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SECTION I: COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

In its continuing effort to provide quality recreational opportunities for its citizens, the City of Grand Ledge has created the 2011 City of Grand Ledge Five Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan as a tool to guide the development of the City-maintained recreational facilities and locations over the next five years. This Plan is an effort to establish recreational goals and objectives for the community that will focus on possible land acquisition and development over the next five years. The 2011 Plan will also make Grand Ledge eligible for grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (MDNRE) to assist in reaching its recreational goals.

The jurisdiction of this plan is solely for the City of Grand Ledge, and focuses on all aspects of park recreation and programming. This community is referenced within the Eaton County Parks and Delta Township Five Year Recreation Master Plans.

The Grand Ledge Parks and Recreation Commission (Commission) consists of residents of the City concerned with providing a wide array of quality recreational opportunities. The Commission has been fundamental in providing information about the community and guidance for the direction of the recreation plan throughout the planning process.

Public input from residents and the Commission members provided a clear picture of which recreation facilities and programs are needed and desired by the public. The final Parks and Recreation Master Plan reflects which improvements and additions to recreational facilities and programs will best address the needs and desires of the City of Grand Ledge.

A. Regional Location

The City of Grand Ledge is located in proximity to the junction of M-43 and M-100, 6.5 miles west of Lansing, within Eaton County. The City offers convenient access to I-69, I-96 and US-27. The region is served by Capital City International Airport, which provides commercial service with connections to all domestic and international locations. Abrams Municipal Airport is adjacent to Grand Ledge's industrial area. The CSX railroad crosses the northern edge of the City.

The City has a very distinct historical character, accented by the recent remodeling of storefronts in the central business district. The small town atmosphere makes Grand Ledge an increasingly popular place to live. At the same time, Grand Ledge offers convenient proximity to Lansing and the mid-Michigan educational, governmental, employment, and cultural environments. The central business district, residential areas and parks are situated on high banks that overlook the Grand River. The name Grand Ledge came from the Grand in Grand River and the sandstone ledges located along the banks of the Grand River as it winds through the City. The City takes great pride in its well-maintained neighborhoods, historical buildings, local festivals, strong schools and its pleasant small town environment.





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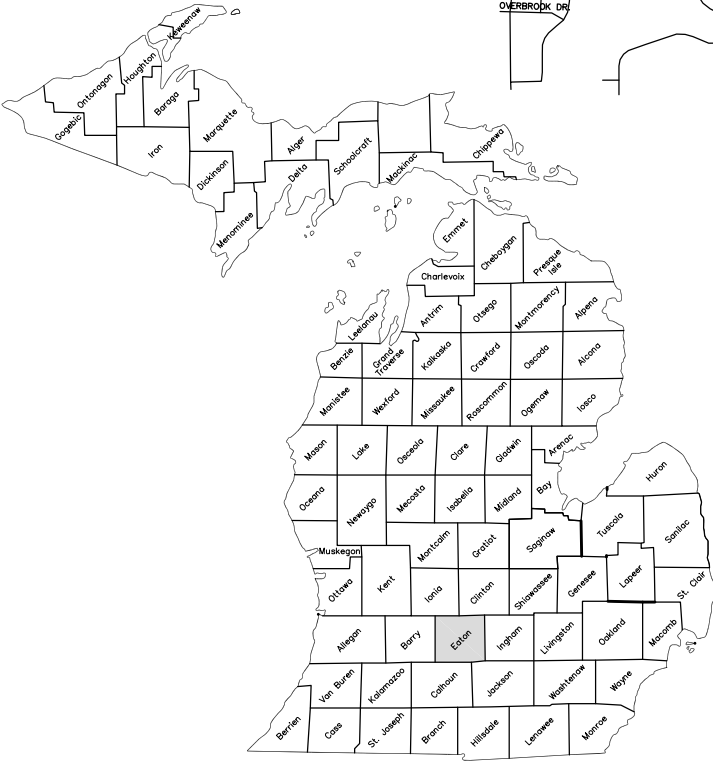
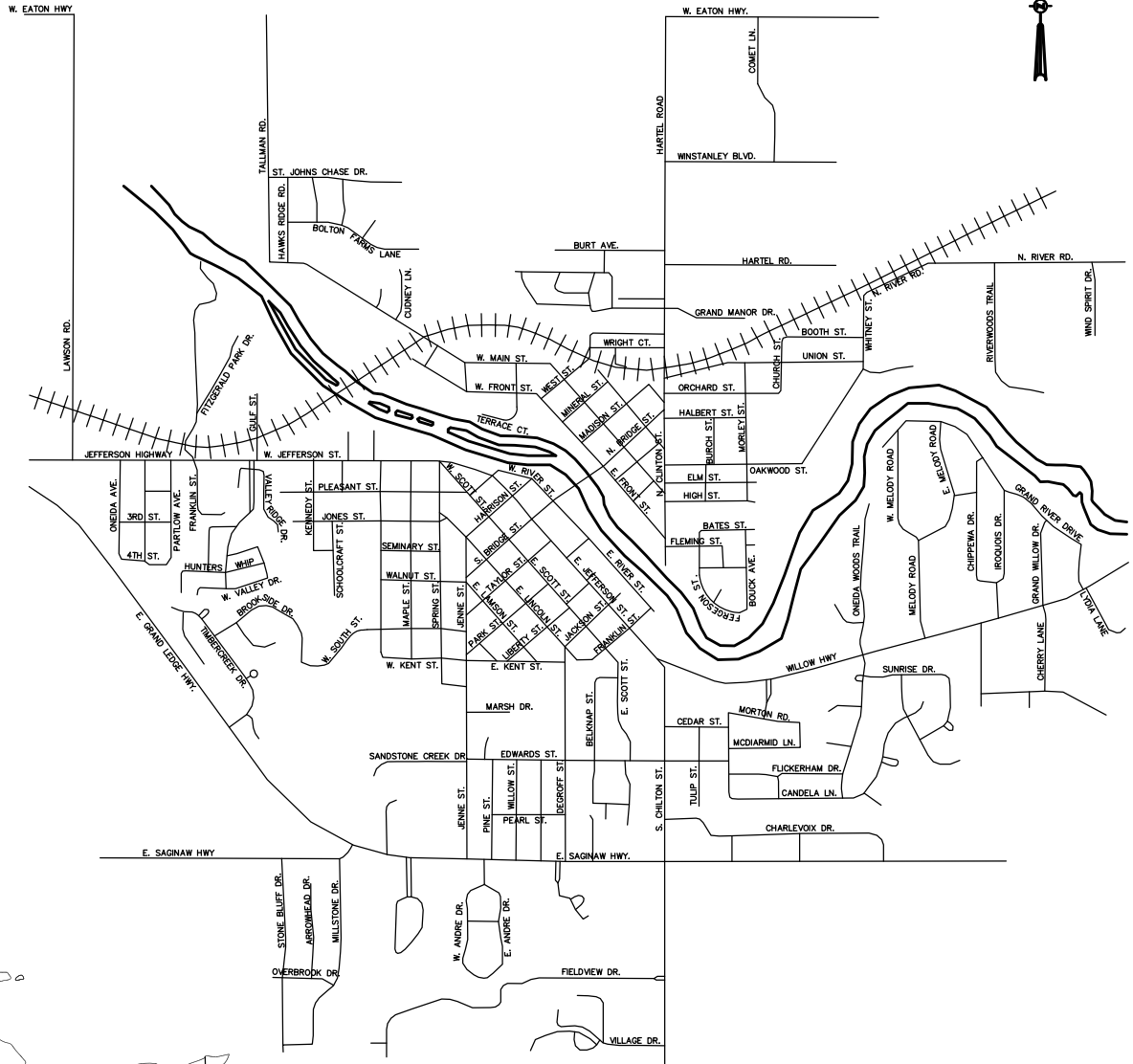
The Grand River bisects the City as it travels in a southeast to northwest direction through Eaton County. City and County officials have protected this important resource by acquiring key properties for park and recreation purposes along sensitive riverbank areas and/or in the river's flood plain. River widths reach nearly 400 feet near the City's western boundary.

The elevation of Grand Ledge is 860 feet above sea level. The topography within the City is characterized as being gently rolling with a slight downward slope from north to south.

Although most of the river basins in mid-Michigan are fairly broad and enclosed by gentle slopes, the Grand River basin in the area of Grand Ledge is a notable exception. For a distance of just less than two miles, the Grand River has entrenched its bed to a depth as much as sixty feet below the surrounding surface, exposing the rugged mass of sandstone which underlines the surface soils. This occurrence is highly unusual for the Lower Peninsula of Michigan. Within the surrounding counties, the Grand River basin ranges from a quarter mile to one mile wide and is bordered by gentle slopes. Areas along the Grand River that have more gradual banks and are subject to flooding, are carefully managed by the use of a comprehensive zoning ordinance, which includes a well-defined Flood Plain District. Soils, from a park development perspective, are not a significant or limiting issue with the exception of erosion, which while naturally occurring, is also affected by foot traffic and human impact.



MAP #1 CITY OF GRAND LEDGE





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SECTION II: ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

A. Administrative Organization

The Grand Ledge Parks and Recreation Commission was created in 1979 by City Ordinance # 275 of the City Code, Chapter 8, Article 6 (and later amended with regard to composition). There are two branches of authority for the administration of the parks and recreation. The first branch is Park Maintenance and Operation, which is overseen by the City Administrator with work performed by the Department of Public Service. The second branch is Recreation Programs and Service, which is overseen by the Parks and Recreation Commission with work performed by the Parks and Recreation Director.

Traditionally, the Parks and Recreation Commission is made up of ten members, eight of which are appointed at-large by the mayor and confirmed by the City Council. One member is a representative of the City Council who serves without voting privileges. The final member represents the Grand Ledge Public Schools and has full voting privileges. Members serve three year terms that overlap.

The Parks and Recreation Commission holds regular monthly meetings with special meetings as needed. The Commission is directly responsible to the City Council and is advisory in nature in regard to all budgets, personnel, and policy related matters. The Director of the Public Service Department provides technical and support services to the Commission.

The Commission, with approval of the City Council, appoints the Parks and Recreation Director, who recommends an annual budget, develops programs, hires and supervises staff, manages the payroll and maintains all necessary records.



SECTION III: INVENTORY OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS

A. Overview

An inventory of playground equipment and park facilities was recorded and reviewed with regard to location, acreage, and quantity (See Table 1). The City of Grand Ledge has been a recipient of grants for its work on the Riverwalk and its Island Park development.

B. City Facilities

1. ISLAND PARK (2.25 Acres)

Island Park is situated downtown in a wide section of the river immediately north of Bridge Street. The island setting offers a relaxed and often secluded atmosphere that has proven popular to generations of park users.



The island, connected to the mainland by a pedestrian bridge, also plays a major role in Grand Ledge's hosting of several regionally popular annual festivals. This bridge was partially funded through a Clean Michigan Initiative (CMI) Grant. Its natural linear shape works well for the set-up of art shows and exhibitor booths making the island the focal point for these events. Adding to the appeal of the island is the relatively natural condition of the banks on the opposing sides of the river. During most of the year, park users limit themselves to relaxed strolls, sightseeing, and enjoying the opportunity to sit quietly on a blanket and watch the river. Kids can frequently be seen fishing off the banks. Previous park improvements include a large gazebo, benches, erosion control measures, a small boat dock, and a new bridge.



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Due to seasonal flooding, periods of intense heavy use, and the maturing of trees on the island, a sensitive environmental condition exists that requires careful management. The Island's banks were restored to protect from further erosion; pathways were paved and landscaping was installed to preserve Island Park for future generations. The park's development was funded partially through a Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund Grant.

Island Park includes not only the main island, but also the much smaller first island that can be accessed only by boat. Left in a very natural condition, the smaller first island compliments the overall park setting and provides a natural habitat for birds, geese, and the small animals living along the riverbank. The park is ADA accessible.

2. JAYCEE PARK (5.0 Acres)

This linear park is located southeast of the central business district and offers frontage on the Grand River, a modern play structure, a large swing set, a sand volleyball court, a basketball court, picnic tables, a pavilion, a heavily used public boat launch ramp, off-street parking, and a non-motorized trail.

The Scout/Senior Building, a primary feature of Jaycees Park, hosts senior citizen programs and Boy and Girl Scout troop meetings. It is also available for rent to private parties. Built originally for Scouting purposes, the center has been renovated with refinished hardwood floors, modernization of the kitchen, restrooms and interior wall treatments and window repair. Maintenance needs on this, like any other older building, remain high. The park is ADA accessible by accessing it at the Fitzgerald Memorial Field parking lot at properly designated spots and traveling down the Riverwalk Trail.

3. RIVERWALK TRAIL (1.5 Acres)

The Riverwalk Trail is contained on City owned property on the south side river frontage from Jaycee Park to the Fitzgerald Field parking lot, adjacent to Island Park. The Riverwalk Trail connects Jaycee Park to Island Park from the boat launch in Jaycee Park to the pedestrian bridge of Island Park. The Riverwalk along the Grand River was constructed using funds from the City of Grand Ledge Parks and Recreation operating millage, a donation from the Grand Ledge Opera House, and a grant from the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund. The addition of the walkway has significantly improved the view of and access to the Grand River to the users of Jaycee Park and greatly enhanced this element of the park and riverfront's appeal as evidenced by the numerous daily walkers. The trail is ADA accessible.

4. FITZGERALD MEMORIAL FIELD (3.11 Acres)

Fitzgerald Memorial Field is located on the western bank of the Grand River, in the very center of downtown Grand Ledge. Dedicated in 1936, the lighted and recently irrigated field now hosts the Mustang League baseball games (ages 9 and 10) as well as the city's Little League Championship series.



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Island Park and Fitzgerald Memorial Field share a common newly paved parking lot and are connected by a bridge. The baseball field has been used during the Island Festivals and other events for carnivals, exhibitors' booths and overflow parking. The field house is a modern building which houses a concession area, restrooms, a small park office and a large warming room. The recently donated Brooks' Property is adjacent to the west of Fitzgerald Memorial Field and provides a scenic overlook and attractive access point to and from the downtown shops, Fitzgerald Memorial Field and Island Park. The field is ADA accessible.

5. OAK PARK (7 Acres)

Located on a northerly bluff overlooking the Grand River, Oak Park offers a passive, natural setting as well as access to the regionally popular sandstone ledges from which the City's name was derived.

The park offers a beautifully shaded picnic and wildlife viewing area beneath the canopy of its mature oaks. A main focal point of the park is the sandstone ledges. Rock climbers from throughout Michigan and beyond use the ledges for recreational climbing, instruction and rescue training. The park is located at the end of West Front Street near downtown.

A heavy demand is placed on the ledges at Oak Park. As many as 80 climbing routes up the ledge's sheer rock-face have been identified, named and rated as to their degree of difficulty. Local climbing enthusiasts, working with the Grand Ledge Parks and Recreation Commission, have authored and printed a Code of Ethics and Guidelines for Rock-Climbing. These are permanently posted at the park and available in printed form.

The ledges in Oak Park are not a place for a beginning climber unless they are part of a group receiving qualified instruction. Oak Park serves as an outdoor classroom for emergency rescue training programs and private instruction. Many of these programs and training sessions are offered for a fee by a local vendor who provides all of the equipment as well as a team of knowledgeable instructors.

Use of the ledges in Oak Park by climbers has steadily increased in popularity in recent years creating concern for the impact climbing will have long term on the fragile cliff surface and plant ecology. The non-profit group "Friends of Oak Park" holds an annual park clean up and aids the Commission in ensuring that the ledges aesthetic, geologic and recreational value will be retained in perpetuity. This park is not ADA accessible, and should any recreational improvements for this park be proposed in the future, those improvements will be ADA accessible.

6. ELAINE DIBLE MEMORIAL PARK (.84 Acres)

Located in the newly developed Candlewood Estates subdivision off Willow Highway this small neighborhood park is accessed by a pedestrian walkway, and offers picnicking opportunities. The park is ADA accessible.



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7. COLONIAL PARK (.87 Acres)

Located in the Colonial Park neighborhood, this small neighborhood park is accessible by a pedestrian walkway. The adjacent property owners take care of the mowing and maintenance of this park and enjoy it as undeveloped, passive green space. This park is not ADA accessible, and should any recreational improvements for this park be proposed in the future then all of those shall be ADA accessible.

8. RIVERSIDE PARK

Riverside Park is located at the corner of Bridge Street and E. Front Street in downtown Grand Ledge. It includes a large deck with a picnic area overlooking the Grand River and is often utilized by photographers for the many weddings held in Grand Ledge. This park provides a beautifully landscaped parking area for Grand Ledge visitors as well as park bench seating.

9. HISTORIC LEDGES PLAYHOUSE

Located in Eaton County's Fitzgerald Park, the Theater offers highly respected dramatic performances May through September. The theater is housed in a 100-year-old structure nestled into the parks wooded area on the bluffs overlooking the Grand River. The facility is leased to a theater company that performs each summer.

C. State and County Regional Facilities

EATON COUNTY PARKS

The Eaton County Parks and Recreation Commission was established in 1970 under Act 261 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan. Today, the Parks Commission operates eight park areas that total nearly 300 acres. Eaton County park facilities include a variety of historical, recreational, educational, and scenic and wildlife habitat areas. Although several areas within the system are well developed, others are protected and left in their natural state.

Two of the parks are of primary importance to this study. Fitzgerald Park is located within the corporate limits of the City of Grand Ledge while Lincoln Brick Park is situated directly across the Grand River from Fitzgerald Park and immediately north of the city's boundary.

1. Fitzgerald Park

This 78-acre park, located on West Jefferson Street, just off M-43 in Grand Ledge, is best known as the site of the Ledges - an ancient sedimentary rock outcropping lining the banks of the Grand River.

Naturalist Services are available through the park's Nature Center, with programs relating to ecology, wildlife, and natural history. The Ledges provide an excellent opportunity for hands-on geological study.



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Fitzgerald Park serves as a 12-month recreation resource with three miles of nature, hiking and cross country ski trails; picnic areas for up to 300 people; two softball fields; volleyball and basketball courts, a sledding hill, and shuffleboard facilities. Special facilities include a disc-golf (played with Frisbees) course and the regionally popular Historic Ledges Playhouse. This park while owned by the City of Grand Ledge is leased to and operated by the Eaton County Parks Department.

2. Lincoln Brick Park

Lincoln Brick Park is the newest of the developed Eaton County park properties in Grand Ledge. Located north of Grand Ledge on Tallman Road, the park offers a variety of habitats from woodland to open meadows, including over 6,000 feet of scenic river frontage. Named after the brick production operation that took place on the site, Lincoln Brick Park provides trails, fishing access, an archery range, a playground, a swimming beach and two picnic pavilions. The newly constructed Interpretive Center is used for environmental education programs, County Park Commission meetings and is available for rent to the public.

3. Fox Memorial Park

Located near Potterville, Fox Park is a 100-acre site that includes a small lake that is ideal for swimming, fishing and ice-skating. Other features include two picnic pavilions, a large play structure and nature and cross-country ski trails.

4. Edward Keehne Environmental Area

Built on the site of an abandoned limestone quarry, the 17-acre site features an extensive boardwalk system, ponds, nature trails and nature study areas.

5. Charlotte Optimist Youth Camp

This 20-acre primitive campground is operated by the Charlotte Optimist Club in cooperation with the Eaton County Parks Commission and is used by local youth groups.

6. Butler Park

This public boating access site on the Battle Creek River is located near Bellevue in southwestern Eaton County.

7. Dyer Kiln Historic Site

This historic site features one of the first limestone kilns in Eaton County and was used in the preparation of cement in the late 19th century. Located in Bellevue, the site offers an attractive park-like setting.



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STATE OF MICHIGAN

There are no Michigan State Parks located within Eaton County; however there are State Parks within the region.

1. Sleepy Hollow State Park

Located in Clinton County, this park offers modern and group camping facilities, a swimming beach on Ovid Lake, fishing, canoeing, cross-country ski trails, snowmobiling opportunities, hunting, horseback riding trails, and mountain biking.

2. Ionia Recreation Area

Located in Ionia County, this park offers a boat launch site and fishing, picnic areas, hiking, cross-country ski trails, snowmobiling opportunities, hunting, horseback riding trails, and mountain biking.

3. Yankee Springs Recreation Area

Located in Barry County, this park offers a boat launch site and fishing, picnic areas, hiking, cross-country ski trails, snowmobiling opportunities, hunting, horseback riding trails, and mountain biking.

D. School Facilities

The Grand Ledge Public Schools System operates facilities throughout its 125 square mile district. These are located both inside the City of Grand Ledge, as well as in the immediate outlying area. Four of six elementary buildings, Greenwood, Holbrook, Neff, and Beagle are located within the corporate limits of the city, two of which, Greenwood and Holbrook recently closed due to budget cuts. Also located in the city are Sawdon Administration Building and Grand Ledge High School. Located in the immediate outlying area are: Willow Ridge Elementary, Wacousta Elementary School, Delta Center Elementary and Hayes Middle School.

Through a cooperative lease agreement between the City of Grand Ledge and the Grand Ledge Public Schools, many well-maintained and very modern athletic facilities are available for community recreation programs. Other school facilities are used for adult enrichment programs and serve as neighborhood play areas. The school facilities are listed below:

- 1. Greenwood Elementary School (Currently closed)-** Gymnasium, playground, (playground) softball diamond, outdoor basketball/asphalt play area, and small (playground) soccer field.
- 2. Holbrook Elementary School (Currently closed)-** Gymnasium, playground, (playground) softball diamond, and outdoor basketball/asphalt play area.
- 3. Neff Elementary School-** Gymnasium, playground, outdoor basketball/asphalt play area.
- 4. Wacousta Elementary School*-** Gymnasium, playground, outdoor basketball/asphalt play area.



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5. **Willow Ridge Elementary School***- Gymnasium, playground, outdoor basketball/asphalt play area, and sledding hill.
6. **Delta Center Elementary School***- Gymnasium, playground, outdoor basketball/asphalt play area, and sledding hill.
7. **Sawdon Administration Building**- Multi-purpose room and outdoor basketball court.
8. **Beagle Elementary School**- Gymnasium, sand volleyball, basketball, softball fields (3), baseball diamond, track and soccer field.
9. **Hayes Middle School***- Gymnasium, baseball fields (2), soccer fields (2) and a playground.
10. **Grand Ledge High School**- Gymnasiums (2), indoor swimming pool, tennis courts, baseball diamond (Gorman Field), football field (GLHS Stadium), and soccer field (Boughton Field).
11. **Marsh Field**- Football, baseball, and softball fields.

* Indicates Grand Ledge Public Schools located outside of City limits

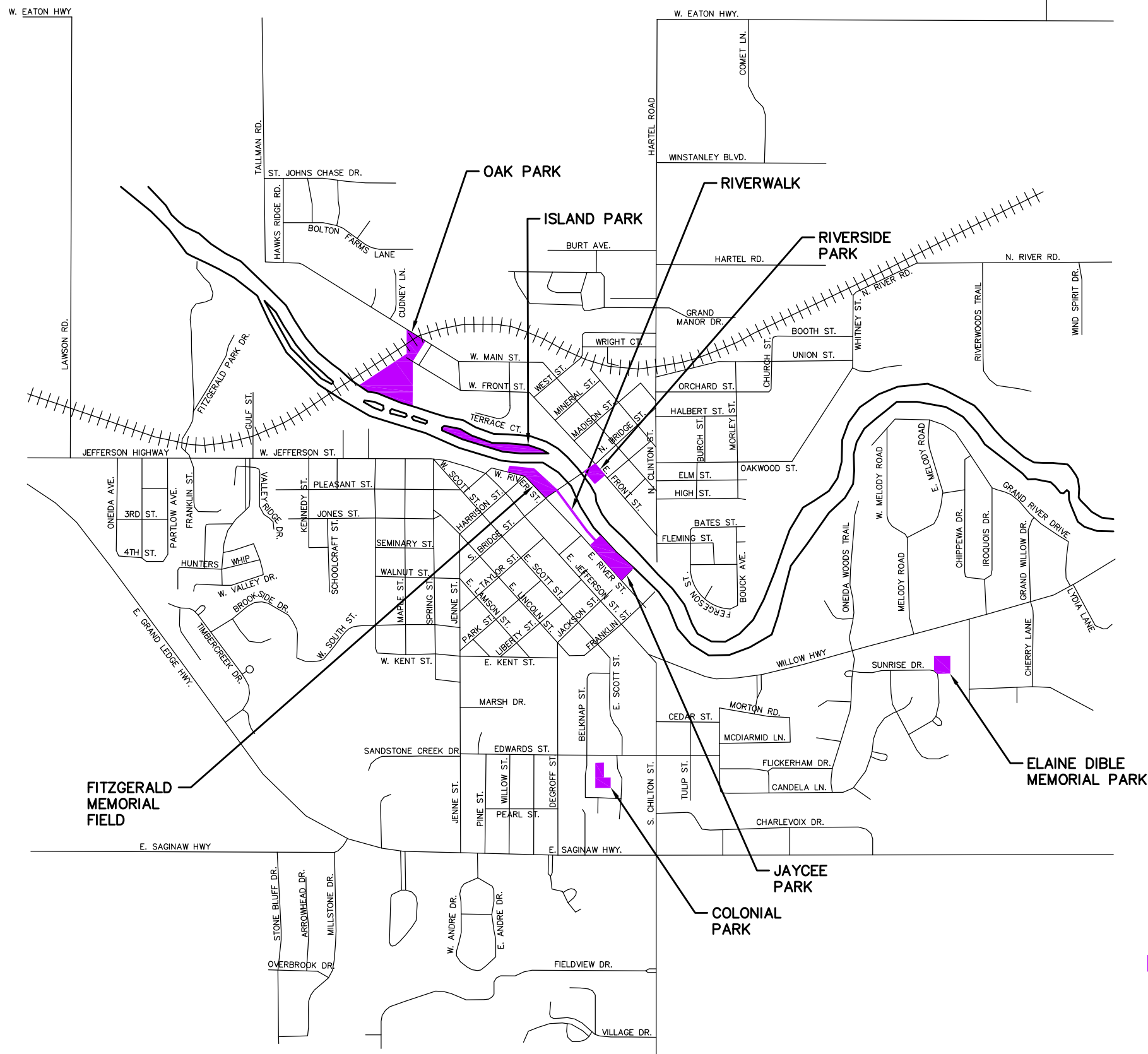
TABLE 1
Park and Recreation Inventory
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Recreational Areas	Location		Picnic Shelter/Gazebo	Picnic Areas	Tables	Grills	Playgrounds	Restrooms	Boat Ramp	Public Beach	Hiking/Walking	Fishing	Football Field	Baseball/Softball Field	Ice Skating/Sledding	Soccer Field	Tennis Court	Basketball/Volleyball	Shuffleboard	Gymnasium	Cross Country Skiing	Disc Golf	Ownership / Maintenance
Island Park (2.25 Acres)	City of Grand Ledge		✓		✓				✓		✓												City of Grand Ledge
Jaycee Park (5 Acres)	City of Grand Ledge		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓							✓					City of Grand Ledge
Riverwalk (1.5 Acres)	City of Grand Ledge			✓	✓	✓					✓												City of Grand Ledge
Fitzgerald Memorial Field (3.11 Acres)	City of Grand Ledge							✓					✓										City of Grand Ledge
Oak Park (7 Acres)	City of Grand Ledge			✓	✓	✓					✓												City of Grand Ledge
Elaine Dible Memorial Park (.8 Acres)	City of Grand Ledge			✓	✓																		City of Grand Ledge
Colonial Park (.87 Acres)	City of Grand Ledge																						City of Grand Ledge
Fitzgerald Park (78 Acres)	City of Grand Ledge		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓			✓				✓	✓			✓	Eaton County/Grand Ledge
Riverside Park	City of Grand Ledge			✓	✓																		City of Grand Ledge
Lincoln Brick Park (90 Acres)	Onieda Township		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓												✓	Eaton County
School Facilities																							
Greenwood Elementary	City of Grand Ledge						✓							✓		✓		✓		✓			Grand Ledge Public Schools
Holbrook Elementary	City of Grand Ledge						✓							✓				✓		✓			Grand Ledge Public Schools
Neff Elementary	City of Grand Ledge						✓											✓		✓			Grand Ledge Public Schools
Delta Center Elementary	Delta Township						✓											✓		✓			Grand Ledge Public Schools

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Wacousta Elementary	Eagle						✓												✓		✓			Grand Ledge Public Schools
Willow Ridge Elementary	Grand Ledge						✓												✓		✓			Grand Ledge Public Schools
Sawdon High School	City of Grand Ledge																		✓					Grand Ledge Public Schools
Beagle School	City of Grand Ledge													✓			✓		✓		✓		✓	Grand Ledge Public Schools
Hayes School	Onieda Township						✓							✓			✓		✓		✓			Grand Ledge Public Schools
Grand Ledge High School	City of Grand Ledge												✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	Grand Ledge Public Schools
Marsh Field	City of Grand Ledge							✓					✓	✓										Grand Ledge Public Schools

MAP #2 CITY OF GRAND LEDGE CITY OWNED PARKS



 CITY OWNED PARKS



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E. Public Programs

Below is a list of current programs for the residents of Grand Ledge.

Program	Season	Location	#Games/Classes	Participants
Arts & Crafts	Summer	High School	M-Th / 6 Wks	47
Baseball	Summer	Beagle/Fitzgerald Field	58 Gms/Wk / 6 Wks	324
Basketball (Boys)	Summer	High School	M-F / 1 Wk	90
Basketball (Boys)	Winter	High School	Sat / 8 Wks	163
Basketball (Girls)	Summer	Beagle/High School	M-F / 1 Wk	122
Basketball (Girls)	Fall	High School	Sat / 6 Wks	118
Flag Football	Fall	Beagle Middle School	Sun / 6 Wks	340
Golf	Summer	Ledge Meadows G. C.	4 Day Inst / 3 Sessions	64
Gymnastics	Summer	High School	M-Th / 6 Wks	36
Ice Skating	Winter	Fitzgerald Field	F-Sat-Sun / 3 Wks	7,400
Softball	Summer	Beagle Middle School	24 Gms/Wk / 6 Wks	130
Swimming	Summer	High School	14-2Wk Prgms / 3 Sessions	213
Tennis	Summer	High School	M-F / 2 Wks	73
Track	Summer	Beagle Middle School	MW / 6 Wks	174

F. Private Recreation Facilities

There are a number of privately owned recreation opportunities located within convenient travel distance from Grand Ledge.

1. Grand Ledge Country Club

Eighteen holes with driving range, outdoor pool with lifeguard, and banquet facilities located on St. Joe Highway.

2. Ledge Meadows Golf Course

Eighteen holes of golf and a driving range with indoor winter golf, located on Grand Ledge Highway (M-43); just west of Grand Ledge.

3. Funtime Adventure Park

Miniature golf along with batting cages, go-carts, driving range, and game room located just east of Grand Ledge on Saginaw Highway.



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4. Sundance Riding Stable

Hourly and daily horse rentals, guided trail rides, pony rides, lessons, carriage and hayrides, and breakfast and dinner rides are offered at the Sundance Riding Stable located on Nixon Road just minutes from Grand Ledge. The Sundance Stable offers a unique western style riding experience.

5. J&K Steamboat Line

J&K offers cruises and charters on three riverboats, one of which, the Princess Laura, often operates out of Island Park in Grand Ledge. These paddle wheel style boats operate spring to fall and offer sightseeing excursions, dinner theaters and musical entertainment. The largest, the Michigan Princess, has three levels, oak staircases and crystal chandeliers. It operates in Lansing on the Grand River. A tour of the Ledges is popular, especially during the fall color season.

6. Health and Fitness Clubs

Specialized fitness facilities are available regionally through the YMCA and YWCA, Healthcor, The Michigan Athletic Club, the Court One Athletic Clubs, Snap Fitness, Curves for Women, and several weight-training centers. The Westside YMCA is a state-of-the-art facility which offers the following indoor activities: a rollerblade rink, skate park facilities, climbing wall, splash and lap pools, weight training center, track, basketball courts and special rooms for teens to play pool.

7. Soccer Zone

Located on Jolly Road in Lansing, Soccer Zone offers two indoor playing surfaces as well as an outdoor soccer field. Programs include leagues for youth and adult teams during the winter months and summer season instructional camps and coaching clinics.

G. Church Recreation Facilities

There are six churches within this Master Plan's area, of which some avail their facilities to the public.

H. Grant-Assisted Park and Facilities

The City of Grand Ledge has received two State of Michigan grants. Island Park received a CMI grant, and the Riverwalk received a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant.

I. Budget

Below is the actual and anticipated costs for park operations and programming.



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Park Operations

Property	Acreage	Maintenance & Expenses	Costs	Income
Colonial Park	.87	None	\$0	\$0
Dible Park	.84	Mowing, Tree Maintenance	\$700	\$0
Fitzgerald Memorial Field	3.11	Mowing, Grading, Field Prep, Bleacher, Lighting	\$8600	\$0
Island Park	2.25	Mowing, Tree Maintenance, Gazebo, Bridge, Riverbank, Activities Pathways, Festival Preparations, Goose Control	\$24000	\$600
Jaycee Park	5.0	Mowing, Port-a-John, Playground Upkeep, Boat Launch, Tree Maintenance, Pavillion, Riverbank, Parking, Sidewalks	\$24000	\$755
Oak Park	7.0	Mowing, Port-a-John, Tree Maintenance, Parking, Pathways	\$18000	\$0
Scout Building	n/a	Building Repairs, Utilities, Janitorial, Snow Removal	\$7800	\$6045
Riverwalk	linear	Snow Removal	\$1000	\$0

Above is the anticipated budget for 2011. Budgets have reflected reasonable growth with some variations over the last three-year period.

Park Staff and Programming

The City of Grand Ledge has a part-time Parks and Recreation Director that has a salary of \$15,489.00. The annual City programming expense is around \$9,000 and this is primarily for senior recreational opportunities. The remainder of the programs are self sufficient with fees.

J. Recreation Deficiencies

1. Existing Facilities

The Department of Natural Resources provides communities with recreational standards recommended by the National Recreation and Park Association. These standards recommend minimum standards for different recreation facilities based on existing and projected population. The raw numbers do not address the *quality* of existing parks and recreation facilities. Upon closer examination, deficiencies or limitations are apparent because of the location, accessibility, maintenance, level of development and individual size of existing open space available. These standards were reviewed and considered, but were not the deciding factor for recreational deficiencies, they were only used as a guide.





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2. Deficiencies Based on Service Areas

Map 2 illustrates park and recreation locations within the City and the nearby communities. The Map indicates that the Grand Ledge Area has a very good distribution of local and County parks, serving the vast majority of the area with several park types. However, there are still some deficiencies; see Table 2 for outlined needs.

3. ADA Compliance

The Americans with Disabilities Act requires that all citizens have access to all facilities. The City is committed to insure that all citizens have access to all programs and all its park land.



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SECTION IV: THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

The first input meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission, on July 26, 2010 was to devise a plan on the best way to reach out to the public and to create a list of Action Items based on the needs of their user groups. Once this list was tabulated, it was distributed to the Commission Members, and they took it back to their user groups for input. These user groups include various neighborhood park groups, schools, and club organizations.

In order to increase ownership of the Plan by community members, the City held two public meetings, prior to the development of the plan, and input received directly from these meetings has driven the Plan's content. These meetings took place at the City Hall on October 6, 2010 and November 17, 2010. Meeting notices, agendas, minutes, and sign-in sheets are found within the Appendix. These meetings were well attended due to the publicized plan to review and evaluate public land for possible development. The City takes this matter very seriously and used these meetings to get public input on facilities and programs.

At the beginning of each public meeting, a presentation was made outlining the recreation plan process, information gathered to that point, and initial findings. After an outline of the process and a description of the purpose for the plan, a brief summary of the demographic information gathered was presented. Initial findings based on the information were also presented. Throughout the presentation, questions from the public were answered. Following the presentation, all members of the public had the opportunity to ask further questions or express their comments and concerns regarding recreation facilities and programs. A summary of the issues discussed at the two public hearings is included in the Appendix.

A draft Plan was presented to the City of Grand Ledge Parks and Recreation Commission on January 10, 2011 for review and comment, as well as a copy for the general public to review at the Grand Ledge Area District Main Branch Library located at 131 East Jefferson, and a copy was made available on its website. There were no comments from this public review. All members of the Commission reviewed the public comments made at the public meetings, and feel this Plan properly addresses Grand Ledge's needs based on priority and budget.

On February 24, 2011 the Commission recommended the Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan to the City Council. A copy of the resolution is found within the Appendix. On March 14, 2011 the City adopted the Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan. A copy of the resolution is found within the Appendix.



SECTION V: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

These goals discussed below are broad and address general needs, and establish the basis for setting specific programmed objectives. Objectives are measurable results that the Community works toward accomplishing.

A. Programming

The following list of programming goals and objectives are part of an ongoing program to develop relationships with local organizations, service clubs and schools. The following goals were derived from the public input sessions and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

1. **Goal:** Continue to cooperate with Grand Ledge Public School System and surrounding townships for programming to suit community needs.

Objective: Create more opportunities within the City limits to enhance year round physical fitness including, rowing, walking, jogging, ice skating, etc.

2. **Goal:** Provide recreation, leisure and cultural programs that are accessible and affordable to all citizens.

Objective: Work with community organizations, schools, and other partners in facilitating a continuum of recreation and leisure programs for the community.

Objective: Seek funding for services that increase revenue, and decrease general fund contribution.

Objective: Apply for state and local grants for recreation, leisure, and cultural arts programs.

3. **Goal:** Create new programs.

Objective: Continually update program selection with respect to new ideas and interests especially in regard to hobbies and exercise.

Objective: Create programs that provide inter-generational interaction between seniors and youth/preschoolers.

Objective: Create new programs to enhance physical fitness including, skateboarding, hunter safety, walking, jogging, etc.



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B. Administration and Organization

1. **Goal:** Investigate innovative ways to fund programming.
2. **Goal:** Continue to develop partnership opportunities for programming and recreation.
3. **Goal:** Create mechanisms to maintain positive public relations.

Objective: Continue to provide regular opportunities for public input.
4. **Goal:** Continue to improve coordination with schools.
5. **Goal:** Continue to work with Eaton County and be a part of their Master Plan and granting opportunities.

C. Facilities

1. **Goal:** Provide facilities that meet the community recreation needs of the Grand Ledge community.

Objective: Continue to develop a paved non-motorized trail system.
Objective: Continue to collaborate with the schools and others to provide more quality sport fields.
Objective: Create more green space for recreation and programming.
Objective: Cooperatively work with Eaton County on the use of park land.
Objective: Continue to coordinate and assist in planned events in public spaces and parks.
Objective: Continue to collaborate with the State and Eaton County operations (including Public Safety; Maintenance; Department of Natural Resources, and County Planning) and neighborhoods to enhance security and use in parks.



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SECTION VI: BASIS FOR ACTION PLAN

This Section of the plan is the culmination of a comprehensive planning effort that began with the thorough analysis of the physical and demographic attributes of Grand Ledge and the surrounding area. Existing parks and recreation facilities and programs were inventoried and evaluated. An assessment of need was then developed that considered both accepted recreation standards and the specialized needs of persons with disabilities. Finally, these needs were analyzed and reviewed by the Committee with input from the public. Goals and Objectives were assigned and the following Tables 2 and 3 summarize the Action Plan and the Capital Improvement Plan to guide Grand Ledge through the next five years.

TABLE 2
Summary of Action Items
City of Grand Ledge

Issue	Finding/Observation	Recommendation/Comments
<p>Expand Non-Motorized Trail System</p>	<p>Need Identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additions to length • Additions of trail amenities such as parking, signage, and restrooms • Grant availability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade existing system to pavement • Provide more trail length • Signage • Fitness trail
<p>Facility Deficiencies</p>	<p>Need Identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion and development of existing parks • Community lacking in field sport facilities • Community lacking in skating facilities • Community lacking in boat launch facilities • Community lacking green space • Accessibility to existing facilities • Grant availability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designate existing open space • Partnership with public schools for use of their facilities could fill voids • Explore opportunity to develop facilities on school owned property • Land acquisition, if needed • Plan/design for park improvements • Construct proposed improvements • Provide more accessibility to existing facilities
<p>Deficiencies in Programming</p>	<p>Need Identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop partnerships with private and public organizations to add more programming • Mentoring programs • Grant availability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop partnerships with private and public organizations to add more programming • Develop a mentoring program for recreational opportunities
<p>Protection of Recreational/Natural Feature</p>	<p>Need Identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of existing structures (buildings) and upgrade when possible • Protection of the rock ledges • Protection of the waterways • Ensure an adequate damming system for controlled water levels • Grant availability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate recreational buildings for structural integrity and community value/potential • Consider new dam or naturalization of dam to replace failing dam

TABLE 3

Capital Improvement Program Summary
City of Grand Ledge

Year	Facility/Program	Proposed Improvements	Estimated Cost	Funding Source
2011	Riverwalk Trail	Non-Motorized Trail Master Plan.	\$10,000	GF
2011	JC Park Boat Launch	Write Grants to reconstruct facility.	\$10,000	GF
2011	Future Skate Park and future open space	Develop a Park Master Plan for needs and possible placement of future skate park and open space.	N/A	In House/Pvt.
2012	JC Park Boat Launch	Reconstruct facility.	\$140,000	MNRTF/GF/CDBG/RP
2012	Ball Field Redevelopment	Expand facility/field availability in collaboration with public schools.	\$24,000	MNRTF/GF/RP
2012	Riverwalk Trail	Write Grants to expand and/or enhance Non-Motorized Trail.	\$12,000	GF/TEA
2012	Future Skate Parks	Write Grants to acquire land or develop Future Skate Park.	\$7,000	GF/Pvt
2013	Future Skate Parks	Develop Future Skate Park.	\$57,000	GF/MNRTF/Pvt.
2013	Dam	Develop Master Plan for Dam alternatives and links to recreational expansion.	\$12,000	MDNRE/GF/RP
2013	Fitzgerald Memorial Field	Enhance spectator area, including ADA accessibility.	\$22,000	MNRTF/GF/RP
2014	Riverwalk Trail	Expand Non-Motorized Trail.	\$322,000	MNRTF/GF/TEA/RP
2014	Community Band Shell	Develop a plan for the placement of a band shell	N/A	In House
2014	Community Band Shell	Construct band shell	\$250,000	GF/Pvt
2015	JC Park Scout Building	Write Grants to reconstruct facility.	N/A	In House/Pvt.
2016	JC Park Scout Building	Reconstruct facility.	\$157,000	MNRTF/GF

Key: CDBG – Community Development Block Grant Funds
 MNRTF – MI Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund
 GF – General Funds

TEA – Transportation Enhancement Activity Fund
 Pvt. – Private Donations/Fundraising
 MDNRE- Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment

RP-Recreation Passport



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SECTION VII: APPENDIX



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Public Hearings

Following are all public hearings scheduled for the City Council, and other boards and commissions. Use these links to send us an email and let us know what you think about these issues:

City Council

- The Grand Ledge City Council will hold a public hearing during its regular meeting on Monday, 27 September 2010, in the Council chambers, City Hall, 200 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge, Michigan, to consider and receive public input on a proposed ordinance amending the Grand Ledge City Code Chapter 220, Zoning, Article XVIII, General Provisions, §220-68, to clarify permissible reconstruction or replacement of nonconforming fences. The City Council invites anyone interested to attend and offer comments at the hearing, or submit written comments to the [City Clerk](#), 200 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge, Michigan, 48837, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, 27 September 2010. The proposed ordinance is posted and available for review at the City Clerk's office, 200 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge, Michigan, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and is also [available online](#).

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Parks and Recreation Commission

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 451 Cochran Avenue
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The Parks and Recreation Commission invites anyone interested to attend and offer comments at the hearing, or submit written comments to the City Clerk, 200 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge, Michigan, 48837 or gnewman@grand-ledge.com, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, 22 October 2009. The proposed Parks and Recreation Master Plan is available for review at the City Clerk's office, 200 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge, Michigan, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Gregory Newman, City Clerk

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The Grand Ledge City Council will hold a public hearing during its regular meeting on Monday, 28 September 2009, in the Council chambers, City Hall, 200 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge, Michigan, to consider and receive public input on a proposed ordinance amending the Grand Ledge City Code §§ 220-4 and 220-64, defining and establishing regulations for Wind Energy Conversion Systems.

The City Council invites anyone interested to attend and offer comments at the hearing, or submit written comments to the City Clerk, 200 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge, Michigan, 48837 or gnewman@grand-ledge.com, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, 28 September 2009. The proposed ordinance is posted and available for review at the City Clerk's office, 200 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge, Michigan, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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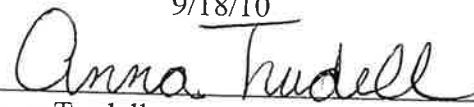
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The citizens of the City of Grand Ledge community input from the October 6, 2010 Public Meeting regarding updating the Five Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

PROTECT

Public Input

Boy Scout Building

Disc Golf Area

Nature Center

City's Waterways

Playgrounds at Lincoln Park

Cliffs along the Grand River

Natural attributes

City infrastructure

Summer Reading Program

Parks and Recreation Grand Ledge

Alliance for an Equality Community

Relationship with schools

Relationship with the Grand Ledge Skate Club

Play House at Fitzgerald Park

YES Center

Relationship with the Grand Ledge Cliff

Climbing Organization

Quarry at Lincoln Park

New Field at Fitzgerald Park

Stock Car Race Track

The park inside the Grand Ledge

Ravines

ADD

Community pool

Skate Park

BMX-Cross Park and Track

Programs for skate

Dog Park

Smoke Free outdoor recreational facilities

Horse back riding arena

Remote control track

Outdoor concert area

Parks "Watch Group"

"Safe Zones" for recreation

Sport mentoring programs

Park and recreation internships

Shooting Range

REMOVE

Skate board restrictions on Island Park

Management agreement with Eaton County for the facilities with the City

KEEP

Concert slab



**The citizens of the City of Grand Ledge community input from the November 17, 2010
Public Meeting regarding updating the Five Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan.**

PROTECT

ADD

Improve boat launch at Jaycee Park
Community band shell
Community center
More ballfields
Riverwalk trail extension to Fitzgerald Park
Naturalize failing dam at Fitzgerald Park/Water Treatment Facility
Walking program
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of Deeds, for The County of
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**CITY OF GRAND LEDGE
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING**

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Gregory Newman, City Clerk

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This public hearing is being held in a physically accessible
place. Please notify the City within 48 hours of the public
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to make arrangements. The telephone number for making
special arrangements is (517) 627-2149.

Gregory Newman, City Clerk

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Vanessa Warren

From: Jon Bayless [jbayless@grand-ledge.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 9:28 AM
To: Vanessa Warren
Subject: [Fwd: City of Grand Ledge 14 March 2011 draft regular City Council minutes]

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GRAND LEDGE CITY COUNCIL
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City Council Draft Minutes - Regular Meeting Monday, 14 March 2011 7:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall
200 E. Jefferson St.

I. Roll Call of Council - Council members Christina Bartholomew, Jon Bonofiglio, Rick Lantz, Sue Roberts, and Don Willems - Mayor Kalmin Smith and Mayor Pro-Tem Keith Mulder were absent Others Present - Jon Bayless, City Administrator; Gregory Newman, City Clerk; Larry LaHaie, Service Director;

II. Election of Chair

Gregory Newman, City Clerk, called for nominations to elect a Chair to preside over the meeting in the absence of both the Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS NOMINATED COUNCIL MEMBER BONOFIGLIO TO SERVE AS CHAIR.

NO OTHER NOMINATIONS.

COUNCIL MEMBER BONOFIGLIO UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED TO SERVE AS CHAIR.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Bonofiglio led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Audience Participation

Kenneth Vaughn, 216 S. Clinton St., expressed his thanks for the improved condition of the veteran's memorial at the Grand Ledge Area District Library but mentioned his own name is now missing from the memorial, mentioned his son William Vaughn recorded a song about Grand Ledge and is now suffering terminal illness, and requested the City recognize William Vaughn for his contributions to the City.

V. Approval of Consent Agenda

A. Motion (from staff) - To approve the Monday, 14 March 2011 City Council consent agenda as follows:

- i. Financial transactions and bills.
- ii. Monday, 28 February 2011 regular City Council minutes.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER LANTZ SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MONDAY, 14 MARCH 2011 CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. Approval of Regular Agenda

A. Motion - To approve the Monday, 14 March 2011 regular City Council agenda.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER LANTZ SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MONDAY, 14 MARCH 2011 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VII. Committee and Board Reports

VIII. Staff Reports

A. Service Director

Larry LaHaie, Service Director, reported on the Wastewater Treatment Plant project.

The City Council discussed the project financing through a State Revolving Fund loan and the project's positive impact on the environment.

IX. Unfinished Business

A. Public Hearing - On the grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for Jaycee Park boat launch facility improvements.

CHAIR BONOFIGLIO OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND FOR JAYCEE PARK BOAT LAUNCH FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS, AT 7:48 P.M.

Jerry Norris, 601 W. Jefferson St., expressed his support of the grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for Jaycee Park boat launch facility improvements.

CHAIR BONOFIGLIO CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND FOR JAYCEE PARK BOAT LAUNCH FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS, AT 7:50 P.M.

B. Resolution #12 of 2011 (recommended by the City Council Finance & Policy Committee) - To approve a Lease Agreement with Kevin W. Burnham, for the Ledges Playhouse (introduced 14 February 2011).

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERTS SECONDED, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #12 OF 2011, TO APPROVE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH KEVIN W. BURNHAM, FOR THE LEDGES PLAYHOUSE.

Jon Bayless, City Administrator, explained the lease covers three-years with performance seasons running from for April through September.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #12 OF 2011, TO APPROVE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH KEVIN W. BURNHAM, FOR THE LEDGES PLAYHOUSE, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Resolution #13 of 2011 (recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission, subject to technical and grammatical corrections) - To approve the 2011 City of Grand Ledge Five-Year Parks and Recreation

Master Plan (postponed 28 February 2011).

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERTS SECONDED, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #13 OF 2011, TO APPROVE THE 2011 CITY OF GRAND LEDGE FIVE-YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN.

Jon Bayless, City Administrator, explained the contractor has done considerable work on plan since the 28 February 2011 regular City Council meeting.

The City Council debated the improvements made to the plan since the 28 February 2011 regular City Council meeting.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #13 OF 2011, TO APPROVE THE 2011 CITY OF GRAND LEDGE FIVE-YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

X. New Business

A. Resolution (introduction) (recommended by the Abrams Municipal Airport Advisory Commission) - To approve a Lease Agreement with Todd Olson/Olson Farms for tillable land at the Abrams Municipal Airport.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER LANTZ SECONDED, TO INTRODUCE A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH TODD OLSON/OLSON FARMS FOR TILLABLE LAND AT THE ABRAMS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Jon Bayless, City Administrator, explained the land available for farming is currently leased to a local farmer, the Abrams Municipal Airport Advisory Commission decided to issue a Request for Proposals, two local farmers submitted proposals, the Abrams Municipal Airport Advisory Commission recommends Todd Olson, and it is a three-year lease.

The City Council debated the farming of corn near the Abrams Municipal Airport.

MOTION TO INTRODUCE A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH TODD OLSON/OLSON FARMS FOR TILLABLE LAND AT THE ABRAMS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Resolution #14 of 2011 - To approve and authorize a Change Order for the contract with Irish Construction Co. for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Collection System Upgrade Project, to cover \$52,859.67 in additional costs necessary for the satisfactory completion of the project.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER LANTZ SECONDED, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #14 OF 2011, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE A CHANGE ORDER FOR THE CONTRACT WITH IRISH CONSTRUCTION CO. FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND COLLECTION SYSTEM UPGRADE PROJECT, TO COVER \$52,859.67 IN ADDITIONAL COSTS NECESSARY FOR THE SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT.

Larry LaHaie, Service Director, explained the change order covers the electrical transformer upgrade and is covered by the existing budget.

Jon Bayless, City Administrator, explained the upgrade is required and would have been included in the original project bid had the City known the party responsible to carry out the upgrade.

The City Council debated the transformer handling future growth at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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C. Resolution #15 of 2011 - To approve and authorize a Bid Award to Peerless Midwest, Inc. for Well #7 and #8 Maintenance.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERTS MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER BARTHOLOMEW SECONDED, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #15 OF 2011, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE A BID AWARD TO PEERLESS MIDWEST, INC. FOR WELL #7 AND #8 MAINTENANCE.

Larry LaHaie, Service Director, explained the planned Well #7 maintenance, the need to move Well #8 maintenance to the current fiscal year, and the bid amount covers the worst-case scenario costs.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #15 OF 2011, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE A BID AWARD TO PEERLESS MIDWEST, INC. FOR WELL #7 AND #8 MAINTENANCE, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

XI. Audience Participation

XII. Communications from the Mayor and Council

Council member Lantz thanked the St. Patrick's Day Parade Association.

Council member Willems thanked St. Patrick's Day Parade Association, mentioned the Mayor's Grand Ledge Community Facebook page, and commented on the City's past, ongoing, and planned quality of life projects.

Chair Bonofiglio commented on the Mayor's Grand Ledge Community Facebook page.

XIII. Closed Session

XIV. Adjournment

COUNCIL MEMBER LANTZ MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS SECONDED, TO ADJOURN THE MONDAY, 14 MARCH 2011 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, AT 8:11 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Gregory L. Newman, City Clerk

Kalmin D. Smith, Mayor

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Tri-County Regional Planning Commission
Planning Region 6
913 W. Holmes Rd. Suite 201
Lansing, MI 48910

RE: City of Grand Ledge Five Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Dear Tri-County Regional Planning Commission:

Enclosed is a complete copy of the recently adopted "City of Grand Ledge Five Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2011-2016 for your files and reference.

This Plan has been submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grants and Administration Division in order to maintain the City's eligibility for recreation grants administered by the Department.

Should you have any questions regarding this Plan please do not hesitate to call me at 989-752-6500.

Respectfully Submitted,

WILCOX PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, LLC

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Community Development
1045 Independence Blvd.
Charlotte, MI 48813

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