



HAGAR TOWNSHIP

Parks, Recreation, Open Space
and Greenways Plan 2022-2026



MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Hagar Township Parks Advisory Committee to advise the Township Board of Trustees concerning the planning, acquisition, development and maintenance of properties and facilities enabling the provision of a responsive, efficient and innovative Township Parks delivery system which provides parks and recreational opportunities for visitors and to citizens of Hagar Township. The Hagar Township parks system shall be composed of a variety of park areas and special facilities that contribute to the well-being of the individual, the family and attractiveness, social and economic health of the Township. The Hagar Township Parks System operates in cooperation with interested community groups.

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CHAPTER 1

Introduction & Community Description

INTRODUCTION

Parks, recreation and open spaces are the key to a quality place to live, work and visit. The Hagar Township Board has appointed a Parks Advisory Committee to develop a plan to define and maximize the recreational opportunities and open spaces for the residents and visitors. The Township wants to ensure that planning and development of parks, recreation and open space projects are a priority for the community.

COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Hagar Township is located in northern Berrien County along the shoreline of Lake Michigan. The Township is not as densely populated as some of the other lakeshore communities and the cost of living in Hagar Township is generally lower.

The community is beautifully located amidst wooded dunes, miles of Lake Michigan shoreline, the meandering Paw Paw River, and diverse agricultural land. It is easily accessible from I-196 and M-63 halfway between South Haven and Saint Joseph. A quiet, rural community within proximity of several shopping and recreational areas in Berrien County and neighboring Van Buren County. It is approximately six miles from St. Joseph/Benton Harbor. The Township serves as a suburban residential area and farming community located on the 'outskirts' of the Twin Cities Area.

The Township abuts Lake Michigan on its western boundary. The Paw Paw River transverses the Township from the northeast to the southwest. Recreation in this area consists primarily of water sports, boating, beach-going, river activities, biking, hiking, camping, fishing, hunting, kayaking, and canoeing. Along the lake, the population increases in the summer months when seasonal property owners return to enjoy the sugar sand beaches.



Photo: Hagar Park Beach

Figure 1: Township Map

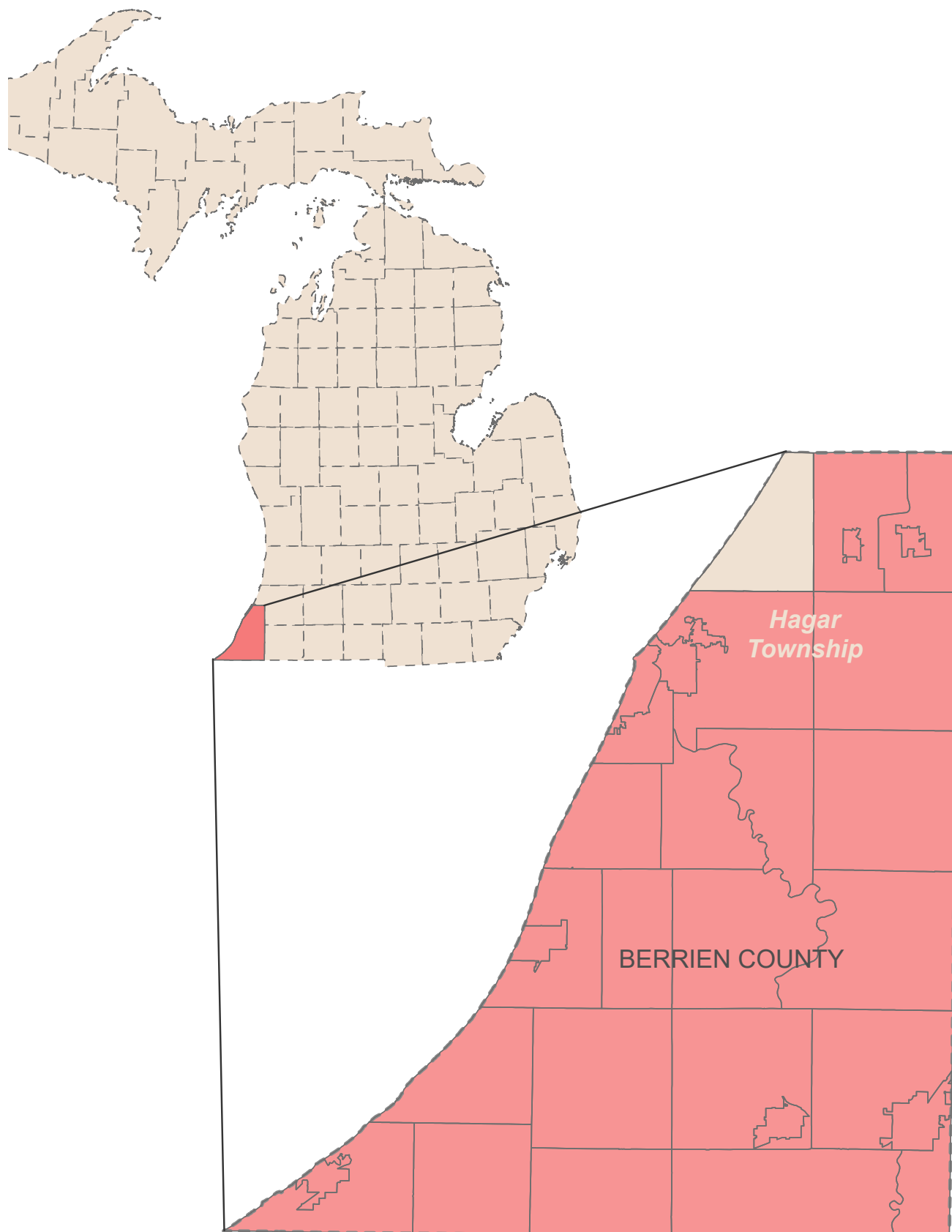
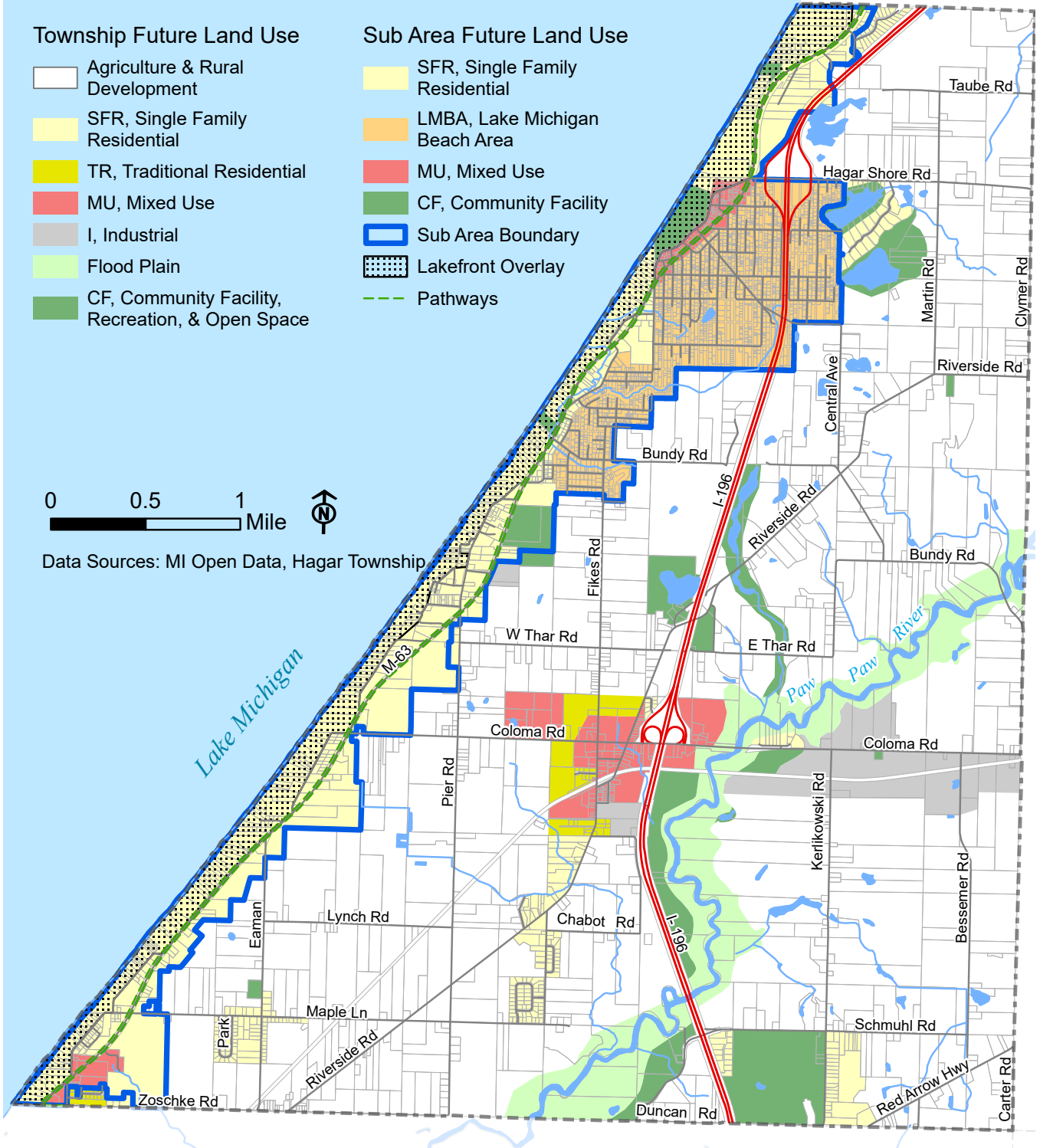


Figure 2: Future Land Use Map

FUTURE LAND USE MAP

Hagar Township, Berrien County, MI



POPULATION

Historic population counts are presented in Table 1. This data shows a continued decline in permanent Township resident populations. This estimate does not include seasonal home owners.

Table 1: Historic Population of Hagar Township

Year	Count	% Change
2020	3,243	-11.7%
2010	3,671	-7.4%
2000	3,964	-3.6%
1990	4,113	-16.8%
1980	4,943	20.9%
1970	4,088	14.8%
1960	3,562	-

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census

COMPARATIVE AREA STATISTICS

The US Census separates population stats for the Lake Michigan Beach sub-area as a Census Designated Place. The population and other figures describing Hagar Township include Lake Michigan Beach.

Table 2: Comparative Population Trends

Population	2020	2010	2000	1990	1980
Hagar Township	3,243	3,671	3,964	4,113	4,943
Lake Michigan Beach*	1,101	1,216	1,509	1,694	-
Population Change	2020	2010	2000	1990	1980
Hagar Township	-12%	-7%	-4%	-17%	-
Lake Michigan Beach*	-10%	-19%	-11%	-	-

*Unincorporated census-designated place

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census

Table 3: Housing Units

Population	2020	2010	2000
Hagar Township	2,132	2,234	2,328
Lake Michigan Beach*	988	1,056	1,178

*Unincorporated census-designated place

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census

Table 4: Household Income

Population	2019	2010
Hagar Township	\$64,571	\$41,615
Lake Michigan Beach*	\$61,667	\$30,239
National Average	\$65,712	\$29,701

*Unincorporated census-designated place

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census, American Community Survey

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

The Township comprises mainly grain and fruit farmers. Along Lake Michigan, the population increases in the summer months when seasonal property owners return to enjoy the sugar sand beaches.

Riverside is an unincorporated community in Hagar Township located just off I-196 on Coloma Road. This farming and light industrial community boasts a post office, township hall, public safety building, restaurant, convenience store, gas station, Children's Park, riverside park, kayak launch, and other small businesses. The Township owned baseball fields are also located nearby.

Lake Michigan Beach is an unincorporated community in Hagar Township. It is a census-designated place (CDP) for statistical purposes, without any legal status as a municipality. The community is in Hagar Township on the shore of Lake Michigan. The area is also known as Hagar Shores. This beach community boasts two public beach parks. According to the 2020 census, Lake Michigan Beach had a population of 1,101. There were 988 dwellings - 528 occupied and 460 vacant. High vacancy in shoreline communities as indicated by the Census commonly means that homes may be used as vacation homes or vacation rentals.



CHAPTER 2

Administrative Structure

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Hagar Township is a general law township operating under Act 246 of 1945. The municipality is governed by a board of elected trustees consisting of the township supervisor, township clerk, township treasurer, and two trustees.

Additionally, Hagar's Township Board appoints and/or employs a deputy treasurer, deputy clerk, township assessor, building inspector, ordinance enforcement officer, and a parks & cemetery supervisor.



Photo: Hagar Township Hall

HAGAR TOWNSHIP STAFF AND ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

TOWNSHIP BOARD

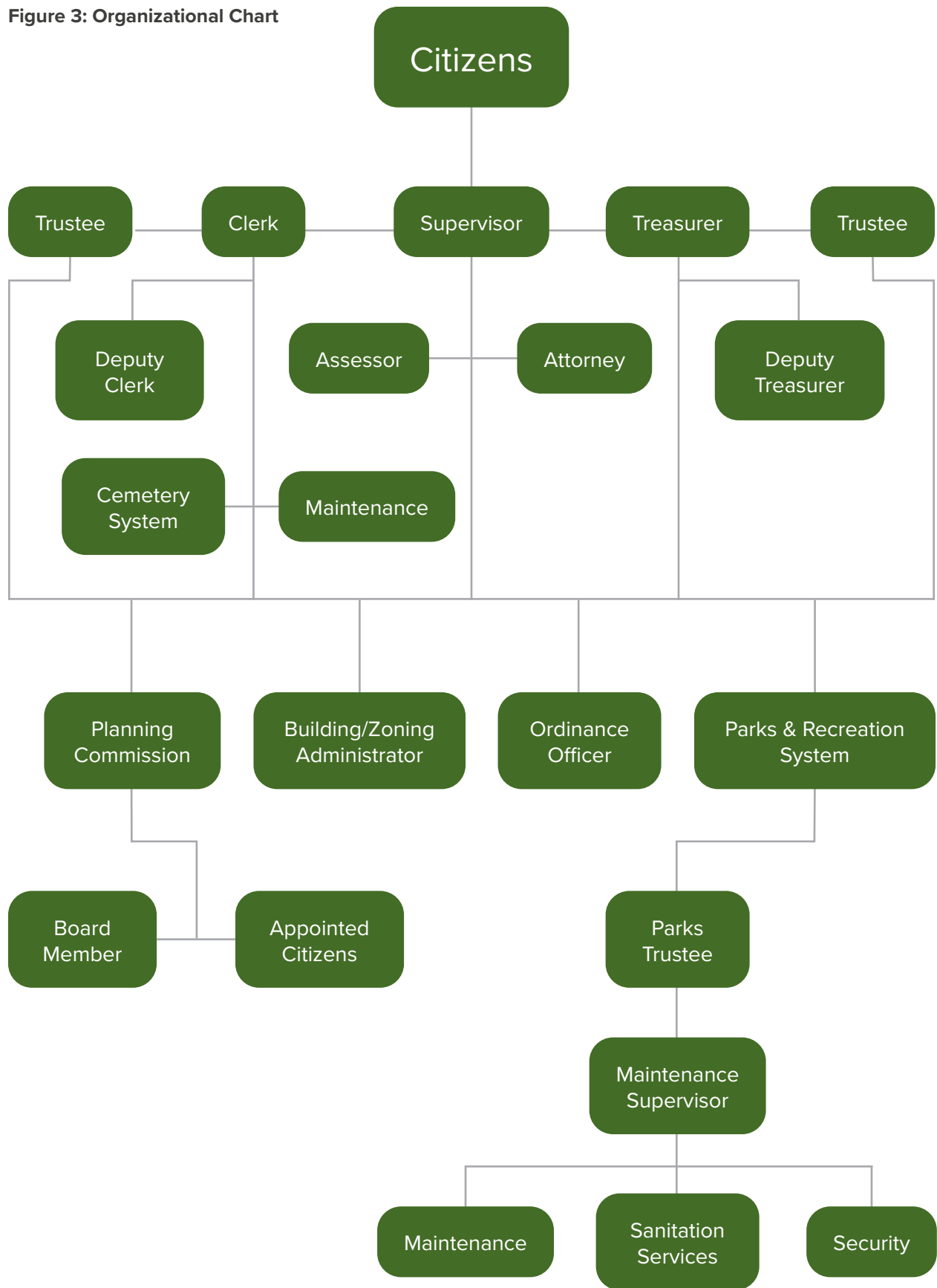
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 Maintenance Supervisor – Ken Bates
 Parks Trustee – Peter Colovos

Figure 3: Organizational Chart



PARKS ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Hagar Township has a long history of providing parks to residents, tourists, and other visitors. Investment in local parks has occurred through guidance by a long-range master plan approved by the Township Board and funded through the annual budget, private donation, or grants. The parks system was established pursuant to Act 157 of 1905.

The Township Board has the authority to commit funds for parks and recreation, accept grants and purchase land on behalf of the community. The Board approves an annual park's budget. Any large expenses are approved by the Board. All other regular spending is approved by the Parks Trustee. A Parks Trustee oversees the Township's parks system. The Parks Trustee manages the park staff, contractors, budget and facilitates new projects. The park staff consists of a maintenance supervisor that maintains the Hagar Township park system.



PARK RULES

Pursuant to MCL 41.422, the township park ordinance 70.00 was adopted September 13, 1982. This ordinance establishes park rules.

- Motor vehicles are allowed only on established roadways or parking lots.
- Alcohol shall not be possessed or consumed.
- No Littering. Trash and debris shall be deposited in containers provided.
- Glass Bottles are prohibited.
- No Open Fires.
- Property shall not be destroyed or vandalized
- No overnight camping with or without tents or house trailers
- Dogs Must Be Leashed. Horses are not permitted on any township park.
- Dumping of Household Garbage is prohibited.
- All parks shall be closed from 11:00PM until sunrise the following day.

PARK BUDGET

Table 5: Park Budgets

	Approved 2022/23	Actual 2021/22	Actual 2020/21	Actual 2019/20
Groundskeeping	\$22,500	\$41,083	\$40,611	\$27,985
Sanitation	\$5,000	\$7,949	\$8,776	\$6,711
Utilities	\$0	\$1,701	\$2,605	\$1,462
Water	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$90
Survey	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$4,500
Contractors	\$1,400	\$0	\$0	\$0
Consultants/Meeting	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Maintenance Other	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$7,791	\$9,049
Total Maintenance	\$56,900	\$65,733	\$59,782	\$49,797
General Capital Improvement	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$12,483
Hagar/Roadside Driveway	\$5,500	\$0	\$2,500	\$0
Hagar/Roadside Park - Other	\$10,500	\$0	\$410	\$1,802
Children's Park Capital Improvement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$870
Baseball Park Capital Improvement	\$12,100	\$0	\$0	\$2,900
Kayak Park - Other	\$0	\$0	\$2,695	\$2,136
Total Capital Improvement	\$38,100	\$0	\$5,605	\$20,191
Total Budget	\$95,000	\$65,733	\$65,387	\$69,988

VOLUNTEERS AND OTHER RELATIONSHIPS

In the past, Coloma-Hagar Youth Baseball Association would assist in the upkeep of the township's baseball fields. However, with the addition of new fields in Coloma, this league rarely uses Hagar Township fields anymore.

FUNDING SOURCES

The Hagar Township park system is funded by the Township's general fund, private donations, Downtown Development Authority, and grants. In 2001, the Township was awarded funding to assist with the development of Hagar Park. In 1997, a township resident donated land and funds for the construction of a children's park in Riverside. In 2018, Hagar Township received a DNR Trust Fund grant for the construction of the Riverside Kayak Park.

NEED FOR UPDATING THE PARKS PLAN

Previous parks and recreation plans were prepared through a joint agreement with four other municipalities. The last of which was adopted in 2010 and covered a five-year planning period ending in 2014. This plan was certified by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR).

In February 2015, the Township Board discussed the need for updating the 2010 North Berrien County Communities Parks and Recreation Plan. The board acknowledged that the previous plans in 2004 and 2010 had been joint plans with other North Berrien Communities and determined that no benefit was apparent from these joint endeavors. Therefore, the Board determined to complete a plan for Hagar Township parks only. The Parks Director was tasked with assessing the process for preparing a plan compliant with MDNR requirements. In May 2015, the Parks Director volunteered to prepare the updated plan and recommended the Board appoint an advisory committee to provide input on scope, improvements, funding, and grant submissions.

Hagar Township established a Parks Plan Committee in 2015 to create a new plan for submission to MDNR. The Committee undertook a coordinated planning effort to ensure wise use of resources, better environmental protection, greater efficiency in providing parks and recreation opportunities, increased funding sources, greater potential for tapping into new, creative ways of accomplishing recreation goals, and enhanced public support.

In 2021, the Parks Committee began working on the update to this five-year plan with the assistance of Williams & Works. Each park facility was examined along with the management and operation of the parks and recreation system. The Committee was also charged with providing guidance as to what residents and other users would like to see incorporated into the future parks and recreation system. The Committee utilized an online public survey as well as public meetings to obtain public input to help in planning the future of Hagar Township parks. Once priorities and the desires of the public were compiled, the Committee evaluated the goals and objectives and action program for relevancy. Modifications and additions were made where determined necessary.

CHAPTER 3

Facility Inventory

INTRODUCTION

An inventory of parks and outdoor recreational areas available to Hagar Township residents was undertaken by the Parks Committee for the 2016 update. Site inspections were completed on the Township’s four existing parks. Open spaces owned by the township were also reviewed. In 2022, these parks and recreation facilities were reviewed, confirmed, and updated where necessary.

PARKS SYSTEM AREA

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) reported that the typical park and recreation agency offers 9.9 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents and approximately 13.3 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents for similarly sized communities. Using this benchmark and the 2020 population, Hagar Township should have 32.1 to 43.1 acres of parkland. The existing park facilities operated by the Township total 26.9 acres. Regarding the number of parks, similarly sized benchmark communities reported 1,217 residents per park while Hagar Township had approximately 649 residents per park in 2020. Comparing the two numbers, Hagar Township is underserved in the number of park acres but not in the number of parks. This is likely due to the relatively small physical size of several Township parks.

Table 6: Current Parks Systems Acreage

Current Parks System	Area
Roadside Park	7 acres
Hagar Park	6 acres
Riverside Children’s Park	0.3 acres
Momany Baseball Fields	10.6 acres
Riverside Kayak Park	3.0 acres
Total Parks System	26.9 acres
NRPA Benchmark	32.1 to 43.1 acres

Table 7: Number of Residents Per Park

	Residents/Park
Current Parks System	649
NRPA Benchmark	1,217

HAGAR PARK

Hagar Park is a Lake Michigan Beach access site that provides swimming/beach activities to the public. This 6-acre property is located on M63 in the Lake Michigan Beach area. This *regional park* offers paved parking for about 100 cars, porta johns, wooden walkway and stairs to the beach, shaded picnic area with metal grills, playground equipment and dog bag dispenser.

The park was developed with aid from the Michigan Coastal Zone Management Program in approximately 1980. A grant was awarded in 1999 which included parking lot updating and playground equipment. The park will continue to serve as a beach access facility in the future.

The park fencing is in need of repair. The currently installed stairway has some graffiti but has weathered well. The stairs to the beach are in adequate shape. The well will need to be replaced. Security cameras are needed on the site. Overcrowding in summer months is a challenge for this park.

Accessibility Grade: 2

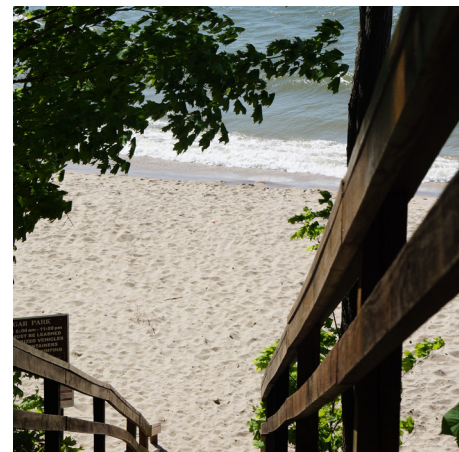




Figure 4: Hagar Park

ROADSIDE PARK

Roadside Park is a natural Lake Michigan Beach access site. This 7-acre property is located on Blue Star Highway just south of the Van Buren County line. This *regional park* is a natural dune park that offers a roadside gravel parking lot for about 60 cars, porta johns and dog bag dispenser. One open picnic table and grill plus a covered picnic table are provided on site.

The park will continue to serve as a beach access facility in the future. A fence was installed in 2013 along the southern property line. The wooden picnic table shelter needs some repair. The trees along the bluff need undercutting to thin out vegetation.

Accessibility Grade: 2



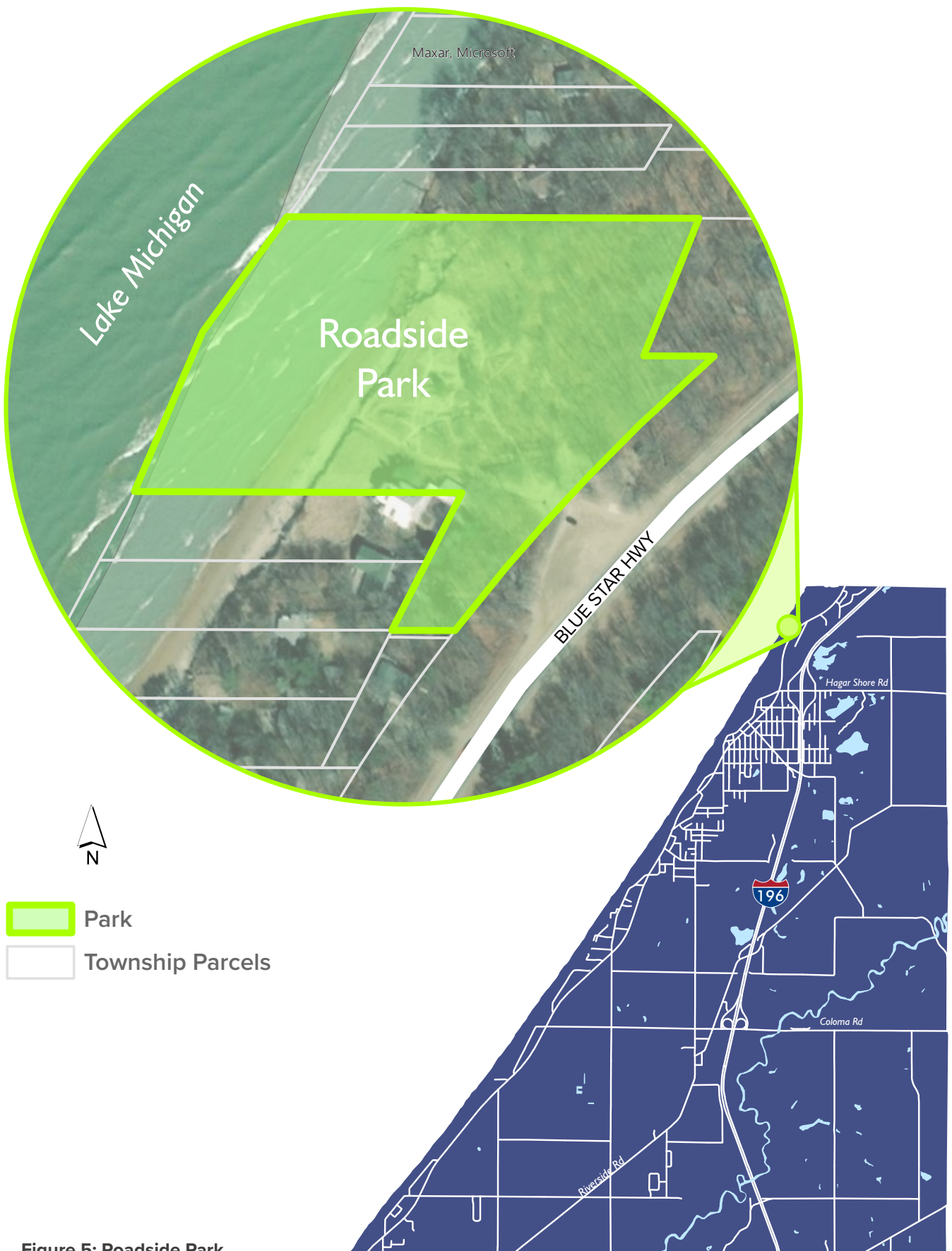


Figure 5: Roadside Park

MOMANY PARK BASEBALL FIELD

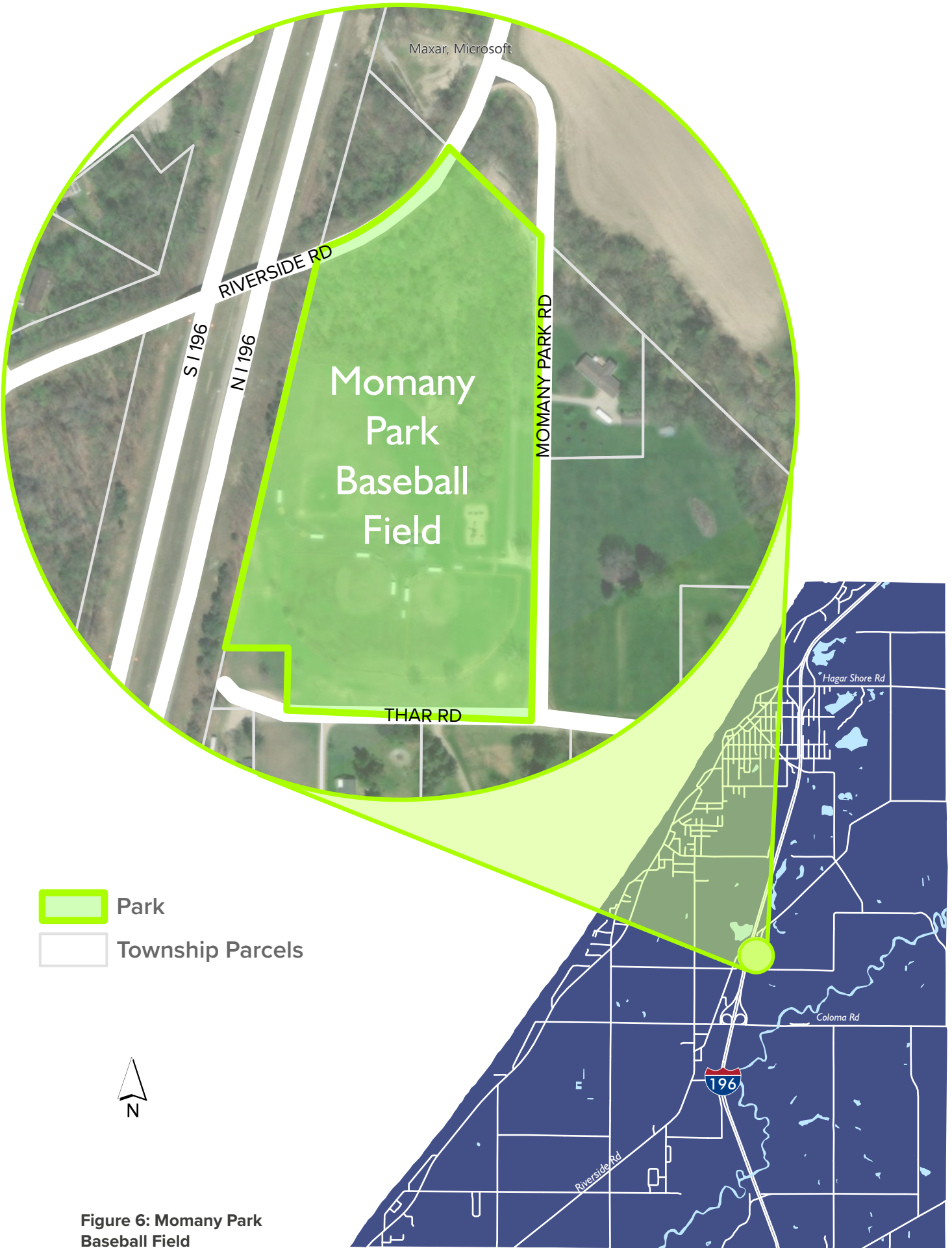
This 10.6-acre property is located on Thar Road and Momany Park Drive east of I-196. This Park offers two baseball fields, dugouts, bleachers, equipment building, playground, separated dog park, and parking for approximately 75 cars.

These baseball fields have seen very limited usage over the past five years. In 2012, the township held a volunteer cleanup and posted notices in the local papers in attempts to generate more usage. The Parks Committee has considered changing the use of this site to allow more residents access to our park. Parking surface needs to be improved.

The dugouts and utility building are in need of maintenance. The bleachers were updated in 2012. A concrete slab for the dumpster is needed. The parking lot is overgrown (from lack of use) and needs grading and a layer of crushed aggregate applied.

Accessibility Grade: 3





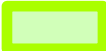

-  Park
-  Township Parcels



Figure 6: Momany Park Baseball Field

RIVERSIDE CHILDREN'S PARK

Located in Riverside across from the Township Hall. This *mini-park* was generously donated by the Monte Family in 1997 to provide a place for youngsters to play in downtown Riverside. The Park contains child playground equipment and park benches. New playground equipment was installed in 2019.

The Park needs mulch replaced under the play equipment.

Accessibility Grade: 3



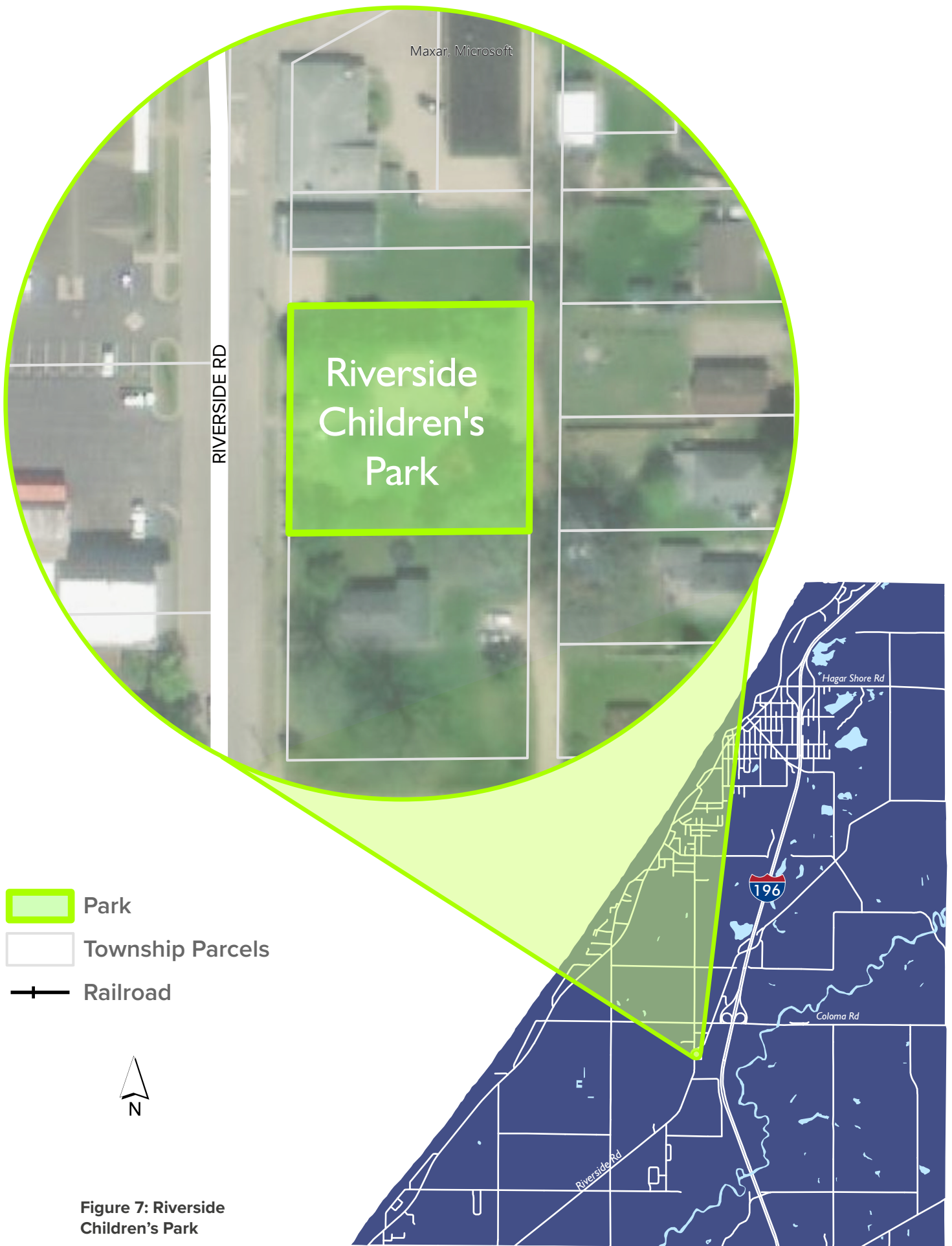


Figure 7: Riverside Children's Park

RIVERSIDE KAYAK PARK

This 3-acre property is located on Coloma Road just east of I-196 on the Paw Paw River. This regional park was established with funding from a DNR Trust Fund Grant and opened in 2019. The bi-level park includes a picnic pavilion, picnic tables, grills, vault toilets, kayak launch, and fishing platform. The park features significant topography and mature trees, with a 90-foot fall down to the river access from the parking area. All features are ADA compliant, include asphalt paving, and security lighting. The park contains three trailer parking spaces and 12 standard parking spaces.

Accessibility Grade: 5



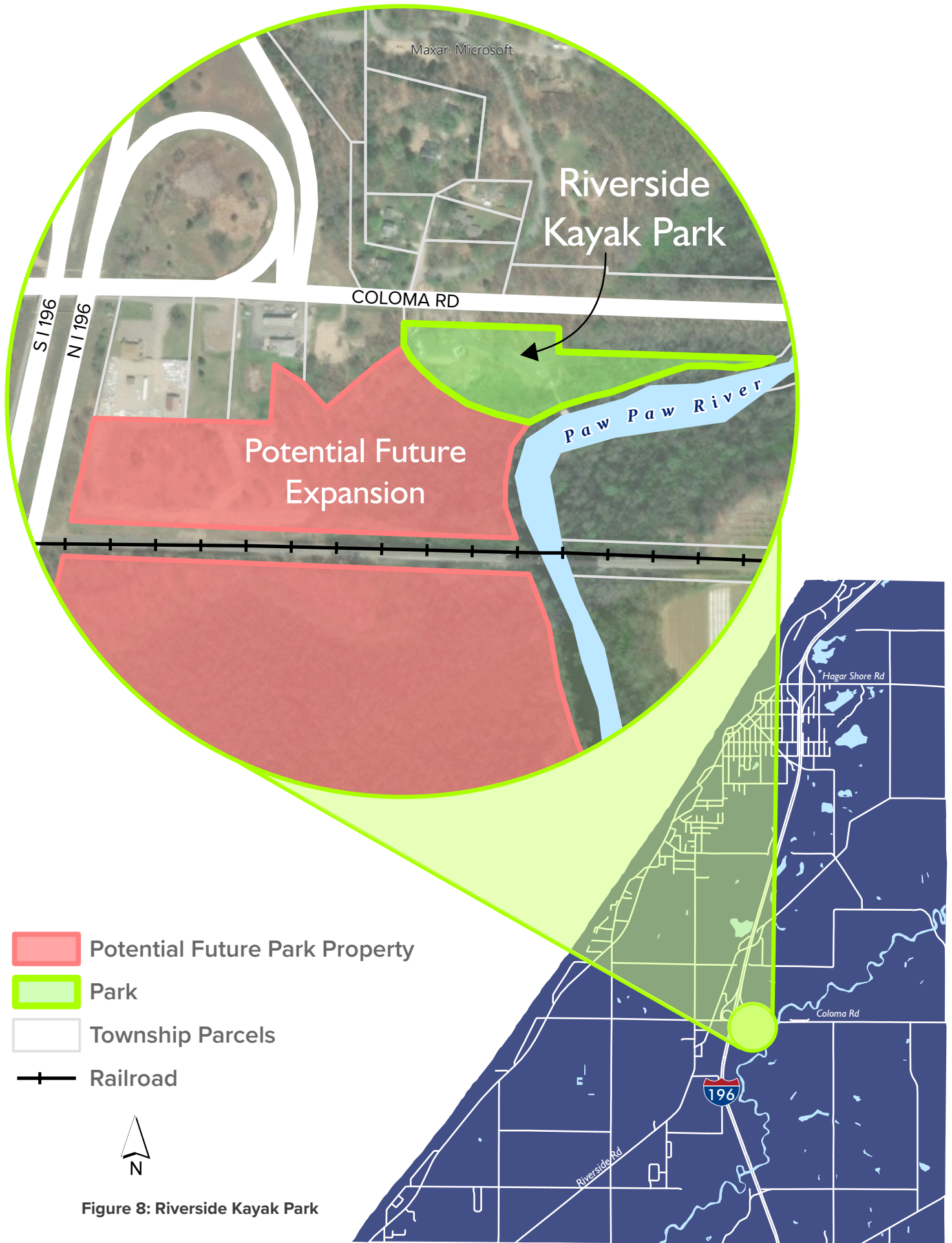


Figure 8: Riverside Kayak Park

DDA/I-196 OPEN SPACE

The Township owns a 112.9-acre property located along I-196 south of Coloma Road. The property was acquired from the State of Michigan Department of Transportation from rights-of-way acquired for the construction of the interstate. With the exception of the Riverside Kayak Park, the property has remained undeveloped. The property is bisected by two parcels totaling 6.8-acres of privately owned land. The site has approximately 0.75 miles of Paw Paw River shoreline.

In 1993, the site was designated a natural conservation area.



Photo: Paw Paw River

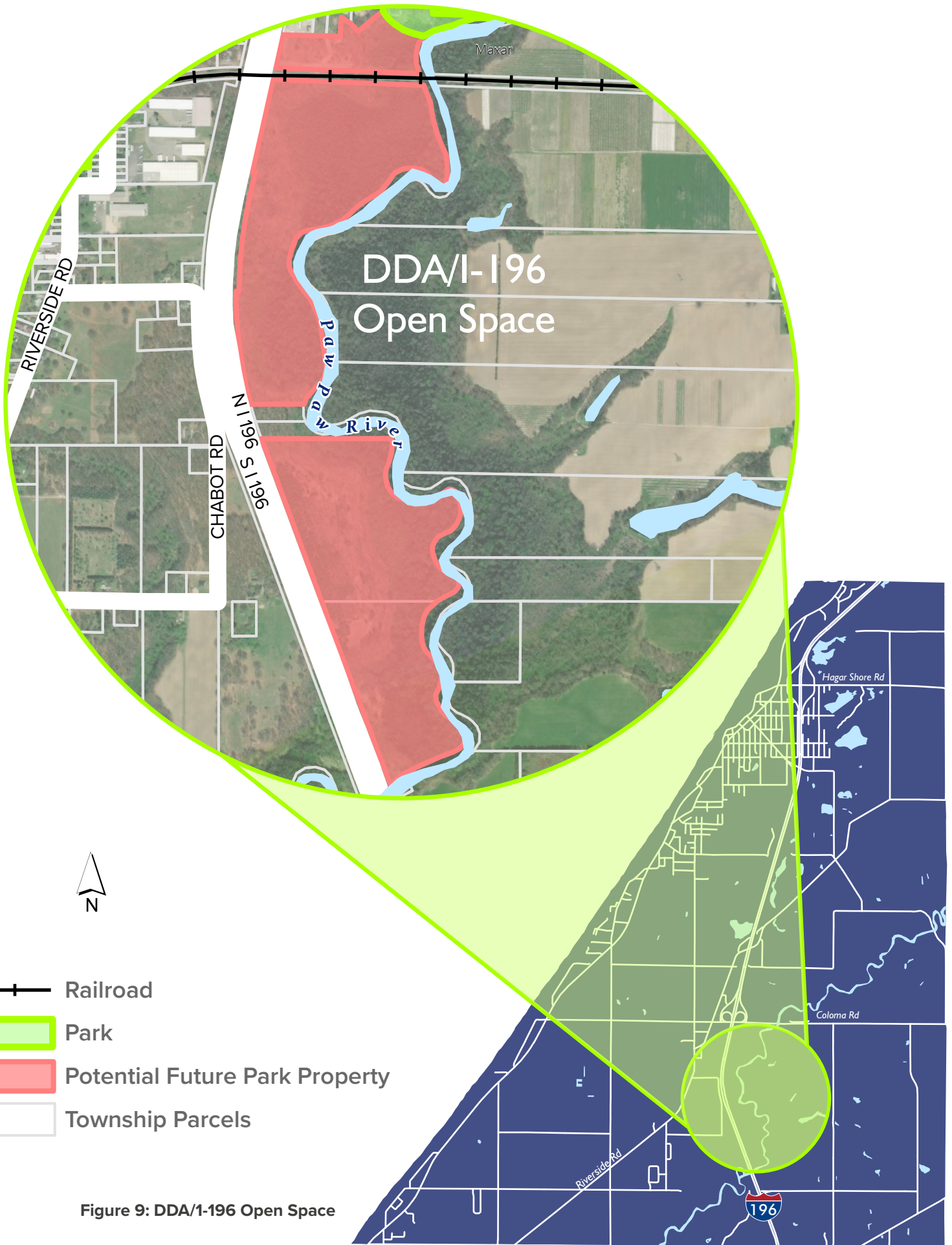


Figure 9: DDA/I-196 Open Space

DOWNTOWN RIVERSIDE PROPERTY

The Township owns a 0.45-acre property in Riverside between Riverside Road and the railroad tracks. The property is currently primarily occupied by a parking lot. It is included in this inventory as potential future park property.



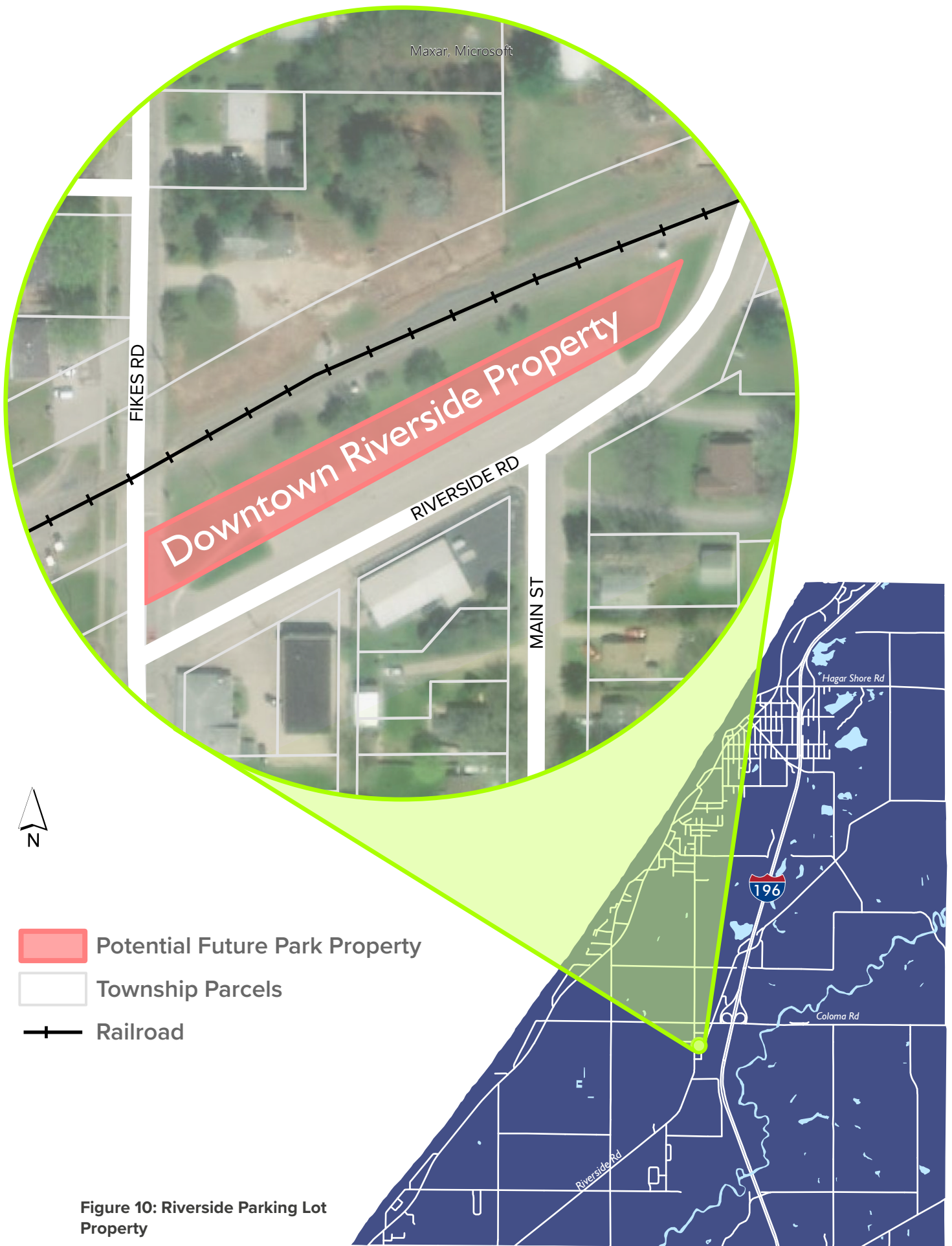
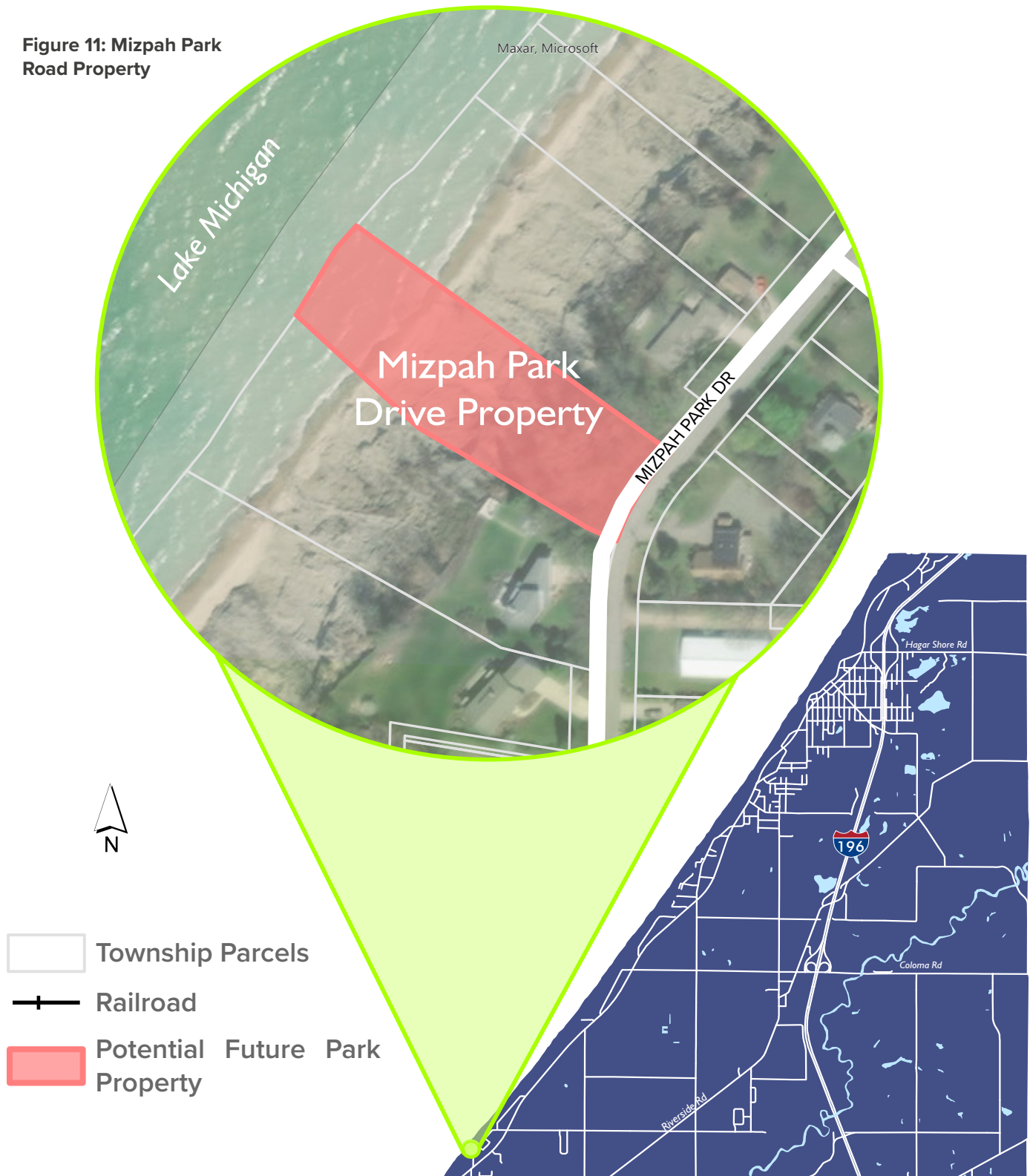


Figure 10: Riverside Parking Lot Property

MIZPAH PARK ROAD PROPERTY

The Township owns a 1.45-acre property on Mizpah Park Road just north of M-63 on Lake Michigan. The property is currently vacant. It is included in this inventory as potential future park property.

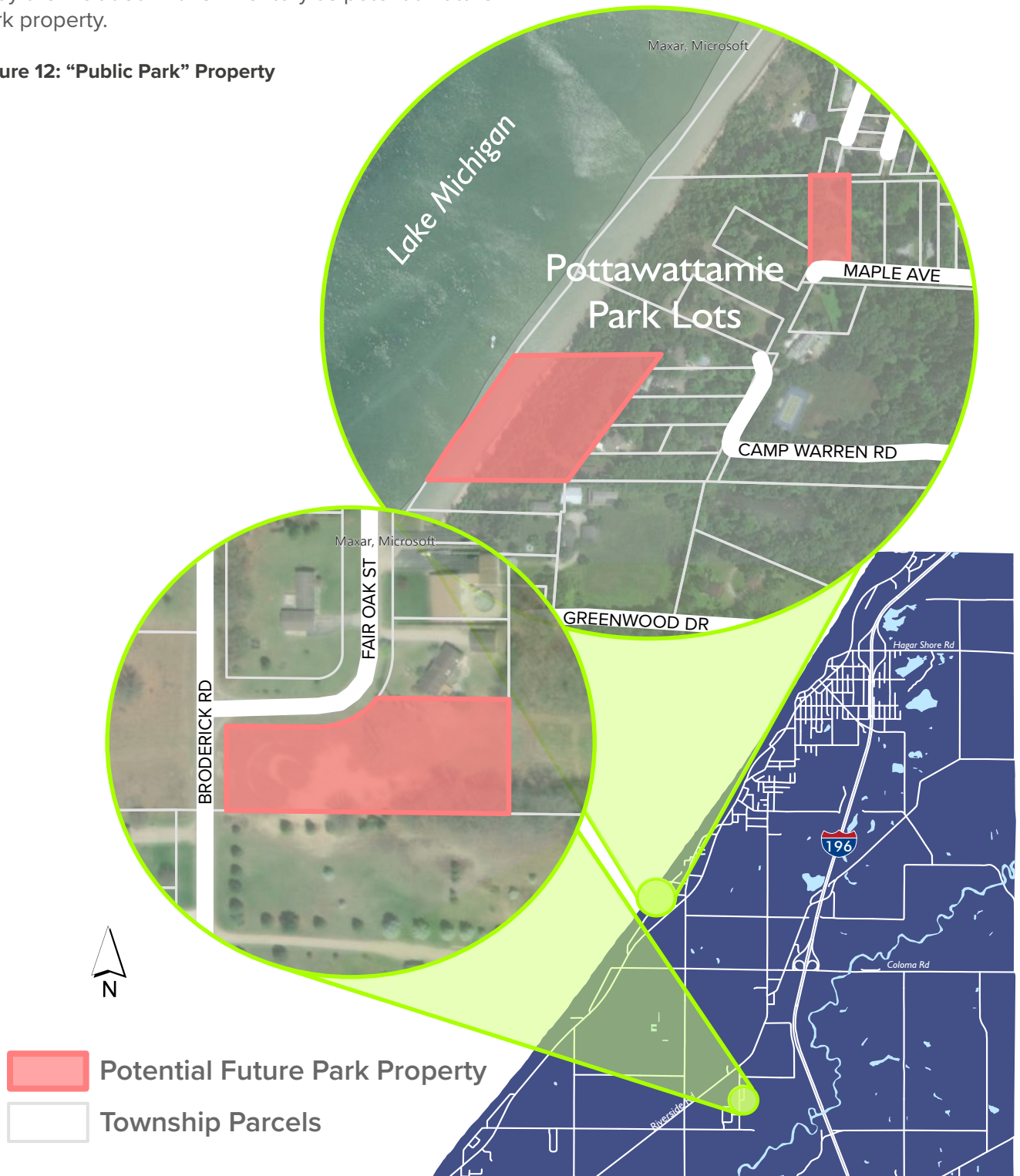
Figure 11: Mizpah Park Road Property



“PUBLIC PARK” PROPERTY

Several parcels in the Township exist which are not under the ownership of Hagar Township but are dedicated as “public parks” in deed restrictions or subdivision plats. These properties include a lot in Pottawattamie Park (11-10-0800-0017-00-1), a lot on Lake Michigan in Pottawattamie Park (11-10-0800-0018-00-7), and a lot in the Wedgewood subdivision (11-10-8000-0016-00-7). They are included in this inventory as potential future park property.

Figure 12: “Public Park” Property



U.S BIKE ROUTE ALONG M-63 & BLUE STAR MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

An on-street bikeway is located along Michigan Highway M-63 and Blue Star Memorial Highway. This bikepath extends from the southern township border to Hagar Shore Road. The bike path continues along Blue Star Highway from Hagar Shore Road to the Van Buren County line, connecting the twin cities to South Haven.

SCHOOL FACILITIES

Hagar Township contains three separate school districts. Coloma Schools, Benton Harbor Schools, and Riverside School. These school districts all have recreation areas available as school parks or other types of recreation. Riverside School is the only school located within the township and offers a children’s playground.

Figure 13: Recreation Needs Met Outside of the Community

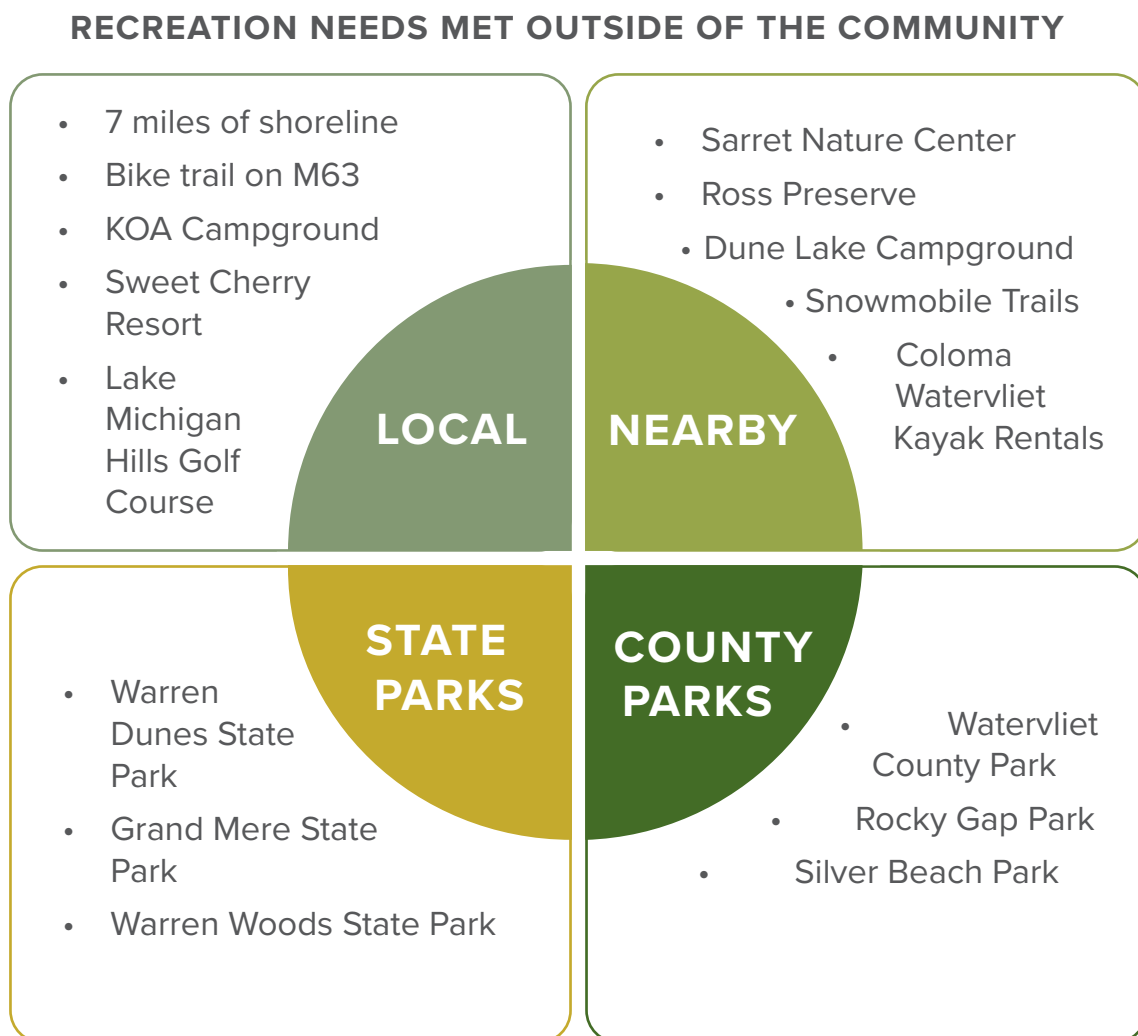




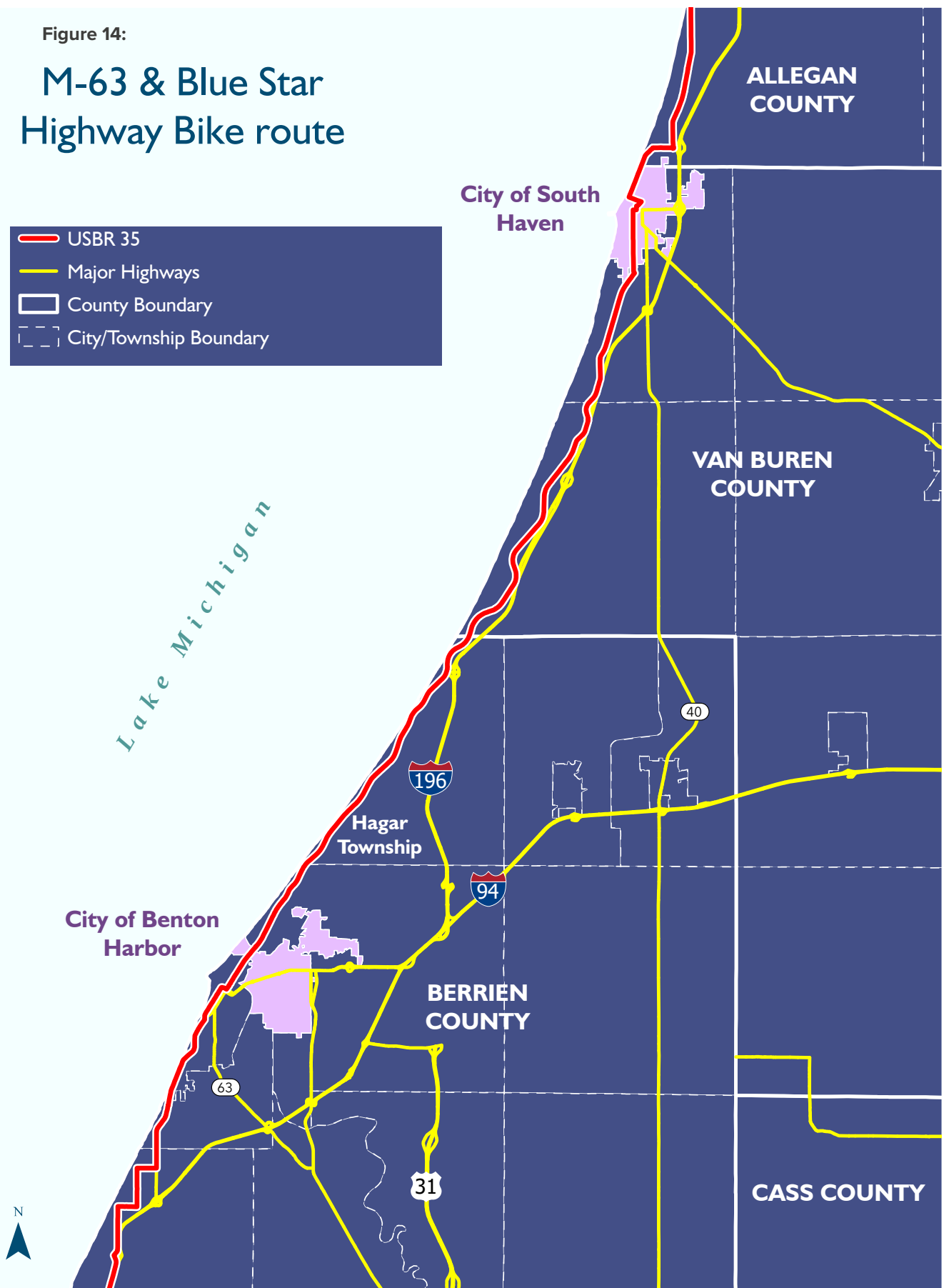


Figure 14:

M-63 & Blue Star Highway Bike route

-  USBR 35
-  Major Highways
-  County Boundary
-  City/Township Boundary



BARRIER-FREE COMPLIANCE

Creating a park system that is safe, accessible and usable to all individuals within the community, including those with disabilities, is essential. Hagar Township is committed to meeting the requirements of the ADA and provide barrier-free access to many of its facilities.

A grading system has been established by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to easily identify those parks and facilities which are most and least handicap accessible and usable based on the ADA guidelines.

A visual inspection of each park's compliance with ADA requirements was completed on November 21, 2015 and updated in 2021/2022. The park ratings are as follows. The Township has received grant assistance for two parks.

Table 8: MDNR Accessibility Grading System for Parks and Recreational Facilities Accessibility

Grade Definition	
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 principles of universal design.

Table 9: Accessibility Grades of Hagar Township Parks and Recreation Facilities

Park	Accessibility Grade
Hagar Park	2
Roadside Park	2
Momany Baseball Park	3
Children's Park	3
Riverside Park & Kayak Launch	5

Table 10: Grant Related Parks and Recreation Facilities

ID	Year	Park	Cost	Status
CM99-346	1999	Hagar Park	\$96,390	Closed
RR-TF17-0004-00330	2018	Riverside Park & Kayak Launch	\$300,000	Closed

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CHAPTER 4

Description of the Planning Process

PLANNING PROCESS

There are several reasons for updating the Hagar Township Parks and Recreation Plan, including:

- To recognize the need for additional local park and recreation facilities to serve existing and future residents of the township.
- To refine the capital improvement and maintenance budget for the existing parks system.
- To submit an updated plan to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) to maintain the township’s eligibility to request MDNR Recreation Division grant assistance.
- To provide a plan of action for public review and acceptance as the Hagar Township’s future plan for park and recreation services and its residents.

SCOPE OF REVIEW

The Parks Committee’s review included the following tasks:

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS PLANS

- The Parks Committee reviewed the previous park plans. From this review, suggestions and updates were offered for analysis and reprioritization.

REVIEW REQUIREMENTS

- Analysis of requirements to meet the park standards as set forth by the National Parks and Recreation Association (NRPA).

FACILITY INVENTORY

- At each facility, conditions and inventory were acknowledged and prior plans and accomplishments were reviewed. Site visits by the consultant and by the Parks Committee were used to confirm conditions.

PREPARATION OF DRAFT PLAN

- A draft of the Plan was completed, reviewed and approved for draft submittal by the Parks Committee.

DRAFT PLAN SUBMITTED FOR 30-DAY REVIEW AND PUBLIC HEARING

- Township Board review.

DRAFT PLAN REVISED AFTER PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION BY TOWNSHIP BOARD

TRANSMITTAL TO COUNTY PLANNING, REGIONAL PLANNING, AND MDNR FOR ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATION

PUBLIC INPUT

Citizen opinion on recreation and open space priorities is a key consideration in plan development. The Parks Committee involved the public early in the process, through meetings open to the public with due notice and a community survey. The Parks Committee and Township Board also conducted a public hearing meeting on November 14, 2022.



Photo: Kayak Park Launch

ONLINE COMMUNITY SURVEY

With the assistance of Williams & Works, the Parks Committee developed a survey to gauge the public's attitude toward park initiatives. The online survey hosting service SurveyMonkey was used and paper copies were provided, if desired. The online community survey was available to the public from December 20, 2021 through February 17, 2022 and approximately 113 people completed the survey. The online community survey was distributed through the following means:

- Posted on the Township's website
- Emailed to Township contacts
- Posted and available at the Hagar Township Hall
- Posted on social media
- Posted in Township business

Complete results of the online community survey are available in the appendix. Some highlights of the survey include:

- 49% of respondents indicated that they live in Hagar Township.
- 52% of respondents indicated that they were between the ages of 45 and 64 years old; the respondent age distribution generally matches the age distribution in the community.
- 50% of respondents indicated that their whole family uses parks.
- 94% of respondents indicated that parks are “very important” or “important” to their household’s quality of life!
- Respondents were more likely to indicate that they “frequently,” “often,” or “sometimes” visited Hagar Beach and Roadside Beach compared to other parks.
- 97% of respondents indicated that maintaining existing parks and facilities is “very important” or “important.”
- 95% of respondents indicated that preserving natural areas is “very important” or “important.”
- 59% of respondents (the most responses in Question 12) indicated that passive use and natural areas are the most needed parks in Hagar Township.
- 74% of respondents (the most responses in Question 13) indicated that they were most interested new walking and hiking trails.
- 92% of respondents indicated that trails and pathways are important to their household.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND ADOPTION

A draft of the Hagar Township Parks and Recreation Plan was presented to the public on September 28, 2022. The Parks Committee recommended the plan to the Township Board by resolution on September 28, 2022. It was made available for review from October 12, 2022 through November 14, 2022 at the Township Hall and on the township website. A public hearing was held on November 14, 2022. The public was notified of this public hearing through newspaper publications, the township’s website and posting at the township hall. The 2022 Hagar Township Parks and Recreation Plan was adopted by the Township Board by resolution on December 12, 2022.





CHAPTER 5

Goals & Objectives

R PARK
0 am - 11:00 pm
T BE LEASHED
SIZED VEHICLES
CONTAINERS
UMPING

After evaluating our community demographics, existing recreation sites, community input and previous plan objectives the advisory committee compiled the following goals and objectives.

GOAL 1: Continue to protect recreational open space and resource lands.

GOAL 2: Recognize parks and recreation facilities as amenities to make Hagar Township a more desirable place to live, work and visit.

GOAL 3: Preserve the rural landscape and natural resources of Hagar Township.

GOAL 4: Consider preserving points of historic and scenic interest in the development of parks and open space /areas.

GOAL 5: Increase recreation opportunities available to residents in the winter months.

- Objectives
 - Investigate the feasibility of an outdoor ice rink.
 - Investigate the feasibility of winter trails (I.e. cross country skiing, snowshoeing)
 - Determine costs of maintaining existing parks in winter months. (I.e. snow-plowing, trash service).

GOAL 6: Investigate new purpose for the existing baseball fields at Momany Park. Explore other uses that will allow maximum usage by residents and visitors.

- Objectives
 - Identify potential additional uses such as:
 - Event site, rental space
 - Walking trails, bike trails
 - Community garden, nature reserve
 - Greenspace with picnic area, benches, trees
 - Soccer field
 - Combination of spaces
 - Skating rink and pavilion
 - Improved parking facilities
 - Disc golf course
 - Permanent restroom facilities



Photo: Hagar Park Bluff

GOAL 7: Continue to provide access to Lake Michigan for all ages and abilities in a manner that encourages safe, courteous, and responsible use for all neighbors, residents, and visitors.

- Objectives
 - Work with Lake Michigan Water Trail to promote water trail initiatives.
 - Continue to provide services at both beach parks.
 - Maintain security and safety at both beach parks.
 - Install cameras in parking areas.
 - Improve and maintain signage at both beach parks.

GOAL 8: Increase public access to the Paw Paw River to support the development of the Paw Paw River Water Trail.

- Objectives
 - Investigate the feasibility of improving launch site at Bundy Road.
 - Work with Berrien County Parks and other agencies, organizations, and adjacent municipalities for funding sources and implementation strategies.
 - Investigate river rest stop on the DDA/I-196 open space property.

GOAL 9: Consider additional recreational opportunities to meet the desires of the community.

- Objectives
 - Investigate the feasibility of developing a new and improved dog park. Develop a mini-park in Lake Michigan Beach area.
 - Investigate location options and determine acquisition costs.
 - Work to develop site plans.
 - Determine budget and fund sources.
 - Investigate acquiring land for public boat launches on Hibbard and/or Harris Lakes.
 - Investigate locations or opportunities for a disc golf course.
 - Investigate and acquire land for recreational purposes when opportunities arise.
 - Investigate acquisitions that improve access to existing parks property.
 - Investigate open space land owned by the Township for future parks and recreation facilities.
 - Investigate unused lands adjacent to Township cemeteries for future parks and recreation facilities.
 - Investigate foreclosure properties with the County for future parks and recreation facilities.
 - Establish a parks and recreation suggestion box.

GOAL 10: Develop non-motorized pathways, improve sidewalks and add bike lanes when possible to connect residential areas and existing and future proposed trails.

- Objectives
 - Add a non-motorized trail along M-63 from Zoschke Road to the Van Buren County line.
 - Add a non-motorized trail along Coloma Road or another acceptable east-west road to connect M-63 and the east Township boundary.
 - Develop walking trails throughout the DDA/I-196 open space property.



CHAPTER 6

Action Program

With goals and objectives in place, Hagar Township was able to develop a 5-year action program to work toward accomplishing the goals and objectives. The Action Program details the direction the community wishes to take over the next five years in order to maintain and improve the quality and diversity of area park and recreation opportunities.

Each action item was assigned a priority rating to assist the Parks Committee in achieving the goals and actions effectively.

Figure 14: Action Program Priority Rating System



Potential capital improvements described in this Plan have been established not only to provide a framework for decision makers but also to enable the township to apply for grant funding for these proposed projects.

The project list is not a fixed element and it is neither all inclusive or exclusive. The schedule reflects the results of the input received from the online survey, County staff, and the community open house. Future circumstances, especially availability of funding, may change priorities or require reprioritization of items.

The projects are grouped by facility and the expected year and potential funding source is identified.

HAGAR TOWNSHIP PARKS PLAN ACTION ITEMS

Table 11: Hagar Park Action Items

HAGAR PARK				
Action	Details	Priority	Year Planned	Potential Fund Source(s)
Fences	Fence caps or repair/replace fence tops	A	2022	Park Budget
Signs	Park information sign(s)	A	2022	Park Budget
Security	Security cameras and lighting	A	2022	Park Budget
Building & well maintenance		A	2023	MDNR, Park Budget
Scenic Overlook	Install decking along bluff for sunset watching	C	2026	MDNR, Park Budget
Toilet Facilities	Look into feasibility of a single use permanent facility on a slab	C	2026	MDNR, Grants, Park Budget

Table 12: Grant Related Parks and Recreation Facilities

ROADSIDE PARK				
Action	Details	Priority	Year Planned	Potential Fund Source(s)
Signs needed	Parks information	A	2022	Park Budget
Crushed asphalt pavement	Parking and drives	A	2022	Park Budget

Table 13: Riverside Children's Park Action Items

RIVERSIDE CHILDREN'S PARK				
Action	Details	Priority	Year Planned	Potential Fund Source(s)
Remove and replace mulch	Pine Bark/Hardwood	A	2022	Park Budget

Table 14: Momany Park Baseball Fields Action Items

MOMANY PARK BASEBALL FIELDS				
Action	Details	Priority	Year Planned	Potential Fund Source(s)
Playground equipment	Improve grading and drainage	A	2023	Park Budget
Change the use over phases	Create walking trails/path in natural areas	A	2022	Park Budget
	Update building and parking	B	2023	Park Budget
Install new signage to increase usage		B	2023	Park Budget
Fencing	Improve access points	B	2023	Park Budget
Dumpster	Explore new areas for dumpster (Public Safety building) or install a concrete slab to hold dumpster	B	2025	Park Budget

Table 15: DDA/I-196 Open Space Site Action Items

DDA/I-196 OPEN SPACE SITE				
Action	Details	Priority	Year Planned	Potential Fund Source(s)
Phase I	Develop a walkway over or under railroad tracks for access to land south of the tracks	C	2025	MDNR and other grants
Phase II	Determine feasibility of accessing land owned south of resident owned parcels	C	2026	MDNR and other grants




APPENDICES





APPENDIX - SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION LIST

1. Post-Completion Self-Certification Reports
 2. Online Community Survey Flyer
 3. Online Community Survey Results
 4. Notice of Draft Plan for 30 Days of Public Comment and Public Hearing
 5. Minutes from the Public Hearing
 6. Minutes from the Meeting to Pass a Resolution of Adoption
 7. Township Board Adoption Resolution
 8. Transmittal Letters to County and Regional Planning Agencies
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1. POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORTS



PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

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

GRANT TYPE: MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND
CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE RECREATION PASSPORT BOND FUND

GRANTEE: HAGAR Township, Berrien County

PROJECT

NUMBER: CM99-346 PROJECT TYPE: Development of Hagar Park

PROJECT TITLE: HAGAR PARK Development - \$96,390

PROJECT SCOPE: A GRANT AWARDED TO update the parking lot + playground equip.

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Table with 3 columns: Name of Agency (Grantee), Contact Person, Title, Address, Telephone, City, State, ZIP, Email. Contains handwritten information for Hagar Township, Berrien County.

SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

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

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

SITE QUALITY

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

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

Yes No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

Yes No

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

Yes No

DAILY Clean up of the grounds + parking lot; trash barrels emptied daily; porta johns cleaned + emptied as needed; playground equipment repaired

GENERAL

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

Yes No N/A

ON MAINTENANCE BUILDING AS YOU ENTER THE PARK

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

24/7, 365 days per year; the ENTRANCE IS NOT LOCKED

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

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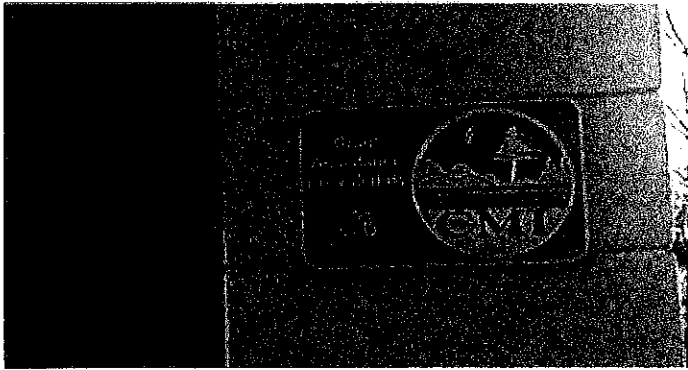
I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.

<u>Izzy DiMaggio</u>	<u></u>	<u>1-11-2023</u>
Please print	Grantee Authorized Signature	Date
<u>TERESA MCCAIN</u>	<u></u>	<u>1-11-2023</u>
Please print	Witness Signature	Date

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

some maintenance in upcoming years. Overcrowding in summer months is a challenge for this park.





Hagar Park





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

GRANTEE: HAGAR Township, Berrien County

PROJECT

NUMBER: TF17-0004 PROJECT TYPE: KAYAK Launch + Park Development

PROJECT TITLE: Riverside KAYAK PARK Development

PROJECT SCOPE: KAYAK/CANOE Launch with Picnic Pavilion, Picnic Tables, Vault Rest Rooms

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Table with 3 columns: Name of Agency (Grantee), Contact Person, Title, Address, Telephone, City, State, ZIP, Email. Contains handwritten information for Hagar Township, Berrien County, contact IZZY DiMAGGIO.

SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

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

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

SITE QUALITY

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

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

Yes No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

Yes No

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

Yes No

DAILY MAINTENANCE - TRASH BARRELS EMPTIED, VAULT + TOILETS CHECKED, DEBRIS PICKED UP, VAULT TOILETS EMPTIED ON NEED BASIS,

GENERAL

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

Yes No N/A

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Picnic Facilities open 24/7 365 days; KAYAK LAUNCH - APRIL 1 TO NOV. 15

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

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CERTIFICATION

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

 Please print	 Grantee Authorized Signature	<u>1-5-23</u> Date
<u>TERESA McCHIN</u> Please print	 Witness Signature	<u>1-5-2023</u> Date

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



RIVERSIDE KAYAK PARK

- HOURS : SUNRISE - 11:00 pm
- DOGS MUST BE LEASHED
- NO OPEN FIRES
- NO GLASS CONTAINERS
- NO LITTERING
- NO ALCOHOL


Thank You
HAGAR TWP

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2. ONLINE COMMUNITY SURVEY FLYER



YOUR PARKS, YOUR VOICE

Hagar Township needs your help making the community a better place to live, work, and play! Please take a few moments of your time to provide feedback by going to the link below and completing our survey. The results of the survey will be used to help guide parks and recreation facilities and programming priorities through the update of the Hagar Township Parks and Recreation Plan.

www.surveymonkey.com/r/HagarParksPlan

**For more information, please
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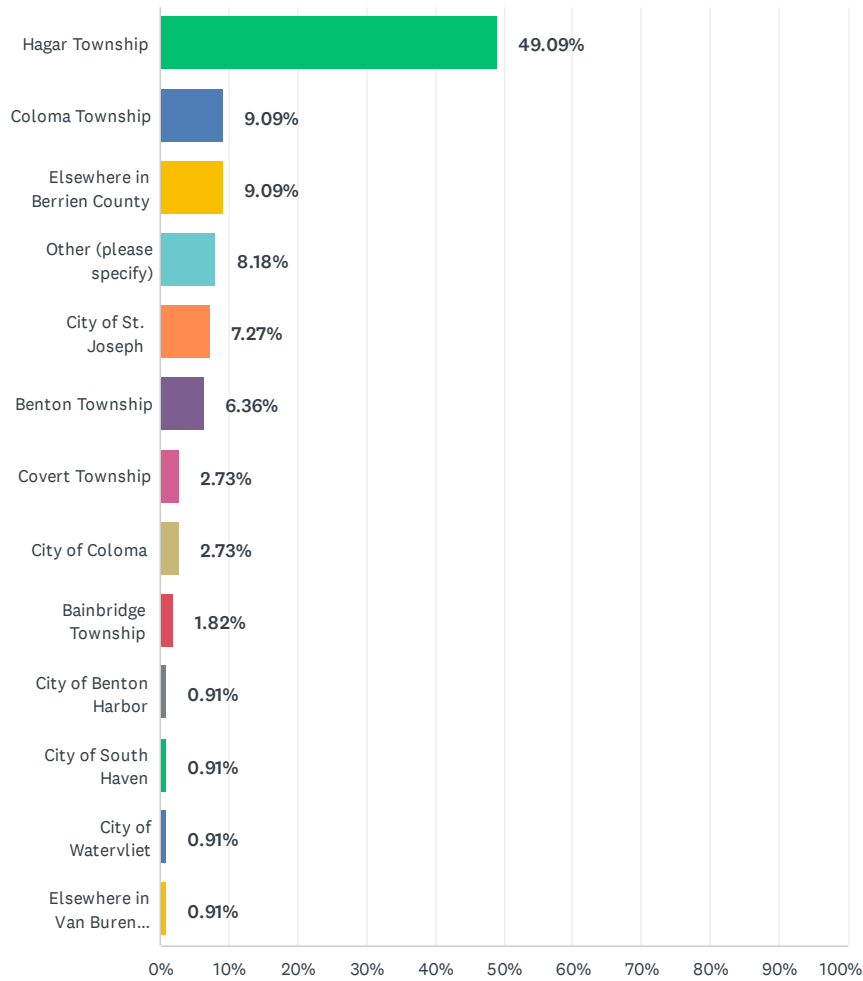
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Hagar Township Supervisor
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3. ONLINE COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

Q1 Please indicate where you live

Answered: 110 Skipped: 1

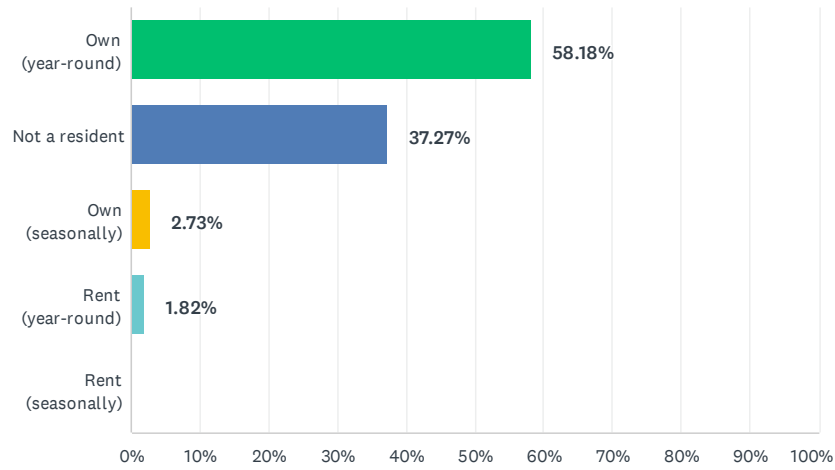


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Hagar Township	49.09%	54
Coloma Township	9.09%	10
Elsewhere in Berrien County	9.09%	10
Other (please specify)	8.18%	9
City of St. Joseph	7.27%	8
Benton Township	6.36%	7
Covert Township	2.73%	3
City of Coloma	2.73%	3
Bainbridge Township	1.82%	2
City of Benton Harbor	0.91%	1
City of South Haven	0.91%	1
City of Watervliet	0.91%	1
Elsewhere in Van Buren County	0.91%	1
TOTAL		110

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Stay at KOA park	1/24/2022 1:42 PM
2	St. Joseph Township	1/24/2022 5:43 AM
3	Grew up in Hagar (Mcray St)	1/23/2022 1:50 PM
4	Lincoln Township	1/21/2022 10:43 AM
5	New Buffalo Township	1/21/2022 9:53 AM
6	Kalamazoo	1/20/2022 9:26 PM
7	Stevensville	1/20/2022 2:52 PM
8	Bath, MI	1/20/2022 10:53 AM
9	St Joseph Township	1/20/2022 1:33 AM

Q2 What is the status of your residency in Hagar Township?

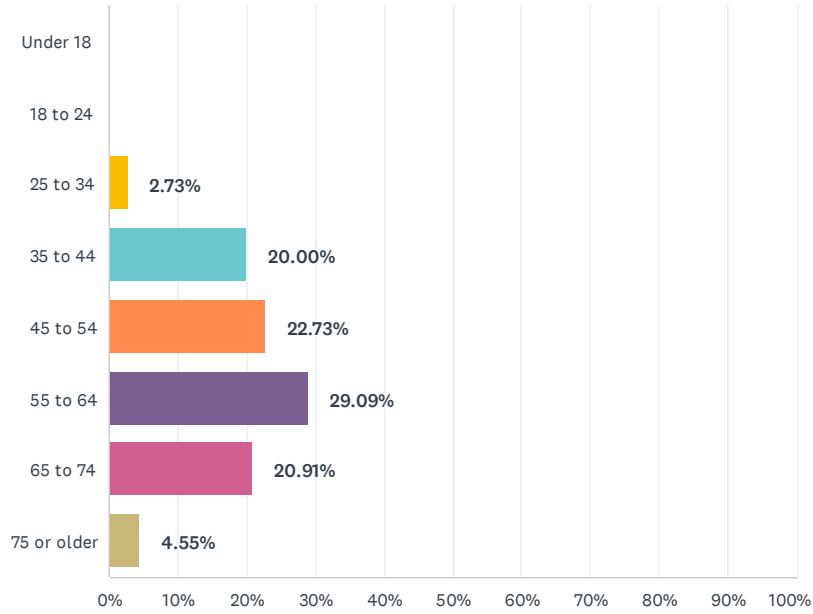
Answered: 110 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Own (year-round)	58.18%	64
Not a resident	37.27%	41
Own (seasonally)	2.73%	3
Rent (year-round)	1.82%	2
Rent (seasonally)	0.00%	0
TOTAL		110

Q3 What is your age?

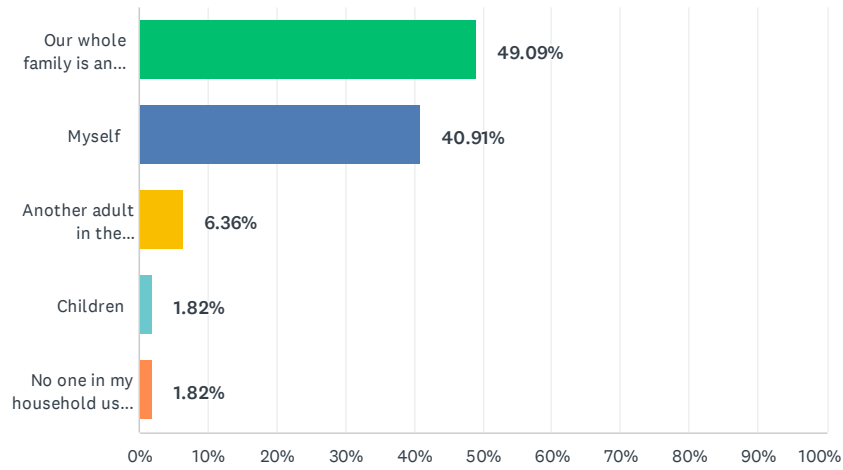
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.00%	0
18 to 24	0.00%	0
25 to 34	2.73%	3
35 to 44	20.00%	22
45 to 54	22.73%	25
55 to 64	29.09%	32
65 to 74	20.91%	23
75 or older	4.55%	5
TOTAL		110

Q4 Who in your household is the most active user of parks?

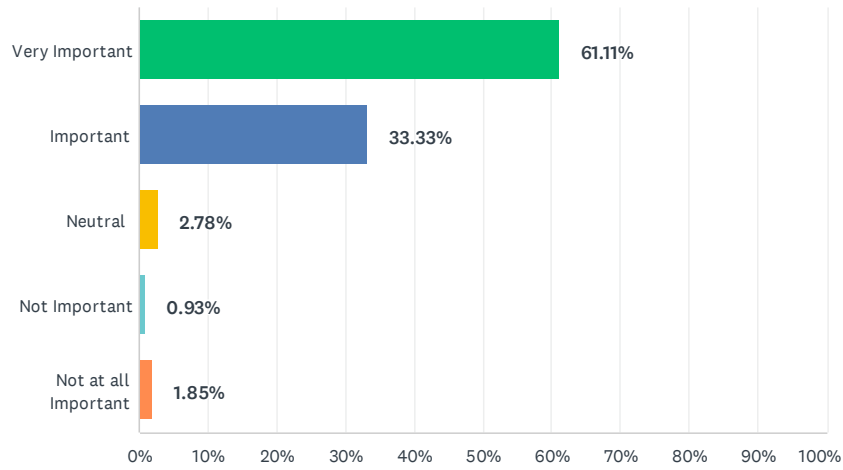
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Our whole family is an active user of parks	49.09%	54
Myself	40.91%	45
Another adult in the household	6.36%	7
Children	1.82%	2
No one in my household uses parks	1.82%	2
TOTAL		110

Q5 How important are parks to you and/or your household's quality of life?

Answered: 108 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Important	61.11%	66
Important	33.33%	36
Neutral	2.78%	3
Not Important	0.93%	1
Not at all Important	1.85%	2
TOTAL		108

Q6 How often do you use the following Hagar Township parks and recreation facilities?

Answered: 86 Skipped: 25

	FREQUENTLY (ONCE A WEEK OR MORE)	OFTEN (2-3 TIMES A MONTH)	SOMETIMES (A FEW TIMES EACH YEAR)	RARELY (LESS THAN ONCE A YEAR)	NEVER	TOTAL
Hagar Beach and Park	8.54% 7	30.49% 25	46.34% 38	8.54% 7	6.10% 5	82
Roadside Beach and Park	6.02% 5	20.48% 17	34.94% 29	19.28% 16	19.28% 16	83
Momany Park (Baseball and Softball)	2.47% 2	3.70% 3	8.64% 7	16.05% 13	69.14% 56	81
Momany Park (Dog Park)	3.70% 3	4.94% 4	13.58% 11	12.35% 10	65.43% 53	81
Riverside Park and Kayak Launch	4.71% 4	9.41% 8	44.71% 38	14.12% 12	27.06% 23	85
Riverside Children's Park	1.23% 1	2.47% 2	9.88% 8	19.75% 16	66.67% 54	81

Q7 Please rank the following benefits of parks and recreation in order of importance - 1 being the most important.

Answered: 86 Skipped: 25

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	N/A	TOTAL
Provide opportunities to enjoy nature/outdoors	25.30% 21	15.66% 13	8.43% 7	10.84% 9	10.84% 9	4.82% 4	6.02% 5	8.43% 7	6.02% 5	3.61% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	
Protect the natural environmental and wildlife	18.29% 15	18.29% 15	13.41% 11	9.76% 8	9.76% 8	7.32% 6	10.98% 9	4.88% 4	3.66% 3	3.66% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	
Improve health and wellness	13.25% 11	10.84% 9	14.46% 12	14.46% 12	16.87% 14	9.64% 8	9.64% 8	3.61% 3	6.02% 5	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1.20% 1	
Enhance community image and sense of place	12.35% 10	7.41% 6	24.69% 20	8.64% 7	18.52% 15	8.64% 7	7.41% 6	2.47% 2	3.70% 3	2.47% 2	1.23% 1	2.47% 2	
Connect people, building stronger families	8.43% 7	24.10% 20	14.46% 12	12.05% 10	6.02% 5	6.02% 5	6.02% 5	3.61% 3	9.64% 8	2.41% 2	3.61% 3	3.61% 3	
Attract and retain new residents and families	18.75% 15	6.25% 5	8.75% 7	5.00% 4	6.25% 5	5.00% 4	3.75% 3	8.75% 7	13.75% 11	8.75% 7	10.00% 8	5.00% 4	
Help seniors and physically-challenged people remain active	1.22% 1	4.88% 4	7.32% 6	13.41% 11	10.98% 9	9.76% 8	12.20% 10	10.98% 9	10.98% 9	9.76% 8	4.88% 4	3.66% 3	
Provide athletic space and opportunities	0.00% 0	4.94% 4	1.23% 1	9.88% 8	7.41% 6	14.81% 12	16.05% 13	11.11% 9	14.81% 12	11.11% 9	4.94% 4	3.70% 3	
Improve property values	0.00% 0	5.00% 4	3.75% 3	6.25% 5	2.50% 2	17.50% 14	6.25% 5	15.00% 12	16.25% 13	7.50% 6	16.25% 13	3.75% 3	
Provide value to taxpayers	4.94% 4	4.94% 4	2.47% 2	2.47% 2	4.94% 4	4.94% 4	7.41% 6	11.11% 9	9.88% 8	30.86% 25	11.11% 9	4.94% 4	
Provide winter activities (snowshoeing, cross country skiing, etc.)	1.22% 1	0.00% 0	2.44% 2	6.10% 5	7.32% 6	9.76% 8	9.76% 8	13.41% 11	0.00% 0	13.41% 11	34.15% 28	2.44% 2	

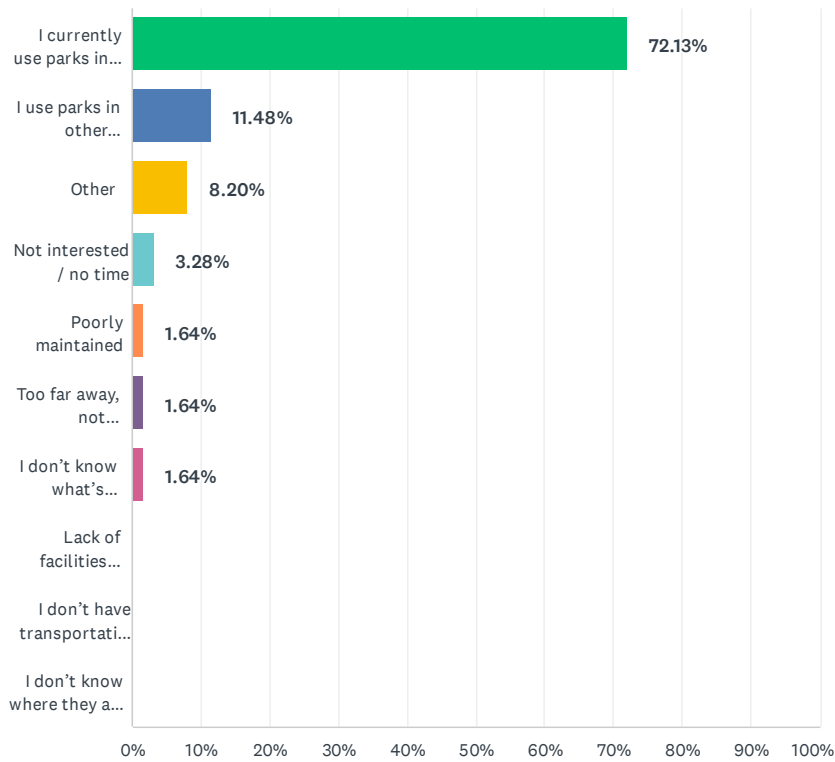
Q8 Are there other benefits to parks and recreation that are not listed in Question 7 above? Please describe below:

Answered: 16 Skipped: 95

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Walking and hiking	2/2/2022 7:18 PM
2	Draw visitors to the area. Our family loves to disc golf and we often will enjoy a meal afterwards, or visit another local attraction.	1/30/2022 8:51 AM
3	Unknown...	1/29/2022 12:19 PM
4	Improved air quality and a balanced life.	1/29/2022 10:54 AM
5	Helping reconnect humans to the importance of nature and protected areas. I work at Sarett Nature Center and really want to see more people getting involved with stewardship at their local parks and natural areas and just finding their passion through nature to nurture a deeper appreciation and understanding of the natural world.	1/29/2022 8:26 AM
6	Supports eco tourism and and engagement with neighboring communities.	1/23/2022 6:13 PM
7	Hagar Park is only place I can take my Lab swimming in Berrien County without getting a fine. It's our Weekend ritual to go to the beach with my Dog.	1/23/2022 1:58 PM
8	Quality and quantity of Park Playscapes	1/20/2022 10:51 PM
9	Attract FIPS	1/20/2022 2:15 PM
10	Roadside and Hagar Park provide access to long beach walks beyond the boundary of the Park space.	1/20/2022 10:45 AM
11	Conservation and advancement of conservation values.	1/20/2022 10:30 AM
12	Safe place for kids to play and explore nature	1/20/2022 8:40 AM
13	To provide activities to draw more visitors so our businesses and private STRs can thrive.	1/20/2022 8:37 AM
14	bathrooms - NEED LONGER SEASONS!	1/20/2022 7:20 AM
15	Benefit to regional economic development	1/10/2022 7:44 AM
16	Not that I can think of.	12/24/2021 1:38 PM

Q9 If you do not currently use parks in Hagar Township, what is the reason?

Answered: 61 Skipped: 50

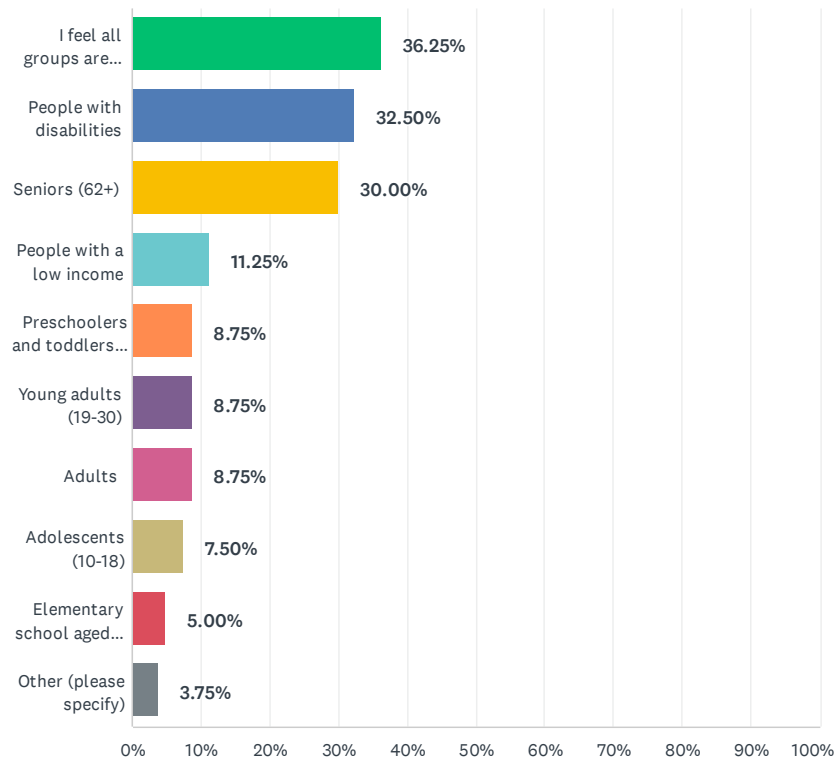


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I currently use parks in Hagar Township	72.13%	44
I use parks in other townships/cities	11.48%	7
Other	8.20%	5
Not interested / no time	3.28%	2
Poorly maintained	1.64%	1
Too far away, not conveniently located	1.64%	1
I don't know what's available	1.64%	1
Lack of facilities	0.00%	0
I don't have transportation	0.00%	0
I don't know where they are	0.00%	0
TOTAL		61

#	OTHER	DATE
1	A disc golf course is great for families and friends connecting and not expensive.Would be such a great draw for the Township	1/30/2022 8:51 AM
2	I did not know there was a dog park at momany	1/24/2022 7:51 PM
3	I would like to visit the beach more often, but it's far away	1/24/2022 7:35 PM
4	Too many FIPS	1/20/2022 2:15 PM
5	Sometimes I go...but like larger beach stretches and Ross Preserve for longer walks	1/20/2022 10:30 AM

Q10 Which groups do you feel are under-served by current recreation services and amenities? Please check all that apply.

Answered: 80 Skipped: 31



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
I feel all groups are adequately served	36.25% 29
People with disabilities	32.50% 26
Seniors (62+)	30.00% 24
People with a low income	11.25% 9
Preschoolers and toddlers (under 5)	8.75% 7
Young adults (19-30)	8.75% 7
Adults	8.75% 7
Adolescents (10-18)	7.50% 6
Elementary school aged children (5-9)	5.00% 4
Other (please specify)	3.75% 3
Total Respondents: 80	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Not familiar enough with parks to comment	1/20/2022 8:38 AM
2	Bicyclists	1/16/2022 2:51 PM
3	I hope this survey helps me understand underlying need.	12/24/2021 1:38 PM

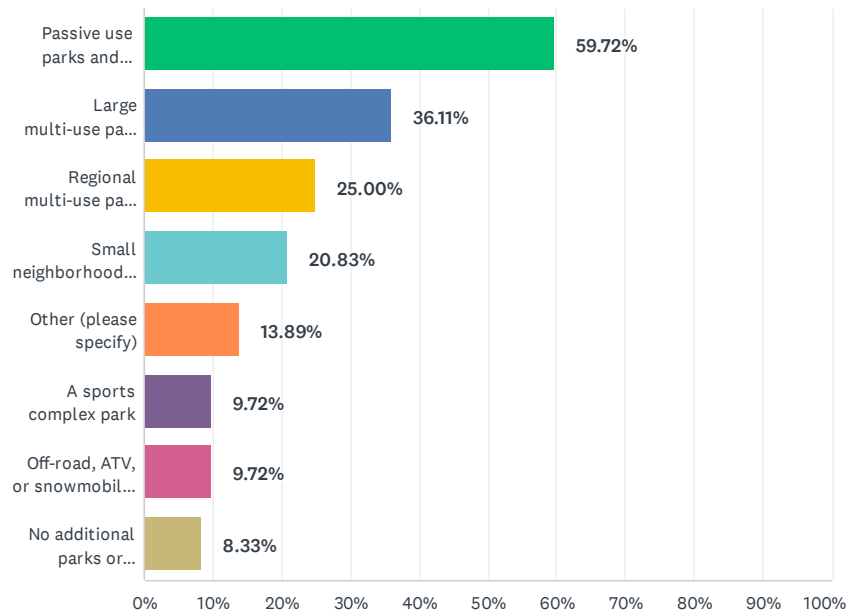
Q11 How important are the following in improving parks and recreation in Hagar Township?

Answered: 76 Skipped: 35

	VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	NEUTRAL	NOT IMPORTANT	NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Maintaining existing parks and facilities	73.33% 55	24.00% 18	2.67% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	75	4.71
Preserving natural areas	73.68% 56	21.05% 16	5.26% 4	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	76	4.68
Developing a multi-use trail system	45.33% 34	37.33% 28	17.33% 13	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	75	4.28
Increasing accessibility for all abilities	44.00% 33	42.67% 32	10.67% 8	1.33% 1	1.33% 1	75	4.27
Developing new parks and facilities	22.67% 17	45.33% 34	32.00% 24	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	75	3.91
Acquiring land for future parks	25.33% 19	38.67% 29	33.33% 25	2.67% 2	0.00% 0	75	3.87

Q12 What types of parks are most needed in Hagar Township? (check all that apply)

Answered: 72 Skipped: 39

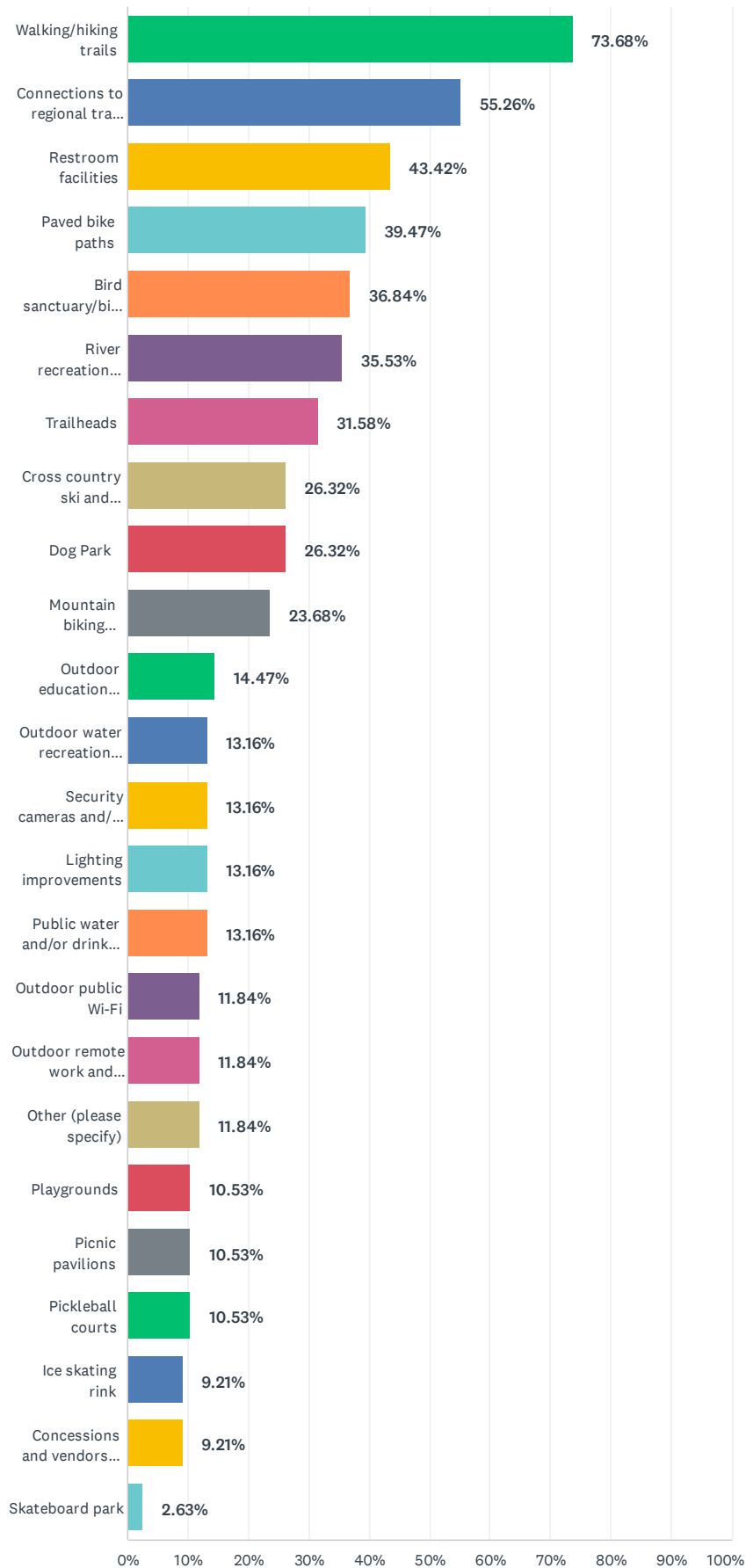


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Passive use parks and natural areas	59.72%	43
Large multi-use parks that serve the whole Township	36.11%	26
Regional multi-use parks that serve a multi-county area	25.00%	18
Small neighborhood parks	20.83%	15
Other (please specify)	13.89%	10
A sports complex park	9.72%	7
Off-road, ATV, or snowmobile park	9.72%	7
No additional parks or natural areas are needed	8.33%	6
Total Respondents: 72		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Walking trails that allows dogs	2/2/2022 7:26 PM
2	Disc golf!	1/30/2022 8:54 AM
3	Not sure	1/24/2022 7:39 PM
4	Lineal bike trails along Coloma Road and M-63	1/23/2022 6:20 PM
5	More kayak launches	1/22/2022 4:20 AM
6	Parks with lots of new things playscapes for elementary aged children	1/20/2022 11:06 PM
7	Bike trails, water trails	1/20/2022 7:50 PM
8	Connect with other trail and waterway systems	1/20/2022 10:35 AM
9	Bike trail system	12/30/2021 10:42 AM
10	Generally speaking, passive use parks and natural areas seem most appropriate to me.	12/24/2021 1:39 PM

Q13 What potential future parks and recreation amenities, facilities, and services are you most interested in? (Please select your TOP FIVE)

Answered: 76 Skipped: 35



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walking/hiking trails	73.68%	56
Connections to regional trail systems	55.26%	42
Restroom facilities	43.42%	33
Paved bike paths	39.47%	30
Bird sanctuary/bird watching area	36.84%	28
River recreation amenities (kayak/canoe facilities, fishing platform)	35.53%	27
Trailheads	31.58%	24
Cross country ski and snowshoe trails	26.32%	20
Dog Park	26.32%	20
Mountain biking courses/trails	23.68%	18
Outdoor education programs	14.47%	11
Outdoor water recreation (splash pad, fountains)	13.16%	10
Security cameras and/or hired security	13.16%	10
Lighting improvements	13.16%	10
Public water and/or drinking fountains	13.16%	10
Outdoor public Wi-Fi	11.84%	9
Outdoor remote work and hangout spaces	11.84%	9
Other (please specify)	11.84%	9
Playgrounds	10.53%	8
Picnic pavilions	10.53%	8
Pickleball courts	10.53%	8
Ice skating rink	9.21%	7
Concessions and vendors (food trucks, etc.)	9.21%	7
Skateboard park	2.63%	2
Total Respondents: 76		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Disc golf!!	1/30/2022 8:54 AM
2	Parking lot for kayakers accessing Paw Paw Lake on Bundy Road.	1/23/2022 6:20 PM
3	walking trails with leashed dogs	1/23/2022 10:32 AM
4	Basketball courts	1/21/2022 5:33 PM
5	Water trails	1/20/2022 7:50 PM
6	Conservation of native flora	1/20/2022 10:35 AM
7	Tennis courts	1/20/2022 8:41 AM
8	Sidewalks	12/30/2021 1:25 PM
9	Soccer/Football Field	12/24/2021 1:39 PM

Q14 Please rank the following potential parks and recreation events or programming options in order of preference - 1 being the most preferred.

Answered: 71 Skipped: 40

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	N/A	TOTAL	SCORE
Live music	28.36% 19	13.43% 9	7.46% 5	4.48% 3	8.96% 6	8.96% 6	5.97% 4	5.97% 4	16.42% 11	67	5.61
Hagar "community block party"	12.12% 8	16.67% 11	15.15% 10	13.64% 9	9.09% 6	7.58% 5	4.55% 3	0.00% 0	21.21% 14	66	5.60
Community picnic	10.77% 7	20.00% 13	10.77% 7	13.85% 9	10.77% 7	7.69% 5	4.62% 3	0.00% 0	21.54% 14	65	5.55
Scheduled bonfire evenings	8.70% 6	21.74% 15	13.04% 9	4.35% 3	10.14% 7	11.59% 8	10.14% 7	4.35% 3	15.94% 11	69	5.02
Fire Department meet-and-greet	6.15% 4	6.15% 4	18.46% 12	9.23% 6	12.31% 8	7.69% 5	7.69% 5	12.31% 8	20.00% 13	65	4.37
5k races/running events	15.63% 10	3.13% 2	7.81% 5	9.38% 6	10.94% 7	3.13% 2	7.81% 5	23.44% 15	18.75% 12	64	4.10
Youth athletic leagues	10.94% 7	6.25% 4	6.25% 4	14.06% 9	6.25% 4	9.38% 6	15.63% 10	14.06% 9	17.19% 11	64	4.08
Halloween "trunk or treat"	3.13% 2	6.25% 4	10.94% 7	14.06% 9	12.50% 8	15.63% 10	12.50% 8	7.81% 5	17.19% 11	64	4.04

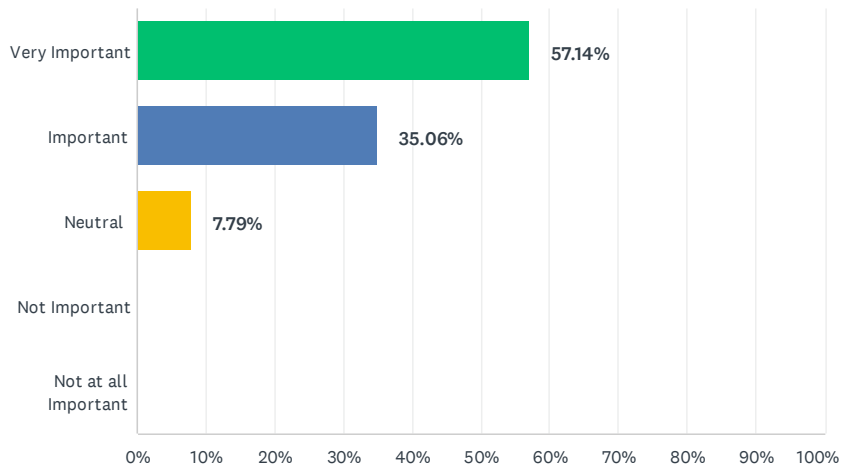
Q15 Are there other parks and recreation events or programming that you would like to see at Hagar Township parks that are not listed in Question 13 above? Please describe below:

Answered: 10 Skipped: 101

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Guided nature walks	2/4/2022 9:08 AM
2	To the youth athletic events include adults	2/2/2022 7:26 PM
3	Of course disc golf! The popularity is surging!!	1/30/2022 8:54 AM
4	Single day events like "horses on the beach day" or "dog day" or a "Community River Paddle"	1/29/2022 11:04 AM
5	Possibly having Sarett Nature Center host outdoor education and stewardship programs. I think a partnership would be beneficial on both ends.	1/29/2022 8:45 AM
6	Kayaking	1/21/2022 10:52 AM
7	1. Beer&wine Tasting/food Truck events like Traverse city hosts 2. Guided hiking trails for Targeted for families- could include nature lessons (flora, fauna) or notable historical markers	1/20/2022 11:06 PM
8	Kayak outing on Paw Paw River. Hold fundraiser with kayak event, money to go toward keeping water trail cleared. Paw Paw River system biggest unknown GEM anywhere within 2 hours or Chicago.	1/20/2022 7:50 PM
9	Community coordinated trash pickup on beaches followed by a party for the like minded	1/20/2022 10:52 AM
10	Expansion of the Paw Paw River recreation area	1/10/2022 7:50 AM

Q16 How important are trails and pathways (for biking, walking, and hiking) to you and/or your household?

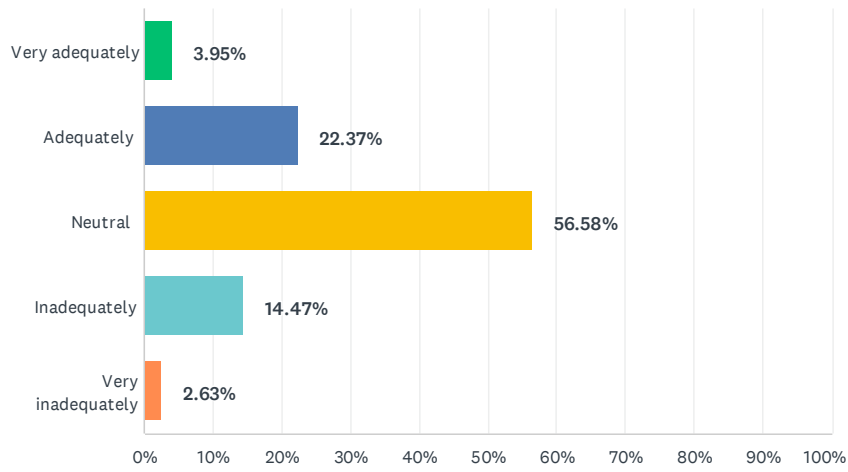
Answered: 77 Skipped: 34



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Important	57.14%	44
Important	35.06%	27
Neutral	7.79%	6
Not Important	0.00%	0
Not at all Important	0.00%	0
TOTAL		77

Q17 How adequately do you feel that the community is served by area programming (camps, sports leagues, outdoor education)?

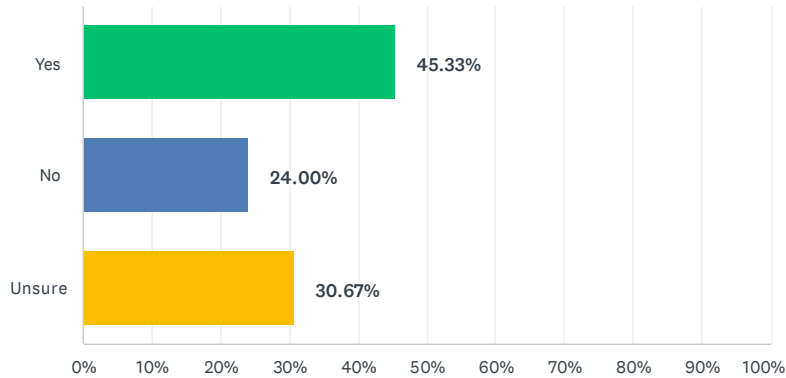
Answered: 76 Skipped: 35



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very adequately	3.95%	3
Adequately	22.37%	17
Neutral	56.58%	43
Inadequately	14.47%	11
Very inadequately	2.63%	2
TOTAL		76

Q18 Would you support allowing the consumption of alcohol at Hagar Township parks under certain circumstances or during permitted special events?

Answered: 75 Skipped: 36



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	45.33%	34
No	24.00%	18
Unsure	30.67%	23
TOTAL		75

#	IF YOU ANSWERED "YES" ABOVE, PLEASE LET US KNOW AT WHICH PARK(S) YOU BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.	DATE
1	all	2/17/2022 6:01 PM
2	Hagar Beach	1/31/2022 9:30 PM
3	Not the beaches.	1/29/2022 11:04 AM
4	All except kids parks	1/23/2022 2:04 PM
5	Hagar Park	1/23/2022 7:52 AM
6	Hagar Township Park/Beach	1/21/2022 11:17 AM
7	River kayak park	1/21/2022 10:52 AM
8	All	1/20/2022 11:06 PM
9	Hagar Park would be a great location	1/20/2022 4:36 PM
10	Hagar park	1/20/2022 4:03 PM
11	Hagar and Roadside parks	1/20/2022 11:28 AM
12	Yes for special events.	1/20/2022 10:52 AM
13	Any save for the children's park or similar areas	1/20/2022 10:35 AM
14	Picnic/pavilion areas	1/20/2022 8:44 AM
15	the beach parks	1/16/2022 2:57 PM
16	Live music/bonfire	1/13/2022 7:35 PM
17	Roadside/Hagar/Momany/Kayak Depending on the Circumstance	12/24/2021 1:39 PM

Q19 Please use the space below to provide additional comments regarding parks and recreation in Hagar Township.

Answered: 16 Skipped: 95

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Park rules are not enforced. My family and I are constantly harassed by unleashed dogs. Who should we call? Would like contact phone numbers for parks director of local law enforcement posted so problems can be reported as they arise. The dogs have been a chronic issue for years. We have a dog and I would love to take her to the parks, but nobody else keeps their dog on a leash (referring to Hagar Beaches) and other dogs are a constant problem (especially during the summer months).	1/31/2022 5:08 PM
2	Maybe a celebrate the parks day where we have a map and volunteers at each park, food trucks, or swag to bring more awareness of our park system.	1/29/2022 11:04 AM
3	I appreciate the thought and intentionality of how we can improve the Great State of Hagar for years to come.	1/23/2022 6:20 PM
4	Bike -walking trails!!!	1/23/2022 2:04 PM
5	Need cameras so that people don't destroy our beautiful parks!	1/23/2022 11:55 AM
6	I grew up in Hagar township, and my mom still lives there. The parks that have been created, and their upkeep are a thousand times better than my childhood. Thank you for keeping these natural spaces open to the public!	1/23/2022 9:24 AM
7	Hagar Twp parks need some serious TLC/investments: playscape refresher, need updates to parking lots/lighting/signage. Hagar Twp has too much blight near the parks. Needs updates to website/online presence to help families locate all parks.	1/20/2022 11:06 PM
8	Need to focus on protecting the riparian buffer along the Paw Paw River. Creating trails along the river could help meet goals for additional recreation and protection.	1/20/2022 9:38 PM
9	The Riverside Kayak/Canoe launch is fantastic. It would be great to have someplace within reasonable distance (couple of miles) to get on or pull off of the river. Currently the river south of the park is fairly treacherous for even a medium skilled kayaker. Then the nearest launch is all the way to Benton Harbor.	1/20/2022 5:24 PM
10	I love Hagar Park and hope that it can be maintained and protected - although I am able I would hope there could be improved access to the beach for those not able to navigate the 100+ steps	1/20/2022 4:36 PM
11	We need a no smoking policy for all recreation areas, especially our beaches.	1/20/2022 10:52 AM
12	Yay parks!	1/20/2022 8:44 AM
13	BATHROOMS NEED LONGER SEASONS	1/20/2022 7:25 AM
14	Love the kayak launch- suggest working in keeping it open- we tried it and couldn't go far either direction- maybe it's improved?	1/19/2022 7:17 PM
15	Keep up the good work!	1/10/2022 7:50 AM
16	I believe Hagar Township Parks and Recreation should play into the natural attributes of the environment with consciousness of the fairly wide distribution (with a couple exceptions) of its population and other users.	12/24/2021 1:39 PM

Q20 If you would like to receive updates regarding this planning process or receive future updates from Hagar Township regarding news and events, please provide your information below (optional). Please note that your information will not be published with the survey results.

Answered: 26 Skipped: 85

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name	100.00%	26
Company	11.54%	3
Address	100.00%	26
Address 2	11.54%	3
City/Town	100.00%	26
State/Province	100.00%	26
ZIP/Postal Code	100.00%	26
Country	84.62%	22
Email Address	100.00%	26
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Note: The names and information from this question have been redacted for privacy.

4. NOTICE OF DRAFT PLAN FOR 30 DAYS OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND PUBLIC HEARING

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF MI }
COUNTY OF BERRIEN } SS

30-DAY REVIEW & PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

HAGAR TOWNSHIP BOARD
FIVE-YEAR PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND
GREENWAYS PLAN

Tyler Dickey, being duly sworn, says:

That he is Legal Clerk of the Herald Palladium, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in St. Joseph, Berrien County, MI; that the publication, a copy of which is attached hereto, was published in the said newspaper on the following dates:

October 12, 2022

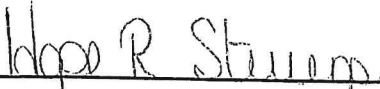
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That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on those dates.

SIGNED:



Subscribed to and sworn to me this 12th day of October 2022.



Hope R Stevens, Notary Public 06/07/2024



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Hagar Township has completed the process of updating its Five-Year Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenways Plan and will publish the draft Plan for public review. The Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenways Plan will be available at the following locations for at least 30 days and until the final public hearing on the plan:

<https://www.hagartownship.org/>
Hagar Township Hall, 3900 Riverside Road, Riverside, MI 49084

The Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenways Plan is intended to help guide improvements to recreation facilities in the community. The process to develop the Plan included community input elements. Now that a draft of the Plan has been completed, the Parks Committee and Hagar Township Board is offering a public comment review period to give residents and stakeholders an opportunity to review and comment on the Plan prior to adoption.

To provide written comments on the draft Recreation Plan, please email hagarclerk@gmail.com or mail comments to Hagar Township, P.O. Box 87, Riverside, MI 49084.

The Hagar Township Board will be considering the adoption of the Five-Year Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenways Plan at the public hearing. The public hearing on the draft Plan is scheduled as follows:

Hagar Township Hall, 14th of November, 2022 @ 7:15 pm, 3900 Riverside Road, Riverside, MI 49084

The draft Plan is available and may be examined by the general public at the location and website noted above and at the public hearing. All interested persons are invited to submit their comments in person or in writing at or before the public hearing.

Hagar Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed material being considered at the hearing, to individuals with disabilities upon seven (7) days' notice to the Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk at the address or telephone number listed below.

P.O Box 87
Riverside, MI 49084
269-849-0455

Ken Bates
Hagar Township
3900 Riverside Road
P.O. Box 87

5. MINUTES FROM THE PUBLIC HEARING

Hagar Township Board Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Izzy DiMaggio

Members present: Supervisor DiMaggio Clerk Rodriguez, Treasurer Herrmann, Trustees Ulleg and Colovos

Moved by Rodriguez, supported by Colovos, to approve the October 10, 2022 Regular Township Board minutes. **Motion Carried.**

DDA Special Meeting Monday November 21, 2022 7:00 p.m.

Steve Lowery, Pride Care representative, gave the October 2022 Pride Care report.

Clerk reported the November 8, 2022 election had a 53.59% turnout and went very well.

Moved by Herrmann, supported by Ulleg, to approve the October bills in the amount of \$74,624.76 for payment. **Motion Carried.**

Moved by Ulleg, supported by DiMaggio, to set Public Hearing Monday December 12, 2022 at 7:15 p.m. to consider Industrial Facilities Exemption for SPI Blow Molding, located on Bessemer Road. **Motion Carried. 4-1**

Coloma Library Director Mary Harrison requested the use of the Township Hall December 15 2022 10:00 a.m., for toddler story time.

Moved by Colovos, supported by Herrmann, to recess the regular meeting and convene a public hearing at 7:23 p.m. **Motion Carried.**

Moved by Herrmann, supported Colovos, to close public hearing and reconvene regular board meeting at 7:32 p.m. **Motion Carried.**

Moved by Colovos, supported by Ulleg, to adopt Five-Year Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan 2022-2026.

Roll call: Herrmann-aye, Colovos-aye, Ulleg-aye, Rodriguez-aye, DiMaggio-aye
Adopted.

Korandra Drain project cost review, and easement request. Tabled per Drain Office. Reschedule after first of year.

Moved by Herrmann, supported by Ulleg, to approve the audit for year ending March 31, 2022. **Motion Carried.**

Moved by Herrmann, supported by Colovos, for approval to include with tax billing mailer Rental Safety Verification – Action Required For Rental Owners notification. **Motion Carried.**

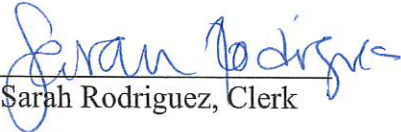
Moved by Colovos, supported by Ulleg, to Table Proposed Text Amendments to Zoning Ordinance. **Motion Carried.**

Hagar Township Board Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2022

Supervisor gave the Building Inspector report (9) nine permits were issued in October with a valuation of \$261,690.69

DiMaggio adjourned meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Next Regular Township Board Meeting Monday December 12, 2022 7:00 p.m.


Sarah Rodriguez, Clerk

Public Hearing
Five-Year Parks, Recreation, Open Space, And Greenways Plan
November 14, 2022

A public hearing to consider the adoption of the Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan convened at 7:23 p.m.

The following comments were offered:

Rodriguez – Beautiful report, features the Township well

Colovos – Living document rest of the county is excited with Hagar Plan

Adolf Pelzer – Why does population of Hagar keep going down?

DiMaggio – Major improvement from last plan 5 years ago

Moved by Herrmann, supported by Colovos, to close public hearing and reconvene regular board meeting at 7:32 p.m. **Motion Carried.**


Sarah Rodriguez

**6. MINUTES FROM THE MEETING TO PASS A
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION**

Hagar Township Board Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Izzy DiMaggio

Members present: Supervisor DiMaggio Clerk Rodriguez, Treasurer Herrmann, Trustees Ulleg and Colovos

Moved by Rodriguez, supported by Colovos, to approve the November 14, 2022 Regular Township Board minutes. **Motion Carried.**

Moved by Rodriguez, supported by Herrmann, to approve the November 14, 2022 Public Hearing minutes. **Motion Carried.**

Moved by Ulleg, supported by Colovos, to advertise for sealed bids, the sale of Township owned parcel #11-10-4550-3783-00-5. **Motion Carried.**

Clerk gave the November 2022 Pride Care report

Moved by Herrmann, supported by Ulleg, to approve the November bills in the amount of \$71,196.44 for payment. **Motion Carried.**

Fire Chief Michael Mattix reported on the bids received for the Fire and Rescue Truck and the recommendation from the Fire Board

Moved by Herrmann, supported by Ulleg, to recess the regular meeting and convene public hearing at 7:35 p.m. **Motion Carried.**

Moved by Ulleg, supported by Herrmann, to close public hearing and reconvene regular board meeting at 7:47 p.m. **Motion Carried.**

Moved by Ulleg, supported by Rodriguez, to approve application for IFT Exemption to SPI Blow Molding, 3930 Bessemer Road Coloma MI 49038 on expansion for a period of twelve years. **Motion Carried.** 3-2

Moved by Herrmann, supported by Colovos, to reappointment Owen Daly, Deb Frank, Lee LaBay, and Marilyn Zemanek as alternate on Board of Review for (2) two year term. **Motion Carried.**

Moved by Colovos, supported by Ulleg, to adopt December Board of Review Resolution. Roll call Herrmann-aye, Colovos-aye, Ulleg-aye, Rodriguez-aye, DiMaggio-aye **Resolution adopted.**

Building Inspector Kelley reported that seven permits were issued in November with a valuation of \$1,067,142.34

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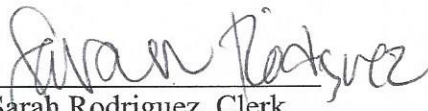
Moved by Ulleg, supported by Colovos, to adopt New Five-Year Parks, Recreation, Open Space, And Greenways Plan Resolution.

Roll call Herrmann-aye, Colovos-aye, Ulleg-aye, Rodriguez-aye, DiMaggio-aye
Resolution Declared Adopted.

Supervisor DiMaggio and Trustee Ulleg will be Hagar representatives for Fire Board meeting to decide how fire rescue truck payments will be made.

DiMaggio adjourned meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Next Regular Township Board Meeting Monday January 9, 2023 7:00 p.m.


Sarah Rodriguez, Clerk

7. TOWNSHIP BOARD ADOPTION RESOLUTION

**HAGAR TOWNSHIP
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

Resolution #22-15

At a regular meeting of the Hagar Township Board of Trustees held December 12, 2022 at the Hagar Township Hall, the following resolution was offered by Board member Andy Ulleg and seconded by Board member Peter Colovos.

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A NEW FIVE-YEAR PARKS,
RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND GREENWAYS PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Hagar Township Parks Committee has engaged the process to develop a new Five-Year Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenways Plan, which describes pertinent features, recreation facilities, policies and desired implementation to improve recreational offerings in the community during the period between 2022 and 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Hagar Township Parks Committee facilitated public input via an online community survey between December 2021 and February 2022 prior to the development of the Plan, enabling citizens and stakeholders to express opinions and needs, ask questions, offer advice, and discuss all aspects of the Township's parks and recreation needs and amenities;

WHEREAS, the Hagar Township has prepared the Five-Year Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenways Plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the benefit of the entire

community and to meet the recreation needs of residents as expressed during the online community survey; and

WHEREAS, a notice was published indicating that the Plan was available on the Township's website, at the Township Hall, and offered for a period of at least 30 days for public comment and review; and

WHEREAS, the Hagar Township Parks Committee has recommended approval of the updated Five-Year Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenways Plan to Hagar Township, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the Hagar Township Board on November 14, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Hagar Township Board hereby adopts the Five-Year Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenways Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents and visitors of the community.

Yeas: Susan Herrmann, Peter Colovos, Andy Ulleg, Sarah Rodriguez, Izzy DiMaggio

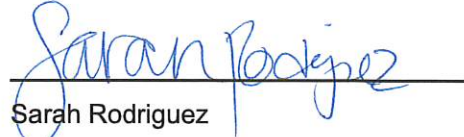
Nays: None

Absent: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

CERTIFICATION

I, Sarah Rodriguez, Hagar Township Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of the resolution adopted by the Township Board at a Regular Meeting held on December 12, 2022


Sarah Rodriguez
Hagar Township Clerk

8. TRANSMITTAL LETTERS TO THE COUNTY AND REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCIES

Izzy DiMaggio

SUPERVISOR

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FAX: 269.849.2454



3900 RIVERSIDE ROAD

P.O. Box 87

RIVERSIDE, MI 49084

izzydimag@aol.com

January, 1 2023

**John Engelhaaf, Executive Director
Southwest Michigan Planning Commission
376 West Main St, Suite 130
Benton Harbor, Mi 49022**

re: Hagar Township Planning Commission

Good morning John:

On the Township Website, please find the 2022-2026 Five -Year Recreation Plan for Hagar Township: <https://www.hagartownship.org/>. The Plan was prepared and approved by the Township Parks Committee and adopted by the Hagar Township Board. Additionally, copies of the Plan have been submitted to the Berrien County Planning Commission and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Please contact me with any questions, suggestions, or comments on our new Recreation Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Izzy DiMaggio".

**Izzy DiMaggio, Supervisor
Hagar Township**

Izzy DiMaggio

SUPERVISOR

PH: 269.849.0455

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January, 1 2023

Berrien County Planning Commission

701 Main St

St. Joseph, MI 49085

re: Hagar Township Planning Commission

Dear Berrien County Planning Commission:

On the Township Website, please find the 2022-2056 Five-Year Recreation Plan for Hagar Township: <https://www.hagartownship.org/>. The Plan was prepared and approved by the Township Parks Committee and adopted by the Hagar Township Board. Additionally, copies of the Plan have been submitted to the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission and Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Please contact me with any questions, suggestions, or comments on our new Recreation Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Izzy DiMaggio".

**Izzy DiMaggio, Supervisor
Hagar Township**



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