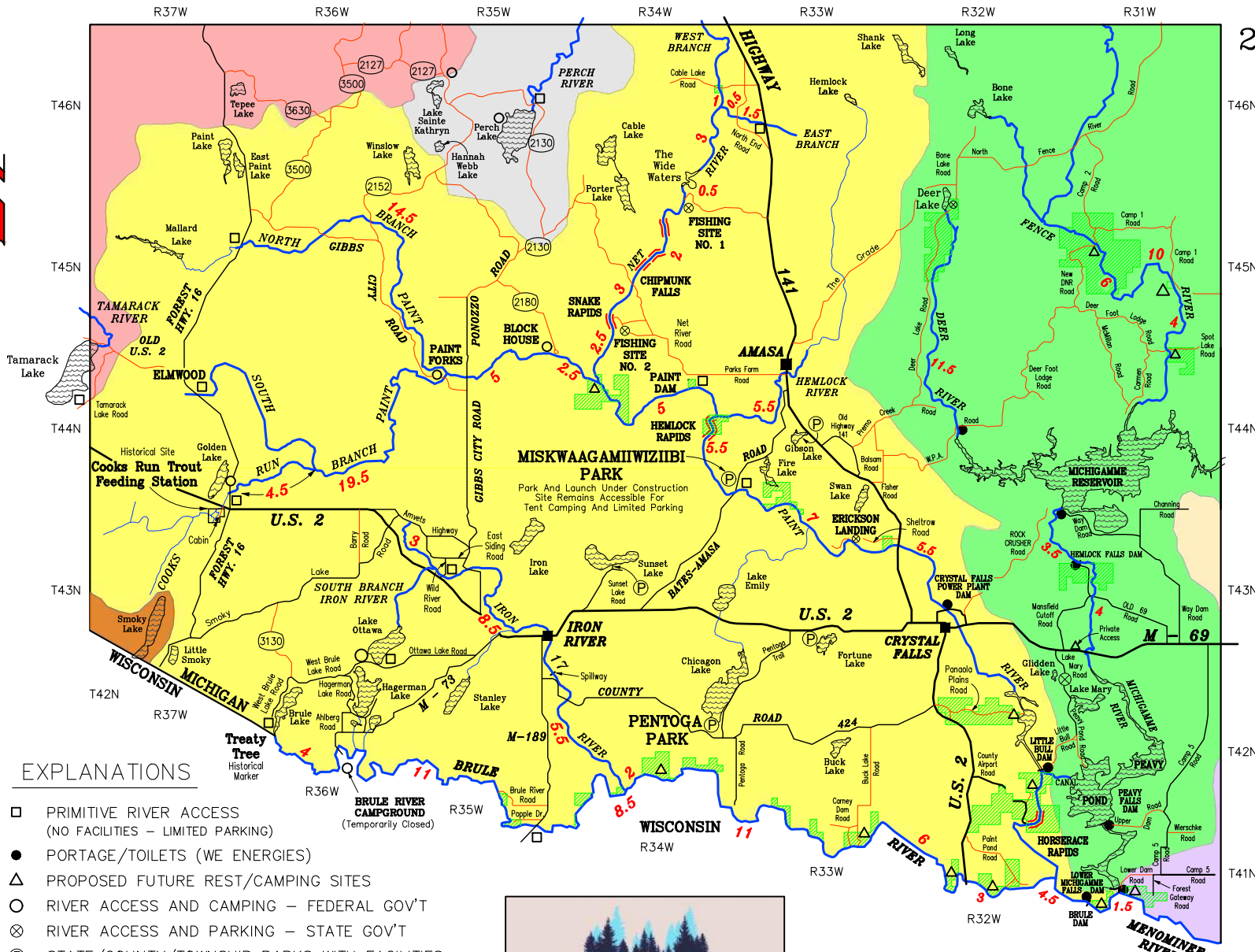
IRON RIVER
17 CANOEING MILES

TAMARACK RIVER
3 CANOEING MILES
IN IRON COUNTY
(ADDITIONAL 2 MILES TO TAKE-OUT)
(IN GOGEBIC COUNTY, UNKNOWN CONDITIONS)

PERCH RIVER
6 CANOEING MILES
IN IRON COUNTY
(ADDITIONAL 10 MILES TO TAKE-OUT)
(IN BARAGA COUNTY, UNKNOWN CONDITIONS)

WATERSHEDS

MENOMINEE	MICHIGAMME
BRULE	STURGEON
ONTONAGON	CARP FORD
UPPER WISCONSIN	



EXPLANATIONS

- PRIMITIVE RIVER ACCESS (NO FACILITIES – LIMITED PARKING)
- PORTAGE/TOILETS (WE ENERGIES)
- △ PROPOSED FUTURE REST/CAMPING SITES
- RIVER ACCESS AND CAMPING – FEDERAL GOV'T
- ⊗ RIVER ACCESS AND PARKING – STATE GOV'T
- Ⓟ STATE/COUNTY/TOWNSHIP PARKS WITH FACILITIES
- ⚡ RAPIDS
- ▨ STATE-OWNED LAND
- Ⓜ NUMERICAL FOREST SERVICE ROAD NAME
- 8.5 MILES BETWEEN EXISTING SITES, PROPOSED SITES AND/OR SIGNIFICANT FEATURES

- HIGHWAYS
- PAVED ROADS
- SECONDARY ROADS



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Scale = Miles
MARCH 2019

FIGURE 11 - IRON COUNTY RIVER ACCESS SITES

Appendix B

Recreation Budget

09/22/2021

BUDGET REPORT FOR IRON COUNTY
 Calculations as of 12/31/2021

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2020 ACTIVITY	2021 ACTIVITY THRU 12/31/21	2021 ORIGINAL BUDGET	2021 AMENDED BUDGET	2022 WORKING COPY BUDGET
Dept 000 - GENERAL						
ESTIMATED REVENUES						
208-000-485.000	PARK STICKERS	7,330	6,788	7,000	7,000	7,000
208-000-644.000	SALE OF SUPPLIES	3,405	2,820	3,500	3,500	3,500
208-000-664.000	INTEREST EARNED	122	98			
208-000-668.000	CONCESSION RENTAL & ELECTRICAL	700	700	700	700	700
208-000-668.020	PAD RENTAL	161,896	183,902	135,000	135,000	160,000
208-000-668.030	SHOWER / LAUNDRY	294		800	800	800
208-000-673.100	SALES OF FIXED ASSESTS	75				
208-000-680.000	PAVILION RENT	525	675	500	500	500
208-000-694.000	MISCELLANEOUS INCOME		78			
208-000-697.000	BEGINNING OF YEAR BALANCE				2,500	16,978
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES		174,347	195,061	147,500	150,000	189,478
APPROPRIATIONS						
208-000-716.000	DEFINED CONTRIBUTION	2,556	1,117	2,051	2,051	2,159
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		2,556	1,117	2,051	2,051	2,159
NET OF REVENUES/APPROPRIATIONS - 000 - GENERAL		171,791	193,944	145,449	147,949	187,319

Dept 751

APPROPRIATIONS						
208-751-700.000	BANK SERVICE CHARGES	1,874	1,926	2,000	2,000	2,000
208-751-702.001	WAGES - FULL TIME EMPLOYEES					
208-751-703.000	SALARY (WEST)	24,084	9,663	17,800	17,800	37,187
208-751-703.001	SALARY- DEPARTMENT HEAD	4,439	2,896	4,979	4,979	4,979
208-751-705.200	PART-TIME					
208-751-707.000	WAGES -TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES	39,463	30,905	38,000	38,000	38,000
208-751-709.000	FICA	5,076	3,270	4,700	4,700	6,133
208-751-716.000	DEFINED CONTRIBUTION			230	230	
208-751-718.000	HEALTH INSURANCE RELATED BENEFITS	5,537	3,435	6,050	6,050	8,487
208-751-724.000	LIFE INSURANCE	54	35	80	80	76
208-751-726.000	WORKMAN'S COMP		823	1,405	1,405	1,405
208-751-728.000	PRINTING & BINDING			400	400	400
208-751-742.000	GAS, OIL, GREASE	2,046	1,380	3,500	3,500	3,500
208-751-755.000	OPERATING SUPPLIES		32	500	500	500
208-751-776.000	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	2,430	2,626	2,800	2,800	3,200
208-751-809.000	ARCH/ENG SERVICES			595	595	600
208-751-850.000	TELEPHONE	994	519	960	960	960
208-751-901.000	ADVERTISING			200	200	200
208-751-911.000	WORKERS COMPENSATION	545				
208-751-920.000	UTILITIES	25,522	24,243	26,000	26,000	26,000
208-751-924.000	GARBAGE REMOVAL	2,083	2,619	3,000	3,000	3,000
208-751-930.000	BLDG/GRDS R&M	11,975	12,573	14,050	14,050	14,000
208-751-932.000	VEHICLE REPAIR AND MAINT	1,000	840	1,000	1,000	1,000
208-751-934.000	BLDG & GROUNDS VEHICLE R&M	1,400		1,400	1,400	1,400
208-751-935.000	PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE	3,763	3,743	3,800	3,800	3,800
208-751-960.000	LICENSE FEE					
208-751-960.200	INSPECTION FEE FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT					500
208-751-965.500	FIDUCIARY FEE	2,000		2,000	2,000	2,000
208-751-969.101	TRANS TO GENERAL FUND		2,500		2,500	
208-751-976.000	CAPITAL OUTLAY					17,992
208-751-977.000	EQUIPMENT	9,959	6,137	10,000	10,000	10,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		144,244	110,165	145,449	147,949	187,319
NET OF REVENUES/APPROPRIATIONS - 751 -		(144,244)	(110,165)	(145,449)	(147,949)	(187,319)
ESTIMATED REVENUES - FUND 208		174,347	195,061	147,500	150,000	189,478
APPROPRIATIONS - FUND 208		146,800	111,282	147,500	150,000	189,478
NET OF REVENUES/APPROPRIATIONS - FUND 208		27,547	83,779			
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE		76,726	104,273	104,273	104,273	188,052
ENDING FUND BALANCE		104,273	188,052	104,273	104,273	188,052

Appendix C

Post Completion Self-Certification Checklists

1. Pentoga Park (26-00055)
2. Pentoga Park (26-00137)
3. Iron County Pentoga Park Shelter (26-01029)
4. Iron County Fairgrounds Recreation Area (TF87-093)
5. Pentoga Park Campground Improvements (TF05-128)
6. Iron County Heritage Trail (TF10-064)



PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

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

GRANTEE: Iron County

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-00055

PROJECT TYPE: Acquisition

PROJECT TITLE: Pentoga Park

PROJECT SCOPE: Acquire 1.86 acres for Pentoga Park.

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Table with 3 columns: Name of Agency (Grantee), Contact Person, Title, Address, Telephone, City, State, ZIP, Email. Row 1: Iron County, [], [], 2 S Sixth Street, [], Crystal Falls, MI 49920, []

SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

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

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

SITE QUALITY

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

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

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

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No
Park maintenance staff regularly maintain the park and its facilities during the open season.

GENERAL

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

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

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No
Fees are charged for overnight camping, see below for fees.
There are no daily use fees.

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?
Park is open daily 8:00am to 10:00pm and is closed during the winter.

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

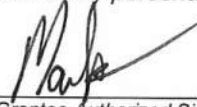
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CERTIFICATION

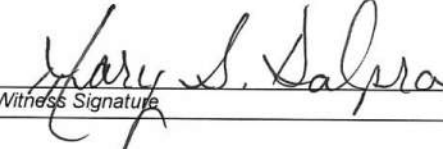
I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.

MARK STAUBER, BOARD CHAIR
Please print


Grantee Authorized Signature

1/11/2022
Date

MARY S. DALPRA
Please print


Witness Signature

1-11-22
Date

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

**Iron County, Michigan
MDNR Recreation Plan
Pentoga Park (26-00055)**



Pentoga Park Entrance Sign



Pentoga Park Entrance Sign located on County Road 424



Land and Water Conservation Plaque Located at Park Entrance



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

GRANTEE: Iron County

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-00137

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Pentoga Park

PROJECT SCOPE: See description below.

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Table with 3 columns: Name of Agency (Grantee), Contact Person, Title, Address, Telephone, City, State, ZIP, Email. Contains information for Iron County, 2 S Sixth Street, Crystal Falls, MI 49920.

SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

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

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

SITE QUALITY

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

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

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

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No
Park maintenance staff regularly maintain the park and its facilities during the open season.

GENERAL

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

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

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No
Fees are charged for overnight camping, see below for fees.
There are no daily use fees.

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?
Park is open daily 8:00am to 10:00pm and is closed during the winter.

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

Project consisted of the development of 56 campsites with road, underground utilities, dump station, service building, septic system, lighting, road widening and surfacing, drainage and graveling of trailer pads.

Camping fees: Iron County resident: \$24.00/day, \$630.00/month, \$1,800/season; Non-Resident: \$30.00/day, \$720.00/month, \$1,980/season; Camper vehicle pass: \$3.00/day, \$10.00/season.

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.

MARK STAUBER, BOARD CHAIR		
Please print	Grantee Authorized Signature	Date
MARY S. DALPRA		1-11-22
Please print	Witness Signature	Date

Send completed report to: **POST COMPLETION GRANT INSPECTION REPORTS
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**Iron County, Michigan
MDNR Recreation Plan
Pentoga Park (26-00137)**



Pentoga Park Entrance Sign



Pentoga Park Entrance Sign located on County Road 424



Land and Water Conservation Plaque Located at Park Entrance



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

GRANTEE: Iron County

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01029

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Iron County Pentoga Park Shelter

PROJECT SCOPE: See description below.

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 [x] No

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please
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Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. [] Yes [x] No

SITE QUALITY

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

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

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No
Park maintenance staff regularly maintain the park and its facilities during the open season.

GENERAL

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

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

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No
Fees are charged for overnight camping, see below for fees.
There are no daily use fees.

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?
Park is open daily 8:00am to 10:00pm and is closed during the winter.

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)


Project consisted of the development of 6 acres for shelter building and site preparations.
Camping fees: Iron County resident: \$24.00/day, \$630.00/month, \$1,800/season; Non-Resident: \$30.00/day, \$720.00/month, \$1,980/season; Camper vehicle pass: \$3.00/day, \$10.00/season.

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**Iron County, Michigan
MDNR Recreation Plan
Iron County Pentoga Park Shelter (26-01029)**



Pentoga Park Entrance Sign



Pentoga Park Entrance Sign located on County Road 424



PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT
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GRANTEE: Iron County

PROJECT NUMBER: TF87-093

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Iron County Fairgrounds Recreation Area

PROJECT SCOPE: Renovate existing grandstands to make them barrier free.

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SITE DEVELOPMENT

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If yes, please describe change(s). [] Yes [x] No

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

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

SITE QUALITY

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

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

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

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Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No
County maintenance staff regularly maintain the facility. The grounds are maintained by
the Road Commission.

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
Entry fees are charged for special events and vary depending on the event.

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?
See below.

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

The Fairgrounds are open to the public for special events such as the Iron County Fair, Upper Peninsula Rodeo, and other events during the summer months.

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Iron County Fairgrounds MDNR Recreation Trust Fund Grant Recognition Sign



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GRANTEE: Iron County

PROJECT NUMBER: TF05-128

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Pentoga Park Campground Improvements

PROJECT SCOPE: See below.

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

SITE QUALITY

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

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

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

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Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No
Park maintenance staff regularly maintain the park and its facilities during the open season.

GENERAL

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

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

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No
Fees are charged for overnight camping, see below for fees.
There are no daily use fees.

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?
Park is open daily 8:00am to 10:00pm and is closed during the winter.

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

Project consisted of development of campsites with water, roads, electrical upgrades, fishing pier and paved walkway and signage.

Camping fees: Iron County resident: \$24.00/day, \$630.00/month, \$1,800/season; Non-Resident: \$30.00/day, \$720.00/month, \$1,980/season; Camper vehicle pass: \$3.00/day, \$10.00/season.

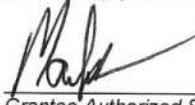
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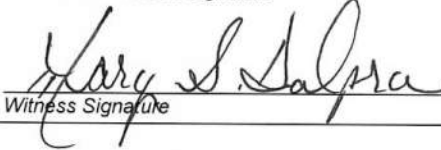
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Pentoga Park Campground Improvements (TF05-128)**



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MNRTF Plaque Located at Park Entrance



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GRANTEE: Iron County

PROJECT NUMBER: TF10-064

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Iron County Heritage Trail

PROJECT SCOPE: Development of a 7.85 mile trail extension.

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SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

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

SITE QUALITY

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

A trail head kiosk was developed on the east end of the trail extension, see photo.

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

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

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Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No
The locala municipalities in which the trail section is located have agreed to maintain the trail annual and 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/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?
The trail is opend seasonally as weather allows.

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

Project consisted of development of the construction of a non-motorized trail extending from the existing Apple Blossom Trail in the City of Caspian to Iron County's Pentoga Park. Scope items included trail, boardwalk and bridge, gaurdrail and culvert, site work, signage, and trail kiosk.

**Iron County, Michigan
MDNR Recreation Plan
Iron County Heritage Trail (TF10-064)**



Heritage Trail MDNR Recreation Trust Fund Grant Recognition Sign/Trail Head Kiosk



Heritage Trail MDNR Recreation Trust Fund Grant Recognition Sign

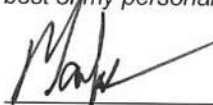
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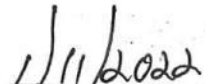
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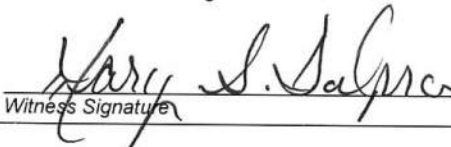
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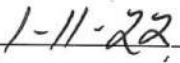
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Appendix D

Iron County Recreation Inventory

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AREA/PLACE	TYPE	OWNER	FACILITIES
Multi-Township			
Heritage Auto Route	Route	Public	Access to County historic resources (designated State Heritage Route)
Apple Blossom/Heritage Bicycle/Non-motorized Trail	Trail	City/Twps	Non-motorized paved pathway (~2.5 non-continuous miles), fishing piers, interpretive signage
Ottawa National Forest	National Forest	Federal	Varies (forest encompasses western half of County)
Snowmobile/ORV Trails	Trail System	State/County	Extensive network (21 miles owned by County*) Snowmobile Miles – 236 ORV Trails – 37
Bates Township			
Bates School	School	School	Playground, baseball field, gym
Block-House	Canoe Access	State (DNR Access)	Camp units (2), fishing, canoe access
Lake Sainte Kathryn	Campground	Federal	Camp units (25), picnic facilities, swimming, fishing
Norway Lake	Campground	Federal	Camp units (28), picnic facilities, swimming, fishing
Paint River Canoe Trail	Canoe Trail	Federal	Canoe Access
Paint River Access Site (Bates Amasa Road)/Miskwaagamiiwiziibi Park	Waterpath landing	Township	Accessible launch site with parking, trail, and dock. Hiking trails with cordwood huts for primitive camping
Perch Lake	Campground	Federal	Camp units (20), fishing, boat access
Sunset Lake Township Park	Local Park	Township	Camp site (12), boat access, baseball, bleachers, playground equipment, chalet, flush toilets, showers
Nesbitt Lake (Camp Nesbitt)	Local Park	State	Camping, swimming, canoeing (used by schools in the U.P.)
Chicaugon Lake	Township	Township	Fishing (fishing shacks are there in winter)
Larson Roadside Park	Roadside Park	State	Nations 1st Roadside park, restrooms, picnic areas
Crystal Falls Township			
Bewabic State Park	State Park	State	Swimming, picnic facilities, tennis, fishing, boating, boat access, camping, playground, 200 acres
Chicaugon Falls	Scenic	Private	Waterfalls
Deer Lake	Fishing Access	State	Fishing, picnic facilities, camping, 40 acres
Fire Lake	Fishing Access	State	Fishing, boat access
Gibson Lake Park	Local Park	Township	Swimming, picnic facilities, fishing, boating, restrooms, camping, playground, 20 acres
Glidden Lake Park	Local Park	State	Campground, swimming, boating, boat access
Michigamme River Canoe Trail	Canoe Trail	WI Electric	Access points, fishing, boating, boat access

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AREA/PLACE	TYPE	OWNER	FACILITIES
City of Crystal Falls			
Crystal View Golf Course	Golf Course	Private	Golf course (9-hole), Restaurant/bar, restrooms, 50 acres
Crystella Ski Hill	Ski Hill	Volunteer/City	Ski hill. Rope tows, restrooms
Forest Park Schools	School	School	Stadium, playground, multi-field, baseball diamond, tennis (2), archery range, nature area, restrooms, 20 acres
Lincoln Park Schools	School	School	Playground equipment
Riverwalk	Local Park	City	Barrier-free walkway, fishing piers, interpretive sign, benches
Runkle Lake Municipal Park	Local Park	City	Shelter, restrooms, picnic facilities, nature area, playground, baseball (lighted), tennis, horseshoe pits, swimming, fishing, boating, camp site (57), basketball court, 11 acre
Iron River Township			
Hemlock River	Local Park	Township	Picnic tables, fishing
Net River Canoe Trail	Canoe Trail	State	Access points, fishing
Baseball Field	Ballfield	Township	Concession stand, bleacher, slide
Camp Gibbs	Former CCC Camp	Private	Indoor and outdoor archery & rifle ranges, trap ranges (2)
Iron Lake Park	Local Park	Township	Fishing, boat access
Access Site	Access	Township	Boat access, fishing
Paint River Forks	Campground	Federal	Camp units (4), fishing, canoe access
Tepee Lake	Campground	Federal	Camp units (17), swimming, fishing, boat access
City of Iron River			
Forbes Field	Local Park	City	Softball field, playground
The Attic (City Hall)	Youth Center	City	Activity center (basketball, video games, etc.)
Bachman Park	Local Park	City	Ballfield, tennis courts (2), basketball courts (2), ice rink, playground, 3 acres
Ice Lake Park	Local Park	City	Shelter, restrooms, picnic facilities, multi-field, swimming, fishing, boating, scenic area, 6 acres
Iron County Armory	Indoor	State	Snack bar, restrooms, multi-room
Iron County Fairgrounds*	Fairgrounds	County	Grandstand, exhibition buildings, restrooms, 30 acres
Middle School	School	School	Gym, 1 acre
Nanaimo Park	Local Park	City	Bathrooms, playground
RV & Trailer Park	RV-Park	City	Camp sites (32), fishing
Hubby Holmes Field	Ice Rink	City	Fenced ice rink, restrooms, concession, 2.6 acre
High School/Elementary School	School	School	Playground, gym, multi-room
Nelson Field Complex	Stadium	City	Stadium, playground, multi-field, lighted tennis courts (3), snack bar, restrooms, picnic facilities, 14 acres
Senior Citizens Center	Indoor	City	Snack bar, restrooms
Skate Park	Local Park	City	Skate park, ramps, rails
Waterworks Skating Rink	Ice Rink	City	Restrooms, skating rink, 1.5 acres

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AREA/PLACE	TYPE	OWNER	FACILITIES
Hematite Township			
Amasa Ballfield	Ballfield	Township	3.5 acres site, softball/baseball field
Amasa Recreation Center	Recreation Center	Township	Rec center building for gatherings
Joe Mechon Memorial Park	Local Park	Township	Picnic facilities, playground, swimming, fishing access pier, basketball court, pavilion, parking area
Tennis Courts	Tennis Court	Township	4 acre site, tennis courts
Mansfield Township			
Dawson Lake Campground	Campground	Township	Campsite (18), swimming, boat access
Mansfield Township Park	Local Park	Township	Picnic facilities, playground, swimming, boating, fishing, boat access, camp sites (20), restrooms
Recreation Area M-69	Township	Township	Playground, basketball, tennis courts
Mitchell Lake	Local Park	Township	Swimming, fishing, boating, boat access (DNR), public access, church campground
Mastodon Township			
Horserace Rapids	Scenic	State (DNR)	Cliff- rapids below, fishing
Indian Lake	Youth Camp	State (DNR)	Boating
Buck Lake Park	Local Park	Township	Picnic area, fishing, boat access, campfires
Mastodon – Stager Lake Park	Local Park	Township	Playground, swimming, fishing, boating, boat access, bathhouse, picnic tables

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AREA/PLACE	TYPE	OWNER	FACILITIES
Stambaugh Township			
Bass Lake	Lake Access	Federal	Fishing and boating
Brule River Canoe Trail	Canoe Trail	Federal	Fishing, access points
Camp Batawagama*	Youth Camp	County	Youth camp facilities (lodging, swimming, etc.)
Hagerman Lake	Local Park	Federal	Day use – picnic area, beach, boat access, boating and fishing
Indian Lake	Local Park	State	Day use – picnic area, beach, boat access, boating, fishing
Carp Lake	Local Park	State	Boat access, fishing
Tamarac Lake	Local Park	State	Boat access, fishing
Stambaugh Lake	Local Park	State	Boat launch, fishing
James Lake	Local Park	Federal	Lavatory, fishing, boating
Stanley Lake	Local Park	State	Boat launch, fishing
Golden Lake	Campground	Federal	Camp units (22), swimming, fishing
Holmes Park	Local Park	Township	Picnic facilities, restrooms, swimming, fishing, boating, boat access, multi- purpose trail, camp sites (4), 31.5 acres
Pentoga Park*	County Park	County	Playground, fishing, swimming, boating, boat access, restrooms, camp sites (100), historic site (Indian burial grounds), 60 acres
Ottawa Lake Park	Federal Park	Federal	Swimming, fishing, boat access, camp sites (32), 551 acres
West Iron Co. School District School Forest	School Forest	School	School forest, nature trail
City of Gaastra			
Elmer "Swede" Anderson Memorial Park	Local Park	City	Ballfield, bleachers, soccer field, accessible parking and restrooms
War Memorial Park	Local Park	City	Memorial (no benches, but people take blankets to sit in park)
Children's Park	Local Park	City	Swings, basketball court, picnic tables, yard toys
City of Caspian			
Ballfield	Ballfield	City	Baseball field
Community Center	Community Center	City	Playground, tennis court, basketball court, indoor multi-room, meeting rooms, .5 acres. Run by Caspian Athletic Association
Indoor Ice Rink	Ice Rink	City	Indoor ice rink
Iron County Museum Park	Local Park	City	Horseshoe pits (8), restrooms, 5 acres
Ski Hill	Ski Hill	City	Rope tow, lodge

Appendix E

Public Input Process and Results – Recreation Survey Results

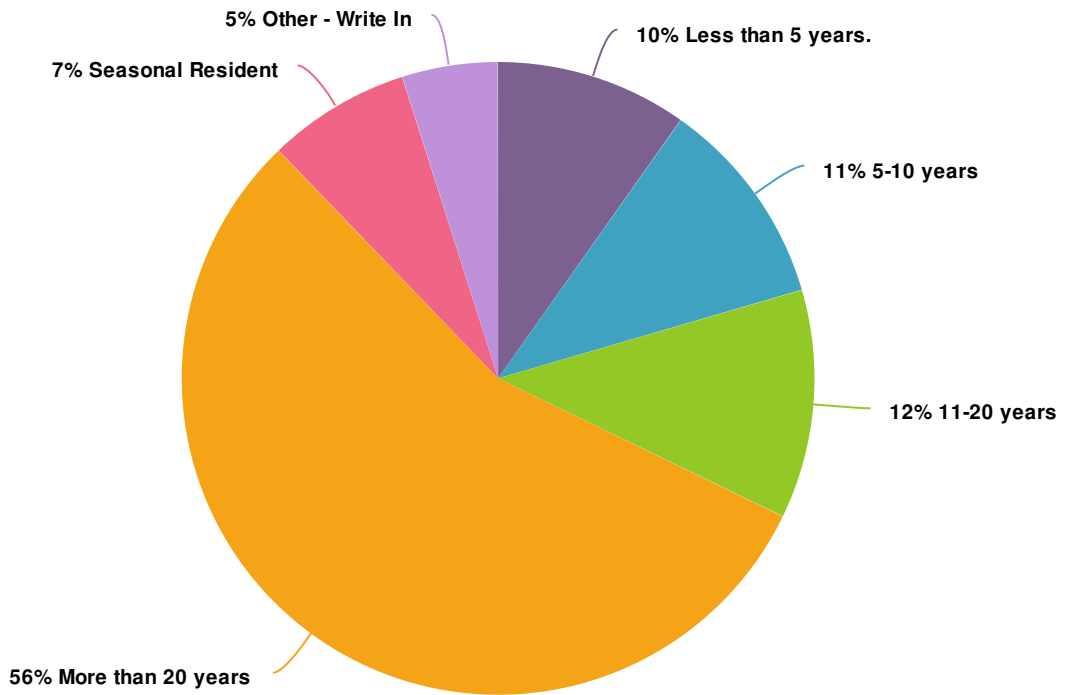
Report for Iron County Recreation Survey

Response Counts



Totals: 207

1. How long have you lived in Iron County?



Value	Percent	Responses
Less than 5 years.	9.8%	20
5-10 years	10.7%	22
11-20 years	11.7%	24
More than 20 years	55.6%	114
Seasonal Resident	7.3%	15
Other - Write In	4.9%	10

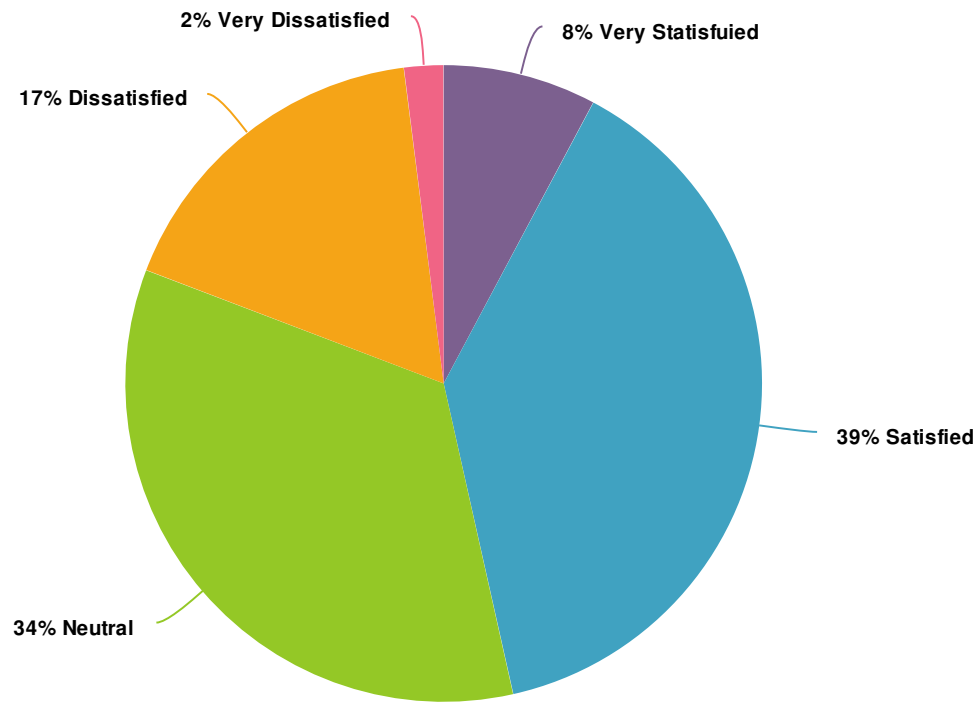
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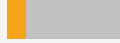

Other - Write In	Count
50 years	1
69	1
Former seasonal, 2 years full time.	1
Grew up here, vacation there now	1
Grew up there and graduated from WIC. Own a house in Gaastra and also am a co-taxpayer on a cabin	1
I have had a home on the lake for 31 years however we are a "seasonal" resident	1
Lifetime (74 years)	1
Lifetime, well over 50 years	1
Pay taxes Not our primary home but come all year long 20 plus years	1
Spending time here since 1958.	1
Totals	10

2. How many people, including you, for each age shown live in your household?

	Number	Responses
0-9 years		
Count	152	152
Row %	100.0%	
10-15 years		
Count	149	149
Row %	100.0%	
16-20 years		
Count	150	150
Row %	100.0%	
21-40 years		
Count	155	155
Row %	100.0%	
41-65		
Count	167	167
Row %	100.0%	
65+		
Count	160	160
Row %	100.0%	
Totals		207 100.0%

3. Overall, how satisfied are you with the County's recreational opportunities?



Value		Percent	Responses
Very Satisfied		7.8%	16
Satisfied		38.7%	79
Neutral		34.3%	70
Dissatisfied		17.2%	35
Very Dissatisfied		2.0%	4

Totals: 204

4. How would you prioritize improvements to the County's existing parks and recreational opportunities?

	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not Needed	Unknown	Responses
Pentoga Park Count Row %	76 38.4%	75 37.9%	33 16.7%	6 3.0%	8 4.0%	198
Iron County Heritage Bicycle/Non- motorized Trail Count Row %	68 33.7%	80 39.6%	28 13.9%	16 7.9%	10 5.0%	202
Iron County Fairgrounds Count Row %	58 29.1%	82 41.2%	46 23.1%	10 5.0%	3 1.5%	199
Camp Batawagama Count Row %	73 36.5%	57 28.5%	32 16.0%	22 11.0%	16 8.0%	200
Local Snowmobile/ATV Trails Count Row %	77 38.3%	64 31.8%	37 18.4%	7 3.5%	16 8.0%	201
Cooks Run Historical Property Count Row %	27 13.4%	70 34.8%	47 23.4%	13 6.5%	44 21.9%	201
Iron County Heritage Auto Route Count Row %	8 4.1%	45 23.0%	68 34.7%	18 9.2%	57 29.1%	196
Iron County Museum Count Row %	69 34.3%	76 37.8%	40 19.9%	10 5.0%	6 3.0%	201

	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not Needed	Unknown	Responses
A dog park would be nice to see or a park that includes an enclosure for deer & geese like the Iron Mountsin City Park Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Apple Blossom Trail Count Row %	1 50.0%	1 50.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	2
Atv trails Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Bachman Park Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Bachmann Park baseball field Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Ball parks Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Bates Township Park Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Bewabic state park Count Row %	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	1
Bring back a movie theater and a bowling alley Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1

	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not Needed	Unknown	Responses
Chicaugon Lake boat landing and Pentoga park sewer Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Connecting existing non motorized trail opportunities Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Cross Country Skiing Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Cross country skiing Count Row %	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Dawson Lake Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Disc golf Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Disc golf course Count Row %	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Dog park Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
GLIDDEN LAKE TRAILS Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Glidden Lake Count Row %	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1

	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not Needed	Unknown	Responses
Hiking trails Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Improvements to the small boat landings and picnic areas Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Mapping county & USFS remote camping locations Count Row %	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Mapping county & USFS roads etc as rec. biking and walking routes or loops Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Mountain Bike Trails Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Mountain bike trail routes in public land Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Mountain biking single track Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Mountain biking trails/recreational trails Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1

	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not Needed	Unknown	Responses
Paint River Improvements (boat launch, shelter, etc.) Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Pentoga park sewer updating and fixes Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Pickle Ball / Splash Pad / Rec complex Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Playgrounds Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Pocket parks downtown Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Runkle Lake Park Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Runkle lake park Count Row %	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Soccer Fields Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Splash pad Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Splash pad Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1

	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not Needed	Unknown	Responses
Stocking fishing lakes Count	1	0	0	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Sunset lake park Count	1	0	0	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Use parks as locations for more community events Count	1	0	0	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Walking, snow show, dog, horse areas Count	1	0	0	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Water Trails (with campsites) on Paint & Brule Rivers Count	1	0	0	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Winter silent sport trails, cross country skiing and snowshoeing. Count	1	0	0	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
YMCA (between IR and CFALLS Count	1	0	0	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
alpine skiing Count	1	0	0	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
cross country & snowshoeing at Glidden Lake Count	1	0	0	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	

	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not Needed	Unknown	Responses
dog park						
Count	1	0	0	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
trail or improved access to waterways/ public access sites						
Count	1	0	0	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Totals						
Total Responses						202

5. In general, how would you prioritize the need for each of the following improvements at Pentoga Park?

	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not Needed	Unknown	Responses
Boat Wash Station Count Row %	68 33.5%	55 27.1%	44 21.7%	11 5.4%	25 12.3%	203
Boat Launch Access and Parking Improvements Count Row %	44 21.9%	79 39.3%	41 20.4%	11 5.5%	26 12.9%	201
Playground Equipment Count Row %	56 28.0%	65 32.5%	44 22.0%	12 6.0%	23 11.5%	200
New or Improved Campsites Count Row %	44 21.9%	59 29.4%	53 26.4%	23 11.4%	22 10.9%	201
Improved Campsite Utilities (Water, Sewer, Electric) Count Row %	50 24.8%	66 32.7%	44 21.8%	17 8.4%	25 12.4%	202
Restroom/Shower Facilities Count Row %	65 32.5%	72 36.0%	27 13.5%	13 6.5%	23 11.5%	200
Improved On Shore Fishing Facilities Count Row %	36 17.9%	62 30.8%	59 29.4%	20 10.0%	24 11.9%	201
New Campsite Reservation System Count Row %	53 26.2%	56 27.7%	37 18.3%	15 7.4%	41 20.3%	202

	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not Needed	Unknown	Responses
Bathroom at boat launch Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Beach upkeep Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Better geese control Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Better use of space. Have some community events there. Count Row %	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Camp store open and available Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Campsite reservations needing to be present Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Concessions Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
County Residents priority to campsites for seasonal spots Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Dog beach Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1

	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not Needed	Unknown	Responses
Don't go there much except to launch boat Count Row %	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Eliminate use of chemical fertilizers (if now used) Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Enforce beach rules- no dogs, bikes, or golf carts Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Fee to launch a boat Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Groomed cross country ski and snowshoe trails Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Improved wastewater treatment. Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Launch fees & day park fees Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Lawn care/beach area Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1

	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not Needed	Unknown	Responses
Make sure only one camp site per person. And charge extra to those that have party tents using electricity for lights and refrigerators etc Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
More beach area Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
More playgrounds in residential neighborhoods Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
More seasonal sites for Iron County residents Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Noise restriction Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Pave the back loop Count Row %	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Roof on changing house Count Row %	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Sewer Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Supervision of Campsite Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1

	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not Needed	Unknown	Responses
Too crowded Count	1	0	0	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Too crowded to be pleasant to camp Count	1	0	0	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Water play equipment Count	1	0	0	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
access trail from camp sites to Pentoga Trail Count	1	0	0	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
more oversight to keep the campgrounds quite Count	1	0	0	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Totals Total Responses						203

6. In general, how would you prioritize the need for each of the following improvements at Camp Batawagama?

	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not Needed	Unknown	Responses
General Accessibility/ADA Improvements Count Row %	54 27.1%	60 30.2%	21 10.6%	18 9.0%	46 23.1%	199
Upgrade Existing Facilities Count Row %	55 27.5%	64 32.0%	20 10.0%	18 9.0%	43 21.5%	200
Allow kids who missed out on previous years get to go longer if they wish. Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Any water craft needed Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Cleaning up goose droppings Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Never used but love stuff for kids to do Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Resume use by County youth. Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Training for Counselors Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1

	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not Needed	Unknown	Responses
longer season						
Count	1	0	0	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
more public events at Batawagama other than camping						
Count	1	0	0	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Totals						
Total Responses						200

7. In general, how would you prioritize the need for each of the following improvements for the Heritage Trail Bicycle/Non-Motorized Trail/Apple Blossom Trail?

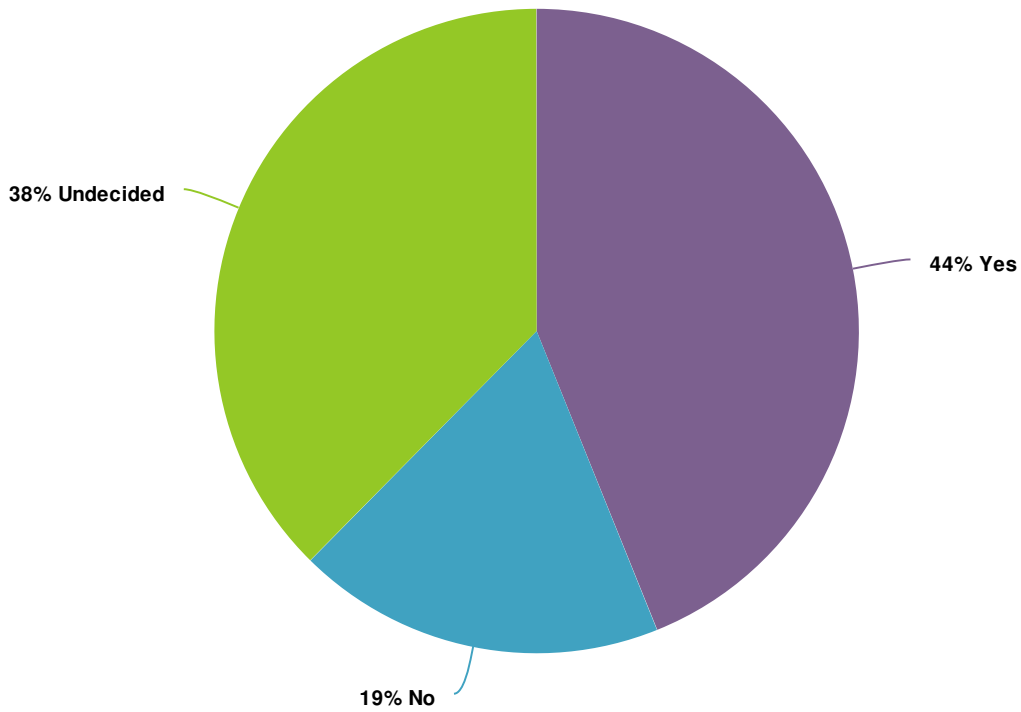
	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not Needed	Unknown	Responses
Trail Lighting Count Row %	56 27.9%	60 29.9%	41 20.4%	28 13.9%	16 8.0%	201
Better Access and Parking Count Row %	42 20.8%	60 29.7%	52 25.7%	27 13.4%	21 10.4%	202
Increased Signage Count Row %	50 24.6%	58 28.6%	51 25.1%	21 10.3%	23 11.3%	203
Resting Areas and Benches Count Row %	39 19.4%	69 34.3%	59 29.4%	17 8.5%	17 8.5%	201
Trail Extension Count Row %	78 38.6%	58 28.7%	27 13.4%	20 9.9%	19 9.4%	202
Other Trails Routes Count Row %	64 31.5%	58 28.6%	35 17.2%	20 9.9%	26 12.8%	203
Increased Maintenance Count Row %	65 32.8%	69 34.8%	25 12.6%	13 6.6%	26 13.1%	198
Barrier between highway and trail Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Bathrooms Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Bike tuning station Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1

	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not Needed	Unknown	Responses
Board walk and river outlooks desperately need fixing Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Check bridges for bad boards and nails Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Connect the trails Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Connecting with other trails like crystal Falls trail Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Connector trail between Crystal Falls and Chicagoan Lake Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Cultural improvements along trail. I.e art installations Count Row %	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Fishing spot along River. Trout habitat improvements Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Fix the boardwalk in the Klimt Safford Campground Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1

	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not Needed	Unknown	Responses
Fix the original section by the museum Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Garbage cans throughout for dog poop bags Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Garbage cans throughout! Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Groomed the trail for skiing Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Keep snowmobiles and ATVs off of trail Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Mapping other trail alternatives or routes in the county Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Mile markers for distance travelled Count Row %	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Pave unimproved sections Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1

	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not Needed	Unknown	Responses
Plowing apple blossom trail iron river side during winter Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Provide recreation hot spots along the trail - fishing spots, interpretive trail signs, nature trail signs, habitat information Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Testroomd Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Trash cans Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Totals Total Responses						203

8. Should the County Play an active role in developing and improving the 122 acre Cooks Run Historical Site to create additional recreational opportunities?



Value		Percent	Responses
Yes		43.9%	90
No		18.5%	38
Undecided		37.6%	77

Totals: 205

9. In general, how would you prioritize the need for development at the County owned Cooks Run Historical Site?

	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not Needed	Unknown	Responses
Improved Access Drive and Parking Area Count Row %	35 17.2%	51 25.1%	31 15.3%	15 7.4%	71 35.0%	203
Rehabilitate Existing Structures Count Row %	54 27.0%	43 21.5%	27 13.5%	10 5.0%	66 33.0%	200
Accessible Restrooms Count Row %	56 27.9%	50 24.9%	26 12.9%	14 7.0%	55 27.4%	201
Interpretive Signage Count Row %	37 18.6%	52 26.1%	39 19.6%	13 6.5%	58 29.1%	199
Nature Trails Count Row %	52 25.9%	59 29.4%	25 12.4%	12 6.0%	53 26.4%	201
Snow Show and Cross County Ski Trails Count Row %	53 26.5%	55 27.5%	24 12.0%	13 6.5%	55 27.5%	200
Primitive Camping Opportunities Count Row %	41 20.7%	50 25.3%	36 18.2%	16 8.1%	55 27.8%	198
After renovations, offer for small event rentals Count Row %	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Fishing access Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1

	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not Needed	Unknown	Responses
Fishing acres Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Make public aware that it is there Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Modify agreement for use with state to allow more flexibility Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
More publicity for this well kept secret. Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Mountain biking/fatbiking trails Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Rent it out for weddings - it's a beautiful building!! Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
River habitat improvements Count Row %	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
The old Cooks Run Fish Hatchery is a money pit. It's in the middle of nowhere and not worth the effort. Count Row %	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	1
Totals Total Responses						203

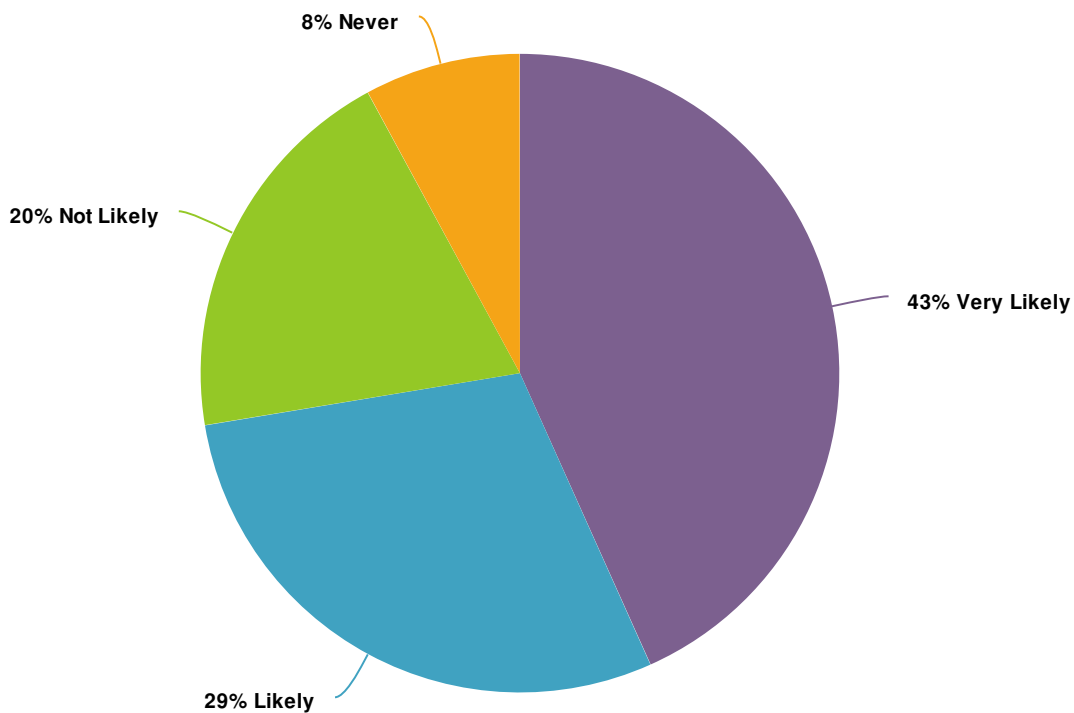
10. In general, how would you prioritize the need for each of the following improvements to the County's Snowmobile and ATV Trails?

	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not Needed	Unknown	Responses
Additional Trails Count Row %	69 34.5%	49 24.5%	42 21.0%	23 11.5%	17 8.5%	200
Improve Existing Trails Count Row %	86 43.0%	60 30.0%	26 13.0%	10 5.0%	18 9.0%	200
Improved Access to Local Downtowns Count Row %	86 43.0%	65 32.5%	21 10.5%	14 7.0%	14 7.0%	200
Connections to Broader Trail Networks Count Row %	88 43.8%	57 28.4%	22 10.9%	11 5.5%	23 11.4%	201
Enforcement of noise in town. Kids Rev atv with very loud exhaust near residential neighborhoods. There is plenty of room out of town for speed/reving Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Keep them off public roadways Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Open more trails to atvs Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1

	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not Needed	Unknown	Responses
Parking for ATV use Count Row %	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Parking lots Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Place them strategically so there is good access to fishing spots along the trails Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Rec trails are in bad shape and need maintenance Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Signage Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Signs Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
XC TRAIL GROOMING/GLIDDEN LAKE Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
dust control Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
more signage for trails and directions to local businesses Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1

	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not Needed	Unknown	Responses
smooth out trails by grading	1	0	0	0	0	1
Count	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Row %						
Totals						
Total Responses						201


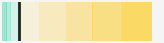

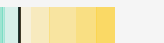

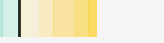

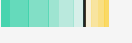

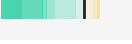
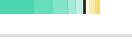
11. If the County were to develop a water Path (a water path is a designated route with developed launch points, camping locations, and points of interest for canoeists or kayakers), how likely would it be that you would utilize this feature?

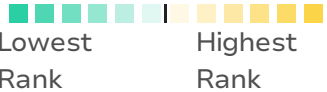


Value	Percent	Responses
Very Likely	43.3%	88
Likely	29.1%	59
Not Likely	19.7%	40
Never	7.9%	16

Totals: 203

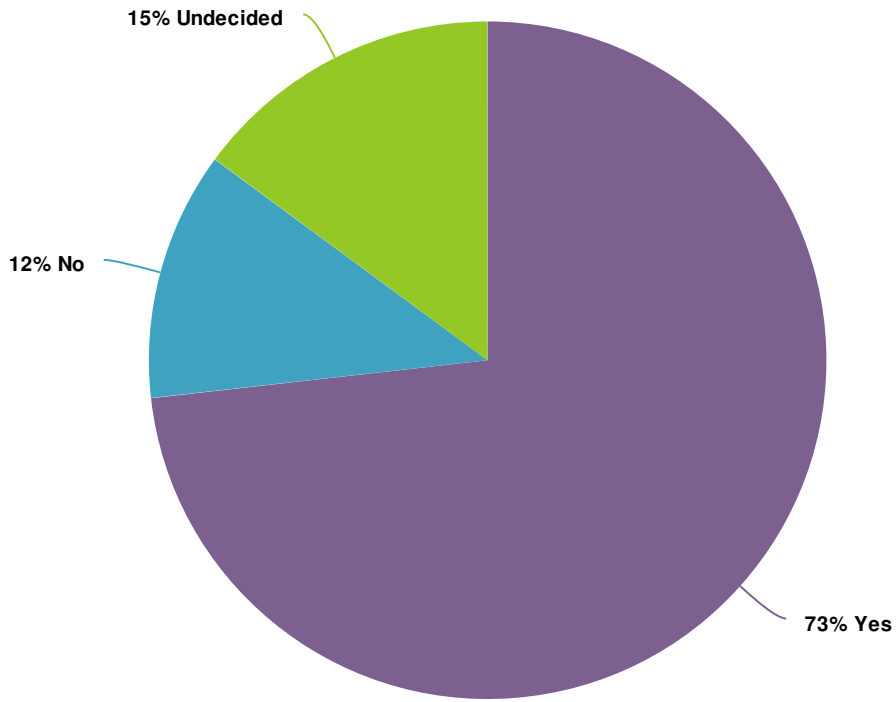
12. Of the following, please rank the activities you would most like to see added in the County.




Item	Overall Rank	Rank Distribution	Score	No. of Rankings
Multi-Use Trails	1		1,519	165
Cross Country/Snow Shoe Trails	2		1,376	163
Water Paths	3		1,315	153
Hunting/Fishing Access	4		1,127	146
Mountain Bike Trails	5		1,119	147
Primitive Campsites	6		932	135
Basketball Courts	7		631	124
Tennis Courts	8		595	123
Volleyball Courts	9		577	120
Disk Golf	10		487	116
Skate Park	11		426	115



Lowest Rank Highest Rank

13. Should the County play an active role in a project extending the Iron County Heritage Bicycle/Non-Motorized Trail from Pentoga Park to Bewabic State Park?



Value		Percent	Responses
Yes		73.3%	148
No		11.9%	24
Undecided		14.9%	30

Totals: 202

14. Is there anything else you would like to recommend about our Community Parks and Recreational needs?



ResponseID Response

1	Need better coordination between local governments and the county as it pertains to recreation planning. We have a lot of opportunities that exist and seems we are trying to overlap in multiple communities. We really need a county wide recreation inventory so we don't spend limited funding duplicating efforts.
2	Keep pets off beach at Pentoga. Put docks out at Memorial day week as it used to be.
3	Please do something with Cooks Run.
5	Please work cohesively with other groups to make Iron county better.
6	A recreational complex that is centrally located with a A splash pad .
9	Batawagama should have opened to Iron County residents this past summer. I see lots of people using the bike paths. Would like to see paths swept sooner in the spring but understand that late season snowstorms put rocks back on the path adding additional cleanup costs.
11	Focus on the needs of county residents and those needs should be a priority
13	I would love to see existing parks used. We need a local baseball field for little league/softball programs. Come spring we have a good chance to get these programs back for our youth. All the fields are under code and this forces our youth to play out of town.

ResponseID Response

17	More places to enjoy a family gathering/picnic area. Not all lake areas are unused on the day you go there to use it.
19	A large soccer complex/sports field would be excellent!
20	If you build it they will come.
21	Open Golden lake back up, fix the closed down campgrounds and open back up. Look into allowing winter camping.
22	Support of the Crystella ski complex
23	The ATV & snowmobile trails are used very much. Would like to see maintenance of grading them smooth in the non-snow covered months. Side-by-side use is becoming very popular. Would be nice to have good trails. Iron ore is a problem but probably not fixable.
26	Extend paint River boardwalk
32	Splash pad for younger children in summer months, mini golf ---huge income for tourists and teenage kids
34	New and improved recreational trails would be wonderful! The current trails are great, but extension of the trails would be even better!!
37	Modernized facilities
41	The Iron River Frisbee golf course lacks signage and maintenance, making it hard to use.
46	More small parks in the communities so kids don't have to travel so far to access them
49	I think that there should be a LOT more advertising done by the city about what's currently available in our area. I've been here 3 years as a homeowner and I've never heard about Cooks Run or Camp Batawagama usage. If we are going to grow with new residents moving into the area, we need more information put out there about what's here. I would like to see our city grow but retain our wonderful small town flavor. We can be as good as Eagle River...or better! The Apple Blossom trailhead wood planks need updating. A dog park would be great. And why don't we have a theater going in the space near Angelis? We have young people who need wholesome things to do in our city!
50	We are in need of a place we're teenage kids can park and hang out without getting harassed by Seth Waters.
51	Updated play equipment, maybe a splash pad

ResponseID Response

55	Because this county is entertaining more tourists, winter camping, more access to ice fishing sites, trails supporting all sports vehicles to the lakes and motels. This county also needs either a walmart or target to fulfill miscellaneous needs of the people. More affordable housing is also much needed.
56	Public Swimming Pool
59	No.
60	We need help rebuilding the softball/baseball field at Bachman. We have interest in doing the work but need the help to do so. We are trying to grow softball for both men and women again here but the field needs LOTS of work. Imagine the benefit of holding a tourney or two each summer they could help the city and it's businesses plus the activities added for our residents 😊
64	You don't need to do anything major that will raise taxes! Put up cameras to catch the park vandalism. They should pay for themselves. NO dog park!
66	Handicapped access to pewheelchairs rlchairs
72	Zoning in residential areas need to include access to playgrounds/parks within walking distance for young parents to walk, not drive across town, to take children to safe outdoor spaces for play and exercise.
77	I really think that we need to invest in some solid pocket parks for our downtown area. An in ground fountain park for kids would be ideal in drawing families to our city and would make for a great multipurpose area.
78	More advertising, Addressing handicap needs where needed, finding ways to make them part of various community activities that would bring light to these areas.
82	More publicity for the Heritage Trail sites. New/improved signs, clear maps to plot the most economical routes to take to get from one to another. The community parks needs to be maintained-- the tennis courts and basketball courts are falling apart. The children use the parks. We need them to be clean and usable. The baseball fields should be kept up regularly. The dugouts need attention! The city should invest in the soccer association. There are over 300 children who play every season. A lot of land should be cleared so that the soccer association can create fields all in one space with ample parking. This should absolutely be a priority.
85	People who support Iron County Parks and Recreation are ALL important!
87	A new dock for boats at Pentoga with more spots available

ResponseID Response

88	No
93	Be nice to have a group campsite somewhere.
96	Fix the roads so it is possible to get to the recreational areas. Spending more on extras without taking care of what is already there is not the best idea
98	We need more pocket parks around the city to beautify our town. We need to clean up the empty lots and make use of them.
99	Upgrade the electrical at the fairgrounds so more events can be safely held throughout the year
105	N/A
109	Would help the economy
113	Keep the existing apple blossom system clean, every spring its full of gravel and sand and takes all summer to clean
114	Maintain and improve established sites prior to building new site
115	Upgrade restrooms in all parks
119	So many X-country trails are no longer maintained by the county. Let's re-think that. Winter lasts a long time here...
125	Users need to pay a higher proportion of costs. Taxpayers should not be overly subsidizing users like we do at Batawagama, Pentoga. Caution: Parks are money losers as they are very costly to maintain and because modern tourists are more likely to use other types of recreation. Cooks Run: Turn it over to a land trust after assuring public uses and get out of trying to directly manage that property. Bike Trails: Let's use better planning/routing than has been done on the Chicagon Lake extension and the Crystal Falls to Fortune Lake extension!! Those two are horrible routes along busy highways, not scenic or interesting, difficult to keep clean and extremely underutilized. There are plenty of other routes available!
126	Keep em clean ;)!
127	I'd love to see water paths with paddle in campsites on the Paint and Brule Rivers.
133	- enough pickleball courts to hold a tournament - better signage for waterfalls and natural wonders - more bike lanes on roads and more off-road trails

ResponseID Response

135	more hiking and biking trails.
136	County Residents should have top priority over out of county for seasonal spots....residents pay taxes and it should count for something.
137	The ATV trail system in Iron Co is completely underused and undervalued. If anyone ever took the time to understand how many people enter Iron Co from Wisconsin and from the northern boundary counties, the committee might be shocked at how much revenue an improved trail system would generate. Check out Wisconsin's ATV trails and then ours..SAD! The Iron Co Sheriff has an ATV Deputy who has spent 18 years on these trails...TALK TO HIM if you want current trail info and insights. Or if you don't want someone who actually knows the trails probably better than anyone else, go out there yourself and ride ALL of the trails in Iron Co. Do the necessary research & talk to people who are in the know!
138	Assist with getting a parking site from Medicare facility to convert into a small parking lot for guests to park their cars when walking the bike trail from Medicare to Bewabic Park, in addition to providing benches, picnic tables, lighting for families to stop and rest or even a gazebo.
140	Stop allowing people to camp all summer at Pentoga. Find a better way to reserve sights. Allow in county residents to register first.
144	Please improve website describing rec opportunities not only county owned but across ownerships this can be very difficult to find, you have to access many different sites and know who manages the site to find it on line
145	Would like to see our local parks improved for the children and utilize Nelson field more than just for football! Such a beautiful asset to our community!
150	I'd be willing to pay more in taxes to provide more recreation around the county. Paul and the girls at the chamber had great momentum in revitalizing tourism and we could see a huge difference. Tourists want the virgin outdoor experience and we can give them that. Do some recruitment to get more people involved - even finding out about this survey was by happenstance. Get on social media, get in the paper, get on WIKB. Get people excited about what can be accomplished!! Ride that momentum before it dies off.
151	I'd love to see us think outside the box a little when it comes to parks & recreation. An outdoor fitness park could be a good way to engage more adults in outdoor recreation. Google "adult playground" for some ideas!
154	Yes, ARPA for broadband infrastructure to support the community parks and recreational needs! Connectivity is key in everything people do now!

ResponseID Response

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156	Better signage for apple blossom trail. I lived here for two years before I even knew there was such a thing.
158	Rec trails for off road vehicles and snowmobiling are some of the busiest in the state. They need support from Iron County. This sport bring many dollars into the county. Their importance can not be overstated!
165	Improve the ATV trails. People spend alot of money for machines and gear to ride atv trails all the UP. Just look at how much tourism is being generated by "jeepers" on Drummond Island, how many people use the beautiful trails in Wisconsin and then continue their ride into Iron Co. Iron Co has the potential of generating a considerable amount of revenue for businesses by creating better access to towns for ATVs. If you haven't spent time on the trails, do so. Especially on a nice weekend in the fall. It isn't unusual to see groups of 10 or more machines at any given time. Many or most are side by sides so that is easily 20 people in one group coming into Iron Co and spending money, enjoying the sights and maybe even thinking about living here. Improve the trails and you'll improve tourism by 10 fold. Advertise that Iron Co welcomes ATVs and see what happens when they ride well signed, groomed trails all over Iron Co. They'll be back and they'll bring their friends and they'll buy gas, groceries, stay in our motels, eat in our restaurants and spend money for souvenirs in our shops. It seems like a win win for Iron Co.
169	We need clear regulations about wake boats, especially given the damage they can do to the shore and littoral zone. Better No Wake Zone marking and enforcement. Clear fireworks guidelines.
170	Alpine skiing isn't even on the list and it's a huge recreational opportunity and not on the list. Pentoga park should not be free. Collected money should be used to better maintain the park and lake. Chicaugon lake boat launch should not be free and money collected used for invasives and fishery
171	promote alpine skiing. Already snowshoe, nordic and fat trails in Iron County that are not promoted.
172	Feel very strongly that the heritage trail project be completed connecting the two existing sections together. Currently, they feel very disjointed and connecting these sections would "complete" the project.
174	Focus on expanding winter outdoor recreation opportunities
179	IMPROVE MAINTENANCE AND GROOMING OF THE GLIDDEN LAKE TRAIL SYSTEM. BEWABIC PARK SHOULD BE MORE ACTIVE THERE.USE FUNDING FROM THE RECREATION PASSPORT PROGRAM

ResponseID Response

180 We are avid Atvers throughout Iron Co. We see the need for extending and improving the trails, access to towns for gas, food, etc. And for better signage at the border crossings from Florence Co and the upper NW trails coming down FH16 from Kenton. There's alot of people on the trails, sometimes whole families, and I think Iron Co needs to step up it's investment and involvement in promoting these trails. There's money coming into the county by people who use these trails and the more the county takes an active role in the expansion of the trails, the better for businesses and the local economy.

181 No comment

183 Protected areas around ski, bike, hiking trails that will retain the natural aesthetics - not logged.

184 The monitoring of the historical site at Pentoga Park is truly an insult to our history. For the past two summers, boats have tied up to trees offshore at the Ceremonial Dance site and ATV UTVs are being given access to areas that should be honored. This is a significant concern.

191 Improve stocking protocols for Chicaugan lake

192 Funding for Lake protection / invasive species control should continue to be provided to the various Lake associations. Identifying a permanent funding mechanism for these efforts should be a priority.

194 Stop large wake boats from going on the Chicaugon lake. Put up a box to charge boats to launch and take those funds and put towards the Chicaugon lake milfoil project. Update the sewer at the park

198 Address the issue of season long campers at the park. These individuals seem to get the first choice every year for their campsites above local people or daily campers. It has gotten to the point where they are leaving frames for shelters, trailers, etc at the sites all winter long. Do they pay for these sites all year in order to do this?

202 Canoe and kayaking routes, as part of the above mapping suggestions. Remoteness/wilderness features, information showing the opportunity is necessary. Us locals take it for granted, and the outsiders we seek to attract lack much if any, reliable info.

203 I feel there are too many campers reserving camp sites at Pentoga Park for the whole summer. This limits the number of people who are able to reserve these sites for a week long or weekend vacation.

ResponseID Response

204 More advertising

15. What other activities or improvements not previously mentioned would you like to see in the County?



ResponseID	Response
1	ATV/ORV Trailhead.
5	Group classes - activities geared toward engaging Iron resident in healthy activities and socializing.
9	Improved kayak and canoe access points.
13	We go to Pentoga Park often to swim and it is a mess. Someone needs to enforce beach rules because the parents never do. Also i have never been able to reserve a site to camp there which is extremely disappointing. Website hasn't been used in years. The same people get dibs year after year and many just leave campers there.
17	More picnic/family gathering areas for people to have use of.
21	See previous question
23	Maybe access to more side-by-side trails?
24	Splash pad for kids.
30	I would like to see more places to camp.
32	Splash pad and mini golf
43	I would like to see more soccer fields for the youth in the area.

ResponseID Response

47	Horseback trail, perhaps
49	Dog park, extended walking trails, use of available space in downtown for flowers and trees, better signage for parking downtown and near the Apple Blossom trailhead near the campground.
50	Teenage hangout spots
51	Splash pad
52	Ice lake taken care of and upgraded
54	I would like to see the trails more regularly kept clear of rocks in the summer and snow in the winter.
55	Making sure all families are welcomed here, more job opportunities, industry. Theres so many empty buildings.
56	Summer use waterpark
59	Volleyball court in bewabic and pentoga parks
61	Splash pad, dog park
64	Clean up the public land around the Iron River so people can get to the water. Recruit people to turn some of the empty buildings into a bowling alley, indoor trampoline park, indoor playground, video arcade, or something for the kids that can pay for itself with the sale of food and with party rentals. Turn the armory into a training school for some type of skilled job.
65	Recreational space downtown to draw people
66	Birdwatching trails with handicapped access for wheelchairs
72	Bowling and other indoor recreation for those who don't participate in outdoor Rec, especially in the winter.
76	more activities to bring people to the town
77	More mountain bike trails. Invest more into the playgrounds we have by making accessible bathrooms and drinking fountains.
78	The one thing left out was that just becasue one does not take advantage of certain places, it does not mean we do not support them or encourage others to take advantage of them.

ResponseID Response

82	Volleyball court, large outdoor ice rink in the winter months, safety procedures implemented and life put back into the Caspian sledding hill. There should be a tow rope up the hill with lights for evening use.
88	Na
89	Movie theater, arcade combination building
91	would love to see a decent dog park.
93	Horses on trails?
96	Investment in our infrastructure that is in decline before building new that will require future maintenance. Fix what's there already
98	A sitting area in the down town area.
101	UTV club
102	Fairgrounds
105	Splash Pad
106	Possibly a splash pad.
107	Dog park
109	Dog parks
115	Mentioned once- boat cleaning stations at every boat access
119	We use Bewabic a lot. Just make sure it's in tip-top shape for everyone.
125	None; let's take better care of what we have, especially considering a dwindling and aging local population who are less able to financially support additional county costs for facilities where users underpay their fair share (or get use for free).
126	We also need more fishing and hunting guide services.
135	Fix road access to Carney Dam public access site. Work with the State and Mastodon Twp to get this done!
136	The ORV and snowmobile trails need significant work and upgrades to match bordering counties and states....help draw tourist \$\$\$\$ and make Iron County a destination spot.

ResponseID	Response
138	Dog park
144	More walking trails especially that connect different sites
150	I would say work on the outdoor recreation first and then focus on indoor recreation like a trampoline park or something like that. We have amazing forest around us that is virtually untouched. Capitalize on that - we have more natural beauty than Eagle River and it's quieter - and that's what people want. There are lots of hidden gems around the area that aren't well known, why not focus on those things and make them better?
152	Improve existing playgrounds and equipment at those playgrounds for the community.
165	Extend the walking trail from city to city.
166	Increased improvements in ski/snowboard areas
169	More social events that bring county members and visitors together as a community ...outdoor music or movie on a big screen.
170	Alpine skiing
171	charge for entry to pentoga park and use funds to maintain park. fee for boat launch at pentoga park and use funds for fishery and invasive species management
176	Splash pad
180	It would be nice if the walking trail along US2 by Medicare was actually extended thru Crystal Falls and into Florence Co.
181	No comment
183	I think you've covered it. Pickleball?
184	Pentoga Park is poorly managed at best. The lack of fees collected are a considerable source of lost revenue for the county. Additionally, the park seems to not have any rules.
185	better control of chicagon lake boat launch
192	Recreational facility usage should be measured to identify those usage patterns that do the most to bring visitors (and their spending) to Iron County. Why do people want to come to Iron County? The answer to that question can provide guidance.
194	Basketball courts at Pentoga park.

ResponseID Response

195 Definitely would like to see something done with Cooks Run

196 I would like to see a more diverse use of the fair grounds. Perhaps concerts, definitely more events. It helps the community come closer together and can bring tourism that is good for local businesses.

202 Thrust of the above suggestions seek to increase tourism by providing info about & mapping of what is laying here, right before our eyes. Vast resources open to the public are hugely under used iron county. Paper is good, but the internet is what is used by outside lookers planning their visits.... Donn

204 Improve our roads

207 Fees for non county residents for boat launches

Appendix F

Notice of Recreation Survey (Public Input) Availability

Notice of Recreation Plan Availability and Public Comment

Notice for Public Hearing

Meeting Minutes from Public Hearing containing Public Comments

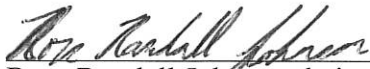
Recreation Plan Resolution of Adoption

Meeting Minutes of Meeting Approving Resolution

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State of Michigan

RECREATION PLAN NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY



Ross Randall Johnson, being duly sworn, says that he is Editor of the Iron County *Reporter*, a newspaper published and circulated in said county and otherwise qualified according to Supreme Court Rule; that annexed hereto is a printed copy of a notice which was published in said newspaper on the following date, or dates, to-wit: **November 24, 2021**. Subscribed and sworn before me on this **17th day of January 2022**.



Wendy L. Graham

Notary Public

Iron County, Michigan

My commission expires January 9, 2028



Recreation Plan Notice of Availability

The Draft Iron County Recreation Plan is currently available for public review in the Administrators Office at the Iron County Courthouse and online on the County's Website (<http://ironmi.org/>). The Final Recreation Plan, which will be submitted to the DNR by February 1, 2022, will state the goals and objectives of the County's recreational opportunities along with action plan to achieve the County's goals. The submittal of this Plan is required in order to be eligible to receive recreation grant funding through the DNR. Please submit written comments by December 27, 2021 to

Mary Dalpra, Administrative Assistant,
Iron County Courthouse, 2 S. Sixth St., Suite 7
Crystal Falls, MI 49920.

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Affidavit of Publication

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RECREATION SURVEY NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

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Wendy L. Graham

Wendy L. Graham
Notary Public
Iron County, Michigan
My commission expires January 9, 2028

Recreation Survey Notice of Availability
The Iron County Parks and Recreation Committee is currently gathering public input on recreational opportunities and future plans within the County. A Recreation Survey regarding the County's Recreation Opportunities is available on the County's Website (<http://ironmi.org/>). People are encouraged to complete the survey to provide input on the County's Recreation Plan. Survey ends on Friday, November 12, 2021.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
IRON COUNTY RECREATION PLAN

Ross Randall Johnson

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Wendy L. Graham

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Iron County, Michigan

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Iron County Parks and Recreation Committee
Iron County Recreation Plan Public Comment Meeting
Minutes

1-3-2022

I. Call to order

Motion by Stauber, Second by Conery called to order the Special Meeting for Public Comment on the Iron County Draft Recreation Plan in front of the Iron County Parks and Recreation Committee in the Commissioners room of the Iron County Courthouse at 5:30 pm on January 3, 2022. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

Roll call was conducted:

Present: Dan Hinch, Dan Germic, Bill Casagranda, Richard Sloat, Mark Stauber, Jake Conery

Absent: Linda Lindberg, John Archocosky, Jeff Ofsdahl, Brock Van Oss

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve by Stauber support by Conery .

III. Public Comment on Draft Iron County Recreation Plan

- a) Hinch opened the meeting to Public Comment
- b) Present in Audience: Mike Gallis and Diane Kut, Representing the Iron County Lakes and Streams Partnership.
 - i) Public Comment consisted of Reiteration of Letter Submitted to the Parks and Recreation committee by the Iron County Lakes and Streams Partnership prior to the Public Meeting. Iron County Lakes and Streams Partnerships consists of 250+ members supporting the preservation of Iron County Lake and Waterway preservation. Letter requested that more emphasis be made in the Recreation Plan on invasive species control in Iron County waterways. Specifically, a top priority would be Chicagon Lake, which currently contains Eurasian Milfoil. Comment presented that a boat wash installation on Chicagon Lake would protect both Chicagon Lake and other Iron County Lakes from the spread of this invasive species. Comment presented that Sunset Lake and Hagerman Lakes in Iron County have boat washes currently, and that the Iron County Conservation District has three portable boat wash

units that are dispersed in the summer as time and funds allow. Iron County Lakes and Streams Association is willing to assist in procuring design services and possibly monetarily with any project that would protect in our counties water resources.

- ii) Hinch requested that the Letter from Iron County Lakes and Streams Association entered into the public record.
- iii) Hinch requested that previous correspondence submitted to Parks and Recreation Committee in regard to Draft Recreation Plan also be entered into public record.

IV. Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Stauber, Second by Conery .

Minutes submitted by: Bill Casagranda

Minutes approved by: Name

Iron County Board of Commissioners
RESOLUTION
Adopting the 2022 – 2026 Iron County Recreation Plan

Whereas, Iron 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 2022 through 2026, and

Whereas, Iron 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, resident of Iron 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 January 3, 2022 at the Iron County Courthouse to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Iron County's MDNR Recreation Plan, and

Whereas, Iron County has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the County, and

Whereas, after the Public Hearing, Iron County voted to adopt the Iron County MDNR Recreation Plan.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved Iron County hereby adopts the Iron County MDNR Recreation Plan.

The foregoing resolution was moved by Commissioner JACOB CONERY and supported by Commissioner JEFF OFSDAHL.

Roll Call Vote:


AYES: PERETTO, STAFFORD, STAUBER, CONERY, OFSDAHL

NAYES: NONE

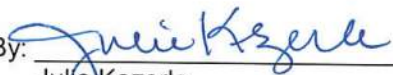
ABSENT: NONE

Resolution Declared Adopted on 1/11/2022:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF IRON**

By: 

Mark Stauber
It's Chair

By: 

Julie Kezerle
It's Clerk

January 11, 2022, Regular Board Meeting

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Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., Chairperson Mark Stauber called the meeting to order. The meeting was held in the Board of Commissioners Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Chairperson Mark Stauber, Commissioners Jeff Ofsdahl, Patti Peretto and Mike Stafford. Commissioner Jacob Conery came in at 4:10 p.m. Absent: None.

Also present: Sheriff Mark Valesano, Prosecutor Chad DeRouin, Administrative Assistant Mary Dalpra, Emergency Manager Vernon Jones, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Equalization Director Amy Marinoff, Deputy Clerk Amy Donati, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti and Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to approve the December 13, 2021, Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the December 30, 2021, Special Meeting Minutes. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Conery, supported by Stafford, to approve the agenda with one addition: under Old Business, item d) Drain Commissioner Discussion. Voice vote, motion carried.

Stauber called for Public Comment (regarding agenda items only) three times, with no comments voiced.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to approve the monthly payables for December in the amount of \$1,279,003.16, and payroll for December in the amount of \$463,564.54.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Ofsdahl, Peretto, Stafford, Stauber

Nays: None

Absent for vote: Conery

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to approve journal entries 17081 through 17248 for December in the amount of \$3,612,274.04, submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps, 46 of which are administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$1,568,412.08.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Peretto, Stafford, Ofsdahl, Stauber

Nays: None

Absent for vote: Conery

Motion carried.

Commissioner Reports:

Conery: None.

Ofsdahl reported that he attended a Road Commission meeting and suggested that we have a joint meeting with the Road Commission and the Iron County Board with regard to the Drain Commissioner issue.

Peretto: None.

Stafford reported that the Health Department is bidding on a building next to the hospital and will update the board when further information is available.

Stauber said that the committees he sits on were busy with year-end items.

It was moved by Peretto, supported by Stafford, to approve the Commissioner Reports. Voice vote, motion carried.

Department Reports:

Mark Bromley from the ICECA updated the board on businesses that have applied for the fast-track grants. He also said that six municipalities have given funding to the ICECA. He also reminded everyone of the meeting schedule for the ICECA (the second Wednesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. with the place of the meetings rotating between Crystal Falls City and Iron River City Halls).

Dan Hinch from Parks and Rec reported that they had their regular monthly meeting on January 3rd and recommended to the board that they adopt the 2022 - 2026 Recreation Plan and wanted to thank everyone who worked on the rec plan.

Treasurer Camps updated the board on the foreclosure/demolition projects her office is working on.

Emergency Manager Jones spoke with regard to the American Rescue Plan money updates.

Veterans Service Officer Gerald Williams reported on activities conducted in the Iron County Veterans Service Office.

No other Department Reports were given.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Ofsdahl, to approve the Department Reports. Voice vote, motion carried.

Old Business:

The distribution of the senior center millage was the next item on the agenda. As stated at a previous meeting, there are currently four senior centers in Iron County: Amasa, Alpha, Iron River and Crystal Falls. According to the millage language, \$10,000 shall be distributed to each Senior Center in Iron County and the balance distributed to the centers based upon the number of persons age 60 or older as determined in the last decennial census in each township, village and city within the County of Iron. The 2020 census figures have been released, but the age breakdown will be released at a later date. At previous meetings, the Alpha Senior Center has been discussed with regard to it being shut down but because the Alpha Senior Center has not dismantled yet, it will still receive the distribution.

After more discussion with regard to the senior center millage, it was moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to distribute the senior center millage as per the ballot language.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Stafford, Conery, Ofsdahl, Peretto, Stauber
Nays: None

Motion carried.

Discussion with regard to courthouse security was had. The cost of a metal detector was presented (approximately \$3,500.00). Peretto reported what Dickinson County pays per hour for retired law enforcement personnel that work at the Dickinson County Courthouse (\$16.80 per hour plus pay half of the cost of their uniform, vest and gun and after 1 year reimburse them for the remaining half). Jones said you would need two people per shift because of breaks, etc. Peretto said she would like to advertise for the position to see if there's interest. Sheriff Valesano said he would like to be involved in the hiring process as it would fall under the Sheriff's umbrella. Tinti asked what about before/after hours? Stauber said he would like to take it to the next step to see if there's any interest by any retired law enforcement to man the metal detector. A motion was made by Ofsdahl, seconded by Conery, to move forward with the Sheriff helping to develop a job description, and to see if there's any interest by individuals wishing to man the metal detector.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Ofsdahl, Peretto, Stafford, Conery, Stauber
Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Iron County's website was up for discussion. Stauber said it can use some updates, especially with regard to Pentoga Park. It was moved by Conery, supported by Ofsdahl, to move forward with the process to update the website. Voice vote, motion carried.

The Drain Commissioner issue was next on the agenda. Ofsdahl said we should meet with the Road Commission sooner than later to get this sorted out. Bill Casagranda, who was the Drain Commissioner prior to the Board voting to have that position be a non-elected position and for the Road Commission to handle it, was at the meeting. Casagranda said he hasn't been involved for the past year with regard to the drain commissioner but gave the status at the time he was the drain commissioner. Tinti said there are

three lakes that the county is responsible for lake levels on: Stager, Sunset and Fortune Lakes. There was a lot of discussion on easements, court orders and who should pay for the repairs to the dams. The board decided to move forward with scheduling a meeting with the road commission at the earliest agreeable date and time.

New Business:

Moved by Conery, supported by Ofsdahl, to approve the Resolution Adopting the Iron County 2022 – 2026 Recreation Plan.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Peretto, Stafford, Conery, Ofsdahl, Stauber
Nays: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the Sheriff's Department budget amendment for health insurance (101-101-710.100 Wage/Contingency \$23,786; 101-301-718.00 Health Insurance \$11,893; and 101-302-718.000 Health Insurance \$11,893).

Roll call vote: Ayes: Stafford, Conery, Ofsdahl, Peretto, Stauber
Nays: None

Motion carried.

ARPA Funds Allocation was the next item on the agenda. Two motions were made with regard to these:

1. Moved by Peretto, supported by Stafford, to approve the use of ARPA funds for the purchase of five Surface Pro X Tablets for the five Board of Commission members and new microphones for the Board of Commissioners' room, with the cost not to exceed \$15,000.00.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Conery, Peretto, Stafford, Stauber
Nays: Ofsdahl

Motion carried.

2. Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to move forward with both of the Window Store's proposals for replacement windows in the Courthouse complex with the monies to come out of the ARPA funds.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Ofsdahl, Peretto, Stafford, Conery, Stauber
Nays: None

Motion carried.

The RFP for Economic Development bids was discussed. Ofsdahl then made a motion, seconded by Conery, to move forward with the proposal by the Iron County Economic Chamber Alliance (ICECA) and develop a contract.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Peretto, Stafford, Conery, Ofsdahl, Stauber
Nays: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Conery, to approve the Iron County Lakes & Streams Annual Membership. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Stafford, to appoint Greg Hall to the Housing Commission for a five year term. Voice vote, motion carried.

No applicants were received for the two Authority on Aging terms (3 year terms). We will continue to advertise for these terms. It was moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to table this item. Voice vote, motion carried.

We had two applicants for one Iron County Airport Manager’s three year term. Krist Atanasoff (who is presently the Airport Manager) and Siegfried Berge. Ofsdahl made a motion, supported by Conery, to table this item so that the board could interview and look further into the applicants.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Conery, Ofsdahl
Nays: Peretto, Stafford, Stauber

Motion failed.

After more discussion, it was moved by Peretto, supported by Stafford, to appoint Krist Atanasoff as Airport Manager for a three year term.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Peretto, Stafford, Conery, Stauber
Nays: Ofsdahl

Motion carried.

Committee Assignments were discussed and the following is the list of the 2022 Committee Assignments for the Iron County Board of Commissioners:

Function:	Committee:	Members: (First listed is Chair)
FINANCE:	Finance	Full Board : Stafford , Conery, Ofsdahl, Stauber, Peretto
	Audit and Budget	2; Ofsdahl, Stafford
ADMINISTRATION:	Personnel	3: Conery , Stauber Peretto
	Building & Capital Improvements	2: Conery , Ofsdahl
	Remonumentation	1: Ofsdahl
PUBLIC SAFETY:	Law Enforcement	Full Board
	Safety	1: Conery, Peretto
	Central Dispatch (911 Advisory)	2: Stauber, Stafford
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:	Chamber of Commerce/ ICECA	1: Ofsdahl
	WUPPDR	2: Peretto, Stafford
	Fairboard	1: Peretto
	UPWARD Talent Council	1: Stauber
	Resource Conservation & Development	appoint 1 * (current M Golas by term)
PARKS & RECREATION:	Liasion for Pentoga Park	2: Conery, Ofsdahl
	Liasion for Youth Camp	1: Conery
	Liasion for Trails	1: Stauber
SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICES:	DICSA	Peretto : DICSA Board Appoints
	UPCAP	1: Peretto
	Local Authority on Aging	1: Stauber
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES:	Public Health (DIDHD)*	3: Stafford, Stauber, Peretto
	DHS – Medical care	1: Peretto
	Northcare Network	1: (T. Aho by term)
	Collaborative Board	1: Peretto
	MCAC	1: Conery
OTHER:	Iron County Road Commission	1: Ofsdahl
	Veterans Service office	1: Stafford

The last item on the agenda was RFP for roof replacement at the Iron County Fairgrounds. It was then moved by Peretto, supported by Stafford, to RFP for the roof replacement at the Iron County Fairgrounds and the sealed bids to be received in the Administration Office no later than 3:00 p.m. on February 3, 2022.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Stafford, Conery, Ofsdahl, Peretto, Stauber
Nays: None

Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Stauber called for public comment.

Neil Adank wanted the Alpha Senior Center to be at the top of the list for next month's meeting. He also had questions on qualifications to be elected on a board.

Siegfried Berge spoke with regard to the Iron County Airport.

Jeremy Johnson commented on the Surface Pro X Tablets' microphone capabilities.

Conery asked about having a quarterly meeting with the Iron County Medical Care Facility. Peretto said she will ask the new Administrator to come to the next meeting. Conery also apologized to the Board for being late to the meeting.

Stauber called for public comment two more times, with no further comments voiced.

Announcements:

A Special Meeting of the BOC will be held on Thursday, January 13, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. with regard to Pentoga Park operations.

The next Regular Meeting of the BOC is Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

Moved by Ofsdahl, supported by Conery, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Chairperson Mark Stauber

Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle

Appendix G

Transmittal Letter to Planning Agency



Consulting
Engineers and
Scientists

January 13, 2022

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

RE: Iron County 5-Year DNR Recreation Plan

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find a copy of Iron County's 5-Year MDNR Recreation Plan, as adopted by the Township Board on January 11, 2022.

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

Sincerely,

GEI CONSULTANTS OF MICHIGAN, P.C.

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

Robb Anderson, P.E.
Project Engineer

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