

A photograph of a paved path lined with tall green trees. Two people are riding bicycles away from the camera. In the distance, a white truck and a dark car are parked on the path. The sky is clear and blue.

Hayes Township, Charlevoix Mi

# Overview

## Presentation

2019-2024

# Parks & Recreation Plan

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Hayes Township with its abundance of natural resources is enjoyed for its many recreational opportunities. Hayes Township is located on the north central portion of Charlevoix County, which is situated in the north western part of northern Michigan's Lower Peninsula.

Age

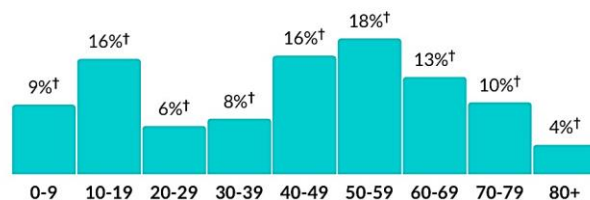
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Median age

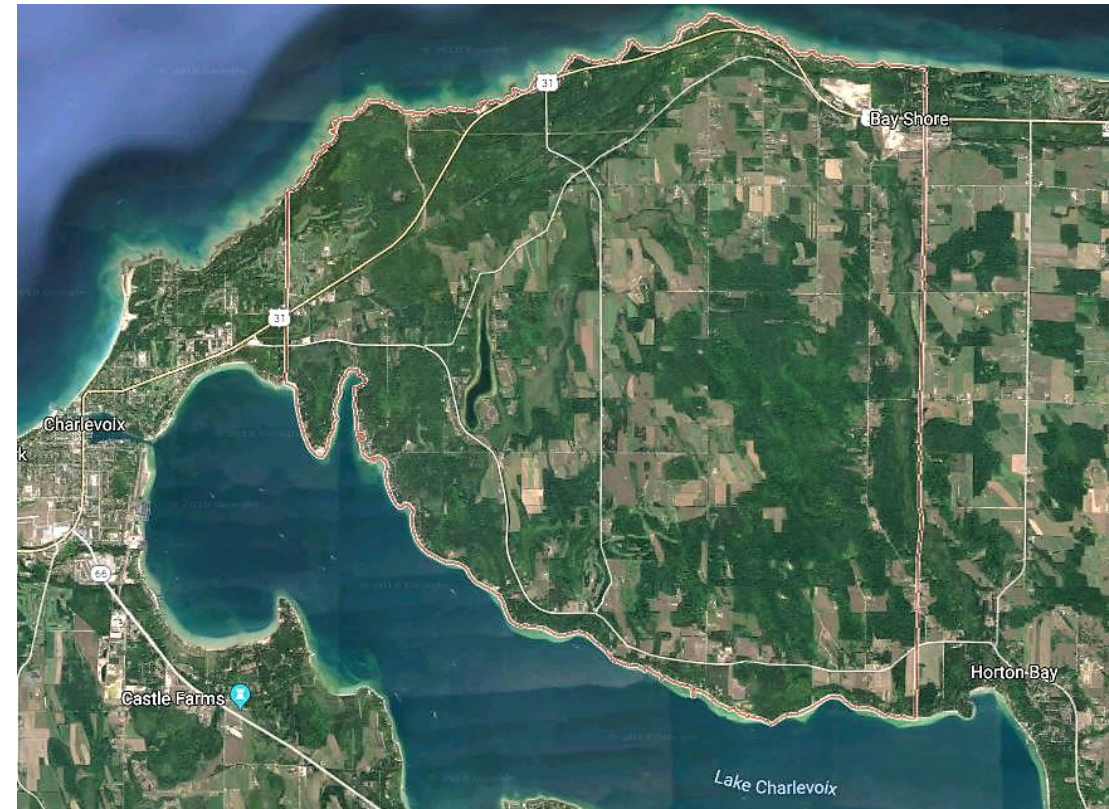
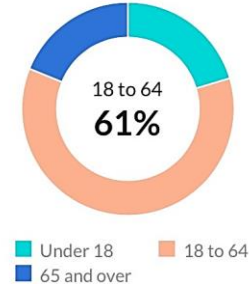
about the same as the figure in  
Charlevoix County: 47.3

about 20 percent higher than  
the figure in Michigan: 39.5

Population by age range



Population by age category



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### Hayes Township Board of Trustees

Planning  
Commission

Parks  
&  
Recreation

Parks &  
Recreation  
Advisory  
Committee

Hayes Township has established a separate Parks and Recreation Committee. The intention is that this committee oversee the general operation of the township parks and recreation programs. At the present time the Township Board has established a task force of representatives of the Township Board, Planning commission and Parks and Recreation Committee for the purpose of preparing an updated Recreation Plan. Once the plan is updated, the P & R Committee will provide recommendations regarding park policies and projects to the Township Board.

The Parks and Recreation Committee will serve as a community sounding board on recreation matters, consider concerns of the residents in the planning process and bring the concerns to the Township Board for consideration. Routine park maintenance will be handled by the Township staff, contractors and volunteers, operating under the direct authority of the Township Board. The final financial decision making authority and responsibility for all park related projects resides with the Township Board.



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The recreation opportunities in the Township currently consist primarily of water-related activities (boating, fishing, swimming, etc.) and non-motorized trails for hiking, skiing, bicycling, as well as some trails for snowmobiling.



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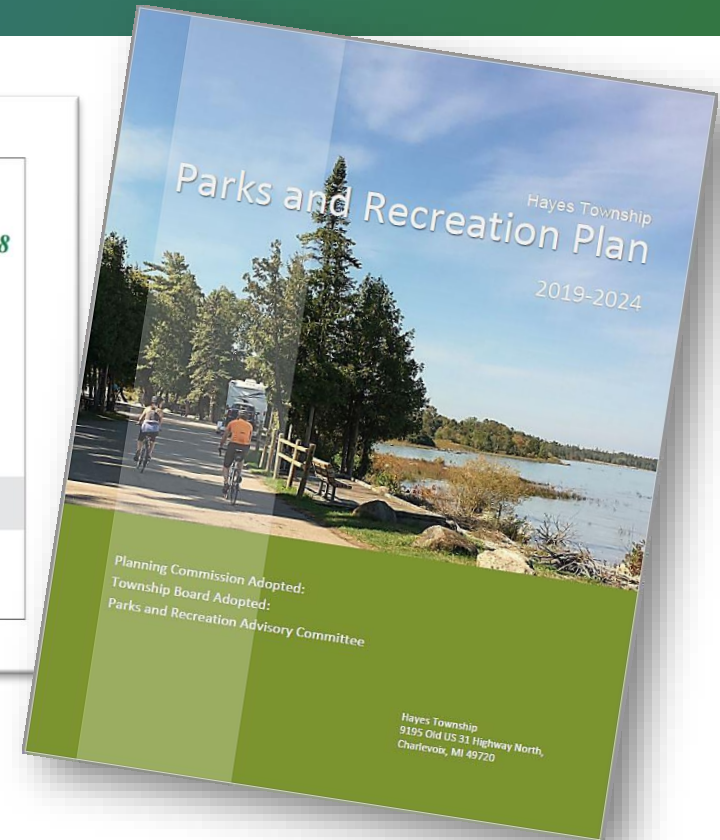
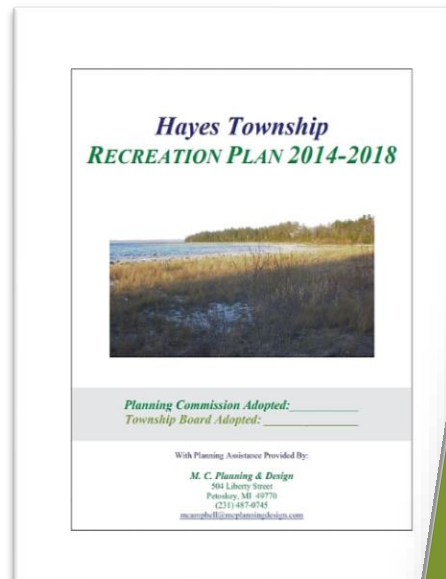
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This plan is a 5-year update of the recreation plan last updated in 2013.

Since then, Hayes Township pursued and was awarded a grant to facilitate the purchase of the Camp SeaGull property.

A Boyne City to Charlevoix has begun. This trail is intended for non-motorized recreational activities and non-motorized transportation between Boyne City and Charlevoix



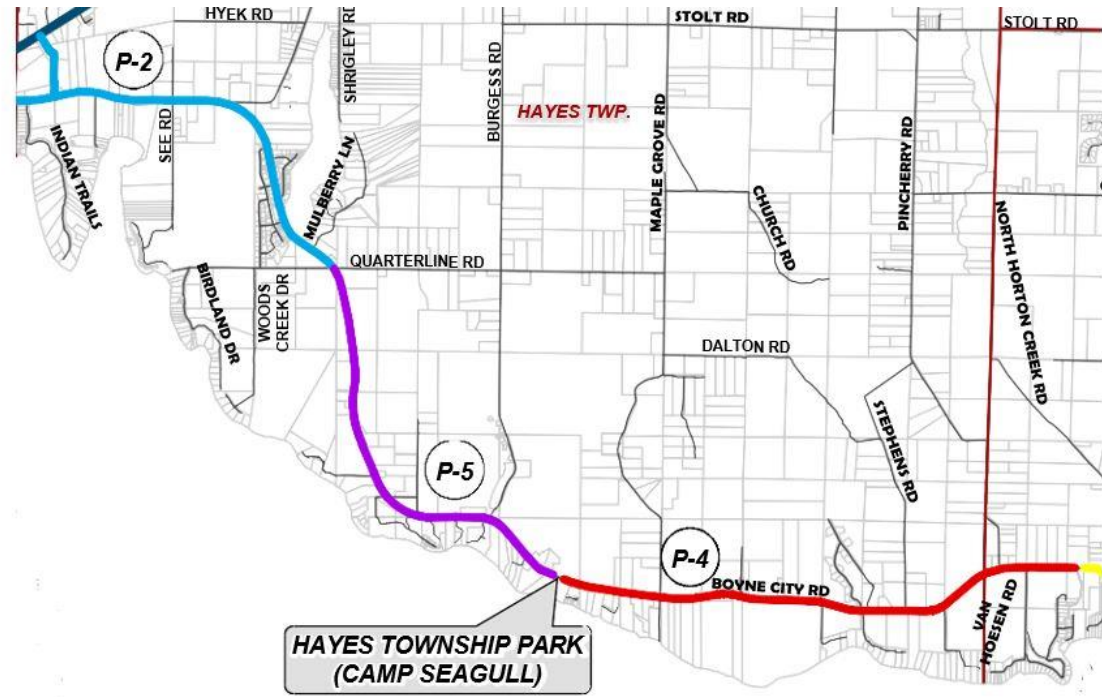
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### Recreational Goals

To maintain and improve the Townships recreation lands and facilities consistent with the community needs and ability to finance the improvements for the enjoyment of the residents and visitors.





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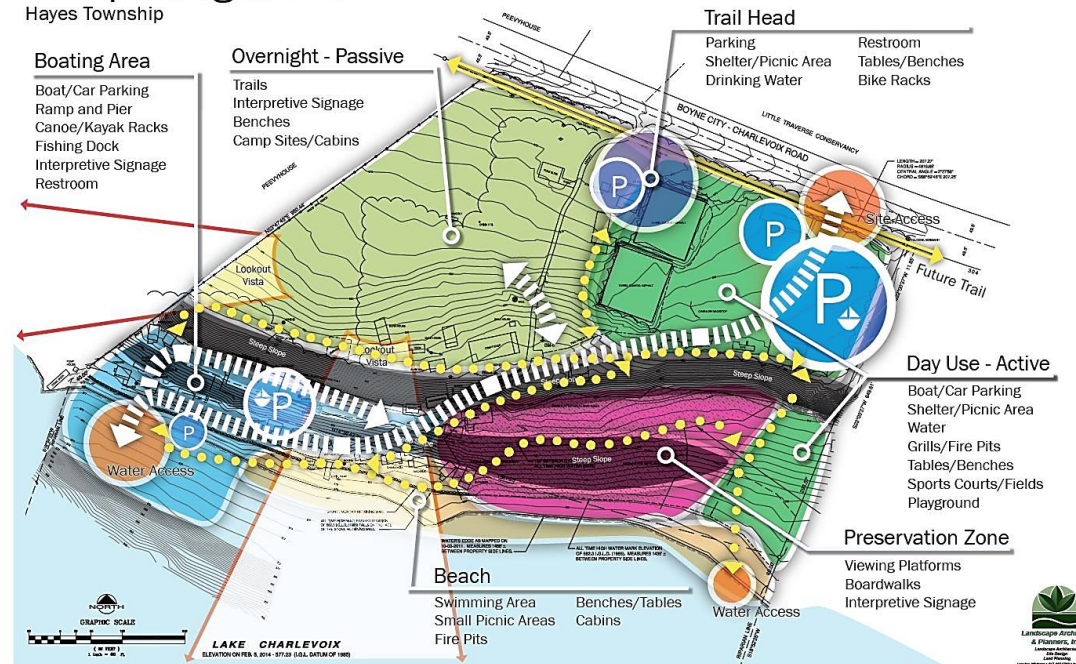
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### Recreational Objectives

To continue the site development of Camp SeaGull as a Township Park

#### Camp Seagull Park Hayes Township

Concept 1



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### Recreational Objectives

To provide for the development of public, non-motorized recreational trails for hiking, bicycling, cross-country skiing and horseback riding





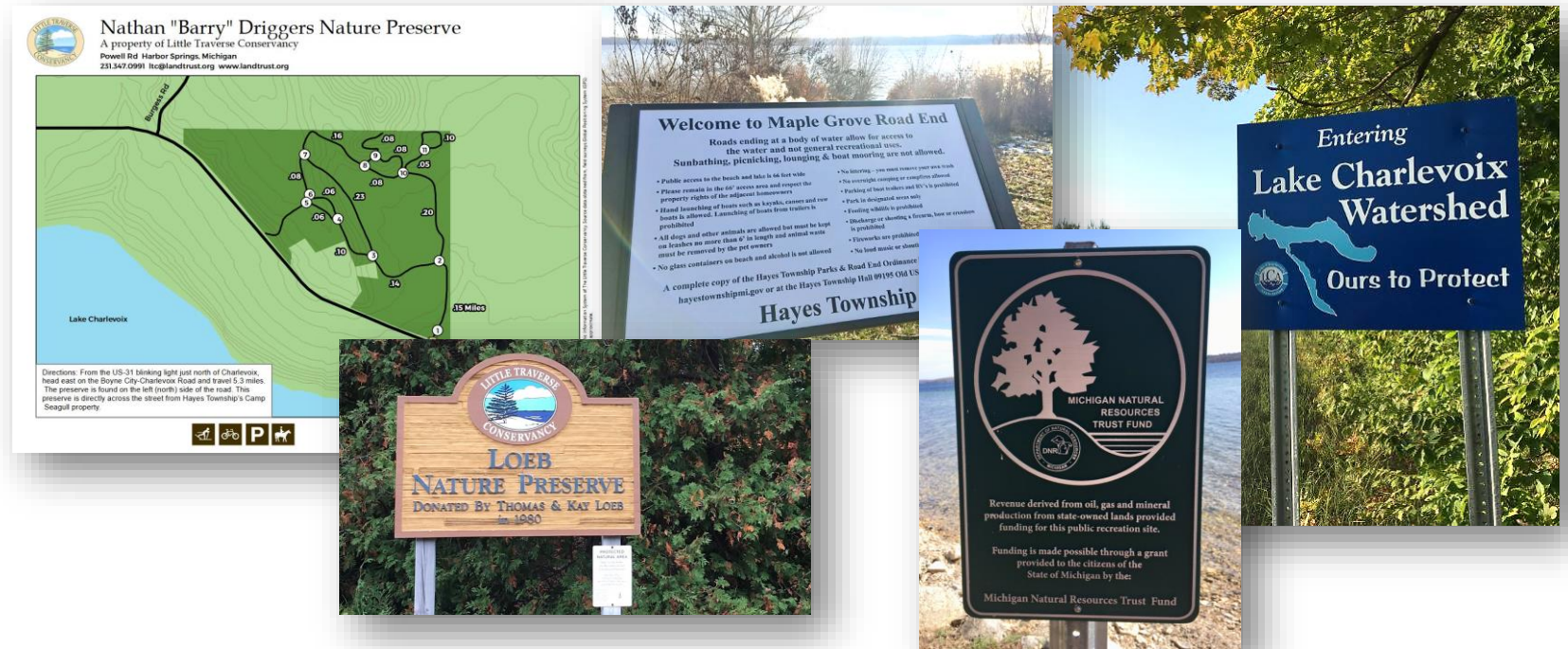
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### Recreational Objectives

To increase public awareness of the parks, recreational opportunities, facilities and nature preserves available in Hayes Township, through the development of maps, signage and information posted on the Township website and kiosks in the parks.



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### Recreational Objectives

Boat launch access to Lake Charlevoix has been significantly completed.

Some work remains to be done and will be undertaken as soon as construction can resume in the spring of 2019.

Access for non-motorized boats, swimmers, picnickers and land-based recreational users is the next step.





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### Recreational Objectives

Work cooperatively with local conservation groups to explore the private or conservancy conversion of the Big Rock Property



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The action program is presented 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.

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Table 6.a Capital Improvements Schedule for Properties/Facilities Improvements

Facilities	Year	Activity/ Development	Cost and Anticipated Funding Source
Camp SeaGull Park Development	2019	Restroom facilities with showers, small boat launch, swimming area, fishing pier, boat cleaning station, and cabin restoration for public use, buoyed swim area and designated area for launching non-motorized boats 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
	2020 / 2021	Picnic Area, including covered pavilion for group use campfire area, rustic camping area and facilities to support winter activities. All improvements to be ADA compliant and apply universal design standards. Paved Tennis / Pickle Ball Courts	\$ [under investigation] MNRTF, CMP, local conservancy, local tribal governments, Township and private donations
	2022 / 2023	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	2019	ADA Restroom Facility and universal access design Beach & Lake Access	\$ [under investigation] MNRTF, CMP, local conservancy, local tribal governments, Township and private and public donations
Non-motorized route	2019-21	Boyne City - Charlevoix Rd Non-motorized route (being provided at county level)	\$ [under investigation] Charlevoix County Road Commission, MDOT, Top of Michigan Trails Council
	2019	Hiking, x-country ski, and snowshoe trails including connections to other trails.	\$ [under investigation] Foundations, MDNR, private donation and Township.
Other trails	2019-2021	Explore need for additional trails including water trails with possible camping access 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.	2019	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



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### Non-Motorized Trail Charlevoix to Boyne

#### Two Major Recreation inventories in Hayes Township

- Charlevoix to Boyne Non-motorized Trail of 8 miles through Hayes Township
- Acquisition of Hayes Township Camp Seagull Park



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## Non-Motorized Trail Charlevoix to Boyne

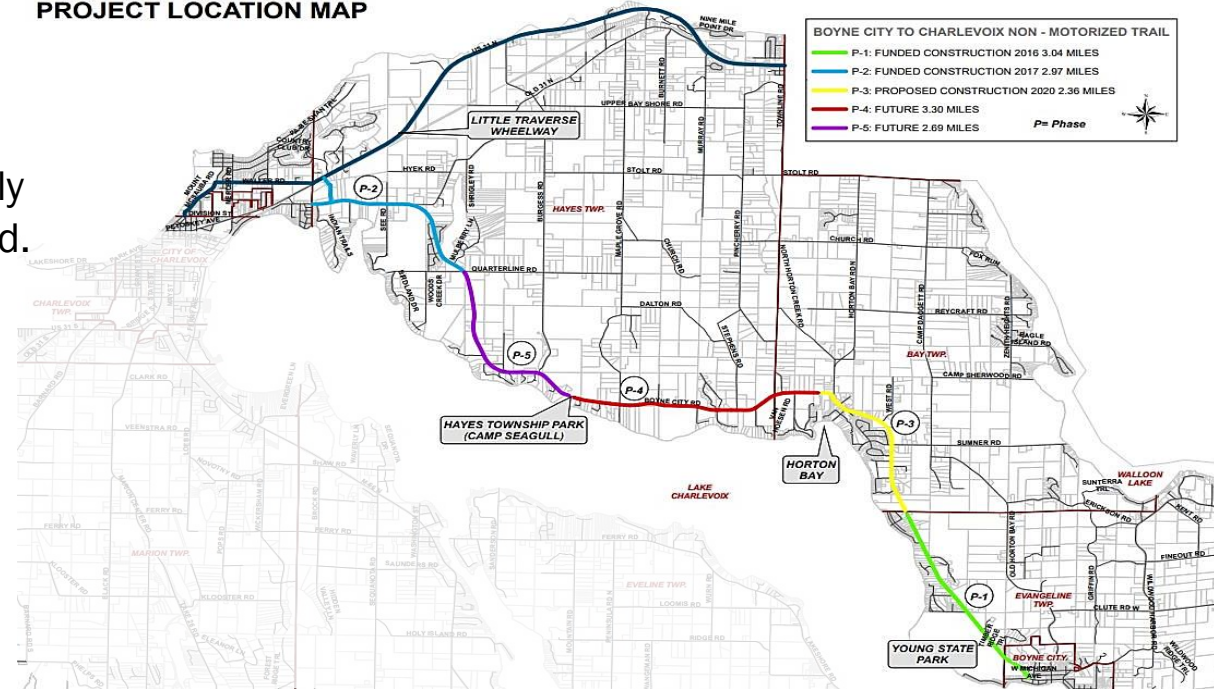
### Boyne to Charlevoix Non-motorized trail

The trail path will be a paved 10-foot wide, approximately 14-mile long trail, mostly detached from Boyne City Road.

The trail will be constructed in five (5) phases.  
Phases 2, 4 and 5 are in Hayes Township  
8 miles of the trail will run through Hayes township.

Phase 2 was constructed in 2017 and is now complete.

PROJECT LOCATION MAP





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## Non-Motorized Trail Charlevoix to Boyne

### Phase 2 Completed

City of Charlevoix \$12,000

Charlevoix Township \$11,000

Hayes Township \$39,000

Charlevoix County Community Foundation Grant \$250,000

Frey Foundation Grant \$40,000

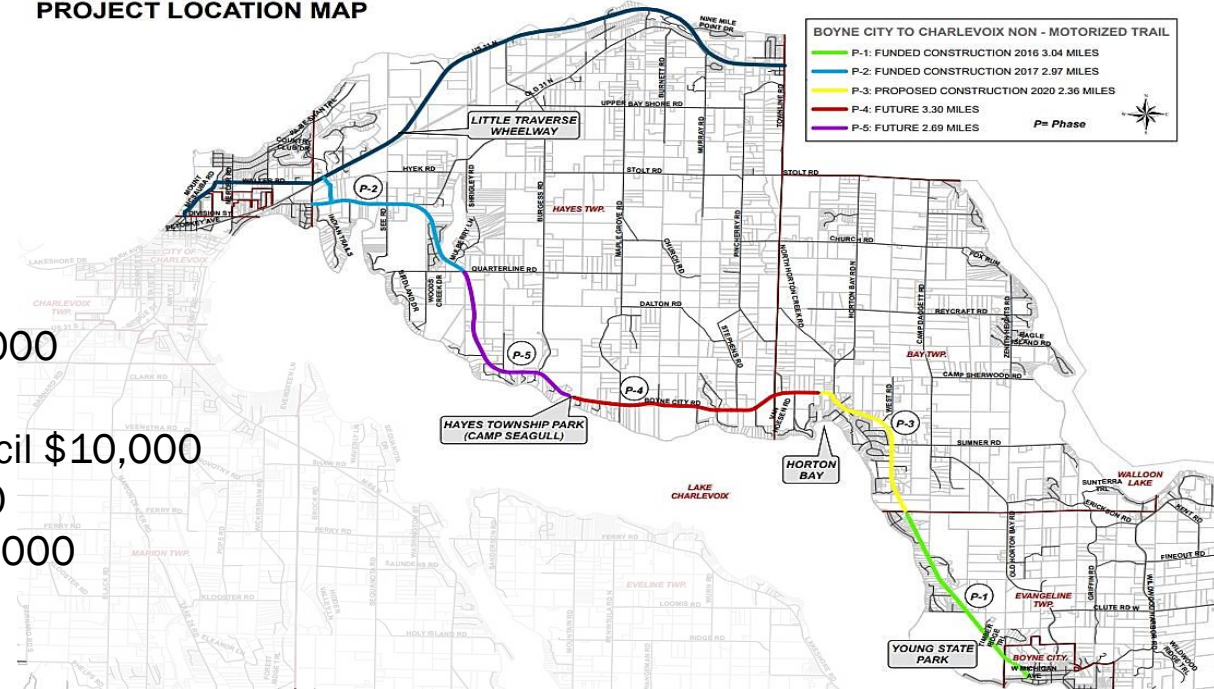
North Country Bicycle Club/Top of Michigan Trails Council \$10,000

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant \$300,000

MDOT/Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) \$500,000

TOTAL \$1,162,000

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Several landowners have generously donated permanent easements across their property for the Trail (Phase 2). Some of the easements will enable the trail to take a shortcut from the Little Traverse Wheelway to join Boyne City Road to avoid the US-31/Boyne City Road intersection. Other easements, along Boyne City Road, will enable the trail to be placed further from the road to increase safety for trail users:

Char Prop Inc. (AmericInn)  
Charlevoix Club Park, LLC (Rik Lobenherz)  
The Steven Ager Trust (Argonne Supper Club)  
Little Traverse Conservancy  
Clare & Kaye Zitka





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### Non-Motorized Trail Charlevoix to Boyne

Phase 2 trail begins  
on US 31 from  
Charlevoix

Phase 2 trail ends  
on Boyne City Rd  
at Quarterline Rd

Trail users may walk, bike, skate or ski (pick your favorite sport for any season) on the trail. However, snowmobiles and horses are **NOT** permitted anywhere on the trail.



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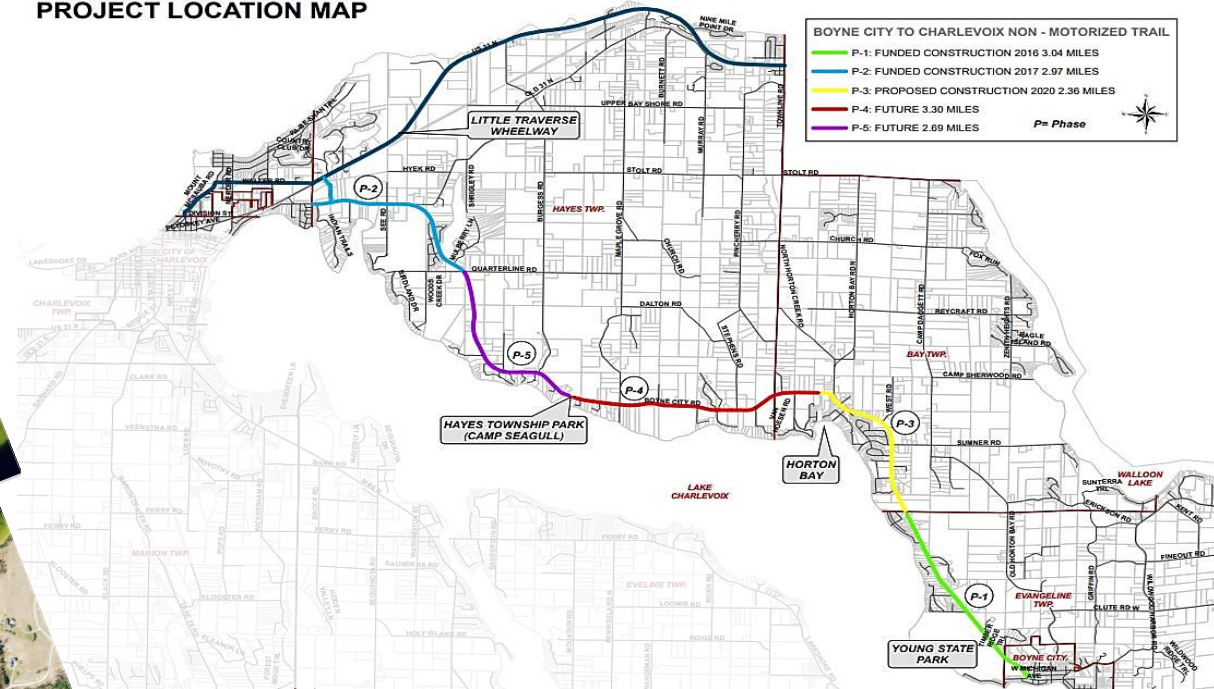
Phase 1 and 2 are completed.

Phase 1 in Boyne City

Phase 2 Phase 4 and Phase 5 are in  
Hayes Township.

Phase 3 is in Horton Bay

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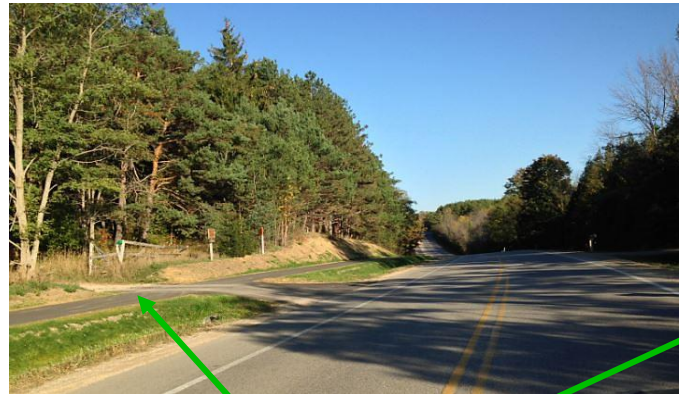


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Boyne  
Road Trail  
Path

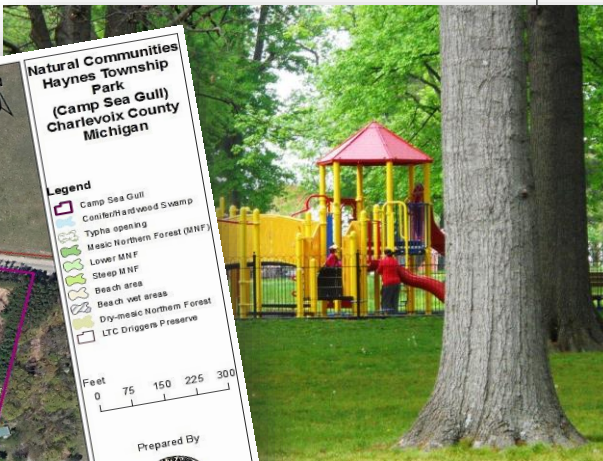
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- ## Conceptual / Acquisition





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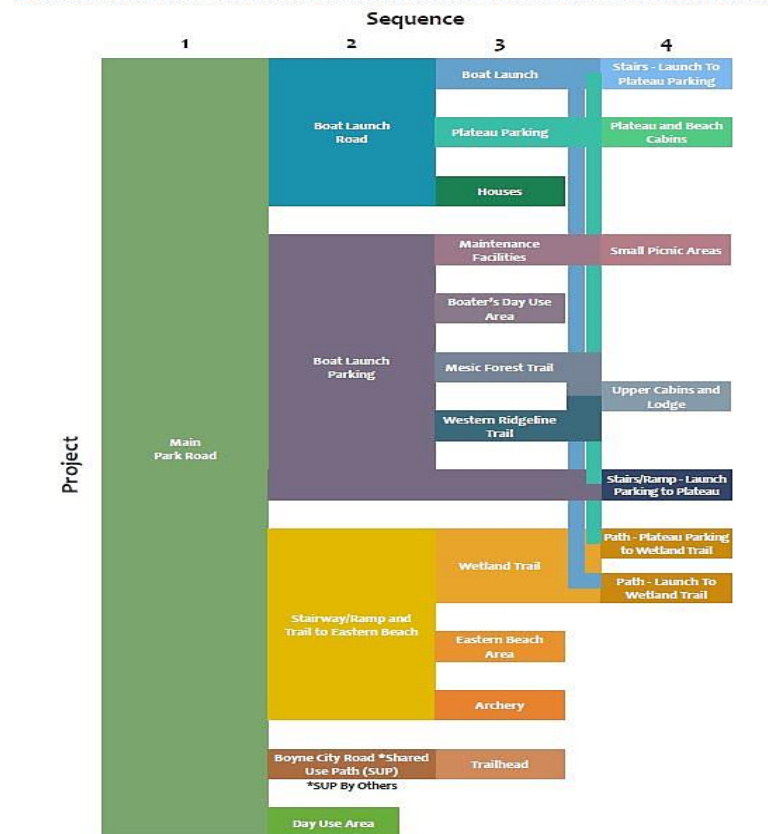
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### Camp Seagull Park

#### Phase 1 Boat Launch



#### Phasing



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### Phase 1 Boat Launch



Retaining walls



Vault Restrooms



Boat Ramp and Fishing Pier





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Hayes Township

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