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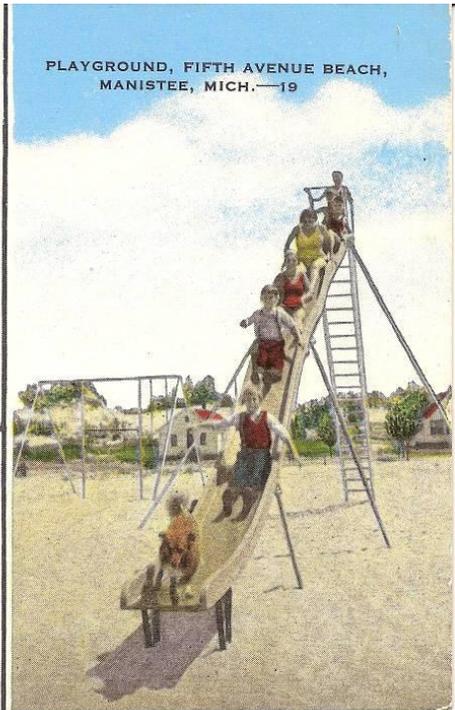
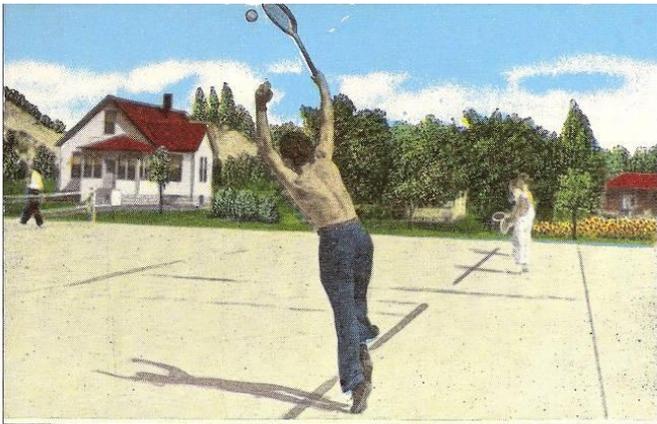
COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN

2012 - 2017



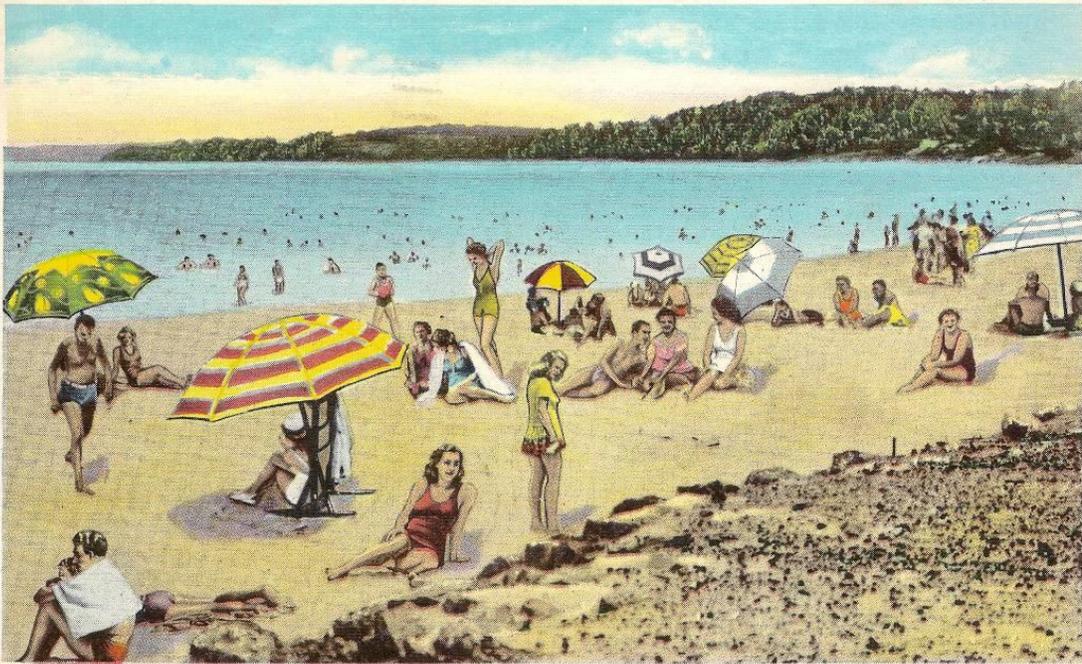
Man Made Lake

**Adopted by the Manistee City Council
January 17, 2012**



Historic Postcards depicting Fifth Avenue Beach

Fifth Avenue Beach, Manistee, Mich.



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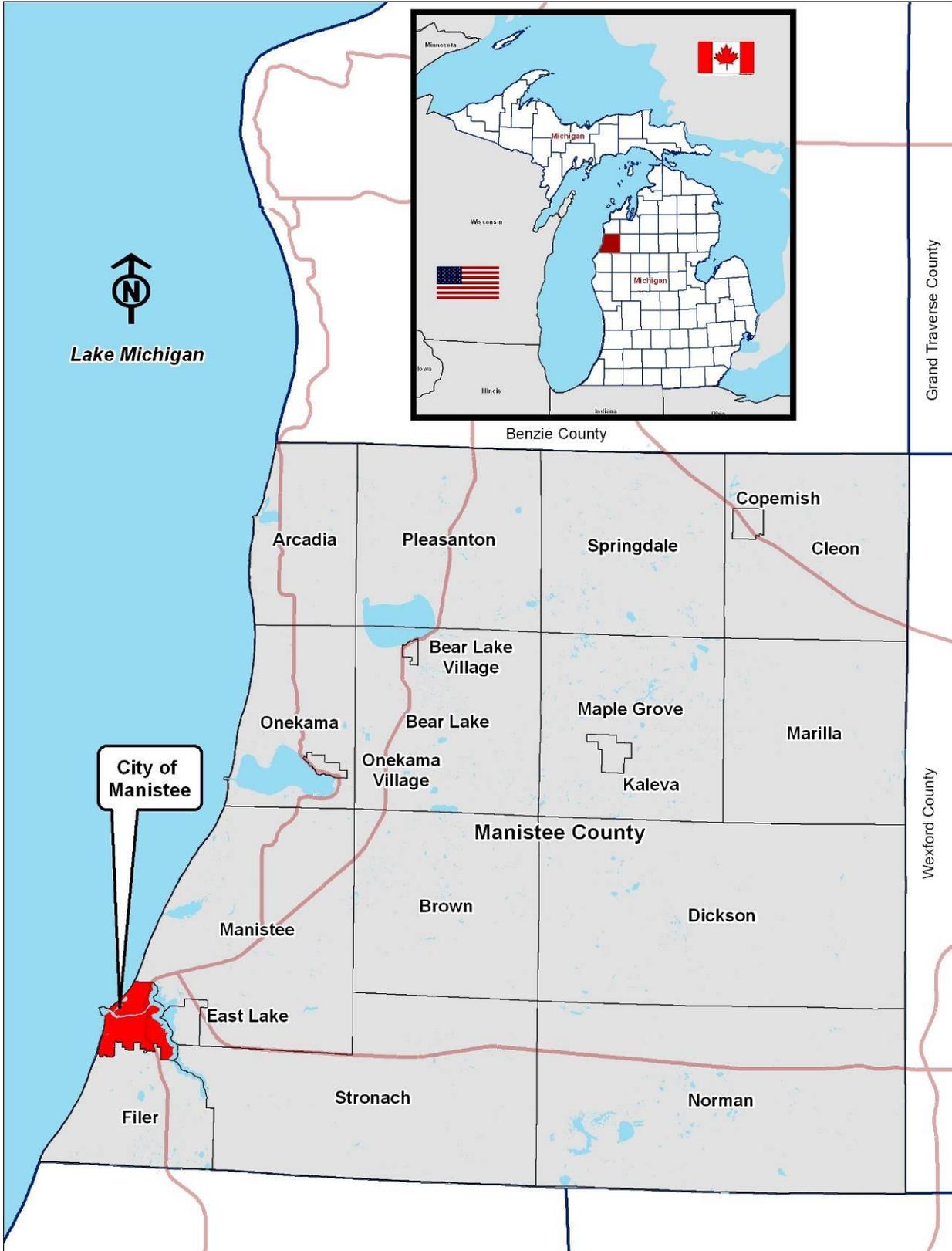
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COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION



**Manistee North Pierhead Lighthouse and Catwalk
Located at Fifth Avenue Beach
Transferred from the Department of the Interior
to the City of Manistee, March 2011**

Where is Manistee?



City of Manistee



Aerial Photo Date: Apr., 2008
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1 inch = 2,000 feet

COMMUNITY LOCATION

The City of Manistee is located in the northwest portion of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan. It is 581 feet above sea level and totals about four square miles of land area. The trading area of the City encompasses a thirty-mile radius and serves a population of approximately 25,000. The greatest single impact on the recreational development of the area occurred in the 1960's with the planting of Coho, King Salmon and other varieties of fish in Lake Michigan.

BODIES OF WATER

Four main bodies of water directly affect the City. The western boundary of the City is Lake Michigan. The City owns and maintains approximately one mile of beach front for recreational use. The eastern boundary of the City is Manistee Lake. This lake is not a primary recreation lake, but fishing and boating are practiced, mostly by local residents. There are few residences on this lake as it is largely owned by industry or units of government. The City currently operates a sewage treatment plant adjacent to the lake, with primary and secondary treatment capability. Man-made Lake is located on the North end of the City. This 27 acre lake was created approximately 50 years ago by sand mining operations. On June 26, 2009 through a very generous grant from the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund/Michigan Department of Natural Resource, the property owner Sand Products Corporation, the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy and citizens previously leased property was acquired by the City of Manistee for future generations to enjoy. Dividing the northern and southern portions of the City is the Manistee River Channel. Swimming is not allowed in the Channel and it is used primarily for transit to and from Lake Michigan for pleasure boaters, private and commercial fishing and Manistee Lake industry.

Overall, water quality in the area is good and plays an important part in industrial operations. At the same time, guarding water quality is crucial in sustaining recreational use for boating, fishing and swimming.

CLIMATE

Latitude and Lake Michigan are the primary factors in determining Manistee climate. A moderate climate prevails with lake effect accounting for an average snowfall of 106 inches per year, and rainfall of 29 inches between March and November 1. The average daytime temperature for June and July is 75°, while December through February average is 23°.

HISTORY

The original inhabitants of the area were the Chippewa and Ottawa Indians. Manistee means "Spirit of the Woods" in the Chippewa tongue. In 1836, the United States Government took control of the lands, establishing a reservation surrounding Manistee Lake. However, few Indians lived on the reservation and in 1841 the John Stronach family moved into the abandoned agency buildings. Mr. Stronach constructed a sawmill on Manistee Lake and later another on the Manistee River. By 1849 more settlers were arriving and the reservation was dismantled,

with land given to settlers. The City experienced a major setback in 1871 when a fire swept through and destroyed over one-half the City's buildings. Much was rebuilt, this time of brick.

In 1881 salt was discovered beneath Manistee and another industry was born. By 1885 there were forty sawmills operating and by the end of the century the population reached 14,260. The low point was in 1930 which coincided with the nationwide business depression when population reached a low of 3,323. Manistee, the city which boasted as the richest of its size, had City provided fire protection, a parks department, water, sewer and street lighting. At the turn of the century the city settled back to await its next resurgence.

After 150 years Manistee County has both changed and remained the same. The early boom years of lumbering and exhaustive agriculture have evolved into a stable, diversified industrial base and a top fruit producing agricultural center. It is the beauty and natural wonder that abounds in the region's forests, lakes and rivers which remain a constant factor and will always make Manistee County a special place to live and visit. As the City of Manistee recaptures the spirit of its early founders and uses this Plan as a guide for action, the future of Manistee lies in preserving the best of its past, protecting its present and planning its future.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

The City of Manistee industry has included lumber in the latter half of the 19th century, paper, salt and other extractive industries from the late 1800's to today. These industries have based their operations around Manistee Lake with access to freighter traffic both for delivery of product and supplying fuel to the industries. For many years Manistee Lake was, additionally, a convenient place to dispose of any waste or by-products of an industrial operation. It was not until the latter half of the 20th century that any real efforts began to focus on minimizing pollution to the lake and efforts at cleaning it up. Manistee Lake is fed by the Little Manistee and Big Manistee Rivers with a combined flow of a billion gallons per day. It is only through this continuous flushing that Manistee Lake has managed to hold its own in the face extensive pollution sources. The last 25 years have seen dramatic improvements in water quality in Manistee Lake and it continues to improve. However, the status needs to be monitored.

INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS

Lumber, agriculture and salt gave rise to Manistee. All still play an important part in a now diverse industrial and agricultural base. In addition chemicals, machine tools, machine fabrications and machine tooling add to the economic vitality of the community. The two largest employers are the Little River Casino and the Oaks Correctional Facility.

MANISTEE AREA SCHOOLS

<i>Source: School Offices for School Year</i>	Enrollment	Classification
Colleges & Universities		
West Shore Community College (Located in Mason County)	1,608 (Fall 2011)	Community
Public Schools		
Jefferson Elementary	360	1 - 3
Madison Elementary (School located in Filer Township)	117	Preschool Young 5's, Kindergarten
Kennedy Elementary	375	4-6
Manistee Middle/High School	781	7-12
Intermediate School District	39	Pre- Age 26
CASMAN Alternative Academy	90	7-12
Parochial Schools		
Manistee Catholic Central	234	Preschool – 12
Trinity Lutheran	60	Preschool -7

COMMUNICATIONS

- **Newspaper** - Manistee News Advocate (Monday - Saturday); West Shore Shoppers Guide (Weekly)
- **Radio** - WMTE – FM; WVXM – FM
- **Television** - Charter Communications Cable TV; Manistee Public Access Television; WWUP, Cadillac ; WPBN, Traverse City
- **Telephone** – AT&T

TRANSPORTATION

- **Air** - Manistee County Blacker Airport provides access to and from western and northern Michigan. With convenient airline service to Milwaukee and beyond, free parking, beautiful terminal, WI-FI, competitive fares. Frontier Airlines offers two daily non-stop flights to Milwaukee.
- **Rail & Freight** – Daily Rail Freight Service – Marquette Rail
- **Ports** – A full domestic port facility is available at Manistee Lake. The Manistee River Channel which is connected to the harbor is maintained to 23 dredged feet. Commercial ships navigate the river to the major industrial plants.
- **Public Transportation** – Manistee County Transportation provides fixed bus routes and Dial-A-Ride services.
- **Highways** - US-31 Major North-South highway joins major freeway in Ludington; M-55 Major East-West access.

TAXES

City of Manistee Millage Rates 2011 Per \$1,000 of T.V.	Winter Tax Levy Manistee Area (51070) School District	Summer Tax Levy Manistee Area (51070) School District
County Operating	0.0000	5.4615
County Library Voted	1.0000	0.0000
Medical Care Voted	0.5000	0.0000
911 Voted	0.8000	0.0000
Dial-A-Ride Voted	0.3276	0.0000
Council on Aging Voted	0.3000	0.0000
County Jail Bond Voted	0.0000	0.0000
Intermediate Operating	0.0000	0.2977
Intermediate Sp. Ed. Voted	0.0000	2.0000
Sate Education Tax	0.0000	6.0000
School Debt	2.3800	0.0000
West Shore Comm. College Voted	0.0000	3.0907
City Operating	0.0000	17.2957
City Refuse	0.0000	1.1500
PRE/AG TOTAL	5.3076	35.2956
SCHOOL OPERATING NON PRE/AG	18.0000	0.0000
NON PRE/AG TOTAL	23.3076	35.2956

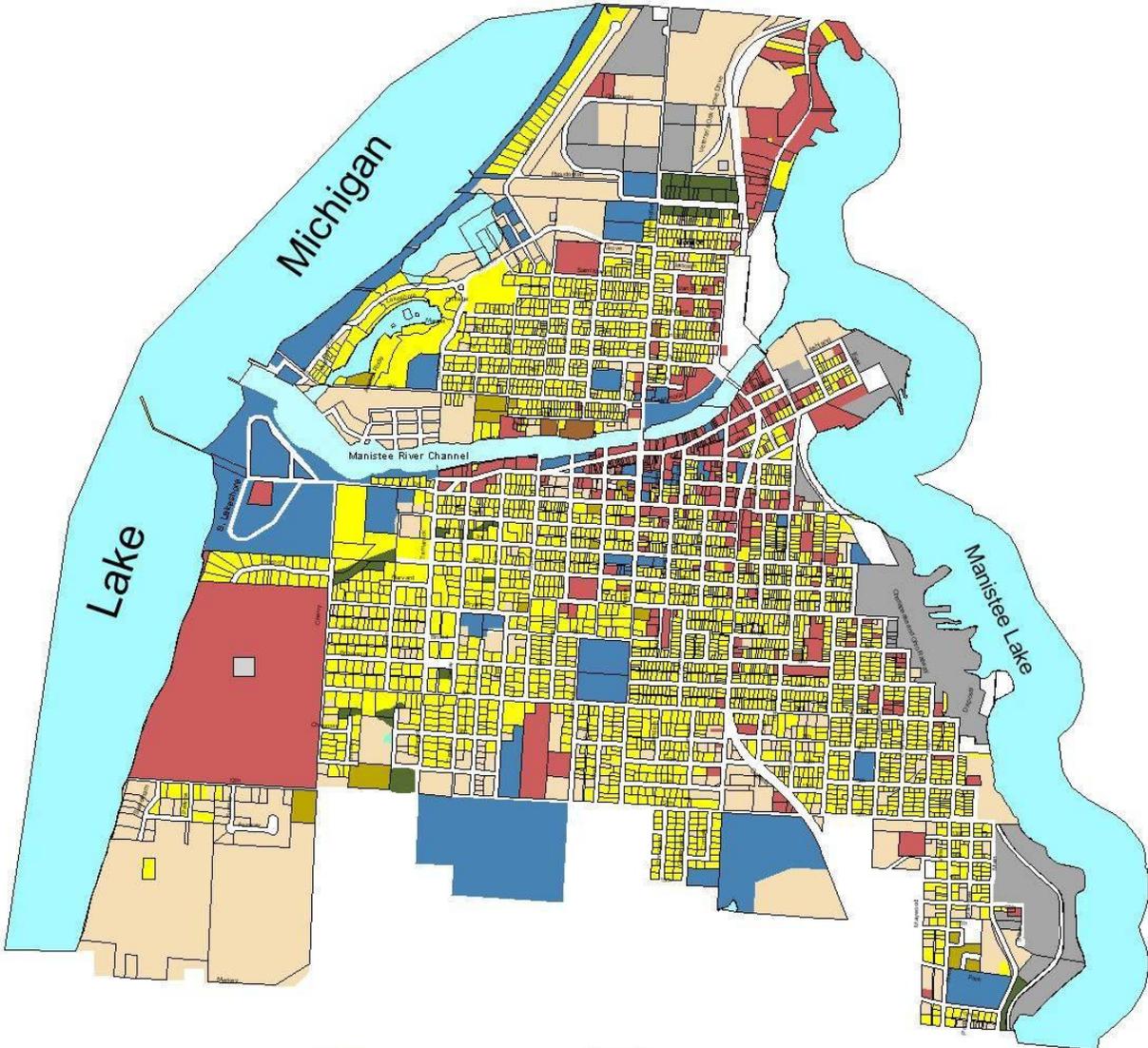
EXISTING LAND USE

Land Use	Acres	% of Total City Area
Residential	600*	28
Low and Medium Density	578	27
High Density	22	1
Commercial	90	4
Public & Quasi-Public	402	19
Industrial	134	6
Transportation	496	23
Vacant	181	9
Total	2112	100

*Bold figures are category totals and the sum of the figures following.

Existing Land Use

City of Manistee, Michigan



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|--|--|
| ■ Single Family/Duplex | ■ Open Land |
| ■ Multi-Family High Rise | ■ Forests |
| ■ Group Residential | ■ Nonforested |
| ■ Commercial | ■ Aquatic Bed Wetland |
| ■ Industrial | ■ Water |
| ■ Extractive Wells | □ Transportation |

Data Sources: City of Manistee
April 2001



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ASSOCIATES, INC.



Manistee County

LOCATION

Manistee County, Michigan is located in the Northwest portion of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan, bordered on the west by Lake Michigan. Driving time to Detroit is five hours and to the Mackinac Bridge three and one-half hours from the approximate center of the County. County population is 24,733 with its largest concentration within a quarter hour drive of County seat Manistee. Manistee City, with a population of 6,226, sits in the southwest corner of the County.

PUBLIC LANDS AND WATERS

The County totals approximately 585 square miles or 374,563 acres of which almost 100,000 are public. Of these public areas 64,000 acres lie within the Manistee National Forest, the largest National Forest in Michigan. Another 30,000 acres are state forest land, state game preserves, DNR, township or municipal land. In addition the County has 41 inland lakes ranging from eight lakes of five to ten acres, to three lakes of more than 1,000 acres.

CLIMATE

Latitude and Lake Michigan are the primary influences on County climate. Average summer daytime temperature is 75°, winter daytime is 23°. Close to the lake the climate is temperate, with heavy lake effect snows (average 104 inches annually) and rain near the coast, decreasing inland. The combination of moderate temperatures and sandy loam soils offer opportunity for plentiful fruit and vegetable harvests.

HISTORY

Once undersea and later covered by glaciers, what is now Manistee County was left with a predominately sandy soil and gently rolling hills, vegetated with pine and hardwood forests. Chippewa and Ottawa Indians were the dominant early residents, joined in the mid 1800's by settlers interested in extracting lumber and salt, discovered in vast underground caverns. Today much of the landscape remains the same, with vast public forest lands interspersed with private apple and cherry orchards.

SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Population		County
2010		24,733
Natural Change 2000 – 2010		+0.8%
Population, 2011		24,527
Persons under 5 years old, percent, 2009		4.8%
Persons under 18 years old, percent, 2009		19.4%
Persons 65 years old and over, percent, 2009		20.2%
Female persons, percent, 2009		48.4%

Race		County
White Persons, percent, 2010		92.2%
Black persons, percent, 2010		2.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native Persons, percent, 2010		2.1%
Asian persons, percent, 2010		.03%
Persons reporting two or more races, percent 2010		1.9%
Persons of Hispanic or Latino origin, percent, 2010		2.6%
White persons not Hispanic, persons, 2010		90.6%

Education		County
Living in same house 1 year ago, pct 1 yr old & over, 2005-2009		86.3%
Foreign born persons, percent, 2005-2009		1.5%
Language other than English spoken at home, pct age 5+, 2005-2009		4.3%
High School graduates, percent of persons age 25+, 2005-2009		85.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher, pct of persons age 25+, 2005-2009		16.0%
Veterans, 2005 – 2009		2,968
Mean travel time to work (minuets), workers age 16+, 2005-2009		20.6%

Housing		County
Housing Units, 2009		15,732
Homeownership rate, 2005-2009		81.0%
Housing units in multi-unit structures, percent, 2005-2009		8.1%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2005-2009		\$125,500

Income		County
Households, 2005-2009		10,736
Persons per household, 2005-2009		2.17
Per capita money income in past 12 months (2009 dollars) 2005-2009		\$21,915
Median household income, 2009		\$41,067
Persons below poverty level, percent, 2009		13.9%

Source: 2010 Census Figures

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE CITY OF MANISTEE



Youth Soccer
Played at Duffy Park

PARKS & BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Organization - Established by the City Council in 1961. On June 16, 2009 the Parks Commission was combined with the Beautification Commission. The Parks and Beautification Commission are composed of a seven-person board, appointed by the City Council. Each member serves a two-year term, subject to reappointment. The terms are staggered so that no more than three new appointments are made each year. Officers include Chairperson, Vice-Chair and Secretary. The Commission shall meet at least quarterly

Purpose - The purpose of the Commission shall be to advise the City Council, City Departments and City Boards and Commissions on matters pertaining to the orderly development and maintenance of the City Parks System and identifying, planning and implementing public and private beautification projects.

Duties - The responsibility and duties of the City of Manistee Parks and Beautification Commission include:

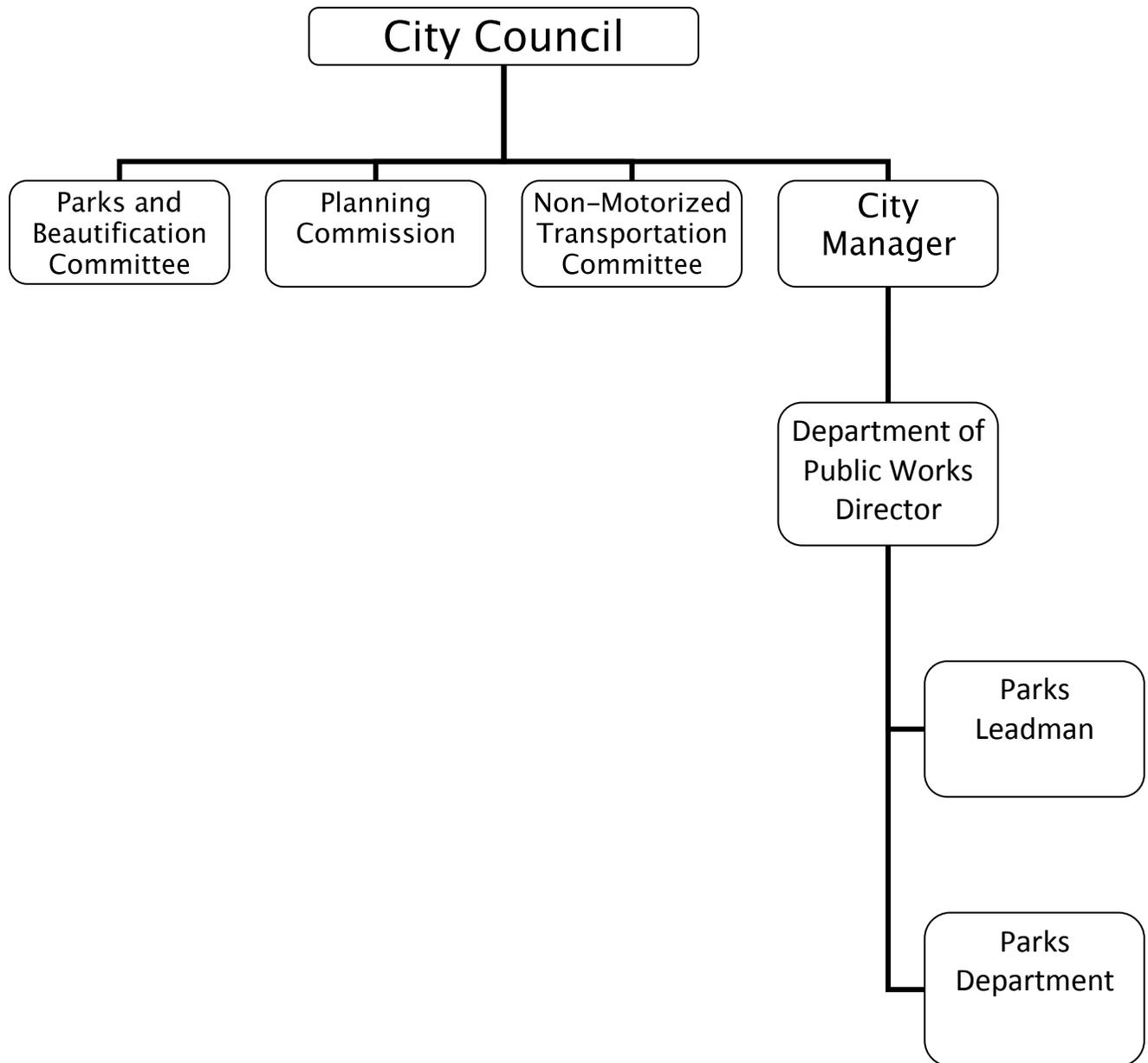
- Establish by-laws.
- Establishing an annual parks and beautification project list.
- Organize and conduct annual tour of parks system.
- Review all significant parks improvement projects.
- Provide an annual report to the City Council on the progress of the Parks and Beautification Commission and its projects and to seek Council approval for public projects.
- Act as a liaison providing parks and beautification information to various groups, boards and commissions of the City of Manistee, and organizations within the City whose purpose is beautification of properties located within the City.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

Organization - In 1924, by vote of the people in a special City election, \$50,000 in Park Development Funds was issued. Shortly thereafter, the Manistee Parks Department was formed to maintain the newly developed parks.

Activity - Directed by the Department of Public Works Director, the department is responsible for the maintenance of all city parks and recreation areas. The department also works closely with organizations providing recreational activities throughout the City.

Parks & Recreation Organizational Chart



PARKS & RECREATION BUDGET



2011-2012 Budget

General Fund

Parks & Recreation

Parks Assumptions & Notes

Departmental Cost Summary			
Total Costs	increased	\$4,467	1.3%
Employee Costs	increased	\$2,467	1.5%
Operational Costs	increased	\$2,000	1.1%

Total Costs: Total costs increased from the prior year budget.

Employee Costs: Employee costs increased from the prior budget. The USW contract expires 6-30-2011, and the employee budget could change pending the outcome of the collective bargaining negotiations. However, the budget assumes a modest wage increase, that the union will agree to eliminate/abate longevity and will agree to health insurance reforms. Health insurance premiums at the next renewal are estimated to increase by 10% with that cost being split between the employees and City.

Operational Costs: Operational costs increased from the prior year budget. The increase is driven primarily by an increase in gasoline costs and electric usage.

City Council Decision: City Council took the following action on the Manager's recommended budget:

Budget as recommended Budget with changes

Changes:



2011-2012 Budget

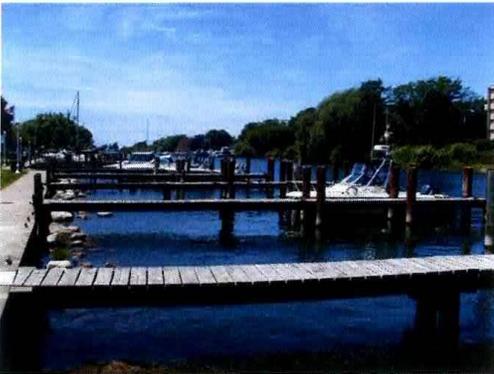
751 Parks	2010 Actual	2011 Budget	2011 Projected	Manager Budget	Year to Year		Percent Change
					Council Adopted	Budget Difference	
702.000 Salaries	\$ 80,042	\$80,082	\$80,082	\$81,689	\$81,689	\$ 1,606	2.0%
703.000 Longevity	\$ 450	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ -	
704.000 Overtime	\$ 2,328	\$6,667	\$8,000	\$6,667	\$6,667	\$ -	0.0%
706.000 Part-Time	\$ 37,599	\$43,320	\$43,320	\$37,620	\$37,620	\$ (5,700)	-13.2%
708.000 VAS\H Sellback	\$ -	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$ 500	
712.001 Costs - Social Security	\$ 7,580	\$8,374	\$8,374	\$8,098	\$8,098	\$ (275)	-3.3%
712.002 Costs - Medicare	\$ 1,773	\$1,958	\$1,958	\$1,894	\$1,894	\$ (64)	-3.3%
712.004 Costs - ICMA Contribution	\$ -	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ -	
712.005 Costs - MERS	\$ -	\$3,490	\$3,490	\$4,143	\$4,143	\$ 653	18.7%
712.006 Costs - In Lieu of BC/BS	\$ -	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ -	
712.007 Costs - SUTA	\$ 2,797	\$317	\$317	\$416	\$416	\$ 99	31.3%
712.009 Costs - Work Comp	\$ 2,974	\$3,199	\$3,199	\$1,898	\$1,898	\$ (1,301)	-40.7%
712.010 Costs - Blue Cross Insurance	\$ 20,534	\$20,149	\$21,559	\$27,098	\$27,098	\$ 6,950	34.5%
712.011 Costs - Life Insurance	\$ 324	\$299	\$299	\$299	\$299	\$ -	0.0%
Employee Costs	\$ 156,401	\$ 167,854	\$ 170,598	\$ 170,321	\$ 170,321	\$ 2,467	1.5%
715.000 Uniform & Cleaning	\$ 853	\$ 920	\$ 920	\$ 920	\$ 920	\$ -	0.0%
728.000 Operating Expense	\$ 9,129	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000	\$ -	0.0%
735.000 Periodicals & Publications	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
770.000 Gasoline	\$ 5,633	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	\$ 500	8.3%
801.000 Professional Services	\$ 1,790	\$ 500	\$ 3,000	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0.0%
831.000 Contractual Repairs & Maint.	\$ 76,500	\$ 63,600	\$ 63,600	\$ 63,600	\$ 63,600	\$ -	0.0%
860.000 Travel & Training Expense	\$ 575	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0.0%
870.000 Dues & Memberships	\$ -	\$ 135	\$ 135	\$ 135	\$ 135	\$ -	0.0%
873.000 Education	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
874.000 Retiree BCBS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
900.000 Printing & Publishing	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0.0%
920.000 Gas	\$ 942	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0.0%
922.000 Water	\$ 3,538	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ (2,000)	-25.0%
925.000 Electric	\$ 16,466	\$ 11,500	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 3,500	30.4%
930.000 Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 31,379	\$ 40,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ -	0.0%
931.000 Repairs/Maint - Building	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
957.000 Motor Pool	\$ 37,800	\$ 37,800	\$ 37,800	\$ 37,800	\$ 37,800	\$ -	0.0%
970.000 Capital Outlay	\$ 479	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
985.000 Lease Purchase	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Operating Costs	\$ 185,085	\$ 183,955	\$ 179,955	\$ 185,955	\$ 185,955	\$ 2,000	1.1%
TOTAL PARKS	\$ 341,485	\$ 351,809	\$ 350,553	\$ 356,276	\$ 356,276	\$ 4,467	1.3%

Enterprise Funds

Municipal Marina



The Municipal Marina fund accounts for the activities of the Manistee Municipal Marina. Public Safety Director Dave Bachman serves as harbormaster and in conjunction with the Parks Department, directs the operations of the Marina. An enthusiastic staff manages the day-to-day activities and provides first rate service to the boaters.



Recognized as one of the finest public marinas on Lake Michigan, our marina hosts hundreds of boats a year and also serves as the home port for several large fishing tournaments. The marina has 36 slips ranging in length from 30 to 60 feet. It can also accommodate larger vessels (up to 100') with a broadside tie against the Riverwalk seawall. It offers a full array of services including fuel, pump out, bath facilities, water and electric hookup. Several times a year, Manistee is visited by cruise ships that bring passengers to visit our Victorian Port City.

The marina has undergone several improvements over the past few years, including lowering all the docks to accommodate lower water levels, upgrading its fuel delivery system, improving bathroom

facilities and offering free wi-fi internet access and creating an office kiosk located on the end of the gas dock.

A complete renovation of the Marina building is nearing completion and is scheduled for a late spring opening. The renovation rebuilt the DDA restrooms, addressed exterior aesthetics and completely upgraded the boater facilities.

Marina Assumptions & Notes

Marina Summary			
Revenue	decreased	(\$424,700)	-62.0%
Total Costs	increased	\$1,771	0.9%
Employee Costs	decreased	(\$341)	-1.2%
Operating Costs	increased	\$2,111	1.2%
Debt Service			
Interest	increased	\$14,129	
Principal	increased	\$37,362	
Capital Expenditures	decreased	(\$340,000)	-100.0%

Revenue: Revenue decreased sharply from the prior year budget. This decrease is due to the completion of the marina building renovation and the resultant lower grant revenue, offset somewhat by transfers in from the capital improvement fund to service debt.

Employee Costs: Employee costs decreased from the prior year budget.

Operating Costs: Operating costs increased slightly from the prior year budget, primarily due to the need to maintain/clean a larger structure.

Debt Service: Debt service increased from the prior year budget. The increase is due to loans necessary to finance the marina building. The Marina has a loan out from the water & sewer fund and an installment purchase contract with West Shore Bank.

Capital Outlay: No capital outlay is budgeted.

City Council Decision: City Council took the following action on the Manager’s recommended budget:

- Budget as recommended Budget with changes

Changes:



2011-2012 Budget

594 Municipal Marina Fund	2010 Actual	2011 Budget	2011 Projected	Harbor			Year to Year	
				Comm. Request	Manager Budget	Council Adopted	Budget Difference	Percent Change
539.000 State Grant	\$0	\$329,800	\$329,800	\$0	\$0	\$0	-\$329,800	-100.0%
570.000 Local Grant	5,000	150,000	150,000	0	0	0	-150,000	-100.0%
642.000 Sales	3,719	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	0	0.0%
645.000 Charge for Sales - Fuel	114,885	125,000	90,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	0	0.0%
646.000 Charge for Sales - Dockage	57,751	75,000	50,000	91,000	91,000	91,000	16,000	21.3%
664.000 Interest Income	292	1,000	100	100	100	100	-900	-90.0%
671.000 Other Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
695.000 Insurance Settlement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
699.000 Operating Transfer In	0	0	0	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	
Total Revenues	\$181,647	\$684,800	\$623,900	\$260,100	\$260,100	\$260,100	(\$424,700)	-62.0%
702.000 Salaries	\$22,090	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	0.0%
703.000 Longevity	210	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
704.000 Overtime	0	1,000	700	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
706.000 Part-Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
712.001 Costs - Social Security	1,483	1,612	1,612	1,612	1,612	1,612	0	0.0%
712.002 Costs - Medicare	347	377	377	377	377	377	0	0.0%
712.004 Costs - ICMA Contribution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
712.005 Costs - MERS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
712.006 Costs - In Lieu of BC/BS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
712.007 Costs - SUTA	189	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
712.009 Costs - Work Comp	1,131	850	850	510	510	510	-341	-40.1%
712.010 Costs - Blue Cross Insurance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
712.011 Costs - Life Insurance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
714.001 Retire. Costs - Blue Cross	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Employee Costs	\$25,449	\$28,839	\$28,539	\$28,499	\$28,499	\$28,499	(\$341)	-1.2%
728.000 Operating Expense	8,198	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000	0	0.0%
730.000 Operating Supplies - Fuel	106,345	115,000	81,000	112,500	112,500	112,500	-2,500	-2.2%
801.000 Professional Services	390	2,000	1,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0.0%
820.000 Administration	12,152	13,000	13,000	4,000	13,000	13,000	0	0.0%
822.000 Insurance	269	700	1,000	700	700	700	0	0.0%
831.000 Contractual Repairs & Maint.	0	1,000	500	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
850.000 Phone	840	500	0	500	500	500	0	0.0%
892.500 Marketing	0	0	0	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	
920.000 Gas	681	800	800	800	800	800	0	0.0%
922.000 Water	5,546	4,500	2,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	0	0.0%
925.000 Electric	10,200	11,500	5,000	11,500	11,500	11,500	0	0.0%
930.000 Repairs & Maintenance	1,016	4,000	2,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	0	0.0%
958.000 Sales Tax	4,905	3,000	9,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0.0%
959.000 Bad Debt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
960.000 Bank Charges	8,349	8,000	5,000	8,611	8,611	8,611	611	7.6%
964.000 Refunds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
970.000 Capital Outlay (expense)	605	0	4,000	0	0	0	0	0
Operating Costs	\$159,497	\$177,000	\$137,800	\$170,111	\$179,111	\$179,111	\$2,111	1.2%
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$184,947	\$205,839	\$166,339	\$198,610	\$207,610	\$207,610	\$1,771	0.9%



2011-2012 Budget

AVAILABLE FOR DEBT SERVICE	-\$3,299	\$478,961	\$457,561	\$61,490	\$52,490	\$52,490	-\$426,471	
Water & Sewer Loan Int	\$0		\$1,500	\$1,817	\$1,817	\$1,817	1,817	
Installment Purchase Int	\$0		\$0	\$12,312	\$12,312	\$12,312	12,312	
TOTAL DEBT INTEREST	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	\$14,129	\$14,129	\$14,129	14,129	
OPERATING RESULT	-\$3,299	\$478,961	\$456,061	\$47,362	\$38,362	\$38,362		
Water & Sewer Loan	\$0			\$17,288	\$17,288	\$17,288	17,288	
Installment Purchase	\$0			\$20,074	\$20,074	\$20,074	20,074	
TOTAL DEBT REPAYMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$37,362	\$37,362	\$37,362	37,362	
SURPLUS\DEFICIT BEFORE CAPEX	-\$3,299	\$478,961	\$456,061	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$1,000		
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES								
Marina Building Replacement	\$94,129	\$340,000	\$850,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$94,129	\$340,000	\$850,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$340,000)	-100.0%
CASH IMPACT BEFORE FINANCING	-\$97,428	\$138,961	-\$393,939	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$1,000		
Water & Sewer Loan	\$90,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Installment Purchase		\$275,000	\$380,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
FINANCING SOURCES	\$90,000	\$275,000	\$380,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
FINAL CASH IMPACT	-\$7,428	\$413,961	-\$13,939	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$1,000		
BEGINNING CASH			\$34,972			\$21,033		
ENDING CASH	\$34,972		\$21,033			\$22,033		

Enterprise Funds

Boat Launch



The Boat Launch fund accounts for the activities of the First Street Boat launch, Arthur Street Boat launch and Ninth Street Boat launch. It operates as a stand-alone enterprise.

The Arthur Street launch recently received a complete makeover. The project was funded by the City, Waterways Commission and Great Lakes Fishery Trust. The project included refurbishing the restrooms, reconfiguring the parking, expanding the launch, adding an accessible fishing pier and landscaping.

Boat Ramp Assumptions & Notes

Boat Launch Summary			
Revenue	decreased	(\$254,223)	-87.9%
Total Costs	increased	\$340	2.0%
Employee Costs	n/a	n/a	n/a
Operating Costs	increased	\$340	2.0%
Debt Service	increased	\$18,149	
Capital Expenditures	decreased	(\$358,000)	-100.0%

Revenue: Revenue decreased from the prior year budget. This decrease is due to the reduction of grant funding since the Arthur St. project was completed.

Employee Costs: The boat launch has no employees.

Operating Costs: Operating costs increased slightly from the prior year budget.



2011-2012 Budget

Debt Service: Debt service increased from the prior year budget. The increase is due to a loan from the Water & Sewer fund necessary to finance the Arthur St. Boat launch renovations.

Capital Outlay: No Capital outlay is budgeted. If grant funding materializes for the proposed Ninth St. Boat launch renovation, this project may proceed.

City Council Decision: City Council took the following action on the Manager's recommended budget:

Budget as recommended Budget with changes

Changes:



2011-2012 Budget

508 Boat Launch Fund			Year to Year						
	2010 Actual	2011 Projected	HC Request	Manager Budget	Council Adopted	Budget Difference	Percent Change		
539.000 State Grant	\$0	\$110,941	\$0	\$0	\$0	-\$249,748	-100.0%		
642.000 Sales	35,196	35,000	35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	-4,000	-10.3%		
664.000 Interest Income	348	59	25	\$25	\$25	-475	-95.0%		
Total Revenues	\$35,544	\$146,000	\$35,025	\$35,025	\$35,025	(\$254,223)	-87.9%		
702.000 Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			
704.000 Overtime	0	0	0	0	0	0			
712.001 Costs - Social Security	0	0	0	0	0	0			
712.002 Costs - Medicare	0	0	0	0	0	0			
712.007 Costs - SUTA	0	0	0	0	0	0			
712.009 Costs - Workers Comp	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Employee Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%		
728.000 Operating Expense	\$485	\$800	\$800	\$2,300	\$2,300	\$1,500	187.5%		
801.000 Professional Services	9,857	1,000	500	500	500	-500	-50.0%		
820.000 Administration	0	9,000	3,000	9,000	9,000	0	0.0%		
850.000 Phone	411	400	400	400	400	40	11.1%		
892.500 Marketing	0	0	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000			
922.000 Water	1,513	1,500	1,600	1,600	1,600	-400	-20.0%		
925.000 Electric	1,374	1,500	1,400	1,400	1,400	200	16.7%		
930.000 Repairs & Maintenance	3,063	5,500	2,500	1,000	1,000	-1,500	-60.0%		
960.000 Bank Charges	430	600	400	400	400	0	0.0%		
970.000 Capital Outlay (expense)	168	0	0	0	0	0			
Operating Costs	\$17,302	\$20,300	\$11,600	\$17,600	\$17,600	\$340	2.0%		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$17,302	\$20,300	\$11,600	\$17,600	\$17,600	\$340	2.0%		
AVAILABLE FOR DEBT SERVICE	\$18,243	\$125,700	\$23,425	\$17,425	\$17,425				
Water & Sewer Loan (Interest)	\$0	\$0	\$2,725	\$2,725	\$2,725				
Installment Purchase (Interest)									
TOTAL DEBT INTEREST	\$0	\$0	\$2,725	\$2,725	\$2,725				
OPERATING RESULT	\$18,243	\$125,700	\$20,700	\$14,700	\$14,700				
Water & Sewer Loan (Principal)	\$0	\$0	\$18,149	\$18,149	\$18,149				
Installment Purchase (Principal)									
TOTAL DEBT REPAYMENT	\$0	\$0	\$18,149	\$18,149	\$18,149	\$18,149			
SURPLUS/DEFICIT BEFORE CAPEX	\$18,243	\$125,700	\$2,551	-\$3,449	-\$3,449				
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES									
First Street Launch	\$20,736	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0				
Arthur Street Launch	28,523	296,217	0	0	0				
Ninth Street Launch		0	0	0	0				
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$49,259	\$296,217	\$0	\$0	\$0	-\$358,000	-100.0%		
CASH IMPACT BEFORE FINANCING	-\$31,016	-\$170,517	\$2,551	-\$3,449	-\$3,449				
Water & Sewer Loan (Proceeds)	\$0	\$135,000	\$0	\$0	\$0				
Installment Purchase (Proceeds)	0	0	0	0	0				
FINANCING SOURCES	\$0	\$135,000	\$0	\$0	\$0				
FINAL CASH IMPACT	-\$31,016	-\$35,517	\$2,551	-\$3,449	-\$3,449				
BEGINNING CASH & INV		\$45,712			\$10,194				
ENDING CASH & INV	\$45,712	\$10,194	87		\$6,745				

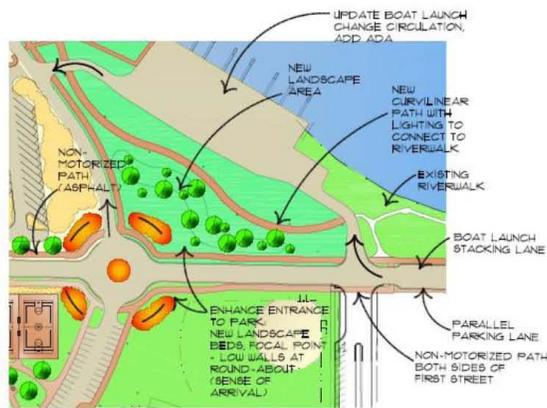


Parks Capital Projects Summary

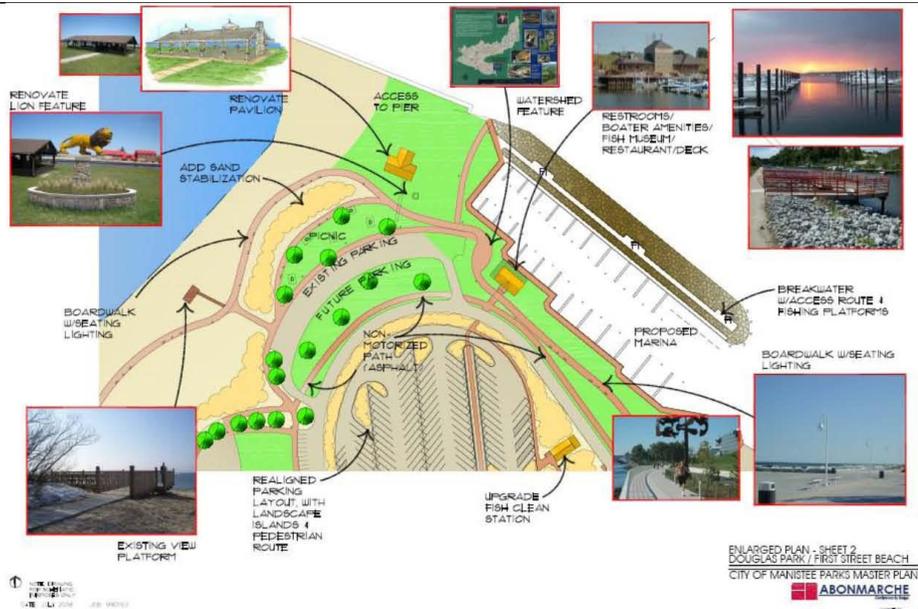
Parks capital projects are those that are directly related to improvements in the City’s extensive park system. The total estimated cost of all general government capital projects in the five year plan is \$1,685,000 and is summarized below.

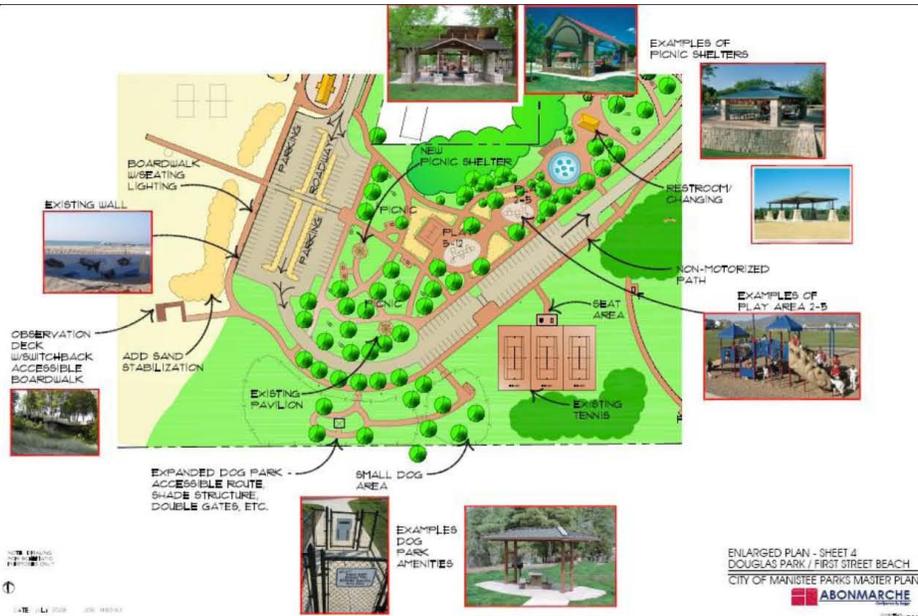
Parks	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	Total
Sand-Dune Stabilization		\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000			\$ 60,000
Fish Cleaning Station	\$ 150,000					\$ 150,000
First Street Beach House	\$ 400,000					\$ 400,000
Playground Equipment	\$ 10,000					\$ 10,000
Wayfinding Signage	\$ 15,000					\$ 15,000
Man-Made Lake Improvements				\$ 550,000		\$ 550,000
First Street Beach Improvements					\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
						\$ -
						\$ -
						\$ -
Total	\$ 575,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 550,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 1,685,000

The community has undertaken an extensive process to develop Beach Conceptual plans for the City beach areas. This ambitious project was to design a plan to have world class beaches. Of course, world class beaches carry a world class price tag. The projects identified represent just a small fraction of the cost to implement the plan. Renderings of the plan for various areas are included.



ENLARGED PLAN - SHEET 1
 DOUGLAS PARK / FIRST STREET BEACH
 CITY OF MANISTEE PARKS MASTER PLAN
 ABONMARCHÉ





Parks Capital Projects

Project Title: Sand Stabilization/Dune Grass

Department: Parks

Year: 2012-2013

Estimated Project Cost: \$30,000 per year for 2 years

Project Description: Planting of dune grass and other native grasses to minimize sand migration from beaches.



Project Justification\Case Statement: The City of Manistee is completing the Beach Conceptual Plan in accordance of the three year Council Strategic Goals. A primary goal of the conceptual plan is to prevent sand from migrating from the beaches to the greatest extent possible. Planting of native plant life, primarily dune grass was identified by the consultants as the best opportunity to minimize sand migration.

Minimizing migration of sand will save countless hours annually from the Parks Department and DPW Department having to remove blowing sand from parking lots and other areas at both Fifth Avenue and First St./Douglas Park. Whereas these plantings alone will not stop blowing sand, it will help minimize its impacts upon surrounding areas.

Impact on Operating Expenses: Depending on how we plant the dune grass (contract or use of force labor) there could be some force labor time in used. In future years as the grass becomes stabilized, there should be a reduction in time for removing blowing sand from parking lots and grass areas.

Funding Source:

Financing Method:

- Capital Improvement Fund
- Water & Sewer Utility
- Marina
- Boat Ramp
- Grant

- Cash
- Cash Installment
- Bank Installment Purchase
- Bond Issue
- Internal Loan

Parks Capital Projects

Project Title: Fish Cleaning Station

Department: Parks

Year: 2011-2012

Estimated Project Cost: \$150,000

Project Description: Reconstruct fish cleaning station at First Street beach. Add restrooms to complex to replace existing restrooms. Address fish disposal issue thru freezing or some other method.



Project Justification\Case Statement: The current fish cleaning station is deteriorating to the point that it needs significant rehabilitation. It would be replaced and slightly enlarged. The restrooms proposed would replace the ones at the existing concession area which are obsolete. Enhancements (yet unidentified) to the fish carcass disposal system would be implemented.

Impact on Operating Expenses: Impact on operating expenses would be associated with the requirement of maintaining and cleaning the new amenities by DPW and Parks personnel.

Funding Source:

Financing Method:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat Ramp | <input type="checkbox"/> Bond Issue |
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Funding Notes: The City will be budgeting matching funds for this project in the Capital Improvement fund in amount of \$75,000. We will be applying for Great Lakes Fishery Trust and possibly Waterways money to help fund this project. The project will not likely occur unless significant grant funding can be procured.

Parks Capital Projects

Project Title: First Street Beach House

Department: Parks

Year: 2011-2012

Estimated Project Cost: \$400,000

Project Description: Replace existing beach house at First Street Beach.



Project Justification\Case Statement: The Beach Conceptual Plans call for the replacement of the existing First Street Beach bathhouse. Replacement of the bathhouse with a structure similar to the one at Fifth Avenue Beach would allow for greater use and recreational opportunity at First Street Beach, and serve as an anchor for the park.

Impact on Operating Expenses: Operating expenses should be similar to the cost of maintaining the existing bathhouse. Costs could be sharply reduced if a vendor contract similar to the one at Fifth Ave. beach house (requiring cleaning of structure and restroom) is entered into.

Funding Source:

Financing Method:

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Funding Notes: The City will budget matching funds for this project in the Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$100,000. This project has been listed as an “Explore the Shore” candidate. Grant funding will be sought from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. If grant funding is not received, this project will have to be pushed back.

Parks Capital Projects

Project Title: Playground Equipment

Department: Parks

Year: 2011-2012

Estimated Project Cost: \$10,000

Project Description: Provide playground equipment targeted at young children.

Project Justification\Case Statement: Current City parks are lacking in playground equipment for



Impact on Operating Expenses: Operating expenses should be similar to the cost of maintaining the existing bathhouse. Costs could be sharply reduced if a vendor contract similar to the one at Fifth Ave. beach house (requiring cleaning of structure and restroom) is entered into.

Funding Source:

- Capital Improvement Fund
- Water & Sewer Utility
- Marina
- Boat Ramp
- Grant

Financing Method:

- Cash
- Cash Installment
- Bank Installment Purchase
- Bond Issue
- Internal Loan

Funding Notes:

Parks Capital Projects

Project Title: Park Wayfinding Signage

Department: Parks

Year: 2011-2012

Estimated Project Cost: \$15,000

Project Description: Start installing wayfinding signage at City parks.

Project Justification/Case Statement: This signage would continue the theme established with our wayfinding signage program and better identify our park assets.



Impact on Operating Expenses: No impact immediately, but long term may increase maintenance slightly.

Funding Source:

- Capital Improvement Fund
- Water & Sewer Utility
- Marina
- Boat Ramp
- Grant

Financing Method:

- Cash
- Cash Installment
- Bank Installment Purchase
- Bond Issue
- Internal Loan

Funding Notes:

Parks Capital Projects

Project Title: Man Made Lake Improvements

Department: Parks

Year: 2014-2015

Estimated Project Cost: \$550,000

Project Description: Incorporate Phase I barrier free amenities throughout Man Made Lake park, construct restrooms and reconstruct parking.



Project Justification\Case Statement: The City has completed its acquisition of Man Made Lake. The Beach Conceptual Plan for this park has been completed and endorsed by Council. The plan has a three phase implementation schedule. Phase 1 improvements will address parking, restrooms\pavilion and accessible amenities. The MNRTF board has encouraged the City to apply for development funds for this park.

Impact on Operating Expenses: Impact on operating expenses would be associated with the requirement of maintaining and cleaning the new amenities by DPW and Parks personnel, as well as weekly (or as needed) sand removal. Sand removal hopefully should be less than at the exposed Fifth Avenue and First Street Beaches.

Funding Source:

Financing Method:

- Capital Improvement Fund
- Water & Sewer Utility
- Marina
- Boat Ramp
- Grant

- Cash
- Cash Installment
- Bank Installment Purchase
- Bond Issue
- Internal Loan

Funding Notes: The City will budget matching funds for this project in the Capital Improvement Fund. This project has been listed as an “Explore the Shore” candidate. Grant funding will be sought from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and Easter Seals. If grant funding is not received, this project will have to be pushed back.

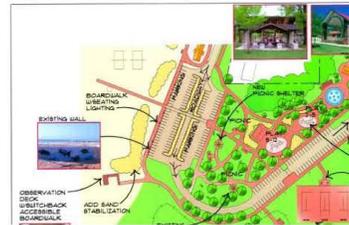
Parks Capital Projects

Project Title: First Street Beach Picnic Shelter Area Improvements

Department: Parks

Year: 2015-2016

Estimated Project Cost: \$500,000



Project Description: With the planting of dune grass to stabilize drifting sand, the City can improve the picnic shelter area by addressing parking, removing excess sand, remove dead trees, strategic pouring of sidewalks, renovating structures, planting of grass, installation of new picnic grills, and installation of sprinkling systems.

Project Justification\Case Statement: The City of Manistee has completed the completed the Beach Conceptual Plan in accordance with the Three Year Council Strategic Goals. The primary goal is to improve both the aesthetics and use of the picnic shelter area by placement of strategic sidewalks and planting of grass. Due to the sandy conditions, it will be imparative for the area to have a sprinkling system.

Impact on Operating Expenses: This grassy area will require more mowing and annual edging of the sidewalks, but should reduce the number of staff hours used to remove sand. The increased use and aesthetic improvement will be worth the potential increase in staff maintenance.

Funding Source:

Financing Method:

- Capital Improvement
- General
- Water & Sewer Utility
- Major\Local Street Fund
- Marina
- Boat Ramp
- Grant

- Cash
- Cash Installment
- Bank Installment Purchase
- Bond Issue
- Internal Loan

Funding Notes: Staff will research funding opportunities over the next few years. However, at this point, it appears that there is no readily available source of grant funds for this project. We will also look at partnering with other local units of government and/or the County.



Municipal Marina Capital Projects Summary

Municipal Marina capital projects are those that are related to the City’s marina operations. The total estimated cost of all marina capital projects in the five year plan is \$ - and is summarized below.

Municipal Marina	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	Total
to be determined						\$ -
						\$ -
						\$ -
						\$ -
						\$ -
						\$ -
						\$ -
						\$ -
						\$ -
						\$ -
Total	\$ -					

Having completed several capital projects over the past few years, including the replacement of the Marina building, has put the Marina in good shape. No planned projects are on the planning horizon at this time.



Boat Launch Capital Projects Summary

Boat Launch capital projects are those that are related to the City’s three boat launches. The total estimated cost of all Boat Launch capital projects in the five year plan is **\$325,000** and is summarized below.

Boat Launch	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	Total
						\$ -
						\$ -
9th St Launch			\$ 325,000			\$ 325,000
						\$ -
						\$ -
						\$ -
						\$ -
						\$ -
						\$ -
						\$ -
						\$ -
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 325,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 325,000



Boat Ramps Capital Projects

Project Title: Ninth Street Boat Launch Renovations

Department: Boat Ramps

Year: 2013-2014

Estimated Project Cost: \$325,000

Project Description: Renovation of the Ninth St. Boat launch including paving parking lot, replacing dock and skid pier(s), landscaping and adding a simple restroom. The timing is dependent on securing easements and availability of grant funding.

Project Justification\Case Statement: The Ninth St. launch is an important, but under utilized launch. This project would make it much more user friendly and would give the City three excellent boat launches. The City will need to clean up the ownership of the property on which the launch is located in order for the project to move forward.

Impact on Operating Expenses: Operating costs will increase as there is more to maintain.

Funding Source:

Financing Method:

- Capital Improvement
- General
- Water & Sewer Utility
- Major\Local Street Fund
- Marina
- Boat Ramp
- Grant

- Cash
- Cash Installment
- Bank Installment Purchase
- Bond Issue
- Internal Loan

Funding Notes: The site has been included on the "Explore the Shores" list of candidate sites. The project will likely be funded with a mix of grants, including the GLFT and Waterways. Likely local match will be \$80,000. If grants are not received, the project will have to be postponed.

FUNDING SOURCES

Taxation

The City tax supports a diverse park system, including two major Lake Michigan beach parks drawing visitors from a wide area. It also maintains boat launching and marina facilities, along with its inventory of park lands and sports fields. Funding for the Parks Department and capital improvements are through annual allocations from the City General Fund budget. There is no dedicated millage for parks support.

State

The City actively pursues state assistance for developments and improvements of its infrastructure. In addition, Manistee's unique location and history are recognized as assets valued by all state residents. As home to the state's largest charter fishing fleet and intensive state agency fish plantings, it is the cornerstone for a year round abundance of outdoor recreation opportunity. Manistee's rich architectural history also merits state recognition for its preservation and recognition efforts. As a result, the City will pursue assistance from a widely diverse source of funding, including the Department of Natural Resources, Department of Commerce, Michigan Waterways Commission, Department of Transportation, Department of State and other state assistance programs.

Explore the Shores is a new, broadly supported initiative to make Manistee County a premier destination for universal access for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy, use and learn from the County's lakes, rivers and Lake Michigan shoreline.

Federal

The City's rich history is illustrated through its local museum archives and recognized by certification of the downtown area as a national historic district. Adoption of the namesake "Victorian Port City," a \$25,000 fund drive to preserve Manistee's Lake Michigan lighthouse catwalk and other efforts of the Chamber of Commerce are illustrative of Manistee's desire for preservation and recognition. Grant applications for building preservation, waterway protection and improvements and business and government infrastructure are appropriate.

The Manistee North Pierhead Light is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. The Lighthouse has one of the four remaining catwalks on Lake Michigan. This catwalk is owned and maintained by the City of Manistee. In 2009 application was made to the National Parks Service for acquisition of the Lighthouse. The Transfer Ceremony took place on June 30, 2011.

VOLUNTEERS, PARTNERSHIPS AND SCHOOLS

Local Citizenry

Support for recreation facilities and activities are well demonstrated in participation numbers in youth and adult sports programs and cultural and educational endeavors. Participation in and support for theatrical offerings are visible in the year round and well attended productions of the Ramsdell Theatre. In addition, a riverside Bandshell has been constructed for free weekly summer musical offerings. The Rotary Club constructed a gazebo in 1995 and a volunteer group constructed an Imagination Station™ playground, also in 1995. In addition, in 1990 the City and volunteers initiated a “Blossom Boulevard” on its major throughway as a visible welcome to its visitors. Most of the financial support for these and other activities have drawn from the local citizenry, service clubs and businesses. A jazz concert series at First Street Beach is sponsored by volunteers.

Manistee County Historical Museum

In conjunction with the acquisition of the Manistee North Pierhead Light the City of Manistee and Manistee County Historical Museum entered into a Concession Agreement. The goal is to preserve the lighthouse which is located at Fifth Avenue Beach. The Lighthouse will become id an attraction to the park at Fifth Avenue Beach and the museum will oversee the preservation and rehabilitation of the structure. Plans are to conduct tours during the summer months

Manistee Recreation Association (MRA)

The MRA is a Michigan chartered nonprofit public organization offering year round recreation programming, as well as professional and clerical support for other county recreation related organizations. Programs of the MRA include youth and adult sports, social and educational activities. Office is located in the Briny Building, 50 Filer Street.

The Board membership consists of two city representatives and seven at-large publicly elected officers. The budget of the MRA for the year of 2011 was \$106,878 with financial support from the City, County, several Townships and the United Way. Specific sport programming includes team soccer (offered in the fall and the spring), youth baseball and adult basketball. Other activities the MRA offers include hockey, wrestling, ski and snowboard club, day trips, sport camps, and swimming lessons.

Alternatives for Area Youth (AAJ)

In 1994, a teen center/winter warming shelter was constructed in Sands Park, jointly managed by the City and the local School District. Alternatives for Area Youth are responsible for the day-to-day management of the facility, and its related activities. Operated by its Board of Directors, the Teen Center, originally built with matching grant funds from the Kellogg Foundation, was a community effort to create a warming shelter for winter ice skating offered at Sands Park, that would double as a Center for the youth of our community in the off season.

Presently, the Center serves the youth of our community by providing a location at which they can socialize with friends, or participate in activities such as basketball on the outside court, ice skating during the winter, outdoor skate park, ping pong, foosball, billiards and more! Dances and parties are held on a monthly basis throughout the year.

Schools

There are three public, two private and one charter school with outdoor play space within the City available for public use. Indoor facilities at the schools (gymnasiums, walking track) are sometime available.

Community Pool

The Community Pool is located adjacent to the Manistee High School. This facility is used by the Swim/Dive Team and provides year round aquatic opportunities for the community. The City of Manistee contributes \$40,000 annually to assist with maintenance of the pool.

Senior Center

Primary full time facilities for indoor programming include the Manistee Senior Center. The Manistee County Senior Center is located in a commercial building in downtown Manistee and has a large multipurpose room and several smaller rooms available for office space and programming. The center offers noon lunches, an extensive recreation program and houses several senior outreach agencies.

RECREATION INVENTORY



**North Pierhead Light on a Winters Day
Fifth Avenue Beach**

PARK INVENTORY ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Each of the City parks was toured by Parks and Beautification Commission members with City Staff. Existing facilities and equipment were inspected and inventoried for repairs, replacement or removal. In addition parks were reviewed for current and projected use. Following is a detailed review of each City park its Accessibility Assessment, history, current use and projected or recommended improvements.



Annual Kid's Fishing Day held at Man Made Lake

Basis for Action

Demographics indicate a diverse population base. No neighborhood predominates in any demographic category significant to participation levels. The City's small size allows good cross use of major facilities while at the same time land use density in some neighborhoods has left pockets in need of attention for play-lots and common use areas.

Manistee has many of the attributes sought for business and family relocation, including a clean environment, good schools, affordable housing, adequate transportation, business opportunity and responsive government. Leisure time facilities and activities are an additional component of a well conceived basis for action.

Manistee's leaders must continue to monitor the recreational activities of its citizens as well as use plans such as this to forecast and guide future actions.

Recreation Standards

Since standards are recommended planning guides, not absolute rules, people may view their application in different ways. Cities vary in space and time. Manistee hasn't the same development pattern as another city, nor will its own physical and human properties remain static as time advances. For this reason, the City of Manistee continues to plan for recreation and park areas to meet the needs of its citizens, with additional consideration for its visitors.

Minimum Local Recreation Standards

The National Recreation and Parks Association have established guidelines for communities to measure their inventory of parks/facilities against national norms for recreation facilities. While the City exceeds the recommended minimums in many cases, there are areas where the community is lacking.

Walking, biking and non-motorized transportation in general needs continued attention. Connecting routes, bike lanes, and signage will continue to be developed to provide safe, non-motorized transportation throughout the City. The City Council appointed Non-Motorized Transportation Committee has developed a master plan which is included in the appendix. Since 2010 the City of Manistee Non-Motorized Transportation Committee and the Shoreline cycling Club have been developing a plan to build multi-use trails and a mountain bike skills park on this parcel.

Universal Accessibility

All current City properties for public use, including parks, are reviewed and modified for universal accessibility. All new projects incorporate universal accessible design standards as part of the planning. Programming is currently offered by the Manistee County Chapter of the National Association of the Physically Handicapped, the Intermediate School District, the Manistee Recreation Association and the Manistee County Special Olympics.

Excerpt from City of Manistee Strategic Plan Update 2011-2012:

Goal 3.3 To develop and adopt a capital improvement plan for parks and recreation areas that recommends upgrades and costs and fully considers universal accessibility.

Strategy 3.3.1 Develop and implement Parks Asset Management Plan, prioritize needs and recommendations for annual budget for upgrades for parks, with emphasis on universal accessibility.

Specific recommendations for additions to the park system are included in the Manistee Parks Commission Site Survey Worksheet, and in more detail in the discussion of each individual park.

CITY PARKS AND FACILITY INVENTORY

For Planning Purposes the City is divided into three areas. Following are the park/facility inventory by area, classification and size. Those preceded by an asterisk [*] are City owned or have long term lease arrangements. Those proceed by a [+] are publicly or privately owned and are often available by use.

Classifications:

Mini Park - Used to address limited, isolated or unique recreation needs. [2,500 sq. ft and one acre in size]

Neighborhood Park – Neighborhood Park remains the basic unit of the park system and serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Focus is on informal active and passive recreation. [5 acre minimum to 10 acres]

School-Park – Depending on circumstances, combing parks with school sites can fulfill the space requirement for other classes of parks, such as neighborhood, community, sports complex and special uses. [Variable size depends on function]

Community Park – Serves broader purpose than Neighborhood Park. Focus is on meeting community-based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces. [30 to 50 acres in size]

Greenways – Effectively tie park system components together to form a continuous park environment.

Special Use – Covers a broad range of parks and recreation facilities oriented toward single-purpose use. [Variable size]

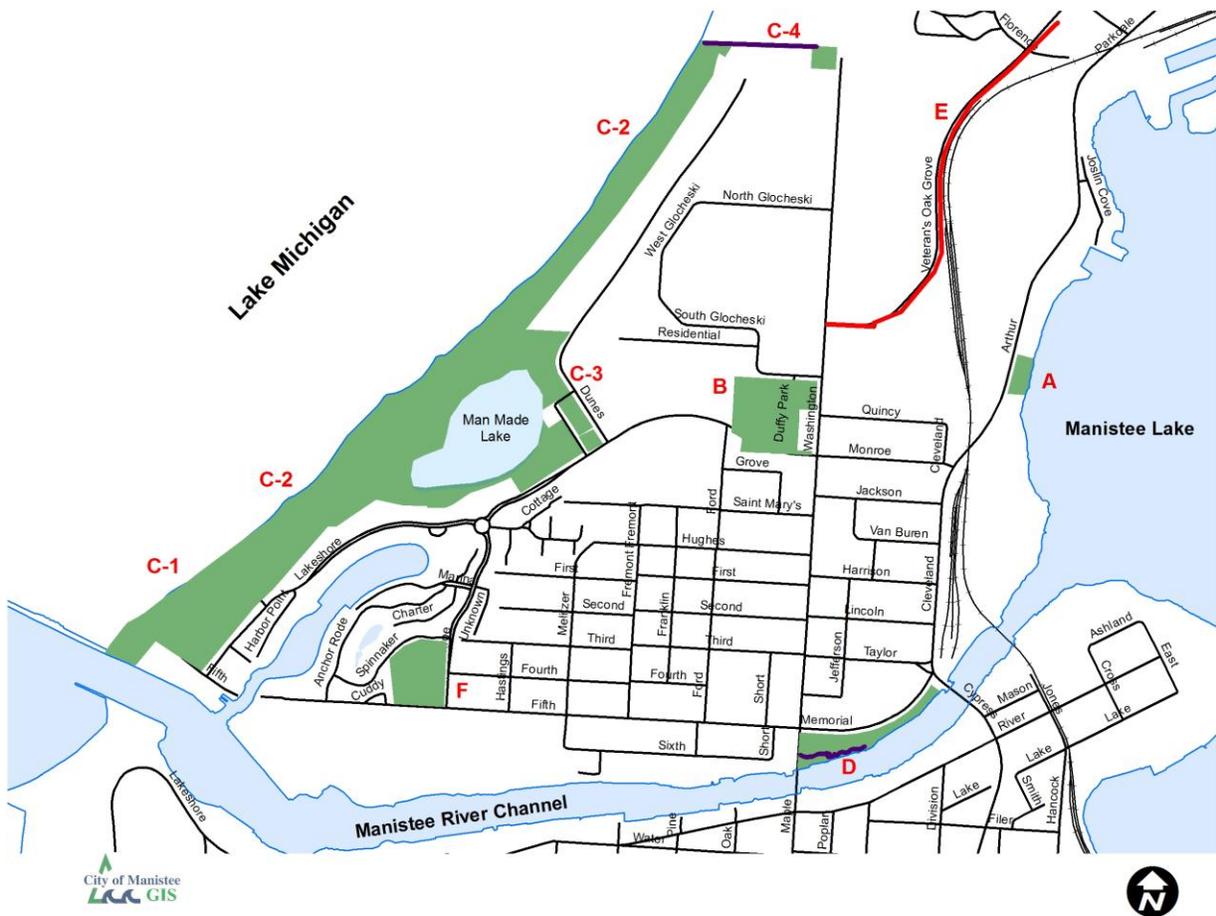
On-Street Bikeways – Paved segments of roadways that serve as a means to safely separate bicyclists from vehicular traffic. [Bike Lane: shared portions of the roadway that provide separation between motor vehicles and bicyclists, such as paved shoulders.

	Facilities located within the City Limits of the City of Manistee	Acres	Bikeways/ Walkways
*	City of Manistee Developed Park Lands	182.8	3.49 miles
+	Private or Non-City Developed Park Lands	42.5	0
	Developed Park Lands Available for use in City of Manistee	225.3	3.49 miles

North

	North [north of the Manistee River]	Map Location	Classification	Acres	Bikeways/ Walkways
*	Arthur Street Boat Launch <i>(Water Recreation)</i>	A	Special Use	.9	
*	Duffy Park	B	Neighborhood Park	6.3	
*	Fifth Avenue Beach (18.0 acres)	C-1	Community Park/ Greenway	79.0	.2 miles
*	Lake Michigan Frontage (32.8 acres)	C-2			
*	Man Made Lake (27.0 acres)	C-3			
*	North Beach Access (1.2 acres)	C-4			
*	North Riverwalk/Memorial Park	D	Mini/Neighborhood Park	3.3	.1 miles
*	On Street Bikeway (Veteran's Oak Grove Dr)	E	On Street Bikeway		.65 miles
*	Red Szymarek Park	F	Neighborhood Park	4.0	
			TOTAL	93.5	.68 miles

Map Showing City owned or parks with long term lease arrangements



West

	West [south of the Manistee River and west of Maple Street]	Map Location	Classification	Acres	Bikeways/Walkways
+	Centennial Track	n/a	School Park	5.0	
*	Douglas Recreation Area (52 acres) First Street Beach (1.5 acres) Lighthouse Park (1.0 acres)	A-1 A-2 A-3	Community Park	68.0	
+	Hamlin Field (<i>Ball Field</i>)	n/a	Special Use	1.8	
+	Jefferson Elementary School	n/a	School Park	3.0	
+	Manistee High School/Manistee Middle School/Paine Aquatic Center	n/a	School Park	20.0	
+	Kennedy Elementary School	n/a	School Park	1.5	
*	Municipal Marina (<i>Water Recreation</i>)	B	Special Use	2.0	
*	On Street Bikeway (Cherry Street)	C	On –Street Bikeway		1.25 miles
*	Sands Park	D	Neighborhood Park	5.0	
*	South Riverwalk (<i>Park Trail – Type I</i>)	E	Greenway		1.20 miles
+	Trinity Lutheran School	n/a	School Park	.5	
			TOTAL	106.8	2.45 miles

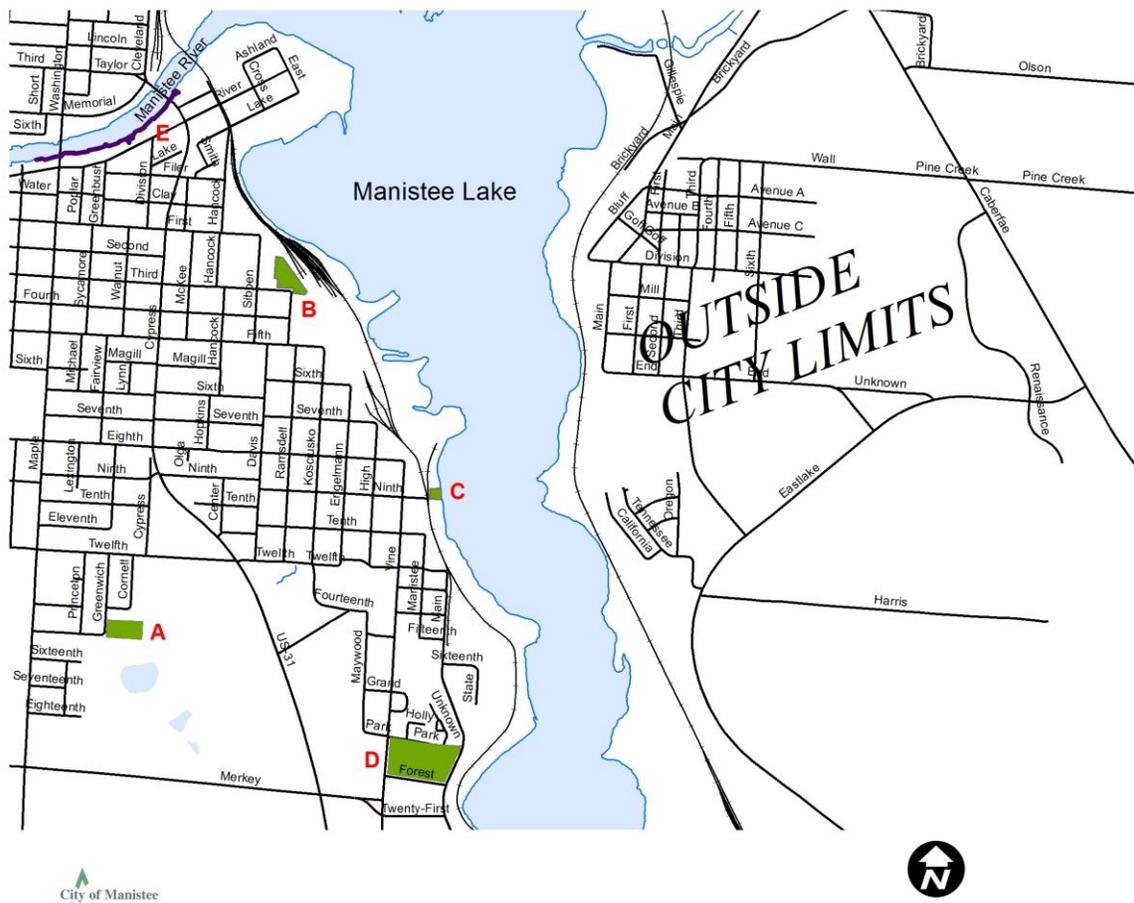
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East

	East [south of the Manistee River and east of Maple Street	Map Location	Classification	Acres	Bikeways/Walkways
+	Art Park	n/a	Mini Park	.2	
*	Mack Park	A	Mini/Neighborhood Park	2.2	
+	Manistee Catholic Central School	n/a	School Park	10.0	
+	Maxwelltown Community Park/ CASMAN School Academy	n/a	School Park	1.0	
*	Morton Park	B	Mini/Neighborhood Park	2.6	
*	Ninth Street Boat Launch (Water Recreation)	C	Special Use	1.0	
*	Reitz Park	D	Neighborhood Park	8.0	
*	South Riverwalk (Park Trail – Type I)	E	Greenway		.36 miles
			TOTAL	25.0	.36 miles

Map Showing City owned or parks with long term lease arrangements



ARTHUR STREET MARINA

Classification - Special Use (Water Recreation), 2.2 Acres

Universal Accessibility Rating # 5 = in 2010 the entire park was renovated using the principals of universal design.

The site was purchased by the City in the 1930's and is located on Arthur Street (US-31). There is no charge for use of this area.

In 2010 Arthur Street Boat Launch received a major face lift after receipt of a Great Lakes Fishery Trust Grant. Improvements to the facility included; improved entrance/exit to facility, designated mooring area and docking for small boats, improved and enlarged ramps, expanded parking lot and reconfigured lot for trailer parking, Universally Accessible Fishing Dock and pier, restrooms were upgraded and are now Universally Accessible.

Recommendations:

- Acquire all or part of “Consumers Property” to the South.

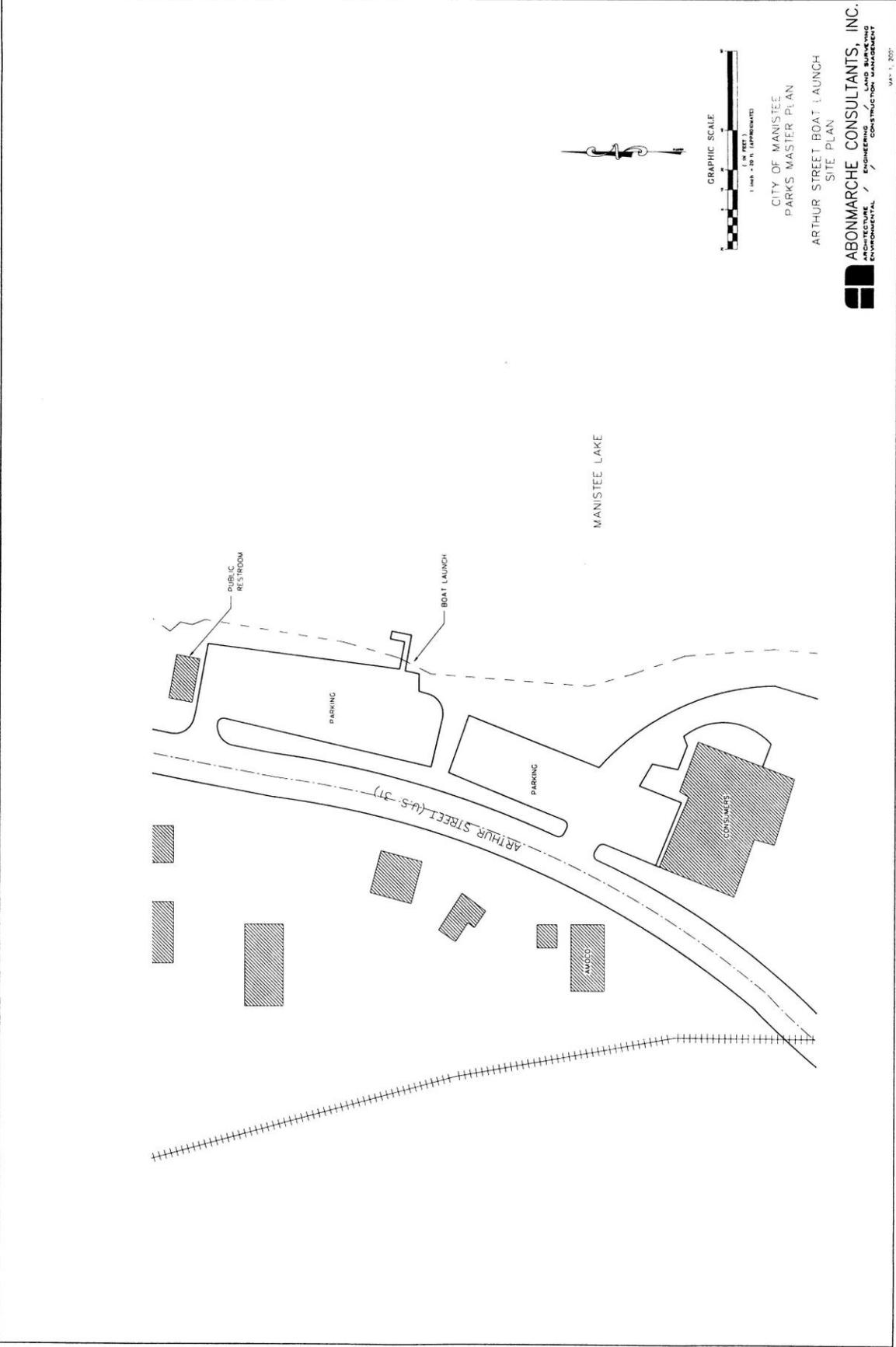


Improved Parking lot reconfigured for trailer parking

Universally Accessible Fishing Dock and Pier



Site Plan Map of Arthur Street Boat Launch on following Page



DOUGLAS RECREATION AREA / FIRST STREET BEACH/LIGHTHOUSE PARK

Classification – Community Park, 68 Acres Total

Douglas Recreation Area - Universal Accessibility Rating #3 = most of the park meet accessibility guidelines.

First Street Beach - Universal Accessibility Rating #3 = most of the park meet accessibility guidelines.

Lighthouse Park - Universal Accessibility Rating # 4 = the entire park meets accessibility guidelines

Boat Launch - Universal Accessibility Rating # 4 = the entire park meets accessibility guidelines

Located at the west end of First Street on Lake Michigan, this is the largest City-owned recreation area. There is a boat launch into the Manistee River near Lake Michigan with docks and a fish cleaning station. A picnic area with pavilions overlooks Lake Michigan and a short fishing pier. There is a large lakefront beach with play equipment, volleyball courts and restrooms. In 2010 upgrades to the First Street Launch Ramps were made and four of the eight ramps are now Universally Accessible.

In adjacent off-beach areas there are two children's playgrounds, Dog Park, lighted tennis courts, a basketball court, volleyball court and two lighted softball fields with restrooms. There is also some natural area. Adequate parking is available throughout the park.

Grants paid for the construction of softball fields and tennis courts in the mid-1970's. The Lions Club contributed for the construction of several large pavilions. The Rotary Club and local businesses contributed for the construction of a playground, a volleyball court and a basketball court in 1988, and playground additions and a gazebo in 1995. A volunteer group constructed an "Imagination Station™" playground in 1995. A one and a half mile Riverwalk from the downtown, constructed in 1994-95 ends at the park. A Master Plan for the park developed in 1992/93 suggests walk/bikeways throughout the park. The area was purchased by the City in 1919. A Coastal Zone Management Grant in 1999 continued the Riverwalk via a sidewalk to the Concession Stand.

Due to the size of the beach the recommendations and site plans for the beach are in two sections. North Area that includes the Boat Launch and Lions Shelter/picnic area. The South Area includes the beach, playground, picnic area, tennis courts and ball fields.

A conceptual plan for First Street Beach was developed by a Citizen Steering Committee and details new elements that are planned for the area.

North Area - Recommendations:

Boat Launch

- Repair or replace ramps and add extensions
- Add stabilizing fill and sheet pile at end of piers for low-water launching
- Integrate with new boardwalk: pavilion, tables, benches, fishing pier
- Riverbank parking area near concession stand
- Have the concession stand become a Chamber visitor's information center satellite
- Upgrade concession stand
- Pave upper parking lot
- Stabilize basin bank and add new marina



**Boat Launch Facility at
First Street Beach**



**Healthy Active Manistee (H.A.M.it Up) 2009
Warm up at Lions Pavilion before 5K Run/Walk**

Site Plan Map of North First Street Beach Area on following Page

South Area - Recommendations:

Lighthouse Park/Ball Field Area

- Add dressing rooms with showers
- Provide steps/handicap access ramp to restrooms on hill
- Add flag pole for American Flag
- Disk Golf

Beach Area

- Beach grass, trees and other natural erosion control plantings
- Additional playground equipment
- Outdoor “rinse off” pedestal showers at restroom
- Multi-use pavilion at “kite flying” area
- Permanent concession stand at restrooms with equipment storage area
- More Bike Racks
- Walking/parcours (outdoor exercise trail)
- Add benches inside retaining wall
- New Beach House/concession stand



Forest Festival Sand Castle Competition First Street Beach

Site Plan Map of South First Street Beach Area on following Page

DUFFY PARK

Classification – Neighborhood Park, 6.3 Acres

Universal Accessibility Rating #3 = most of the park meet accessibility guidelines.

Neighborhood Park located on the north side of Manistee on Monroe Street (Ford Street on the west and Washington Street on the east). Long City property, this park had laid dormant for years. City and volunteer efforts in 1994/95 installed a full size little league baseball field, playground and parking lot. Property was acquired from Sand Products Corporation in 1999 adjacent to Duffy Park on the north to South Glocheski Drive. In 2000 full sized and junior soccer fields with irrigation were added. In 2003 a Universally Accessible restroom and Concession Stand was constructed with the assistance of a MSHDA Neighborhood Preservation Program Grant along with a Basketball Court and other equipment were added

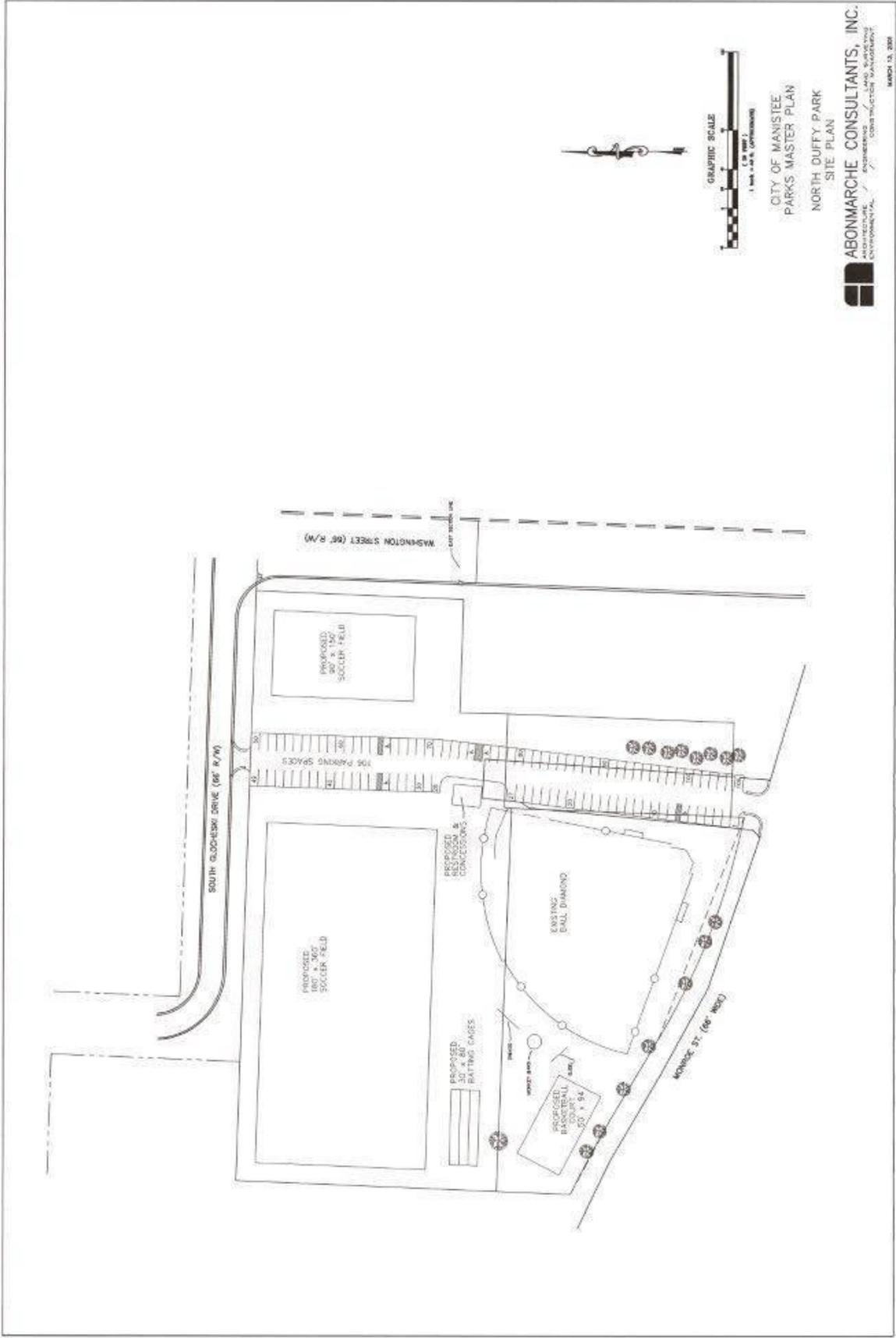
Recommendations:

- Fencing
- Pave parking lot
- Bleachers
- Additional playground equipment
- Picnic area and equipment
- More Bike racks
- Batting cage
- Volleyball
- Walking/workout route
- Ground level accessible play ground equipment



Universally Accessible Restrooms/Concession Stand Duffy Park

Site Plan Map of Duffy Park on following Page



FIFTH AVENUE BEACH

Classification – *Part of Community Park (Fifth Avenue Beach, Lake Michigan Frontage, Man Made Lake, North Beach Access)*, Fifth Avenue Beach and Lake Michigan Frontage 18 Acres Total

Universal Accessibility Rating - #3 = most of the facilities area meet accessibility guidelines.

The beach area was purchased by the City in 1912. Fifth Avenue Beach is located on the north side of Manistee at the west end of Fifth Avenue on Lake Michigan. The Coast Guard facility is adjacent to the park. There is a large lakefront beach with a new Universally Accessible Beach House (including concession/vending) that was constructed next to the playground and parking lot. Universal Access from the Beach House to the beach is made possible by the installation of “Brock” decking.

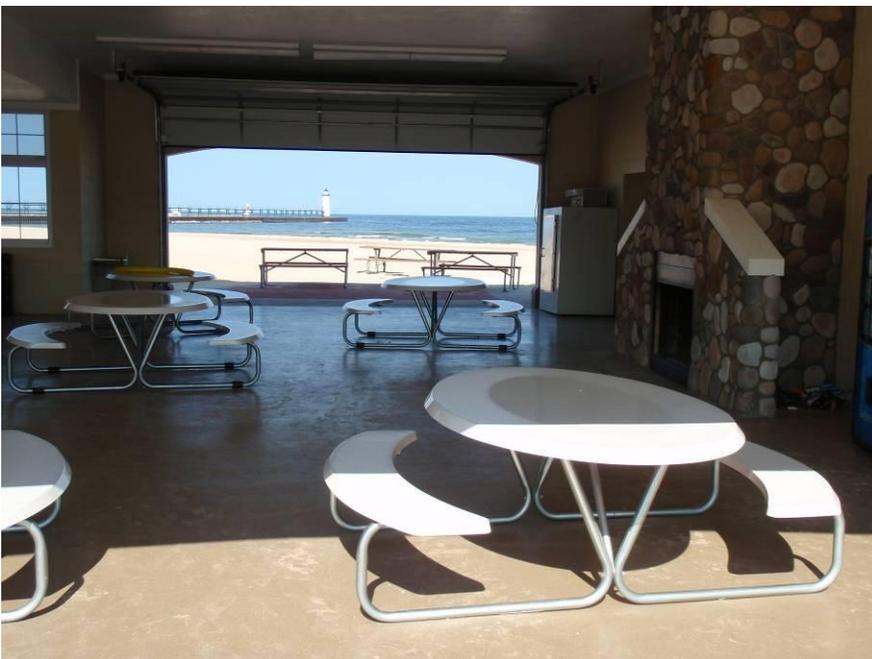
The Manistee North Pierhead Lighthouse and catwalk are adjacent to the Coast Guard Station. In 2011 the City acquired the Lighthouse from the Department of the Interior and entered into a Concession Agreement with the Historical Museum who will oversee operation of the Lighthouse. While the Lighthouse is not universally accessible plans are for a tour of the structure will be available on the City’s web page for people of all abilities. Pedestrian traffic and fishing are permitted on the pier. There is a tennis court and picnic area with green space across from the Coast Guard Station. Parking and traffic flow improvements were made in 1992/93.

Recommendations:

- Install “Niagara Falls” type telescopes to view boats on the lake
- Beach grass and other natural erosion control plantings
- Improved lighting at bathhouse, playground area, tennis courts
- Improve/expand picnic area
- Retaining wall along sidewalk between roadway and north parking lot
- Handicap drinking fountain
- Foot/bicycle turn style bridge across Harbor Village Channel connecting Fifth Avenue to new Coast Guard Station and beach
- More Bike racks
- Upgrade playground equipment
- Add pavilion/gazebo/shelters
- More universally accessible playground equipment
- Shuffleboard Courts



Beach House at Fifth Avenue Beach



Conceptual Beach Plan and Site Plan Map of Fifth Avenue Beach on following two pages

M-55 PROPERTY [Not on the City Park and Inventory List - outside the City Limits]

Classification – Large Urban Park, 173 Acres

Universal Accessibility Rating #1 – None of the property meets accessibility guidelines – *Park is not developed at this time*

In 1943 the property was originally optioned by the City from the State for construction of an airport. This is a 173 acre parcel east of the City on State Highway 55 (M-55).

When the airport was built on US 31 the Attorney General ruled that the property should be dedicated to public purposes. In 1991 City Council determined the property should be preserved for public recreation purposes.

Since 2010 the City of Manistee Non-Motorized Transportation Committee and the Shoreline Cycling Club have been developing a plan to build multi-use trails and a mountain bike skills park on this parcel. April 2011 the Manistee City Council unanimously approves the trail plan and development of the trails is set to begin the spring of 2011. This is a four season City of Manistee Park for Mountain Biking, Walking, Running and Cross Country Skiing.

Goals of the project:

- Create trails that are fun and challenging for beginners and advanced users alike.
- Develop the Mountain Bike (MTB) Skills Park so that people of all ages and abilities can improve their MTB Skills in a safe and approachable environment.
- Create Universally accessible hard surfaced trails
- Attract Visitors to the Manistee area.
- Foster community involvement
- Provide local opportunities to assist people in living a healthy active lifestyle.

Recommendations:

- Obtain Grant Matching funds for development of the park.

Map of the Proposed Manistee Non-Motorized Trail Park on following page.

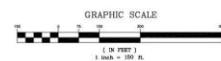


5 +/- MILES 12' WIDE WALKING/CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRAILS

1 +/- MILES FITNESS TRAIL

9.5 +/- MILES 3.5' WIDE BIKE/SNOW SHOE TRAILS

SKILLS PARK



MACK PARK (GOLDEN ACRES PARK)

Classification – Mini/Neighborhood Park, 2.5 Acres

Universal Accessibility Rating - #2 = some of the park area meets accessibility guidelines.

Mack Park was named for City Councilman Robert Mack in 1981 and is sometimes called Golden Acres Park after the residential area which it is adjacent. The park is located on the south side of Manistee on the corner of Fourteenth and Greenwich Streets.

There is children’s playground area, a basketball court and a small fenced baseball diamond which is home to area T-Ball games. Street parking is available.

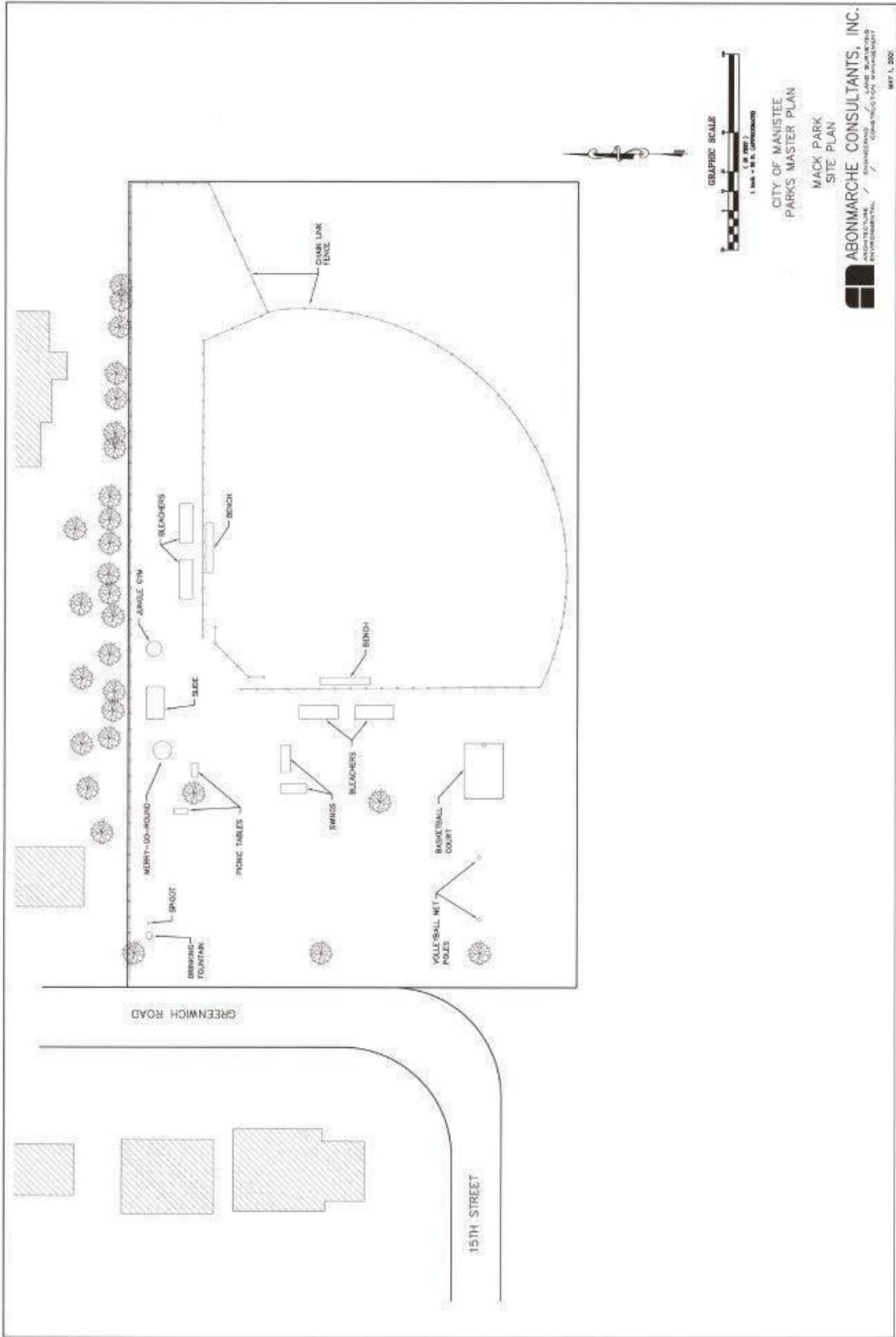
Recommendations:

- Additional playground equipment including ground level Universally Accessible
- Purchase adjoining property from Morton’s for expansion
- Pavilion
- More Bike racks
- Grills
- Benches
- Improve parking
- Picnic area
- Add restrooms
- Add vending



Playground Equipment
Mac Park

Site Plan Map of Mack Park on following Page



MAN-MADE LAKE

Classification – *Part of Community Park (Fifth Avenue Beach, Lake Michigan Frontage, Man Made Lake, North Beach Access), Man Made Lake is 27 Acres Total*

Universal Accessibility Rating #2 = some of the park area meets accessibility guidelines.

Man Made Lake is an extension of City property north of Fifth Avenue Beach. On June 26, 2009 a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant with matching funds from Sand Products Corporation, Area Citizens, Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy and the City of Manistee made possible the acquisition of previously lease property. There is one remaining privately owned parcel on the lake. The acquisition of Lake Michigan frontage created a mile and a quarter of publicly owned beach with access on the north end through the North Beach Access Park and the south by Fifth Avenue Beach. Universal access to the Man Made Lake beach areas is currently achieved through a plank walkway leading from the parking lot through the trees to the beach.

Local citizen Bob Adams has spent a lifetime researching the actual location that Pere Marquette died along the West Michigan coastline. Based upon his information it is believed to be the northwest corner of Man-Made Lake. On October 18, 2011 City Council approved the location of a placement marker honoring the death place of Pere Marquette on the northwest corner of Man-Made Lake.

Recommendations:

- Picnic area
- Benches
- Pavilion
- Additional parking
- Add grills
- Bike racks
- Porta-potties
- Universally Accessible pier and fishing area

Aerial View of Fifth Avenue Beach, Man Made Lake, Lake Michigan Frontage to North Beach Access (not shown)



Conceptual Beach Plan of Man Made Lake on following page



MORTON PARK

Classification – Mini/Neighborhood Park, 2.6 Acres

Universal Accessibility Rating - #2 = some of the park area meets accessibility guidelines.

Morton Park was added to the Parks system in 1995 through a long term lease from Morton International. The park is located on the east side of Manistee at the east end of Third Street. Currently being developed as a neighborhood park.

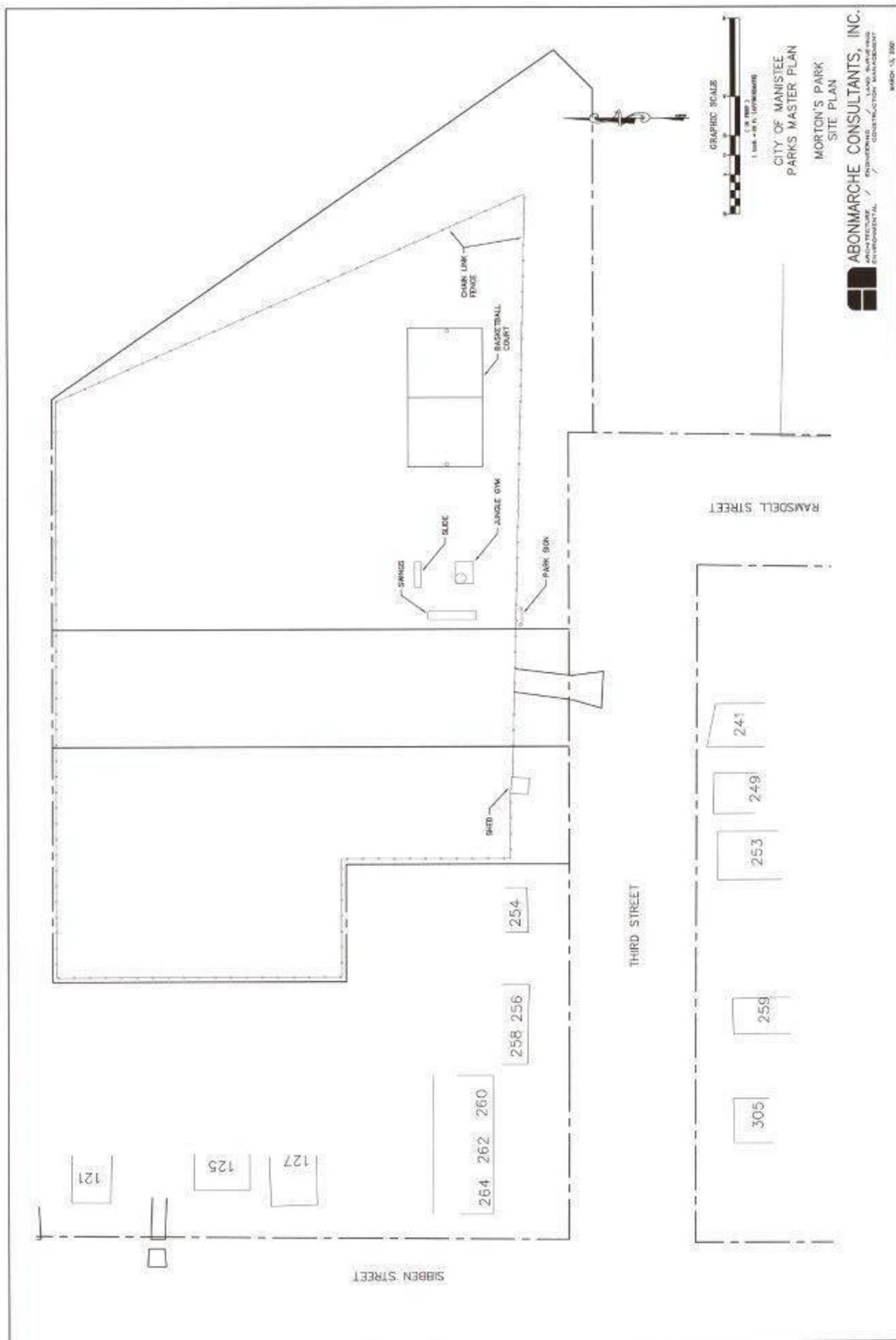
Recommendations:

- Install parking area
- T-ball Park
- Shuffleboard courts
- Sandbox with sit on/handicap sand diggers
- Additional playground equipment
- Volleyball standards
- Picnic area
- Gazebo/shelter
- Merry-go-round
- Restrooms
- More Bike racks
- Grills
- Benches
- Soccer field
- Vending machines
- Shuffleboard Courts
- Disk Golf



Playground Area and Basketball Court

Site Plan Map of Morton Park on following Page



MUNICIPAL MARINA

Classification – Special Use (Water Recreation), 2.0 Acres

Universal Accessibility Rating #5 the park has been renovated using the principals of universal design.

The Marina was grant funded and constructed in 1977. A Michigan Waterway grant in 1995 upgraded the original building and added public restrooms. Due to structural issues, in 2010/2011 the building was razed and a new building was constructed. Funding was received from a MDNR Grant in Aid Agreement, Waterways Grant and Main Street/DDA. The new building is Universally Accessible and includes technology upgrades, amenities for boaters, public restrooms and conference room overlooking the Manistee River.

In 2009 two new Universal Accessibility Lifts to assist boaters were installed at the City Marina. These lifts are for use by the general public and not limited to boaters staying at the Marina. The South Riverwalk connects the Marina to both Downtown Manistee and Douglas Park/First Street Beach. Pedestrian walkways and benches are located among the trees and grassy areas.

The marina is located on the south bank of the Manistee River on West River Street, near Pine Street, adjacent to the Central Business District. The major activity is boating and there is a fee for docking.

Recommendations:

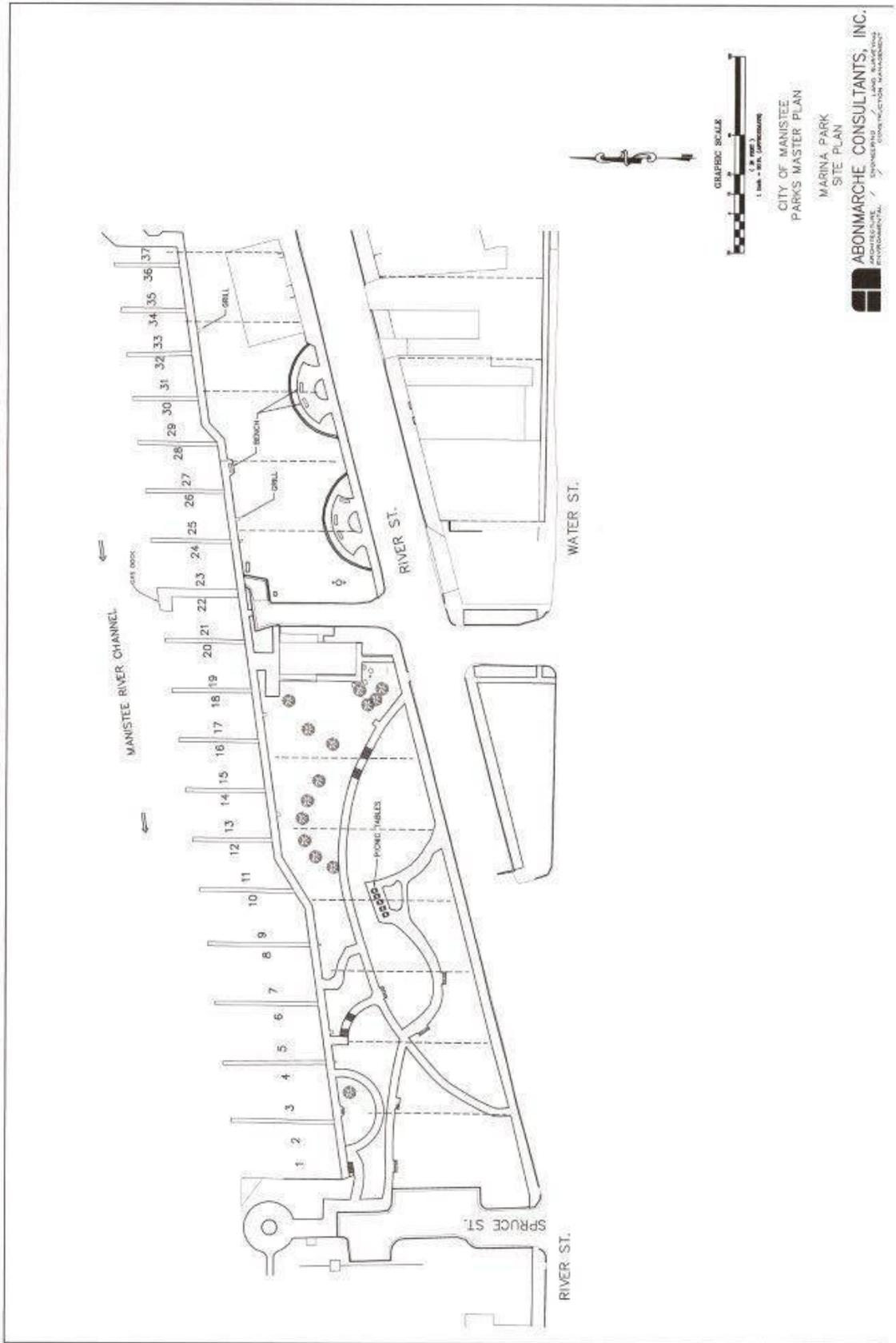
- New dock systems - floating adjustable
- Tables, benches - develop an area for off the boat use
- Expand Marina
- Add dock boxes to slips

New Marina Building



Universal Accessibility Lift

Site Plan Map of Marina Park on following Page




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 SITE PLAN

NINTH STREET BOAT LAUNCH

Classification – Special Use (Water Recreation), 2.0 Acres

Universal Accessibility Rating #1 = none of the park area meets accessibility guidelines.

Ninth Street Boat Launch Area was established by the City in 1987 and is located on the east side of Manistee at the east end of Ninth Street. There is a boat launch into Manistee Lake, a dock and a lighted parking area. There is no charge for use of this area.

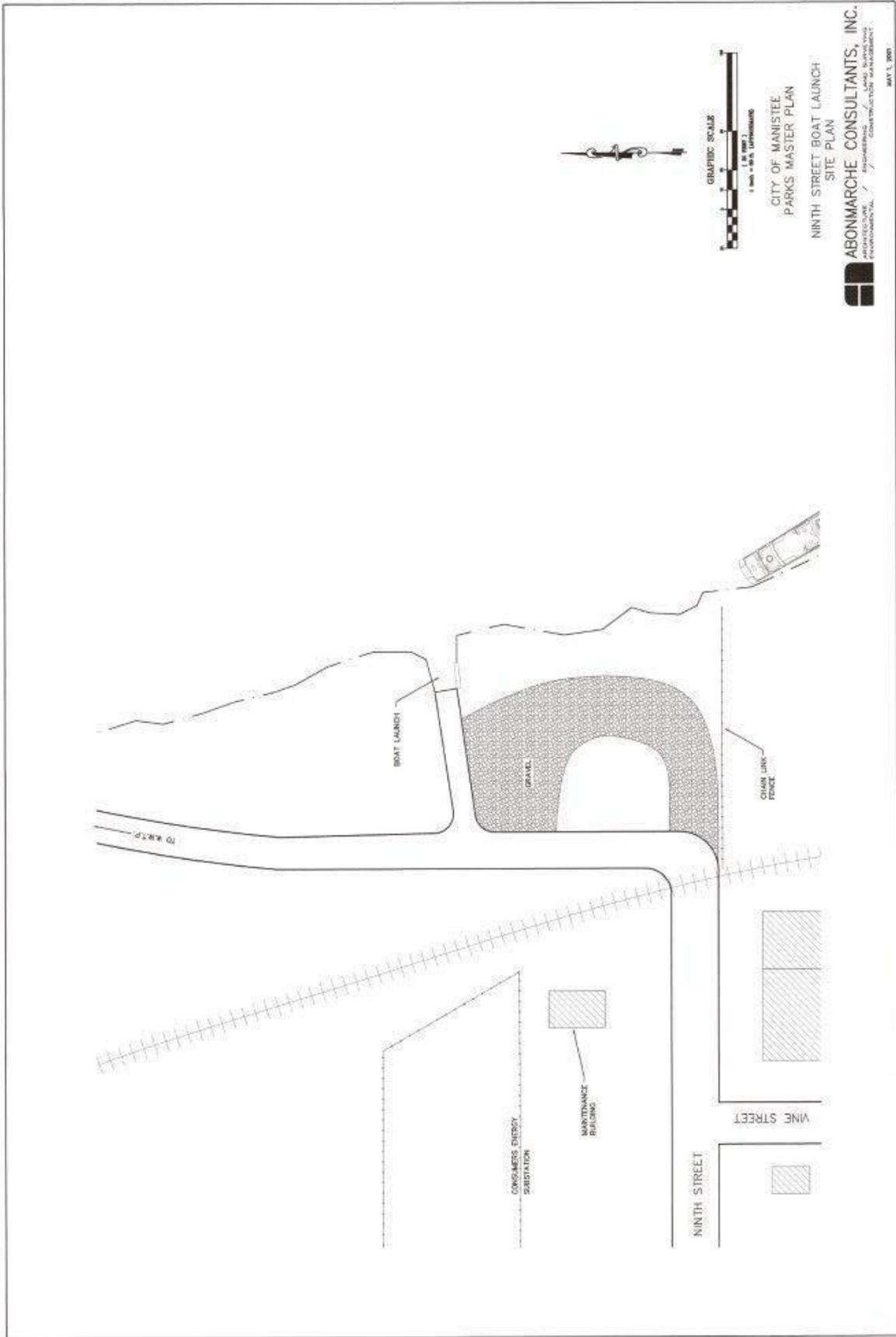
Recommendations:

- Upgrade launch area
- Improve the launch area surface
- Landscaping
- Improve parking
- Acquire additional property from adjoining property owner(s)
- Add fishing piers
- Crewing/rowing Building
- Picnic area with grills and tables
- Restroom Facilities

Parking Area and Launch at Ninth Street Boat Launch



Site Plan Map of Ninth Street Boat Launch on following Page



NORTH BEACH ACCESS PARK

Classification – *Part of Community Park (Fifth Avenue Beach, Lake Michigan Frontage, Man Made Lake, North Beach Access), North Beach Access 1.2 Acres Total*

Universal Accessibility Rating - #3 = most of the facilities area meet accessibility guidelines.

Lake Michigan frontage connects North Beach Access Park located at the north City limits to Man Made Lake and Fifth Avenue Beach. In 1996 the City acquired a thirty foot right-of-way from Harbor Village that provides public access to Lake Michigan. A Universally Accessible walkway/boardwalk from the parking lot leads to viewing platforms overlooking Lake Michigan. View Platforms have built in benches and a telescope. Stairs lead down to the Beach.

Recommendations:

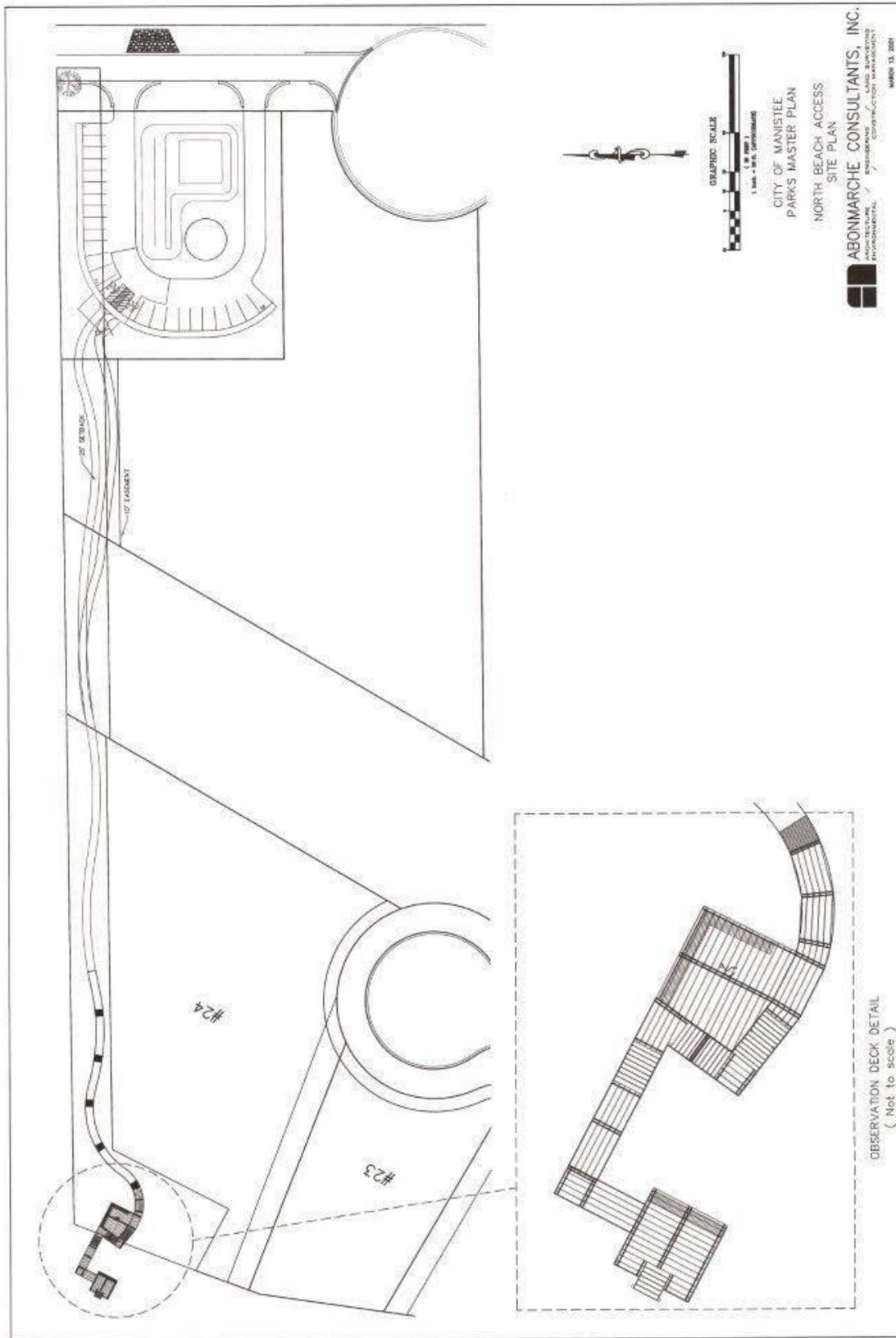
- Install benches and trash receptacles between parking lot and boardwalk entrance



North Beach Access



Site Plan Map of North Beach Access on following Page



NORTH RIVERWALK AND MEMORIAL PARK

Classification – Mini/Neighborhood Park, 3.0 Acres

4 = the entire park meets accessibility guidelines

The North Riverwalk was constructed in 1983 utilizing grants and Michigan Youth Corps labor and is located on the north bank of the Manistee River between Maple Street and the US-31 Bridge. There is a Universally Accessible boardwalk with benches and fishing decks along the riverbank as well as shrubs, trees and grassy sloped areas ending at a gazebo constructed by the Jaycees. Summer concerts are held weekly at the Park.

In Memorial Park there is a stone monument and flag to commemorate those lost in battle, 27 Hackberry Trees along Memorial Drive commemorate the same number of soldiers from Manistee lost in the World War II. The Corps of Engineers did extensive bank stabilization work in 1994. There is a large parking area serving the park and the Central Business District and is home to a Saturday Farmers Market run by the Downtown Development Authority.

Recommendations:

- Install sprinkler system
- Improve lighting
- Drinking fountain
- Benches
- Acquire property west of Maple Street Bridge
- Extend riverwalk west to Harbor Village channel
- Picnic area with grills
- More Bike racks
- Improve Veteran’s Memorial

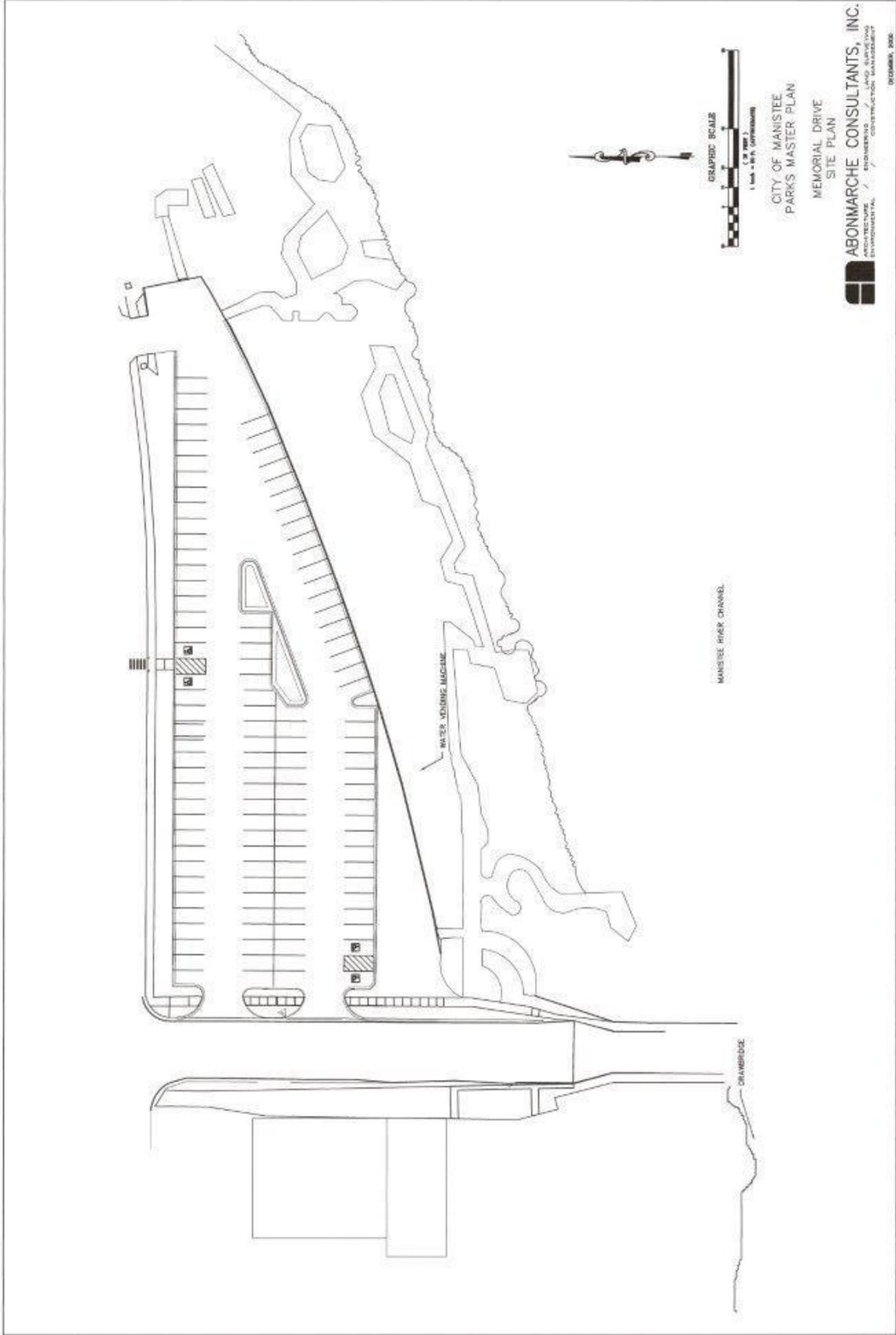


Bandshell



Farmer’s Market

Site Plan Map of Memorial Drive on following Page



RED SZYMAREK PARK

Classification – Neighborhood Park, 4.9 Acres

Universal Accessibility Rating #2 = some of the park area meet accessibility guidelines.

The Park was purchased by the City in 1912 and is located on the north side of Manistee on Fifth Avenue and Monroe Street, about one-half mile east of Lake Michigan and the Fifth Avenue Beach. There is a child’s playground and picnic tables. The park is heavily wooded with a mature oak stand. A Disc Golf Course was added to the site in 2009.

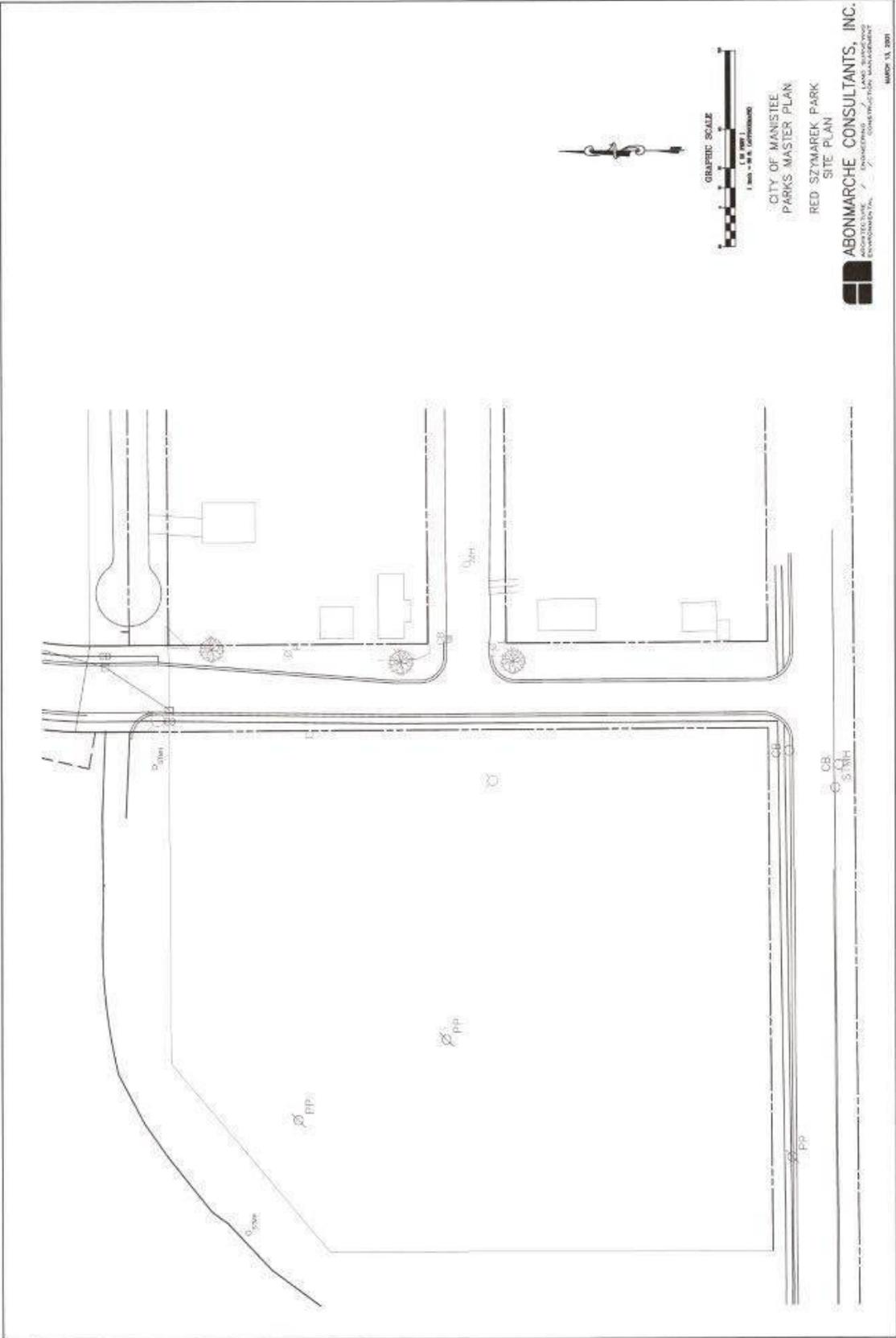
Recommendations:

- Restroom facility
- Walking/Fitness course
- Additional playground equipment including ground level universally accessible
- Parking areas
- Selective thinning and new tree plantings or wild flowers
- Tennis courts
- More Bike racks
- Drinking fountain
- Grills
- Benches
- Restrooms



**Disc Golf
Red Szymarek Park**

Site Plan Map of Red Szymarek Park on following Page



RIETZ PARK

Classification – Neighborhood Park, 8.0 Acres

Universal Accessibility Rating - #3 = most of the facilities area meet accessibility guidelines.

On August 5, 1908 the heirs of Charles Rietz donated property on Rietz Hill to the City for a public park and pleasure grounds. The only provision made was that it shall be named after Charles Rietz. The park is located on the southeast of Manistee, bounded by Vine, Forest, Park and Main Streets. There is a fenced baseball diamond with bleachers. Also available are picnic tables, playground equipment and a basketball court in the adjacent park area. Universally Accessible Restrooms were constructed and a new ball field perimeter fence was installed in 1996. In 2001 the infield was entirely reconstructed. Additional Playground equipment was installed in 2002.

Recommendations for Ball Field:

- Move and rebuild dugouts into the ground
- Replace press box
- Telephone
- Vending machines (drinks)
- Ball field lighting
- Soccer field



Recommendations for Park:

- Repair and/or remove sidewalks
- Pavilion/shelter
- Additional playground equipment to include full size swings and ground level universally accessible equipment
- Selective thinning and new tree plantings
- Picnic tables and grills
- Develop parking area for park and ball field
- More Bike racks
- Vending machines (snacks)
- Benches



**Bleachers/Ball Field/Playground Equipment
Rietz Park**

Site Plan Map of Rietz Park on following Page

SANDS PARK

Classification – Neighborhood Park, 5.4 Acres

Universal Accessibility Rating #2 = some of the park area meet accessibility guidelines.

The City and Manistee Area Public Schools jointly own and maintain the Sands Park which is located on the south side of Manistee adjacent to Manistee Middle School at the corner of Maple and Eighth Streets. There is tennis courts, a child’s playground and a baseball/football field also used for ice skating in the winter. A Kellogg Foundation and a Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant in 1992 permitted construction of a Teen Center/warming shelter. The Grade School adjacent to the park has another football field, gymnasium, a weight room, showers, etc. which are accessible to community for recreation. The ball field and winter skating area lighting was added in 2001 as a cooperative effort between the School and City. A skate park was added in 2004 through a community-build project funded in part by the Rotary and the Local Revenue Sharing Board.

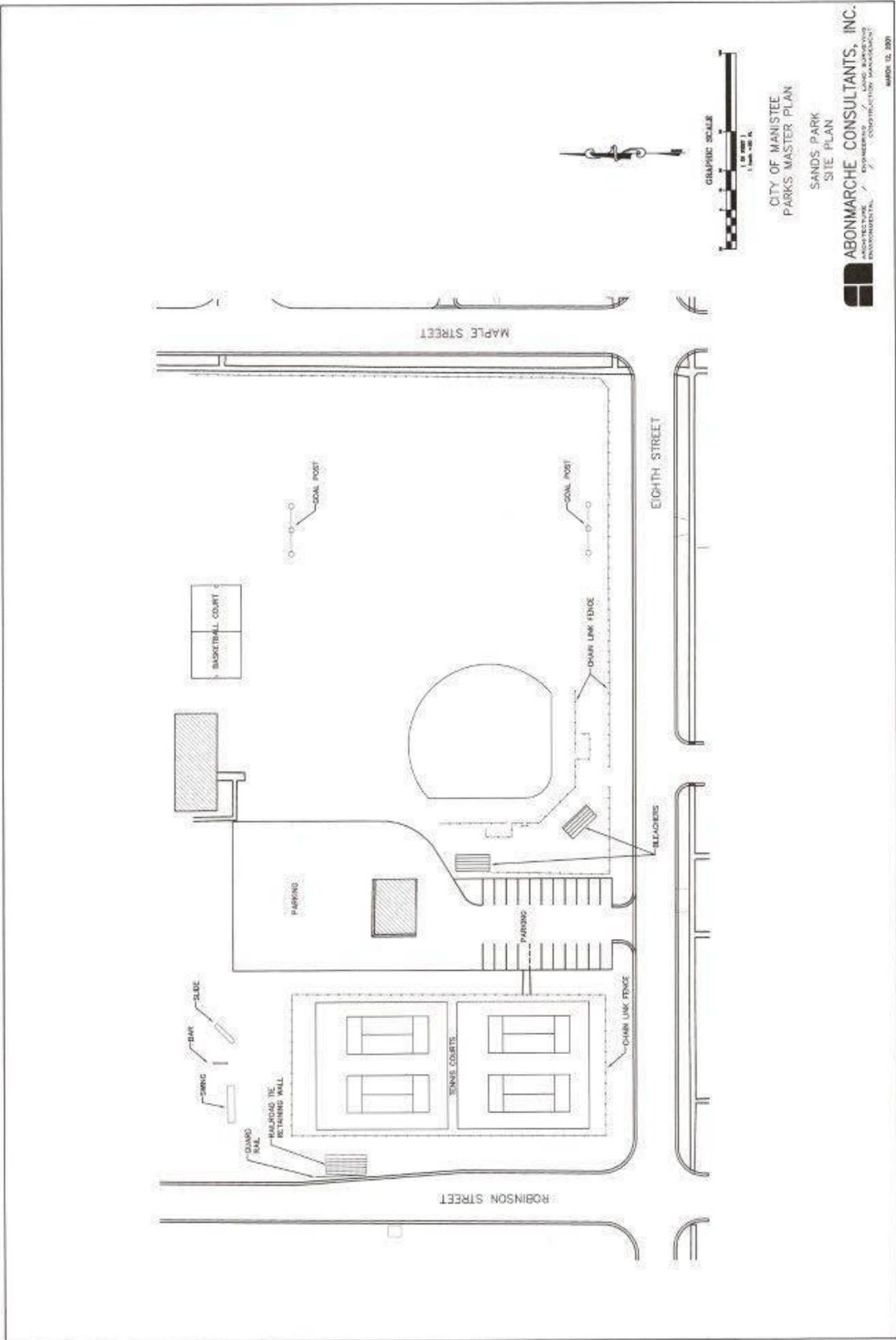
Recommendations:

- Additional playground equipment including ground level universally accessible equipment
- Picnic tables/benches
- Bike racks



Skate Park

Site Plan Map of Sands Park on following Page




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SOUTH RIVERWALK

Classification – Greenway (Park Trail – Type I), 8.0 Acres

Universal Accessibility Rating #5 = the entire park was developed using the principals of universal design.

The South Riverwalk runs along the south Manistee River bank behind a major portion of the Central Business District along River Street. The Riverwalk extends east to the US-31 Bridge and west to Lake Michigan. The walkway includes benches, planters, and fishing piers. A Coastal Zone Management Grant in 1999 helped establish historical markers and a Net Shed Museum along the riverwalk.

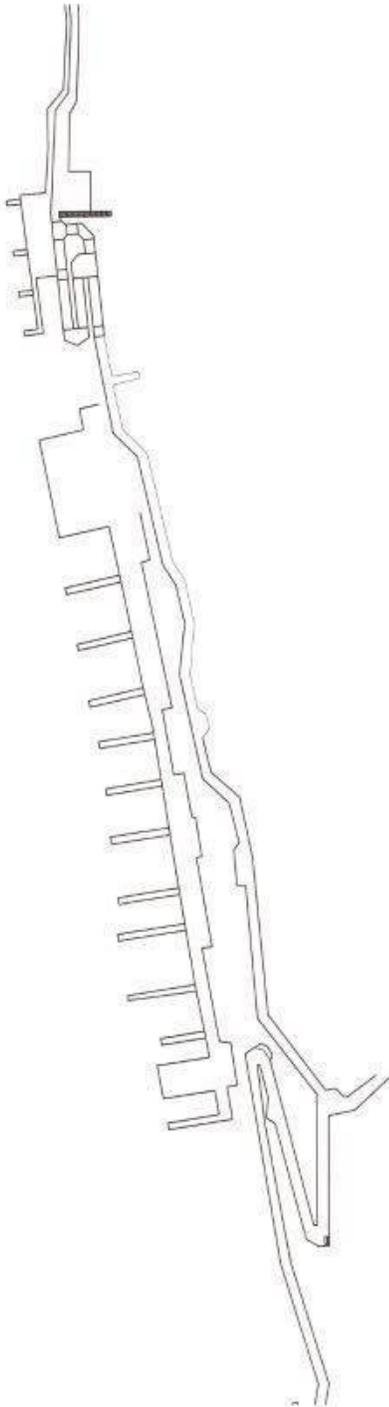
Recommendations:

- Extend Riverwalk east to Manistee Lake and around the Peninsula
- Drinking fountains
- Encourage businesses to emphasize/locate on Riverwalk
- Facilities to accommodate canoes and kayaks
- Improve Riverwalk to more easily accommodate cruise ship accessibility
- More Bike racks
- Vending

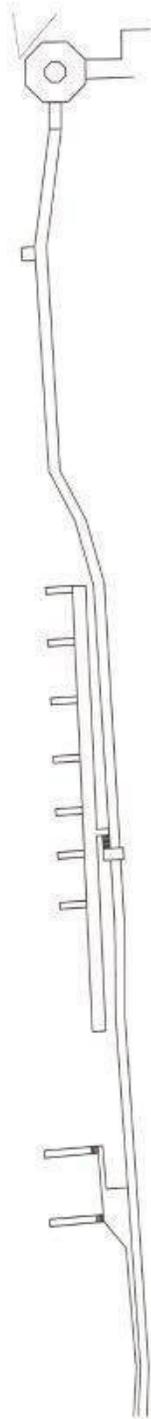


Views of the South Riverwalk

Site Plan Map of Riverwalk on following three Pages

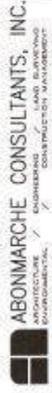


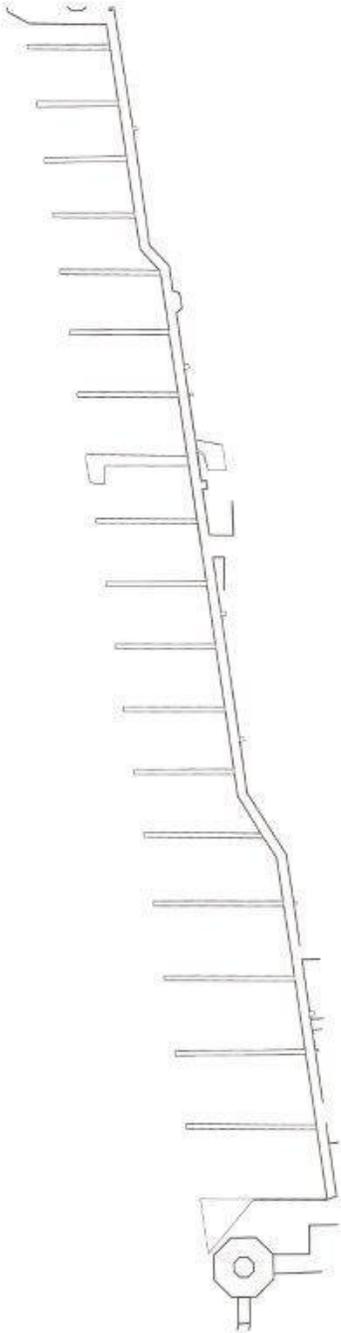
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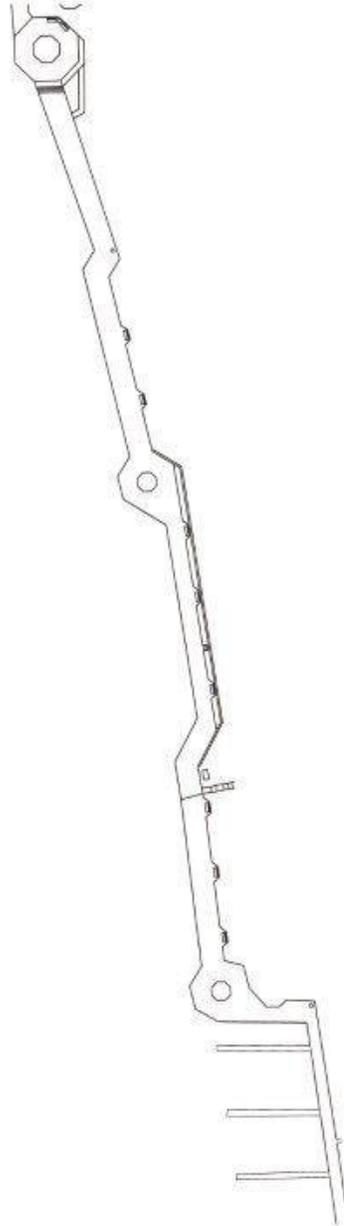
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RIVERWALK (AT MUNICIPAL MARINA)

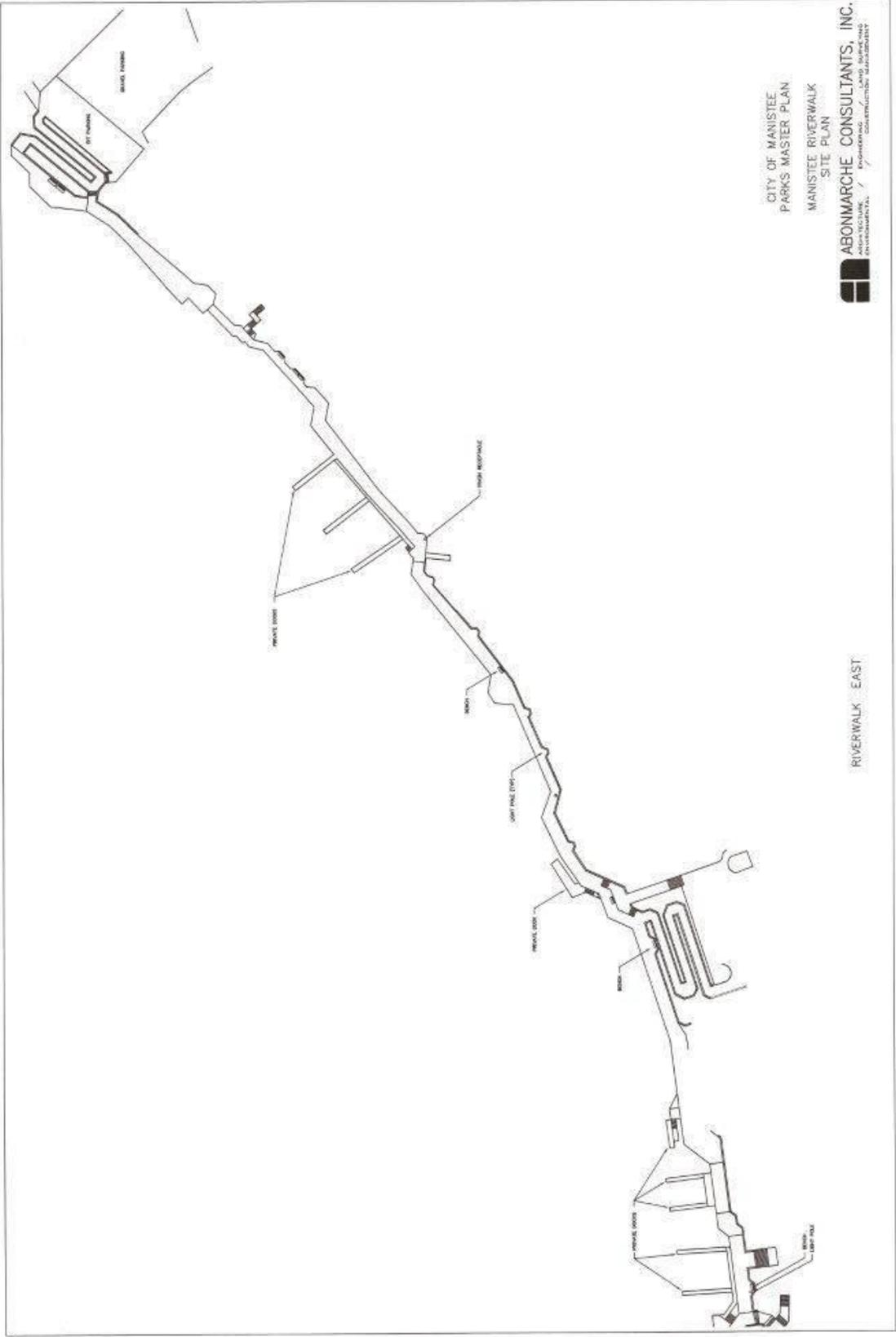


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RIVERWALK EAST



Recreation Grant History

Applicant

City of Manistee

Project No. 26-00128

Project Year: 1972

Project Title: First Street Beach Ramp

Project Status: Closed

Grant Amount: \$81,450.00

Element

Parking lot

Comfort station

Lift station

Landscaping

Project Description: Development of a parking lot, comfort station, lift station, underground wiring and landscaping at boat launch.

Status – project completed

Current Conditions: All elements are still in place and in use. The parking lot needs to be resurfaced and striped; the comfort station is in poor condition and will need to be replaced; the lift station is being upgraded with the First Street Reconstruction Project; underground wiring and landscaping has been maintained.

Project No. 26-00244

Project Year: 1972

Project Title: Manistee City Marina Park

Project Status: Closed

Grant Amount: \$98,500.00

Element

Sidewalks and steps

Retaining wall

Benches, waste receptacles, &
picnic tables

Landscaping

Project Description: Acquire two parcels of land to develop for grading, landscaping, sidewalks and steps, retaining wall, benches, waste receptacles and picnic tables.

Status – property acquired/project completed

Current Conditions: The two parcels that were acquired in 1972 were incorporated with the City Marina Park. The sidewalks, steps, retaining wall have are in good condition and have been maintained and are repaired as necessary. Benches, waste receptacles and picnic tables have been maintained and replaced as needed. Landscaping receives regular maintenance.

Project No. 26-01104 F

Project Year: 1980

Project Title: Sands Park

Project Status: Closed

Grant Amount: \$16,750.00

Element

Fenced tennis courts (2)

Drinking fountain

Playground equipment (slide & swingset)

Landscaping

Project Description: 2 fenced tennis courts, drinking fountain, playground equipment, landscaping, LWCF sign.

Status – project completed

Current Conditions: The fencing for the tennis courts, drinking fountain, playground equipment and landscaping is in good condition and receives regular maintenance.

Applicant

City of Manistee

Project No. BF89-461

Project Year: 1989

Project Title: Sands Park Restoration

Project Status: Closed

Grant Amount: \$34,650.00

Element

Shelterhouse

Lighting

Project Description: Replace shelter house and lighting at sands park, and replace restrooms and fencing, install sprinkling system at Sands Park.

Status – project completed

Current Conditions: Teen Center/warming shelter was constructed in 1992 which replaced the old building and restrooms. Fencing and sprinkling system receives regular maintenance.

Project No. 26-01504

Project Year: 1991

Project Title: Barrier Free Marina Project

Project Status: Closed

Grant Amount: \$81,000.00

Element

Bathroom renovation

Marina access ramp/walkway

Fuel tank replacement

Project Description: Renovation of bathroom, marina access ramp/walkway, replacement of fuel tanks

Status – project completed

Current Condition: Due to structural failure the Marina Building was replaced with a new building in 2011. The ramp/walkway was upgraded at this time. Fuel Dock was relocated in 2008.

Project No. TF91-147

Project Year: 1991

Project Title: Manistee Riverwalk West

Project Status: Closed

Grant Amount: \$375,000.00

Element

Walkway--3000 ft

Landscaping

Project Description: Develop 3,000' elevated lighted boardwalk, from Manistee Marina to Lake Michigan.

Status – project completed

Current Condition: The Riverwalk continues to be a major attraction to our community and receives regular maintenance. Landscaping for the Riverwalk receives regular maintenance.

Applicant

City of Manistee

Project No. TF94-240

Project Year: 1994

Project Title: Manistee Riverfront Park

Project Status: Closed

Grant Amount: \$375,000.00

Element

Lighted Riverwalk--550 ft

Benches

Landscaping

Parking Lot

Signage

Project Description: Develop additional 550 feet of lighted riverwalk -- including handicapped access area, benches, signage, shore protection and landscaping -- to extend the riverwalk to the east of US-31. The Riverwalk project (including TF91147) has become a major attrac

Status – project completed

Current Conditions: The Riverwalk continues to be a major attraction to our community and receives regular maintenance. The Parking Lot was upgraded during the Streetscape project in 2000. Signage, Benches, shore protection have been maintained, upgraded and replaced as needed. Landscaping for the Riverwalk receives regular maintenance.

Project No. BF98-294

Project Year: 1998

Project Title: Lake Michigan Public Access

Project Status: Closed

Grant Amount: \$40,000.00

Element

Washington Street Extension

Parking Lot

Paved Walkway

Elevated Walkway

Project Description: Build trail and parking lot to provide additional access to a mile of City-owned Lake Michigan shoreline.

Status – project completed

Current Conditions: Paved walkway portion of the trail was resurfaced in 2007. Parking lot was expanded in 2005. Elevated walkway is in good condition and receives regular maintenance as needed.

Project No. TF07-040

Project Year: 2007

Project Title: Man Made Lake Acquisition

Project Status: Closed

Grant Amount: \$2,015,000.00

Project Description: Acquisition of 23 acres, with 1,350 feet of frontage on Lake Michigan and 1,700 feet of frontage on the 10-acre Man Made Lake for fishing, swimming, boating, and wildlife viewing.

Status – property acquired

Current Conditions. The acquisition of 23 acres of property around Man-Made Lake along with the 1,350 feet of frontage on Lake Michigan has been a major benefit to the community. The area is highly used. The area remains the same as when acquired.

LEGAL STATUS OF PARKS

Various parklands in the City have various actual legal statuses, ranging from City ownership with charter protection to leases with private corporations for park use to cooperative management agreements with other governmental units. Below is the current (2011) status of Manistee parklands.

Arthur Street Boat Launch - City Owned With Lease Provisions

Douglas Park - Charter Protection

Duffy Park - Charter Protection

Fifth Avenue Beach - Charter Protection / Part Platted

Mack Park - Platted

M-55 Property - City Owned

Man-Made Lake - Charter Protection

Memorial Park - Charter Protection

Morton Park - 50 Year Lease

Marina - City Owned With Lease Provisions

Ninth Street Boat Launch - Long Term Lease

North Lake Michigan Access - Charter Protection

North Riverwalk - Charter Protection

Red Szymarek Park - Part Charter Protection / Part platted

Rietz Park - Platted

Sands Park - City Owned / Maintenance Shared with Public Schools

South Riverwalk - City Owned with Lease Provisions

RESOURCE INVENTORY



Sunset over Coast Guard Station
Fifth Avenue Beach

Consumers & Morton's Property – Ninth Street Boat Launch

In order to make improvements to Ninth Street Boat Launch long term leases will be needed obtained from Consumers Power Company and Morton Salt Inc. The City of Manistee Waste Water Treatment Facility is located north of Ninth Street Boat Launch.



Consumers Property – Arthur Street

Consumers Power Company recently removed their office/service building located at 25 Arthur Street adjacent to the Arthur Street Boat Launch. This site is approximately 13.6 acres in size. We have negotiated a license agreement for the Consumers parking lot to be used as overflow parking for Arthur Street Boat Launch

The property fronts on Manistee Lake and a majority of it is separated by the Rail Road Switch Yard. In the event the Rail Lines were relocated and that property were acquired a very nice trail system could be added to the existing park facilities.



DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS



New Marina Building Completed in 2011

Planning Process

Following is the planning process used in developing the Parks and Recreation Plan.

Inventory

Data Collection

- existing recreation facilities
- existing parks inventory
- existing City properties with potential for development
- existing quasi-public and private lands available to public use and/or with potential for development
- existing land use
- transportation system
- natural site characteristics - climate, topography, soil and vegetation schedule
- review of existing policies, legislation, financial resources
- review of regional public and private recreational opportunities

The current park system was cataloged for size, unique features and inventory. In addition current undeveloped City and private lands were reviewed for potential uses. Facilities were also cataloged in relation to their location, inventory, ownership, accessibility and potential uses.

Analysis

Project Future Conditions, Needs

- need by neighborhood
- city-wide needs
- nonresident needs

Identify Problems and Issues/Formulate Conceptual Plan

- seek citizen input
- seek city official and other governmental input

Formulate Goals and Objectives/Conduct Social Inventory

- analyze demographics
- user preference survey

Site Suitability Analysis

- consider alternatives
- evaluate alternatives

Census data and other City generated documents including the Master Plan, were reviewed to analyze neighborhood and City demographics and question whether they are being met with current facilities and programs. Conceptual planning included citizen input through public “wish list” and “prioritizing” sessions, governmental input through City Council “feasibility” and “goals and objectives” sessions and City staff input through the interview and review process. Other sources included review of other City and County generated documents and other commission reports or recommendations.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS



A winter's morning as seen at Douglas First Street Beach

Public Input

- Public input sessions
- 2011 Parks & Recreation Survey – Mailed with Tax bills
- 2011 Parks & Recreation Student Survey - Sent to local High Schools
- 2008 Beach Master Plan Committee
- October 2007 “Envision Accessible Manistee County!”
- 2006 County-wide “Envision Manistee Planning Process”

Park and/or recreation facility input has been sought throughout the process. Several public “wish list” and “comment” sessions have been sponsored by the City, County, and County Chamber of Commerce in forecasting the goals and objectives for master planning. In 2008 a broad based community committee we established to prepare conceptual plans for Douglas Park/First Street Beach, Fifth Avenue Beach and Man Made Lake. The same park related questions from the 1999 and 2006 Quality of Life Survey’s were used for a Parks & Recreation Survey 2012-2017 that was mailed with the summer 2011 tax bills and available at City Hall. The survey was also sent to local High Schools so that input was received from the youth of the community.

On October 28, 2011 a copy of the plan was posted on the City of Manistee Website and copies were available at the City Clerk’s Office and the Public Library for review. A Public Hearing was scheduled on December 12, 2011 for the Parks and Beautification Commission to receive input from the public before the plan was finalized for adoption.

Community Recreation Plan

The Community Recreation Plan evolved from all of the above. In addition physical, fiscal and citizen realities are incorporated in developing a realistic and progressive plan.

- based on citizen needs
- based on specific community standards

Adoption

The Master Plan is intended to guide City actions over the next five years. The plan will be adopted by the City Parks and Beautification Commission, the City Planning Commission and the City Council.



Copy of Recreation Survey 2012-2017 that was mailed with the summer 2011 tax bills and available at City Hall.

City of Manistee Recreation Plan 2012 - 2017

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A key consideration for developing the plan is citizen opinions on recreation and open space priorities. Please take a moment to fill out the following form by checking the box that most accurately expresses your view. We are asking for responses to be **submitted by August 1, 2011**.

Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
In Manistee Adults have adequate Recreational Opportunities					
Maintaining Beaches and Parks is an important City Government Function					
In Manistee Children under 12 have adequate Recreational Opportunities					
In Manistee teenagers have adequate recreational opportunities.					
Manistee has an adequate range and supply of cultural activities					

Age of respondents	Under 18	19 - 25	26-45	46-59	60 - 74	75+

What neighborhood do you reside in	Northside	South of Manistee River West of Maple Street	South of Manistee River East of Maple Street

Responses can be mailed with your tax bills, utility bills, dropped off at City Hall or mailed to:
Recreation Plan Survey
City of Manistee
70 Maple Street, P.O. Box 358
Manistee, MI 49660

A Draft the Recreation Plan will be posted on the City of Manistee’s web page
www.ci.manistee.mi.us

Thank you

Summary of Parks & Recreation Survey 2012-2017				
Surveys received thru August 24, 2011				
	Neighborhood (not listed)	Northside	West of Maple	East of Maple
In Manistee Adults have adequate Recreational Opportunities?				
Strongly Agree	1	12	13	6
Agree	4	23	33	18
Neutral	0	15	8	6
Disagree	7	14	4	10
Strongly Disagree	1	5	0	2
Maintaining Beaches and Parks is an important City Government Function?				
Strongly Agree	9	50	43	29
Agree	3	14	13	10
Neutral	0	3	1	3
Disagree	0	0	1	0
Strongly Disagree	1	1	1	0
In Manistee Children under 12 have adequate Recreational Opportunities?				
Strongly Agree	1	14	14	6
Agree	3	16	29	11
Neutral	2	12	11	15
Disagree	1	20	3	9
Strongly Disagree	6	7	0	1
In Manistee teenagers have adequate recreational opportunities?				
Strongly Agree	1	12	7	6
Agree	1	8	19	7
Neutral	1	12	21	12
Disagree	3	28	8	12
Strongly Disagree	7	10	3	5
Manistee has an adequate range and supply of cultural activities?				
Strongly Agree	1	11	9	5
Agree	1	18	28	19
Neutral	3	18	13	11
Disagree	2	18	7	6
Strongly Disagree	6	6	1	1
Age of Respondent				
Not Listed	5	3	1	2
Under 18	1	1	0	0
19 – 25	2	2	0	0
26-45	1	11	7	6
46-59	3	18	10	12
60-74	0	26	23	13
75+	1	8	16	9

Written Comments on surveys

Neighborhood not listed:

I live in the City of Manistee. I go to First Street Beach a lot and every time I go to the beach, there are always dogs on the beach.

In Manistee Adults have adequate Recreational Opportunities? – Bike path North along Lakeshore
Manistee has an adequate range and supply of cultural activities? – Need Art Galleries, Boutiques, more concerts, music by street musicians.

Northside:

City Streets need Repair!

No more tax mill hikes, if this is what you are leaning to. Make do with what you have and prioritize your money. No More Tax Hikes. Bad enough values are falling but to increase mills is salt in the wound. #1 Priority is maintaining beaches and Parks.

It would be nice to be more bicycle friendly.

Is there a plan in place to start working on Fifth Avenue Beach in the area where the old shelter house was? It is SO SHABBY LOOKING. Fifth Avenue Beach use to be a PREMIER BEACH. Q#5 – Manistee has an adequate range and supply of cultural activities – Not for all ages and feel the teens are short changed.

Need better promotion/information of happenings in Manistee.

Thank you to all the City Officials and Park Staff for making the City a good place for all (Industry/Residents/ Visitors. Q#1 – In Manistee Adults have adequate Recreational Opportunities – If individuals take the initiative, there are many recreational options. Q#2 Maintaining Beaches and Parks is an important City Governmental Function – Very much so, should be an ongoing signature effort that gets Manistee on the top tier of desirable cities. Q#3 & Q#4 In Manistee Children under 12/teenagers have adequate Recreational Opportunities – IT would be good to see more youth involved in the community (jobs/volunteering/rec). Q#5 Manistee has an adequate range and supply of cultural activities – Would like to have more music and active events (i.e. triathlon, 5k, cross country ski, etc).

West of Maple:

Ideas: Once a year have a downtown block party for teens. Show outdoor movies on the side of a building on summer evenings. Bring your own chairs/snacks.

Disagreed on Q #2 – Maintaining Beaches and Parks is an important City Government Function? because we have highest taxes in area.

Need to lower property taxes they are terrible for our area.

Q #1 - In Manistee Adults have adequate Recreational Opportunities? – Need bike and walking paths.

Q # 4 In Manistee teenagers have adequate recreational opportunities? – Disagreed because there are only sports.

Population decreasing – can we possibly “Save” any more things: Vogue, Lighthouse, Ramsdell, Milwaukee, Arcida. What about dealing with all the vacant, run down properties in this area? Adult activities needed in this area – not just Senior Center Cards or walking riverwalk. Maybe card instructions, computer instruction, beach walks with history lessons.

Strongly Disagreed on Q #2 – Maintaining Beaches and Parks is an important City Government Function?
Could do a lot better.

Do not add more parks if you do not have the resources to adequately maintain them. This means keeping equipment and railings painted, stained, cleaning weeds & overgrowth and watering trees, planting grass and putting in underground irrigation etc. This is seriously lacking at the parks and riverwalk today.

Beach Tennis courts need resurfacing.

Please do something with the Fifth Avenue Beach Picnic area where shelter house use to be – It's sad to see what it's become ☹.

Main concern of ours is First Street Beach Area. It is quite an embarrassment when we take our visitors there, looks like a town on one cares about, outdated and hazardous playground equipment – bathhouse in terrible condition, beach area un-groomed.

PLEASE MAINTAIN the parks, parking lots and facilities you HAVE or don't bother having them. Most are an embarrassment. Riverwalk overgrown with bushes, parking lots full of weeds, parks are weeds not grass and dried up. Don't spend the money if you don't maintain.

Bike Trails & Paths needed all over town; outdoor ice skating; PUBLIC POOL is a JOKE!!! Not at all "Community"; Correctly run Teen Center" Attractive Bowling Alley!!; Manistee Takes one step forward and then three Back.

East of Maple:

A paved bike path, 6 feet or so wide, in a scenic area which people could walk, bike, roller blade, etc. would be very nice.

City of Manistee needs to utilize Morton Park, Kids Softball? Soccer Field? Put playground equipment outside of fence. Remove basketball court it isn't used. Can a grant be gotten for improvements? Who can be contacted about this? Please mention in newsletter.

Need to add bicycle lanes on 31, River, & First St & Maple Street. Can inexpensively promote exercise and walking goals to promote health and use of Riverwalk, Beach, Trails city loops. Thank you for supporting the vogue restoration. Seems very important.

Keep the Pool. Best thing in years! For ALL Ages.

Youth – YMCA – YWCA – Could be a good addition (if not there already). Teens – Youth Center/Teen Dances needed, Downtown Theater refurb would be great roller skating/rollerblading/bowling. Adults – If you are a "water" buff, you are covered, except you might encourage some racing or athletic competitions, and maybe you do already. Ramsdell Theatre – Great!, Downtown Theater refurb – great if it can happen. Your restaurants seem to come and go. The biggest lack (you may not consider it "entertainment") is SHOPPING. People who live there spend a lot of money in Ludington (Meijer, Lowes, Wal-Mart) and Traverse City (ditto, plus specialty), Manistee needs to come up with plans to recapture the outflow of dollars.



**City of Manistee Recreation Plan 2012 – 2017
Student Survey - Results
Manistee High School & Casman Academy**

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Maintaining Beaches and Parks is an important City Government Function	83	90	19	5	0
In Manistee Children under 12 have adequate Recreational Opportunities	13	60	68	22	10
In Manistee teenagers have adequate recreational opportunities.	11	42	48	27	30
Manistee has an adequate range and supply of cultural activities	9	42	73	20	16

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19 responded from outside the City Limits	56	57	66

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Envision *Accessible* Manistee County!

FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

October 2007

**A product of the Easter Seals Rural Solutions
Community Engagement and Accessibility Project
in collaboration with
Easter Seals Michigan
and
Manistee Alliance for Economic Success**

BACKGROUND

In January 2007, Easter Seals headquarters and Easter Seals Michigan staff selected Manistee, Michigan as the second site in the nation in which to pilot test and refine a model for a rural community engagement and accessibility project. This project was funded by a grant from the USDA Office of Rural Development. The project goal was to engage the community in developing an action plan for addressing the needs and inclusion of people with disabilities county-wide. Easter Seals selected Manistee County for a variety of reasons...

METHODOLOGY

The Easter Seals headquarters and Easter Seals Michigan staff collaborated with the newly re-engineered Alliance for Economic Success (AES) to facilitate the project. Community leaders and residents, including those with disabilities, were contacted by telephone and invited to an introductory meeting. The group was informed about the project and its goals and encouraged to participate. Over the course of the project, approximately 65 people were involved in some way. A core group of about 35 participated in a series of four meetings over a ten-month period between January and October 2007. An asset-based community development approach was used to frame the project activities. During that time they developed a plan for making the community a welcoming and accessible place for all people, including those with disabilities and chronic health conditions.

Similar to those used in the county-wide visioning effort, workgroups were formed in each of six areas of focus (i.e., education, employment, health, housing, recreation/social, and transportation) to:

- ◆ define barriers, issues, and needs related to universal access,
- ◆ establish priorities for initiating universal access based upon Envision Manistee County priorities and work group discussions, and
- ◆ develop recommendations and action plans for the County to respond to universal access needs

SPECIAL NEEDS AND ISSUES

Rural, economically depressed areas, such as Manistee County, face challenges in the delivery of services for individuals who have disabilities, including:

- ◆ Programs and services are often not readily accessible or available.

- ◆ Private and public resources to provide the diversity of programs and services usually available in more urbanized and/or more affluent areas are absent.
- ◆ The number of older adults who have disabilities and chronic health conditions and require support services to maintain their independence is often well above the state urban norm. This is true of Manistee County.
- ◆ Programs for local residents affected by such issues as homelessness, substance abuse, and domestic violence often take priority over programs and services emphasizing universal access, education, and awareness aimed at helping local residents with disabilities.
- ◆ Health care costs that are often not fully reimbursed, which may be due in part to the large number of low-income residents' lack of health insurance, make expansion and delivery of health care services difficult for both the county and the individuals.
- ◆ Transportation options are often limited, distances to services long, and available vehicles are not accessible for someone using a wheelchair.

OPPORTUNITIES

While economically depressed rural areas like Manistee County present challenges that are unique and different from more urban areas, they also present clear opportunities. Opportunities Manistee County holds include the following.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Four primary recommendations were defined as a result of the "Envision Accessible Manistee County!" initiative.

1. **INCREASE UNDERSTANDING.** *Increase community awareness of and education about disabilities and disability issues.*
2. **CREATE SOLUTIONS.** *Better identify education, employment, health, housing, recreation, and transportation needs of children and adults with disabilities and create solutions to meet them.*
3. **FORM PARTNERSHIPS.** *Work to establish community partnerships to support children and adults with disabilities.*
4. **PROMOTE A VISION.** *Become known as a destination accessible to everyone.*

ACTION PLANS

Recommendation 1: *Increase community awareness of and education about disabilities and disability issues.*

- ◆ The county's modest population (approx. 25,000), makes it easier to inform its residents about challenges and issues of concern to the community. And if the community becomes focused, mobilized, and engaged in formulating the solutions, significant progress can be made relatively quickly.
- ◆ The county's natural resources are remarkable assets and could be leveraged for economic development by establishing universally accessible recreation and tourism initiatives.
- ◆ The county's size also makes it possible through a variety of means, including local and state programs and volunteer efforts, to inventory and address significant barriers and issues people with disabilities face.

Workgroup Findings - Recreation:

- ◆ The entire community's awareness needs to be raised around universal accessibility, particularly as the county moves forward with initiatives like the County-wide Recreation Plan.

Workgroup Recommended Actions

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Recommendation 3: *Better identify education, employment, health, housing, recreation, and transportation needs of and solutions for children and adults with disabilities.*

Workgroup Findings - Recreation:

- ◆ Recreational needs of and opportunities for children and adults with disabilities must be identified and incorporated into the County-wide Recreation Plan.

Workgroup Recommended Actions

- ⌚ As a part of the County-wide Recreation Plan, an inventory needs to be conducted of the current opportunities for accessible recreation and the viability of those opportunities. *Progress To Date:* Development of the County-wide Recreation Plan has recently started and will take place throughout Fall 2007 and early Winter 2008. The Easter Seals Access to Freshwater Grant has been awarded to the Manistee County Community Foundation as a continuation of the Envision *Accessible* Manistee County! Rural Solutions project. The funds will support a significant part of efforts to identify and seek opportunities to make Manistee a premiere destination for accessible recreation.

Recommendation 4: *Work to establish community partnerships to support children and adults with disabilities.*

Workgroup Findings - Recreation:

- ◆ Community awareness about the need for and benefits of universal accessibility, particularly as the county moves forward with its various initiatives, needs to be raised.

Workgroup Recommended Actions

- ⌚ Request the HSCB collaborate with Manistee County Transportation to assess how the County Dial-A-Ride service can be made more readily available and accessible to support the mobility of people with disabilities. *Progress to Date:* Another possible source of information and technical assistance is Easter Seals Project ACTION, Materials and contact information was shared with the workgroup and Easter Seals staff contacted the General Manager of the County Dial-a-Ride to provide additional details and encouragement for Manistee to apply for the opportunity to participate in the 2008 Mobility Planning Service Institute.

Recommendation 4: *Become known as an accessible destination.*

Workgroup Findings

- ◆ All work groups concluded that development of a vision statement about making Manistee County a universally accessible location and a sought-after tourist destination was essential.

Workgroup Recommended Actions

- 🕒 *Adopt the following strategic vision statement: **To make Manistee County the premier destination in the world for those requiring universal access to recreation, with an emphasis upon access to the county's Lake Michigan shoreline and its miles of lakes, streams, rivers, and wetlands.** Progress to Date: Michigan Easter Seals is pleased to announce a development grant of \$20,000 to the Alliance for Economic Success (AES). That grant will be used to develop the financial, technical, and human resources toward the strategic vision.*

AES will use these grant funds to develop and/or match resources, such as those available from state and federal governments, the Great Lakes Fishery Trust, Access to Recreation, and other organizations, to develop and implement a strategy to achieve this vision in Manistee County. AES will also use these funds to work with other county agencies and organizations to seek resources to implement the strategy.

Short-term results this strategy is envisioned to yield include:

- ◆ Development of a county-wide recreation program that identifies current assets that serve people with disabilities and establishes a clear plan for developing programs and assets to achieve the vision.
- ◆ Access to Roger McCarville and his television show, *Disabilities Today*, as a way to market Manistee as a tourist destination.
- ◆ Development of new opportunities for people with disabilities to angle from the shore of Manistee Lake.
- ◆ Development of master plans and designs for universal access to the City of Manistee's First and Fifth Street Beaches.
- ◆ Funding to install a wheelchair lift to provide anyone who uses a wheelchair access to boats to enjoy and benefit from the renowned recreational fishery that exists along Manistee County's Lake Michigan shoreline.

ASSESSMENT

Michigan Easter Seals will collaborate with the Alliance for Economic Success to assess progress toward the recommendations and vision included in this Final Report. In addition, Michigan Easter Seals will work with AES and the USDA's Rural Development Program to define, seek, and secure financial and technical assistance opportunities to implement these recommendations and assess plan results.



Natural Environment & Recreation

The natural environment and recreation are key elements to quality of life in Manistee County. The county's natural beauty, resources, and recreational opportunities provide immeasurable benefits—profoundly influencing the county's quality of life.

Without doubt, Manistee County's great appeal is intrinsically linked to its natural environment and the resources and recreational opportunities it affords. Manistee County should take care in decision-making affecting these two issue areas.



enVision Statement:

"In the year 2015, Manistee County's geography is the magnet, and broad-based collaboration is the means, based on fact based decision making, technology and analysis. This results in improved natural resources, natural environment, individual health, and recreation opportunities."

Work Group Activities:

This work group held six meetings to discuss the current status of Manistee County, review trends, identify present and future needs, and to recommend implementation options relating to the natural environment and recreation in Manistee County.

In the beginning of the work group phase, the Natural Environment & Recreation Work Group identified strengths and challenges, including:



Strengths:

- Abundance of public lands;
- Availability of water;
- Diverse recreational opportunities;
- Abundant, existing recreation infrastructure.

Challenges:

- County-wide recreation plan;
- Providing recreational opportunities for young people;
- Finding a balance between a growing economy and the environment;
- Lack of coordinated planning.



Natural Environment & Recreation cont.

Work Group Activities cont.:

Using maps of the Manistee County area, the Natural Environment & Recreation Work Group identified primary assets and visions, including:

Assets:

- Abundance of trail systems;
- Abundance of public lands;
- Winter activities;
- Fisheries;
- Lake Michigan beachfront;
- City of Manistee Riverwalk.

Visions:

- Improve communication / cooperation among governmental entities;
- Connect existing trail systems;
- Create better public access to water;
- Create a multi-sport, intergenerational recreation complex;
- Create better maps/signs of recreational opportunities.



The Natural Environment & Recreation Group spent significant time creating a vision statement that would reflect the ideal state of the natural environment and recreation in 2015.

The work group was asked to describe a realistic, ideal state of the natural environment and recreation in 2015. Then, through facilitated discussion, the group create a consensus vision statement. Finally, the group was asked to define strategies to attain the vision.

The Natural Environment & Recreation enVision Statement can be found on the preceding page.

Action Planning:

The Natural Environment & Recreation Work Group identified twenty-seven action items that support their vision for the future.

Of the twenty-seven action items developed by this work group, six were considered to be priority items, including:

- Create a Manistee County Recreation Plan;
- Create a Recreation Intergovernmental Sharing Agreement;
- Create an Environmental Intergovernmental Sharing Agreement;
- Create a natural environmental and recreation outreach and education program;
- Implement a program to connect existing trail systems;
- Create a septic tank inspection program.



enVision Manistee County Natural Environment & Recreation Action Matrix

enVision Statement:

"In the year 2015, Manistee County's geography is the magnet and broad-based collaboration is the means used in fact based decision making, utilizing the best technology and thorough analysis. There is an improved natural environment, resulting in enhanced recreational opportunities and individual health, and sustainable use of our natural resources.

enVision Statement Focus Area: Broad-based collaboration								
Strategy	Create a more inclusive structure for intergovernmental cooperation within Manistee County.				Timeline			
Action 1.1	Description	Potential Partners	enVision Partners	Possible Funders	<2006	2006-2009	2010-2013	2014+
County Recreation Plan	Create and implement a county recreation plan to address a wide range of recreational issues facing residents and visitors alike.	Local governmental units, LRBOI, Manistee County residents, YMCA, CVB, NWMCOG	All enVision Manistee County Work Groups	Local units of government, public & private grants		X		X
Action 1.2	Description	Potential Partners	enVision Partners	Possible Funders	<2006	2006-2009	2010-2013	2014+
Recreation Commission	Create a county-wide recreation commission to oversee and implement county recreation plan strategies.	Local governmental units, LRBOI, MDNR, U.S. Forest Service	All enVision Manistee County Work Groups	None needed		X	>	>
Action 1.3	Description	Potential Partners	enVision Partners	Possible Funders	<2006	2006-2009	2010-2013	2014+
Recreational Infrastructure Training	Create and implement regular training programs for government officials responsible for recreational planning.	Local governmental units, MDNR, MSUE, U.S. Forest Service	Government & Infrastructure Work Group	Local units of government, public & private grants		X	>	>

NER Work Group

Strategy	Create a more inclusive structure for intergovernmental cooperation within Manistee County.				Timeline			
Strategy CONTINUED	Create a more inclusive structure for intergovernmental cooperation within Manistee County.				Timeline			
Action 1.4	Description	Potential Partners	enVision Partners	Possible Funders	<2006	2006-2009	2010-2013	2014+
Recreation Inter-governmental Sharing Agreement	Create and implement an intergovernmental sharing agreement regarding recreational data and information.	Local governmental units, LRBOI	Government & Infrastructure Work Group	None needed		X		
Action 1.5	Description	Potential Partners	enVision Partners	Possible Funders	<2006	2006-2009	2010-2013	2014+
Environmental Inter-governmental Sharing Agreement	Create and implement an intergovernmental sharing agreement regarding environmental data and information.	Local governmental units, LRBOI	Government & Infrastructure Work Group	None needed		X		

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enVision Statement Focus Area: Improved natural environment								
Strategy	Improve citizen awareness and access to environmental awareness.				Timeline			
Action 2.1	Description	Potential Partners	enVision Partners	Possible Funders	<2006	2006-2009	2010-2013	2014+
Manistee County Environment Bulletin	Create and regularly distribute a non-partisan environmental news bulletin specific to Manistee County issues.	Area schools, local units of government, MSUE, LRBOI, property owner associations, sportsman's groups, watershed organizations, MDNR, U.S. Forest Service		Local units of government, public & private grants		X	>	>
Action 2.2	Description	Potential Partners	enVision Partners	Possible Funders	<2006	2006-2009	2010-2013	2014+
Environment Oriented Celebrations (Earth Day, Arbor Day, etc.)	Enhance current celebratory activities to include educational forums and involvement programs.	Area schools, local units of government, LRBOI, sportsman's groups, watershed organizations, MDNR, U.S. Forest Service	All enVision Manistee County Work Groups	Area schools, local units of government, public & private grants, MDNR, U.S. Forest Service		X	>	>
Action 2.3	Description	Potential Partners	enVision Partners	Possible Funders	<2006	2006-2009	2010-2013	2014+
Manistee County-specific Environmental Education	Enhance current environmental education activities to include topic areas that are specific or unique to the natural environment in Manistee County.	Area schools, local units of government, MSUE, LRBOI, property owner associations, sportsman's groups, watershed organizations, MDNR, U.S. Forest Service	Youth & Education Work Group	Area schools, Local units of government, public & private grants		X	>	>

enVision Statement Focus Area: Improved natural environment								
Strategy CONTINUED	Improve citizen awareness and access to environmental awareness.				Timeline			
Action 2.4	Description	Potential Partners	enVision Partners	Possible Funders	<2006	2006-2009	2010-2013	2014+
Environmental Education Speakers List	Create a designated speakers list of qualified individuals to speak on a variety of natural environment issues.	Area schools, local units of government, LRBOI, property owner associations, sportsman's groups, watershed organizations, MDNR, U.S. Forest Service	Government & Infrastructure / Youth & Education Work Group	Area schools, local units of government, public & private grants, MDNR, U.S. Forest Service		X	>	>
Action 2.5	Description	Potential Partners	enVision Partners	Possible Funders	<2006	2006-2009	2010-2013	2014+
Media Outreach & Education Program	Create and implement a regular appearance in local media outlets to highlight and educate the public on current and upcoming natural environment issues.	Area schools, local units of government, local radio, local tv, local newspapers, LRBOI, property owner associations, sportsman's groups, watershed organizations, MDNR, U.S. Forest Service		Local units of government, public & private grants		X	>	>
Action 2.6	Description	Potential Partners	enVision Partners	Possible Funders	<2006	2006-2009	2010-2013	2014+
County-wide Youth Summer Camp	Create and implement a county-wide summer camp program to focus on natural environment issues specific to the area.	Area schools, local units of government, LRBOI, sportsman's groups, watershed organizations, YMCA, WSCC, MDNR, U.S. Forest Service	Youth & Education Work Group	Area schools, Local units of government, public & private grants		X	>	>

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enVision Statement Focus Area: Enhanced recreational opportunities and individual health								
Strategy	Explore opportunities to enhance the current recreational infrastructure of Manistee County.				Timeline			
Action 3.1	Description	Potential Partners	enVision Partners	Possible Funders	<2006	2006-2009	2010-2013	2014+
Activity Specific Recreation Map	Create and distribute maps outlining activity specific opportunities in Manistee County.	Local governmental units, MDNR, CVB, LRBOI, Road Commission, NVMCOG, MDOT, U.S. Forest Service	Government & Infrastructure Work Group	Local units of government, public & private grants		X		X
Action 3.2	Description	Potential Partners	enVision Partners	Possible Funders	<2006	2006-2009	2010-2013	2014+
Activity Specific Outreach	Obtain feedback from specific recreational groups regarding improvement opportunities.	Local governmental units, MDNR, LRBOI, YMCA, U.S. Forest Service, recreation clubs, area schools	All enVision Manistee County Work Groups	Local units of government, public & private grants		X	>	>
Action 3.3	Description	Potential Partners	enVision Partners	Possible Funders	<2006	2006-2009	2010-2013	2014+
Recreational Kiosks	Create and implement a recreation kiosk program that displays recreational opportunities in the county.	Local units of government, LRBOI, CVB, local businesses	All enVision Manistee County Work Groups	Local businesses, local units of government, public & private grants		X		

Strategy CONTINUED	Explore opportunities to enhance the current recreational infrastructure of Manistee County.				Timeline			
Action 3.4	Description	Potential Partners	enVision Partners	Possible Funders	<2006	2006-2009	2010-2013	2014+
Manistee County Passport Program	Create and implement a county-wide passport program in which residents and visitors alike can record visitations to identified area of significance throughout the county.	CVB, Local units of government, MDNR, U.S. Forest Service, LRBOI, local businesses	Economy & Employment Work Group	Local businesses, local units of government, public & private grants		X	>	>
Action 3.5	Description	Potential Partners	enVision Partners	Possible Funders	<2006	2006-2009	2010-2013	2014+
Recreational Trail Connectivity	Create and implement strategies to connect existing trail systems in Manistee county.	Local governmental units, MDNR, LRBOI, U.S. Forest Service	All enVision Manistee County Work Groups	Local units of government, public & private grants		X	>	>
Action 3.6	Description	Potential Partners	enVision Partners	Possible Funders	<2006	2006-2009	2010-2013	2014+
Recreation Signage Program	Create and implement a county recreational signage program to better display recreational access points relative to a variety of activities in Manistee County.	Local governmental units, MDNR, LRBOI, Road Commission, MDOT, U.S. Forest Service	Government & Infrastructure Work Group	Local units of government, public & private grants		X		X

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Strategy CONTINUED	Explore opportunities to enhance the current recreational infrastructure of Manistee County.				Timeline				
	Action 3.7	Description	Potential Partners	enVision Partners	Possible Funders	<2006	2006-2009	2010-2013	2014+
Village Center Trail Connections	Explore opportunities to connect Manistee County villages and cities via non-motorized trailways.	Local governmental units, MDNR, Road Commission, MDOT, U.S. Forest Service	Government & Infrastructure / Economy & Employment Work Groups	Local businesses, local units of government, public & private grants		X	>	>	
Limited Mobility Recreational Opportunity	Create and implement a variety of limited mobility recreational opportunities for disabled and elderly individuals.	Local governmental units, Council on Aging, WSMC, MDNR, LRBOI, Road Commission, MDOT, U.S. Forest Service	Government & Infrastructure / Health & Human Services Work Groups	Local units of government, public & private grants		X	>	>	
Recreation Programs	Seek county-wide, collaborative strategies towards the creation of a county-wide indoor recreation program that provides year-round recreational activities for a variety of age groups.	Area schools, Big Brothers/Sisters, Junior Achievement, YMCA, West Shore Medical Center, WSCC, parent groups, YAC	Arts, Culture, & Humanities / Health & Human Services Work Groups	Local, private foundations, revenue sharing board, schools, service organizations		X			
Coach Recruitment Program	Create and implement a coach recruitment program to assist in the after school athletic (traditional & non-traditional) programs.	Area schools, Big Brothers/Sisters, Junior Achievement, Love INC, YMCA, parent groups, YAC	Arts, Culture, & Humanities Work Group	Local, private foundations, revenue sharing board, schools, service organizations		X			

enVision Statement Focus Area: Sustainable use of our natural resources									
Strategy	Obtain a high level of natural resources management best practices.				Timeline				
	Action 5.1	Description	Potential Partners	enVision Partners	Possible Funders	<2006	2006-2009	2010-2013	2014+
Private Landowner Educational Forums	Create and implement a timber management educational forum for private landowners.	Local governmental units, MDNR, LRBOI, Road Commission, property owner associations, NVMCOG, MDOT, U.S. Forest Service	Government & Infrastructure Work Group	Local units of government, public & private grants		X	>	>	
Septic Tank Inspections	Create and implement a county-wide ordinance and educational series promoting the regular inspection of septic tank systems in Manistee County.	Local units of government, health dept., property owner associations, realtors	Government & Infrastructure Work Group	Local, private foundations, revenue sharing board, service organizations, state/federal grants		X	>	>	

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Strategy	Identify emerging recreational activities and seek ways to incorporate into the current recreational infrastructure.				Timeline			
Action 4.1	Description	Potential Partners	enVision Partners	Possible Funders	<2006	2006-2009	2010-2013	2014+
Frisbee Golf	Create and implement strategies to integrate "Frisbee Golf" into current public lands and / or parks.	Area schools, local units of government, CVB, LRBOI, property owner associations, sportsman's groups, watershed organizations	Youth & Education / Government & Infrastructure Work Groups	Local units of government, public & private grants		x		
Geocaching	Create and implement strategies to fund a "Geocaching" program in the county.	Area schools, local units of government, CVB, LRBOI, property owner associations, sportsman's groups, watershed organizations	Youth & Education / Government & Infrastructure Work Groups	Local units of government, public & private grants		x		
Large Boat Harboring	Explore opportunities to allow the harboring of large (>60') boats.	Area schools, local marinas, MECCA, local units of government, LRBOI, property owner associations, sportsman's groups, watershed organizations	Economy & Employment / Government & Infrastructure Work Groups	Local units of government, public & private grants		x		
Bike Tours	Create and implement a Manistee County bike tour program.	Area schools, local units of government, LRBOI, bike clubs	All enVision Manistee County Work Groups	Local units of government, public & private grants		x	>	>

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**Notice of Public Hearing and Comment Period
City of Manistee Parks and Beautification Commission
Community Recreation Plan 2012 – 2017**

Date of Notice: October 28, 2011
November 14, 2011
December 3, 2011

Type of Notice: Special Notice – Classified Ads

Plan Location: City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan
County Library, 95 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan
City of Manistee Web Page www.manisteemi.gov

**Duration of
Draft Plan
Public Review
Period:** 46 Days

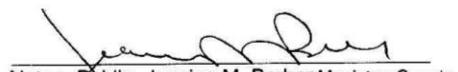
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Marilyn J Barker , being duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is one of the editors, publishers of the Manistee News Advocate , a newspaper printed, published and circulated in said County of Manistee , and that the annexed notice of PUBLIC HEARING/COMMENT PERIOD/COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN 2012-2017 was duly printed and published in said in said newspaper at least once each month for THREE (3) months in succession commencing on the 28TH day of OCTOBER A.D. 2011 and ending on the 3RD day of DECEMBER A.D. 2011


Marilyn J. Barker

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this _____
day of _____, A.D. 2011


Notary Public Jeanine M. Barber, Manistee County
Acting Manistee County
My Commission Expires March 10, 2012

NOTICE OF PUBLIC Hearing and Comment Period City of Manistee Community Recreation Plan 2012 - 2017
The City of Manistee Parks and Beautification Commission has drafted a Community Recreation Plan for 2012 - 2017. A five year Recreation Plan is required to be filed with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to qualify for grant funds.
As of October 28, 2011 copies of the Community Recreation Plan are available for review at City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee Michigan and the Manistee County Public Library, 95 Maple Street, Manistee Michigan. The plan is also available on the City Web Page at www.manisteemi.gov
The City of Manistee Parks and Beautification Commission will hold a Public Hearing on December 12, 2011, at 6 pm in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan. Comments may be made at the Public Hearing or submitted in writing to the Community Development Department, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, MI, 49660. Jon R. Rose Community Development Director October 28, November 14, December 3, 2011

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**CITY OF MANISTEE
PARKS AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2011
7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Mark Tomaszewski, Priscilla Rulison, Ed Teglar, John Rozga, Darci Scott

Members Absent: Ben Kubiak

Also Present: Gary Niesen, Kathie Boyle, Denise Blakeslee, Jon Rose, Mitch Deisch, City of Manistee

Guests: Citizens of Manistee

A regular meeting and **Public Hearing** of the Manistee Parks and Beautification Commission was held on Monday, December 12, 2011 at City Hall – Council Chambers. Meeting was called to order by Chair Ed Teglar at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes. Motion by Rozga, second by Scott to accept the October 20, 2011 minutes and place on file. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN 2012-2017

The City of Manistee Parks & Beautification Commission has drafted a Community Recreation Plan for 2012 – 2017. As of October 25, 2011 copies of the plan have been available for review at City Hall, the Manistee County Public Library and on the City of Manistee Web Page.

At this time Chairman Teglar turned meeting over to Blakeslee who presented a power point on the Community Recreation Plan.

Chair Teglar open the meeting to the public for comment on the “Community Recreation Plan”.

Mrs. Ludwigson of 274 Third Avenue read a letter from her son David Ludwigson who has two private parcels on Man Made Lake. Mr. Ludwigson concerns regard property he owns on Man Made Lake, he feels there is a misleading statement and should be more accurately stated. Another concern with his private parcels is the “buffer zone” not accurately shown as his lot. Mr. Ludwigson states that it extends from the water’s edge to the parking lot and would like this to be more accurately indicated.

Commissioners questions were directed to Rose to clarify Mr. Ludwigson’s concerns. After discussion, commission requested that wording be changed on page 7 and page 69 to address these issues. Wording on page 7 shall be changed from “the lake” to “previously leased property” and on page 69 add “There is one remaining privately owned parcel on the lake”.

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Regarding Mr. Ludwigson concern on his parcels "buffer zone" not being accurately shown, Rose stated that Abonmarche could illustrate the zone by simply raising the layer on the map to show the extent of privately owned property.

Motion by Rozga, **second** by Scott to adapt the City of Manistee Community Recreation Plan 2012 -2017 with changes to be done by the Community Development office. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

None

NEW BUSINESS.

At this time Chair Teglar turned the meeting over to City Manager Deisch. The City Manager stated the Council has been looking at the duties of several City Boards and Commission and the possibility of combing ones with overlapping duties. The City Manager discussed the possibility of combining Parks & Beautification with the Harbor Commission. Deisch ask for the commission to give thought about a new board with a larger scope. Discussion followed. Members requested a joint meeting with the Harbor Commission and along with the Council Ordinance Committee be set up to discuss further. The manager was directed by the board to set up this meeting for mid-to-late January 2012, the manager also agreed to facilitate the meeting.

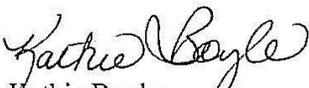
The City Manager thanked the commission on the adoption of the Community Recreation Plan as this is a key document in applying for grants. The City continues to be successful in receiving grants stating two recent grants; one in the amount of \$280,000 for First Street Beach House and another in the amount of \$75,000 for a new Fish Cleaning Station.

Motion by Scott, **second** by Rozga to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

Next meeting date - a joint meeting with Harbor Commission and City Council Ordinance Committee will be scheduled for mid to late January 2012. I will contact you when I am notified of date and time.

Happy Holidays to you and your family.

Respectfully submitted,


Kathie Boyle
Recording Secretary

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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES



View along the Riverwalk
Universal Accessible ramp at the East end

Goals and Objectives

Goals and objectives are established to provide general direction in the planning effort. The goal is the format and the objective is the measurement tool for accomplishments and basis for specific planning.

Goal 1 - Develop a community-wide system of parks and recreation areas and facilities adequate to the needs of local residents, visitors and people of all abilities through universal accessibility.

Objectives:

Promote and facilitate cooperative use and maintenance of facilities with local schools and other public and private agencies.

Review existing and future plans for universal accessibility

Review current City properties and boundaries with an eye to future development needs and/or preservation: wetlands, historic areas, etc.

Suggest, promote consolidation of user groups and coordinated scheduling and use of facilities.

Goal 2 - Maximize utilization of funding and other resources available.

Objectives:

Support local, state, national legislation.

Seek out grants or other opportunities for a cost share.

Continue capital improvements as an annual budget line item.

Develop City/township/County cooperative for capital funding.

Promote legislation encouraging private development of recreation spaces or facilities in subdivided or otherwise newly developed areas.

Support efforts and work with other City appointed commissions (Planning, Tree, Non-motorized Transportation, etc.).

Seek creative ways to maximize parks facilities and utilization - support volunteer efforts, land exchanges, leases.

Goal 3 - Develop a system of scenic areas and points of historic interest.

Objectives:

Acquire and/or develop land for passive recreational use.

Connect scenic areas with walking, bicycle, cross country skiing trails, etc.

Provide appropriate signage to guide and inform residents and visitors.

Encourage historic preservation efforts which enhance Manistee's unique character.

Goal 4 - Develop more water-based recreation facilities.

Objectives:

Encourage development of marina facilities, restaurants and other compatible uses on and around the area lakes and rivers.

Encourage development of additional inland water access sites for boat launching, fishing and recreational use.

Implement zoning, based on a land use plan, for the protection of land along shorelines and rivers.

Continue development of a system of walkways along the Manistee River with view points, fishing piers, benches and drinking fountains.

Goal 5 - Develop areas for summer appropriate use and winter appropriate use for residents and tourists.

Objectives:

Develop areas for people of all abilities which are universally accessible.

Develop areas for walking, bicycles, roller skates, roller blades, skateboards, cross-country skiing, etc.

Develop areas specific to use and non-conflicting with adjoining activities or uses.

Other Parks and Playgrounds

These properties are not owned by the City, but in most cases are available for public use. Scattered throughout the City these locations have good potential for increasing common use recreational areas.

RECOMMEND - All parks and playgrounds following for cooperative development as neighborhood parks with additions of benches, picnic tables or play areas.

WEST NEIGHBORHOOD

Centennial Field and Track (Manistee Area Public School) located on Twelfth Street across from the High School. A track field and practice soccer field are on site.

Hamlin Baseball Field (Kiwanis – Service Organization) located on First Street base ball field and bleachers. The adjacent parking lot is City owned, which also serves a National Guard Armory building.

Jefferson Elementary School (Manistee Area Public School) located on the south side on Bryant Avenue has a large play field, play equipment, treed areas.

Kennedy Elementary School (Manistee Area Public School) located on the corner of Sixth and Robinson Streets with a football/soccer field, playground equipment installed in 2011.

Manistee High School/Manistee Middle School (Manistee Area Public School)/**Paine Aquatic Center** located south of Twelfth Street. Facility includes a Football/Soccer Field, Concession Stand, Restrooms, Soft Ball Field, Base Ball Field, and Cross Country Trail. Inside the School there is a Gymnasium, Weight Room and Walking Track. In July 2009 the Paine Aquatic Center opened adjacent to the High School and serves as an indoor community pool.

Trinity Lutheran School (Private School) located on the south side on Fourth Street has a play field and play equipment.

EAST NEIGHBORHOOD

Art Park (Lease with private owner) located on River Street in the central business district Mini Park with playground area, picnic tables and benches.

Manistee Catholic Central School (Private School) located on the south side on Twelfth Street has play areas and a lighted football stadium with bleachers.

Maxwelltown Community Park located on Tenth and Ramsdell Street part of the CASMAN School Campus. Park was developed as a community project and includes a basketball court, outdoor exercise equipment, and covered pavilion.

Summary

Manistee is “landlocked,” boundaries to the east and west by water and north and south by City limits that abut townships. Current City parks and play areas are in need of attention, while future development will rely on the dedication of remaining City properties, outright purchase, cooperative agreements or as conditions for private development. It will be a challenge to its planners to meet resident and visitor, passive and active, developed and natural parkland needs in a city in positive transition.

Manistee is the county seat in an area blessed with an abundance of natural resources. As such, it attracts government business and retail commerce within an approximate twenty-five mile radius; while attracting statewide visitations for fishing, hunting and other outdoor recreation opportunities. The City is benefitted by and is constricted by its physical location between Manistee Lake and Lake Michigan and surrounded by Manistee National Forest.

Current total City acreage dedicated to parks and open land recreational use is approximately 10%. National standards indicate this figure should approach 10%. Additionally the surrounding national forest and adjacent Lake Michigan bless the Manistee area with abundant outdoor recreation opportunity. This somewhat offsets deficiencies in developed play fields and facilities, as a portion of the population is given to hunting, fishing, boating and other outdoor pursuits. At the same time however, there has been significant growth in youth and girls team sports which creates ever increasing pressure on existing facilities.

UNIVERSAL ACCESSIBILITY, OBESITY

Taking into consideration the input received from the surveys that were conducted within City limits distribution and number of parks and facilities appear inappropriate to neighborhood delineations. However, the total City is 3.5 square miles, so many parks and facilities which appear in statistics by neighborhoods are in fact used by all residents. At the same time there appears to be a need for small neighborhood parks and play fields, particularly on the north and east sides of town.

City projections forecast increased small business, tourism and an aging resident population as evolving demographics, which will further impact future recreation facility and program needs. It is therefore important that the City seek opportunity to increase its recreation land and facility resources through construction, exchange, purchase, easements, subsidies or other methods, while at the same time maintaining cooperative arrangements with current property owners of recreational lands and facilities in order to properly serve its current and future citizen needs.

The demand for additional recreational opportunities will continue to grow commensurately with the growing value of leisure time. The quality of life in Manistee is, and will be, exemplified through the recreation and park opportunities provided through comprehensive community planning.

ACTION PROGRAM



Freighter coming through the Manistee River Channel
as seen from the Riverwalk

RECOMMENDATIONS

CURRENT PRIORITIES FOR ALL EXISTING PARKS

1. Update and add universally accessible playground equipment
2. Signage
3. Trees / shrubs / landscaping
4. Pavilions / tables / benches
5. Better utilization of existing park lands

FUTURE NEEDS - ADDITIONAL PARKS/FACILITIES

1. Community/Recreation Center: Growth projections indicate tourism and senior related facilities could be incorporated into a full community recreation center complex.
2. Neighborhood Pocket Parks: current locations of parks have gaps. Seek development of current City properties, cooperative agreements, acquisitions, conditions for private development, etc.
3. Play Fields: remaining large open areas within the City limits are limited and should be developed before lost piecemeal.
4. Bike / Pedestrian Pathways: future planning should address bicycle/foot traffic throughout the City.
5. Community Garden: development of produce growing area for apartment dwellers, seniors, etc. Could be combined with a City nursery for park plantings, boulevards, etc.
6. Continue Riverwalk, other lake and river front improvements including around the peninsula.
7. Ice Skating / Hockey Facility: a facility could act as cornerstone for promoting Manistee area winter recreation including cross-country skiing, snowmobiling.
8. RV dump station somewhere in the park system.
9. Universal Accessibility

City of Manistee Strategic Plan Update

2011-2012

April 2011

Section 3 City Beaches, Parks and Recreation Areas

3.1 Goal To have the cleanest Lake Michigan public beaches and parks in Michigan with universal access to all people of all abilities. This includes asking the AES to develop financial resources toward the implementation of the Beach Conceptual Plan.

Strategy 3.1.1 Focus maintenance efforts for the improvements made to Fifth Avenue Beach before expanding improvements and adding additional responsibilities required under the Beach Conceptual Plan.

Strategy 3.1.2 Develop a Parks Maintenance Management Plan which prioritizes Parks based on usage and seasonality, including a cost analysis for maintenance options in-house vs. out sourced.

Strategy 3.1.3 Have all parks, public areas and beaches open to public by Memorial Day.

Strategy 3.1.4 Inspect Riverwalk weekly.

Strategy 3.1.5 Clean beaches weekly, twice per week during peak season.

Strategy 3.1.6 Inspect beaches daily during summer season.

Strategy 3.1.7 Install swim buoys for 2011 season by Memorial Day.

Strategy 3.1.8 Seek funds to replace First Street Beach Bathhouse.

Strategy 3.1.9 Maintain signage and foot patrols as budget allows to ensure compliance and enforcement with laws and ordinances governing city beaches and provide necessary safety devices on both Lake Michigan beaches.

Strategy 3.1.10 Complete 5 year Parks and Recreation plan.

Strategy 3.1.11 Explore locations and associated policies that would allow responsible dog owners to have access to Lake Michigan with their dogs.

3.2 Goal To have the best boating facilities on Lake Michigan’s shoreline.

Strategy 3.2.1 Upgrade First Street Boat Launch in accordance with the First Street upgrade project.

Strategy 3.2.2 Develop picnic opportunities along Riverwalk adjacent to City Marina.

Strategy 3.2.3 Work cooperatively with the Explore the Shores county-wide initiative, specifically identifying the Ninth Street Boat Launch upgrades as a high priority.

3.3 Goal To develop and adopt a capital improvement plan for parks and recreation areas that recommends upgrades and costs and fully considers universal accessibility.

Strategy 3.3.1 Develop and implement Parks Asset Management Plan, prioritize needs and recommendations for annual budget for upgrades for parks, with emphasis on universal accessibility.

3.4 Goal To explore public/private partnerships to establish amenities and attractions and enhance recreational opportunities on beaches, parks and recreation areas for the City of Manistee.

Strategy 3.4.1 Identify and prioritize opportunities for public and private partnerships in the conceptual plan for the City’s Lake Michigan Beaches.

REVIEW OF PARK SYSTEM ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2007 - 2011

The 2007 - 2011 period was a good one for the Manistee park system. Major strides were made to address past deficiencies, meet current needs and lay groundwork for future additions and improvements to the system.

The acquisition of 23 acres of land that abuts Lake Michigan and most of Man-Made Lake, made possible through a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Grant, partnership of organizations and residents.

The addition of a new multi-purpose Beach House at Fifth Avenue Beach was completed which includes a concession area. As part of the upgrade a removable walkway was installed that provides Universal Accessibility from the Parking Lot to Lake Michigan.

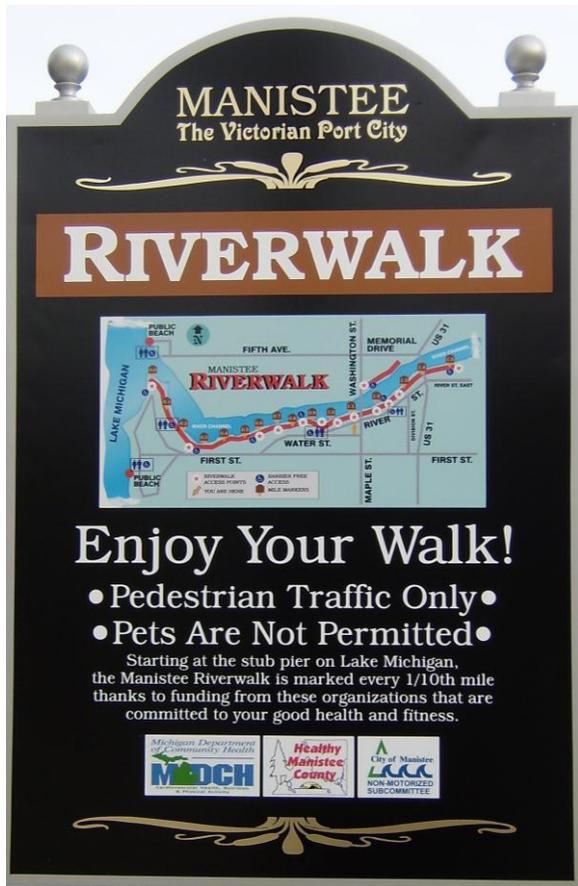
The Arthur Street Boat Launch facility was upgraded with the support of the Great Lakes Fishery Trust, the "Explore the Shores" program with the Department of Natural Resources. The upgrade included Universal Accessibility amenities.

The Manistee Municipal Marina building was replaced in 2011. The new building features expanded facilities for boaters, public restrooms and meeting room. These upgrades were possible with funding from Waterways, Main Street/DDA, and the Marina.

A new lift facility was installed at the Manistee Municipal Marina which enables people who need assistance to get in and out of boats. This was possible with funding support through the Access to Recreation Program funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

The City collaborated with Manistee Area Public Schools and the Paine Family Foundation to support the operations of the Manistee Aquatic Center located at the High School. This provides a community pool for the community.

The City of Manistee Non-Motorized Transportation Committee and the Shoreline cycling Club have been developing a plan to build multi-use trails and a mountain bike skills park on the M-55 Property. This will be a four season City of Manistee Park for Mountain Biking, Walking, Running and Cross Country Skiing.



Signage

The City of Manistee has developed a Wayfinding Signage program for the Community and selected a style of sign that embraces the Historical feeling of the community while providing information.

These new signs are being installed throughout the community to direct people to the Parks and new signs are being installed in the parks using the same style of signs.

Beach Safety Flags/Signs

In 2011 the City continued their ongoing effort to make our beaches safe and inviting by placing additional signage and colored flags for swimming conditions



APPENDICES

Non-Motorized Transportation Plan

Official Resolution - City Council

Copy of City Council Meeting Minutes – January 17, 2012

Copy of Affidavit of Public Hearing

Official Resolution - Parks Commission

Official Resolution - Planning Commission

Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency

Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency

The City of Manistee Non-Motorized Transportation Master Plan

MISSION STATEMENT

The City of Manistee Non-Motorized Transportation Committee will work to provide safe, scenic routes throughout the City that encourage non-motorized transportation use for fitness, transportation and tourism while enhancing the City's attributes and appeal and connecting the city to surrounding communities.

OVERVIEW

The City of Manistee Master Plan establishes that there historically and currently is an interest in non-motorized facilities within the City of Manistee. Established non-motorized facilities are those improvements and provisions made to enhance bicycling and walking such as bike lanes, bike racks, sidewalks, river walk, etc. Creating a transportation environment that provides universal accessibility and encourages bike usage, walking and the combined use of aforementioned and public motorized transportation (dial-a-ride) will enhance the City in providing for the following:

- Increased safety for pedestrians, persons with wheelchairs/disabilities and cyclists;
- Other transportation and fitness opportunities;
- Alternatives for maintaining a healthy lifestyle;
- Environmental stewardship;
- Increased awareness for community sustainability;
- Connectivity, being the linkage between various destination points in the community and surrounding communities;

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this plan, bike lanes, bike routes, bike paths are based upon the "Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities" prepared by the AASHTO Task Force and published by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and are as follows:

- **Bike Lane:** A portion of a roadway which has been designated by striping, signing and/or pavement markings for the preferential or exclusive use for bicyclist.
- **Bike Route:** A segment of a system of designated bike ways that have appropriate directional and informational markers.
- **Bike Path:** A bike lane physically separated from motorized vehicular traffic.
- **Bike Way:** A generic term for any road, street, path or way which in some manner is specifically designated for bicycle travel, regardless of whether such facilities are designated for the exclusive use of bicycles or are to be shared with other transportation modes.
- **Rail-Trail:** A shared use path, either paved or unpaved, built within the right-of-way of an existing or former railroad.
- **Sidewalk:** The portion of a street or highway right-of-way designed for preferential use

by pedestrians and wheelchairs.

- **Sustainable development:** Sustainability is defined for the purposes of this master plan as development that meets the needs/ best outcomes of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. It relates to the continuity of economic, social, institutional and environmental aspects of human society, as well as the non-human environment.
- **Wheelchair:** A wheelchair is a personal mobility assistance device such as a wheelchair, electric scooter, transport chair, and power wheelchair. Wheelchairs are used by people for whom walking is difficult or impossible due to illness, injury, or disability.

ACTION PLAN

Goal:

Create a transportation environment that encourages non-motorized alternatives throughout the city of Manistee and increase connectivity to routes outside the city limits.

Objectives:

1. Maintain an active Non-Motorized Transportation Committee.
 - Coordinate the implementation of the goals and objectives of the City of Manistee Non-Motorized Transportation Plan.
2. Increase Awareness
 - Bike/Hike to Work/School day or week
The City of Manistee will sponsor a day or week each year to promote non-motorized transportation. Various activities during this time will be designed to encourage bicycling and walking and generate enthusiasm. This day or week will focus on safety as well and community involvement.
 - Promotion of State Wide Non-motorized Events
The City of Manistee will assist in promoting various annual tours and races of non-motorized nature. Notices will be posted in appropriate publications and locations.
3. Develop non-motorized routes within City limits.
 - Sidewalk enhancements
 - Bicycle Route Map
The City of Manistee will develop a map that delineates the location of bike lanes and routes within the city limits that will showcase the City's attributes increase City appeal and provide safe, scenic routes that encourage non-motorized use. The map will be distributed in a brochure form as well as be distributed to surrounding communities and similar state wide organizations. The map will be designed with the foresight of connecting to such facilities outside the city limits. **See Appendix A.**
 - Non-Motorized Facilities Map
The City of Manistee will develop a map that illustrates all non-motorized facilities including but not limited to bike lanes and routes and sidewalks, pathways, walking routes, and the riverwalk.

- Visual indicators of Non-motorized facilities

The City of Manistee will assist in securing signs, paint, stencils, pavement preparation for paint application and other necessary tool needed to apply visual cues regarding the location of the bike lanes. This information will also be illustrated on the bicycle route map and the non-motorized transportation facilities map. Signs will be designed and erected along non-motorized routes and pathways that indicate the presence of such facilities as well as guide users to points of interest.
4. Provide non-motorized storage facilities
 - Bicycle Racks and Benches

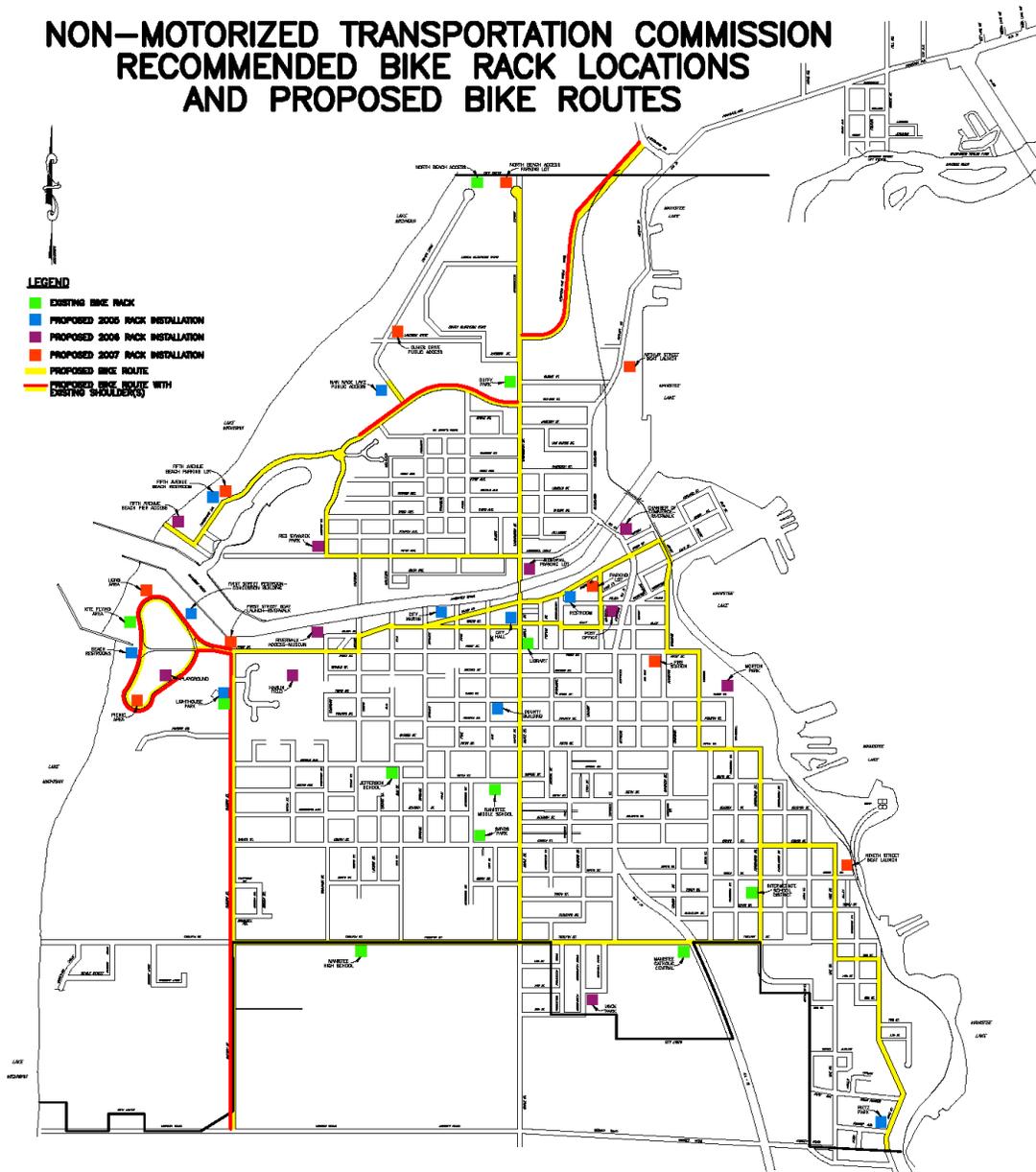
The City of Manistee will assist in securing permanent bike racks for various points of interest along the routes and pathways. Additional racks and benches may be purchased by privately owned entities by either donations that commemorate an individual and are shown their respect through a mounted memorial plaque located on or near the rack or bench. The committee will provide recommended locations to the city for bike racks and benches and other non-motorized facilities. The City will provide and strategically place portable racks and benches during city events.
 - Dial a Ride

The City of Manistee will work with Dial-a-Ride and other systems of public transportation to provide a means of storage and transport of bicycles and other modes of non-motorized transportation.
 5. Work with adjacent municipalities and the State of Michigan to connect and lengthen the City of Manistee's non-motorized routes and pathways.
 - Identify non-motorized facilities outside and adjacent to City of Manistee's limits.
 - Develop a draft of a map that highlights where existing and planned routes and pathways inside the City limits can be joined to such facilities outside of the City limits.
 - Communicate with surrounding communities and the State of Michigan to develop an ongoing creative, cooperative relationship that results in action plans which are capable of implementation.
 - Support the development of a non-motorized facility plan for Manistee County and the State of Michigan.
 6. Maintain Non-motorized Transportation Facilities
 - Encouraging the Maintenance of the facilities of this community is an important component of this plan. Yearly inspection of pavement and sidewalk surface structural integrity, visual indicators, racks and benches is essential to a healthy system. Funding for maintenance should be a component of the City's yearly budget.
 - Sidewalk inspection
 7. Emphasize Non-motorized Transportation facilities when designing construction/reconstruction projects.
 - As a matter of public policy, the City of Manistee will consider non-motorized transportation amenities when undertaking road construction or reconstruction projects. The City of Manistee will, to the best of their ability, influence County and State road projects to consider the inclusion of non-motorized facilities.
 - Manistee City Planning Commission will consider non-motorized facilities when working on zoning, special use permits, and new projects that occur within the City.

- The City of Manistee shall make every effort to keep this committee aware of new construction and opportunities that could include non-motorized transportation facilities.

8. Goals

- The Non-Motorized Transportation Committee will hold a goal setting meeting every year to review the past and present year's progress and set forth goals for the following year. These goals shall be presented to the City of Manistee's City Council and Planning Commission to make them aware of the objectives and action plans.



Adopted February 5, 2008



**Recreation Plan
Resolution of Adoption
By the City Council of the City of Manistee**

WHEREAS, the City of Manistee has undertaken a Five Year Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2012 and 2017, and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Beautification Commission held a Public Hearing on December 12, 2011 and three minor changes were made to the plan, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission endorsed the Community Recreation Plan at their meeting on January 5, 2012, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held January 17, 2012, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee Michigan to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, an adopted and approved Five Year Recreation Plan is required for State grant eligibility,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The City Council of the City of Manistee hereby adopts the City of Manistee Recreation plan of 2012 – 2017 as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the City of Manistee.

Colleen Kenny 1/17/12
Colleen Kenny, Mayor Dated

ATTEST:

I, Michelle Wright, City of Manistee City Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Manistee at a Regular Meeting thereof held on 17th day of January, 2012.

Yeas: Kenny, Scrimger, Hornkohl, Haydon, Zaring, Adams, Marshall

Nays: None

Absent: None

Michelle Wright 1/17/12
Michelle Wright Dated
City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer

(seal)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – January 17, 2012

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by her honor, Mayor Colleen Kenny on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 70 Maple Street, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Colleen Kenny, Sid Scrimger, Robert Hornkohl, Ilona Haydon, Catherine Zaring, Beth Adams, and Alan Marshall.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager – Mitch Deisch, City Attorney – George Saylor, City Clerk – Michelle Wright, Community Development Director – Jon Rose, DPW Director – Jack Garber, Finance Director – Ed Bradford, Public Safety Director – Dave Bachman, and City Engineer – Jeff Mikula.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF MANISTEE COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN 2012-2017.

The purpose of this hearing is to afford an opportunity for all citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Community Recreation Plan 2012-2017. This plan describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during 2012-2017. The Community Recreation Plan is required to be filed with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to qualify for grant funds.

City Council will take action on this item later in the meeting. Jon Rose gave a presentation on the background of the plan. Mayor Kenny invited the public to speak on the Community Recreation Plan 2012-2017.

No comments received. Public hearing closed at 7:07 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS.

Ross Spencer commented on the RFQ proposals for the First Street Beach House - stated that various committees were not invited; no minutes were taken; told it was not a violation of the Open Meetings Act; Council should have supporting documentation before any decision is made.

John Soltes, 1054 Oak Street, commented on Zoning Ordinance amendment Z11-09 – has asked many questions and learned a lot about zoning; has contacted the County Planning Department regarding the land fill used on this property; no permit issued; non-compliance; violation of special use permit; asked that Ordinance Z11-09 not be permitted.

Marc Eix, pastor of Faith Covenant Church, commented on the fill on their property – they were asked by Swidorski Excavating, a contractor for the City sewer separation project; weren't looking for dirt or fill; thought they would help out with the City project. He also commented on the Zoning Ordinance amendment Z11-09 – because of changes in the ordinance, they cannot even build a classroom or

anything; residents can build if they wish, but they cannot; don't intend on continuing to build on every year; church has chosen to make a commitment to the City; have financially and physically supported Love Inc and the development of Maxwell Park behind the Casman Academy.

CONSENT AGENDA.

- Minutes - January 3, 2012 - Regular Meeting
- January 10, 2012 - Work Session
- Payroll - Dec. 26, 2011 – Jan. 8, 2012 - \$ 105,971.03
- Monthly Bills - December 9, 2011 - \$ 256,593.84
- December 21, 2011 - \$1,358,356.11
- Notification Regarding Next Work Session – February 14, 2012
A discussion will be conducted on such business as may come before the Council.
- Consideration of Manistee Eagles St. Patrick's Day Wee Parade.
The Manistee Eagles Lodge Aerie 1765 has requested authorization to host a parade on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2012 beginning at 5:00 p.m. The parade route will be along Division Street from First Street to Lake Street and culminate in the Eagles Lodge parking lot.

MOTION by Haydon, second by Hornkohl to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Scrimger, Hornkohl, Haydon, Zaring, Adams, and Marshall
NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF MANISTEE COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN 2012-2017.

The 2012-2017 Community Recreation Plan has been available for public review and comment from October 28, 2011 through December 12, 2011 when it was adopted by the Parks and Beautification Commission. The plan was endorsed by the Planning Commission on January 5, 2012. Earlier tonight a public hearing was held on the plan.

MOTION by Hornkohl, second by Haydon to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a resolution adopting the Community Recreation Plan 2012-2017. Questions were asked whether maintenance costs of the parks should be added to the wish list and what the Council's commitment would be to these projects in the future. It was stated that this is a master plan, not a budget – not locked into anything.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Scrimger, Hornkohl, Haydon, Zaring, Adams, and Marshall
NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE Z11-09 TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE.

Faith Covenant Church made application to the Planning Commission to amend Section 1868 Place of Public Assembly of the Zoning Ordinance; the proposed ordinance amendment would read:

A large Place of Public Assembly shall front on and be accessed primarily from a key street segment, as defined here, ***unless it is located on a parcel of land with a minimum area of five (5) acres.***

A public hearing was held on October 6, 2011 after which the Planning Commission made a motion to recommend to City Council to amend the ordinance. This amendment was first introduced by Council at their meeting of December 6, 2011 and could be adopted this evening.

At their meeting of December 20, 2011 City Council requested additional information on this item. A presentation was made to Council at their January 10, 2012 work session on various zoning amendments.

MOTION by Marshall, second by Zaring to adopt Ordinance Z11-09 to the Zoning Ordinance. Discussion followed including the lack of a permit and whether it was needed; not their fault that zoning changed; maybe it should have been grandfathered in when the zoning changed in 2007; and the Planning Commission has recommended this and they are master planners, we are not.

After discussion, roll call was taken. Motion approved, 4-3.

AYES: Scrimger, Haydon, Zaring, and Marshall
NAYS: Kenny, Hornkohl, and Adams

CONSIDERATION OF DIXON / SKIERA PARCEL SPLIT & COMBINATION.

The City Planning Commission reviewed and recommends City Council's consideration for a parcel split and combination request from Dale & Kathy Dixon (Parcel 51-448-732-05) and Dennis & Julie Skiera (Parcels 51-448-279-03 & 51-448-729-15). Mr. & Mrs. Dixon wish to split Parcel A as shown on Abonmarche Survey Job No. 11-0613 and sell it to Dennis & Julie Skiera who will then combine it with their two parcels and create a new parcel.

MOTION by Hornkohl, second by Zaring to remove Parcel A from parcel #51-448-732-05, combine this parcel with #51-448-279-03 & #51-448-729-15; creating a new parcel as shown on Abonmarche Survey Job No. 11-0613.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Scrimger, Hornkohl, Haydon, Zaring, Adams, and Marshall
NAYS: None



**Parks & Beautification Commission
Resolution**

WHEREAS, the City of Manistee Parks and Beautification Commission is dedicated to the development of Recreation Facilities for the Community, and

WHEREAS, as part of the duties of the Parks and Beautification Commission is to inventory, oversee and make recommendations regarding the recreation opportunities to the City of Manistee, and

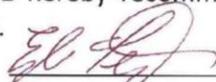
WHEREAS, to be able to apply for grants and funding to improve the Parks and Recreation Facilities in the City of Manistee a Community Recreation Plan must be submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Grants Management Division every five years, and

WHEREAS, a draft of the City of Manistee Community Recreation Plan was available for Public Review and Comment from October 28, 2011 through December 12, 2011, and

WHEREAS, the City of Manistee Parks and Beautification Commission held a Public Hearing on December 12, 2011 to allow Public Comments on the Proposed Plan,

WHEREAS, after the Public Hearing the Parks and Beautification Commission considered input received and determined the City of Manistee Community Recreation Plan to be complete.

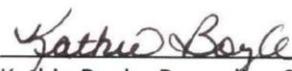
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Manistee Parks and Beautification Commission at their meeting of December 12, 2011 hereby recommends City Council adoption of the City of Manistee Recreation Plan 2012 -2017.


Ed Tegler, Chairman 12/12/11
City of Manistee Parks and Beautification Commission Dated

ATTEST:

I, Kathie Boyle, Recording Secretary of the City of Manistee Parks and Beautification Commission, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Parks and Beautification Commission at their meeting of December 12, 2011.

Yeas: Priscilla Rulison, Mark Tomaszewski, John Rozga Sr. Darci Scott, Ed Tegler
Nays: None
Absent: Ben Kubiak (Honorary Member), 2 Vacancies


Kathie Boyle, Recording Secretary 12-12-11
City of Manistee Parks & Beautification Commission Dated



Planning Commission Resolution

WHEREAS, a public comment session was held December 12, 2011, by the Parks and Beautification Commission in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee Michigan to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Community Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the development of the Recreation Plan is necessary to ensure the orderly development of Recreation opportunities for the Citizens of the Community as well as visitors, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commissioners received a copy of the Community Recreation Plan to review prior to their January Meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLEVED, the City of Manistee Planning Commission at their regularly scheduled meeting of January 5, 2012 hereby endorses the Community Recreation Plan of 2012 – 2017 for the City of Manistee

 *Roger Yoder* 01-05-2012

Roger Yoder, Chairman Dated
City of Manistee Planning Commission

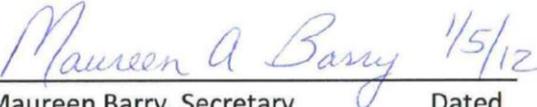
ATTEST:

I, Maureen Barry, Secretary of the City of Manistee Planning Commission, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Planning Commission at their meeting of January 5, 2012.

Yeas: Linda Albee, Maureen Barry, Bill Dean, Ray Fortier, Eric Gustad, Marlene McBride, Nathaniel Neider, Roger Yoder

Nays: None

Absent: Dave Crockett

 *Maureen A Barry* 1/5/12

Maureen Barry, Secretary Dated
City of Manistee Planning Commission



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January 23, 2012

Rob Carson
County Planner
415 Third Street
Manistee, MI 49660

RE: City of Manistee
Recreation Plan 2012 – 2017

Dear Mr. Carson:

The City of Manistee is pleased to furnish you a copy of our Recreation Plan 2012 – 2017. The plan is also available on the City of Manistee Web page at www.manisteemi.gov

If you have any comments please send them to us in writing and we ask that a copy also be sent to:

Grants Management
Michigan Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 30425
Lansing, MI 48909-7925

If you have any questions, please call me at 398-2805.

Sincerely,

CITY OF MANISTEE

Jon R. Rose
Community Development Director

JRR:djb

Enclosure



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Wastewater Plant
50 Ninth Street
231.723.1553



January 23, 2012

Elaine Wood
Chief Executive Officer
Northwest Michigan Council of Governments
P.O. Box 506
Traverse City, MI 49685-0506

RE: City of Manistee
Recreation Plan 2012 – 2017

Dear Ms. Wood:

The City of Manistee is pleased to forward a copy of our Recreation Plan 2012 – 2017 to our Regional Planning Agency. The plan is also available on the City of Manistee Web page at www.manisteemi.gov

If you have any comments please send them to us in writing and we ask that a copy also be sent to:

Grants Management
Michigan Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 30425
Lansing, MI 48909-7925

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Northwest Michigan Council of Governments for your service to our community. If you have any questions, please call me at 398-2805.

Sincerely,

CITY OF MANISTEE

Jon R. Rose
Community Development Director

JRR:djb

Enclosure



RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
LANSING



RODNEY A. STOKES
DIRECTOR

February 7, 2012

Mr. Jon R. Rose
Community Development Director
City of Manistee
P.O. Box 358
Manistee, MI 49660-0358

Dear Mr. Rose:

SUBJECT: City of Manistee Recreation Plan

Please find attached your copy of the recreation plan checklist recently submitted to our office for approval. Your recreation plan has been approved.

Your recreation plan will expire **December 31, 2017**.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Our address is: **Grants Management, Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 30425, Lansing, MI 48909-7925.**

Sincerely,

Christie Bayus, Grant Coordinator
Grants Management
517-335-2253
bayusc@michigan.gov

CB:lh
Attachment

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



Michigan Department of Natural Resources-Grants Management

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

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

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

All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans* provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). To be eligible for grant consideration, plans must be submitted to the DNR prior to the grant application deadline **with** a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan.

Name of Plan: City of Manistee Community Recreation Plan 2012 - 2017		
List the community names (including school districts) covered by the plan	County	Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body
City of Manistee	Manistee	January 2012
Manistee Area Public Schools CB	Manistee	January 2012
Manistee Catholic Central School CB	Manistee	January 2012
Trinity Lutheran School CB	Manistee	January 2012
Gasman Alternative Academy CB	Manistee	January 2012

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

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

6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

- Description of the Method(s) Used to Solicit Public Input Before or During Preparation of the Plan, Including a Copy of the Survey or Meeting Agenda and a Summary of the Responses Received
- Copy of the Notice of the Availability of the Draft Plan for Public Review and Comment
 - Date of the Notice October 28, November 14, December 3, 2011
 - Type of Notice Special Notice - Classified Ads
 - Plan Location City Hall, Library, City Web-Page
 - Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) 46 Days
- Copy of the Notice for the Public Meeting Held after the One Month Public Review Period and Before the Plan's Adoption by the Governing Body(ies)
 - Date of Notice January 6, 2012
 - Name of Newspaper Manistee News Advocate
 - Date of Meeting January 17, 2012
- Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

8. ACTION PROGRAM

Plans **must** be adopted by the highest level *governing body* (i.e., city council, county commission, township board). If planning is the responsibility of a Planning Commission, Park and Recreation Commission, Recreation Advisory Board or other local Board or Commission, the plan should **also** include a resolution from the Board or Commission recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body.

The local unit of government must submit the final plan to both the County and Regional Planning Agency for their information. Documentation that this was done must be submitted with the plan to the DNR.

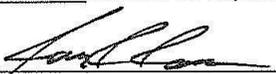
Items 1, 3 and 4 below are **required** and must be included in the plan.

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

- 1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: January 17, 2012
- 2. Official resolution of the Parks & Beautification Commission/Planning Commission Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: December 12, 2011/January 5, 2012
- 3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: January 23, 2012
- 4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: January 23, 2012

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

I hereby certify that the recreation plan for
 the City of Manistee _____ includes the required content, as indicated
 (Local Unit of Government)
 above and as set forth by the DNR.


 Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government January 23, 2012
 Date

This completed checklist must be signed and submitted with a locally adopted recreation plan to:

**GRANTS MANAGEMENT
 MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
 PO BOX 30425
 LANSING, MI 48909-7925**

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 MICHIGAN DNR
 GRANTS MANAGEMENT

The recreation plan is approved by the DNR and the community (ies) covered by the plan, as listed on page 1 of this checklist is/are eligible to apply for recreation grants through

December 31, 2017
 Date

By: Christy Rays 2/7/12
 Grants Management Date