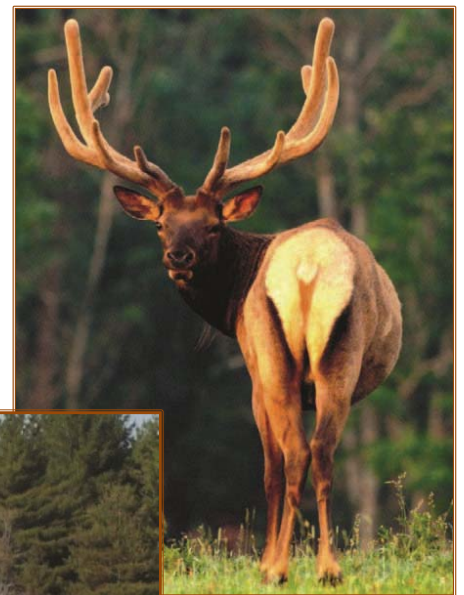


HILLMAN AREA RECREATION PLAN

2020-2024



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Hillman Township**
Montmorency County, Michigan

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Joint Recreation
Plan
2020 - 2024**

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CHAPTER 1: COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Extent of Plan Focus

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

Location and Regional Setting

The Village of Hillman and Hillman Township are located in the Northeastern Lower Peninsula of Michigan in east central Montmorency County (**Map 1 – Regional Location**). The Township is bordered by Montmorency Township to the north, Briley Township to the west, Avery and Rust Townships to the south, and Green and Wellington Townships in Alpena County to the east. The Village of Hillman lies on the eastern edge of Hillman Township and is surrounded by the Township with the exception of a small portion that extends into Green Township in Alpena County. The Township comprises a total area of 68.9 square miles including the 1.75 square miles that is the Village of Hillman.

The latitude of the Village of Hillman is 45°3'N approximately halfway between the North Pole and the equator. The Village is located in a rural area with abundant natural resources and recreational opportunities.

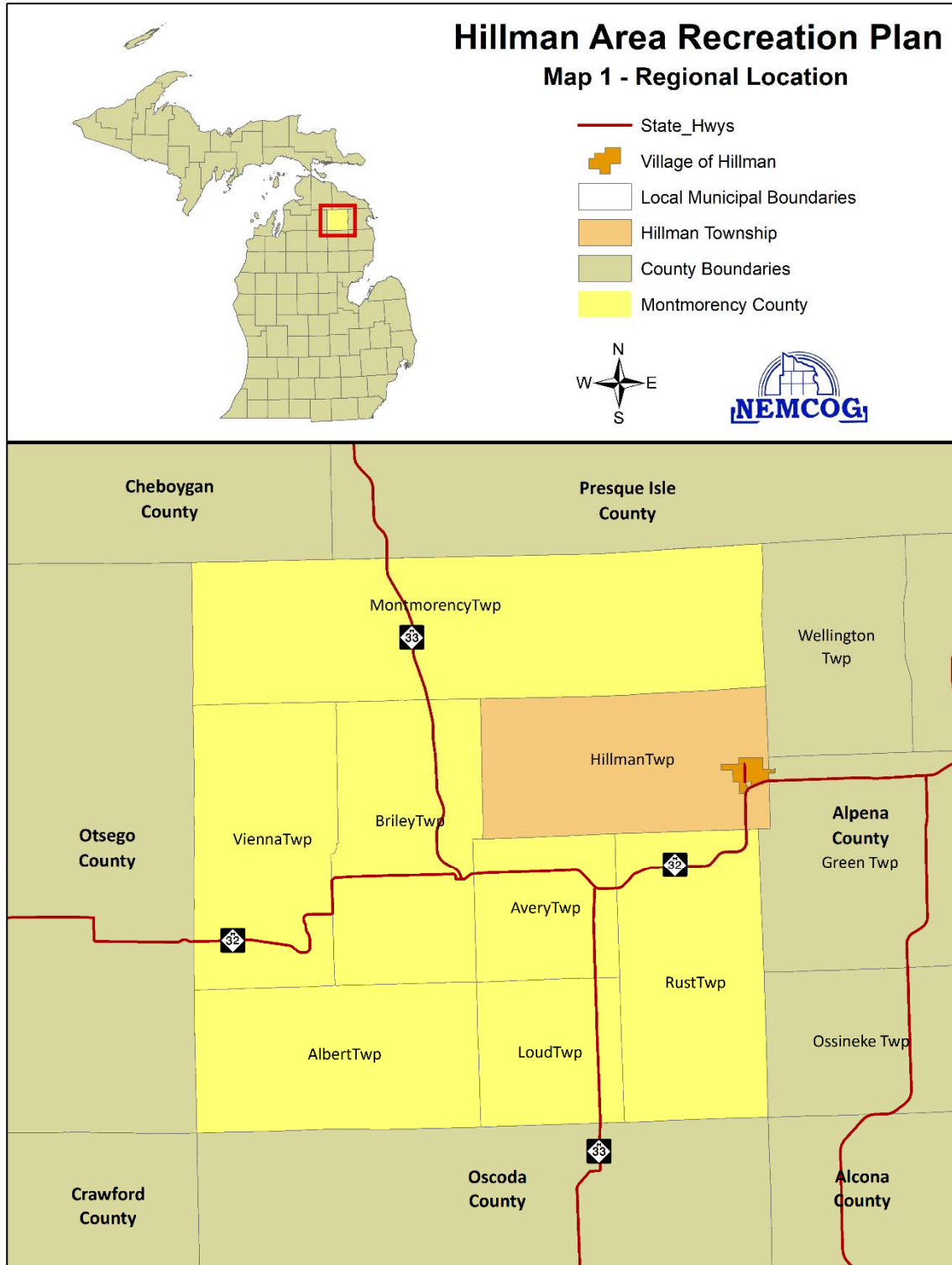
Transportation

State Highway M-32 runs along the southern border of the Village though the southeastern corner of the Township. The highway is a primary east/west trunkline connecting US-31 in Antrim County to US-23 in Alpena County. This highway also connects to the north/south State Highway M-33 from Avery Township to the southwest and in Briley Township to the north where it continues on to Onaway and Cheboygan. County Road 451, County Road 624 and Pleasant Valley Road are the primary roads within the area.

Public Transportation is offered by Thunder Bay Transportation Authority, a three-county transit system. There is no railroad access in the Village or Township. The Hillman Airport, located two miles northwest of the Village of Hillman in eastern Hillman Township, is a public airport owned by the Village. The airport has a 3,400' paved runway and a second 2,200' grass strip.

Hillman Area Recreation Plan

Map 1 - Regional Location



Population

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the population of Hillman Township in 2010 was 2,175 persons with a median age of 50. This represents a decrease of 4.1% from the 2000 census. These census numbers include the Village of Hillman, which according to the 2010 census had a population of 701 persons with a median age of 51.4. This represents an increase of 2.3% from the 2000 Census.

Climate

The Hillman Area's climate is humid continental and is not strongly influenced by the Great Lakes. The average temperature for the area is 43.05 degrees Fahrenheit. The county has generally cold winters, cool springs, moderately warm summers, and cool falls. These distinct seasons provide ample opportunities for a wide range of outdoor recreational activities. Snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, and ice fishing are just some of the area's popular winter sports, and summertime activities, such as swimming, boating, fishing, hiking, and camping can be enjoyed when the weather turns warm. Spring-time brings out the mushroom hunters and bird watchers, while many await the autumn months for hunting and fall color tours.

The average annual precipitation is 24.9 inches with approximately 60% of the precipitation falling between April and September. The temperature ranges between 19°F and 67°F in the spring and between 51°F and 80°F in the summer. The frost dates for the Hillman area are typically June 10 to September 8. The average annual snowfall is 96 inches, and on average, 129 days of the year have at least one inch of snow on the ground, however, the number of days varies each year. The temperature ranges between 16°F and 56°F in the fall and between 9°F to 30°F in the winter.

Geology

The general geology of the Hillman area is consistent with that of the entire northern lower peninsula of Michigan. Surface conditions are the product of continental glaciation with a bedrock geology of sedimentary rock underlying the glacial surface features.

The bedrock geology of the area was established during the Paleozoic Era some 250 to 600 million years ago by shallow marine seas that deposited layers of silt, clay, and other calcareous materials to form shale, limestone and dolomite bedrock. This bedrock is located anywhere from 40 to 500 feet below the surface. The sedimentary bedrock type through Hillman Township is predominately Antrim Shale with small areas of Barea Sandstone and Bedford Shale, Sunbury Shale, and Coldwater Shale in the south central portion of the Township. Antrim Shale contains rich deposits of natural gas that has resulted in numerous producing wells in the Township and throughout the region.

The surface features of the area were developed 10,000 to 12,000 years ago through continental glaciation. The numerous glacial advances and retreats across the region formed a complex pattern of erosion and depositional features. These features include coarse textured

glacial fill in the southwest, glacial outwash sand and gravel in the northern and central, and end morains of medium textured till in the east. The numerous lakes, streams and wetlands are a result of the glacial activity.

Topography

The Village of Hillman and Hillman Township occupies part of an old lake plain that covers the northeastern portion of Montmorency County. The land in this area is level or gently rolling, but contains numerous wet swales, ponds and higher patches of sand. Elevations range from 700 to 900 feet. Antrim Shale covers the majority of the Hillman area with small pockets of Sunbury Shale and Thunder Bay Limestone located in the southwest and northeast.

Soils

The soils in the Hillman area are also a product of the glacial history and consist primarily of medium and coarse textured glacial till or sand and gravel outwash. The majority of the Township is sand or loamy sand, but transitions to a silt loam on the eastern edge of the Township. As can be expected, areas of hydric soils are located along and near the Thunder Bay River, creeks and streams, and in the proximity of lakes and larger ponds. These areas are primarily muck and mucky sand.

Water Resources

The Hillman area is blessed with many clean lakes and streams (**Map 2 – Water Resources**), which provide ample opportunities for fishing, swimming, and small craft boating. The chief source of water for Hillman is the Thunder Bay River, which flows through the southeast corner of the Township and through the Village from the southwest to the northeast. Brush Creek, a major tributary, begins in the northwestern part of the Township and flows eastward intersecting the Thunder Bay River near the center of town. Both the Thunder Bay River and Brush Creek are controlled by dams, and the impoundment on Brush Creek is another important water resource for the Village. Anchor Creek flows from the northeastern border of Hillman Township to the eastern edge of the Village of Hillman. Miller Creek flows through the south central portion of Hillman Township before it flows into the Thunder Bay River.

Lake Avalon is the largest lake within the Township. Ess Lake lies on the northern border of the Township extending into Montmorency Township. The south end of Long Lake and the Long Lake Narrows lie within the Township and extend into Montmorency Township as well. Other lakes within the area include: Voyer Lake, Sucker Lake, Sportsmen Lake, Coopers Pond, Beaver Lake, and Lake Hiawatha, also known as Brush Lake, which Brush Creek flows through.

Groundwater is generally available in adequate quantities throughout Montmorency County. Four-inch wells in glacial drift will yield 10 to 15 gallons of water per minute. Availability of groundwater in bedrock is not very productive since only 10 or less gallons per minute can be expected from bedrock throughout the County. Depth to groundwater averages 30 to 40 feet.

State of Michigan Land

State land covers a large tract of land in Hillman Township (**Map 3 – State Owned Land**). The Atlanta State Forest Area of the Mackinaw State Forest is a 280,000 acre forested area that is located in Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Alpena, and Montmorency Counties. The forest is owned by the State of Michigan and operated by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Approximately 17,000 acres of the Atlanta State Forest are included in Hillman Township.

Wetlands and Woodlands

A wetland is land that is permanently or very seasonally flooded and are often referred to as marshes, bogs, and swamps. Wetlands in the Hillman area generally follow the river and stream corridors with small pothole wetlands scattered across the landscape.

The forest lands of the area are predominantly upland forests consisting of aspen, oak, mixed pine, and northern hardwoods (sugar maple, beech, and basswood). Lowland conifer forests mostly follow the stream corridors and contain northern white cedar, black spruce and eastern tamarack.

The forests of Northern Michigan provide important raw materials for local industries including pulpwood, fuel chips, saw logs, firewood, Christmas boughs and sap for maple syrup.

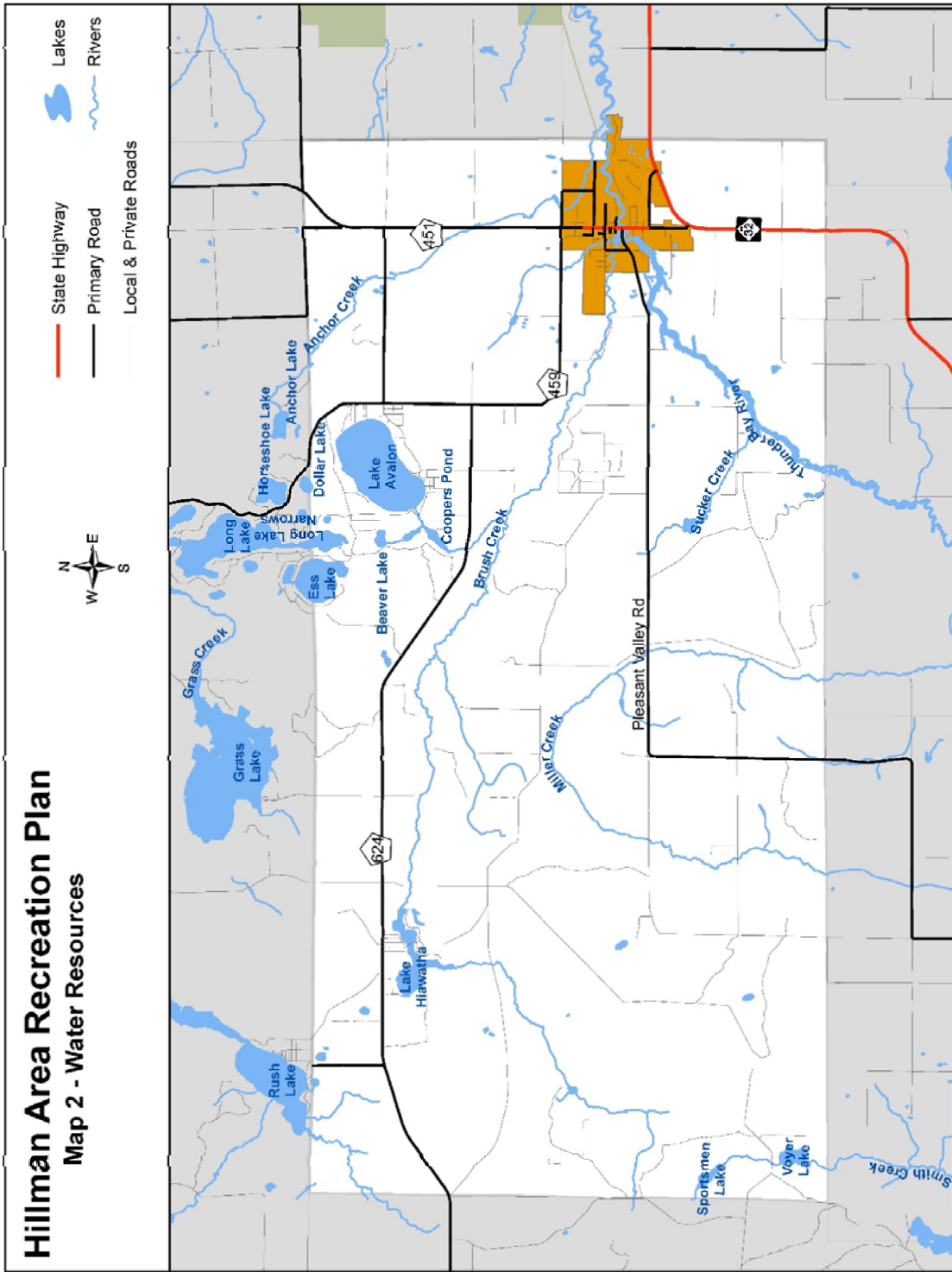
Fish and Wildlife

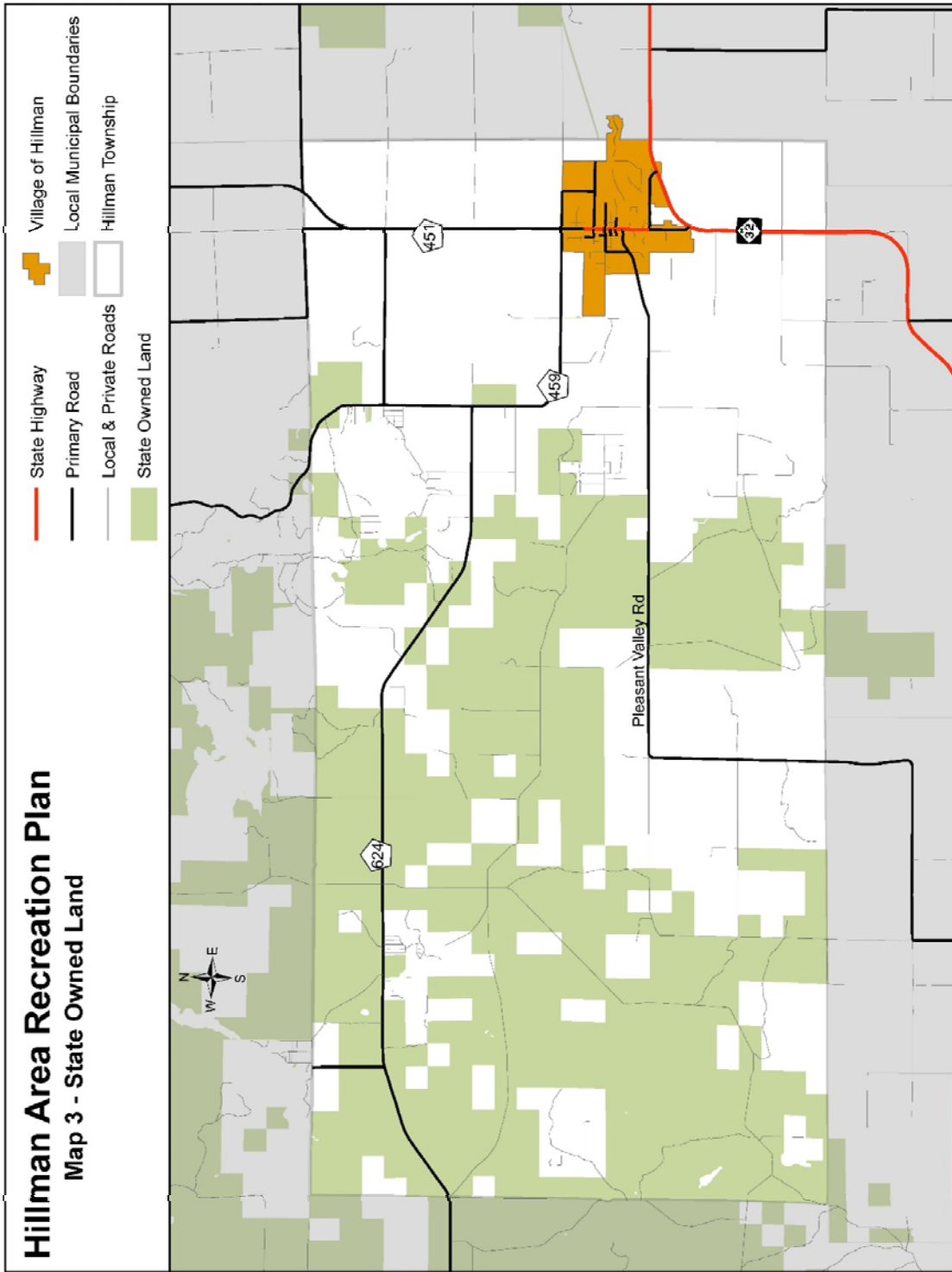
The Hillman area's topography, climate, water resources, and diverse forest land provide the basis for extensive fish and wildlife habitat. The fishing and hunting resources in the area are an important component of the local economy with many people traveling to the area to enjoy the high quality resources. Visitors also enjoy hayrides and sleigh rides to view the area's elk.

Sport fishing on area lakes and streams is an important component of the area's recreation and economic activity. Game fish species found in the river and streams include: brown and rainbow trout, northern pike, largemouth and smallmouth bass, walleye, yellow perch, bullhead, and various panfish species. Designated trout waters mean resident populations of trout are supported. Miller Creek yields brook, brown and some rainbow trout. Additionally, perch, smallmouth bass, pan fish, walleye, pike and bluegills are found in the area's numerous lakes.

The forested and wetland regions of the Hillman area provide habitat for numerous species of birds and mammals typical of the forested ecosystems of northern Michigan. Game species include elk, white-tail deer, black bear, wild turkey, ruffed grouse, woodcock, and snowshoe hare. Non-game species include fox, woodchuck, beaver, porcupine, raccoon, opossum, skunk, coyote, bald eagle, and many songbirds and waterfowl.

Numerous threatened and endangered species occur within the Thunder Bay River basin. These include Kirtland's Warbler, osprey, caspian tern, common loon, lake sturgeon, channel darter, black sedge, fairy slipper, dwarf lake iris, and pine drops.





CHAPTER 2: ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Village of Hillman Administration

The Village of Hillman operates under an administrative structure consisting of a President, Clerk-Treasurer, Manager and four Trustees. The President and Trustees are chosen by registered voters of the Village in an at-large election held every four years for Trustees, and every two years for the President. Parks and recreation facilities are under the direct control and responsibility of the Village Council. The Village of Hillman Planning Commission is directly responsible for developing the Recreation Plan.

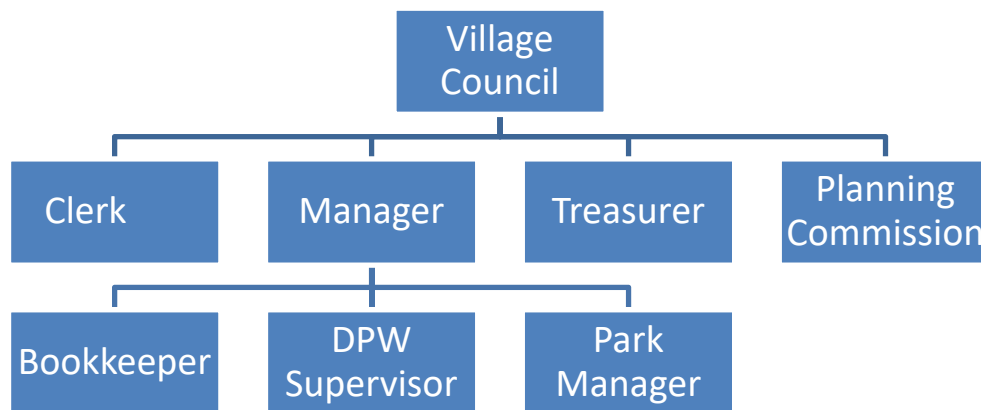
Village of Hillman Elected Officials

- Myron McIntire, President
- Brenda South, Clerk/Treasurer
- Wilbur Funk, Trustee
- Johnathon Smith, Trustee
- Bruce Brown, Trustee
- Velma Brown, Trustee

Village of Hillman Staff

- Dave Post, Manager
- Janet McMurray, Secretary/Bookkeeper
- John Burr, Sr., DPW Supervisor
- Thomas Hunt, Park Manager

Village of Hillman Organizational Chart



Parks & Recreation Staff

The Village of Hillman does not employ an official director for the parks program. The Village employs a seasonal part-time park manager and a seasonal part-time laborer position. The parks and recreational facilities are under direct control of the Village Council. The Parks and Recreation Department is overseen by the Village Manager, and day-to-day operations are the responsibility of the park manager and a part-time seasonal employee. The Village of Hillman DPW staff does occasionally assist with maintenance activities. Larger maintenance and construction projects are contracted on an as-needed basis.

Hillman Township Administration

Hillman Township is governed by an elected Board of Trustees consisting of a Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, and two Trustees. These positions are chosen by registered voters of the Township in an at-large election held every four years. The Board of Trustees is responsible to make recreation decisions concerning land acquisition, recreation planning, recreational property maintenance, and financial accommodations. The board has delegated some its responsibilities to an appointed Park Committee to manage the affairs at each of its recreation sites. The committee provides input on recreational planning and provides some oversight of the day-to-day maintenance and operation of recreation facilities. The Hillman Township Planning Commission is directly responsible for developing the Recreation Plan.

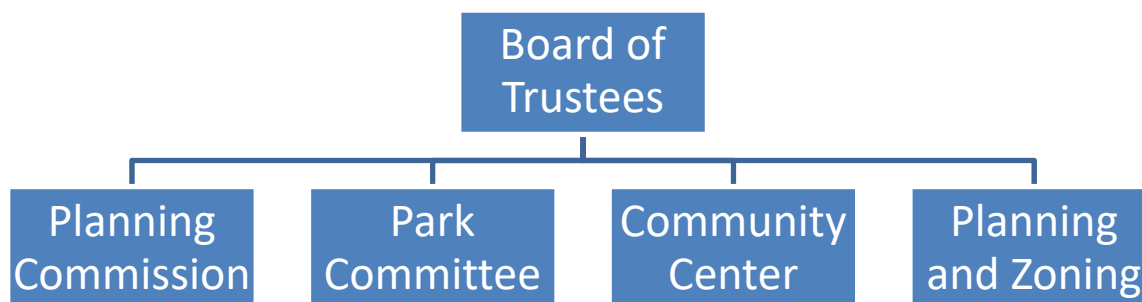
Hillman Township Elected Officials

Charles Manning, Supervisor
Pam Achatz, Clerk
Jody Vanderveer, Treasurer
Mike Achatz, Trustee
John Burr, Trustee

Other Township Personnel

Pam Schaudt, Community Center Manager
Stephen Orlandi, Zoning Administrator
Garry Boldrey Jr., Assessor
Peggy Boldrey, Deputy Assessor

Hillman Township Organizational Chart



Parks & Recreation Staff

Hillman Township employs a part-time Community Center Manager that oversees the day-to-day maintenance and activities at the Community Center. The Township also employs one or two part-time seasonal maintenance staff to perform general maintenance at Tournament/Tiger Paw Park. Snowplowing at the Community Center is contracted. Larger maintenance and construction projects are contracted on an as-needed basis.

Planning Commissions

Planning Commission members are intended to represent a broad spectrum of community interests including recreation, commerce, agriculture, government, education, transportation, etc. Planning members may come from many walks of life, but all contribute their time and

talents to the local planning process. In addition to the direct responsibility of preparing the Master Plan and Recreation Plan, the Planning Commission is charged with reviewing development projects as they are proposed.

The Village of Hillman Planning Commission is a five-member body serving three-year staggered terms. The Village Planning Commission is currently comprised of:

John Post	Margaret Kirby
Joe Buschey	Steve Orlandi
Myron McIntire	

The Hillman Township Planning Commission is a five-member body serving three-year staggered terms. The Township Planning Commission is currently comprised of:

Steve Orlandi	Roger Funk
Sharon Young	Mike Achatz
Paul Rose	

Programming

There is no formal existing recreation programming in the Village of Hillman. The Brush Creek Mill does offer various activities such as Music at the Mill, Open Mic Night, Applefest, Mill River Days, and occasional cornhole tournaments. The Village in partnership with Hillman Community Radio, a local low power FM community radio station, has begun sponsoring summer concerts at the new Emerick Park Bandspace.

Hillman Township sponsors summer youth activities at Tiger Paw Park. The activities include such things as an outdoor family movie night, a Crime Scene Investigation Day, field trips, archery classes, painting, nature walks, wildlife biology, fire safety day, and treasure hunts to name a few. Additionally, private groups and organizations such as Little League sponsor activities in the township.

Relationship with Other Agencies & Role of Volunteers

Whenever possible, the Village of Hillman and Hillman Township work jointly and pool resources with other agencies and organizations to undertake community projects. This has the dual effect of maximizing resources while at the same time benefiting a greater share of the population.

The Village and Township also depend on their community volunteers. These are dedicated individuals and businesses who time and again come forward to assist with community projects. Community volunteers donate money, time, and materials for many community improvement and maintenance projects at recreational facilities. Volunteers often form a committee that spearheads an effort to implement a community project.

The Village of Hillman works closely with the Brush Creek Mill Board. The Village owns the building and property, but the Mill is run by Brush Creek Mill Board. Together they sponsor many

activities at the Mill.

Hillman Township maintains a working relationship with several groups and agencies in offering summer youth activities at Tiger Paw Park. Agencies include the Hillman Fire Department, Montmorency County Sheriff's Department, Department of Natural Resources, MSU Extension, Montmorency Conservation District and many local businesses.

Both the Village and Township work with Hillman Community Radio (HCR). HCR is an FCC licensed low power FM community radio station. The station operates out of a building owned by the Township, and has its antenna located on the Village water tower. HCR and the Village have begun co-sponsoring concerts at the newly constructed band shell at Emerick Park.

Hillman Area Little League (HALL) partners with both the Village and Township. Currently HALL operates out of Hillman Township Tournament Park. HALL provides some maintenance activities to the ball fields. They also rent the concession stand from the Township during the baseball season. HALL has a 99-year lease with the Village for the development of the Youth Sports Complex currently under development.

Finances/Park & Recreation Maintenance: Current Funding

Funds for maintaining, improving, or acquiring recreational facilities in both the Village and Township are appropriated from their respective General Fund.

The Village of Hillman does generate revenue through pavilion rental and campground fees at Emerick Park. That funding is allocated to a parks and recreation line item within their general fund budget. The parks and recreation budget item is further supplemented with the addition of other general fund dollars. The Village occasionally supplements parks and recreation through other budget items as needed. The Village of Hillman Parks and Recreation Budget can be seen in **Table 2.1**.

Hillman Township also generates a small amount of revenue from some park activities fees and pavilion and concessions building rental. That funding is dedicated to appropriate recreational budget line items. The Township then further supplements recreational budget items with general fund dollars. The Township occasionally supplements recreations with other budget line items as necessary. The Township also has a budget line item for the Hillman Community Center. A portion of that item supports recreation as well. The Hillman Township recreational budget can be seen in **Table 2.2**.

Table 2.1 - Village of Hillman Parks & Recreation Budget			
	Prior Year Actual	Current Year Amended	Current Year Estimate
Revenues			
Park Pavilion Rental	\$1,000	\$750	\$750
Campground Fees	\$15,786	\$15,000	\$15,000
Total Revenues	\$16,786	\$15,750	\$15,750
Expenditures			
Parks and Recreation			
- Salaries, Permanent Employees	\$3,763	\$6,000	\$6,000
- Salaries, Temporary Employees	\$19,936	\$13,000	\$14,000
- Social Security (Local Share)	\$1,813	\$1,454	\$1,500
- MESC Contribution	\$28	\$500	\$500
- Workers Compensation	\$367	\$400	\$400
- Utilities-Elec, Water, Sewer, Gas	\$4,465	\$4,500	\$4,500
- Repairs and Maintenance	\$4,279	\$3,000	\$3,000
- Vehicle & Equipment Rentals	\$2,890	\$1,500	\$1,500
- Miscellaneous Expense	\$1,191	\$1,600	\$1,600
- Land Improvements	\$14,509	\$1,000	\$1,000
- Building Improvements	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
- Riverfront Development	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
- Playground Equipment	\$0	\$400	\$400
Total: Parks and Recreation	\$53,241	\$35,354	\$36,400

Table 2.2 - Hillman Township Recreation Budget		
	Prior Year Actual	Current Year Estimate
Revenues		
Park Children's Activities	\$3,047	\$2,000
Township Park	\$2,500	\$849
Total Revenues	\$5,547	\$2,849
Expenditures		
Village Streetscape & Trail	\$2,443	\$1,000
Park Committee	\$22,126	\$63,500
Park Activities Planner	\$1,873	\$3,000
Park - Children's Activities	\$4,082	\$6,500
Total Expenditures	\$30,524	\$74,000

CHAPTER 3: RECREATION INVENTORY

An inventory of recreation facilities available in the Village of Hillman and Hillman Township was completed and includes Village of Hillman owned facilities, Hillman Township owned facilities, other public-owned facilities, and privately-owned facilities. The Village of Hillman and Hillman Township owned facilities were evaluated for barrier-free accessibility. A description of the barrier free accessibility rating criteria is provided below.

Inventory Procedures

The methods used by NEMCOG staff to compile this recreational inventory include verification and compilation of information from the previous recreation plans, information provided by Village and Township officials, and site visits. Compiled information was compared to existing information to ensure consistency and/or accuracy.

Accessibility Assessments - An assessment of the accessibility of each park to people with disabilities. This assessment must consider the accessibility of both the facilities themselves (as appropriate), as well as the access routes to them. The barrier-free accessibility information and sources of assistance given in appendices B and D of the MDNR Recreation Plan Guidelines document should be consulted when making this assessment. At a minimum, use the following ranking system for each park:

- 1 = none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 2 = some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 3 = most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 4 = the entire park meets accessibility guidelines
- 5 = the entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design

Village of Hillman Owned Recreational Properties

Brush Creek Mill



The property and building are owned by the Village, but the Mill is operated by the Brush Creek Mill Board. The green-built Mill is air tight and features solar power, water wheel power and is working towards geo-thermal heating. The Mill houses the museum, local crafts and art for sale, an educational room and a meeting room. The Mill organizes several events that draw people to the Mill and the Hillman area such as live music, Mill River Days, Applefest, Quilt Days and Christmas Tree Festival.

Type: Special Use

Barrier Free Accessibility: 3 - Most of the park areas meet accessibility guidelines.

Brush Creek Mill Area

The lot in front of the Mill is a recreational area that offers picnic tables and benches. Fishing along the river bank is allowed. Wheelchairs can fit up to the picnic tables.



Type: Mini-Park

Barrier Free Accessibility: 2 - Some of the park areas meet accessibility guidelines.

Brush Creek Park

The approximately 2-acre park adjacent to the Brush Creek Mill is a recreational area that offers picnic tables and benches. Fishing along the Brush Creek millpond is allowed. Wheelchairs can fit up to the picnic tables. A trailhead has been established. Final plans include the further development of the trailhead and the addition of other amenities.

Type: Mini-Park

Barrier Free Accessibility: 3 - Most of the park areas meet accessibility guidelines.

Emerick Park

This 22 site campground sits on 25 acres within Village limits. The park offers camping, picnicking, playground, two pavilions, regulation horseshoe pits, boat launch, dock, fishing access, showers and restrooms, a family/group campsite with pavilion, and a bandspace. Three campsites are paved and meet ADA standards as do the restroom and showers. Some of the picnic tables are handicap accessible.



Type: Community Park

Barrier Free Accessibility: 3 - Most of the park areas meet accessibility guidelines.

Pineview Park

This 2.8-acre park is located behind the Senior Citizen Center on Pineview Court. This Village owned property offers walking paths, a foot bridge, benches and shuffleboard.

Type: Mini-Park

Barrier Free Accessibility: 3 – Most of the park areas meet accessibility guidelines.

Hillman Township Owned Recreational Properties

Tournament Park

This 40-acre park is owned by Hillman Township. It offers three softball fields, a concession stand, a playground and an expanded parking area. A bike path owned by the Village runs from Tournament Park west along E. Progress Street to State Street. A snowmobile trail heads along this route into town in the winter. It is maintained by the Snowmobile Association.

Type: Neighborhood Park

Barrier Free Accessibility: 4 – The entire park meets accessibility guidelines.

Tiger Paw Park

Located in Tournament Park, this community sponsored Boundless Playground is an extraordinary playground where all children, with and without disabilities, can develop essential skills for life as they learn together through play.



Type: Mini-Park

Barrier Free Accessibility: 5 – The entire park was developed using the principals of universal design.

Hillman Community Center



The 10,000 square foot Community Center is owned and operated by Hillman Township. The Village and Township offices are housed there along with meeting rooms. Roller-skating is the key recreational activity offered. The center is available for wedding receptions, craft shows and organizational dinners (Ducks Unlimited, White Tails Unlimited, and the Fireman’s Ball).

Type: Special Use

Barrier Free Accessibility: 4 – The entire park meets accessibility guidelines.

Other Publicly Owned Recreational Facilities

Senior Citizens Center

This facility provides meals, meetings, crafts for the Senior Citizens. Exercise and dance classes are open to the public in general. This non-profit facility is run by the Montmorency Commission on Aging and the local board.



Hillman Community School District

The school provides indoor and outdoor recreation opportunities with playgrounds, baseball fields, outdoor basketball courts, track, practice fields, football fields, restrooms, concession stands and a gym. The buildings provide meeting rooms, places for indoor adult recreation and tournaments.



Hillman Wright Library



The library is open six days a week offering books, movies and CDs to residents. Computer and internet access is available. Recreational activities include story time for toddlers ages 1-5 years, arts and crafts for children 5-17 years, and adult arts and crafts classes. The library also has reading and writing clubs.

Youth Sports Complex

Hillman Area Little League has a 99-year lease with the Village of Hillman to develop and operate this 18-acre site. A storage barn and two ball fields have been completed with a third ball field under construction. The site development has been all locally funded. Final plans include the addition of a soccer field, press boxes, restrooms and concessions, and parking areas.

Alpena to Hillman Trail

The Alpena to Hillman Trailhead is in Alpena. It follows state land to Hillman. The trail comes down the side of Progress Street past Tournament Park to State Street. The trail then heads down Caring Street to Pineview Park and back onto state land and other trails. The trail is managed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The trail offers opportunities for snowmobiling, and hiking (some sections impassable for mountain bikers).

Brush Creek Snowmobile Trail

The trailhead is located west of Hillman in the Thunder Bay River State Forest. The trail runs 30 miles to M-33 north of Atlanta. The Alpena to Hillman Trail connects to it southwest of the trailhead. The trail is managed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The trail offers opportunities for snowmobiling, and hiking (some sections impassable for mountain bikers).

Ess Lake State Forest Campground

Located approximately six miles northwest of the Village in Hillman Township, this State-owned five-acre facility offers rustic camping with 27 campsites, boating, fishing, swimming, and picnic area.

Lake Avalon

Michigan Department of Natural Resources owns a public access site with boat launch and beach on County Road 459, five miles north of the Village of Hillman.

Long Lake

Michigan Department of Natural Resources owns a public access boat launch off North Shore Drive seven miles north of the Village of Hillman.

Michigan Department of Transportation – Roadside Park

The State of Michigan has more than 80 scenic roadside parks located primarily on rural state highways. Located in Rust Township on M-32, the Robert P. Zelski Roadside Park is a nicely wooded reststop that features a fresh water well, picnic facilities and restrooms with vault toilets.

Fletcher’s Flood Waters

Michigan Department of Natural Resources owns public access for boats on Jack’s Landing Road, five miles east of the Village of Hillman in Green Township, Alpena County.

Grass Lake

Michigan Department of Natural Resources owns a public access boat launch ten miles northwest of the Village of Hillman in Montmorency Township.

Privately Owned Recreational Facilities

Northern Shore Lodge

Located off North Shore Drive, this retreat offers 9 bedrooms and baths, living room, recreation room, kitchen and dining room, swimming, boating and fishing with access to Long and Ess Lakes.

Thunder Bay Golf Resort

Located within the Village of Hillman is an 18-hole public golf course. Along with golfing, the resort offers elk-viewing sleigh rides with a gourmet dinner, quilt retreats, wine tasting events and murder mystery weekends.

Hillman Sportsman Club

Located three miles north of Hillman in the northeast corner of the Township, this facility is an outdoor shooting range for rifle and handguns at 25, 50, and 100 yards.

Sorenson’s Grass Lake Resort

Located 11 miles northwest of Hillman in Montmorency Township, this resort has cottage rentals, 27 campsites, electric, water, modern restrooms, playground, boat and motor rental, and covered pavilion.

Good Times Family Campground

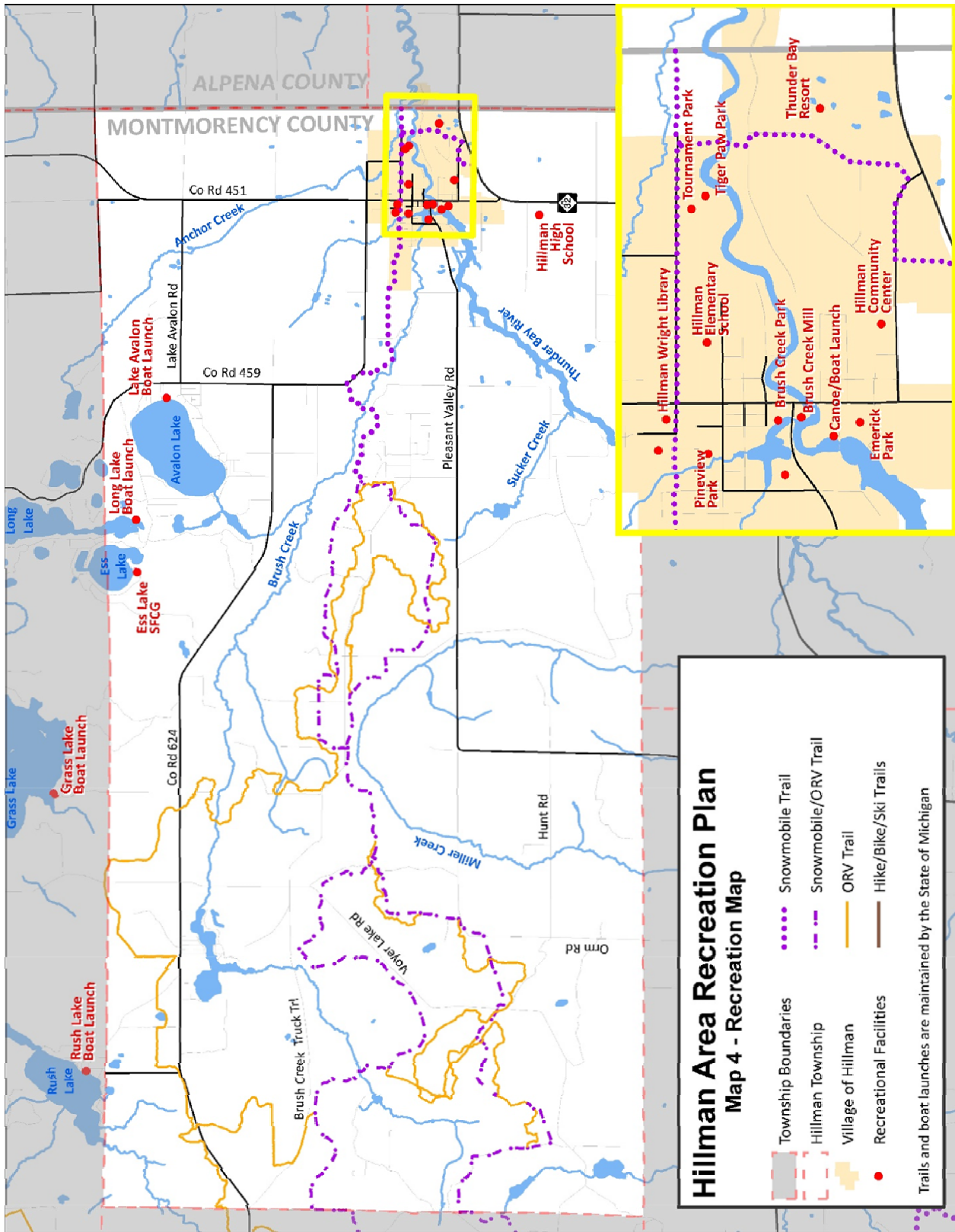
Located south of the Hillman area in Rust Township, this facility has rustic and modern campsites, and cabins available for rent. The campground offers fishing, and boat and pontoon rentals.

Killion's Landing

Located seven miles southeast of the Village of Hillman in Green Township, Alpena County, this resort offers modern campsites, cabins and boat rentals on the shores of Fletcher's Floodwaters.

Jack's Landing Resort/The Hideaway at Jack's Landing

Located seven miles east of the Village of Hillman in Green Township, Alpena County, it offers restaurant and bar, hotel rooms, 30 campsites with electric, sewer, modern restrooms, swimming, playground, boat/canoe rental, fishing bait store, rental cabins, and ice shanty rentals.



Status Report on Grant-Assisted Recreational Facilities

The Village of Hillman has received and successfully completed five grants through the DNR recreation grant funds program. They were in 1973, 1977, 1978, 1997 and 2006.

Table 3.1 – Village of Hillman Recreation Grant Status			
Grant #	Park Name	Scope Item	Current Condition
26-00454	Hillman Emerick Park	Added a shelter and restroom to the park.	Shelter is still in use. The restroom was converted to a maintenance facility after a new restroom/shower facility was constructed.
26-00996	Hillman Emerick Park Development	Shower rooms added to existing restroom building in the park.	Deemed obsolete and converted to a maintenance facility after a new restroom/shower facility was constructed.
26-01060 T3	Pineview Park	Acquired 2.8 acres of land and built 2 shuffleboard courts, a storage shed, security light and landscaping.	The storage shed was deemed obsolete and removed. Remainder of park is in good condition and actively used.
TF97-048	Emerick Park Project	Construct new modern, ADA accessible restrooms and showers.	Facility is in good condition and widely used. The Village continues to expand the park and amenities. A family/group campsite with pavilion, regulation horseshoe pits, and a band shell are recent additions.
TF06-053	Brush Creek Dam and Millpond Acquisition	Acquisition of approximately 1.5 acres with 200 feet of frontage on Brush Creek Millpond.	The Village has since added benches, picnic tables, and garbage receptacles with plans for further development.

Hillman Township has received and successfully completed two grants through the DNR recreation grant funds program. They were in 1994 and 2000.

Table 3.2 – Hillman Township Recreation Grant Status			
Grant #	Park Name	Scope Item	Current Condition
TF94-115	Williams Tournament Park	Acquire 18.5 acres with existing ballfield complex and 395 feet frontage on Thunder Bay River.	Facility is in good condition and widely used. The Township continues to add amenities. The ball fields are currently being partially reconditioned and new dugouts constructed.
CM00-031	Tournament Park Development	Construct a multi-use restroom and picnic pavilion.	Facility is in good condition and widely used. The Township continues to add amenities. The ball fields are currently being partially reconditioned and new dugouts constructed.

Regional Recreation Surrounding the Village of Hillman and Hillman Township

Residents of the Village of Hillman and Hillman Township can also utilize recreational facilities outside of the village and the township. Listed below are the public and private recreational facilities in the vicinity of both the village and township. Complete information on all public and private recreational facilities can be found in the appropriate township and village recreation plans.

Avery Township	
Public	Private
Avery Park	

Briley Township	
Public	Private
Lake Fifteen Boat Launch	Win-Sands Motel
DeCheau Lake Boat Launch	Maple Valley Stable
Twin Lake Boat Launch	
Crooked Lake Boat Launches	
Clear Lake-Jackson Lake Pathway	
High Country Pathway	
Briley Township Recreation Area	
Briley Township Park	
Davis Field	
Atlanta Senior Citizens Center	
Atlanta Community Schools	
Montmorency County Fairgrounds	
Jackson Lake State Forest Campground	
Elk Trail	

Montmorency Township	
Public	Private
Rush Lake Public Access	Canada Creek Ranch
Clear Lake State Park	Sorenson's Grass Lake Resort
Clear Lake State Park Trail	St. John Lutheran Church
Clear Lake-Jackson Lake Pathway	
Town Corner Lake SFCG	
Grass Lake Public Access	
Elk Trail	
High Country Pathway	

Rust Township	
Public	Private
Rust Township Hall	The Hideaway at Jack's Landing
Grass Lake Boat Launch	Lyons Landing (currently for sale)
Fletchers Floodwaters	Good Times Family Campground
MDOT Robert P. Zelski Roadside Park	

Wellington Township, Alpena County	
Public	Private
Wellington Township Hall	
Mackinaw State Forest	

Green Township, Alpena County	
Public	Private
Green Township Ball Park	Bradley's Paradise Lodge Resort
Green Township Fire Hall	Upper South Dam
Green Township Hall	Moore's Landing Campground
Manning Hill Park	Killions Landing
Fletcher Pond – MDNR Access Site	Jack's Landing Resort/The Hideaway at Jack's Landing
Mackinaw State Forest	Fletcher's Landing

Ossineke Township, Alpena County	
Public	Private
Hubbard Lake Lions Park	
Beaver lake Park & Campground	
Chippewa Hills Pathway	

City of Alpena, Alpena County	
Public	Private
Arthur Sytek Park	APlex
Avery Park	Alpena Civic Theatre
Bay View Park	Thunder Bay Theatre
Bi-Path	Creative Arts Center
Blair Street Park	GKC/Royal Knight Cinema
City Marina	GKC/State Cinema
Culligan Plaza	Alpena Youth Club
Downtown Parks (Chisholm Street Park and Waterfront Park)	Boys and Girls Club

City of Alpena, Alpena County	
Public	Private
Duck Park	Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan
Island Park	Sky Theater Planetarium
LaMarre Park	Alpena Yacht Club
McRae Park	Thunder Bay Shores Marina
Mich-e-ke-wis Park/Starlite Beach	Thunder Bay Scuba
North Riverfront Park	Charter Fishing Boats
Riverside Skate Park/Water Tower Park	Lee's Miniature Golf
Rotary Island Mill Park	Ninth Avenue Dam
South Riverfront Park	Bay Athletic Club
Thomson Park	Bay Urban Fitness
Veteran's Memorial Park	
Washington Avenue Park	
Eleventh Avenue Boat Launch	
Alpena Regional Trailhead	
Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve	
Thunder Bay Island	
Multipurpose Rail-Trails	
Alpena County Fairgrounds	

Water Access

In addition to the facilities listed above, Montmorency County has an abundance of pristine lakes and streams to offer numerous recreational opportunities. There are over 100 named lakes accounting for more than 10,000 acres in The County. There are also more than 30 named rivers and streams in the county which together account for more than 300 miles of waterways. Alpena County adds an additional 20 named lakes totaling more than 12,000 acres and another 35 named rivers and streams accounting for more than 300 miles of waterways. In total, there are over 35 boating access sites on the various rivers and lakes in the two county area.

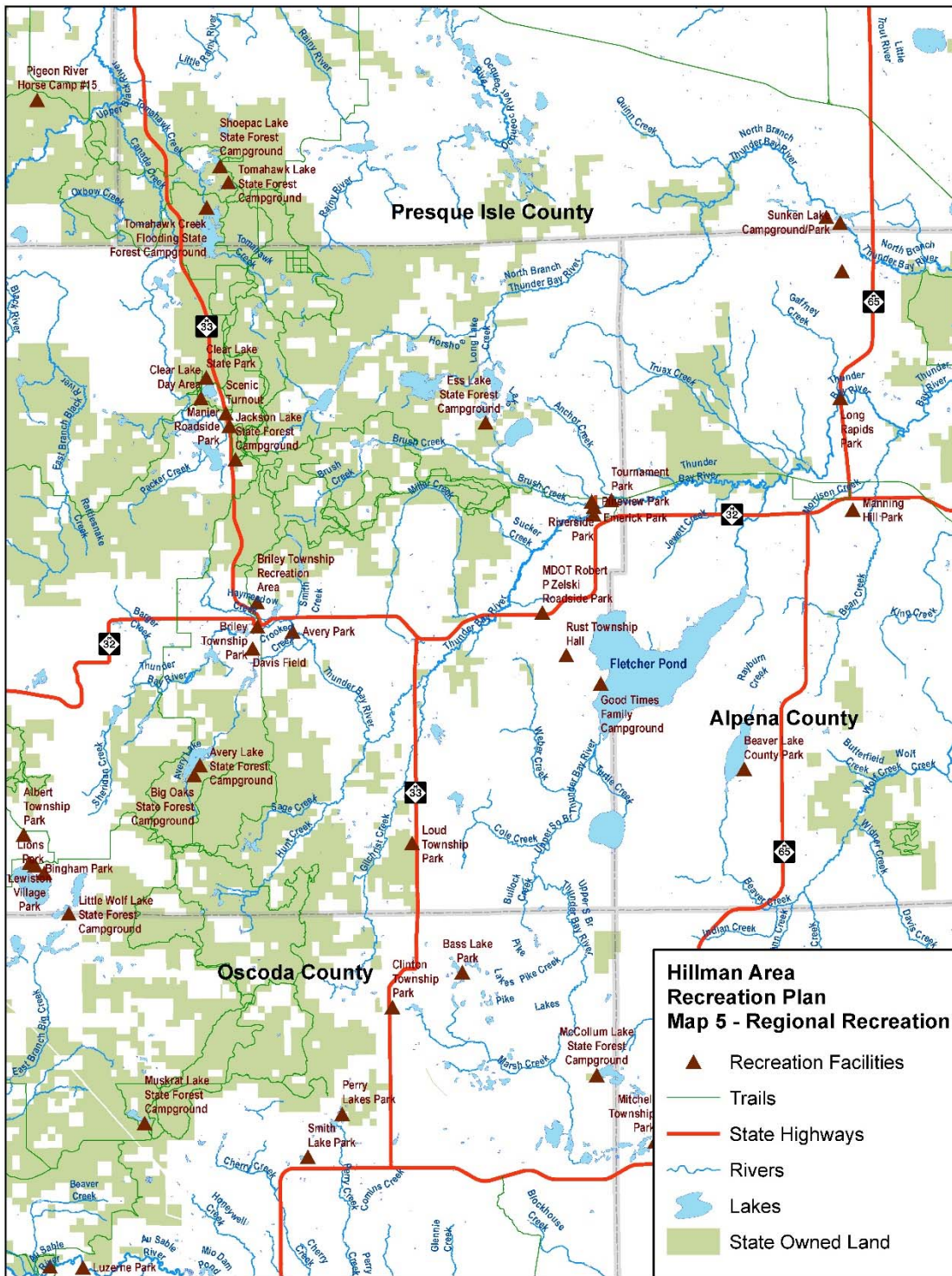
Trails

There are numerous trails of various types that run through Montmorency County. There are over 50 miles of hiking/ski trails, and more than 250 miles of ORV, snowmobile and motorcycle trails in the county. In adjacent Alpena County, there are an additional 65 miles of hiking/ski/biking trails, and more than 100 miles of ORV and/or snowmobile trails. Over the next two years sections of the Alpena to Hillman Trail will be upgraded to a crushed limestone surface, with the remainder of the trail upgrades in the planning stages.

Other Regional Public Recreation Opportunities

In addition to recreation within Montmorency County, village and township residents have access to recreational opportunities in Alpena, 22 miles to the east, as well as Gaylord, 45 miles to the west. The City of Alpena is the largest city in the northeast Michigan region and offers many recreational properties. Community-based recreation in Alpena includes Plaza Pool at Alpena High School and many community parks with swimming and fishing access. Gaylord offers seven recreational properties with many more surrounding Gaylord in Otsego County. The Gaylord area is also a true golf mecca with approximately 20 courses within a 30 minute drive. The Otsego County Sportsplex is a multi-use facility just south of downtown Gaylord offering a swimming pool, ice rink, walking track, fitness classes, pickleball, and the Energy Outlet play structure.

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



Village of Hillman and Hillman Township Planning Process

Development of a community recreation plan must involve interaction and input from citizens and community groups. The Village of Hillman and Hillman Township Planning Commissions were the lead entities in developing the Joint Recreation Plan. The Planning Commissions, Village Council, and Township Board meetings were open to the public with time allocated for comments. A timeline for the development of the Recreation Plan update is as follows:

Schedule

January 2018	The Village of Hillman contacts the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) requesting assistance in updating their Recreation Plan.
March 2018	Hillman Township officials contact the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments requesting assistance in updating their Recreation Plan.
March 2018	NEMCOG suggests the Village and Township may want to consider consolidating their efforts and develop a joint community Recreation Plan. A joint plan would most likely realize some efficiencies and cost savings in not only plan development, but recreational facility development projects and programming as well.
April 2018	NEMCOG prepares a joint Recreation Plan proposal and contract with the Village of Hillman and Hillman Township.
October 2018	NEMCOG developed an online recreation plan survey. The survey link was posted on the Village of Hillman, Hillman Township and NEMCOG websites. A press release was published in the <i>Montmorency Tribune</i> . Printed copies of the survey were also placed at the Village and Township offices and the local library.
February 2019	The online community survey is closed and the results are downloaded and forwarded to the Village of Hillman and Hillman Township. Survey results can be seen in Attachment A.
February 11, 2019	NEMCOG attends the Village of Hillman Planning Commission meeting to discuss the recreation plan update and the community survey results.



- April 2019** NEMCOG attends the Hillman Township Board meeting to discuss the recreation plan update and potential recreation grant process.
- November 2019** A draft Recreation Plan is developed and submitted to the Village and Township for review.
- November 13, 2019** The notice of availability of the draft Recreation Plan is published and appeared in the *Montmorency Tribune*.
- December 18, 2019** A Public Notice appeared in the *Montmorency Tribune* announcing a public hearing to be held at the Hillman Community Center.
- December 30, 2019** The Village of Hillman and Hillman Township Planning Commissions held a joint meeting and Recreation Plan public hearing.
- The Village of Hillman Planning Commission approved the plan and recommended adoption by the Village Council.
- The Hillman Township Planning Commission approved the plan and recommended adoption by the Township Board.
- January 7, 2020** The Village of Hillman Council met in open session to review the final plan and receive any final public comment. The Village Council approved and adopted the Recreation Plan.
- January 13, 2020** The Hillman Township Board met in open session to review the final plan and receive any final public comment. The Township Board approved and adopted the Recreation Plan.

Public Input

Citizen opinion on recreation priorities is key to the development of a recreation plan. The Village and Township chose to use an online community recreation survey to gather initial input. The online survey was active for four months. The subject of the recreation plan update, and recreational development and projects, was also discussed at several Village and Township Planning Commission meetings, Village Council meetings and Township Board meetings. Throughout the development of this Recreation Plan, members of key groups in the Village of Hillman and Hillman Township have been involved. Hillman area Little League met with officials from the Township several times to discuss recreational development at Tournament/Tiger Paw Park.

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The Village of Hillman has plenty of retail shopping including grocery stores, party stores, hardware, lumber, and a sports shop. Dining includes restaurants, bars, and the Senior Center for congregate meals, and the local VFW provides meals.

Thunder Bay Resort provides golf, rooms, dining, and the famous Elk Ride that is considered one of the top ten rides of its type in the United States.

Included in Hillman are an elder friendly assisted living facility and a skilled nursing facility and Thunder Bay Community Health Services for medical needs. The Hillman Pharmacy is available for prescriptions.

Hillman has resorts in the surrounding area including Jacks Landing, Killions Landing which are both on Fletcher's Floodwaters, and Sorrensons' on Grass Lake.



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of every month

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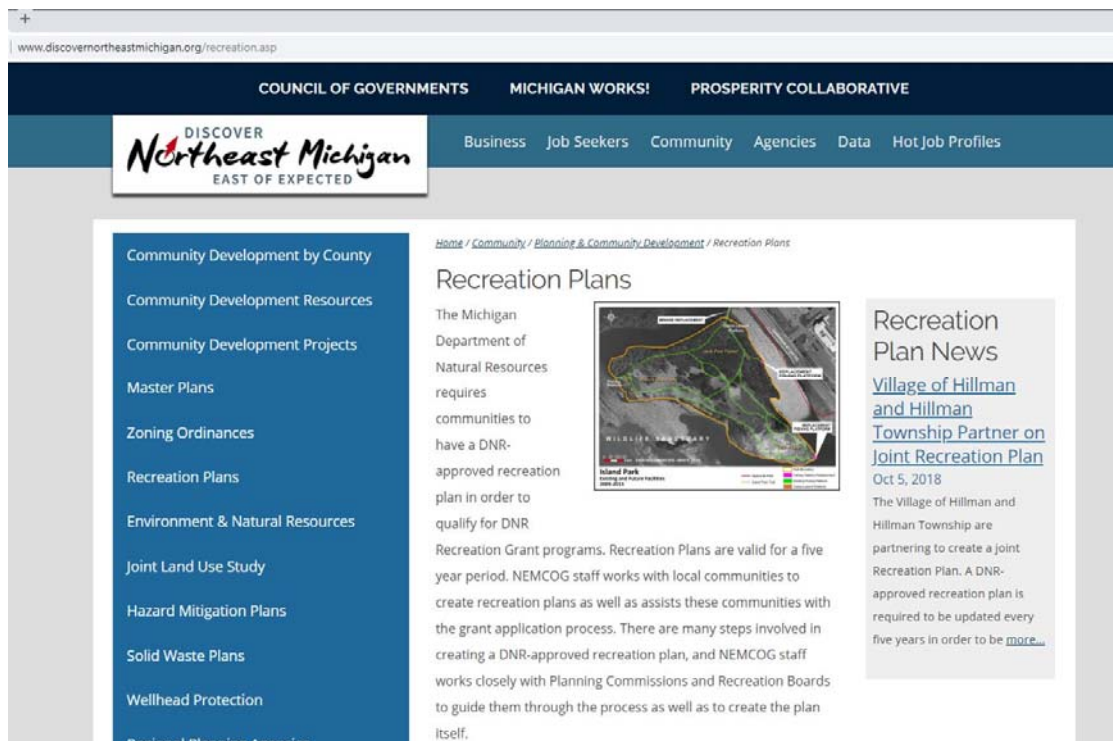
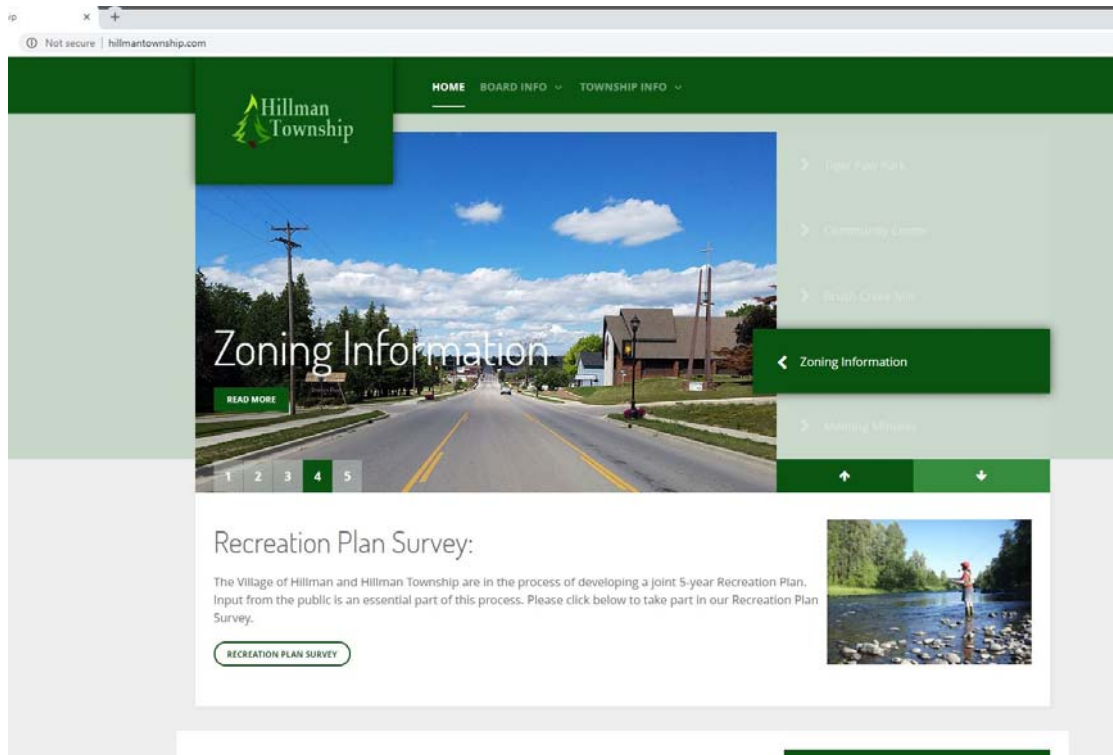
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Village of Hillman and Hillman Township Join Recreation Plan Survey

The Village of Hillman and Hillman Township are in the process of developing a joint 5-year Recreation Plan. In order to qualify for MDNR recreation grant funding, communities must have a current, MDNR-approved Recreation Plan. Input from the public is an essential part of the planning process, so we need your input regarding recreational facilities in the Hillman area! Please take the time to fill out this survey and let your voice be heard! Your feedback is very important to us. Thank you!

To take the survey [CLICK HERE](#).



News from the Montmorency Conservation District
Conservation Update



THE INDOOR CORNHOLE TOURNAMENTS at the Brush Creek Mill in Hillman began on September 29. The tournaments will be held again on October 27 and November 10 and 24, at 7 p.m. The cost is \$10 per team, with a 12 team limit. The winner takes half the proceeds. The remaining proceeds benefit the Brush Creek Mill. No alcohol allowed. Pictured above: Andy Blinder tosses a bag while Don Mueller looks on during the September 29 tournament.

Joint online recreation survey conducted by the Village of Hillman and Hillman Township

Oct. 5, 2018 – The Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) is assisting the Village of Hillman and Hillman Township with updating their Recreation Plan. The village and Township are working collaboratively to develop a joint community recreation plan. A Community Recreation Plan contains future plans for all recreational facilities within these communities. Communities are required to have 5-Year DNR-approved Recreation Plans in order to qualify for grant funding from the Michigan DNR.

The planning process incorporates a community participation element that encourages input from citizens. The Village and Township have chosen to gather this public input in an online survey. The

survey takes approximately 10 minutes to complete and is available online on the following websites: hillmanmichigan.org, hillmantownship.com, and discovernortheastmichigan.org/recreation.asp.

Direct Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WB92LG3>

For those without internet access, you may pick up a printed survey at the Township or Village offices, or the Hillman Wright Library.

Township and Village officials are encouraging citizens in and around Hillman to fill out and submit this survey because public input is a vital component of the future of the area and the public's opinion is highly valued.

Forestry assistance

by Bill Cook

Nearly nine million acres of Michigan forestland is owned by families. That's almost half of the total state forest area. The collective behavior of these hundreds of thousands of owners has a strong influence on the quality and quantity of forest benefits. These benefits include timber, water, habitat, and several other environmental services.

Nearly all natural resource professionals, foresters and wildlife biologists, will recommend seeking advice on managing woodlands, or what the consequences might be if left unmanaged. The same is true when considering managing retirement portfolios, health care, or automobile maintenance. It's often a good idea to seek advice.

For a set of reasons, most woodland owners don't manage their properties or, if they do, believe that assistance is unnecessary. If you have a neighbor or friend actively managing their woodland, have a friendly discussion. How does a person find forest management assistance? Actually, there are a wide range of services and opportunities. But they're not all for everyone. A set of brief management guidelines can be helpful with learning about different forest type groups. The Michigan Society of American Foresters also has a set of general forestry guidelines.

Consulting services can be obtained on a fee basis or, in some cases, a limited amount of assistance can be found without cost. Time and again, the cost of consulting foresters is well worth the investment. A reasonably comprehensive list of forestry consultants can be found on the DNR Forest Stewardship website. For about 30 counties, the Forestry Assistance Program supports foresters at County Conservation Districts. These foresters can help define and guide a forestowner to available services. In many cases, they can provide a no-cost site visit.

In parts of Michigan, industry foresters

forestowners will define which pieces are more important than others. If a cost is associated with a plan, then there are cost-share programs available. However, plan costs are not really all that expensive.

The Forest Stewardship Program, run through the DNR, is the largest forest plan cost-share source in Michigan. The program hit a million-acre benchmark this year. That's a lot of acres, but still only about ten percent of the family ownership.

For many non-commercial forestry and habitat practices, the USDA Natural Resource

Conservation Service a palette of cost-share opportunities and guidelines. All of them require a pre-existing management plan. Most forestry consultants, as well as the NRCS technical service providers can help sort through the programs, practices, and timelines. Michigan has a pair of forest tax programs, which reduce property taxes in exchange for timber management. These programs also require a pre-existing management plan, and have eligibility requirements. A handy comparison of these two property tax programs can be found on the Oscoda County Conservation District website.

The Qualified Forest Program, run through the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, is usually the more popular for forestowners. The tax reduction is less than that of the Commercial Forest Program but property can be legally posted. The Commercial Forest Program has larger tax reductions, but public access for hunting and fishing is part of the deal. That access is foot-only. All roads can be gated. Vehicles can be barred. But, the property cannot be posted. This program is sometimes more attractive to larger forest holdings and is managed by the DNR. For woodland owners interested in long-term easements to prevent development conversion, the Forest Legacy Program might be an option. Related easement programs are also

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VFW Auxiliary 2356 news

by Judi Brown
 VFW Auxiliary 2356 Hillman, met November 5, with the meeting called to order by President Tom Brown and 13 members in attendance. Two new members were voted in, they were Darlene Adas of Hillersburg and Autumn Allen of Johannesburg. These members were Members at Large. We were blessed with another Member at Large, Lola Kuitinen. Welcome, ladies, to our awesome auxiliary.
 The auxiliary meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the VFW Post 2356 in Hillman. Please contact Judi Brown at 989-742-2236, if you would like to join or to see if you qualify. We are a great working auxiliary and do many good things for our veterans.

We are having our "adopt a vet" for this holiday season. Our criteria for choosing a vet is very strict but this man over met that expectation. He has been going through tough times for awhile now and has a special needs son. We would like to send a huge thank you to the following people for their donations to this man and his son: Lisa Ferguson at All Woods and Waters, Merridy Lewis, Gary and Charlene Bahrick Tom and Judi for their donation, Kaye LaCross, Jackie Borsick and to Alexis Young, and to our great, awesome Auxiliary 2356. Due to privacy we are not posting this man's name. We were able to get them coats, gloves, boots and clothing along with food and gift cards for food at a local food store. We have also collected a sum on money for his gas and electric bill.

Our Voice of Democracy, Patriot Pen and Teacher of the year contests have come to an end and we have the following winners. Make no mistake, all 33 Patriot Pen and seven VOD and one teacher of the year are winners. They will all be awarded at our banquet in the spring following the art contests.

Winners are: Patriot Pen - 1st place, Autumn Kaye Lis, 2nd place, Eliah E. Dubaque, and 3rd place, Jostyn M. Edwards. VOD - 1st place, Kera Nichols, 2nd place, Sierra Hamilton and 3rd place, Sasha Tadjeski, with our teacher of the year Nikki Oswald. Congratulations to all of you.

We are now accepting donations for the Christmas "Tree of Shinning Light" for our veterans. You may recognize your veteran loved one by purchasing a lighted bulb for \$5 or an ornament with name on it. Branch of service and service date or heavenly date. These are flat ornaments and will be on display long after the tree comes down. Ornaments will be \$6. Please make out your checks to VFW Auxiliary 2356 and mail them to Judi Brown, 16960 Hayes Road Hillman, MI 49746. Help make this tree shine. All names will be published in the Tribune and at the hall. All proceeds go into our relief fund. This fund is how we have helped many veterans this past year. The tree is located inside the VFW Hall. Stop by for Fish Fry on Friday nights 4-7 p.m., and see this tree starting after Thanksgiving.

Legal Notices:

NOTICE
Public Hearing for Special Use Permit
 Please be advised that there will be a Public Hearing conducted by the Vienna Township Planning Commission on Thursday, November 21st, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Vienna Township Hall located at 2734 M-52 for the purpose of considering the following application:
 Buttes Road Properties has submitted an Application for a Special Use Permit. The requested Use is a Gravel Pit.
 Parcel #: 60-008-014-000 100 CO and 60-008-014-000-150-00
 The Subject Properties are located on Camp 8 Road.
 The property is currently zoned Recreational/Residential (Res-1).
 The Zoning Ordinance and Map can be examined by appointment (989) 786-6729.
 Comments may be made either in person at the Public Hearing or by writing to: Vienna Township Planning Commission
 8556 Mathews Rd
 Atlanta, MI 49709

Written comments must be received prior to the meeting time.
 Submitted by
 George Klein
 Vienna Township Zoning Administrator 25

NOTICE
Village of Hillman and Hillman Township Joint Recreation Plan
 The 2020-2024 Village of Hillman and Hillman Township Joint Recreation Plan draft is now available for a 30 day public review and comment period. The draft plan can be viewed at the Village or Township offices in the Hillman Community Center, or can be downloaded from the Village of Hillman, Hillman Township, or NEMCOG websites. Comments can be submitted in the Village of Hillman office during normal business hours. Comments may also be sent to NEMCOG, Attn: Nico Tucker, PO Box 457, Gaylord, MI 49734, via email: atntucker@nemcog.org or by phone at (989) 705-3732. 26

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Village of Hillman Planning Commission/Public Hearing Meeting Minutes

The Planning Commission Board for the Village of Hillman Council met on Monday, December 30, 2019 at 6 p.m. in the evening in the east-end conference room of the Hillman Community Center at 24220 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hillman, Michigan. Present: Chairman John Post, Joe Bouchey, Steve Orlandi, Myron McIntire, Dave Post, Brenda South. Absent: Margaret Kirby. Visitors: Nico Tucker (NEMCOG), Mike Achatz, Roger Funk, John Burr, Jan McMurray (Hillman Township Zoning Board).

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and was called to order at 6 p.m. by Chairman John Post.

Chairman Post explained to the board the procedure to follow regarding the recreation plan.

A motion was made by Myron McIntire and supported by Steve Orlandi to close the regular meeting and enter into the public hearing. All in favor. Motion carried. The public hearing opened at 6:05 p.m.

Nico Tucker brought the boards attention to the proposed recreation plan specifically to the goals and objectives section. Since this was a joint meeting with both Village and Township boards each board reviewed areas applying to their individual entity. Capital Improvements Schedule was the next area discussed, adding campsites to Emerick Park and additional wayfinding signs were items listed to be added. ADA Picnic tables to all recreational areas rather than just Brush Creek Mill Park. **Township Board member John Burr** stated that Tournament Park is a priority for their board. Adding physical fitness equipment along pathways should be something of a priority. The township would like to enhance the "pavilion" or eating area at Tiger Paw Park and add signage on State Street as well as upgrading the Tournament Park parking lot is a priority too. **Nico Tucker** stated that grants do not cover maintenance but additions or upgrades to existing items would be covered. The items listed in the Capital Improvement Schedule are not listed in a priority order. **Chairman John Post** asked if there were any other comments.

A motion was made by Myron McIntire and supported by Joe Bouchey to close the public hearing and go back into the regular meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. The regular meeting resumed at 6:25 p.m.

A motion was made by Steve Orlandi and supported by Joe Bouchey to adopt the Hillman Recreation Plan and Resolution of Adoption pending the changes made by the planning board and recommend sending it to the Village of Hillman Council to adopt the Hillman Recreation Plan and Resolution of Adoption. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman John Post asked when the next meeting will be held. It is scheduled for January 27, 2020 at 5 p.m.

A motion was made by Steve Orlandi and supported by Myron McIntire to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.



Brenda South, Village Clerk/Treasurer

Village of Hillman Planning Commission Resolution

HILLMAN AREA RECREATION PLAN

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

Village of Hillman Planning Commission

WHEREAS, the Village of Hillman and Hillman Township have undertaken a 5-Year Recreation Plan update which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreational facilities during the period of 2020 – 2024, and

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Hillman Planning Commission hereby adopts the Recreation Plan and recommends to the Village of Hillman Council adoption of the Hillman Area Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the Village of Hillman.

Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the forgoing Resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Village of Hillman Planning Commission held on December 30, 2019.

12/30/19
Date

John Post
Signature

John Post - Chairman
Name, Title

Hillman Township Planning Commission/Public Hearing Meeting Minutes

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HILLMAN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF DECEMBER 30, 2019 MEETING

The Hillman Township Planning Commission held a joint meeting with the Village of Hillman Planning Commission on December 30, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the east-end conference room of the Hillman Community Center at 24220 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hillman, MI. The purpose of the meeting was to hold a public hearing on the "Hillman Area Recreation Plan". Those attending representing the Village of Hillman Planning Commission were Joe Bouchey, Myron McIntire, Brenda South, Steve Orlandi, and John Post. Zoning Administrator Steve Orlandi, Roger Funk, and Mike Achatz represented the Hillman Township Planning Commission. Nico Tucker from NEMCOG and Township Trustee John Burr were the only visitors. Jan McMurray was also in attendance.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance. John Post called the meeting to order for the Village. A motion by Myron McIntire was made to begin the public hearing. Joe Bouchey seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Steve Orlandi called the meeting to order for Hillman Township. Mike Achatz made a motion, and it was supported by Roger Funk to commence with the public hearing. All in favor. Motion carried.

John Burr noted that the Community Center Manager has changed from Jon Jackson to Pam Schaudt. Nico Tucker stated that the park committee is a rolling committee instead of a commission. There was also a question regarding the band shell. Nico said that it was part of Emerick Park. He also stated that the more the Village and the Township could work together on projects the more DNR points would be given for grants.

On Page 46, Table 3-Capital Improvements Schedule, Nico said that most of items for the Village of Hillman came from the last recreation plan. He stated that dates could be added to designate high, medium, and low priorities. John Burr informed the Commissions that the Township has some physical fitness equipment, but does not have a place to put it. It was decided that the term "more picnic tables" would be added to cover all areas.

Comments were mentioned from Hillman Township regarding improvements to Tiger Paw Park such as expanding the parking lot and upgrading the concession stand. Nico stated that several recommendations for the park came from the Little League organization.

A motion was made by Myron McIntire to close the public hearing and return to the regular Village of Hillman Planning Commission meeting. Joe Bouchey seconded the motion. The public hearing closed at 6:25 p.m. A motion to approve the "Hillman Area Recreation Plan" and recommend that the Village of Hillman Council pass the resolution to adopt the Plan pending the few edits that were discussed was made by Myron McIntire and seconded by Joe Bouchey. Yeas-Myron McIntire, Joe Bouchey, Steve Orlandi, and John Post. Nays-none.

A motion was made by Mike Achatz to close the public hearing and return to the regular Hillman Township Planning Commission meeting. Roger Funk supported the motion. The public hearing closed at 6:27 p.m. A motion to approve the "Hillman Area Recreation Plan"

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and recommend that the Hillman Township Board pass the resolution to adopt the Plan pending the few edits that were discussed was made by Roger Funk and supported by Mike Achatz. Yeas-Roger Funk and Mike Achatz. Nays-none.

The Village of Hillman Planning Commission will hold their regular meeting on January 27, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss solar and small tower changes to the zoning.

The Hillman Township Planning Commission will hold their regular meeting in February. Zoning Administrator Steve Orlandi will be forthcoming with the details. A motion to adjourn the Hillman Township Planning Commission meeting was made by Roger Funk and seconded by Mike Achatz. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

A motion to adjourn the Village of Hillman Planning Commission meeting was made by Steve Orlandi and supported by Myron McIntire. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan McMurray

Hillman Township Planning Commission Resolution

HILLMAN AREA RECREATION PLAN

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

Hillman Township Planning Commission

WHEREAS, the Village of Hillman and Hillman Township have undertaken a 5-Year Recreation Plan update which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreational facilities during the period of 2020 – 2024, and

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WHEREAS, a public notice was published in the *Montmorency Tribune* on November 13, 2019 which began a 30-day public review period for the draft plan, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Hillman and Hillman Township have developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the entire community, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on December 30, 2019 at the Hillman Community Center to provide residents the opportunity to ask questions and express opinions on the Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillman Township Planning Commission hereby adopts the Recreation Plan and recommends to the Hillman Township Board adoption of the Hillman Area Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of Hillman Township.

Yeas: 2

Nays: 0

Absent: 2

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the forgoing Resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Hillman Township Planning Commission held on December 30, 2019.

30 DEC 2019
Date

Steve Orlandoz
Signature

STEVE ORLANDOZ
Name, Title
ZONING ADMIN,
BOARD CHAIRMAN
HILLMAN TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION

Village of Hillman Village Council Meeting Minutes & Resolution of Adoption

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 7 p.m. in the evening in the east-end conference room of the Hillman Community Center at 24220 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hillman, Michigan. Present: President Myron McIntire, Clerk/Treasurer Brenda South. Trustees: Wilbur Funk, Velma Brown, Johnathon Smith, Absent: Bruce Brown. Employees: Dave Post and Jan McMurray. Visitors: Deputy Dan Loder from the Montmorency County Sheriff Department and Nico Tucker from NEMCOG.

The Meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and was called to order at 7 p.m. by President McIntire.

A motion was made by Trustee Wilbur Funk and supported by Trustee Johnathon Smith to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Wilbur Funk and supported by Trustee Velma Brown to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2019 Council meeting as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Wilbur Funk and supported by Trustee Velma Brown to pay the bills with an addition of \$95 for sewer testing for the DPW Supervisor, and additional bills, with checks numbered 33409 through 33435. All in favor. Motion carried.

Deputy Dan Loder addressed the Council stating that things had quieted down but the Sno-Drift Rally will be taking place in 2 weeks so he expected some activity during this 3 day event. The Deputy was thanked and he left the meeting to return to work.

President McIntire presented a Revenue Policy for the Council to adopt. **A motion was made by President McIntire and supported by Trustee Wilbur Funk to adopt the Revenue Policy for the Village of Hillman. All in favor. Motion carried.**

President McIntire brought the Council's attention to the request from AT&T to add antennas to the water tower. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to review the original agreement before making any decision to add more towers, this item was tabled.

President McIntire commented on the unemployment statistics included in the agenda packets. The statistics indicated the unemployment rate for

Montmorency County is down to 4.3%, a very good rate. **President McIntire** presented the Council with the Recreation Plan Resolution 2020-01 for adoption.

A motion was made by Trustee Velma Brown and supported by Trustee Wilbur Funk to adopt Resolution 2020-01 Hillman Area Recreation Plan. All in favor. Motion carried.

**HILLMAN AREA RECREATION PLAN
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION
Village of Hillman Village Council**

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Hillman Village Council hereby adopts the Hillman Area Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the Village of Hillman.

Yeas: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 1

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Village of Hillman Village Council held on January 7, 2020.

Jan 14, 2020
Date

Brenda South
Signature

Village Clerk

Manager Dave Post reported that health insurance cost may rise slightly this coming year but the Council will need to decide whether they will continue cost share of 80%/20% which is the same plan as last year. Several members of the Council suggested areas where cut backs can be made but there was no definite plan. The budget will be reviewed and decisions will be made at the budget meeting but a decision on the cost-share will have to be made by March 1st. Well #10 to be shut down, a discussion with EGLE for a plan to shut it down. **President McIntire** stated that since the power plant has shut down there is plenty of water so shutting down well#10 will not be an issue.

Clerk Brenda South reported the need to purchase new software that is compatible with the County Clerks. Art Ross, computer tech for the Village has suggested purchase a "subscription" for Microsoft 365 for \$99 a year and this will be for at least 5 computers. The Council agreed to allow the purchase of a subscription to Microsoft 365 for \$99 per year.

President McIntire reported that the Fire/Ambulance Board met and reported 53 runs for December which is up 22 runs from last year. The State of Michigan inspection was o.k. Decals on one of the units was blistering so the company will cover the cost of replacing them. Unit 304 has been taken out of service. Two local young men have joined the EMS. The fire department reported that the 3rd bay door will have to be modified to work it manually. Tires on the fire truck have to be changed every 7 years. New turn out boots will be ordered. The budget was discussed, the Village share is \$18,125.30.

Manager Dave Post reported a planning meeting on January 27th to make zoning changes. A fact sheet can be done to get out information on the millage request, no policy making staff may sit on a committee to work on

millage information,

A motion was made by Trustee Wilbur Funk and supported by Trustee Johnathon Smith to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Myron McIntire, President

Brenda South

Brenda South, Clerk/Treasurer

Hillman Township Board Meeting Minutes

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Regular Meeting – Hillman Township Board – Monday, January 13, 2020 – Hillman Community Center

The regular monthly meeting of the Hillman Township Board was called to order by Chair Manning at 7:00 p.m. Present were Manning, P. Achatz, Vanderveer, Burr and guests per attached list.

Motion by P. Achatz to adopt the agenda for the meeting, second by Vanderveer, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Vanderveer to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, second by Burr, all in favor, motion carried.

Visitor Comments – Taylor Noffze asked the Board about doing some work on Shephard Road and Long Rapids Road. Manning told him the Board would check into the request. Deputy Josh Smith stated that all has been quiet and the Department is gearing up for the Road Rally coming up later this month.

Committee Reports:

Community Center – Manager Schaudt reported on activities to be held at the Community Center this month. Skate is going well. Maximum Security will be here later this week to give instruction on the security cameras in the Community Center and at the Park. Tony Parris of Parris Tap Cleaning will be replacing beer lines and moving 1 tap line. The budget update was presenting for April 1, 2019 through January 31, 2019, showing revenues of \$58,600.36 and expenditures of \$60,082.14. Motion by Burr to pay the bills as presented and as listed, second by Manning, all in favor, motion carried: Hillman Township 441.82, ALLBAND 112.40, Thompson Linen Service 40.34, Donna Szlag 45.00, Eric Vanderveer 45.00, Jason Witzke 135.00, Joyce Platevoet 45.00, Kenyon Brothers Construction 80.00, Lorilee McGee 90.00, Larry Vanderveer 180.00, Matthew Szlag 45.00, Pam Kotzian 206.00, Rachel Johnson 90.00, Sharon Vanderveer 79.90, Village of Hillman 38.00, Michigan Department of Treasury 93.29, Unemployment Agency 51.61, Sharon Vanderveer 93.39, Jewell's Disposal Service 28.50, Pam Schaudt 81.90, Parris Tap Cleaning 218.59, Pepsi-Cola 275.39, PIE & G 495.91, Sharon Vanderveer 101.14, Weiland Excavating 500.00, M. Achatz entered the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Fire and EMS – Board members reported that the refurbished ambulance has been returned and is now in service. The Board also adopted their budget.

Planning & Zoning – Zoning Administrator Orlandi's letter stated that 19 permits were issued in 2019. The Planning Commission met on December 30, 2019, held a public hearing and then voted to recommend forwarding the Recreation Plan to the Township Board. Nico Tucker from NEMCOG approached the Board regarding the Recreation Plan. He answered questions regarding grant possibilities. Motion by Manning to adopt the Hillman Area Recreation Plan, second by Burr, roll call vote taken with aye votes from Burr, Vanderveer, M. Achatz, P. Achatz and Manning, no nay votes, motion carried.

MTA – A report was given on the January Chapter meeting held last week in Atlanta. The next meeting will be held in April in Loud Township. Hillman Township will host the October Chapter meeting.

Cemetery Commission – P. Achatz reported that the Cemetery Commission will meet next week.

Treasurer's Report – Vanderveer reported that summer tax collection is at 90% and winter tax collection is at 44%. She also presented a financial report showing bank account balances as of December 31, 2019.

Clerk's Report – P. Achatz reported on the March 10 Presidential Primary Election. The Election Commission, consisting of the Clerk, Treasurer and Supervisor will meet on Monday, February 10 at 6:30 p.m. A new laptop is needed to be used for the Electronic Poll Book for elections. The Auditor has sent a letter of engagement for the audit to be held later this spring.

The budget update for April 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 was presented showing revenues of \$197,337.44 and expenditures of \$261,516.61. Motion by P. Achatz to adjust the budget by subtracting \$19,200.00 from Road Fund for a new total of \$41,800.00 and adding \$700.00 to Data Processing for a new total of \$2,700.00 and adding \$18,500.00 to Park Commission for a new total of \$63,500.00, second by Manning, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Vanderveer to pay the bills as presented and as listed, second by M. Achatz, all in favor motion carried: Pamela Achatz 841.74, Charles Manning 301.15, Jody Vanderveer 1,182.86, Stephen Orlandi 294.41, Michael Achatz 36.94, John Burr 147.76, Roger Funk 36.94, Janet McMurray 36.94, Stephen Orlandi 36.94, State of Michigan 238.89, Unemployment Insurance 28.79, Gillard, Bauer, Mazrum, Florip, Smigelski 190.00, Jim Young 520.00, Thunder Bay Sanitation 5.95, Village of Hillman 16.00, Hillman Community Center 853.00, Allband Communications 66.64, Rivers Edge Assessing 2,646.67, Charles Manning 36.94, Jody Vanderveer 53.94, NEMCOG 250.00

Old Business – Burr has received several complaints about Jesse Road and will follow up at the next Montmorency County Road Commission meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Achatz, Clerk

Hillman Township Board Resolution of Adoption

HILLMAN AREA RECREATION PLAN

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Hillman Township Board of Trustees

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Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the forgoing Resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Hillman Township Board of Trustees held on January 13, 2020.

1-13-2020
Date

Pamela J. Achatz
Signature

Pamela J. Achatz,
Name, Title
Clerk

Copies of Submittal Letters



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January 17, 2020

Cheryl Neilsen
Montmorency County Clerk
PO Box 789
Atlanta, MI 49709

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Please let us know if you have any questions about the Recreation Plan.

Sincerely,

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Nico Tucker
Transportation & natural Resource Planner
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Shared Goals

The following are common goals that are shared between the Village of Hillman and Hillman Township. These are broad based goals that are meant to guide the overall recreational planning and development in the Hillman area. They also serve as guiding principles during the development of the agency and site specific goals that follow. The shared goals and agency and site specific goals were developed based on public input and the demographics of the Village of Hillman and Hillman Township.

1. To protect, promote and preserve the natural resources and cultural characteristics of the Hillman area.
2. To encourage tourism as an economic resource while recognizing the need to maintain community character and protect natural resources.
3. Support regional recreational planning and development with surrounding communities and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.
4. Ensure area residents are involved in the recreational planning and development process.
5. Provide a balance of recreational amenities that appeal to both the aging and younger population and families in order increase the livability of the community and attract families to the area.
6. To continually maintain, improve and expand recreation within the area to improve the quality of life that is critical to residents' health, the business environment, and the attraction of visitors to the area or those considering moving here.
7. To ensure all people have access to recreational opportunities regardless of age, sex, income, cultural background, or abilities.

Village of Hillman Goals & Objectives

1. IMPLEMENT THE WALKABLE COMMUNITIES PLAN

- A.** Continue development of trailhead at the acquired Brush Creek Park Property.
- B.** Landscape and bank stabilization along Mill Pond at Brush Creek Park.
- C.** Add physical fitness course with different stations along the pathway system.
- D.** Build a footbridge over the Thunder Bay River to include Hillman Township facilities.

2. CONTINUE TO ENHANCE VILLAGE RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES

- A.** Add handicapped-accessible picnic tables, benches and other amenities at all recreation facilities as usage dictates.
- B.** Upgrade the shuffleboard courts, paint equipment, add new benches and remove and trim trees at Pineview Park.
- C.** Add campsites to Emerick Park.
- D.** Improve playground at Emerick Park.
- E.** Develop concession stand/restrooms at the band shell.
- F.** Develop a basketball court at Tripp Field (Emerick Park).
- G.** Develop a boardwalk along Thunder Bay River from Mill to bridge
- H.** Replace and/or upgrade signage in Emerick Park.

3. PROVIDE ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- A.** Continue to work with the Little League Association to continue developing the Youth Sports Park by adding soccer fields, youth football field, high school regulation ball field, and a fishing pond.
- B.** Research and develop a community theatre.
- C.** Develop suitable nature areas and future pathways.
- D.** Continue partnering with Hillman Community Radio to offer and expand on live concerts and other arts and culture events at the band shell.
- E.** Research options to develop a skate park.

Hillman Township Goals & Objectives

1. IMPLEMENT TOWNSHIP PROJECTS FROM THE WALKABLE COMMUNITIES PLAN

- A.** Create a bike path to/from the elementary and junior/senior high.
- B.** Add physical fitness course with different stations along the pathway system.

2. CONTINUE TO ENHANCE TOWNSHIP RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES

- A.** Add additional bleachers at Tournament Park.

- B.** Add lighting to ball fields at Tournament Park to extend hours of usage.
- C.** Recondition ball fields at Tournament Park.
- D.** Upgrade and expand playground at Tiger Paw Park.
- E.** Develop winter ice skating rink at Tiger Paw Park.
- F.** Expand and pave parking lot and pathways at Tournament/Tiger Paw Park.
- G.** Construct press box, or boxes, for ball fields.
- H.** Expand existing or construct new pavilion.
- I.** Add handicapped-accessible picnic tables, benches and other amenities as usage dictates.
- J.** Upgrade the kitchen at the Community Center.

3. CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- A.** Continue to work with Hillman Area Little League to improve and expand the little league opportunities.
- B.** Secure funding and expand partnerships to continue offering and expand the summer youth activities.
- C.** Use Community Center stage to offer concerts, plays or other community events.
- D.** Review rental rates for various activities at the Community Center.

Village & Township Joint Goals & Objectives

1. DEVELOP PROGRAM AND MATERIALS TO PROMOTE THE HILLMAN AREA RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES

- A.** Establish wayfinding, directional, and site signage to direct visitors and residents to Hillman area recreational facilities.
- B.** Develop a brochure, map, and other materials to promote recreational facilities and activities, and the Hillman area in general.
- C.** Develop, secure funding, and look for partnerships to begin a Hillman Area Recreation promotional program.

Capital Improvement Plan

This section formulates a 5-year recreational Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The CIP presents a list of proposed improvements, estimated costs, year of activity, potential funding sources, and project priority.

Table 5.1 – Capital Improvements Schedule						
	Priority	Site	Property Improvement	Est. Cost	Funding Source(s)	Year
Village of Hillman						
Walkable Community Plan						
1	HIGH	Brush Creek Park	Trailhead with parking and pathway map	\$10,000	MDNR, MDOT, Local	2020-2021
2	HIGH	Mill Pond	Landscape and bank stabilization	\$6,500	MDNR, MDOT, Local	2020-2021
3	MEDIUM	Village Pathways	Add physical fitness stations to pathway	\$3,000	Village, Foundations	2022-2023
4	MEDIUM	Thunder Bay River	Footbridge	\$60,000	USDA, MDNR, MDOT, Local	2022-2023
Site Improvements						
5	HIGH	All facilities	ADA picnic tables, benches and amenities	\$1,500/Site	Local	2020-2021
6	MEDIUM	Pineview Park	General enhancements - new shuffleboard, paint, benches, tree trimming/removal	\$1,500	Local	2022+
7	LOW	Emerick Park	Additional campsites	TBD	Local, MDNR	2023+
8	MEDIUM	Emerick Park	Improve playground	\$75,000	Local, MDNR	2023
9	HIGH	Emerick Park Band Space	Concession stand/restrooms	\$60,000	Local, MDNR	2021+
10	MEDIUM	Emerick Park	Basketball Court	\$25,000	Local, MDNR	2023-2024
11	MEDIUM	Thunder Bay River	Boardwalk	\$40,000	MDNR, USDA, Local	2023-2024
12	HIGH	Emerick Park	Replace/Upgrade signage	TBD	Local, MDNR	2020-2021
Recreational Activities						
13	HIGH	Youth SportsPlex	Continue developing site	TBD	Little League, Foundations	Ongoing
14	LOW	Village	Community Theatre	\$20,000	MI Council for Arts, Local	2023+
15	LOW	Village	Nature Area Study	\$20,000	MDNR, Local	2023+
16	HIGH	Emerick Park Band Space	Partner with HCR to offer concerts	NA	Local	Ongoing
17	LOW	TBD	Research skate park	NA	Local	2023+

Table 5.1 – Capital Improvements Schedule (Continued)						
	Priority	Site	Property Improvement	Est. Cost	Funding Source(s)	Year
Hillman Township						
Walkable Community Plan						
18	HIGH	Township	Path to junior/senior high school	\$40,000	MDOT, MDNR, Local	2021+
19	MEDIUM	Township Pathways	Add physical fitness stations to pathway	\$3,000	Village, Foundations	2022-2023
Site Improvements						
20	HIGH	Tournament Park	Add additional bleachers	\$5,000	MDNR, Little League, Local	2020-2021
21	HIGH	Tournament Park	Lighting for ball fields	\$50,000 per field	MDNR, Little League, Local	2021-2022
22	HIGH	Tournament Park	Recondition ball fields	\$25,000	MDNR, Little League, Local	2021-2023
23	HIGH	Tiger Paw Park	Upgrade and expand playground	TBD	MDNR, Local	2022+
24	LOW	Tiger Paw Park	Winter ice skating rink	TBD	MDNR, Local	2023+
25	HIGH	Tournament/Tiger Paw Park	Expand & pave parking and pathways	\$80,000	MDNR, Local	2020-2021
26	HIGH	Tournament/Tiger Paw Park	Construct press box(s) for ball fields	\$20,000	MDNR, Local	2020-2022
27	HIGH	Tournament/Tiger Paw Park	Expand existing or construct new pavilion	\$40,000	MDNR, Local	2020-2022
28	HIGH	Tournament/Tiger Paw Park	ADA picnic tables, benches and amenities	\$3,000	MDNR, Local	2021-2023
29	MEDIUM	Community Center	Upgrade Kitchen	TBD	Local, Foundations	2020-2021
Recreational Activities						
30	MEDIUM	Tournament park	Expand Little League offerings	NA	Little League, Local	Ongoing
31	MEDIUM	Tiger Paw Park	Continue & expand summer activities	TBD	MDNR, Local	Ongoing
32	LOW	Community Center	Use stage for events	NA	Local	Ongoing
33	HIIGH	Community Center	Review rental rates	NA	Local	2020-2021

Table 5.1 – Capital Improvements Schedule (Continued)						
	Priority	Site	Property Improvement	Est. Cost	Funding Source(s)	Year
Joint Village/Township						
Promotional Program						
34	HIGH	Hillman area	Wayfinding signage	\$6,000	MDNR, Local	Ongoing
35	HIGH	Hillman area	Brochures, maps, materials	\$3,000	MDNR, Local	Ongoing
36	HIGH	Hillman area	Develop and fund promotional program	TBD	MDNR, Local	Ongoing
- Flexibility in the timeline may be necessary to allow for needed engineering studies, environmental surveys, contractual scheduling, and the availability of funding.						

Basis for Action

According to 2017 American Community Survey estimates for Hillman Township, including the Village of Hillman, approximately 60% of households exist as family households. Twenty-seven percent of households had children under the age of 18; while 56.4% of the residents were over 50 years of age. Approximately a quarter of the population has reported a disability. Due to the large number of residents who are able to pursue active recreation as well as the high number of households with children and disabled persons, the Village and Township must plan recreational facilities that appeal to a wide variety of people. In addition, recreation must be affordable. Montmorency County reports a median household income of \$39,152 (2017 US Census), which is only 74% that of the State of Michigan.

Due to the fact there are more developed recreational facilities and more cultural opportunities in the nearby City of Alpena, the Village and Township intend to capitalize on the natural assets to fulfill the needs of outdoor recreation in the community. With the surrounding fishing, camping, snowmobiling and skiing opportunities, the Hillman area will lean towards the development of outdoor recreation to suit the needs of differing age groups, income levels and physical abilities of residents and visitors.

Walkable Community

The Village of Hillman completed a plan for developing a walkable community. Proposed projects extended into the surrounding Township as well. The residents of the community have voiced their support of having a walkable community.

The plan includes a pathway from downtown out to the Junior/Senior High School. The plan also includes building a trailhead with parking across from the Brush Creek Mill complete with picnic tables and landscaping. This will allow visitors and residents surrounding the community to use

the pathway system. The pathway system will include physical fitness stops for extra workout opportunities.

A footbridge over the Thunder Bay River will enhance the pathway usability by providing a direct route to additional parking and creating an appealing setting to walk through.

Improvements to Existing Recreational Facilities

Improvements and maintenance to current facilities will encourage residents and visitors to continue using them. The Village and Township plan to continue improving recreational opportunities available to area residents. Improving existing facilities only enhances the community for residents and visitors, and incorporating more ADA accessibility allows more users to enjoy the facilities.

Approximately 17% of area residents are age 19 and under. Improving the playground and adding a basketball court at Emerick park would provide additional opportunities for area youth. Continued development of the SportsPlex and upgrades at Tournament and Tiger Paw Park would provide even more opportunities. During the Little league season the fields are often booked beyond capacity. Lighting the fields would not only provide expanded hours of use, but also the unique opportunity for teams to play “under the lights”.

Paving the parking area at Tournament/Tiger Paw Park would greatly enhance the facility and improve accessibility. Almost 38% of the population is age 60 and over, and approximately a quarter of the population has a disability. Improving accessibility at existing sites is very important to both the Village and Township.

Continue and Expand Recreational Activities

The Village and Township intend to find opportunities to provide recreational activities that appeal to a diverse group of people. Providing diverse and appealing activities not only appeals to area residents, but can also help to increase visitors and tourism. This increase can help support and enhance the local economy.

A potential community theatre and partnering with Hillman Community Radio to provide concerts and other activities provides for the expansion of the arts and cultural activities for area residents and visitors. This could also draw more visitors to the area further boosting the local economy.

The summer youth activities at Tiger Paw Park are already popular, but often must be limited in participants due to the limited available resources. Finding additional volunteers and dedicated funding opportunities would allow the programs to be available for a greater number of participants.

Develop Promotional Program

Many area residents and visitors are not aware of the many recreational opportunities that are already available. The Village and Township intend to work together to improve wayfinding signage to direct visitors and residents to existing public and private recreational facilities. Development of promotional maps and brochures will create more awareness of existing facilities and activities and hopefully drive greater participation. The Village and Township will also search for ways to turn the promotional materials into an ongoing promotional program. Utilizing this program outside of the immediate area would greatly increase participation in recreational offerings and further support the local economy.

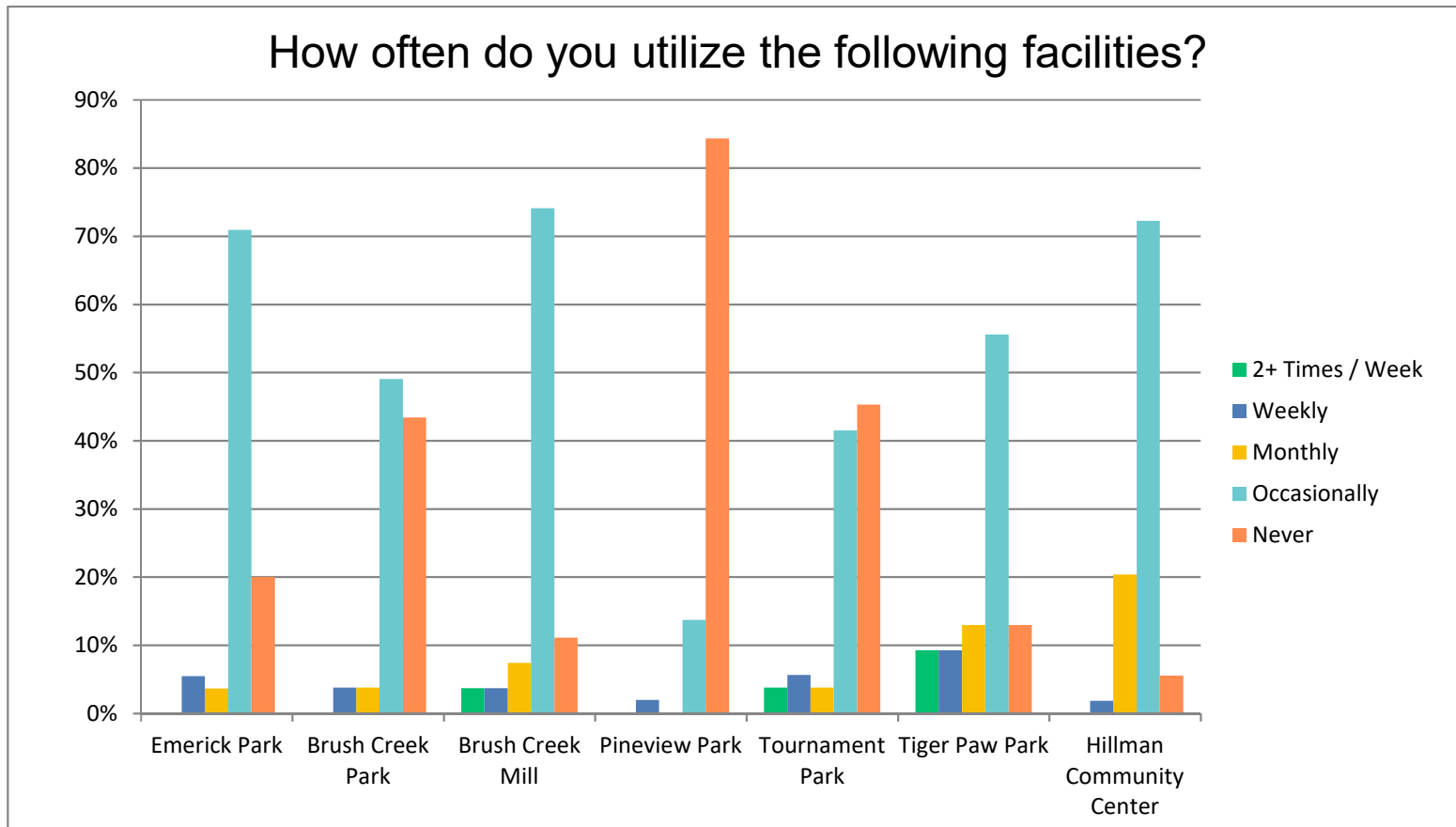
Attachment A
Community Survey Results

Village of Hillman & Hillman Township Recreation Plan Survey

How often do you utilize the following facilities?

	2+ Times / Week		Weekly		Monthly		Occasionally		Never		Total
Emerick Park	0%	0	5%	3	4%	2	71%	39	20%	11	55
Brush Creek Park	0%	0	4%	2	4%	2	49%	26	43%	23	53
Brush Creek Mill	4%	2	4%	2	7%	4	74%	40	11%	6	54
Pineview Park	0%	0	2%	1	0%	0	14%	7	84%	43	51
Tournament Park	4%	2	6%	3	4%	2	42%	22	45%	24	53
Tiger Paw Park	9%	5	9%	5	13%	7	56%	30	13%	7	54
Hillman Community Center	0%	0	2%	1	20%	11	72%	39	6%	3	54

Answered 55
Skipped 0



Village of Hillman & Hillman Township Recreation Plan Survey

What activities do you participate in at the following recreational facilities? (Not all activities apply to each facility)

	Emerick Park		Brush Creek Park		Brush Creek Mill		Pineview Park		Tournament Park		Tiger Paw Park		Hillman Com. Center		Total
	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	
Biking	50%	4	13%	1	13%	1	0%	0	25%	2	75%	6	38%	3	8
Fire Pit	100%	9	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	9
Fishing	95%	18	21%	4	11%	2	0%	0	5%	1	0%	0	0%	0	19
Camping	100%	19	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	19
Gardening	33%	1	0%	0	67%	2	0%	0	0%	0	33%	1	33%	1	3
Hiking	25%	3	33%	4	17%	2	8%	1	33%	4	67%	8	17%	2	12
Ice Skating	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	100%	1	1
Nature Viewing	68%	17	44%	11	24%	6	8%	2	28%	7	44%	11	0%	0	25
Other Historic Features	6%	1	6%	1	100%	18	0%	0	0%	0	6%	1	0%	0	18
Picnicking	71%	15	19%	4	5%	1	5%	1	10%	2	67%	14	0%	0	21
Snowmobiling	50%	1	0%	0	50%	1	0%	0	50%	1	0%	0	0%	0	2
Special Events/Workshops	22%	8	8%	3	81%	29	0%	0	6%	2	39%	14	42%	15	36
Volunteering	6%	1	0%	0	31%	5	0%	0	6%	1	63%	10	13%	2	16
Other (please specify)															4

Answered 44
Skipped 11

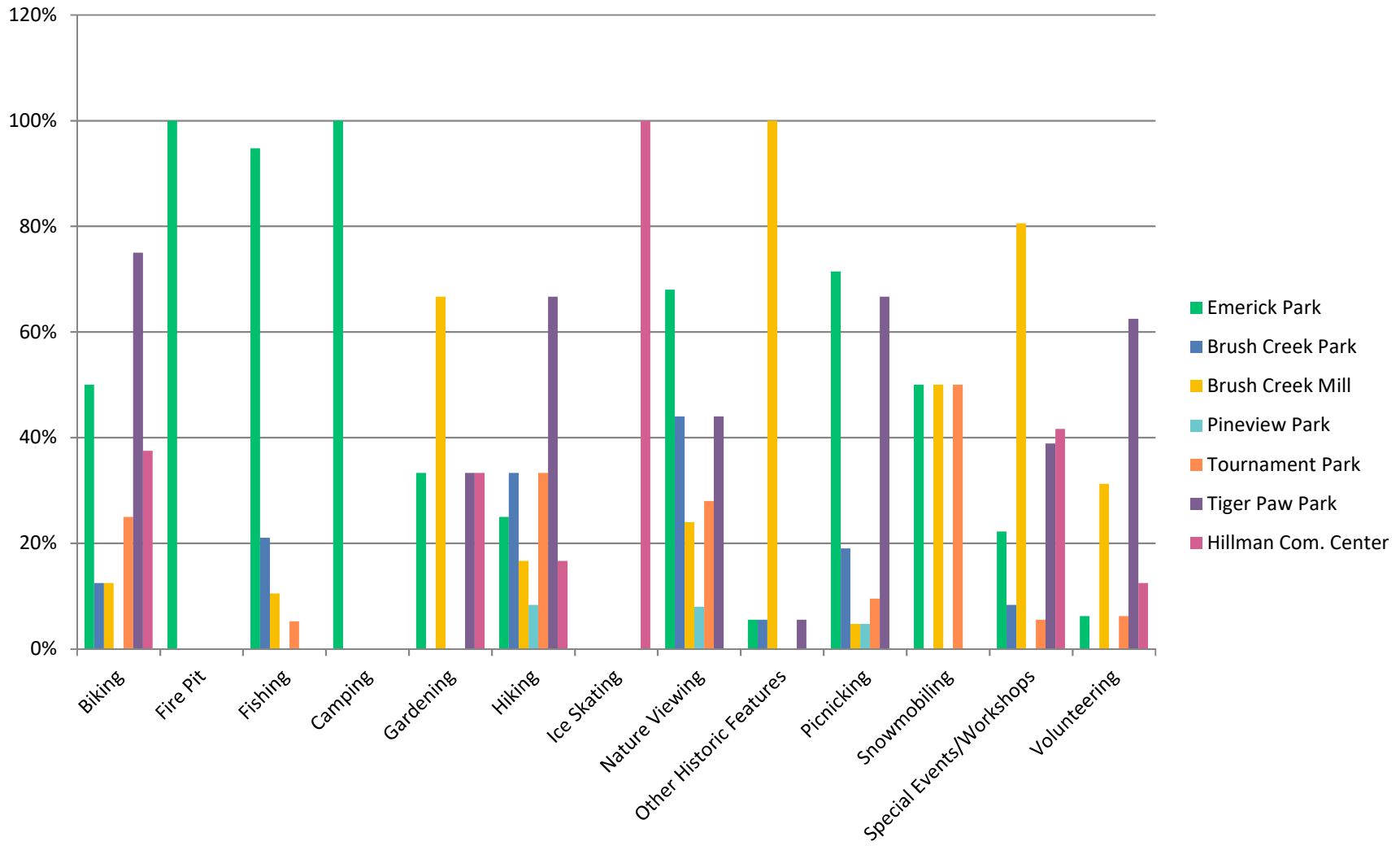
Elkhorn Lodge - Thunder Bay Resort

Walking trail beginning at Tiger Paw Park

I work in a group home. We love taking walks!

Would love to see the ORV trail extend into town. Hillman is missing out on income from this.

What activities do you participate in at the following recreational facilities? (Not all activities apply to each facility)



Village of Hillman & Hillman Township Recreation Plan Survey

What improvements do you feel are needed at Emerick Park

Answered 20

Skipped 35

New Dock - which I understand is completed and will be installed next year

More full hookup sites. paved roadways. Upgrade signs in park

More signage and advertising

The reservation system needs to be organized better. This year during VJ day weekend, many campers wanted to utilize the park but were turned away because it was at capacity but actually several of the sites sat empty all weekend. I am not talking about the sites that cannot be used because of fireworks. I realize those are not rented because they are too close to the fireworks display. I am referring to several other sites that sat empty near the restrooms. It was unfortunate. We like to camp but were turned away when we phoned. The park ranger was also very rude on the telephone which is unacceptable in his position.

Upgraded playground

updated playground equipment. Nature trail in wooded areas.

better signs, better walking path

New playground with fence. Splash pad

New picnic tables

The elderly man that handles camping reservations is driving away business! Totally rude and disrespectful when I tried to reserve a site.

Mgt more privacy

Better kids area

More reliable/maintained internet. No use paying for something that doesn't work which I've experienced on numerous occasions within the same month.

Splash pad

More paved trail areas for people who are in wheelchairs...very limited where folks can go in the park.

Playground

A paved walkway between the parking lots, gazebo and the playground. It is NOT handicapped accessible as it is now.

Never been there

Regulation horseshoe pits.

Access to wade in the river.

Village of Hillman & Hillman Township Recreation Plan Survey

What improvements do you feel are needed at Brush Creek Park?

Answered 8

Skipped 47

more scenic

I think the village should purchase the lot next to Wayne Wire and make the park bigger. It would improve the area quite a bit. It is actually very pretty in that area but it is under utilized right now.

signage

Seems to be doing fine have coopers pond dug out

Didn't realize this was utilized. Needs more trees/bushes.

Not sure where this is. Behind Chaunceys? If so, signage?

Never been there

Access to wade in the river.

Village of Hillman & Hillman Township Recreation Plan Survey

What improvements do you feel are needed at the Brush Creek Mill?

Answered 9

Skipped 46

Painting or re-staining of the building

more advertising

I think the Mill is great as it is.

better access to the river. They should consider doing canoe/kayak rentals.

The outside is pitted with holes, from woodpeckers I guess. It needs to be repaired or replaced.

More parking . More kid friendly events throughout the year

Signage for out of town folks, history markers?

Again, never been there

I volunteer there. Love the building and what it means to our community.

Village of Hillman & Hillman Township Recreation Plan Survey

What improvements do you feel are needed at Pineview Park?

Answered **5**
Skipped **50**

I am not familiar with this park, so more advertising?
where is it?

No clue what this is. Needs more advertising. Perhaps a sign if there isn't already one and I'm just missing it.

Don't know where this is. Again, signage in Town

I have no idea where this is

Village of Hillman & Hillman Township Recreation Plan Survey

What improvements do you feel are needed at Tournament Park?

Answered 9

Skipped 46

Seating for visitors

improved dugouts

If the ball fields are going to continue to be used for little league there needs to be more room between the fields for spectators etc. Paved parking lot would be great. Lights for ball fields

signage

Needs to be useable

New dug outs.

New dug outs

Bleachers and protective netting

No idea where this is

Village of Hillman & Hillman Township Recreation Plan Survey

What improvements do you feel are needed at Tiger Paw Park?

Answered 13

Skipped 42

Playground upgrades. Parking lot upgrades

The trails should be paved.

the walking trail identification and improvement

Paving trail, benches, picnic tables, pavilion, signs

No smoking allowed

Ice skating rink in the winter

signage

Paved parking lot. New dugouts. Take out s hill in the park....kids play king of the hill and get hurt.

Update equipment

Upgrade some of the playground equipment

Better dugout's. More seating for ball fields and more benches for kids area!

Require power plant to clean the park more often. Black crap on playground equipment.

More bleachers for ball games. And the no pet rule inforced.

Village of Hillman & Hillman Township Recreation Plan Survey

What improvements do you feel are needed at the Hillman Community Center?

Answered 12

Skipped 43

Lower rental rates for local taxpayers who paid for building the building

Updating

more advertising

possible location for ice skating rink in the winter

It seems like a pretty nice place.

Expand parking

Kitchen upgrades

Use the hall for concerts stage is there put it to use should be something going on pretty much every weekend brings tourist " money"

Lower cost

Update inside, compare it to other local venues and see what is needed. I feel the back room is wasted space. Major Reno needed in kitchen, maybe expand it into that room? Just some thoughts. I know this would be costly.

More kids activities, we utilize EVERY Friday for rollar skating when in season.

Better communication about events.

Village of Hillman & Hillman Township Recreation Plan Survey

What new or expanded recreational facilities do you feel are needed in the Hillman area?

Answered 13

Skipped 42

Maybe a shuffle board court downtown at Brush Creek Mill or Brush Creek Park
Facility to attract youth

Horseshoe pits. Walking bridge between Tripp Field and Brush Creek Mill.

an ice rink, music at the new band shell, movie house - something for the teens

Would love to see a soccer field.

Ropes course. Zip lines. Canopy board walk

Live music concerts something like for all ages

Splash pad for kids!

Splash pad

A small splash park would be nice.

Kid stuff! Skate park?

Regulation tournament horseshoe pits. My husband and I have ideas.

More hiking areas, for hiking only. Marked and mapped would be amazing. We can connect many trails and bring hikers to our area. High
Country Pathway is a good example.

Village of Hillman & Hillman Township Recreation Plan Survey

What new or expanded recreational activities do you feel are needed in the Hillman area?

Answered 12

Skipped 43

Attract youth and keep people interested in Hillman

Continue bike path to Alpena

see #10

I think we should find an area to host horse shoe tournaments. I have been told that if we had a professional size pit, we could host some tournaments that would bring additional visitors to our area which would be good for the motels and the campground.

Ropes course. Zip lines. Canopy board walk

More things for young adults to do.

Something that draws people. A nice restaurant and a fast food restaurant

More Bike trails, paddle board/kayak/canoe rental. Offer classes for youth or adults.

More or better advertised community garden groups, bird watchers(including Eagles), free events to introduce the community to non profit clubs like the conservation club, Audubon society, Association of lifelong learners, a community walking club....

See above, same question

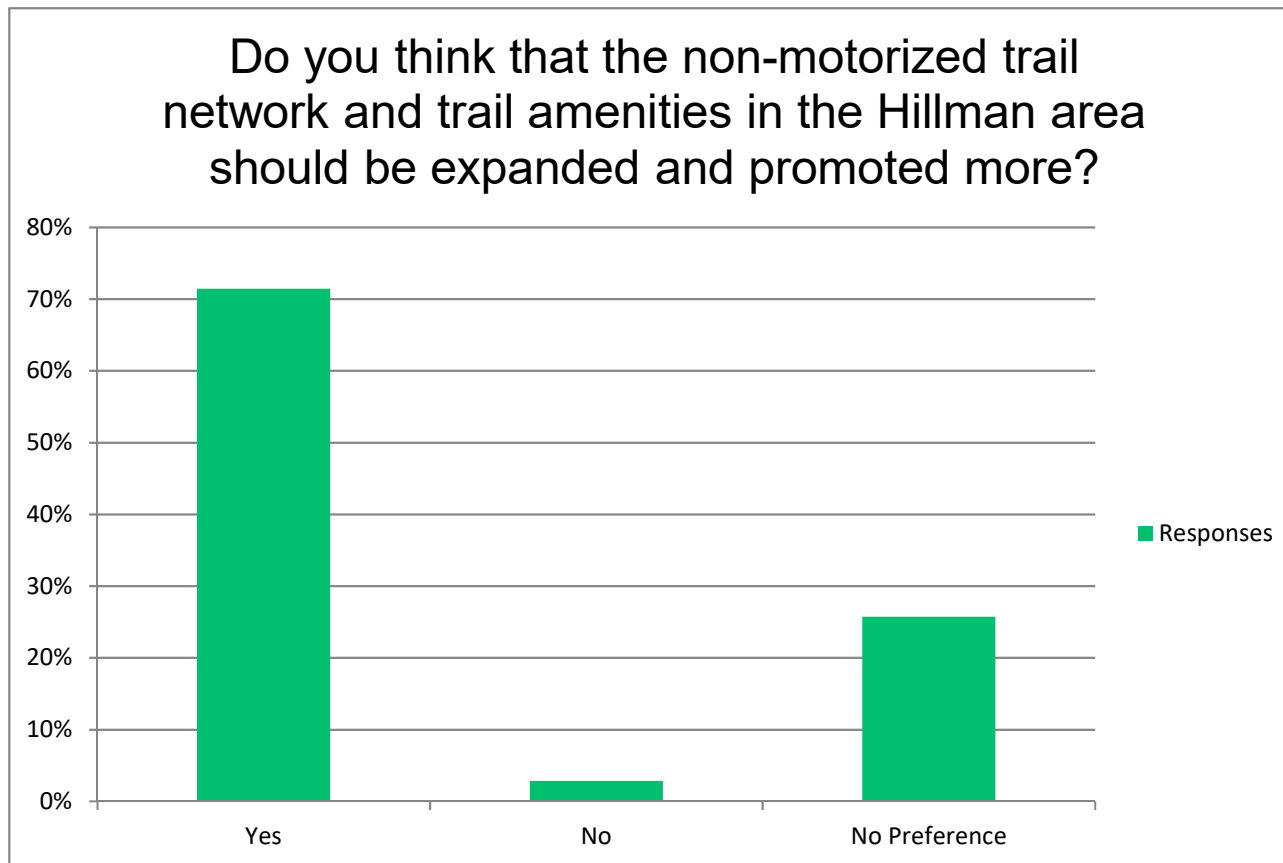
Finish the walking path by Tiger Paw park and possibly extend it. We have lots of walkers and bikers in town.

Non-motorized winter sports. Sledding hill, cross country ski trails, a community winter activity.

Village of Hillman & Hillman Township Recreation Plan Survey

Do you think that the non-motorized trail network and trail amenities in the Hillman area should be expanded and promoted more?

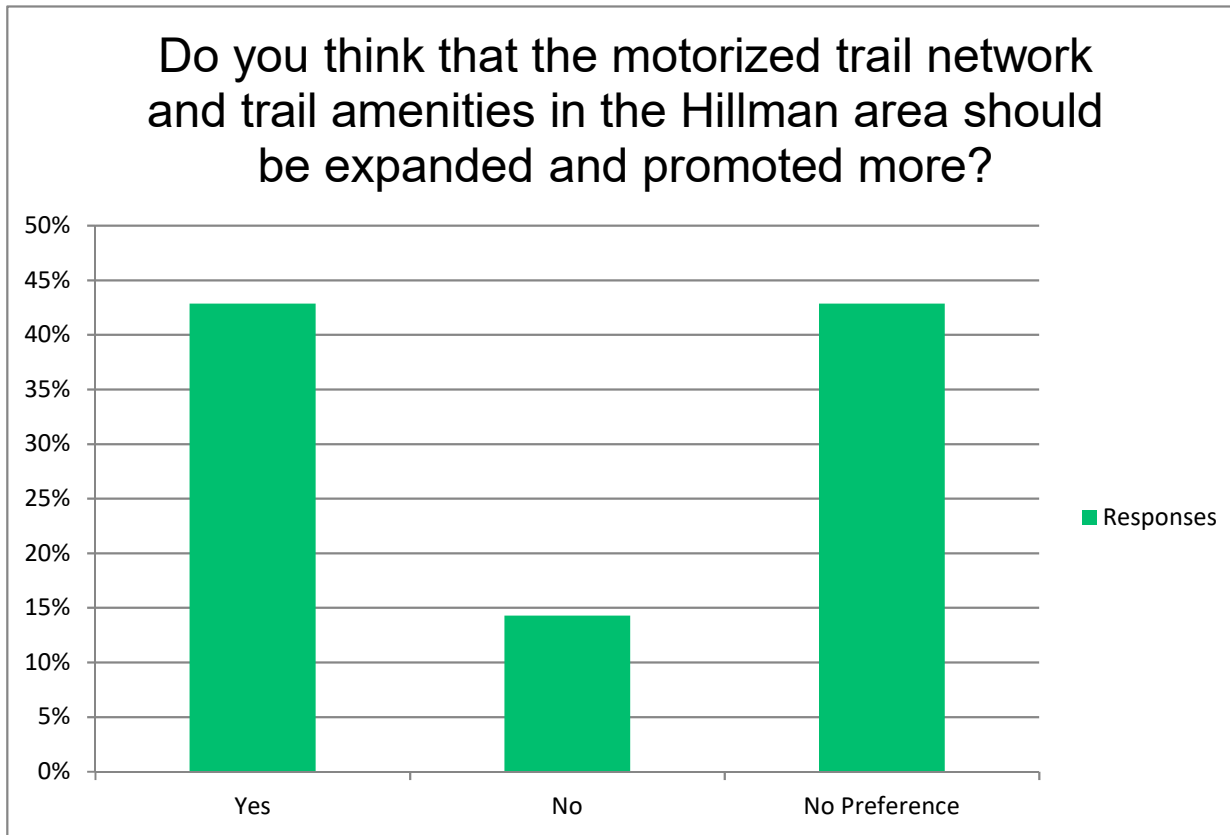
Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	71%	25
No	3%	1
No Preference	26%	9
	Answered	35
	Skipped	20



Village of Hillman & Hillman Township Recreation Plan Survey

Do you think that the motorized trail network and trail amenities in the Hillman area should be expanded and promoted more?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	43%	15
No	14%	5
No Preference	43%	15
Answered		35
Skipped		20

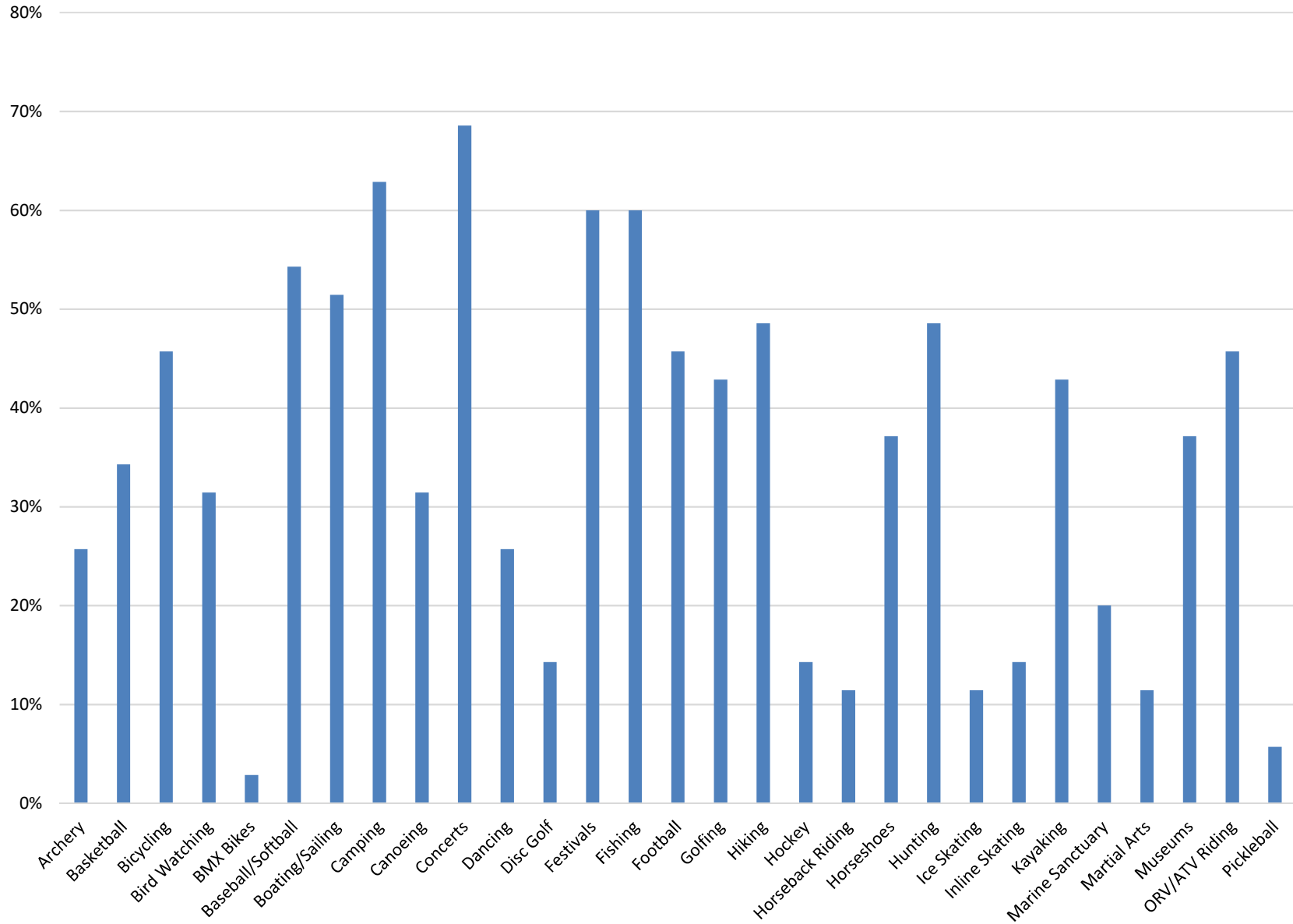


Village of Hillman & Hillman Township Recreation Plan Survey

What recreational activities do you and/or your family enjoy? (Please check all that apply.)

Answer Choices	Responses	Answer Choices	Responses
Archery	26% 9	Picnicking	40% 14
Basketball	34% 12	Playgrounds	49% 17
Bicycling	46% 16	Running	3% 1
Bird Watching	31% 11	Scuba Diving	6% 2
BMX Bikes	3% 1	Shooting Sports (skeet, targets)	20% 7
Baseball/Softball	54% 19	Skateboarding	6% 2
Boating/Sailing	51% 18	Snowmobiling	20% 7
Camping	63% 22	Soccer	11% 4
Canoeing	31% 11	Swimming	54% 19
Concerts	69% 24	Tennis	11% 4
Dancing	26% 9	Theaters (live & cinema)	40% 14
Disc Golf	14% 5	Volleyball	11% 4
Festivals	60% 21	Walking	63% 22
Fishing	60% 21	Water Skiing	6% 2
Football	46% 16	Wildlife/Nature Viewing	63% 22
Golfing	43% 15	Winter Skiing	17% 6
Hiking	49% 17	Other (please specify)	11% 4
Hockey	14% 5		Answered 35
Horseback Riding	11% 4		Skipped 20
Horseshoes	37% 13		
Hunting	49% 17	None	
Ice Skating	11% 4	Sliding down hill	
Inline Skating	14% 5	Pond Hockey	
Kayaking	43% 15		
Marine Sanctuary	20% 7		
Martial Arts	11% 4		
Museums	37% 13		
ORV/ATV Riding	46% 16		
Pickleball	6% 2		

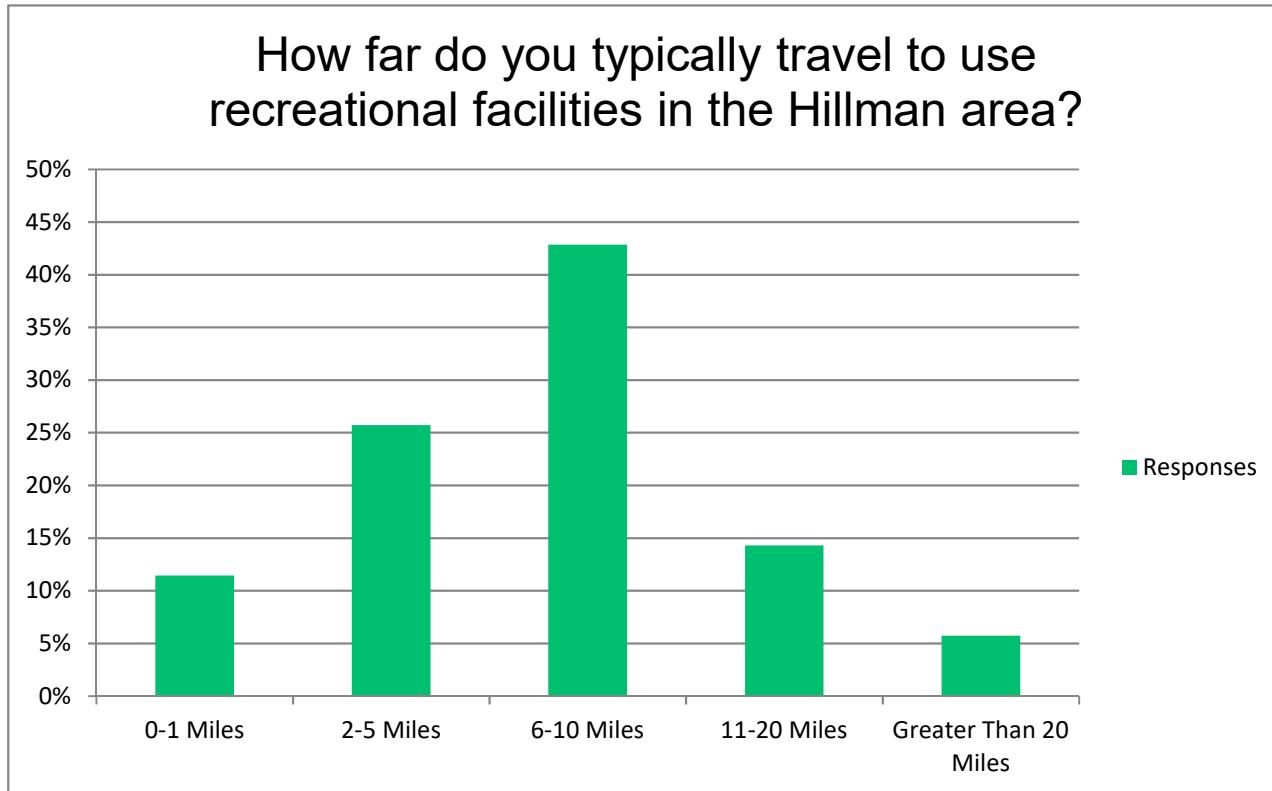
What recreational activities do you and/or your family enjoy?



Village of Hillman & Hillman Township Recreation Plan Survey

How far do you typically travel to use recreational facilities in the Hillman area?

Answer Choices	Responses	
0-1 Miles	11%	4
2-5 Miles	26%	9
6-10 Miles	43%	15
11-20 Miles	14%	5
Greater Than 20 Miles	6%	2
Answered		35
Skipped		20



Village of Hillman & Hillman Township Recreation Plan Survey

What other recreational facilities (State-owned, local government, schools, or privately owned) do you or your family utilize in the Hillman Area?

Answered 15
Skipped 40

Clear Lake

golf course

We use the local lakes (Avalon, Long and Fletcher's) frequently.

Ess lake campground, clear lake beach and disc golf, fishing at grass lake

Ess lake state park

All local campgrounds and lake and river access sites

Thunder Bay river in alpena for kayaking. We belong to the Alpena Lifelong Learners and they have a number of activities outside Hillman.

Sportsmens club for shooting

School, state forest campground

Around a 50 mile radius

The High School

School playground

ORV and snowmobile trails.

State parks, school sporting events

Camping at Ess lake

Village of Hillman & Hillman Township Recreation Plan Survey

What recreational activities do you leave the Hillman area for?

Answered 18

Skipped 37

Concerts, gaming, sporting events

Camping, concerts

Biking, fishing, horseshoes

None

Hiking, camping, movies

golf, movies, skiing, water park, bowling

Splash pad, movies, concerts, etc

Camping throughout Michigan

Bike Trail in Rogers City area.

Camping

All marked in answer 14

ATV fishing camping entertainment

Snowmobiling, camping

Sliding down hill

Exercise (gym) and camping

Theater, concerts, festivals, nature trails, craft fairs, museums,...

Camping at other campgrounds that off full hook ups

Sledding, hiking, movies

Village of Hillman & Hillman Township Recreation Plan Survey

Do you have family or friends who travel to the Hillman area and use recreational facilities? If so, which facilities?

Answered 13

Skipped 42

Yes, Fletcher Floodwater for fishing

Camping Emerick park

Brush Creek Mill

No

Yes, we have friends and family that utilize Emerick Park for our reunions and camping. They also enjoy the local lakes.

Um. No.

Answer 14

No

Yes. Lake activity

Tiger paw

ORV and snowmobile trails

Skating at the community center, camping in Emerick park, fishing...

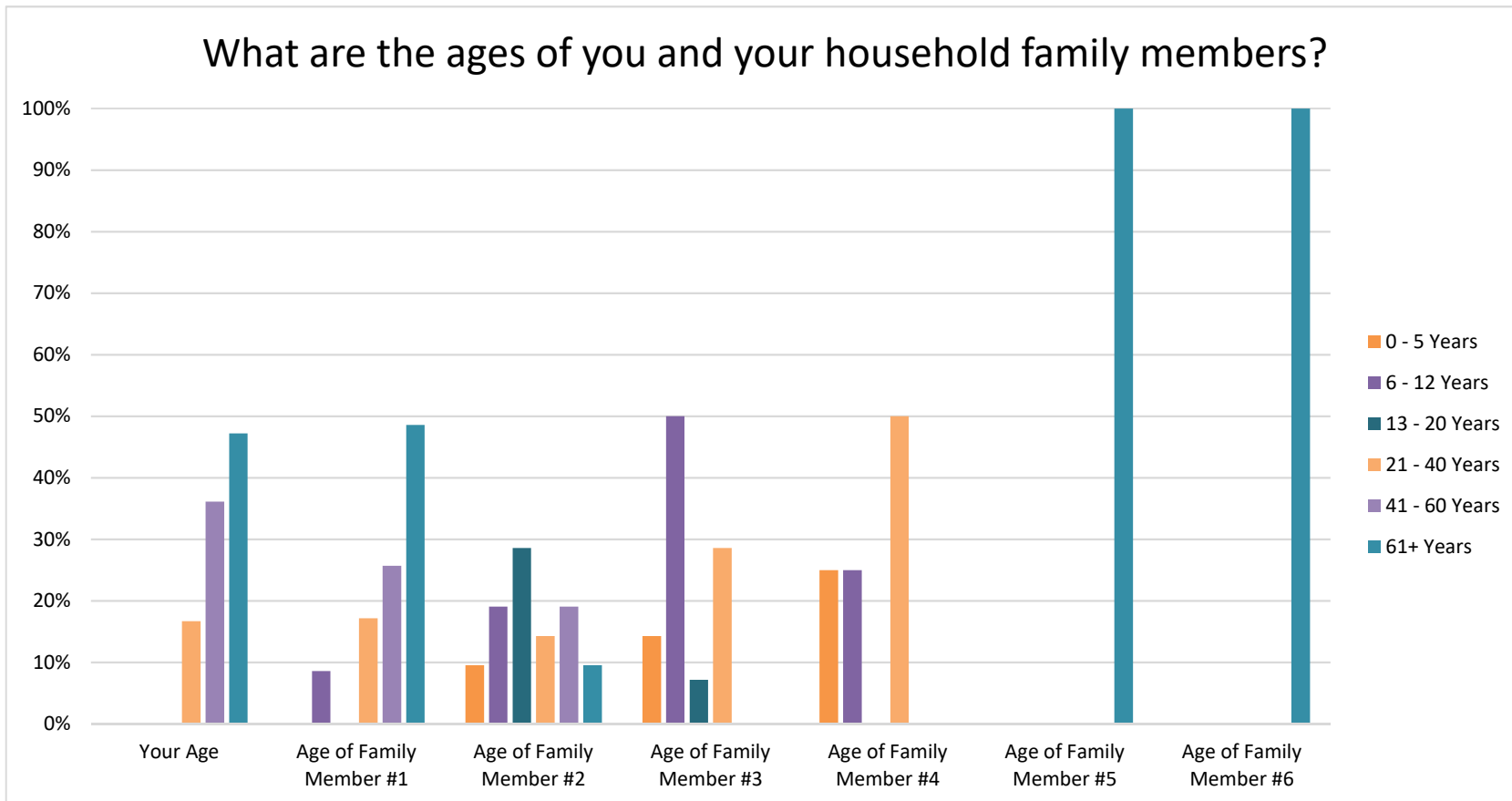
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Village of Hillman & Hillman Township Recreation Plan Survey

What are the ages of you and your household family members?

	0 - 5 Years		6 - 12 Years		13 - 20 Years		21 - 40 Years		41 - 60 Years		61+ Years		Total
Your Age	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	17%	6	36%	13	47%	17	36
Age of Family Member #1	0%	0	9%	3	0%	0	17%	6	26%	9	49%	17	35
Age of Family Member #2	10%	2	19%	4	29%	6	14%	3	19%	4	10%	2	21
Age of Family Member #3	14%	2	50%	7	7%	1	29%	4	0%	0	0%	0	14
Age of Family Member #4	25%	2	25%	2	0%	0	50%	4	0%	0	0%	0	8
Age of Family Member #5	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	100%	1	1
Age of Family Member #6	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	100%	1	1

Answered 36
Skipped 19



Village of Hillman & Hillman Township Recreation Plan Survey

Please select which community you reside in.

Answer Choices	Responses	
Village of Hillman	25%	9
Hillman Township	39%	14
Albert Township	0%	0
Avery Township	0%	0
Briley Township	0%	0
Loud Township	0%	0
Montmorency Township	17%	6
Rust Township	6%	2
Vienna Township	0%	0
Green Township (Alpena County)	3%	1
Wellington Township (Alpena County)	3%	1
Bismark Township (Presque Isle County)	3%	1
Other (please specify)	6%	2
	Answered	36
	Skipped	19

Case Township

Macomb county. 2nd home in Hillman

Village of Hillman & Hillman Township Recreation Plan Survey

Other Comments?

Answered 5

Skipped 50

Wish we had a bowling alley or theater again. There is nothing for people to do in the area for things like that!

I think more credit should be given to the people who work hard to keep these facilities running/kept up. Some of the village workers I've seen working hard and don't think they get the credit they deserve especially during the winter when they get up and clear the snow off the roads at 4 or 5 in the morning so we can get to work, etc. I think whoever those people are definitely deserve a raise and a BIG thank you from the people of Hillman!

Not much to do in Hillman...for any age group, unless you have very small children who enjoys the playgrounds. Love to at least be able to go for walks. Folks in wheelchairs are limited to sidewalks that go "around" the perimeter anywhere you want to go.

We live in a great community. Making people aware and making trails connect is key. Whether it's hiking, biking, ORV, snowmobile. they need to connect to town to help bring income to the area and offer a destination. (Ride to lunch, dinner, etc) because we don't have access to Hillman restaurants/gas stations we ride to Atlanta for food and gas. Probably once or twice a week in the summer and maybe twice a month or so in the winter. Our families from downstate visit often and do the same. Hillman is missing out on this income source. Drive by chatters bullpen or the elbo any day of the week and look at how busy they are with ATV/Snowmobile business. Hillman is missing out!

Submitted by Vicki Mueller

Attachment B
Village of Hillman
Post Completion Self Certification Forms



PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

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

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

GRANTEE: Village of Hillman

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-00454

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Hillman Emerick Park

PROJECT SCOPE: Construct shelter/restroom building

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Table with 3 columns: Name of Agency (Grantee), Contact Person, Title, Address, Telephone, City, State, ZIP, Email. Row 1: Village of Hillman, Dave Post, Village Manager, PO Box 96, 989742-4751, Hillman, MI 49746, office@hillmanmichigan.org

SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

The restroom building was deemed obsolete and converted into a maintenance garage. A new restroom/shower facility was constructed in 1997.

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

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

As noted above, the restroom facility was converted into a maintenance garage in 1997, and a new modern restroom/shower facility was constructed.

SITE QUALITY

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

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

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

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

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

Seasonal Parks Manager and DPW staff inspect and perform all maintenance as needed.

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

Yes No N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

Yes No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

Yes No

Fees for camping and pavilion rental. All other park facilities are available for use free of charge.

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

May 1-November 30. River access year-round. Campers only after 10:00pm in campground.

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.

DAVID J. POST	<i>David J. Post</i>	11/7/19
Please print	Grantee Authorized Signature	Date
JANET McMURRAY	<i>Janet McMurray</i>	11-7-19
Please print	Witness Signature	Date

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

Project Title: Hillman Emerick Park

Project Number: 26-00454



Emerick Park entry sign



Original restroom/shower building now converted to maintenance garage

Project Title: Hillman Emerick Park

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Program recognition plaques



Campsite with electric hookup



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GRANTEE: Village of Hillman

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-00996

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Hillman Emerick Park Development

PROJECT SCOPE: Shower rooms added to existing restroom building

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

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SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

The restroom/shower building was deemed obsolete and converted to a maintenance garage.

A new restroom/shower facility was constructed in 1997.

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

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

As noted above, the restroom/shower facility was converted to a maintenance garage in 1997, and a new modern restroom/shower facility was constructed.

SITE QUALITY

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

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

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

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

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

Seasonal Parks manager and DPW staff inspect and perform all maintenance as needed.

GENERAL

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

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

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No

Fees for camping and pavilion rental. All other park facilities are available for use free of charge.

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

May 1-November 30. River access year-round. Campers only after 10:00pm in campground.

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

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Project Title: Hillman Emerick Park Development
Project Number: 26-00996



Emerick Park entry sign



Original restroom/shower building now converted to maintenance garage

Project Title: Hillman Emerick Park Development
Project Number: 26-00996



Program recognition plaques



Campsite with electric hookup



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

GRANTEE: Village of Hillman

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01060 T3

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Pineview Park

PROJECT SCOPE: Footbridge, Horseshoe Pits, Shuffleboard Courts, Shed, Landscaping.

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SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

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

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

The storage shed was deemed obsolete. Other arrangements were made for storage.

SITE QUALITY

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

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

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

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

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

Seasonal Parks manager and DPW staff inspect and perform all maintenance as needed.

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

Yes No N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

Yes No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

Yes No

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

Open all seasons/hours. Shuffle board court is not maintained for use in winter.

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David J. Post 11/7/19
Grantee Authorized Signature Date

JANET McMURRAY
Please print

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Witness Signature Date

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Pineview Park entry sign and program recognition



Pineview Park (shuffleboard courts and horseshoe pits)



Footbridge at Pineview Park



Playground equipment at Pineview Park



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GRANTEE: Village of Hillman

PROJECT NUMBER: TF97-048

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Emerick Park Project

PROJECT SCOPE: Construct modern, handicap accessible restroom and shower building

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

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GENERAL

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

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

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No
Fees for camping and pavilion rental. All other park facilities are available for use free of charge.

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?
May 1-November 30. River access year-round. Campers only after 10:00pm in campground.

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Project Title: Emerick Park Project
Project Number: TF97-048



Emerick Park entry sign



New shower/restroom building

Project Title: Emerick Park Project
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Project Title: Emerick Park Project
Project Number: TF97-048



Program recognition plaques



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GRANTEE: Village of Hillman

PROJECT NUMBER: TF06-053

PROJECT TYPE: Acquisition

PROJECT TITLE: Brush Creek Dam and Millpond Acquisition

PROJECT SCOPE: Acquire 1.5 acres of land with 200' frontage on Brush Creek Millpond.

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

SITE QUALITY

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

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

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

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

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

Seasonal Parks manager and DPW staff inspect and perform all maintenance as needed.

GENERAL

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

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

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No


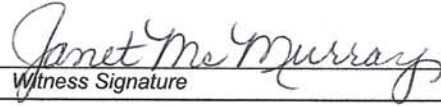
What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

Open all season/hours

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

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Project Title: Brush Creek Dam and Millpond Acquisition
Project Number: TF06-053



Brush Creek Park entry sign and program recognition plaque



Brush Creek Park property

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Hillman Township

Post Completion Self Certification Forms



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GRANTEE: Hillman Township

PROJECT NUMBER: TF94-115

PROJECT TYPE: Acquisition

PROJECT TITLE: Williams Tournament Park

PROJECT SCOPE: Acquire 18.5 acres with ballfield and Thunder Bay River frontage

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SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

The Township has continued to improve the park and amenities provided including adding a universally accesible childrens playground.

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

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

SITE QUALITY

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

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

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. []Yes [X]No
The facility does have video surveilance to deter vandalism.

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No
Part-time seasonal staff and Township Officials inspect the park often. Maintenance is performed as needed. Little League officials also inspect the ball fields.

GENERAL

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

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

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?
The park is open from dusk to dawn year-round

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

CERTIFICATION

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

Charles T Manning
Please print


Grantee Authorized Signature

1-13-20
Date

David J. Post
Please print


Witness Signature

1/13/2020
Date

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Project Title: Williams Tournament Park
Project Number: TF94-115



Hillman Township Tournament Park and Tiger Paw Park Playground Entry Signs



Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Recognition Plaque



Existing Ballfield Complex (new dugout under construction)

Project Title: Williams Tournament Park
Project Number: TF94-115



Existing Ballfield Complex (fields currently being partially reconditioned)



Existing Ballfield Complex (fields currently being partially reconditioned)



Concessions window on pavilion and restroom building



Existing Ballfield Complex



Existing Ballfield Complex



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GRANTEE: Hillman Township

PROJECT NUMBER: CM00-031

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Tournament Park Development

PROJECT SCOPE: Development at Tournament Park including multi-use restroom/pavilion

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SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

The Township has continued to improve the park and amenities provided including adding a universally accesible childrens playground.

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

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

SITE QUALITY

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

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

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. []Yes [X]No
The facility does have video surveilance to deter vandalism.

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No
Part-time seasonal staff and Township Officials inspect the park often. Maintenance is performed as needed. Little League officials also inspect the ball fields.

GENERAL

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

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

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No

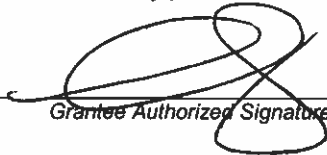
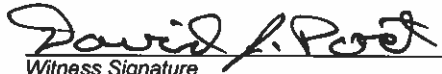
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COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

CERTIFICATION

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Hillman Township Tournament Park and Tiger Paw Park Playground Entry Signs



Clean Michigan Initiative Recognition Plaque



Playground, Basketball Court, and Restroom/Picnic Pavilion



Playground



Playground

Project Title: Tournament Park Development
Project Number: CM00-031



Restroom/Picnic Pavilion with Concessions Stand



New Dugout under construction

Project Title: Tournament Park Development

Project Number: CM00-031

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Recreation Plan Checklists



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

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

Name of Plan: Hillman Area Recreation Plan, 2020 - 2024
List the community names (including school districts) that are covered under the plan and have passed a resolution adopting the plan.
Table with columns: Community Name, County, Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body.
Rows: Village of Hillman (Montmorency, January 7, 2020), Hillman Township (Montmorency, January 13, 2020)

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

[X] 1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

[X] 2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

- [X] Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s)
[X] Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart
[X] Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation Programming
[X] Current Funding Sources
[X] Role of Volunteers
[X] Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations

Regional Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only:

- [] Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of Participating Communities
[] Articles of Incorporation

[X] 3. RECREATION INVENTORY

- [X] Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory
[X] Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities
[X] Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required)
[X] Accessibility Assessment
[X] Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities
[] Waterways Inventory (if applicable)

[] 4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)

[X] 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 11-13-2019

Type of Notice Public Notice & website posting

Plan Location Agency websites & Public Library

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) Nov 13 - December 30, 2019

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 December 18, 2019

Name of Newspaper Montmorency Tribune

Date of Meeting December 30, 2019

Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

8. ACTION PROGRAM

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

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 7, 2020

2. Official resolution of the Village of Hillman Planning Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: December 30, 2019

3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: January 17, 2020

4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: January 17, 2020

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

Village of Hillman *includes the required content, as indicated*

(Local Unit of Government)

above and as set forth by the DNR.

Polygon J. McArthur

Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government

1/17/2020

Date

This completed checklist must be uploaded in MiRecGrants.



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Hillman Township	Montmorency	January 13, 2020

PLAN CONTENT

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4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)

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 11-13-2019

Type of Notice Public Notice & website posting

Plan Location Agency websites & Public Library

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) Nov 13 - December 30, 2019

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 December 18, 2019

Name of Newspaper Montmorency Tribune

Date of Meeting December 30, 2019

Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

8. ACTION PROGRAM

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

PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION

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

1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: January 13, 2020

2. Official resolution of the Hillman Township Planning Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: December 30, 2019

3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: January 17, 2020

4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: January 17, 2020

OVERALL CERTIFICATION

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

I hereby certify that the recreation plan for

Hillman Township *includes the required content, as indicated*
(Local Unit of Government)

above and as set forth by the DNR.

OT Manning *Supervisor* 1/17/2020
Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government Date

This completed checklist must be uploaded in MiRecGrants.