



**Burt
Township
Recreation
Plan**

2021-2025

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Burt Township is located on Lake Superior's southern shores in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan (see map in Appendix A). Most of the Township land area is part of the Pictured Rocks National Lake Shore that attracts thousands of visitors a year.

The northeast portion of the Township is where the unincorporated community of Grand Marais is located and where most of the Township's residents live year-round. Grand Marais is a charming settlement with attractive local small businesses and a deep sense of community.

The Township appreciates the natural beauty of the area and takes great pride in its parks and recreational facilities, such as the recently redeveloped Harbor of Refuge and Marina, their campground, the community building, and the many parks and beaches they maintain along the shores of Lake Superior.

Every five years, Burt Township updates its Recreation Plan to remain eligible for State of Michigan recreation grants and provide recreation planning, development, and maintenance guidance to the Township Planning Commission and the Township Board.

This document is the basis for implementing recreation improvements and new initiatives that will meet the Township's recreational goals and interests. It is also a document that articulates the economic benefit of recreation tourism alongside the desire to remain secluded from the disruptions that may occur from a strong tourist-based economy.



2.0 COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Burt Township is approximately 234 square miles with a population of about 522 (2010, US Census). The median household income is about \$26,667. The median age is 65.9 years compared to 39.7 years in the state of Michigan. (ACS 5-year estimates, 2018).

There are about 289 males and 233 females with the majority of the population between 50 and 79 years old. There are more males than females between the ages of 24 to 44 and more females than males between the ages of 44 and 84.

Since the end of the great lumber boom of the 1880s Burt Township has always been a small community. In 1950 the Township's population was 624. The population slowly declined to 480 by the year 2000 and increased to its present population of about 522. Nearly 90% of the population can be classified as either working age or retirement age, with only about 8.5 percent considered school age and younger. About 82.5% of the residents have a bachelor's degree or higher and the residents are about 96% white.

There are about 771 housing units in the Township, with nearly 54 units being seasonal rentals or Airbnb's and about 351 units used occasionally by property owners with a primary residence outside of Burt Township.

Weather and transportation considerations contribute to Burt Township's continued ruralness. The primary transportation route through Alger County is highway M-28. The Community of Grand Marais and the population center of Burt Township is located at the terminus of North highway M-77, about 28 miles off the highway M-28 in Seney Township.

Added challenges are the weather events that develop over Lake Superior which can be unpredictable, disruptive to everyday life, and even dangerous at times. All of these conditions help contribute to Burt Township's successful tourism-based economy and low year-round residency.

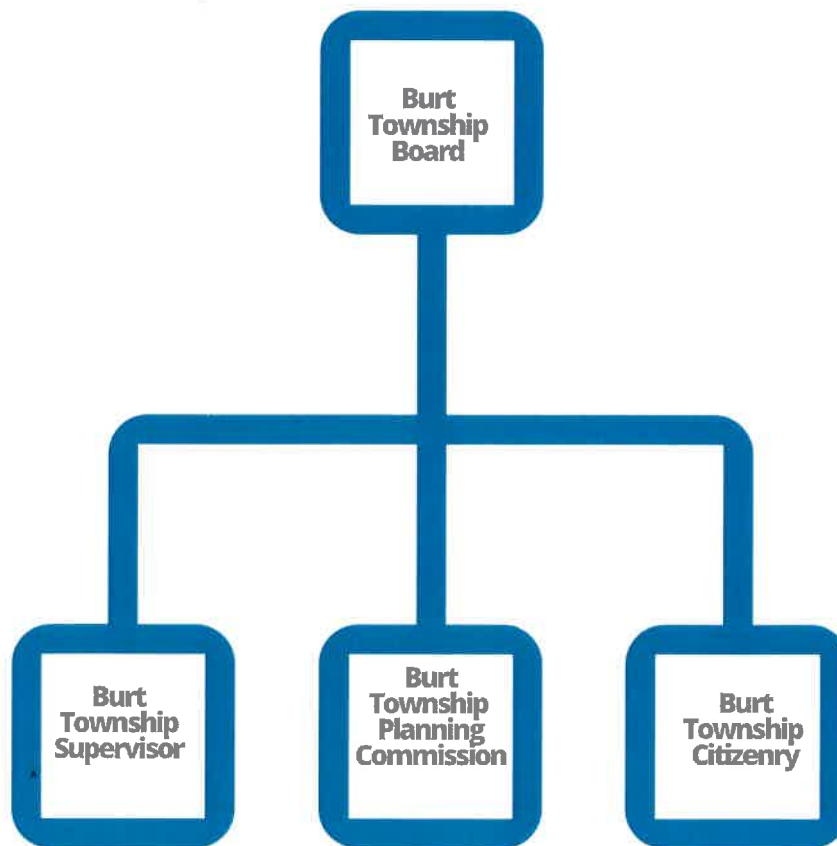
3.0 ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

3.1 Authority

The Burt Township Board of Trustees are responsible for recreation development, programming, and maintenance of the Burt Township parks and recreation facilities. The Burt Township Planning Commission is responsible for developing and maintaining the Burt Township Recreation Plan.

The Burt Township Board of Trustees maintain financial authority over the Township's parks and recreation budget through recommendations from the Township Planning Commission and other Township departments. Below is an organizational chart of Burt Township's administrative structure.

Burt Township Organizational Chart



3.2 Budget

The Burt Township Recreation Budget is reflective of the Township's commitment to developing and maintaining high-quality recreation facilities for residents and visitors. Funding for the Township's parks and recreation projects and facilities comes from Woodland Park's campground revenues, donations and contributions, and the general fund. The 2020 - 2021 budget for Woodland Park Campground, the Harbor of Refuge and Marina, and other parks owned by Burt Township are detailed below.

The Burt Township Woodland Park is located on the shores of Lake Superior and is easily within walking distance to the business district of Grand Marais, the Grand Marais Harbor of Refuge and Marina, quality sandy beaches, whitefish sport fishing, and the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore Park (PRNLS). The campground is open from late April to mid-October and features over 100 camping sites from lakefront prime to primitive and many offer electricity, water, and cable TV. Other park amenities include a bathhouse/restrooms, a playground, a picnic area, a pavilion, and direct access to Lake Superior. Specific information is available at <https://www.burttownship.com/recreation/woodland-park-campground/>.

Woodland Park Campground Budget 20/21

Salary and wages	\$100,000
Payroll Taxes	\$20,000
Workers Comp Ins.	\$ 3,500
Benefits (Retirement/Hospital)	\$1,000
Office Supplies	\$ 1,000
Postage	\$50
Operating Expense	\$30,000
G/F Administration Fee	\$10,000
Septic and Port-A-John Service	\$10,000
Telephone	\$ 2,500
Mileage	\$ 100
Fuel Purchases	\$2,000
Utilities	\$57,000
User Fees	\$15,000
Cable	\$ 3,000
Repairs and Maintenance	\$30,000
Credit Card Fees	\$ 7,500
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	\$294,250

The Burt Township Harbor of Refuge and Marina was recently reconstructed to restore and protect the Bay. It is located on Coast Guard Point in Grand Marais and is also the location of the Grand Marais Light. The Marina offers a safe harbor for boaters in need and also offers a boat launch, a fish cleaning station, showers, transient dockage, gasoline and diesel fuel, electric outlets, water hookups, and a pump-out station. More specific information is included by clicking the link below. <https://www.burttownship.com/recreation/marina/>. Funding for the Mariana is transferred from the general fund as needed.

Harbor of Refuge and Marina Budget 20/21

Operating Supplies \$25,000

Other parks and recreation facilities are combined and include the Burt Township Frank Mead Community Center, Agate Beach, and Bayshore Park. Funding for these parks comes from the campground revenues and the general fund.

Other Parks Budget 20/21

Operating Supplies \$300
Utilities \$700
Repairs and Maintenance \$25,000



3.3 School and Volunteers

The Burt Township Planning Commission and the Burt Township School District have a long history of collaboration and cooperation. The school is a source of pride in the community and together they seek opportunities to create or improve recreational facilities that will have a direct positive impact on the students' access to recreation. Recent discussions include the development of an interpretive nature trail on the school's property.

Volunteerism is a virtue followed by many of the residents of Burt Township. With only a population of about 522, Burt Township still gets things done. This is a direct result of the pride the residents have for their community and their willingness to devote their personal time to accomplish the tasks as needed.

4.0 INVENTORY OF PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

The following section describes each of Burt Township's recreation facilities and assigns an accessibility score between 1 and 5 based on criteria established by Michigan Department of Natural Resource (MDNR). Below describes the numeric system:

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

Burt Township is committed to providing its residents and visitors with the highest level of accessibility to their recreation facilities. To ensure the Planning Commission has a clear understanding of the specific elements that will need to be corrected to meet the 2010 ADA Standards for accessibility, the Township secured the expertise of Superior Alliance for Independent Living (SAIL) and its certified ADA Coordinator, Lucy Wilcox.

On September 29, 2020 Lucy Wilcox and another member of SAIL staff traveled to Burt Township to perform an ADA accessibility evaluation of the Township's parks. The evaluation focused on the ADA's four important priorities: parking and approach, entrance to the parking facility, circulation, seating, and restrooms. The full report is located in Appendix B.

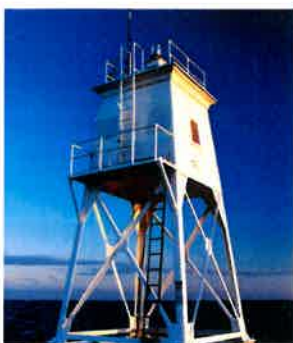
4.1 Township Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities

Bayshore Park - Accessibility Score of 4

Located in the town center of Grand Marais, this 5-acre park is the gem of the community with open access to a beautiful horseshoe swimming beach on Lake Superior where the water is calmed by the natural bay. Kayakers also appreciate the more protected waters in the bay. Bayshore Park is where Township residents and visitors gather all summer long and host celebrations for the 4th of July, Memorial Day, and other events throughout the year. The park also includes a playground, a volleyball court, restrooms, a bathhouse, and a pavilion/bandstand.

Grand Marais Municipal Docking Facility - Accessibility Score of 3

This marina is located within a 61 acre Harbor of Refuge that recently received major reconstruction. This is also the location of the Grand Marais Light. The marina is a popular destination for boaters during the summer months. It is equipped with a restroom, boat launch water and electric hookups, and fuel for boaters. The marina is open to boaters from May through October.



Woodland Park Campground - Accessibility Score of 3

The Woodland Park Campground offers over 100 camping sites that range from prime sites for larger campers to primitive sites for tent campers. Sites are provided on a first-come basis from April through October. Park amenities include a fish cleaning station, laundromat, bathhouses, a playground, and a basketball court. The campground is ideally located next to the library, Agate beach, and the Grand Marais town center.

Frank Mead Community Center - Accessibility Score of 3

The Community Center is where the Township Board and Planning Commission meets to conduct official township business and where the community gathers for weddings, potlucks, and exercise classes during the winter months. The recreation barn is often used by vendors during the annual Great Lakes Sea Kayak Symposium and for sled dog racers and their dog teams during the U.P. 200 Sled Dog Race. The community center building also houses a library.

Donahey Woods - Accessibility Score of 1

This is a 25-acre wilderness area along Lake Superior located at the western edge of Woodland Park Campground. There is a self-guided nature trail through the woods.

Agate Beach - Accessibility Score of 3

A public beach on Lake Superior that is popular with rock and agate collectors. The only infrastructure in the park is a boardwalk built in 2005. Township residents and visitors gather in the evening to watch the spectacular sunsets over Lake Superior.

Edward Street Beach Access Site - Accessibility Score of 1

Includes 350 feet of lakefront access.

Carpenter Creek Beach Access - Accessibility Score of 1

Includes 100 feet of lakefront access.

Edmund T. Warren Park - Accessibility Score of 1

This park overlooks the harbor and serves as a public green space for the Township. A small pavilion is located there.

4.2 Area Park and Recreation Facilities Not owned by Burt Township

Superior Pines Disc Golf Course

An 18-hole disc golf course is located within the school's forest and maintained by the Burt Township School. The project was funded in part by the Sault Tribe.

Lighthouse Keepers Museum

Owned by the National Park and operated by the Historical Society and is open during the summer months. The museum is located in a restored lighthouse keeper's house at the end of Coast Guard Point Road.

Pickle Barrel Museum

Owned and operated by the Historical Society and is open during the summer months. The museum is located in Grand Marais at the corner of Lake Avenue and Randolph Street. The building is an actual 16-foot tall barrel built in 1926 by the Pioneer Cooperage Co. of Chicago.

Coast Guard Point Park

Includes the Grand Marais Historical Museum housed in a former Coast Guard housing building and operated by the Historical Society.

Gitchee Gumee Museum

This is a privately owned museum dedicated to agates, minerals, and earth science.

Post Office Museum

Owned and operated by the Historical Society and is open during the summer months. An heirloom rose garden is maintained on the grounds.



Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore Park

Grand Marais is on the eastern edge of PRNLS, which is run by the National Park Service. The park is a significant tourist attraction in the region. It continues to grow in popularity due to its unmatched scenic beauty with 200 - foot high Pictured Rocks cliffs rising perpendicular to Lake Superior, miles of pristine dunes, and bedrock geology and glacial landforms marked by streams, inland lakes, and diverse vegetation.

During the summer months, Alger County Public Transit agency, or ALTRAN, provides service for hikers. There are campsites located along trails every 2-5 miles. Park activities include picnicking, boating, kayaking, canoeing, swimming, hiking, fishing, and hunting. Winter activities include cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, and ice-climbing.

Bicycle Pathway and Walkway

This pathway begins on Lake Street and goes to Coast Guard Point.

Hiawatha Water Trail

This is a 120-mile kayaking pathway along Lake Superior from Grand Marais to Big Bay. Kayakers can enter the water from the Grand Marais Boat ramp.

North Country Trail

This multi-use, non-motorized trail extends over 4,600 miles from North Dakota to Vermont. In Alger County, the trail stretches from the Big Two-Hearted River's mouth to the Pictured Rocks National Shoreline.

Snowmobile Trails

Snowmobiling is a popular activity in Burt Township, where several popular State maintained snowmobile trails intersect. The trails are groomed regularly by the local grooming club, and up-to-date trail conditions are reported on their website.

5.0 DNR RECREATION GRANT HISTORY

In 1968, Burt Township applied for and received a Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant for \$22,000. The grant was used to develop Woodland Park with campsites and utilities, renovate existing buildings, add picnic tables, new playground equipment, and benches

In 1975, Burt Township applied for and received a Land Acquisition grant for \$27,210 and a donation to purchase 25 acres known as Donahey Woods.

In 1984, Burt Township applied for and received a LWCF grant in the amount of \$10,500 to develop sports and play fields that included a basketball court, parking area, softball outfield fence, stairways, steps and ramps.

In 1987, Burt Township applied for and received a Natural Resources Trust Fund Land Acquisition grant for the amount of \$7,900 to purchase a one-acre parcel of land that would add access to the West Bay with frontage on Carpenter Creek.

In 2016, Burt Township applied for and received a Natural Resources Trust Fund Development grant for the amount of \$289,400 to expand the marina's facilities with a public restroom and shower building, and a fish cleaning station. Prior to this grant, there were no facilities at the marina. The project continues to serve visitors to the marina, swimmers from the public beach, hikers of the North County Trail, and boaters following the Hiawatha Water Trail, fishermen, and visitors to Grand Marais. Trailhead signage for the water and hiking trail were also included in the grant.



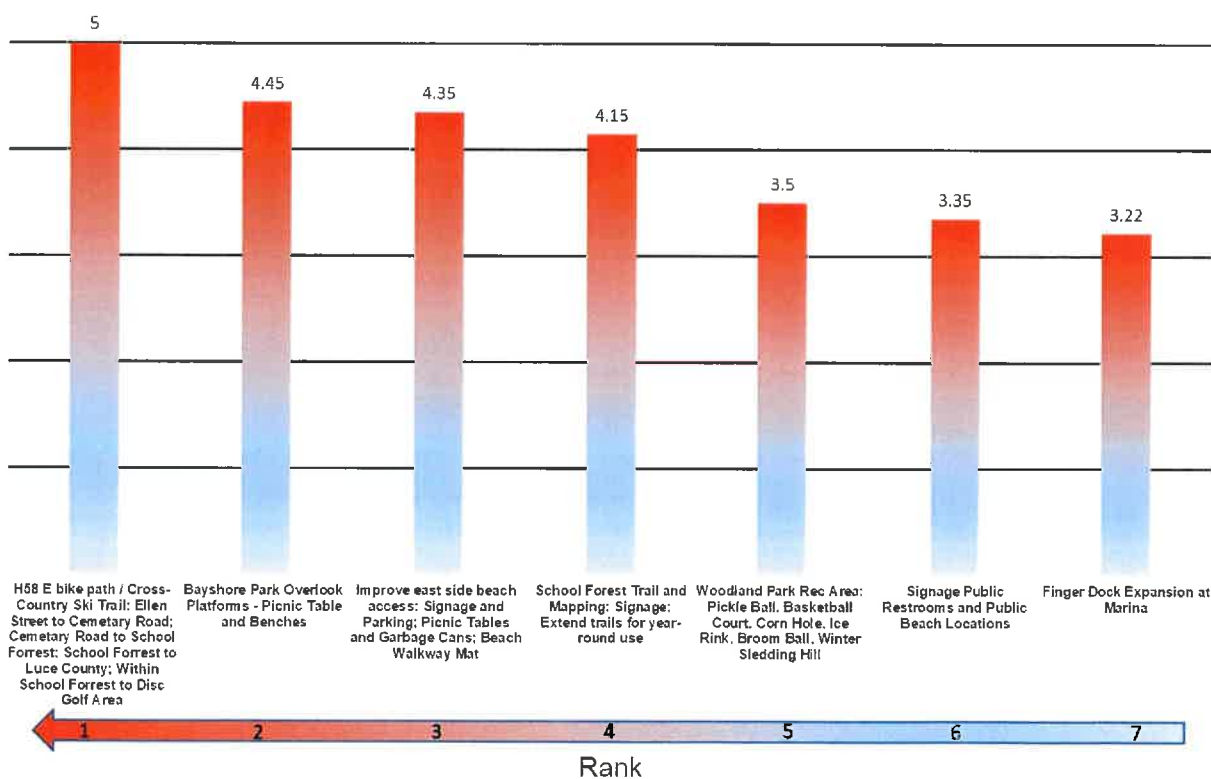
6.0 PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

Public input was gathered early in the planning process through discussions with the Planning Commission, and a public survey was conducted through the distribution of summer tax bills.

Community participation in the survey exceeded expectations with 283 responses or about a 54% participation rate. The survey asked the community to rank how they felt about various recreation projects previously discussed as desirable for the Township.

The survey ranking results plus the open-ended responses provided valuable insight into what many residents were feeling about projects designed to enhance the visitor's experience versus projects that improve the residents' quality of life. A copy of the recreation survey and the results are located in Appendix C.

Burt Township 2021 Recreation Plan Survey Results



7.0 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goals are a statement of community values. Objectives articulate the means and methodologies of achieving stated goals within a defined schedule. Goals and objectives state what the community wants to be in the future and the actions they are going to take to get there.

A goal is an intentionally broad vision or idea that takes the information gathered through the community survey, local population demographics, and social conditions, budgets, and organizational capacity. Goals makes statements about what the community desires to achieve in recreation development, programming, and recreation facility maintenance in the future and who will benefit from those decisions.

Objectives identify the specific activities a community will undertake to achieve its goals. Objectives also require a defined schedule. As such, the attainment of a goal relies on accomplishing several objectives. Objectives are also developed through the understanding of budgets, community composition, and organizational capacity. Ideally, an objective should be specific, measurable, achievable, and have a timeline associated with it.

Burt Township is a year-round tourist destination. Thousands of campers, snowmobilers, ORV operators, kayakers, hikers, bicycle enthusiasts, sports fishing devotees, birders, rock hunters, long haul lake sailors, seaplane fans, hunters, music lovers, dog sledding mushers and those who simply love the quiet, majestic beauty of Lake Superior flock to Burt Township.

Burt Township strives to balance the economic needs of the community with the needs of community members that also desire a quiet, small town with less traffic. Burt Township intends to generate greater economic benefits for the local businesses and enhance the well-being of the year-round residents by supporting tourism that takes full account of its current and future economic, social, and cultural impacts by addressing the needs of the visitors and the local residents.

Goal 1: Burt Township is a location where tourism is abundant year-round. Tourists are welcome because they are respectful of the community and want to protect the natural areas and support the high quality of life in Burt Township.

Objective 1: Burt Township will promote itself as an authentic tourist destination that offers quality recreational experiences to those who want to experience the natural and human-made amenities available.

Objective 2: Burt Township will consider local policies that contribute to high-quality tourist experiences by adopting policies that seek to avoid over-tourism.

Objective 3: Burt Township will work with local businesses to develop strategies that support local commerce through tourism and support the resident's quality of life.

Objective 4: Burt Township will communicate to all tourists the importance of not overburdening sensitive natural areas.

Goal 2. Burt Township is a location that promotes health and wellness for its citizens and visitors through facility development and programming that allows for access to fresh, healthy food, year-round exercise opportunities, and access to health care.

Objective 1: Burt Township will seek opportunities to promote access to fresh, healthy food by promoting farmers' markets, community gardens, and pot luck gatherings that emphasize heart-healthy dishes.

Objective 2: Burt Township will provide additional opportunities for winter fitness by developing a walking and exercising location.

Objective 3: Burt Township will pursue information from the Alger County Road Commission to discuss regulatory authority over ORV's on county roads.

Objective 4: Burt Township will adopt policies that promote walkability in the community of Grand Marais by adopting an ordinance that regulates ORVs and snowmobiles from riding on the roads or parking within the town's center.

Objective 4: Burt Township will seek opportunities to provide transportation to their elderly and disabled population for their non-emergency medical needs.

Goal 3: Burt Township is an inclusive community where people of all abilities are welcome and have easy access to all public recreation facilities in the Township.

Objective 1: Burt Township will implement the ADA standards identified in the Superior Alliance for Independent Living evaluation (Appendix B) when pursuing recreation development projects.

Objective 2: Burt Township will promote itself as being inclusive to people of all abilities by promoting accessibility to recreational facilities and promoting local businesses that incorporate accessibility in their business strategy.

Goal 4: The Burt Township Parks and Recreation facilities are easily identified through consistent signage, and all elements of the parks and recreation facilities are clean and well maintained.

Objective 1: Burt Township will select a signage vendor to design signage that is consistent and visually reflects the brand of Burt Township. New signage will be installed as parks and recreation facilities are upgraded.

Objective 2: Burt Township will establish consistent branding and signage when promoting itself, reflecting the residents' and businesses' values.







Objective 3: Burt Township will develop a maintenance plan that set specific annual goals for recreation facility maintenance.



8.0 ACTION PLAN

The Action Plan is an implementation schedule for the Planning Commission and the Township Board over the next five years. Projects included in the Action Plan were determined by the Burt Township recreation survey results, goals and objectives in chapter 6, and the Township's annual maintenance schedule. The projects are also identified as economic development advantages to the community, quality of life for the residents, and many projects fulfill both categories' intent.

The Burt Township Planning Commission is committed to the implementation of the recreation plan's goals, objectives, and action plan and will submit an annual report to the Burt Township Board at the end of each fiscal year. The annual report will detail actions the Planning Commission has taken that directly relate to specific projects in the plan and actions that are intended to further the goals and objectives of the plan.

PROJECTS	ECONOMIC ADVANTAGE	LOCAL QUALITY OF LIFE
H58 Bike Path and Cross Country Ski Trail		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Ellen Street to Cemetery ◦ Cemetery Road to School Forest ◦ School Forest to Luce County ◦ Within School Forest to Disc Golf Area ◦ Coordinate H58 bikepath with the Alger County Road Commission and the National Parks Service. 		
Bayshore Park Overlook Platforms- Picnic Tables and benches		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Provide accessible parking, marked by the international symbol 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Provide accessible pathways to picnic tables and select picnic tables that are designed for accessibility 		
Improve east side beach access		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Signage and Parking (ADA) ◦ Picnic tables & garbage cans ◦ Beach Walkway Matt (Mobi Matt) 		

PROJECTS

ECONOMIC ADVANTAGE

LOCAL QUALITY OF LIFE

School Forest Trail & Mapping

- Signage
- Extend for year-round use
- Trail development for biking, hiking, and cross country skiing



Woodland Park Campground and Recreation Area

- Pickle Ball
- Basketball court
- Corn Hole
- Ice Rink
- Broom Ball
- Winter Sledding Hill



Signage for Public Restrooms and Public Beach Locations

- Will meet ADA requirements
- Will be visually consistent



Finger dock expansion at Marina



Frank Mead Center, Barn

- Replace the barn to include a structure that provides a safe place to walk in the wintertime.
- Repair entry threshold to be accessible to the Frank Mead Center and library



PROJECTS

ECONOMIC ADVANTAGE

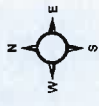
LOCAL QUALITY OF LIFE

Walkability in Grand Marais Town Center

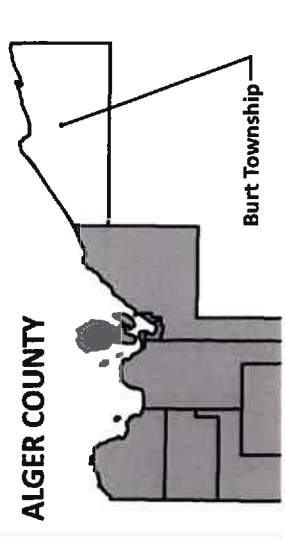
- Provide pathways through the town center that are limited to pedestrian use only
- Provide parking areas for snowmobiles and ORV outside of the town center
- Regulate where snowmobiles and ORVs are allowed to go through signage and potential ordinance.
- Expand bike path from Coast Guard Point to Agate Beach and up the hill down Brazel St. to the Frank Mead Community Center



APPENDIX A



Lake Superior



The information and data provided herewith has been compiled from various sources, and is used by the CUPPAD Regional Commission for its own general purposes. CUPPAD does not warrant or guarantee the information and data is accurate or complete. CUPPAD warrants that the information and data is not intended to be, and shall not be, used in any way that would create a liability or obligation with respect to land values. Any reliance on the information and data should be independently verified by the user. CUPPAD and its officers, agents, employees, boards, and committees shall not be liable for any inaccuracy or omission in this information and data.

Date Source: CUPPAD



- Park and Recreation Facilities**
- Edmund Warren Park
 - Agate Beach
 - Edward Street Beach Access Site
 - Municipal Marina Facility
 - Bayshore Park
 - Smith Brothers Beach Site
 - Carpenter Creek Beach Access Site
 - Woodland Park
 - Community and Recreation Center
 - Donahay Woods
 - Bicycle Path and Walkway

- Map Features**
- State Trunkline
 - County Primary
 - County Local
 - Not a Certified Public Road
 - Rivers
 - Lakes
 - Burt Township Boundary

APPENDIX B



SAIL, Disability Network of the U.P.

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Date: October 28, 2020
To: Burt Township and CUPPAD
Attention: Lori McShane, Township Clerk
RE: Summary Report of Accessibility/ Update of Parks& Rec 5 yr Plan
From: Lucy Wilcox, SAIL Accessibility Services Coordinator

The following report presents a current assessment of accessibility for the five (5) parks reviewed to assess current accessibility of the sites. A summary of each park is provided with a rating of 1 to 5 in terms of accessibility taken from the scoring system provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources:

- 5_ None of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines**
- 4_ Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines**
- 3_ Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines**
- 2_ The entire park areas meet accessibility guidelines**
- 1_ The entire park was developed/renovated using universal design principles**

Each site has a single score reflecting the overall score for that site. While each park does need to be considered in its own right— there are trends across the parks. Working with these trends can allow effective and consistent intervention across Burt Township.

1. First, to improve accessibility particularly for visitors is organizing all the Handicap signage needed at the different sites into one plan. That way the Township can benefit from good pricing, all the signage will be in the same period, and the most up to date signage for restrooms and parking and the 2010 standards can be applied.
2. Secondly, using portable toilets is acceptable with proper signage and accessible access to them. Working with your vendor to assure they meet the signage standards would make sense.
3. Finally, enlisting your community in the important decisions to be made in relation to the Community Center and what directions the Township wants to move as Grand Marais is seen more as a desirable destination.

SAIL is available to address any questions regarding the reports and in the future to facilitate further analysis for becoming Absolutely Accessible Grand Marais.

Respectfully,

Lucy Wilcox, MS, Accessibility Services Coordinator & Certified ADA Coordinator

Cc: Sarah Peurakoski, CEO of SAIL



Accessibility Four Important Priorities

Reviewers: Lucy Wilcox, SAIL ADA Coordinator and Jeremy Martin, SAIL Staff

Date: September 29, 2020

Establishment: Woodland Park Campgrounds

Address: Burt Township

Establishment Contact: Lori McShane

3_ Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines



One of the main roads into camp Accessible path to Restrooms Restroom Pathway from the road

Y	N	N/A	Parking and Approach
		X	1. Accessible parking marked correctly by international symbol.
X			2. Route from parking to the business is reasonably stable, flat & slip resistant.

Comments: The Woodlands Campground is a well established campground with aggregate driveways running throughout the Campground.

Y	N	N/A	Entrance
X			3. Entrance does not require stairs.
		X	4. A standard wheelchair (30") gets through a doorway at least 32" wide.
		X	5. Door threshold is no greater than 3/4 " -about the size of adult thumbnail.

Comments: In the Campground area there are no facilities that are raised above ground. Each site has its own grill and table. These items are not accessible as the surface of the campsites is grass which is not considered an accessible surface



Accessibility Four Important Priorities

Y	N	N/A	Circulation and Seating
	X		6. There are places where people in wheelchairs can comfortably sit with their legs under the table and these tables are equally dispersed throughout the establishment.
		X	7. Aisles are about 32" to checkouts & routes to seating or restrooms.
		X	8. A portion of the sales counter is comfortable for a seated person to do business such as writing a check or signing a receipt (Note handing a person a clipboard to write on is usually an acceptable alternative)
		X	9. Individuals are able to maneuver in departments off main aisles between racks and displays
		X	10. To assure space for maneuvering- display racks, garbage cans or other barriers do not fill the aisles.

Comments: This section applies to the campsites. There are not designated campsites that could address meeting the standards for accessibility for campers with handicaps. This could be an option the Township could consider in the future.



Y	N	N/A	Restrooms
	N		11. Restrooms are marked by the international symbol or updated with new Michigan state logo.
Y			12. A larger stall is provided with at least a 32" door & two handrails

Comments: The Campground has achieved a solid base for creating handicap restrooms. Work needs to be done for consistent signage to inform individuals with handicaps where to find the restrooms that are accessible.

Brief Summary: The Woodlands is a pleasant and relatively small campground. Without great expense, required signage could be posted where needed for parking and for the restrooms and perhaps for accessible campsites.



Accessibility Four Important Priorities

Reviewers: Lucy Wilcox, SAIL ADA Coordinator and Jeremy Martin, SAIL Staff

Date: September 28, 2020

Establishment: Municipal Dock—Grant funded Renovation Project

Address: Burt Township

Establishment Contact: Lori McShane

3_ Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines—See the SAIL Recommendation at the end of the report.



New Restrooms and Parking area



New accessible Fish Cleaning station



Wheelchair accessible Table on pavement



Non-accessible benches on grass



Accessibility Four Important Priorities



Accessible Shower at Dock

Y	N	N/A	Parking and Approach
X			1. Accessible parking marked correctly by international symbol.
X			2. Route from parking to the business is reasonably stable, flat & slip resistant.

Comments: As indicated by the pictures above there is clearly marked parking and a safe route to the dock and to various sections.

Y	N	N/A	Entrance
X			3. Entrance does not require stairs.
X			4. A standard wheelchair (30") gets through a doorway at least 32" wide.
X			5. Door threshold is no greater than 3/4 "-about the size of adult thumbnail.

Comments: The pictures show the dock is all at one level and access to the facilities does not require crossing door thresholds greater than 3/4 an inch.

Y	N	N/A	Circulation and Seating
X			6. There are places where people in wheelchairs can comfortably sit with their legs under the table and these tables are equally dispersed throughout the establishment.
X			7. Aisles are about 32" to checkouts & routes to seating or restrooms.
		X	8. A portion of the sales counter is comfortable for a seated person to do business such as writing a check or signing a receipt (Note handing a person a clipboard to write on is usually an acceptable alternative)
		X	9. Individuals are able to maneuver in departments off main aisles between racks and displays
X			10. To assure space for maneuvering- display racks, garbage cans or other barriers do not fill the aisles.

Comments: The circulation varies across the Dock but there is sufficient area to negotiate with a wheelchair. One picnic table is on pavement and has a wheelchair accessible end built into the design.



Accessibility Four Important Priorities

Y	N	N/A	Restrooms
Y			11. Restrooms are marked by the international symbol or updated with new Michigan state logo.
Y			12. A larger stall is provided with at least a 32" door & two handrails

Comments: For the purposes of the short review the restrooms are coded as meeting these review standards. However, given that this is a new restroom building built through grant funding within the past year—the construction must meet all 2010 ADA standards. There were issues with the placement of the hold bars in the new restrooms. The wall bar is 34" not the minimum of 42" and the bar behind the toilet is required to be no more than 36". There were other issues regarding the placement of the toilet paper dispensers and the hand dryers near the sink and easily resolved issues with the trash can being moved out of the way of a wheelchair at the sink.

Brief Summary: Burt Township has much to be proud of with the renovation of the Municipal Dock. It is a facility that the community and visitors may use with pride and excitement. The renovation has accomplished the creation of a safer boating experience; an excellent station for cleaning fish; good shower facilities and restrooms that are close to meeting the 2010 ADA standards.

SAIL Recommendation: To make the corrections to the new restrooms, the company responsible for the renovation needs to be contacted and a thorough review of the restrooms should be done. These standards were in effect before new construction was begun. It is the company's responsibility to make the corrections. SAIL is willing to work with the company and assure the 2010 standards are utilized. **This recommendation is the reason why the score was an overall 3 rather than 4 or 5.**



Accessibility Four Important Priorities

Reviewers: Lucy Wilcox, SAIL ADA Coordinator and Jeremy Martin, SAIL Staff

Date: September 29, 2020

Establishment: Frank Mead Community Center and Recreation Barn

Address: Burt Township

Establishment Contact: Lori McShane

Rating for the Frank Mead Center and Barn

3_ Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

Y	N	N/A	Parking and Approach
X			1. Accessible parking marked correctly by international symbol.
X			2. Route from parking to the business is reasonably stable, flat & slip resistant.

Comments: There is accessible parking that is well marked in the front of the building. There are usually two entrances in use but with COVID, only one entry was open.

Y	N	N/A	Entrance
X			3. Entrance does not require stairs.
X			4. A standard wheelchair (30") gets through a doorway at least 32" wide.
	X		5. Door threshold is no greater than 3/4 "-about the size of adult thumbnail.

Comments: The entrance is not independently accessible as the entry threshold is approximately 2" high. This is 1&1/4 inches higher than allowed. This is an easy repair to be made so that an independent wheelchair user could gain entry.

Y	N	N/A	Circulation and Seating
X			6. There are places where people in wheelchairs can comfortably sit with their legs under the table and these tables are equally dispersed throughout the establishment.
X			7. Aisles are about 32"to checkouts & routes to seating or restrooms.
X			8. A portion of the sales counter is comfortable for a seated person to do business such as writing a check or signing a receipt(Note handing a person a clipboard to write on is usually an acceptable alternative)
		X	9. Individuals can maneuver in departments off main aisles between racks and displays
X			10. To assure space for maneuvering- display racks, garbage cans or other barriers do not fill the aisles.

Comments: The Center includes a large "Barn" (pole building) that is used by the community and rented out for functions. There is a large kitchen attached to the Barn. With COVID 19, essentially all the aspects of the Center have been closed since last March. Chairs and tables can be moved into multiple configurations in the Township Hall and Barn to meet ADA standards for circulation and seating.



Accessibility Four Important Priorities

Y	N	N/A	Restrooms
X			11. Restrooms are marked by the international symbol or updated with new Michigan state logo.
X			12. A larger stall is provided with at least a 32" door & two handrails

Comments: The recent renovation of the Township Hall has created two handicapped accessible restrooms.

Brief Summary: Burt Township has been working across the Township to upgrade and meet ADA standards in their facilities and parks. The Township hall has recently been renovated and two restrooms are now accessible. If an event is held in the Barn, additional Port-a-potty units are brought in for use and accessible units would be available.

Additional Notes:

The Youth Center and Library are attached to the Frank Mead Community Center. They were not a focus of this four-- point review. They are currently not accessible, but the Township is exploring future options for the use of the spaces. One option includes enlarging the library and that could allow accessible library space.

There is a fitness/gym area available to the community, but it is in the basement of the Center. The only access is a set of steep stairs to the basement. Currently the use of the space is under review. Whether installing a lift or repurposing the basement and finding a different area for the fitness center. The Center is used by the residents particularly in the winter.



Accessibility Four Important Priorities

Reviewers: Lucy Wilcox, SAIL ADA Coordinator and Jeremy Martin, SAIL Staff

Date: September 28, 2020

Establishment: Bayshore Park

Address: Burt Township

Establishment Contact: Lori McShane

4_Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines



Facing the entrance to Park



Benches facing the park& water



Accessible play- Sand digger

Y	N	N/A	Parking and Approach
	X		1. Accessible parking marked correctly by international symbol.
X			2. Route from parking to the business is reasonably stable, flat & slip resistant.

Comments: The Bayshore Park is a small “Pocket Park” nestled on the shore of the Grand Marais south of the Municipal Dock. Currently there is no marked handicapped parking and there is ample parking for a handicapped space in front of the entrance to the park as shown in the first photo of the park. The paved section is a good spot for the parking as it is accessible to the Park on the paved portion of the parking lot.

Y	N	N/A	Entrance
X			3. Entrance does not require stairs.
		X	4. A standard wheelchair (30”) gets through a doorway at least 32” wide.
		X	5. Door threshold is no greater than ¾ “-about the size of adult thumbnail.

Comments: The Bayshore Park is all at the same level other than the play equipment that is not accessible to a handicapped child. The picture above of the benches show that concrete pathway to the playground. Although the concrete is uneven in spots, it would be passable, at least by a wheelchair user who had assistance.



Accessibility Four Important Priorities



Y	N	N/A	Circulation and Seating
	X		6. There are places where people in wheelchairs can comfortably sit with their legs under the table and these tables are equally dispersed throughout the establishment.
		X	7. Aisles are about 32" to checkouts & routes to seating or restrooms.
		X	8. A portion of the sales counter is comfortable for a seated person to do business such as writing a check or signing a receipt (Note handing a person a clipboard to write on is usually an acceptable alternative)
		X	9. Individuals are able to maneuver in departments off main aisles between racks and displays
		X	10. To assure space for maneuvering- display racks, garbage cans or other barriers do not fill the aisles.

Comments: While Bayshore has accessible pathways, the tables in the Park will not accommodate a wheelchair user. The first picture shows the tables located on grass which is not considered an accessible surface. The tables on the far side of the Park, beyond the playground are located on an aggregate with no accessible pathway and perhaps one seating are at the end of the blue table.

Y	N	N/A	Restrooms
	X		11. Restrooms are marked by the international symbol or updated with new Michigan state logo.
X			12. A larger stall is provided with at least a 32" door & two handrails

Comments: The accessible restroom is a port-a-potty which is a solution utilized at many parks in the Upper Peninsula. There is no handicap signage on the port-a-potty but its size indicates it is accessible.

Brief Summary: When Bayshore Park was developed, it was intended to be a small neighborhood park. Grand Marais /Burt Township may have other priorities than reconfiguring this Park. However, it is a special spot with a walkway out to a swim area. The community may have input into how this area could be a more accessible spot to the residents and visitors to the community.



Accessibility Four Important Priorities

Reviewers: Lucy Wilcox, SAIL ADA Coordinator and Jeremy Martin, SAIL Staff

Date: September 29, 2020

Establishment: Agate Beach AKA "The Front Porch"

Address: Burt Township

Establishment Contact: Lori McShane

3_ Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines



Sitting on the Porch



Accessible Entrance



Accessible Restroom

Y	N	N/A	Parking and Approach
	X		1. Accessible parking marked correctly by international symbol.
		X	2. Route from parking to the business is reasonably stable, flat & slip resistant.

Comments: Without clear designation of Handicapped parking in front of the Boardwalk, AKA the Front Porch, it is not clear what the route from parking to the properly sloped entrance would be. The sign stating "Handicap accessible" is not sufficient aid to the individual with a handicap

Y	N	N/A	Entrance
X			3. Entrance does not require stairs.
X			4. A standard wheelchair (30") gets through a doorway at least 32" wide.
		X	5. Door threshold is no greater than 3/4 "-about the size of adult thumbnail.

Comments: The sloping access to the "Porch" meets requirements for slope for individuals using mobile devices.



Accessibility Four Important Priorities

Y	N	N/A	Circulation and Seating
X			6. There are places where people in wheelchairs can comfortably sit with their legs under the table and these tables are equally dispersed throughout the establishment.
X			7. Aisles are about 32" to checkouts & routes to seating or restrooms.
		X	8. A portion of the sales counter is comfortable for a seated person to do business such as writing a check or signing a receipt (Note handing a person a clipboard to write on is usually an acceptable alternative)
		X	9. Individuals are able to maneuver in departments off main aisles between racks and displays
X			10. To assure space for maneuvering- display racks, garbage cans or other barriers do not fill the aisles.

Comments: The three questions above are answered yes in the design of the Porch. Clearly careful consideration was given to leaving space for a wheelchair to park near a companion. Also, there is no cluttering in the open areas so vision and movement are available across the entire Porch.

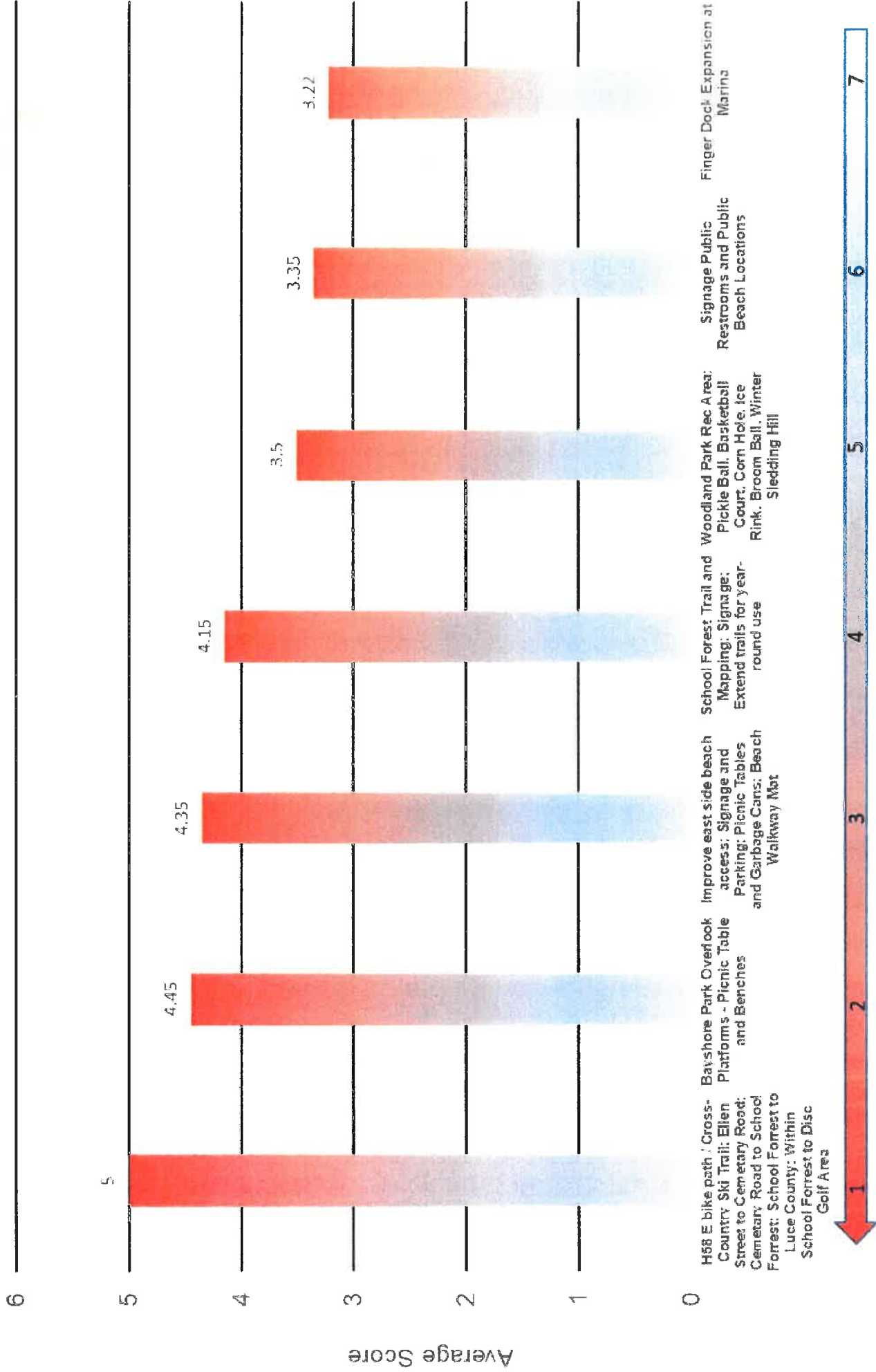
Y	N	N/A	Restrooms
	X		11. Restrooms are marked by the international symbol or updated with new Michigan state logo.
X			12. A larger stall is provided with at least a 32" door & two handrails

Comments: The Restrooms are portapottys and they are commonly used in park areas in the Upper Peninsula. One is an accessible toilet. Even if it is a portable toilet, it should be marked as handicapped accessible. Also, there is no parking to gain access to the RR. An accessible area of parking designated with handicapped signage could create an accessible toilet for individuals with disabilities who want to sit on the porch and use the facilities.

Brief Summary: Burt Township has created a beautiful spot to enjoy nature all around them. Clearly the goal was to make the Porch accessible to all. There is still some work to be done to reach the full objective and with some relatively small changes, that goal can be achieved.

APPENDIX C

Burt Township 2021 Recreation Plan Survey Results



Total Open-Ended Responses: 134, Total Correctly Completed Surveys: 213, Total Incorrect Surveys with Open-ended responses: 77

ALL Open-Ended Responses:

1. Tennis Courts
2. Your priorities are wrong. You should come up with a plan to help the tax paying people that are losing their homes and property out at Lonesome Point and elsewhere in the township due to the erosion problem which in part has been amplified by the break wall. This problem should be solved before spending on recreation.
3. Yes, something for the full-time residents that live here and support this town. Maybe update outside of the community center so it all matches, make a safe inside place to walk into during the Wintertime.
4. Woodland park is no longer a park for the town. Way too many sites especially by the pavilion. Folks should check the history on the use of the park. The town is also too dusty from ATV activity and has noise pollution. Create a quiet zone in town so that ATV's cannot create so much noise.
5. With the increase in traffic, a bike path is a great idea. Enforce side by side laws and speed.
6. We need a snowmobile trail to the east with access to town. The school forest trail and mapping will have minimal usage. There should be no kids in town! Snowmobile trail west so we do not need to ride on the road. Snowmobile trail to the East so we can access town rather than coming in from the West.
7. We need a greenspace upgrade.
8. We have a hill, set up some enclosed slider for kids and adults. Like a water slide to the bay.

9. We do not have enough restrooms for the number of visitors.
10. Wall off dumpster from the greenspace.
11. Visual and sound/noise block between greenspace and tavern. Tavern back deck parties and music are not in keeping with greenspace purpose and family use. Plant tall Cedars?
12. Visitor Center with brochure and maps of area.
13. They all sound good to me.
14. There needs to be campground reservations and more outdoor seating around town.
15. The number one priority should be the sewer system. Focus more on bringing in families instead of campers, we need a school and will not get one with campers. We need people to stay in Grand Marais year-round.
16. The finger dock expansion and beach access are not needed and should not be prioritized with taxpayer money and should stay natural. Signage for public restrooms and beach locations would spoil natural views. Woodland Park Rec Area is perfect as-is. You can't top Mother Nature. Agate Beach and Lake Superior don't need to be junked up. Keep it natural.
17. The dock expansion needs to be funded by Marina income and the same goes for the Woodland Park Rec Area, it should be funded by Woodland Park Rec Area income. Maintain Boardway area access, parking, etc. for Superior use. Maybe more parking area since its popularity is growing. Promote Blueberry and Agate hunting activities. Promote walks and hikes withing Game Management area.

18. The area is often overcrowded - often side by sides and ATVs use the whole road and do not get off to the side. Its past time to have law enforcement to manage this. Put money into law enforcement! Roads as well could be better maintained. Another idea is to create a committee of NON-Board members to work with the Chamber of Commerce to encourage community unity. Id love to help make the town more community friendly and have less bickering and drama.

19. Tennis courts with new nets and areas for pickle ball

20. Tall fence or Cedars along alley behind Tavern, block the Tavern off from the greenspace.

21. Table Tennis in the Pole barn

22. Surely you jest when referencing a finger dock expansion? The H58 bike path should've been a hiking and biking path to Superior shore years ago with no motorized vehicles allowed, hence, we need our own Police. The school forest trail and mapping should be dealt with by the Chamber of Commerce. Doesn't the school own the school forest anyway? Would be nice to keep something for the locals. You need to start taking better care of the taxpayers versus the tourists. After all, you do work for us. Will you ever, "get this"?

23. Support the Lake Superior Sanctuary!! Absolutely insane not too.

24. Stop catering to tourists and do something for the taxpayers

25. Showers on the beach

26. Save the money and reduce taxes

27. Restore Sable Lake! Clear path from parking lot to lake, add changing station. Clear lake of debris to make it swimmer friendly.

28. Reduce school taxes and move more money to recreation

29. Public restrooms on or near the greenspace

30. Public restrooms at greenspace within plain sight.

31. Prohibit Jet Skis at finger dock. Fund local person to enforce the rules and handle fines and payment. Encourage camping, hiking and promote fall colors and North Country Trail. Prohibit ATVs in Woodland Park and have no electric vehicles there either. Set restrictions for ATVs and snowmobiles. Stop snowmobilers from running on people's lawns. Stop snowmobilers from setting up trailers on plots of lands essentially creating a trailer park for snowmobilers (area by Valentine Road). Chamber of Commerce notable to overrule Township decisions.

32. Portable toilet at Marina needs regular cleaning

33. Please, no more traffic directed onto Lake Ave. North

34. Please Enforce no parking on greenspace or build a fence

35. Please allow some of Woodland Park campsite to be reserved online. Resurface Tennis Courts, add new nets and space for pickle ball

36. Plant trees in open space perimeter and along platform bench areas. Also put in pet waste bag disposal stations, water fountain and faucet to fill water bottles and dog bowls.

37. Planning should be done with residents first and visitors second. More Wintertime activities are needed. PLEASE reduce the speed limit on H-58 East. 55 mph is dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists. Thank you!

38. Pave new road from M-77 to H-58

39. Oil dusty street shoulders (medical center and east) so that residents don't need the dust created by ATV's and motorcycles.

40. Number one priority is to pay off current debt
41. More beach walkovers to protect the dunes and to help people with limited mobility
42. Make recreation center area more usable for visitors and summer residents.
43. Mainstreet Development or streetscaping
44. Mahoney Lake Road is impassable. Ridiculous!
45. Keep the forest quiet. Let's try and promote quiet outdoor spaces. ATVs, ORVs and snowmobiles are ruining Grand Marais
46. Improve some camp sites within Woodland Park. Some sites have become very low and water collects. Add fill mark to make level sites. Create some pull-through sites. could increase rates for those sites. Make improvements in areas that the majority of visitors and residents use often.
47. Improve signage at end of H58 or improve the road. Motorcyclists have no idea that the pavement ends at Luce County on H-58 East
48. I think everything is perfect the way it is
49. I am sick of all of our money expended on tourism. No consideration for our community. A community will not survive on tourism alone! The homes and property are being bought up by people who do not live here, enriching only themselves. Our H58 East is a crumbling highway that continues to be highly traveled by snowmobiles and ATV's. Some of our streets have potholes that remain for years but we have a fish cleaning station! We have broken sidewalks that don't lead to the park! Now you want to block our community access to the bay view by rimming the bank with overlooks and picnic tables. Many of us don't go to town on the 4th of July because the Bayshore has been completely obscured by vehicles parked days in advanced by people who are not from town.

Do you see the theme here? Stop pouring money into tourism only. Please work to attract families and don't spoil the natural beauty of the area because of greed.

50. I am not in support of any of the projects

51. How about some sign around town in front of businesses, post office, beaches, encouraging drivers to shut off their idling engines to preserve the clean Grand Marais air that we all enjoy and to help us all to breathe a little easier.

52. Have side by sides use snowmobile trail to bypass homeowner's residence! Very intrusive noise pollution, etc.

53. Greenspace needs to be fenced in and turned into a park

54. Get focused on bringing young families to live in Grand Marais then continue with the mentioned projects. We need a lot in this town, just listen to people instead of thinking you have all the answers.

55. Get control of our town away from the Chamber of Commerce. It's our town, not theirs. We pay money while they make money!!! No secrets!!

56. Garbage drop off for weekenders/temporary visitors. A system where bags can be sold, or tags sold with a place to drop off. Even the Hiawatha is here by 7:30 - 8 on Mondays. People leave cans with garbage for bears to pillage Sunday nights. At least, get the word out that they 'CAN'NOT do this. I am tired of picking up garbage. And the Woodland Park Rec Area needs something for sure.

57. Focus on Greenspace

58. Fix the side of East H58 that was postponed when the village water system was upgraded. it's been too long and gets worse each year.

59. Fix 58 East

60. Fence our greenspace
61. Don't focus on H58 bike path until road is repaired. The access to the east side beach is terrible. Make the school forest trail and mapping project a school project, it's not the Townships responsibility.
62. Cut down the trees blocking the bay view in front of the post office.
63. Crosswalk/signage/stamping at 3-way fork at 77 end / coast guard road for pedestrians
64. Continue to keep various events suppressed until the pandemic is over. Keep the Chamber of Commerce and crowds down!
65. Complete the Bayshore Park Overlook with park money only. No expansion of H58, the Finger dock, or the School forest trail and mapping should be done. The woodland park area should only be worked on with money generated from campers. Paint the roads (center and edges) EACH YEAR! New sidewalk from town to beach
66. Clear trail marking for public trails not just trails, "we've always used" (on private property)
67. Clean up storm debris from the harbor beach, including raking sticks. This is our crown jewel, and it is a mess. Thank you.
68. I Cannot answer honestly. We do not use at all. So do not feel we can honestly give an answer.
69. Bike trail for walking and biking only, no ATVs or ORVs. Woodland park needs a reservation system. Fewer spaces and higher prices. A sidewalk extension West of Brazel St, make it more biker and walker friendly.

70. Are there any plans for the softball fields ongoing maintenance and improvements. Also could we encourage softball tournaments with other communities.
71. Additions at the Marina should include payed meters for water usage and fish cleaning stations. Regarding the beach access: there is already plenty of beach access with bathrooms. But since the area is already open it would provide a quieter area and would not cost much to improve. No more frickin signs unless they are for ATVs to keep them side by side and to slowdown at crossings and reduce noise pollution. If the ATVs side by side are riding legally then Calcium Chloride needs to be put down all along H58 at least out to Cemetery Road.
72. Add parking to public beach locations. Pave Rec Center parking lot with designated parking spots.
73. Add a picnic table at East Bay
74. Add a Forever type therapy swimming pool for water therapy for seniors, injured, arthritis, etc. Could be used for swimming lessons for small children too
75. About fixing existing blacktop roads instead of making new ones. How about catering to the landowners instead of tourists
76. A finger dock expansion would be overdoing it. Leave the east side beach access AS-IS. That way it stays quiet and pro nature and natural (People can walk to it, it does not need overdevelopment). Signage for bathrooms and beach locations is obvious and is not needed.
77. Work on Tennis Courts/add new nets to accommodate tennis and pickle ball
78. With the increase in traffic a bike path is a great idea. Enforce side by side laws and speed!
79. We have a hill, set up some slider for kids and adults; like an H2O slide to the bay.

80. Visual and sound/noise needs to be blocked from greenspace and the Tavern.
Tavern back deck parties and music are not in keeping with greenspace purpose and family use. Plant tall Cedars?
81. Visitor center with brochure/maps of area
82. The Finger Dock is revenue producing which is good.
83. The east side beach access is acceptable with the amount of beach available.
Increased private property signs make it less accessible. Is there a solution? It was once a favorable walk.
84. Table Tennis in the Pole Barn
85. Support Lake Superior Sanctuary!! Absolutely insane not too.
86. Sign H58 improved road end. Motorcycles have no idea pavement ends at Luce County on H58 East.
87. Showers at beach area from the sand
88. set restrictions for ATVs/Snowmobiles, stop running on people's lawns.
Snowmobilers buy small lot and put a trailer on it and it becomes a snowmobiler destination (snowmobile trailer park). Chamber of Commerce is notable in overturning Township decisions. Snowmobilers should pay a fee to support our emergency rescue. Encourage camping and hiking. Fund local person to enforce rules. Prohibit Jet Skis in Marina.
89. Revert back to 25 mph speed limit in town and add picnic tables in town, too!
90. Resurface tennis courts, add new nets for tennis and pickle ball. Please allow some of the woodland park campsite to be reserved online!!

91. Restore Sable Lake! Clear path from parking lot to lake, add changing station. Clear lake of debris to make it swimming friendly.
92. Require dog walkers to pick up poop.
93. Repave the Tennis Courts at Woodland Park
94. Regarding the School Forest Trail and Mapping: Clear trail marking for public trails not just trails "we've always used" (on private property) Thanks!
95. Public restrooms on the greenspace.
96. Port toilet at marina need regular cleaning
97. Please no more traffic directed onto Lake Ave. North
98. Please enforce no parking on greenspace or build a fence.
99. Plant trees in open space perimeter along platform, bench areas. Also pet bag disposal stations, water fountain and faucet to fill water bottles and dog bowls.
100. Planning should be done with residents first and visitors second. More Wintertime activities are needed. PLEASE reduce speed limit on H-58 East. 55mph is dangerous for walkers, runners, cyclists. Thank you!
101. picnic table at East Bay
102. Pave Rec Center parking lot w/designated parking spots.
103. Pave new road from M-77 to H-58
104. Number one priority - pay off current debt.

105. My first priority would be signage directing ATV's to trails vs riding through town. Something really needs to be done to reduce noise, speed, and dust for residents paying taxes.
106. Motorboats enter into the swimming area at beach. They come very close to children in water. Create a zone with signage to prevent this because it is very dangerous. The boaters don't seem to care and almost hit my grandson.
107. Motel (Welkers) make into campground with indoor pool, campground store and grill restaurant. Knock-down some of the rooms on the west side of parking lot.
108. More signage on split rail fence to keep motorized vehicles off Bayshore (Harbor) beach.
109. More beach walkovers to protect the dunes plus to help people with limited mobility.
110. Make recreation center area more usable for visitors and summer residents.
111. Maintain shooting range better. Add an area for skeet shooting.
112. Maintain parking at Coast Guard pier/break wall and add more bench's and picnic tables to that area.
113. Main Street development – streetscape
114. let's try to promote quiet outdoor activities. ATVs, ORVs, with Snowmobiles are ruining Grand Marais
115. improve/expand the disc golf; paved tees and amateur/pro tees, canoe/kayak launch, repair; expand sidewalks, plow sidewalks for winter use.

116. Improve snowmobile trail/road from West end of town to woodland park.
117. Improve east side beach access on Morris St. Have Bayshore park overlook near top of bank overlooking harbor.
118. Has the township considered making or having something to have a section of property for an overflow of woodland park campers?
119. Greenspace picnic tables just for that space - not taken for the campground or an event. Lots of people have enjoyed eating in greenspace this past summer.
120. Greenspace Upgrade
121. Get control of our town away from Chamber of Commerce. It's our town, not there's. We pay money while they make money. No Secrets!!
122. Fix the bike/walking path to Agate Beach
123. Extend a wheelchair access to the beach somewhere so people in wheelchairs and/or with walkers, disabilities can also touch the water and look for rocks.
124. Dock expansion funded from marina income. Same for W. Park Rec Area, fund from WP income. Maintain boardwalk area access, parking, etc. For Superior use, maybe more parking area since its popularity is growing. Promote Blueberry and Agate hunting activities. Promote walks and hikes within GM area, H.S. Promenade, School Forest, Beaches.
125. Cut down trees - they are blocking the bay view in front of the post office
126. Crosswalk/signage/stamping at 3-way fork at 77 end/Coast Guard Road for Pedestrians

127. Continue to keep various events suppressed until the pandemic is over. Keep the Chamber of Commerce and crowds down!
128. Clean up storm debris from the harbor beach, including raking sticks. This is our crown jewel, and it is a mess. Thank you.
129. Bike trail for walking/biking only - No ATVs or ORVs. Woodland park - reservation system is needed. Fewer spaces/higher price. Sidewalk extension on Brazel street. Make things more biking/walking friendly.
130. Before there is too great of expenditures to pursue a vision let time reveal what extended needs are. In the moment, stay focused on improving the village and the Bay.
131. Bathrooms
132. Are there any plans for softball field ongoing maintenance and improvement? Also for the Township to encourage softball tournaments with other towns.
133. All the amenities the township can provide do not negate the fact that trailers are allowed to be permanently parked adjacent to the beach! it is my understanding that this is against township policy. This has been going on for years! It is time to put an end to it. Please work to preserve the natural beauty of our township.
134. Add new Bayshore park bathrooms and park steps