

SECTION 6
ACTION PROGRAM

The action program is presented below in a table that describes improvements to existing facilities and the development of new facilities. Anticipated funding sources will be in the form of cash from the Township general fund, in-kind labor, and Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) grants. Some of the sources of the grants are: Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF), Recreation Passport Program, Coastal Management Program (CMP) and other appropriate grant programs.

Capital Improvements Schedule for Properties/Facilities Improvements

Capital Improvements Schedule for Proposed Facilities			
Facilities	Year	Activity/ Development	Cost and Anticipated Funding Source
Camp Seagull Park Development	2014	Restroom facilities, small boat launch, swimming area, fishing support facilities, and cabin restoration for public use. All improvements to be ADA compliant and apply universal design standards.	\$ [under investigation] MNRTF, CMP, Great Lakes Fisheries Trust, Michigan Waterways, local conservancy, local tribal governments, Township and private donations
	2015	Picnic Area, including covered pavilion for group use, campfire area, and facilities to support winter activities. All improvements to be ADA compliant and apply universal design standards.	\$ [under investigation] MNRTF, CMP, local conservancy, local tribal governments, Township and private donations
	2016	Trail head facilities for non-motorized trail. All improvements to be ADA compliant and apply universal design standards.	\$ [under investigation] MNRTF, CMP, local conservancy, local tribal governments, Township and private donations
Eastern Avenue Beach Park	2015/2016	ADA Restroom Facility and universal access design Beach & Lake Access	\$ [under investigation] MNRTF, CMP, local conservancy, local tribal governments, Township and private donations

Non-motorized route	2015-2017	Boyne City -Charlevoix Rd Non-motorized route (being provided at county level)	\$ [under investigation] Charlevoix County Road Commission, MDOT, Top of Michigan Trails Council
	2016	Hiking, x-country ski, and snowshoe trails including connections to other trails.	\$ [under investigation] Foundations, MDNR, private donation and Township.
Other trails	2016-2018	Explore need for additional trails including water trails and snowmobile routes	To be determined, based on the types, lengths and location of where additional trails/routes are desired or needed. MNRTF, CMP
Recreation Signage, maps and information materials.	2014	Develop and install consistent Township Recreation Site signs and recreational facilities directory signs. Post maps of facilities on Township website and make brochures available at key locations.	\$ [under investigation] MNRTF, local conservancy, local tribal governments, Township and private donations

Rationale for Camp Seagull Park Development

Hayes Township would like to develop a lakefront park for local use on Lake Charlevoix. The Camp Seagull property was acquired with the assistance of a Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund grant, and now Hayes Township is interested in pursuing the first phase of development of the property. Ultimately the development of the property may include some specific conditions / limitations such as:

- Parking area isolated from waterfront
- Established park hours
- Buffering of adjacent properties—possibly with fence and trees
- Limited Site Development—clearly defined and supported by the survey findings such as:
 - Restroom facility
 - Restoration of Cabins, for public use
 - Swimming Area
 - Small boat launch
 - Fishing Opportunities
 - Picnic Area
 - Covered Pavilion for group use
 - Campfire area
 - Winter activities
 - Trail head for non-motorized trail
 - Tennis Court resurfacing

Rationale for Eastern Avenue Lake Access Facilities

This Lake access swimming site is well used, but lacks an on-site restroom facility due to past restrictions which were placed originally on the property as a condition of the Township acquiring the property. Due to recent changes in the circumstances, a restroom facility is now feasible and is a high priority for Hayes Township. Such a restroom facility is supported by 62% of the respondents in the 2013 Hayes Township Survey.

Rationale for New Non-motorized Routes:

There is a need and interest in providing non-motorized pathways throughout the Township including along the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road to connect into a regional trail system. The safest trails for pedestrians and bicyclists are trails which are separate from the vehicular routes. A separated trail would make these popular routes more accessible to children and families. Trails throughout northern Michigan are used extensively both by local residents and tourists. Approximately 53% of the survey respondents considered the completion of the Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail through Hayes Township to be either very important or important.

The need for other hiking trails, x-country ski and snowshoeing trails is currently being explored, and may be appropriate on future township properties.

Rationale for Other Trails: Water Trails and Snowmobile Connector Routes

Hayes Township is bounded by the Little Traverse Bay of Lake Michigan on the north, and Lake Charlevoix on the south, thus presenting incredible opportunities to partner with others to be part of a larger system of water trails, both in Little Traverse Bay and within Lake Charlevoix.

There are a number of snowmobile routes throughout northern Michigan, but these pathways generally do not extend into Hayes Township, except where snowmobiles are allowed to ride within county road rights-of-way. In order to improve safety and to better serve the local residents and the region, the Township proposes to work with local groups to identify appropriate connector routes through the Township to provide access to a broader network of trails.

Rationale for increased Recreational Site Signage, Maps and Information

Based on the survey findings, it was clear that many residents were not aware of all recreation sites in the Township. For this reason, Hayes Township intends to raise public awareness through a multi-prong strategy, which will include posting a map of the recreational sites on the Township website, prepare a brochure with information about each site and develop and install a coordinated sign system for all the sites.

Support of Property Acquisition by Others:

Big Rock Property-Due to the closure of the Consumer's Power facility, this property represents some tremendous opportunities for re-use due to its large size, approximately 500 acres and with its extensive Lake Michigan shoreline. While Hayes Township is open to seeing this property used for recreational purposes, it is not realistic for the Township to independently pursue such. The Township would willingly work with the local land conservancy or other entity

to explore various possibilities for making this property (or a portion thereof) available for public use and enjoyment. In the 2013 Township survey Recreation was the most preferred option for redevelopment of this site, followed by Conservation/undeveloped.