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# Introduction

## Welcome

*Welcome to the City of Sault Ste. Marie's 2023-2027 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This Plan reflects a vision for Sault Ste. Marie's parks and recreation facilities—their operations, maintenance, and enhancements for the next several years. It serves as a roadmap for future recreation facilities and programs by considering existing parks and programs throughout the City and the anticipated demand for additional or improved recreation facilities.*

This Plan also forms the basis for potential recreation grant funding from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and other agencies and foundations and is effective from 2023 through 2027. Sault Ste. Marie's Plan was prepared in accordance with MDNR's Guidelines for the Development of Community Parks and Recreation Plans.

Most importantly, this Plan will act as Sault Ste. Marie's guidebook for community building as it relates to parks and recreation over the next five or more years.

# Planning Summary

*The Parks and Recreation Master Plan was prepared with technical assistance from McKenna, a planning and design consulting firm, and with the active involvement of the City's administration and staff.*

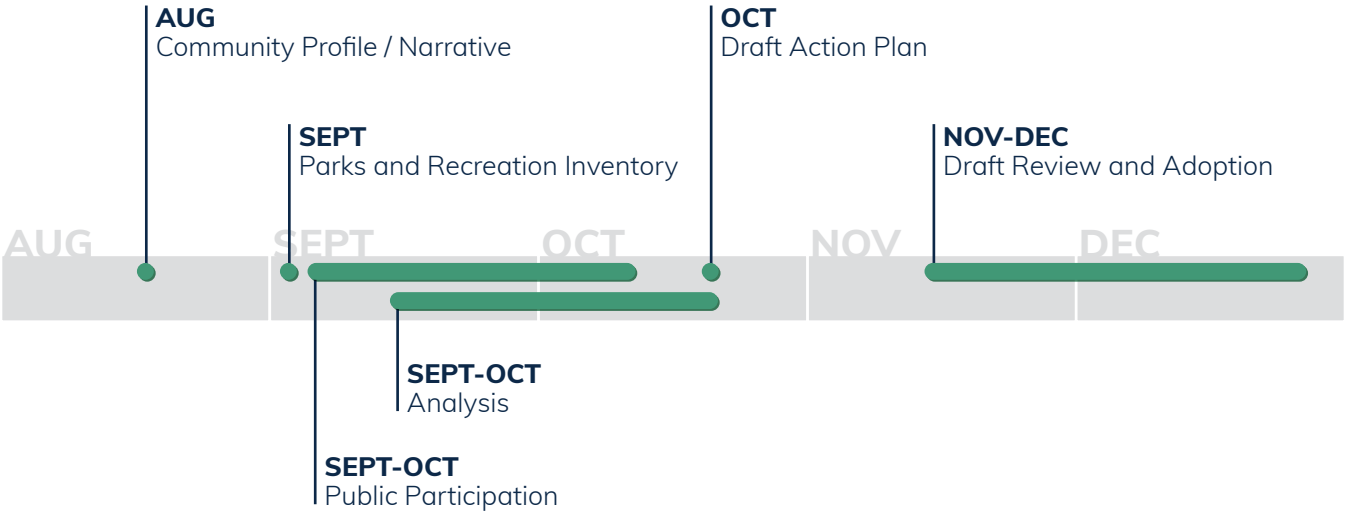
## Why Plan? In Order to...

- Guide decision making
- Engage the community
- Assess existing conditions
- Set community goals and objectives
- Make the city eligible for grants

Citizen input and action, through an online survey, public workshops, public meetings, and a public hearing played a critical role in the development of the plan. As a result, recommendations described within the action plan reflect the needs and ideas of those who use the City's facilities.

Following several discussions held by Public Works staff and draft reviews by the Parks and Recreation Board and Planning Commission, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan was submitted to the City Commission for public hearing and adoption. All public body meetings were open to the public for comment. Notices were posted beforehand, and advertised in the newspaper when required, as provided by the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Documentation of feedback was regularly posted online. The planning process kicked off in August 2022 and concluded with the adoption of the Plan in December 2022.

## At a Glance



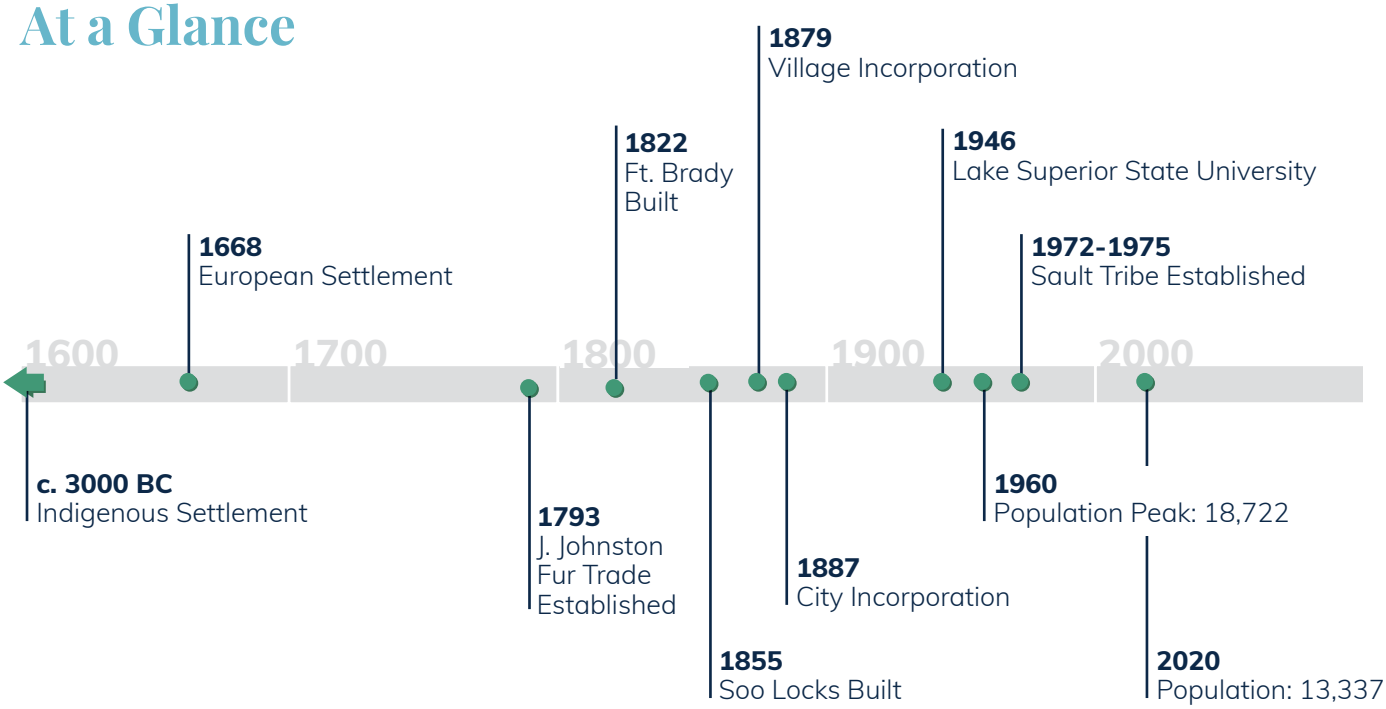
# Community Description and Setting

A welcoming community, Sault Ste. Marie—affectionately called 'the Sault'—maintains its small town feel while offering many recreational and cultural advantages. Sault Ste. Marie's pedestrian-friendly downtown includes restaurants, art and antique galleries, specialty retailers, hotels, and professional services. The northern portion of the city, particularly the island in which the downtown is situated, supports several municipal, state, tribal, and federal operations. These include public and private utilities, university services, tribal holdings, the U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Soo Locks shipping channel.

Sault Ste. Marie is located at the northern tip of the eastern end of Michigan's Upper Peninsula and across the river from its international sister city, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. The City is strategically situated on the south bank of the St. Marys River at what has been called "the hub of the Great Lakes." The St. Marys River itself is a significant global waterway, connecting Lake Superior to Lakes Huron and Michigan via the Soo Locks, which were built in 1855.

Sault Ste. Marie also enjoys one of the richest histories in the United States as the oldest European settlement in Michigan. Prior to French settlement in 1668, Sault Ste. Marie was called 'Bahweting' by the Anishinaabeg, an Upper Great Lakes network of fishing tribes, with local representation now known as the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Archeological evidence shows Anishinaabeg settlements in the area dating 3,000 B.C. Bahweting, meaning 'gathering place,' remains a fitting description of the community's identity and spirit. Sault Ste. Marie's long and rich history manifests itself today in various historical structures, museums, walkways, and cultural activities. Maintenance and development of these resources are part of the community's recreation plan.

## At a Glance



# Physical Characteristics

Sault Ste. Marie is a historic community that has seen periods of both growth and decline. As such, pockets of developable land exist throughout the city, while the remainder of open land is preserved through state, federal, or tribal holdings. The existing land use patterns within the City show a concentration of commercial uses in the downtown core and along Ashmun/I-75 Business Spur. Residential uses radiate from this commercial backbone. A concentration of municipal, state, and federal uses can be found along the City's northern edge and at the southern junction of the US-Canada International Bridge. Industrial and mixed uses can be found along the water's edge. The City's downtown, primarily located on the island created by the Power Canal, is a lively and walkable district. The I-75 freeway splits the city in half on a north-south axis. Most commercial uses and low-medium density residential uses on smaller lots are found to the east. Rural residential uses on larger lots are found to the west. Smaller parks are found throughout the residential areas with larger parks and natural areas generally found at the east and west ends of the city, as well as in the center.

# Regional Location

City of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

December 12, 2022

**Legend**

- City of Sault Ste. Marie
- Chippewa County
- Counties

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## Demographics at a Glance

- **There was a decrease in population from 2015-2020.** This decrease was small and follows a decades-long trend more akin to gradual population stabilization.
- **There was an increase in populations aged 5-9, 25-44, and 65+.** Youth and retirees are the largest users of parks facilities, with young children more likely to participate in organized sports and seniors engaging in more passive recreation.
- **Sault Ste. Marie's total households are increasing while household size is decreasing.** Paired with other population data, this indicates growth in the population of singles and couples.
- **Nearly 18% of the City's population has a disability.** Higher than the national rate of 12.7%, special efforts must be taken to ensure trails, playscapes, and other amenities are accessible.
- **Seasonal tourism remains a significant economic driver.** It is important the parks system serves locals as well as regional/international visitors. Parks can provide important community-building, cultural, and tourism value. Emphasis should be placed on providing year-round recreation opportunities.

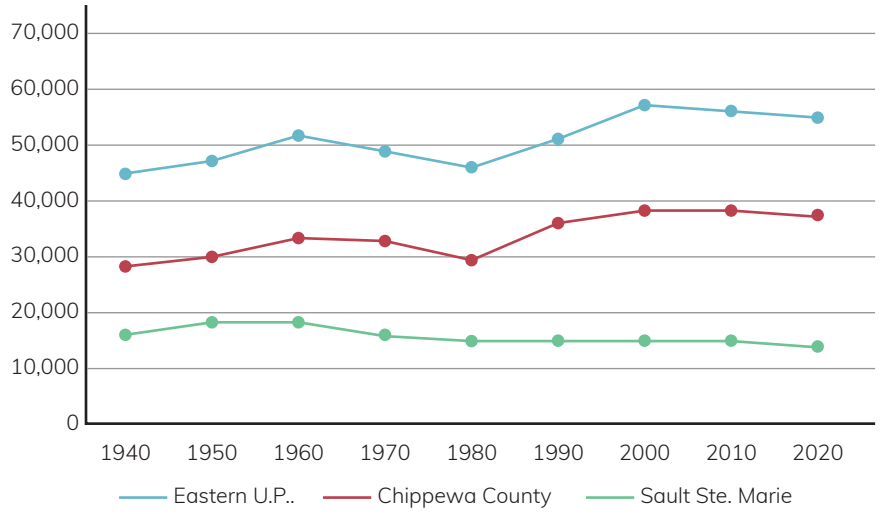
# Demographic Characteristics

Sault Ste. Marie's current demographics and trends provide an understanding of the types of recreation facilities and amenities that are needed. The figures used in this Plan come from the US Census Bureau's 2016-2020 ACS 5-year data, which uses statistical sampling over a 5-year period to describe the average characteristics over the period of collection. Information for smaller geographic regions generally have a higher margin of error in statistical sampling, yet the ACS is considered very reliable and is a dataset that we believe can provide the most accurate portrayal of the changing population in the City. As of the writing of this Plan, 2020 Decennial Census data was still not widely available. Comparison data comes from 2011-2015 ACS 5-year data.

## Population

Trends in the number of people residing in a community are an important indicator for parks and recreation planning. Growing communities have different parks and recreational needs than communities with stable or declining populations. Figure 1 and Table 1 highlight population changes over time.

**Figure 1. Historical Population Trends, 1940-2020**




*Source: U.S. Census Bureau*

**Table 1. Age Structure, 2015-2020**

| Age Group | 2015 Population | 2020 Population | Percent Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Under 5 years | 965 | 766 | ↓ 20.6% |
| 5-9 years | 713 | 770 | ↑ 8% |
| 10-17 years | 1,471 | 953 | ↓ 35.2% |
| 18-24 years | 2,389 | 2,289 | ↓ 4.2% |
| 25-44 years | 3,216 | 3,470 | ↑ 7.9% |
| 45-65 years | 8,829 | 8.697 | ↓ 1.5% |
| 65 years and over | 2,070 | 2,340 | ↑ 13% |
| **Total Population** | **14,048** | **13,526** | **↓ 3.7%** |

*Source: 2011-2015 and 2016-2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates*

# Race and Ethnicity

Understanding the racial composition of the City is the first step in ensuring representative decision-making. Certain groups may be underrepresented due to a variety of historical reasons and additional outreach may be required to incorporate valuable feedback and resources. Different accessibility and information-sharing techniques may be necessary for different groups. Table 2 illustrates the city's racial diversity. The categories used in Table 2 were established by the US Census Bureau.

**Table 2. Race and Ethnicity, 2015-2020**

| Race or Ethnicity | 2015 Population | 2020 Population |
|---|---|---|
| One Race | 94.6% | 88.8% |
| Two or More Races | 5.4% | 11.2% |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 1.5% | 2.0% |
| **Of One Race** | | |
| White | 74.9% | 73.4% |
| Native American | 14.3% | 12.0% |
| African American | 4.4% | 2.2% |
| Asian American | 1.0% | 0.4% |
| Pacific Islander | 0.0% | 0.5% |
| Other | 0.1% | 0.3% |

*Source: 2011-2015 and 2016-2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates*

# Households

Household growth has a different impact on demand for recreational services than population growth. If the population is growing faster than the number of households, this would suggest that more children are being born to existing households. If households are growing faster than population, this typically suggests that more singles or couples are moving into the community. Table 3 illustrates that total households are increasing.

Average household size is another indicator of community composition. Larger average household sizes generally mean more children and fewer single-parent families. Nationally, household sizes have been shrinking as young singles wait longer to get married and life expectancy increases for the senior population. Table 3 compares the City's household composition over time.

**Table 3. Total Households and Size, 2015-2020**

| | 2015 Households | 2020 Households | Percent Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total | 5,666 | 5,948 | ↑ 4.9% |
| Size (people per household) | 2.32 | 2.11 | ↓ 9% |

# Disability

The number of residents impacted by a disability, as well as the range of disabilities, will shape the design and accommodations made in future City parks and facilities. Considering these differences in ability in planning for parks and recreation activities could result in positive health outcomes for a population that may already experience disproportionate difficulties on a day-to-day basis.

**Table 4. Population with a Disability, 2015-2020**

| Disability Type | 2015 Population | 2020 Population | Percent Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hearing Difficulty | 617 | 688 | ↑ 11.5% |
| Vision Difficulty | 451 | 354 | ↓ 21.5% |
| Cognitive Difficulty | 1,161 | 1,122 | ↑ 3.4% |
| Walking/Climbing Difficulty | 1,362 | 1,108 | ↓ 18.6% |
| Self-Care Difficulty | 345 | 322 | ↓ 6.7% |
| Independent Living Difficulty | 878 | 813 | ↓ 7.4% |
| **Total** | **2,732** | **2,374** | **↓ 13.1%** |

# Economic Characteristics

Sault Ste. Marie's economy is built on tourism. The Soo Locks has traditionally drawn hundreds of thousands of visitors per year with tribal casinos contributing to tourism as well. This is reflected in the employment market, with the entertainment and retail industries accounting for over 30 percent of the City's workforce (Table 5). Other top employment sectors are education – largely due to the presence of Lake Superior State University—and public administration—likely due to a large federal workforce maintaining international transportation, trade, and security.

**Table 5. Industry and Workforce, 2015-2020**

| Industry | 2015 Population | 2020 Population | Percent Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining | 20 | 41 | ↑ 105.0% |
| Construction | 270 | 371 | ↑ 37.4% |
| Manufacturing | 387 | 507 | ↑ 31.0% |
| Wholesale trade | 83 | 215 | ↑ 159.0% |
| Retail trade | 592 | 813 | ↑ 37.3% |
| Transportation and warehousing, and utilities | 155 | 148 | ↓ 4.5% |
| Information | 157 | 101 | ↓ 35.7% |
| Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing | 235 | 204 | ↓ 13.2% |
| Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services | 416 | 345 | ↓ 17.1% |
| Educational services, and health care and social assistance | 2,215 | 1,569 | ↓ 29.2% |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services | 842 | 1,157 | ↑ 37.4% |
| Other services, except public administration | 274 | 326 | ↓ 19.0% |
| Public administration | 442 | 674 | ↑ 52.5% |
| **Total** | **6,088** | **6,471** | **↑ 6.3%** |

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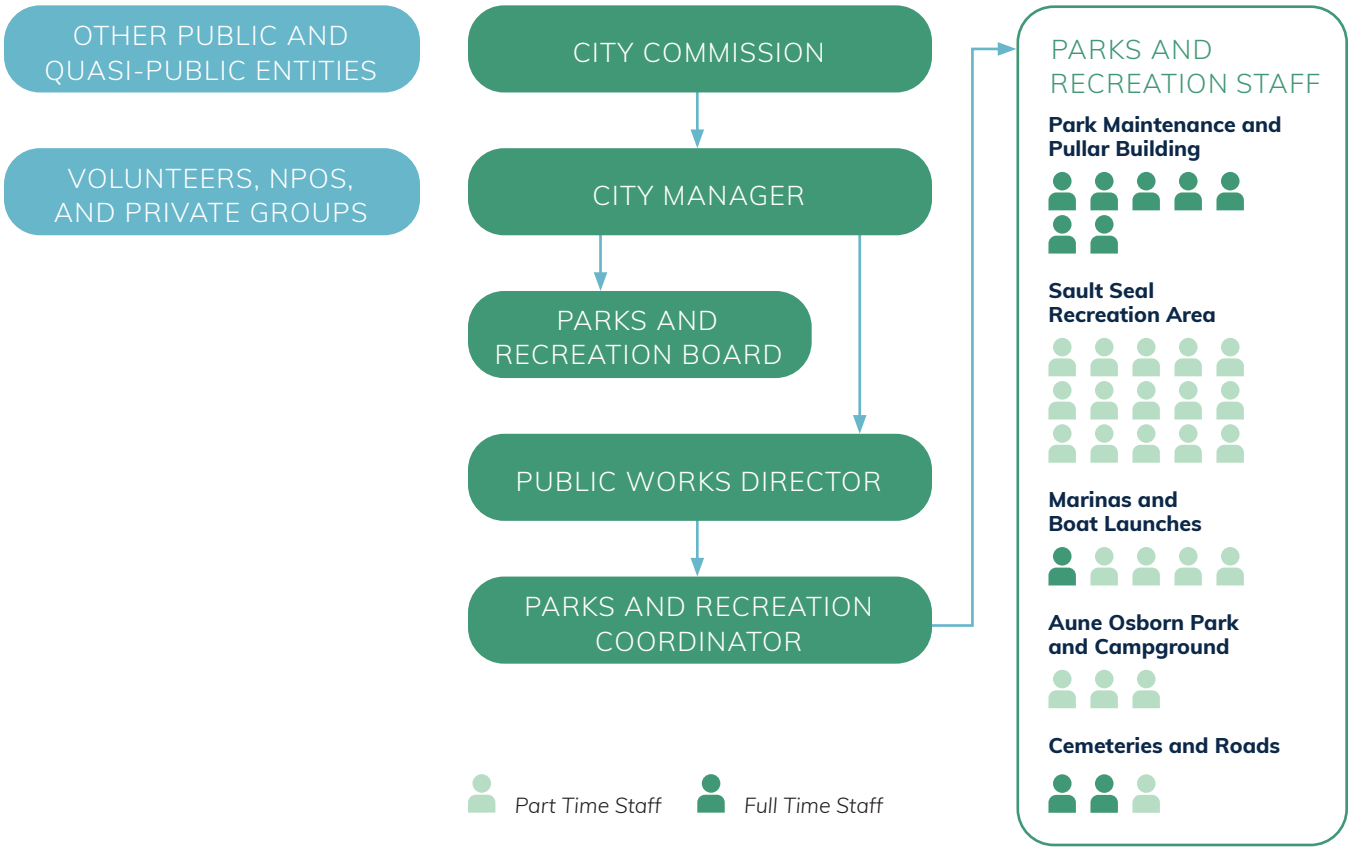
# Administrative Structure, Funding, and Initiatives

# Administration

*Management and planning for Sault Ste. Marie's parks and recreation facilities is primarily completed by two groups: The Department of Public Works and the Parks and Recreation Board. Administration and oversight of these groups is authorized by the City Commission, which works in concert with the City Manager. Figure 2 shows the administrative organization of the City.*

**Figure 2. City of Sault Ste. Marie Organizational Chart**



# City Commission and City Manager

The City of Sault Ste. Marie is governed under a City Manager-Commission form of municipal government, as established in the City Charter of 1952. The City Manager is appointed by the City Commission and oversees the administrative functions of the City, including the operations of all City Departments and the appointment of Department Directors.

The City Commission is comprised of seven members, one of whom is the Mayor, and is elected at-large. The City Commission is responsible for establishing policies to guide the overall operation and development of Sault Ste. Marie. The Commission has final say on all decisions concerning land acquisition and major purchases based on recommendations from staff. The budget for recreation facilities and programs is adopted annually by the City Commission, as part of the total annual budget after appropriate public hearings. The City Commission is advised by several public boards and commissions, whose members are appointed by the City Commission.

# Parks and Recreation Board

The Parks and Recreation Board, formerly the Community Services Board, was established in 1973 under the authority of Public Act 156 of 1917. The Board consists of nine members appointed by the City Commission for three-year terms and is the primary citizen committee responsible for parks and recreation programming.

The Parks and Recreation Board objectives and duties include:

- Advise the City Manager on various parks and recreation programming in the City, including the Pullar Community Building.
- Serve as a forum for the consideration of policy matters related to the operation of a park and recreation program.
- Advise the public about the policies established by the City Commission relating to park and recreation programs.
- Recommend to the City Commission fee schedules and the adoption of long-range programs for the development of park areas and facilities.
- Recommend to the City Commission the hiring of employees, the hours of operation, and the allocation of facility use.
- Approve capital purchases of equipment.

## The Department of Public Works (DPW)

DPW oversees the operation of the City's recreational system, including indoor sports complexes, campgrounds, marinas, ball parks, and recreation areas totaling over 600 acres of park land and several miles of trails. DPW is also responsible for forestry items such as the removal, transplanting, and/or maintenance of street and park trees. Other responsibilities include placement of holiday decorations, maintenance of public horticulture gardens, and logistic support for the summer "Music In the Park" concert program. In addition, this department is responsible for park improvements, park signage, support for special events, maintenance of the Riverside and Maple Ridge Cemeteries, various contractual services such as forestry services, park mowing, and maintenance and repair of the City street system.

## Public and Quasi-Public Entities

Various groups have overlapping goals and objectives related to parks and recreation, including:

- The Planning Commission, which serves to develop long-range plans for the development of land within the City.
- The Downtown Development Authority and the Economic Development Corporation, which have been partners in the creation of City parks within their jurisdiction.
- The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, which manages its own recreation facilities, has developed supplemental trail systems, and promotes environmental stewardship.
- Chippewa County, which contains a significant number of natural resources and recreational opportunities.
- Lake Superior State University, the State of Michigan, and the federal government, which each have jurisdiction over natural areas within the City and those that extend beyond its boundaries.
- The Seal Estate Board of Trustees, which serves to distribute earnings from the Augusta Hursley Seal Trust for the purpose of expanding and enhancing the City's parks and playgrounds.
- Sault Area Public Schools, which operates and manages several acres of its own parks, playgrounds, and natural areas.

# Volunteers, Non-Profits, and Private Groups

While the jurisdiction of this plan is solely the City of Sault Ste. Marie, the City works in cooperation with other area recreation providers, with a long history of active financial participation by private groups, businesses, individuals, and non-profit organizations in the accomplishment of specific recreational projects.

- The Sault Ste. Marie Rotary Club, which works to maintain and enhance Rotary Island Park.
- OUT House Consortium, which is a non-profit organization that works to maintain and develop the Lower River Islands, particularly Steere Island and Voyageur Island. OUT House is also involved in the development of Ashmun Creek Trails.
- The Chippewa County Historical society, which works to protect and enhance historical sites, including several locations adjacent to City parks.
- Little Traverse Conservatory, which is heavily involved in natural preservation and education efforts in the region, particularly with the Ashmun Creek Trails.
- Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District, which supports ongoing conservation efforts prioritizing native plantings, green infrastructure, and youth programming and education.
- Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning and Development Commission, which pursues collaborative planning efforts across several counties.

Further, other groups, including the Sault Area Sportsmen's Club, the Sault Foundation for Culture and History, the Sault Ste. Marie Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Pullar Recreation Committee, the Sault Country Club, Malcolm Park Pride, Project Playground, the Kaine's Rink Committee, Le Sault de Sainte Marie Historic Sites, the Chippewa County Community Foundation, service clubs, sports associations, and individuals have contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to park and recreation projects. These projects have included new boat ramps, a museum, Pullar and Kaine's Rink restoration efforts, a major athletic field renovation, marina development, historic homes rehabilitation, park and trail benches, waterfront walkways, the University's Norris Center recreation building, elementary school playground development, and ball field development.

Private non-profit groups also run the annual Salmon Derby and I-500 Snowmobile Race. The active participation by the community in the development of recreational facilities in the Sault is impressive and significant, and many of the facilities the community now enjoys would not have been possible without this participation.

A number of City-owned facilities are also maintained as part of lease agreements with private parties, including the George Kemp Marina and Water Street Historic Homes. All licenses and/or leases are approved by the City Commission and specific concession agreements, which are more private in nature, are created through a competitive public bid process.

The various community recreational programs would not be possible without volunteers who organize and oversee the programs.

# Parks and Recreation Funding

The estimated Parks and Recreation operating budget, including capital outlay, for the 2022-2023 fiscal year is $1,664,400. The various funds below describe the actual and adopted budget information for revenues and expenditures during the fiscal years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023(Table 6 and Table 7).

Funding for the maintenance and programming of Sault Ste. Marie's recreation facilities comes almost entirely from sub-accounts of the City's general fund. Significant spending also comes from various user groups. Revenues from user, service, and rental fees bolster most recreation funding. Businesses, corporations, private clubs, community organizations, and individuals intermittently contribute to recreation and other improvement programs to benefit the City. Additionally, the Augusta Hursley Seal Trust and the Osborn Trust provide supplemental revenue to support parks and recreation improvements and maintenance.

**Table 6. Recreation Revenue – User, Service, and Rental Fees (Fiscal Years 2021-2022 Actual Activity and 2022-2023 Commission Approved Budget)**

| Division Detail | 2021-2022 Actual | 2022-2023 Budget |
|---|---|---|
| Pullar Fees (Plus Advertising) | 142,700 | 145,000 |
| Kaine's Rink | 3,000 | 1,500 |
| Aune Osborn (Less Surcharge Refunds) | 238,800 | 542,000 |
| Harvey Marina | 36,400 | 30,000 |
| Sherman Park (Plus Campground + Pavilion) | 5,000 | 15,000 |
| Sault Seal Recreation Area | 30,100 | 60,000 |
| Kemp Marina (Plus Fuel Sales) | 200,406 | 185,000 |
| Carbide Dock | 65,500 | 120,000 |
| Cemetery (Plus Columbarium Revenue) | 30,800 | 22,000 |
| Community Gardens | 1,700 | 1,000 |
| Ballfields | 1,300 | 2,000 |
| **Total** | **755,706** | **1,123,500** |

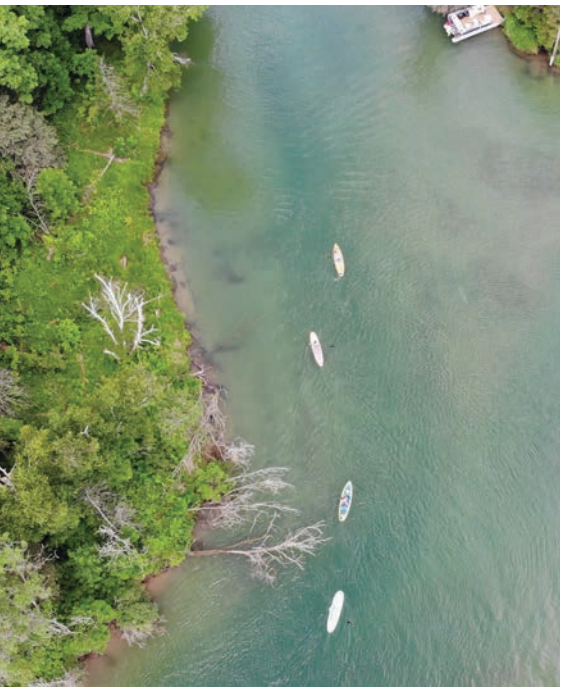


**Table 7. Recreation Expenditures (Fiscal Years 2021-2022 Actual Activity and 2022-2023 Commission Approved Budget)**

| Division Detail | 2021-2022 Actual | 2022-2023 Budget |
|---|---|---|
| Cemetery | 104,300 | 118,100 |
| Harvey Marina | 4,000 | 7,200 |
| Carbide Dock | 48,300 | 65,500 |
| Kemp Marina | 168,600 | 175,500 |
| Aune Osborn Campground | 208,500 | 241,000 |
| Parks Maintenance | 529,200 | 485,800 |
| Pullar Community Building | 375,600 | 405,600 |
| Sault Seal Recreation Area | 46,600 | 64,600 |
| Beautification | 617 | 6,300 |
| Historic Homes | 2,400 | 19,800 |
| Capital Outlay - Parks Equipment | - | 75,000 |
| **Total** | **1,448,117** | **1,664,400** |

*Decreases in parks maintenance are attributed to changes in personnel retirement expenses.*

# Public Works

Parks and recreation funding is largely grouped under two 'functions' within the City's budget. The 'Public Works' function shows as a line item in the budget and includes, among several departmental activities, the provision of services and maintenance for the City's cemeteries, Harvey and Kemp Marinas, and Carbide Dock. These funds support salaries and benefits, part time and seasonal wages, supplies, administrative expenses, equipment repair and maintenance, and building maintenance for these facilities

# Culture and Recreation

The other main function is 'Culture and Recreation' and contains the bulk of recreation funding activities, covering expenses for over 30 municipally-owned or operated parks as well as the City's historic homes. These funds support salaries and benefits, part time and seasonal wages, supplies, administrative expenses, park maintenance, building maintenance, lawn care services, sanitation services, and utilities.

## User Groups

User and volunteer groups continue to be a critical resource in the maintenance and operation of various park assets, including Malcolm Park ballfields. These groups collect fees associated with team play, which is used for maintenance efforts. For Malcolm Park alone, nearly $70,000 is expended each year to maintain the complex.

## Augusta Hursley Seal Trust

The City of Sault Ste. Marie was named beneficiary in the will of Augusta Hursley Seal, a long-term resident who passed away on November 7, 1983. The bequest was in the form of stock which, when sold, exceeded one million dollars.

In her will, Mrs. Seal specified that the bequest be used:

> *"...For the exclusive purpose of the expansion of its present recreation system, playground, and parks, or the acquisition on new recreation sites as the City shall determine in its sole discretion, for the use and benefit of the people of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan."*

The City subsequently created a blue ribbon "Advisory Committee Regarding the Financial and Legal Management of the Seal Estate" which met between February and August 1984, and which resulted in the creation of the Augusta Hursley Seal Trust in March of 1985; subsequently approved by the City electors on June 10, 1985 as a charter amendment. The Seal Trust is structured to permanently protect the principal and to provide an annual distribution of the interest income to the City for permitted recreational projects. Various restrictions apply on both the amount made available as well as the amount that can be spent on any one project in a given year.

## Osborn Trust Fund

The interest earnings on the Osborn Trust Fund, established in 2003, are to be used for public purposes relating to the interpretation, presentation, research, preservation, education, and development of the City's history and historical heritage. Funding is approved by the City Commission based on recommendations from the City's Historical Development Commission.

# Grant History

When preparing a Recreation Plan, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires that information be provided concerning grants that have been received in the past for acquisition or development of recreation facilities. As of October 2022, Sault Ste. Marie has received the following MDNR grants:

**Table 8. Grant History (1968-2021)**

| Project Name<br>Year \| Status | Project Description | Grant Number | Grant Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sherman Park<br>1968 \| Complete | Clearing and placement of 50 camping sites; construction of parking area, lifeguard raft, and roadway. | 26-00139 | 5,107 |
| Minneapolis Woods Park – Sault Seal Recreation Area<br>1968 \| Complete | Construction of an addition to existing warming house, grading/finishing work on the luge run, and LWCF sign. | 26-00140 | 3,000 |
| Mission Road Park<br>1968 \| Complete | Construction of a toilet / shower building with under ground electrical wiring for travel-trailer parking spaces, parking area and road purchase, and placement of playground equipment, landscaping, tables, grills, and two shelters. | 26-00141 | 16,000 |
| Sault Ste. Marie Waterfront Picnic Area<br>1977 \| Complete | Development of lighting and underground wiring, picnic equipment, picnic shelter, site improvements, safety railing, boardwalks, sidewalks, drinking fountain, sprinklers, necessary pipe, playground, and LWCF sign | 26-00979 | 58,520.54 |
| Sault Ste. Marie Sherman Park<br>1979 \| Complete | Overhead wire burial and development of fencing, picnic equipment, and road and parking lot paving. | 26-01057 | 9,062.10 |
| Sherman Park<br>1988 \| Complete | Construction of restroom, playground, parking lot paving, boat launch, LWCF signs, and area paving at Sherman Park. | 26-01475 | 81,193.11 |
| Pullar Building Rehabilitation<br>1990 \| Complete | Rehabilitation of existing building infrastructure, lighting and electrical improvements, insulation and drop ceiling, dehumidifiers, and building painting | BF90-287 | 110,000 |
| Ashmun Bay Park Acquisition<br>1997 \| Complete | Acquisition of 49.7-acre parcel of land for park and public boat launch on the upper St. Marys River. | TF97-234 | 547,500 |
| Aune Osborn Campsite Upgrade<br>1999 \| Complete | Upgrade of existing group campsites to individual modern sites at Aune Osborn Campground along the St. Marys River, including development of paved access roadways, pads, and electric and water services. | CM99-246 | 106,000 |

| Project Name<br>Year \| Status | Project Description | Grant Number | Grant Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sherman Park Beach Improvements<br>2003 \| Complete | Improvement of accessibility to beach, area enhancement, replacement of playground equipment, installation of volleyball courts, picnic shelter, and landscaping, and relocation of the main park entrance to improve Sherman Park on upper St. Marys River. | TF03-116 | 198,300 |
| Ashmun Bay Park Trail Parcel Acquisition<br>2007 \| Complete | Acquisition of a 3,500' linear strip adjoining the south shore of the existing 50-acre Ashmun Bay Park for a linear trail to provide access to Ashmun Bay Park and become a connecting segment of a larger trail system. | TF07-105 | 36,000 |
| Ashmun Bay Park Entrance Parcel Acquisition<br>2007 \| Complete | Acquisition of 2.76 acres at the entrance to Ashmun Bay Park currently leased from Canadian National Railroad. | TF07-174 | 100,000 |
| Rotary Park Development<br>2008 \| Complete | Development of universal accessibility improvements to an island park on the St. Marys River, including scenic and natural viewing areas, a play area, and fishing and kayaking opportunities. | TF08-068 | 299,700 |
| Sherman Park Picnic Shelter Development<br>2009 \| Complete | Development of open-air picnic shelter and four picnic tables at existing beach at Sherman Park. | TF09-105 | 42,200 |
| Carbide Dock Rehabilitation<br>2022 \| In-Progress | Development to include flexible plaza, passive green space, and riverwalk; dock rehabilitation; fishing opportunities; salmon run. | TF19-0110 | 300,000 |
| **Total Distributed Funds:** | | | **1,912,583** |

LWCF: Land and Water Conservation Fund

# Related Initiatives

There are several related planning initiatives that are relevant to the provision of recreation opportunities within Sault Ste. Marie. Each initiative is described in further detail in Table 9:

**Table 9. Sault Ste. Marie Parks and Recreation Initiatives**

| Initiative | Summary | Parks and Recreation Implication |
|---|---|---|
| Carbide Port Dock Rehabilitation Plan 2022 | In 2021 and 2022, the City solicited bids for a plan to transform Carbide Dock and Alford Park, including flexible plaza space, passive recreation, fishing and boating opportunities, and landscaping. Partial mobilization, demolition, and construction has been undertaken in 2022, with a complete bid to go before the City Commission in early 2023. Work is anticipated to continue into at least 2024. | The Engineering Department is in the process of demolition and construction. At full-build, the development will provide increased boating and fishing access, more park space, and a more complete shoreline, increasing park attendance and connectivity. |
| Safe Routes to School Resolution 2020 | Efforts to improve sidewalk infrastructure, walkability, and safety have been underway throughout the city by filling gaps in the sidewalk network and connecting the City's public schools. | Sidewalks are critical links to park and recreation facilities, particularly for children and teens. As primary users of parks, this population will benefit from a safer, more complete non-motorized network. |
| Rotary Park Concept Plan 2018 | Proposed accessible pavilion, bathrooms, walkways, parking, and landscaping within Rotary Park, just north of the fishing pond. | Improvements to this area fulfill several action items identified in the last recreation plan. |
| Sault Ste. Marie Economic Development Strategy 2017 | The City's Economic Development Strategy is a long-range plan for the continued growth of the City. The Strategy focuses on various initiatives to spur economic growth in the Downtown and in the region. | Several areas have been identified within the documents as priority redevelopment sites, including Ashmun Bay and Carbide Dock. These sites are currently under City ownership and will be undergoing improvements over the next several years. |
| Sault Ste. Marie Non-Motorized Transportation (NMT) Plan 2012 | In partnership with the Sault Tribe, the NMT Plan provides recommendations to support non-motorized transportation throughout the city, with goals to make walking and bicycling in the City safer, more comfortable, and convenient. The policies outline proposed changes that will strengthen the City's support for non-motorized transportation. A map showing existing and proposed multi-use and bike paths is included in the Appendix. | Efforts to enhance the City's NMT infrastructure will increase access to parks and recreation facilities. In addition to creating a more robust Downtown, enhancements to this system will drive further investment and usership in more isolated recreation areas, including Ashmun Bay and Ashmun Creek. |
| Complete Streets Resolution 2010 | The City Commission adopted a Complete Streets Resolution on August 2, 2010. Resolutions are often procedurally easier to enact than ordinances, and they can be an effective first step for local governments. | Elements of Complete Streets can facilitate better pedestrian connections to various parks and recreation facilities. |

# Parks, Recreation, and Trails Inventory

# City Parks and Facilities

## The Sault Has:

*4 Mini Parks*

*4 Neighborhood Parks*

*7 Community Parks*

*1 Large Urban Park*

*4 Natural Resource Areas*

*11 Special Use Areas*

- *Community Buildings*
- *Marinas*
- *Boat Launches*
- *Community Gardens*
- *Skate Park*
- *Snowmobile Track*

Following is a comprehensive inventory of parks and recreation facilities that are operated under the jurisdiction of the City of Sault Ste. Marie. The City owns, operates, and/or leases 30 parks and recreation facilities, detailed to the left, which also includes two campground facilities. Each park includes a list of existing amenities as well as a list of suggested opportunities, which were derived from the public participation process; staff input; and various existing community policies, plans, and programs

## Classification

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) is a national, non-profit service organization dedicated to advancing parks, recreation, and environmental efforts that enhance the quality of life for all people. Since 1983, NRPA has used park classifications to help assess park and recreation needs. In 2022, the NRPA launched a new park evaluation system that no longer includes the traditional classifications. However, these classifications have been retained herein to help bridge the gap between the two evaluation systems and provide for clear comparisons against the City's past parks and recreation plans.

### Mini-Park (Pocket Park)

Small, specialized parks, often less than an acre, that serve the needs of residents in the surrounding neighborhood. A mini-park may serve a limited population or a specific group such as tots or senior citizens.

- Lower Coast Guard Area
- Maple-Ashmun Park
- Market Corner and Pavilion
- Weber Park

### Neighborhood Park

Multi-purpose facilities that provide more active recreation activities, such as field/court games, crafts, playgrounds, skating, picnicking, etc. Neighborhood parks typically serve up to 5,000 residents.

- Algonquin Park
- St. Marys Park
- Shunk Road Memorial Park
- Chandler Park

## Community Park

Parks that offer a variety of recreation facilities to meet the diverse needs of residents from many neighborhoods. Community parks may include areas suited for intense recreational facilities, such as athletic complexes and swimming pools. These parks usually contain other facilities not commonly found in neighborhood parks such as nature areas, picnic pavilions, lighted ball fields, and concession facilities.

- Alford Park / Carbide Dock
- Ashmun Bay Park
- Aune Osborn Park
- Malcolm Park
- Project Playground
- Rotary Island Park
- Sault Seal Recreation Area

## Large Urban Park / Signature Park

Parks that serve a broader purpose than community parks and are used when community and neighborhood parks are not adequate to serve the needs of the area. The focus is on meeting community-based recreational needs, as well as preserving unique natural features.

- Sherman Park

## Special Use Park / Facility

Facilities for specialized or single-purpose recreation activities, such as historical areas, nature centers, dog parks, sports complex, golf courses, arboretums, etc. There are no specific standards for size or acreage since each site will vary, each site is unique to the community it serves.

- Harvey Marina
- I-500 Snowmobile Track
- Kaine's Rink
- Kemp Marina
- Mission Street Boat Launch
- Pullar Community Center
- Shallows Boat Launch
- Skateboard Park
- 2 Community Gardens
- William Gregory Boat Launch

## Natural Resource Area

Lands set aside for the preservation of significant natural resources, landscapes, open space, and visual aesthetics and/or buffering.

- Ashmun Creek Trails
- Lakeshore Park
- Lower River Islands
- Ravine Park

## Inclusive Play

*For children with and without disabilities, the community playground can facilitate a positive environment for physical activity and inclusion.*

*The ADA Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG), signed into law in 2010, detail enforceable standards for physical accessibility. However, these standards do not include elements designed for children with Down syndrome, sensory disorders, and visual and hearing impairments.*

*New attention has been focused on inclusive playgrounds and universal design that can serve a diverse population, including children with physical, cognitive, emotional and sensory disabilities.*

*The following elements are considered essential activities for inclusive play:*

- Sensory play
- Music
- Swinging
- Spinning
- Sliding
- Socialization/imaginative play
- Safety, comfort, and access

*Sources: United States Access Board, Landscape Structures; InclusivePlaygrounds.org*

# Barrier Free Accessibility

The American Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) requires all areas of public service, including parks and recreation facilities, to have barrier-free accessibility. An evaluation of Sault Ste. Marie parks and recreation facilities was conducted as part of the inventory in the summer of 2022. In accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements, facilities were evaluated to determine if a person with any of the following criteria can safely and independently access and use the park or facility:

- Has limited sight or is blind
- Uses a wheelchair
- Has a hearing impairment or is deaf
- Uses a walking aid
- Has a mental impairment

A five-point evaluation system was used to rank each facility's accessibility, described below. Each park facility was given an accessibility ranking, ranging from Level 1 (lowest score—not accessible) to Level 5 (highest score—universally accessible).

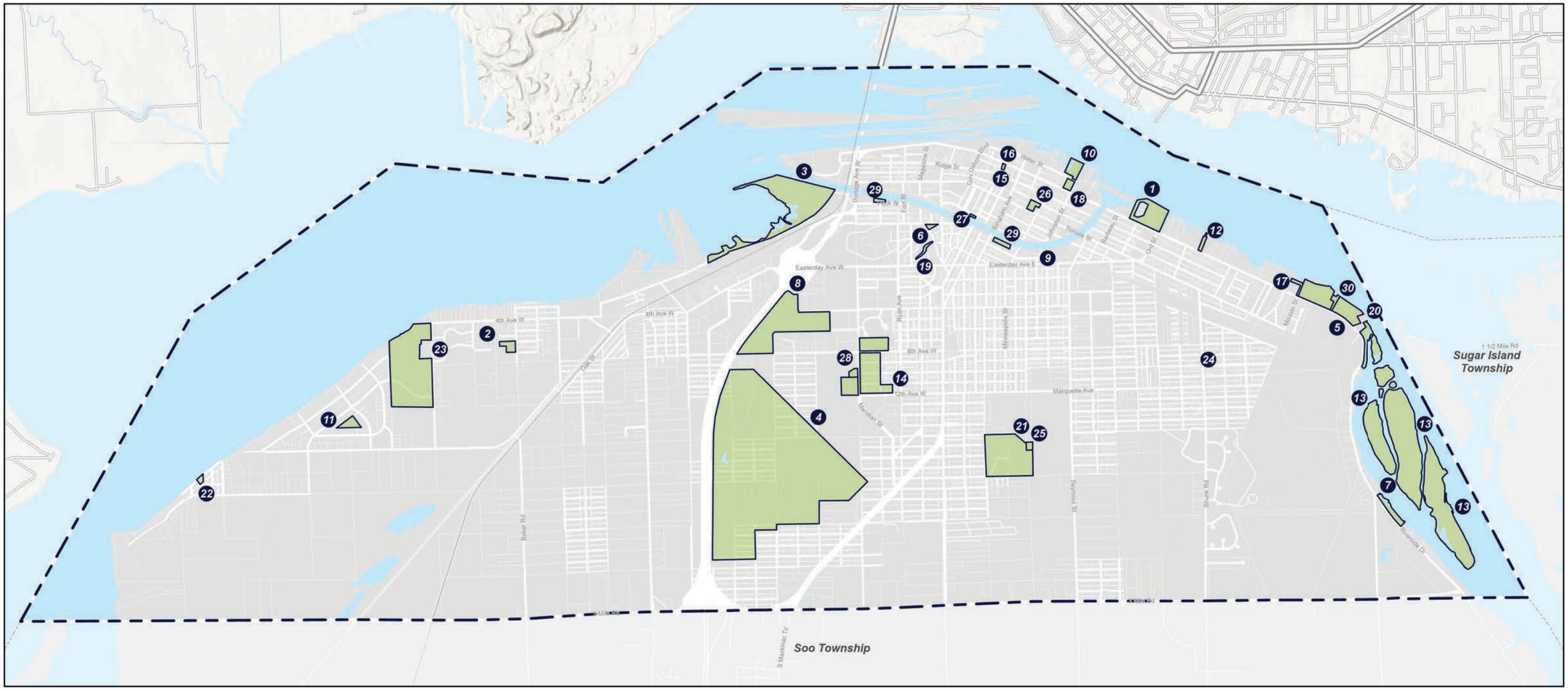
**LEVEL 1.** The park is not accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. The site includes little paved areas and the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are not accessible.

**LEVEL 2.** The park is somewhat accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Either the parking area or pathways are paved, but not both. Many of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are not easily accessible.

**LEVEL 3.** The park is mostly accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Most of the parking areas and pathways are paved, and some of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are accessible but may not be completely barrier-free.

**LEVEL 4.** The park is completely accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Parking areas and pathways are paved, and most of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are easily accessible.

**LEVEL 5.** The entire park was developed or renovated using the principles of universal design, a design approach which enables all environments to be usable by everyone, to the greatest extent




# City Park Inventory

City of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

December 15, 2022

**Legend**

- Park
- Tax Parcel
- Railroads
- Lake, River, Stream, or Drain
- City Boundary
- Other Municipal Boundary

| # | Park Name | # | Park Name | # | Park Name |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Alford Park / Carbide Dock | 11 | Lakeshore Park | 21 | Sault Seal Recreation Area |
| 2 | Algonquin Park | 12 | Lower Coast Guard Park | 22 | Shallows Boat Launch |
| 3 | Ashmun Bay Park | 13 | Lower River Islands | 23 | Sherman Park |
| 4 | Ashmun Creek | 14 | Malcolm Park | 24 | Shunk Road (Memorial) Park |
| 5 | Aune Osborn Park | 15 | Maple/Ashmun Pocket Park | 25 | Skateboard Park |
| 6 | Chandler Park | 16 | Market Corner | 26 | St. Mary's Park |
| 7 | Harvey Marina | 17 | Mission Street Boat Launch | 27 | Weber Park |
| 8 | I-500 Snowmobile Track | 18 | Pullar Community Center | 28 | Project Playground |
| 9 | Kaine's Rink | 19 | Ravine Park | 29 | Community Garden |
| 10 | Kemp Marina | 20 | Rotary Island Park | 30 | William Gregory Boat Launch |

0 3,000 6,000 Feet

*Basemap Source: Michigan Center for Geographic Information, Version 17a.*
*Data Source: McKenna, 2022.*

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MINI PARK | 0.12 ACRES

# Lower Coast Guard Area

ACCESSIBILITY 1

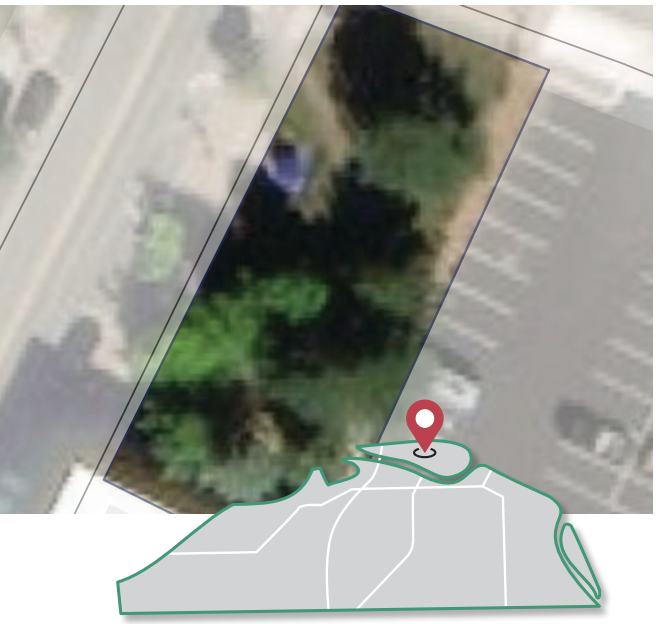
*The Lower Coast Guard Area was acquired from the Department of the Interior and offers water views and space for picnics. Public input indicates interest in prioritizing the development of this area into a functional pocket park, which could serve to buffer the nearby campground and adjacent marine supply store. Enhancing this space would also enhance the non-motorized network along this popular spur.*

## Amenities

- Benches / picnic area
- Pier
- Water viewing

## Opportunities

- Accessible parking and paths
- Portable restroom and screening.
- Lighting.
- Pavilion and enhanced picnic area.
- Shoreline remediation and beach access.
- Gardens.



MINI PARK | 0.16 ACRES

# Maple-Ashmun Park

ACCESSIBILITY

4

*Located downtown at Maple and Ashmun and serving both residents and visitors, this pocket park offers a shaded spot to sit and relax. The space is programmed with green infrastructure and provides visitors with helpful wayfinding signage.*

## Amenities

- Benches
- Gardens
- Picnic tables
- Wayfinding signage
- Musical flowers
- Mini library
- Pervious hardscape

## Opportunities

- Continued park maintenance
- Bollard lighting along the canopied walkway

MINI PARK | 0.30 ACRES

# Market Corner and Pavilion

ACCESSIBILITY

4

*Market Corner and Pavilion offers the community a weekly Farmer's Market during summer months, providing fresh, local food and goods. This area includes attractive hardscaping, a fountain, and a covered parking area (the cover is removed during winter months). With its central location, this park is an asset and has great potential for future programming.*

## Amenities

- Pavilion and seasonal Farmer's Market
- Benches / picnic areas
- Gardens
- Public art (sculptural fountain)
- Lighting
- Pervious hardscape

## Opportunities

- Expand or provide visual buffer from large parking lot.
- Playground or 'climbable' art
- Permanent or portable restroom, with screening.
- Winter events

MINI PARK | 0.30 ACRES

# Weber Park

*Located in Downtown Sault Ste. Marie at Peck and Ashmun Streets, the park is a passive green space dedicated to recreation benefactress Augusta Hursley Seal.*

ACCESSIBILITY

4

## Amenities

- Benches and tables
- Shade trees
- Flower beds
- Public art (statue)
- Annual Christmas tree installation
- Pervious hardscape
- Water viewing

## Opportunities

- Continued park maintenance
- Additional lighting along paths, possibly bollard lighting

NEIGHBORHOOD PARK | 9.83 ACRES

# Algonquin Park

ACCESSIBILITY 1

*Located at 6th Avenue and 20th Street, Algonquin Park offers abundant open space, including a large undeveloped wooded area, and opportunities for active recreation. The park primarily serves the immediate neighborhood, tucked away from major roads. The wooded area directly south of the park contains extensive informal ATV trails.*

## Amenities

- Benches
- Ball field
- Basketball court
- Playground

## Opportunities

- The park is in need of updated courts and play equipment
- Public input and conceptual plans indicate this area as suitable for a dog park/run
- Accessible paths to different play areas and a small wooded trail
- Lighting at the courts and potential pathways
- Permanent or portable restrooms
- Landscaping, tree planting, and/or rain gardens

NEIGHBORHOOD PARK | 2.71 ACRES

# St. Marys Park

*Located on the City's downtown island at Armory Place and Kimball Street, St. Marys primarily serves the residents living on the island's east side. The parks is leased by the City from St. Marys Catholic Elementary School.*

ACCESSIBILITY

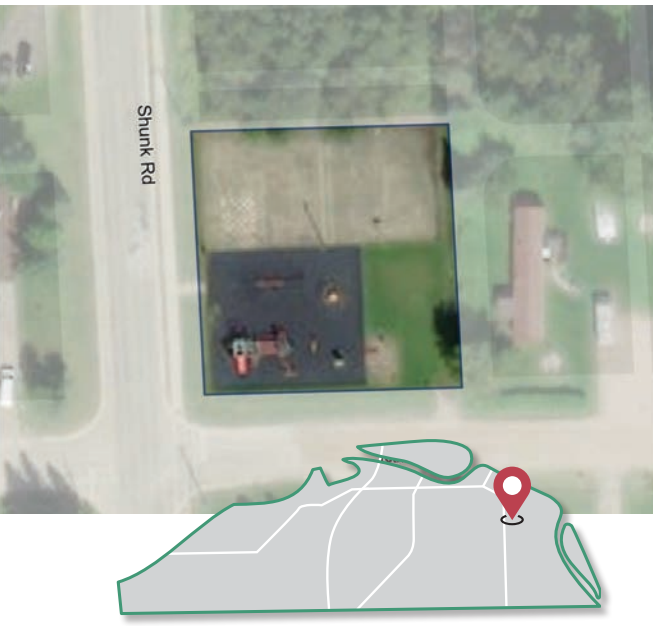
2

## Amenities

- Playgrounds, swings
- Benches
- Adjacent ball field
- Nearby tennis court (school)
- Nearby basketball court (school)
- Open green space

## Opportunities

- Graded paths to different play areas and seating areas
- Additional lighting
- Gardens
- Ballfield fencing replacement




NEIGHBORHOOD PARK | 0.40 ACRES

# Shunk Road (Memorial) Park

*Located at 10th Avenue and Shunk Road, this fenced park provides neighborhood kids with opportunities for active recreation. The park sports a variety of activities and is an important asset in this area.*

ACCESSIBILITY

3

## Amenities

- Playground
- Basketball Court
- Fitness Equipment

## Opportunities

- Patch and paint concrete play area.
- Drinking fountain
- Gardens

NEIGHBORHOOD PARK | 0.62 ACRES

# Chandler Park

*Located in Neighborhood 4, Chandler Park offers residents a large, grassy open area and smaller playground for active recreation.*

ACCESSIBILITY

2

## Amenities

- Benches / picnic area
- Playground equipment
- Sledding hill

## Opportunities

- Accessible paths and parking
- Lighting
- Additional landscaping
- Public art or 'climbable' art

COMMUNITY PARK | 16.9 ACRES

# Alford Park/Carbide Dock

ACCESSIBILITY

1

*This site is located just east of the Hydropower Plant and Power Canal, at E. Portage Avenue and Salmon Run Way. Closed in 2016 due to sediment issues, the park is expected to reopen in the near future with a slate of new amenities. The site has seen the recent construction of the LSSU Center for Freshwater Research and the surrounding area continues to generate local and visitor traffic. The site has great potential for further activating this portion of E. Portage.*

## Opportunities

- Because the site is currently closed, existing amenities cannot be listed; however, a development plan for the site has been created over the last year and is included in the Appendix
- Passive green space, benches.
- Riverwalk
- Landscaping and water features
- Refurbished dock and storage/loading areas
- Paved road and additional parking
- Restroom

COMMUNITY PARK | 175.71 ACRES

# Ashmun Bay Park

ACCESSIBILITY 2

*This large park is close to downtown and offers the only major boat launch into the upper river. The City acquired the park space in 2000 with funding from the Natural Resources Trust Fund. In 2004, a multi-phased Master Plan was completed. Phases 1 and 2 included property acquisition for trail development.*

## Amenities

- Pier and boat launch
- Trails
- Benches
- Water viewing

## Opportunities

- An approved development plan is included in the Appendix.
- Trails and paths connected to the City's non-motorized network.
- Restrooms.
- Pavilions, benches, and picnic areas.
- Rustic camp sites.
- Shoreline remediation and landscaping.
- Ramp repair or replacement

COMMUNITY PARK | 16.10 ACRES

# Aune-Osborn Park

*Aune-Osborn Park is a larger waterfront property on the lower St. Marys River that is functionally divided into two parts. The western end is used as a tourist campground. The eastern end is largely undeveloped but is used for water sightseeing. Clean Michigan Initiative (CMI) grant funds were used here to construct 20 new modern campsites.*

ACCESSIBILITY

3

## Amenities

- Benches, pavilions, and picnic areas
- Pier and boat launch (William Gregory Boat Launch)
- Restrooms, showers
- Water viewing
- Campgrounds
- Multipurpose field
- Fish cleaning station

## Opportunities

- An asset management plan is included in the Appendix.
- Accessible parking
- Upgraded pavilions and picnic areas
- Rustic campsites/expansion of camping area.
- Waterfront accessible paths and benches
- Tree planting and landscaping
- Potential summer/winter event space, revenue generation

COMMUNITY PARK | 44.64 ACRES

# Malcolm Park

*Malcolm Park serves as the community's principal ball field facility. The park consists of ten ball fields, most with complete dugouts and bleachers, and is a hub for active recreation. User groups, such as Malcolm Park Pride and Sault Area Little League, are primarily responsible for recreation programming of Malcolm Park and invest considerably in its maintenance.*

ACCESSIBILITY 2

## Amenities

- Ball fields (10), including backstops, bleachers, and dugouts
- Benches / picnic areas
- Restrooms and concession stand
- Drinking fountain
- Pavilion

## Opportunities

- An Asset Management Plan and MI Sparks Grant application are included in the Appendix.
- Upgraded pavilion
- New equipment (mower)
- Continue fencing repairs
- Continue bleacher and dugout replacements
- Upgraded storage building (8th and Meridian)
- Improved drainage and grading
- Playground equipment
- Parking lot improvements
- Bathroom upgrades/demolish obsolete structure
- Reconfigure where different groups play

COMMUNITY PARK | 1.97 ACRES

# Project Playground

ACCESSIBILITY

3

*Project Playground is part of the larger Malcolm Park complex and is located at the terminus of 10th Avenue at Meridian Street. The park was built through community action and donations and has seen continued investment over the years, including a soon-to-be-completed splash pad and restroom.*

## Amenities

- Playground
- Pavilion
- Restrooms
- Splash pad
- Trails

## Opportunities

- An asset management plan and development plan for the splash pad are included in the Appendix.
- Continued park maintenance and community partnerships.
- Enhanced trail system; connect to City's non-motorized network.

COMMUNITY PARK | 4.16 ACRES

# Rotary Island Park

*Located just east of Aune-Osborn Campground, Rotary Island offers a spectacular view of the St. Marys River. It is leased from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and managed by the Rotary Club. The park will eventually become a gateway to the Lower River Island park system and feature additional amenities.*

ACCESSIBILITY

2

## Amenities

- Playground
- Paved parking
- Benches / picnic areas
- Restrooms
- Youth fishing pond
- Water viewing

## Opportunities

- An asset management plan and approved development plan can be found in the Appendix, part of which proposes a pavilion, a permanent restroom, and additional tree plantings and landscaping throughout the site.
- Continued bridge maintenance connecting the island to the mainland.

COMMUNITY PARK | 32.98 ACRES

# Sault Seal Recreation Area

ACCESSIBILITY

1

*The Sault Seal Recreation Area is the City's premier winter recreation facility and offers a tubing facility with three wire rope lifts, a beginner's ski hill, snowboarding, winter trails for cross country skiing and a warming building with concessions and restrooms. It is continuously improved through a citizen effort called 'Project Park'.*

## Amenities

- Sledding hill
- Tubing + lift
- Downhill and cross-country skiing areas
- Restroom
- Warming station / concessions
- Hiking Trails

## Opportunities

- Firepits
- Enhanced trail system - connect to non-motorized network
- Pavilion or picnic area for summer trail use
- Consider

LARGE URBAN PARK | 75.52 ACRES

# Sherman Park

*The City's flagship park, located on the upper St. Marys River at 4th Avenue and 24th Street, Sherman Park contains a variety of facilities, including the City's only public beach.*

ACCESSIBILITY

3

## Amenities

- Beach
- Trails
- Playground
- Benches / picnic areas
- Volleyball courts (2)
- Restrooms
- Ball field
- Pavilion
- Campground
- Grills

## Opportunities

- An asset management plan and development plan are included in the Appendix.
- Beach enhancements and accessibility
- Campground buildout
- Pavilion and maintenance building upgrades
- Additional lighting and security system

SPECIAL USE | 51.97 ACRES

# I-500 Snowmobile Track

*The I-500 Track, located adjacent to I-75 at the end of 4th Avenue, is a one-mile oval course used once a year by a nonprofit organization for the annual I- 500 Snowmobile Race.*

ACCESSIBILITY

1

## Amenities

- Snowmobile track
- Concessions
- Benches

## Opportunities

- Accessible/paved parking and paths
- Seasonal prairie plantings to reduce summer maintenance
- Potential summer event space/revenue generation

SPECIAL USE | 1.76 ACRES

# Pullar Community Center

ACCESSIBILITY

2

*The City's main indoor community facility, located at the corner of E. Portage Avenue and Johnston Street, the 'Pullar' has a regional draw, used for hockey and skating as well as concerts, teen dances, circuses and other special events. The community has undertaken fundraising efforts to support significant rehabilitations at the Pullar recently. Maintenance of the Pullar remains a priority and improvements are*

## Amenities

- Shower
- Restrooms
- Ice Skating
- Concessions
- Benches

## Opportunities

- Facility and equipment upgrades
- Accessibility improvements within seating and team player areas.
- Exterior landscaping/gardens

SPECIAL USE | 0.90 ACRES

# Kaine's Rink

ACCESSIBILITY

1

*A local piece of hockey culture, Kaine's Rink has been used by generations of hockey players. Located at on Easterday Avenue at Johnston Street, the rink is seasonal and ice conditions depend largely on local weather conditions. The rink is available for rent for non-ice events and houses tree sales in the summer along with other community activities.*

## Amenities

- Restrooms
- Indoor ice rink
- Benches

## Opportunities

- Facility and equipment upgrades.
- Paved/accessible parking and approach.
- Improved site drainage and landscaping.

SPECIAL USE | 5.34 ACRES

# George Kemp Marina

*Kemp Marina is located just southeast of the Soo Locks, containing 58 slips with direct access to the St. Marys River. Fully accessible and with several amenities, the marina typically runs at capacity and the City regularly maintains all marina information on the City website and Facebook page.*

ACCESSIBILITY 5

## Amenities

- Free Wi-Fi
- Courtesy gas grills
- Power/water stations at each dock
- Gas/diesel services
- Septic pump out service
- Courtesy bikes
- Restrooms and showers
- Nearby Downtown Business District
- Museums and historical sites
- Boating and fishing
- R&R Marine store

## Opportunities

- An approved development plan is included in the Appendix
- As-needed repairs are allocated annually from the operational budget; items that need to be addressed include electric short switches, outdated fuel pumps, water lines, and decking; wave attenuator panels
- A component of the development plan, a capital improvement project was completed in 2022 on the break wall and walkway as well as utility connections in this area, costing approximately $900,000

SPECIAL USE | 3.68 ACRES

# Charles T. Harvey Marina

*Harvey Marina is located across from the Lower River Islands, providing 30 slips with access to the Lower St. Marys River,. the City regularly maintains all marina information on the City website and Facebook page.*

ACCESSIBILITY

1

## Amenities

- Restroom
- Multipurpose building
- Boating and fishing access
- Paddler dock
- Water and vessel viewing
- Nearby Sault Tribe recreation and businesses

## Opportunities

- Conceptual development plans are included in the Appendix. Possible improvements include hammock posts, viewing decks, tree planting and landscaping, shoreline remediation, paved parking, and upgraded facilities
- As-needed repairs are allocated annually from the operational budget, ranging from $500 to $1,500 per year
- Some decking has started to be replaced in 2022; the marina is also in need of launch ramp maintenance or replacement

SPECIAL USE | 0.90 ACRES

# Mission Street Boat Launch

ACCESSIBILITY

1

*Located at the corner of E. Portage Avenue and Mission Street, adjacent to Aune-Osborn Park and Campground, the Mission Street Boat Launch contains a concrete boat launch with one transient dock. Though technically part of the Sault Ste. Marie Water Treatment Facility to the west, the gravel parking area and large grassy are used by boat launch users. The park is used primarily for launching recreational boats into the lower St. Marys River.*

## Amenities

- Boat launch
- Benches
- Water viewing

## Opportunities

- Permanent dock installation
- Additional landscaping

SPECIAL USE | 0.90 ACRES

# Shallows Boat Launch

*A very small park located at Shallows Beach Avenue and Forrest Boulevard, this is used as the second of two boat launches/access points to the upper St. Marys River. Though not suitable for large boats, this facility is ideal for launching small personal watercraft.*

ACCESSIBILITY

1

## Amenities

- Boat launch
- Water viewing
- Benches

## Opportunities

- Paved/level parking
- Rain gardens
- Signage

SPECIAL USE | 1.0 ACRE

# William Gregory Boat Launch

ACCESSIBILITY

3

*Located within Aune-Osborn Park, this boat launch is open to the public and contains two launch docks with access to the St. Marys River. Though technically a part of the larger Aune-Osborn parkland, this*

## Amenities

- 2 launch docks
- Water viewing
- Fishing
- Fish cleaning station

## Opportunities

- Dock repair and replacement
- Paved/accessible driveway and path
- Additional landscaping

SPECIAL USE | 2.26 ACRES

# Community Gardens

ACCESSIBILITY 1

*The City operates two community gardens, one of which is located off Bingham Avenue, south of the Power Canal and adjacent to the Power Canal non-motorized trail. The second garden is located on Peck Street, between Fort Street and W. Portage Avenue. Plots are leased to individuals and nonprofits to cultivate food and flower beds, serving an important function to local residents.*

## Amenities

- Gardening
- Water spigots
- Water viewing
- Non-motorized trail

## Opportunities

- Shaded picnic area
- Accessible parking
- Additional landscaping/rain gardens

SPECIAL USE | 0.5 ACRES

# Skate and Bike Park

ACCESSIBILITY

1

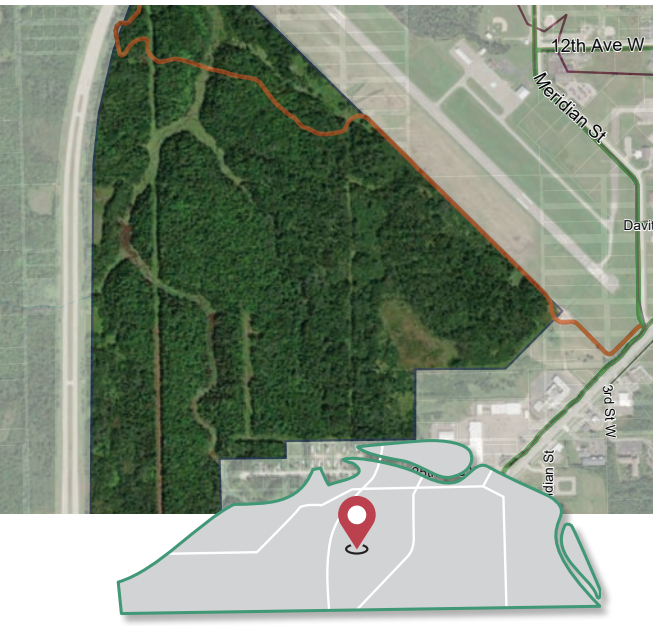
*The Skate and Bike Park serves as the community's principal skateboarding facility, located just east of Sault Seal Recreation Area and south of the high school. The park consists of six different ramps and four rails for active use. It is adjacent to the High School Backlands, which contains rectangular fields and a pavilion.*

## Amenities

- Ramps and rails
- Benches
- Picnic Table

## Opportunities

- More central relocation
- Art feature - graffiti wall
- Water fountain




NATURAL RESOURCE AREA | 300+ ACRES

# Ashmun Creek Trails

ACCESSIBILITY 1

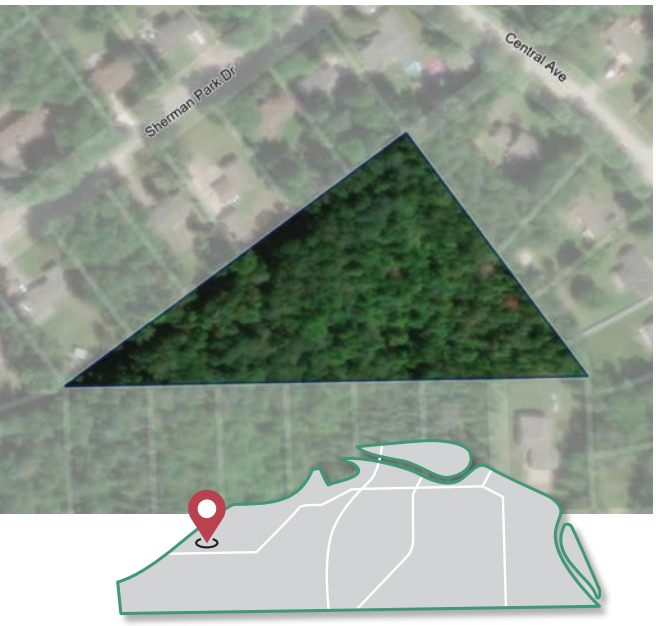
*The Ashmun Creek Trail network consists of several established trails with educational signage, used by local organizations for hikes and educational purposes. Due to the creek's sensitive soils, topography, and connection to the St. Mary's River, this site is most appropriate for further natural-area type programing and development. Little Traverse Conservancy, OUTHouse Consortium, and the Chippewa Luce Mackinaw Conservation District are interested in enhancing this area.*

## Amenities

- Hiking trails
- Wooded/natural areas

## Opportunities

- A development plan is included in the Appendix.
- Continue to develop trail system - connect to City's non-motorized network.




NATURAL RESOURCE AREA | 3.26 ACRES

# Lakeshore Park

ACCESSIBILITY

1

*Lakeshore Park is located at the center of the triangular region bound by Sherman Park Drive, Central Avenue, and South Drive. Originally, this area was set aside for future development as a neighborhood park facility, and is currently covered in dense, mature vegetation.*

## Amenities

- Wooded area.

## Opportunities

- Unpaved trail/pathway.
- Passive education plaques.

NATURAL RESOURCE AREA | 62.5 ACRES

# Lower River Islands

ACCESSIBILITY

1

*The Lower River Islands are located in the southeast corner of the City, south of Rotary Island Park, within the St. Marys River. This archipelago is currently under a lease agreement for cleanup and future development. Watercraft access is available to Voyageur Island and includes boardwalks, hiking trails, and observation decks. The other islands may remain undeveloped natural areas which are not open to the public.*

## Amenities

- Trails
- Observation decks
- Boat/Kayak launch
- Fishing
- Water viewing

## Opportunities

- A development plan is included in the Appendix.
- Pedestrian bridge connecting Rotary Island.
- Accessible paths, picnic area
- Public campsites

NATURAL RESOURCE AREA | 1.76 ACRES

# Ravine Park

ACCESSIBILITY

1

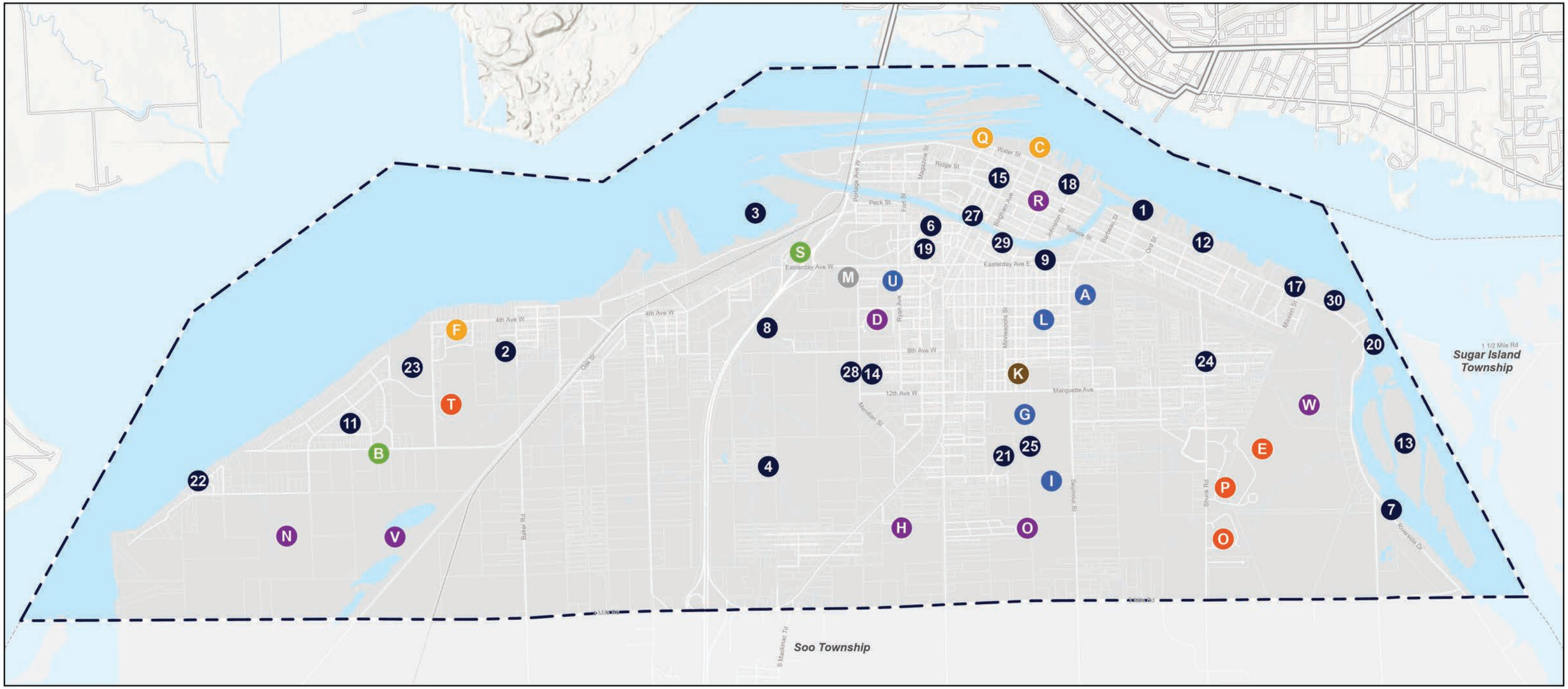
*This is a largely undeveloped green area located between North and South Ravine Streets. It includes a paved non-motorized portion of South Ravine Street between McCandless Street and Hillside Street, which was closed due to speeding concerns. This park primarily serves the immediate neighborhood, with little room for improvements due to its placement and topography.*

## Amenities

- Paved path
- Wooded area

## Opportunities

- Non-motorized connection to path.




# All Park Inventory

City of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

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P Shawano Drive Playground
T Tanglewood Golf Course

## Sault Area Public Schools Parks

A A.J. Van Citter's Athletic Field
G Sault High Sports Complex
I High School Backlands
L Lincoln School
U Washington School

## State of Michigan Parks

B Algonquin Ski Trails
S State Rest Area

## LSSU Parks

M LSSU Norton Center

## Private Parks

D Bridge Village Playground
H Edge of the Woods Playground
M Hobbins-Meyer Nature Preserve
N Rapids Drive Playground
R St. Mary's Park
V Donaldson Moore Nature Preserve
W Sault Ste. Marie Country Club

## Sault Housing Commission Parks

K Kimball Street Playground

## Federal Parks

C Brady Park
F Coast Guard Housing Park
Q Soo Locks Park

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Feet

*Basemap Source: MCGI, Version 17a.*
*Data Source: SSM, 2022. McKenna, 2022.*

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# Public School Facilities

The Sault Area Public Schools operates the following facilities which total over 160 acres. Though not under the City's jurisdiction, these facilities provide recreational opportunities to the people of Sault Ste. Marie and should be considered in recreational planning decisions.

SPORTS COMPLEX | 12.14 ACRES

## A.J. Van Citter's Athletic Field

Outdoor multipurpose recreation field just south of Sault Area High School.

NATURAL RESOURCES AREA | 120.0 ACRES

## High School Backlands

Large undeveloped area to the south of Sault Area School and east of Sault Seal Recreation Area that has great potential for future recreational development and contains a pavilion and snowmobile trail.

SCHOOL PARK | 9.18 ACRES

## J.K.L. Bahweting Anishinabe

Located at 8th Street and Marquette Avenue, this public school academy contains play structures, a ball court, and open space. It serves as the neighborhood's primary park facility.

SCHOOL PARK | 7.39 ACRES

## Lincoln School Park

Located at 7th Avenue and Swinton Street, this park contains play structures, ball courts, baseball backstops, and open space. It serves as the neighborhood's primary park facility.

SPORTS COMPLEX | 15.7 ACRES

## Sault High Sports Complex

This sports complex primarily serves the students of the school system and the community. It contains fitness facilities, tennis courts, soccer field, and basketball courts.

SCHOOL PARK | 7.36 ACRES

## Washington School Park

Located at Ryan Avenue and Dillon Street, this park serves as the chief recreation facility for children ages 5-12 in the surrounding neighborhood. It contains play structures, basketball courts, a baseball backstop, and a soccer field.

# Tribal, State, and Federal Facilities

There are several different Tribal, Federal, and State jurisdictions that operate park lands and recreational facilities within the City of Sault Ste. Marie. These recreation providers offer opportunities to City residents and visitors alike and contribute greatly to local recreation as well as the City's cultural tapestry. These jurisdictions include the State of Michigan (417 acres), Lake Superior State University (40.65 acres), United States Coast Guard (2.26 acres), Sault Housing Commission (1.6 acres), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (26.96 acres), and The Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians (an estimated 19.5 acres). The continued cooperation between these recreational providers and the City allows City residents and tourists to experience a breadth of quality recreation in a small-town environment.

NATURAL RESOURCES AREA | 411.76 ACRES

## Algonquin Ski Trail

*State of Michigan*

A major Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) land holding, this area contains several miles of trails used in the winter for cross-country skiing and snow shoeing. In the summer the trails are used by outdoor enthusiasts and hikers. The large piece of land includes a variety of undisturbed natural ecosystems including lakes, marshes, and woodland habitats. A portion of the MDNR trails were lighted through a local fundraising effort.

NATURAL RESOURCES AREA | 120.0 ACRES

## Brady Park

*Federal*

Adjacent to the Soo Locks, this park is the site of the annual City fireworks display. The park is host to several significant historical monuments, displays, and a sacred Anishinabeg burial ground.

SPECIAL USE | 9.26 ACRES

## Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center

*Tribal*

Located on the Sault Tribe's 225-acre Methodist Mission Reserve property, Chi Mukwa (Big Bear) is available for use by the community. It houses two year-round ice rinks, gymnasium, exercise facilities, a day care center, sauna, and pro shop, and has accommodations for meetings and parties. Other amenities include a playground, grills, ice hockey, skating, track, and concessions.

MINI PARK | 1.6 ACRES

## Kimball Street Park

*Sault Housing Commission*

A small pocket park on Kimball Street, just north of Marquette Avenue, this facility is managed by the Sault Housing Commission. It contains a play structure, basketball court, and benches.

SPORTS COMPLEX | 40.64 ACRES

## Norris Center

*Lake Superior State University*

The Norris Center at Meridian Street and Easterday Avenue has an extensive collection of indoor and outdoor facilities and is a part of LSSU's campus. It includes several amenities such as rock climbing, gym equipment, track, tennis courts, an ice arena, and swimming pools, among others.

MINI PARK | 0.10 ACRES

## Saultuer Drive Playground

*Tribal*

This small playground on Saultuer Drive is part of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians' 85.6 acre reserve.

MINI PARK | 0.14 ACRES

## Shawano Drive Playground

*Tribal*

This small playground on Shawano Drive is part of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians' 85.6 acre reserve.

COMMUNITY PARK | 13.52 ACRES

## Soo Locks Park

*Federal*

Soo Locks Park, located off Water Street along the St. Marys River, is a major regional tourist attraction. This well-maintained park is located directly next to the Soo Locks and contains a variety of amenities including a viewing platform, benches, fountain, monuments, restrooms, and an information center.

SPECIAL USE | 40.64 ACRES

## State Welcome Center

*State of Michigan*

The Welcome Center is operated by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MODT) and includes a border information center, restrooms, benches, grills, and a picnic area.

SPECIAL USE | 134 ACRES

## Tanglewood Golf Course

*Tribal*

Tanglewood is an 18-hole golf course providing recreational opportunities in a natural setting with several amenities, including the club house and bathroom facilities.

# Private Parks and Facilities

Several parks owned and operated by private entities serve to supplement the publicly-owned recreation areas and provide unique experiences.

MINI PARK | 0.54 ACRES

## Bridge Village and Playground

Used by residents of Bridge Village, located in the residential development's commons area and contains a playground.

MINI PARK | 0.80 ACRES

## Edge of the Woods Park

This small playground near Meridian and 4th is part of the Edge of the Woods apartment complex, serving primarily the complex's residents.

NATURAL RESOURCE AREA | 214.7 ACRES

## Hobbins-Meyer Nature Preserve

This large wildlife preserve was donated to Little Traverse Conservancy in 2005 by the Meyer family. This preserve in located south and east of Bermuda Avenue.

MINI PARK | 0.2 ACRES

## Rapids Drive Playground

This small private park within Lake Superior Estates contains a small playground and basketball court.

SPECIAL USE |

## Sault Ste. Marie Country Club

The Country Club is a par 71, Jerry Matthews design located off Riverside Drive and includes a clubhouse and bathroom facilities. The golf course get excellent views of the St. Marys River and passing freighters.

# Facilities Analysis

NRPA publishes the NRPA Agency Performance Review, which is an annual report that summarizes national parks and recreation facility provisioning across municipalities and recreation agencies. The Review includes benchmarking data contributed by 1,000 agencies to the Park Metrics database. The Park Metrics database separates the data based on size of jurisdiction being served.

The Park Metrics provide a snapshot of Sault Ste. Marie's parks and recreation offerings in comparison to data from similarly sized peer communities. This information must be combined with information about the community's specific needs and experiences to identify the optimal mix of facilities and programming. In the case of this Plan, the community engagement process and other analyses provided the necessary context.

## Parkland

The City of Sault Ste. Marie has an abundance of parkland for its relatively small footprint, which does not account for the additional school, state, federal, tribal, and private parkland available to residents. The following table shows how Sault Ste. Marie compares to national standards found in the NRPA Park Metrics database as well as how park density compares across the City's census tracts.

**Table 10. Sault Ste. Marie Parkland Acreage Analysis**

| National Average | Average for Populations <20,000 | Sault Ste. Marie (City Parks Only) | Sault Ste. Marie (All Parks) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 10.4 | 12.9 | 35.76 | 81.8 |

Sault Ste. Marie Parkland Density per Census Tract

| Census Tract | Park Area in Acres | Sault Ste. Marie (City Parks Only) | Sault Ste. Marie (All Parks) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 9702 | 139.6 | 2669.2 | 0.05 |
| 9703 | 36.1 | 822.0 | 0.04 |
| 9704 | 3.85 | 349.2 | 0.01 |
| 9705 | 381.9 | 4397.1 | 0.09 |
| 9706 (partial) | 260 | 1262.7 | 0.21 |

# Outdoor Facilities

Sault Ste. Marie has built a comprehensive range of outdoor park and recreation facilities. The table on the following page reveals that the city provides a variety of facilities that are listed in the NRPA Park Metrics database. Compared to peer communities, Sault Ste. Marie clearly excels in terms of the range of outdoor facilities it offers in some categories, such as the number of ball fields and playgrounds. In addition, the city offers residents and visitors unique outdoor activities, such as skiing opportunities, camping, and hiking. Most communities with a population less than 20,000 cannot make this claim.

**Table 11. Analysis of Outdoor Park and Recreation Facilities in Sault Ste. Marie**

| Facility Type | Percent of Agencies that Provide the Facility | Presence of the Facility in Sault Ste. Marie | Median Number of Residents per Facility | Number of Facilities Recommended | Number of Facilities Currently in Sault Ste. Marie |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Playgrounds | 95% | Yes | 1,986 | 6.7 | 8 |
| Tot Lots | 45% | No | 6,642 | 2.0 | - |
| Basketball Courts | 86% | Yes | 3,750 | 3.6 | 3 |
| Tennis Courts | 78% | Yes | 2,723 | 4.9 | 1 |
| Pickleball Courts | 18% | No | 3,446 | 3.9 | - |
| Volleyball Courts | 48% | Yes | 5,400 | 2.5 | 2 |
| Ballfields (youth) | 79% | Yes | 3,107 | 4.3 | 12 |
| Rectangular Fields | | | | | |
| Multipurpose | 68% | Yes | 4,362 | 3.1 | 1 |
| Soccer | 50% | | 3,504 | 3.8 | |
| Football | 35% | | 8,004 | 1.7 | |
| Multipurpose - Synthetic | 22% | | 12,962 | 1.0 | |
| Dog Parks | 67% | No | 11,100 | 1.2 | - |
| Swimming Pool | 53% | Yes* | 8,637 | 1.5 | *1, public beach<br>*1 private pool (Country Club) |
| Community Gardens | 51% | Yes | 8,773 | 1.5 | 2 |
| Skate Parks | 39% | Yes | 11,100 | 1.2 | 1 |
| Ice Rinks (Outdoors) | 18% | Yes* | 7,997 | 1.7 | 2 (indoors) |
| Golf Course (18-hole) | 29% | Yes* | 9,183 | 1.5 | *2, private/tribal |
| Driving Range Stations | 26% | | 5,055 | 2.6 | |

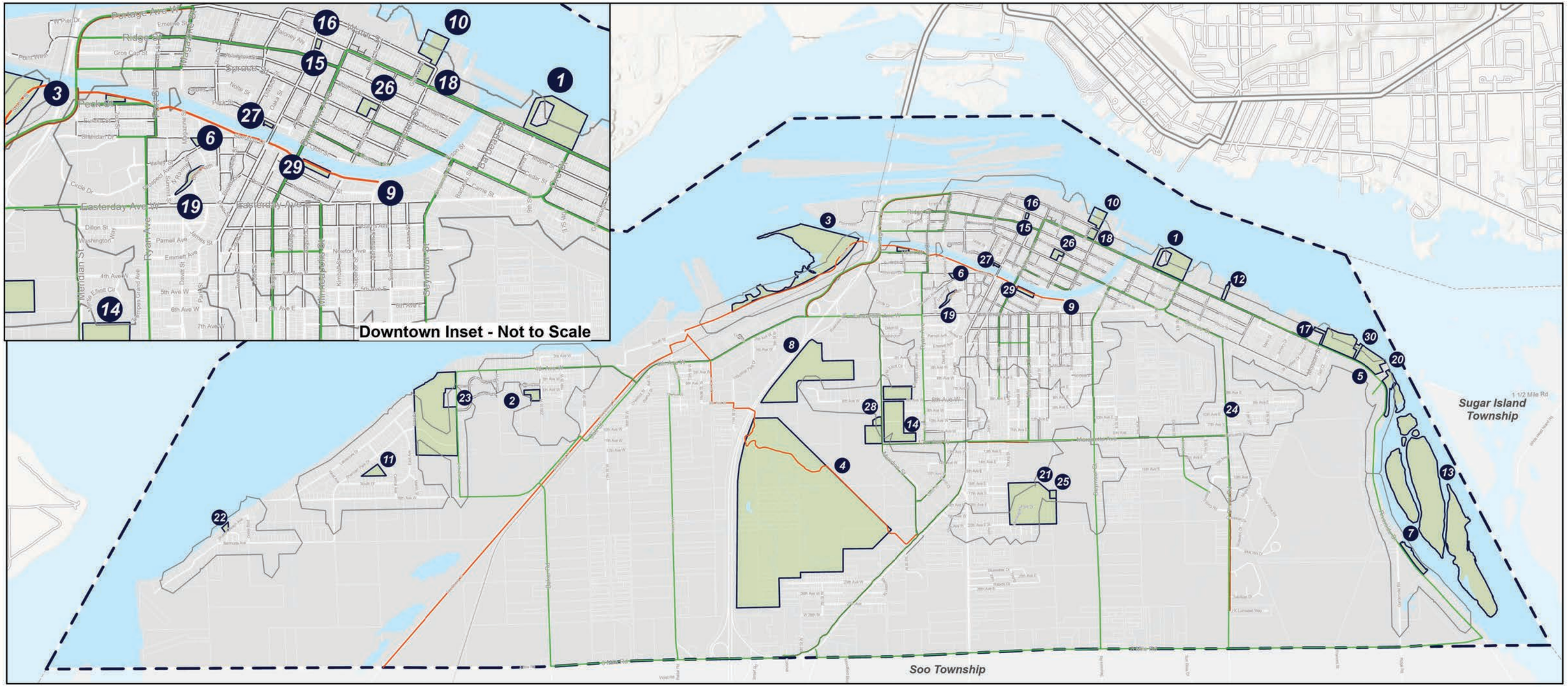
*Based on NRPA Metrics published in the 2022 NRPA Agency Performance Review.*

*Based on NRPA data from communities with a population of less than 20,000.*

*The figures reflect the number of facilities needed to achieve a Median Number of Residents per Facility in Sault Ste. Marie based on the 2020 U.S. Census population of 13,337.*

# Walkability

The Map on the following page shows the area of the city that is within a 10-minute walk of a City park or recreation facility, via streets, sidewalks, bike paths, or multi-use paths - also known as the service area. The areas outside of the 10-minute walk boundary represent the areas underserved by parks. The majority of Sault Ste. Marie is served by a facility; areas that appear to be underserved are characterized by sparse rural development (i.e., 14th Street) or primarily commercial (i.e., I-75 Business Spur and 3 Mile Road). Further, many of these areas have access to other recreation facilities, such as private golf facilities, public school facilities, or State-owned parkland. The expansion of the non-motorized transportation network will make these areas more accessible to public park and recreation facilities.




# City Park Walkability Analysis

City of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

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**Legend**

- Sidewalk
- Bike Path
- Multi-Use Path
- 10-minute Walk from Park Center
- Park
- Tax Parcel
- Railroads
- Lake, River, Stream, or Drain
- City Boundary
- Other Municipal Boundary

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*Data Source: Sault Ste. Marie, 2022. McKenna, 2022.*

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# Planning and Public Input

# Planning Process

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) provides guidance on the preparation of parks and recreation master plans. The City, in collaboration with City administration, staff, residents, and community leaders, has fulfilled the requirements of the MDNR, following six key tasks:

## Understand Community Context

In order to develop the Plan, the first step was to meet with the City leadership and discuss aspects of the City's physical and social environment. Using the past plan's goals, objectives, and action items, conversations around the community's future took shape. Furthermore, it was essential to understand the administrative structure of parks and recreation services, funding, and grant history. Additionally, several important stakeholders were identified for further discussions.

As a result of these initial meetings, further analysis of the City's land use and natural features was undertaken, along with a demographic profile of the community, including age, disability status, households, and economic data. Further, an understanding of the historical significance of the area helped establish a community identity, leading to multiple important initiatives regarding natural and historical lands.

## Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Inventory

Through site visits, mapping, and written analysis, a comprehensive inventory of the City's parks and recreation facilities was completed by the project consultant and City staff. Among the information included are park size, barrier-free accessibility, recreation amenities, equipment, and other physical attributes.

# Public Participation

The City has consistently emphasized public participation in its planning efforts. As such, robust, early public engagement was critical. First, a project website was created to host all public information including important dates and relevant documents. Using the website, an online survey was launched and physical copies were made available at City Hall to solicit comments from the public regarding both general and specific parks and recreation needs. In tandem with the survey, an online mapping tool was developed to glean location-specific comments data for facilities.

In addition to the online participation, two public workshops were conducted, focused primarily on 'going where the people are' to solicit feedback and advertise the project and online tools. The draft Plan was also presented to the Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation Board during regularly scheduled meetings, where residents could provide input.

# Analysis

Several analyses were performed to better understand the data collected through conversations with City officials and staff, fieldwork, and the results from the online survey. The analysis of connectivity/walkability, parkland and facility metrics, and demographics served as the foundation of the recommendations, with public input serving to refine and enhance the structure of the plan.

# Action Plan

A detailed action plan was developed based on the completion of the above analysis. This plan offers recommendations on what projects should be prioritized and be accomplished within the next five years and is available as a separate document for staff to record, refine, and evaluate. Additionally, long-range, community-wide objectives are identified.

# Plan Completion and Adoption

The 2023-2027 Parks and Recreation Plan was made available for public review for 30 days. Residents and stakeholders were encouraged to review the Plan and provide comments. The Plan was advertised through the City's website, social media, and a public notice in the local newspaper.

Residents were able to physically review the plan at the:

- Bayliss Public Library – Reference Desk
- Pullar Community Building – Lobby
- City Hall – Engineering Department

On December 19, 2022, the City of Sault Ste. Marie held a public hearing at the regularly scheduled City Commission meeting. The public hearing was advertised and posted in accordance with Michigan law. This was and additional opportunity for residents to voice any opinions about the plan.

On January 16, 2023, the City Commission approved a resolution to adopt the City of Sault Ste. Marie's 2023-2027 Parks and Recreation Master Plan at a regularly scheduled meeting. A copy of the resolution was certified by the City Clerk and transmitted to EUPRPDC, Chippewa County, and the MDNR.

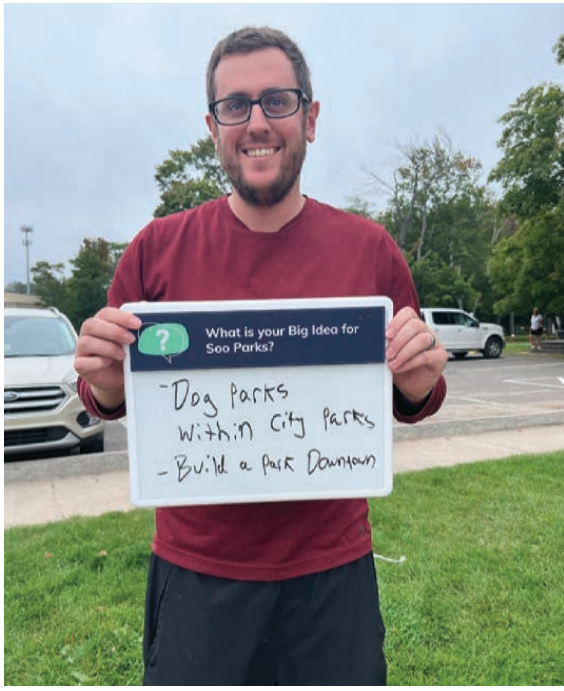
# Public Participation

*An essential task in the recreation planning process is to determine the needs of the community early on. Where data serve as the technical foundation of recommendations, community needs serve as the basis for refining and enhancing the Action Plan.*

The City used several outreach methods throughout the planning process for robust and open community input. Participants at such events included residents, specific parks and recreation stakeholders, and community organizations' representatives. In total, there were three key methods used as part of this program to help achieve meaningful public engagement.

## Find the Parks Planner "Mobile Workshop"

The first of two public participation events was a 'Mobile Workshop' held on September 10, 2022. For this event, staff traveled to several popular city parks over the course of five hours to engage with people where they were. The intent of this workshop was to speak with as many park users as possible, encourage the use of the recently launched survey and comment map, and have folks participate in a broad visioning exercise. In total, over 60 people participated in the exercise and the City received over 50 unique comments.




### Mobile Workshop Takeaways

**Safety + Maintenance**

- Surveillance, safer equipment, accessible areas, and trash pickup were brought up frequently during this workshop.
- Continued maintenance of sidewalks, docks, and sports equipment—year-round—was also a priority.
- Volunteer programs already in place can be bolstered to mitigate these concerns.

**Variety + Amenities**

- The importance of having 'something for everyone' was not understated, regardless of age or ability. Both passive and active solutions should be explored.
- Interestingly, users noted that the separation of amenities for different age groups in different parks (rather than within the same park) was a plus.
- Water accessibility was a highpoint of many conversations, with users expressing the need for maintained public beaches; this is in addition to basic amenities like restrooms, drinking fountains, and picnic areas.

# Online and Hard Copy Surveys and Online Comment Map

The City launched an online and hard copy survey related to the City's overall parks and recreation program. Additionally, an online comment map was developed to solicit open-ended, location-specific feedback. Links to the survey and comment map were made available at the project website, on social media, and through hard copy fliers and email distribution. Hard copy surveys were available at City Hall. The survey and comment map were made available for 38 days. At the end of the survey period, the City received the following number of responses:

- **Survey.** 109 responses
- **Comment Map.** 63 comments
- **Website.** 417 unique users

## Survey Takeaways

**Destinations**

- When asked which facilities they visit the most, the largest share of respondents said: Rotary Island (74%), Sherman (65%), and Sault Seal (45%)

**Activities**

- When asked which leisure activities they typically participate in, respondents said: Hiking/Camping (20%), Exercise/Fitness (19%), and Boating/Fishing (17%)

**Hindrances**

- For those that do not frequent City parks and facilities, folks responded that poor maintenance (24%) and not knowing the location of parks and facilities (12%) were the main reasons.

**Needs**

- When asked if a certain facility or program falls short, meets, or exceeds community needs, the largest share of respondents that answered 'meets need' identified the following: Athletic Fields, Playgrounds, Ice Arenas, Ice Skating, and Golf Courses.
- Conversely, the largest share of those that answered 'falls short' identified the following: Aquatic Programs, Walking/Biking Trails, Nature Education, Community Events, and Dog Parks.

**New Opportunities**

- When asked which new or enhanced recreational opportunities they would like to see in the City, respondents identified the following: Hiking/Walking Trails (71%), Restrooms (58%), Swimming (49%), Adult Fitness (46%), and Dog Park (46%).

## Comment Map Takeaways

**Waterfront Access**

- The most 'Liked' comment on the map expressed the need for fishing access in the Alford Park/Carbide Dock area.
- The second most 'Liked' comment focused on cleaning up Ashmun Bay to increase access for swimming and fishing.
- The third most 'Liked' comment praised the Lower Coast Guard Area as having great potential but being underutilized.

**Connections**

- Another popular comment focused on connecting Downtown to Sherman Park via non-motorized transportation (bike paths).

**Events**

- Another comment heralded Aune Osborn Park as a premier event/programming space with lots of potential.

**Downtown**

- Several comments touched on park access Downtown, expressing the need for additional amenities, particularly playground equipment.
- Additionally, participants voiced the desire for additional or alternate days and times for the Farmer's Market. The City can work with market operators to support alternate days.

# Open House and Presentation / Farmers Market "Field Day"

The second of two public participation events was intended to be an 'Open House' style workshop on October 4, 2022, where staff hosted stakeholders at City Hall for drop-by conversations. The intent of this event was to display the data received through the survey and the previous workshop while getting participants to prioritize amenities they would like to see in the parks. This was also the final push for additional online engagement. With lower-than-expected turnout rates for the Open House, it was decided to mimic the previous workshop by hosting a 'Field Day' at the Farmers Market the following day. There, staff spoke to dozens of patrons as they perused the market stalls. Responses were largely in line with feedback received through the other participation opportunities.

## Field Day Takeaways

**Amenities + Connections**

- Public art, such as a graffiti wall, historic statues, and 'climbable' art
- Green infrastructure, including rain gardens, impervious walkways, and flowerbeds.
- Restrooms
- Walking/hiking/biking paths

**Community Building + Events**

- Music festivals
- Art festivals
- Nature education programs

# Action Plan

*The Action Plan describes recommendations for improvements and enhancement of the Sault Ste. Marie parks and recreation facilities and programming, as well as identifying the tools needed for implementation of the plan components.*

A complementary component of the Action Plan is the Capital Improvement Schedule. Action strategies that may require significant capital investment from the community have been organized into a five-year plan. The specific projects have been prioritized in the Capital Improvement Schedule to better manage the Department of Public Works budget and equally distribute the projects over a five-year cycle. The timing of these projects may be influenced, moved, or eliminated depending upon economic conditions, available funding, and/or grant awards. However, the spirit and intent of the project priorities are well-defined in the Capital Improvement Schedule.

The Action Plan is organized into two sections:

- Goals, Objectives, and Actions
- Five Year Capital Improvement Schedule

# Goals, Objectives, and Actions

To provide a guideline for decision making, the City developed a list of goals, objectives, and actions (GOAs) based on the previous 2017-2021 Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the results of demographic analysis and public participation. The following GOAs are intended to provide an operational framework for future decisions related to the provision of parks and recreation for Sault Ste. Marie. GOAs should be reviewed annually by the Parks and Recreation Board and DPW and modified as necessary. Specific action items relating to these goals and objectives can be found in the Capital Improvement Schedule.

## Goal 1.
## Better maintain existing parks and recreational facilities.

*The total population of Sault Ste. Marie has stabilized over the past several decades and year-over-year tourism remains steady. Further, the City has an abundance of parkland, both under its jurisdiction and through outside entities, often exceeding national standards. These existing facilities should be prioritized and continual evaluation is required to balance the enhancement/addition of amenities with lean operating costs. Continued maintenance improves the sense of security.*

| Objective | Action | Relevant Facilities | Priority |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1.1 Maintain, improve, repurpose, and/or relocate park equipment and facilities as needed to better serve the population; Create new facilities in existing parks. | Relocate skate park equipment to a more central location | Alford/Carbide<br>Lower Coast Guard<br>Aune Osborn | Medium |
| | Improve or replace worn play equipment to ensure user safety and accessibility | Sherman<br>Algonquin | High |
| | Improve or replace worn pavilions and picnic areas | Aune Osborn<br>Algonquin<br>Lower Coast Guard | Medium |
| | Create an off-leash dog run/dog park | Aune Osborn<br>Alford/Carbide<br>Algonquin | Medium |
| 1.2 Enhance waterfront access throughout the system. | Install/improve beaches in existing parks | Sherman<br>Ashmun Bay<br>Aune Osborn<br>Harvey | High |
| | Install/improve fishing piers, docks, and launches in existing parks | Alford/Carbide<br>Ashmun Bay<br>Lower Coast Guard<br>Shallows Boat Launch | High |

| Objective | Action | Relevant Facilities | Priority |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1.3 Implement standardized park design for all Sault Ste. Marie parks including signage, installation of trees, improved landscaping, benches, bike racks, and waste receptacles. | Install additional waste and recycling receptacles at major parks | Sherman<br>Rotary Island<br>Aune Osborn<br>Alford/Carbide | Medium |
| | Install/improve accessible bathroom facilities, either permanent or portable | Rotary Island<br>Sherman<br>Market Corner<br>Shunk<br>Ashmun Bay<br>Alford/Carbide | High |
| | Install/improve benches across the system | System-wide | Medium |
| | Plant additional trees and landscaping within large, grassy parkland | Aune Osborn<br>Rotary Island<br>Harvey<br>Alford/Carbide | Medium |
| 1.4 Adapt land uses to reduce lawncare costs and improve stormwater management. | Convert portions of larger parks not used for active recreation into lower-maintenance gardens and ground cover. Use native plantings, rock gardens, prairie plantings, to ensure resilience. | Malcolm<br>I-500<br>Aune Osborn | Medium<br>Low |
| 1.5 Utilize CPTE Principles to maintain safety and security. | Install lighting or motion sensor lighting to parks to improve visibility after dark, focusing on walking paths | Sherman Park<br>Aune Osborn<br>Lower Coast Guard<br>Ravine | High |
| | Install cameras at higher risk sites to curb vandalism | Sherman Park<br>Skate Park | Medium |
| | Add attractive fencing around entire parks or portions containing playgrounds. | Sherman<br>Algonquin | Low |
| | Create a volunteer-based park safety watch system | System-wide | Low |

## Goal 2.
## Connect park system to encourage active lifestyles and mobility.

*Sault Ste. Marie has an active resident base that includes runners, cyclists, walkers, skaters, hockey players, golfers, etc. Tapping into these groups can help foster community health more broadly. In addition, tourists and visitors often look for low-cost, low-impact ways to travel to different amenities throughout the City.*

| Objective | Action | Relevant Facilities | Priority |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2.1 Increase non-motorized transportation connections between parks, historical sites, community facilities, and shopping districts. | Implement the City's Non-Motorized Transportation Plan and incorporate Complete Streets principles into road and sidewalk improvement programs. | System-wide | High |
| | Implement Safe Routes to School to improve accessibility for kids and teens. | System-wide | High |
| | Provide for protected bike lanes on busy roads. | System-wide | High |
| | Develop low-impact trail systems in undeveloped areas to improve connectivity. | Project Playground Ashmun Creek | High |
| | Coordinate with MDOT to ensure City interests are met during state road improvements. | System-wide | High |
| | Continue working with Sault Tribe, LSSU, and federal and state park providers to develop interconnected pathways. | System-wide | High |
| | Partner with Chippewa-Luce-Mackinaw Conservation District to develop road and trail improvements using green infrastructure. | System-wide | High |
| 2.2 Develop and promote programming that encourages active lifestyles and mobility. | Walk/Bike to Work days, 10,000 Steps challenges, half marathons, geocaching, etc. | System-wide | Low |
| | Provide City bikes or scooters to improve mobility access. | System-wide | Medium |
| 2.3 Develop a wayfinding program for the trail/path network that directs users of the non-motorized paths to City parks and other destinations. | Install signage or markers to direct users to commercial and waterfront areas | System-wide | Medium |

## Goal 3.
## Provide parks and recreation facilities and programming that meet the needs and interests of the entire community.

*Sault Ste. Marie is a diverse community and certain groups may be more impacted by the availability of certain parks and recreation opportunities, including older adults and seniors, children, and people with disabilities. Providing well-balanced activity choices can improve quality of life, including passive and active recreation and educational opportunities. Residents, visitors, and businesses can all benefit from increased amenities, events, and programming.*

| Objective | Action | Relevant Facilities | Priority |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3.1 Upgrade facilities to incorporate universal design and barrier-free standards. | Install ADA-compliant paths and entrances into play areas. | System-wide | High |
| | Install ADA-compliant restroom facilities, water fountains, and parking areas | System-wide | High |
| 3.2 Create opportunities for environmental and cultural education programs for children and teens. | Partner with SAPS, LSSU, Tribe to develop youth programming | System-wide | High |
| | Encourage passive education through signage and native plantings | System-wide | Low |
| 3.3 Incorporate community art, sculptures, and/or performance spaces into park design. | Install climbable art pieces within grassy areas. | Pocket parks<br>Aune Osborn<br>Sherman<br>Rotary<br>Alford/Carbide | Low |
| | Install stepped platform, amphitheater, or clamshell. | Aune Osborn<br>Alford/Carbide | Low |
| 3.4 Continue to provide and promote community events and year-long recreation opportunities | Install fire pits and seating for winter activities. | Sault Seal<br>Aune Osborn<br>Market Corner | High |
| | Establish festivals, including art festivals, fairs, and flea markets | System-wide | Medium |
| | Provide additional or alternate days/ times for the Farmers Market | Market Corner | Medium |
| | Host/lease space for food trucks and other mobile vendors | Market Corner<br>Aune Osborn<br>Rotary Island | Medium |

## Goal 4.
## Partner with other entities to provide programming and support thoughtful expansion and maintenance efforts.

*Sault Ste. Marie is enriched by strong volunteer efforts, including the newly launched Adopt-a-Park program, partnerships with various public, non-profit, and private organizations, and independent citizen initiatives. These connections should be leveraged when considering expansion, maintenance, and special projects.*

| Objective | Action | Relevant Facilities | Priority |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4.1 Recruit and empower nonprofit and business organizations to assist with park improvement projects and continued maintenance | Partner with the Economic Development Corporation to enlist new and existing businesses to support parks. | System-wide | Medium |
| | Consider additional leases or sale of land with performance guarantees | System-wide | Medium |
| | Increase opportunities for donations, sponsorships, and fundraising efforts such as 'Sponsor a Tree, Bench, or sign programs | System-wide | Medium |
| 4.2 Expand the Adopt-a-Park volunteer program to promote active citizenship in the maintenance of parks and facilities. | Expand the Adopt-a-Park volunteer program to promote active citizenship in the maintenance of parks and facilities. | System-wide | Medium |
| | Coordinate with Sault Area Public Schools and PTOs to promote volunteerism in schools. | System-wide | Medium |
| | Develop specialized volunteer groups over time | System-wide | Low |
| 4.3 Continue working with local organizations, clubs, and institutions to provide a wealth and variety of organized activities and programs within the community. This includes: | Host annual meetings with Malcolm Park user groups to determine inventory, maintenance, and scheduling needs. | Malcolm Park | High |
| | a. Bike-Friendly Soo - NMT education and programming<br>b. Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District - passive education, native planting program<br>c. "Theatrical" programming that involves the schools, library, and residents<br>d. Seasonal, including winter activities<br>e. Art and cultural programs<br>f. Teen and youth programming during the summer and utilizing extended hours | System-wide | Medium |

## Goal 5.
## Promote parks and recreation opportunities and increase customer service and efficiency.

*During public participation, several users mentioned being unaware of the available parks and recreation opportunities in the City, effectively preventing them from enjoying these facilities. This is likely more prevalent in the tourist population, who have little to no familiarity with the parks system. Further, encouraging the use of these facilities through various means helps promote safety, community, and inclusion.*

| Objective | Action | Relevant Facilities | Priority |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5.1 Expand web-based marketing efforts to inform residents of programs and events. | Consider creating a DPW or Parks and Recreation social media page for the City, link to City website. | System-wide | Medium |
| | Update the City website regularly to inform the public of upcoming projects | System-wide | High |
| | Make use of digital fliers and email lists to market upcoming parks improvements or events. | System-wide | High |
| | Ensure all city parks and recreation facilities are searchable on Google, and include pictures from the inventory | System-wide | Medium |
| 5.2 Develop digital and physical parks maps, signage, and informational material to promote facilities and programs. | Place durable, attractive bulletin boards at major parks to post information and system maps | Sherman<br>Alford/Carbide<br>Aune Osborn<br>Rotary Island<br>Market Corner | Medium |
| | Post maps on the City website and indoor facilities. | Pullar<br>Kaine's | Medium |
| 5.3 Review the Parks and Recreation Master Plan annually to establish priorities and responsibilities with the Parks and Recreation Board and community partners. Perform a complete update every five years to maintain grant eligibility. | Gather community input regularly and at different times of the year | System-wide | High |
| | Establish annual or bi-annual meetings with stakeholders | System-wide | High |
| | Make amendments to the Parks and Recreation Plan as needed to incorporate significant projects or priority changes | System-wide | High |

# Five-Year Capital Improvement Schedule

This section summarizes the overall system recommendations as well as specific improvements to individual parks. Some are multi-year efforts that will mostly involve staff time and coordination, while others are park improvements that require capital investment.

Priorities should be reviewed on an annual basis and adjusted to respond to updated findings and identification of funding opportunities. Costs should be closely monitored, as the proposed plan estimates are strictly preliminary.

Actual costs for each project will be more specifically determined as site surveys, programming elements, and engineering plans are developed. If funding levels are lower than required to implement the plan based on the schedule provided, the implementation could be stretched over additional years.

**Table 12. Capital Improvement Parks and Recreation Plan**

| Proposed Improvement | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | Estimated Cost | Potential Funding Sources |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Algonquin Park** | | | | | | | |
| Install pathways | X | | X | | | 15,000 | GF, G, P3 |
| Install pavilion/picnic area | | X | | | | 7,000 | GF, G, P3 |
| Repair ball court | X | | | | | 5,000 | GF, G, P3 |
| Install ball field | | | | X | | 15,000 | P3 |
| **Alford Park/Carbide Dock** | | | | | | | |
| Implement development plan | X | X | X | | | TBD | G, GF, P3 |
| **Ashmun Bay Park** | | | | | | | |
| Design and develop | X | X | X | X | X | TBD | GF, P3 |
| Install beach | | | | X | X | 75,000 | GF, G, P3 |
| Install restroom/drinking fountain | | X | | | | 25,000 | GF, G |
| Install pavilions/picnic areas | X | | | | | 16,000 | GF, G |
| Install pathways | X | X | | | | 15,000 | GF, G |
| Install additional parking | | X | | | | 10,000 | GF |
| Install lighting | | | X | X | | 3,000 | GF |
| **Ashmun Creek** | | | | | | | |
| Design and develop | X | X | X | X | X | TBD | P3, GF |
| Install additional pathways | | | X | X | X | 30,000 | GF, G, P3 |
| Install educational signage | | X | X | X | | 5,000 | GF, D, P3 |
| **Aune Osborn Park** | | | | | | | |
| Plant interior trees. | X | X | | | | 3,000 | GF |

*Funding Sources:* **GF** *General Fund* **G** *Grants* **D** *Donations* **P3** *Public/Private Partnerships*

| Proposed Improvement | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | Estimated Cost | Potential Funding Sources |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Repaint campsite numbers | X | | | | | TBD | GF |
| Increase ampage | | X | | | | TBD | GF |
| Improve waste disposal | X | | | | | TBD | GF |
| Install benches | | | | | | 4,000 | GF, D |
| Replace pavilions/picnic areas | | | | | | 10,000 | GF, G, D |
| Install pathways | | | | | | 20,000 | GF, G |
| Install portable restroom, screening | | | | | | 5,000 | GF |
| **Chandler Park** | | | | | | | |
| Add lighting. | X | X | | | | 2,000 | G, P3 |
| Provide ADA parking | | X | | | | 2,000 | GF |
| Install pathways | | | | | X | 5,000 | G, P3 |
| Install rain gardens | | | X | | | 3,000 | G, P3 |
| **Community Garden** | | | | | | | |
| Pave driveway/parking | X | | | | | 7,000 | GF, D |
| Install pathways | | X | | | | 5,000 | GF |
| Install rain garden | | | X | | | 3,000 | GF, D |
| Install picnic tables | X | | | | | 2,000 | GF, D |
| Plant interior trees | | X | | X | | 1,000 | GF, D |
| **Harvey Marina** | | | | | | | |
| Design and develop | | X | X | | | TBD | G, P3 |
| Restroom/facility improvements | X | | | | | 5,000 | GF |
| Pave parking lot | | X | | | | 8,000 | GF |
| Install pavilion, picnic tables | | | X | | | 8,000 | GF, P3 |
| Install hammock posts | | | X | | | TBD | P3 |
| Install pathways | | | | X | | 10,000 | GF, G |
| **I-500 Snowmobile Track** | | | | | | | |
| Install seasonal prairie | X | X | | | | 3,000 | GF, D, P3 |
| **Kemp Marina** | | | | | | | |
| Install gazebo | X | | | | | 35,000 | GF, G, P3 |
| **Lakeshore Park** | | | | | | | |
| Install pathways | | | | | | 15,000 | GF, G |
| **Lower River Islands** | | | | | | | |
| Implement development plan | X | | X | | X | TBD | D, G, P3 |
| **Lower Coast Guard Park** | | | | | | | |
| Design and develop | X | X | | | | TBD | GF, G, P3 (FOTR) |
| Install benches, pavilions | | | X | | | 10,000 | GF, G |

*Funding Sources:* **GF** *General Fund* **G** *Grants* **D** *Donations* **P3** *Public/Private Partnerships*

| Proposed Improvement | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | Estimated Cost | Potential Funding Sources |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Install portable restroom, screening | | | | X | | 5,000 | GF |
| **Malcolm Park** | | | | | | | |
| Improve drainage throughout using engineering and green infrastructure | | X | X | X | | 150,000 | GF, D, P3 |
| Gravel/pave parking lot and drive east of Bunker Field | X | | | | | 25,000 | GF, D, P3 |
| Install pathways to seating | | X | X | | | 15,000 | GF, G |
| Install additional seating | X | | | | | 15,000 | GF |
| Replace fencing | X | X | X | X | X | 140,000 | GF, P3 |
| Replace storage building | | X | X | | | 100,000 | GF, P3 |
| Renovate Synette-Suggitt Field | X | X | | | | 465,000 | GF, G, P3 |
| Renovate Bunker Field | | | X | X | | 250,000 | GF, G, P3 |
| **Maple/Ashmun Park** | | | | | | | |
| Install picnic table | X | | | | | 1,000 | GF |
| **Market Corner** | | | | | | | |
| Expand area | X | | | X | | TBD | GF |
| Install playground | | X | | | | 20,000 | GF, G |
| Install permanent pavilion | | | X | | | 15,000 | GF, G, D, P3 |
| Install portable restroom, screening | | | | | X | 5,000 | GF |
| **Mission Street Boat Launch** | | | | | | | |
| Plant interior trees | | | | | X | 1,000 | GF, D |
| Install rain gardens | | | | X | | 3,000 | GF, D |
| **Project Playground** | | | | | | | |
| Complete splash pad/restroom | X | | | | | 300,000 | GF, G, P3 |
| Trail enhancements | X | X | | | | 10,000 | GF, G |
| **Pullar Community Building** | | | | | | | |
| Install new floor | X | X | | | | 500,000 | GF |
| Equipment installations | X | X | | | | 260,000 | GF |
| **Ravine Park** | | | | | | | |
| Install multi-use path along McCandless | | | X | | | 20,000 | GF, G, P3 |
| **Rotary Island Park** | | | | | | | |
| Implement development plan | X | X | X | | | TBD | GF, G, D, P3 |
| Install restroom/drinking fountain | X | X | | | | 15,000 | GF, P3, G |
| Install pavilion | X | X | | | | 20,000 | GF, P3, G |
| Install trees and landscaping | | X | X | | | 8,000 | GF, P3 |

*Funding Sources:* **GF** *General Fund* **G** *Grants* **D** *Donations* **P3** *Public/Private Partnerships*

| Proposed Improvement | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | Estimated Cost | Potential Funding Sources |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Sault Seal Recreation Area** | | | | | | | |
| Install fire pits | X | | X | | | 5,000 | GF, G, P3, D |
| Install picnic area | | X | | | | 3,000 | GF, D |
| Enhance/maintain trails | X | X | X | X | X | 5,000 | GF, G, P3 |
| **Shallows Boat Launch** | | | | | | | |
| Install dock | | X | | | | 10,000 | GF |
| Install picnic table | X | | | | | 1,000 | GF |
| **Sherman Park** | | | | | | | |
| Enhance/expand campground | X | X | | | | 750,000 | GF, G, D |
| Enhance/maintain beach | X | X | X | X | X | 25,000 | GF, P3 |
| Install security cameras, lights | | X | | | | 3,000 | GF |
| Replace play equipment | X | | | | | 60,000 | GF, G, D |
| Upgrade restroom | | X | | | | 40,000 | GF |
| **Skate/Bike Park** | | | | | | | |
| Relocate equipment | | X | | | | 30,000 | GF, D |
| **St. Marys Park** | | | | | | | |
| Plant interior trees | | | | | X | 1,000 | GF, D, P3 |
| Install pathways | | X | | | | 5,000 | GF, P3 |
| **Weber Park** | | | | | | | |
| Install covered picnic area | | | X | | | 3,000 | GF, G, P3 |
| **All Facilities OR Location TBD** | | | | | | | |
| Expand Adopt-a-Park program | X | X | X | X | X | TBD | GF |
| Implement NMT Plan / Complete Streets / Sidewalk Gap Program | | X | X | X | X | 1,300,000 | GF, G, D, P3 |
| Inclusive/accessible playground enhancements | X | X | | | | TBD | GF, G, D, P3 |
| Install drinking fountains | X | X | X | X | X | 50,000 | GF |
| Install recycling cans | X | | | | | 15,000 | GF |
| Continue general landscaping and maintenance | X | X | X | X | X | 500,000 | GF |
| Install pickleball court(s) | | X | | | | 50,000 | G, GF, D |
| Install public art | X | | X | | X | TBD | D, P3, GF |
| Update signage/wayfinding | X | X | X | X | X | TBD | GF, G |

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# Appendix

A. Development and Asset Management Plans

B. Public Participation (Early Input)

C. 30-Day Public Review Documentation

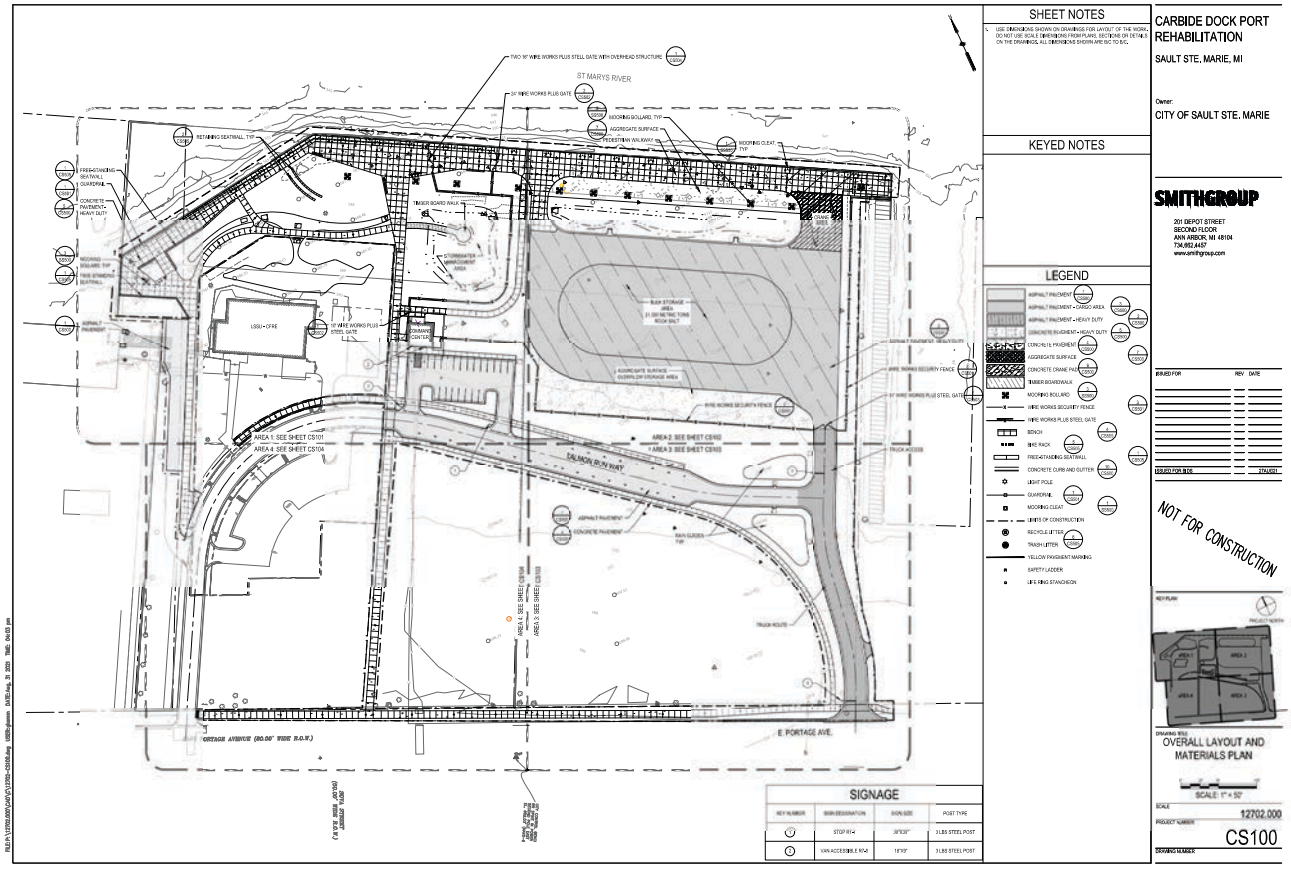
D. Public Hearing Documentation

E. Adoption Documentation

F. Transmittal Letters

# A. Development Plans and Asset Management Plans

## Alford Park/Carbide Dock Development Plan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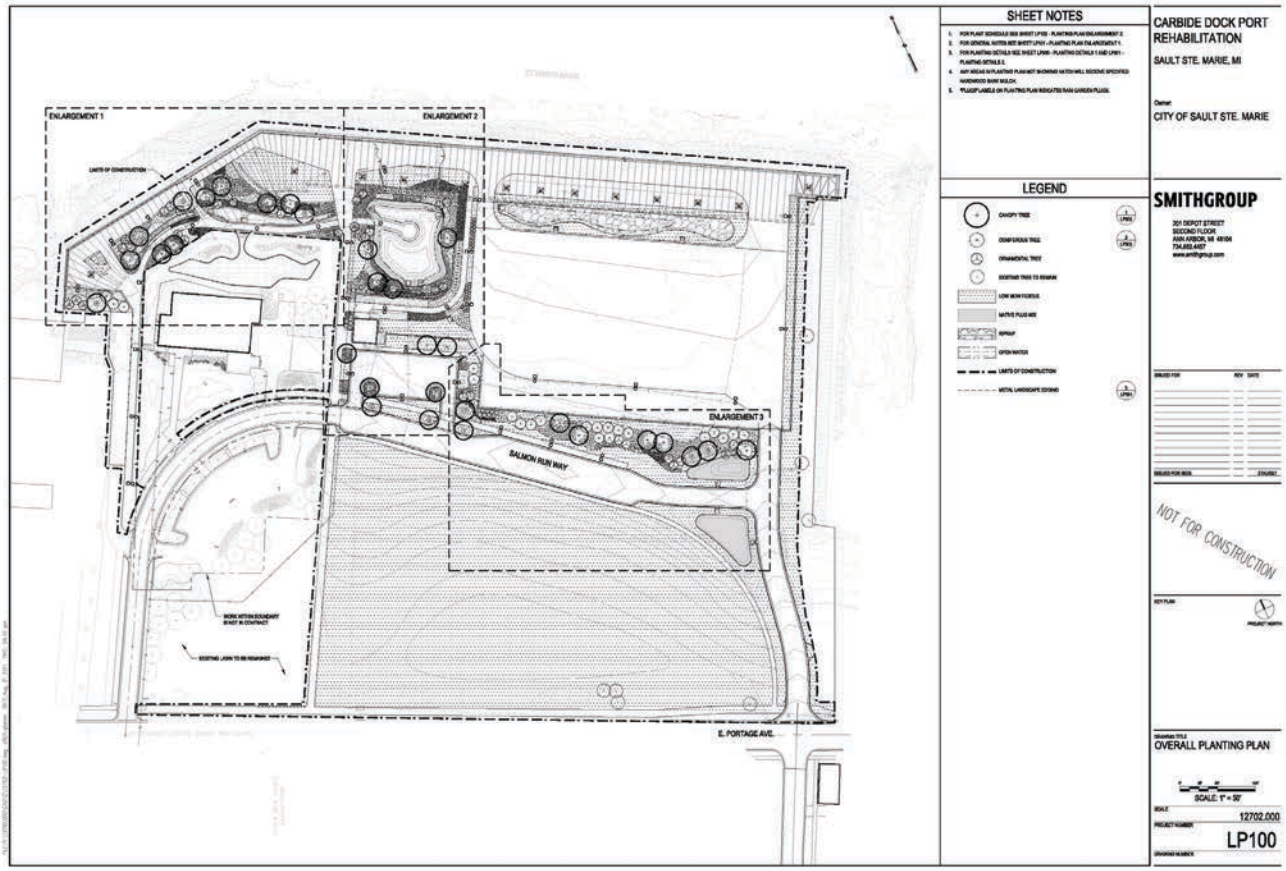
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**RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION – LOCAL UNIT OF GOVERNMENT MATCH WITH DONATED FUNDS FOR THE MI SPARK GRANT**

WHEREAS, the City of Sault Ste. Marie supports the submission of an application titled, "Alford Park Expansion" to the Spark grant program for fishing areas, sidewalks, boardwalks, bike racks, benches, garden area, plants, trees, and lighting at the Alford Park Carbide Dock; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Sault Ste. Marie is hereby making a financial commitment to the project in the amount of $300,000 matching funds, in cash and/or force account; and,

WHEREAS, if the grant is awarded the applicant commits its local match and donated amounts from the following sources:

| | |
|---|---|
| MDNR Trust Fund Grant | $300,000.00 |

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Sault Ste. Marie hereby authorizes submission of a Spark grant Application for $716,563.50, and further resolves to make available a local match through financial commitment and donation(s) of $300,000 (29.5%) of a total $1,016,563.50 project cost, during the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

AYES: MAYOR GERRIE, COMMISSIONER BAUER, RUBINSTEIN, TALENTINO, AND TWARDY
NAYES: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER BOSBOUS-RATH AND COMMISSIONER MILLER
MOTION APPROVED.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a Resolution duly made and passed by the City Commission of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, County of Chippewa, State of Michigan at their regular meeting held on November 7, 20202, at 7 p.m. in City Hall City- Commission Chambers, with a quorum present.

Robin Troyer

Dated: 11/8/22

ROBIN R. TROYER, CITY CLERK

# Ashmun Bay Park Development Plan

## RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MI SPARK GRANT

WHEREAS, the City of Sault Ste. Marie supports the submission of an application titled, "Great Lakes Waterway Access" to the Spark Grant program for reconstruction of multiple boat launches at the Harvey, William Gregory, Mission, and Ashmun Bay access points: and,

WHEREAS, the City of Sault Ste. Marie will continue their in-kind and cash financial commitment to the project in the amount of $50,000 annually consisting of Parks and Recreation staff time and materials annually, at these launch locations; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Sault Ste. Marie hereby authorizes submission of a Spark grant Application for $971,300 to reconstruction the existing boat launches at these four locations.

AYES: MAYOR GERRIE, COMMISSIONER BAUER, BOSBOUS-RATH, HABUSTA, MARBLE, MILLER, AND RUBINSTEIN
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

**MOTION APPROVED.**

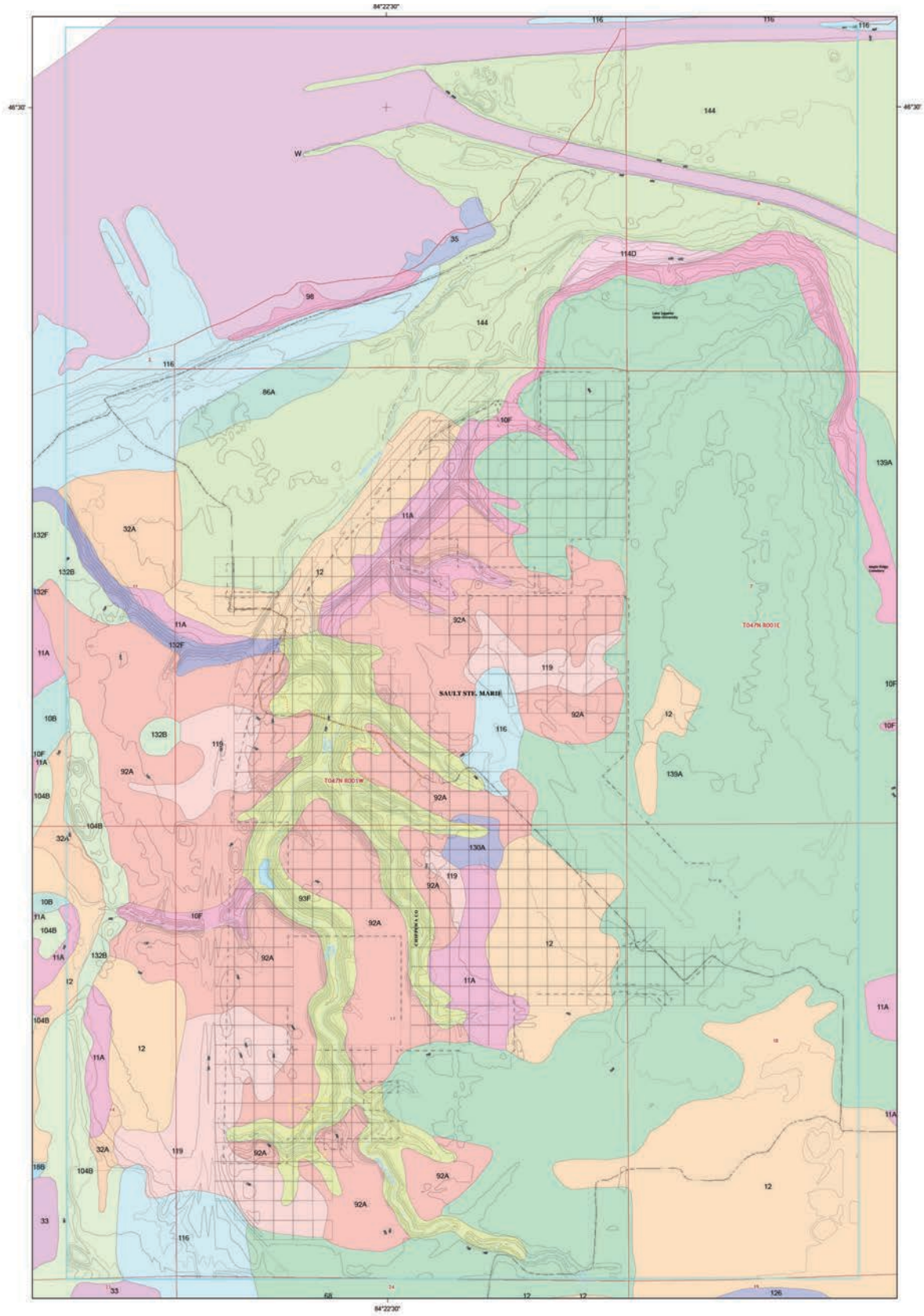
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a Resolution duly made and passed by the City Commission of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, County of Chippewa, State of Michigan at their regular meeting held on **December 19, 2022**, at 7 p.m. in City Hall City- Commission Chambers, with a quorum present.

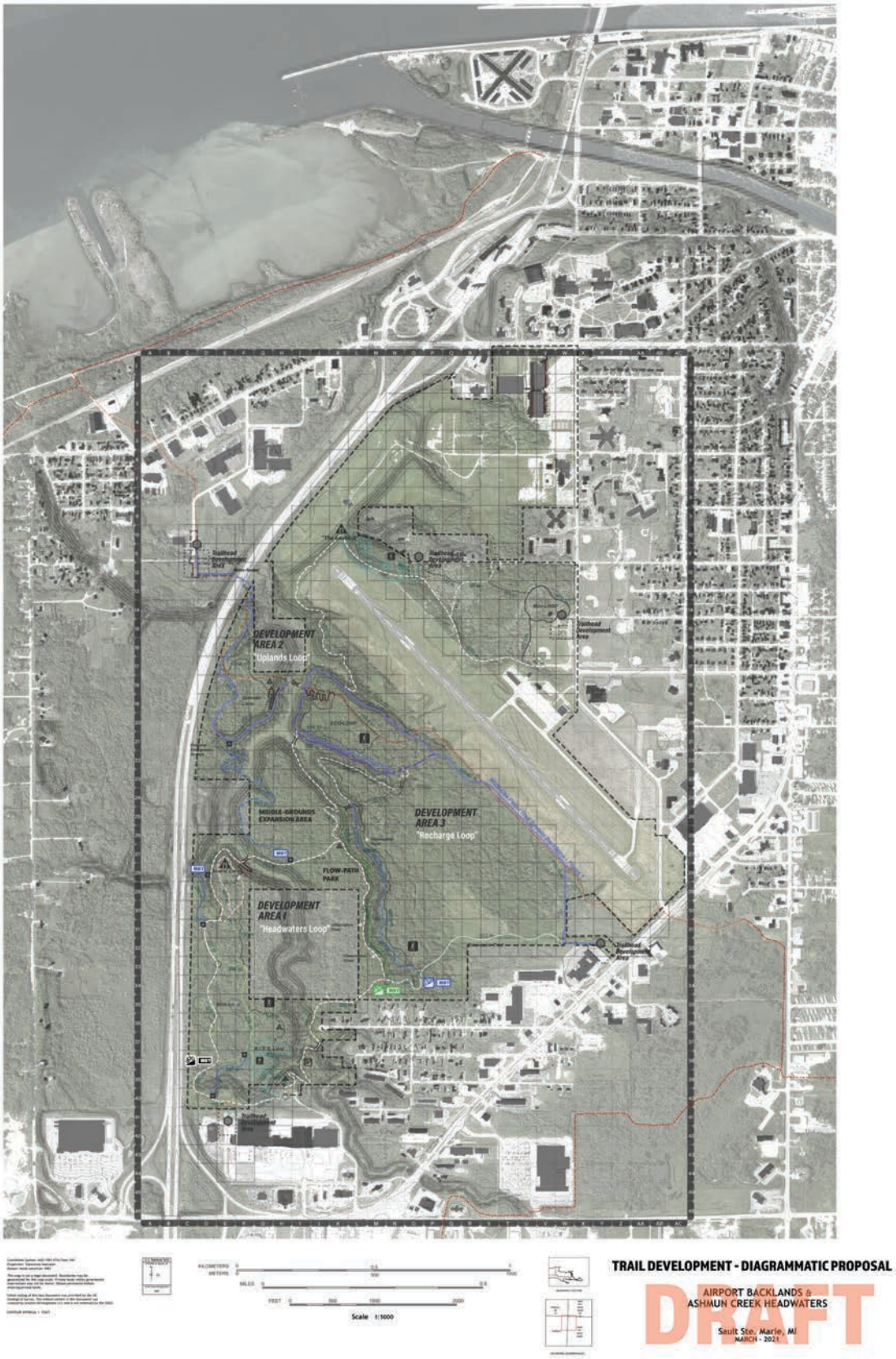
Robin Troyer

ROBIN R. TROYER, CITY CLERK

Dated: 12/19/2022

# Ashmun Creek Trail Development Plan

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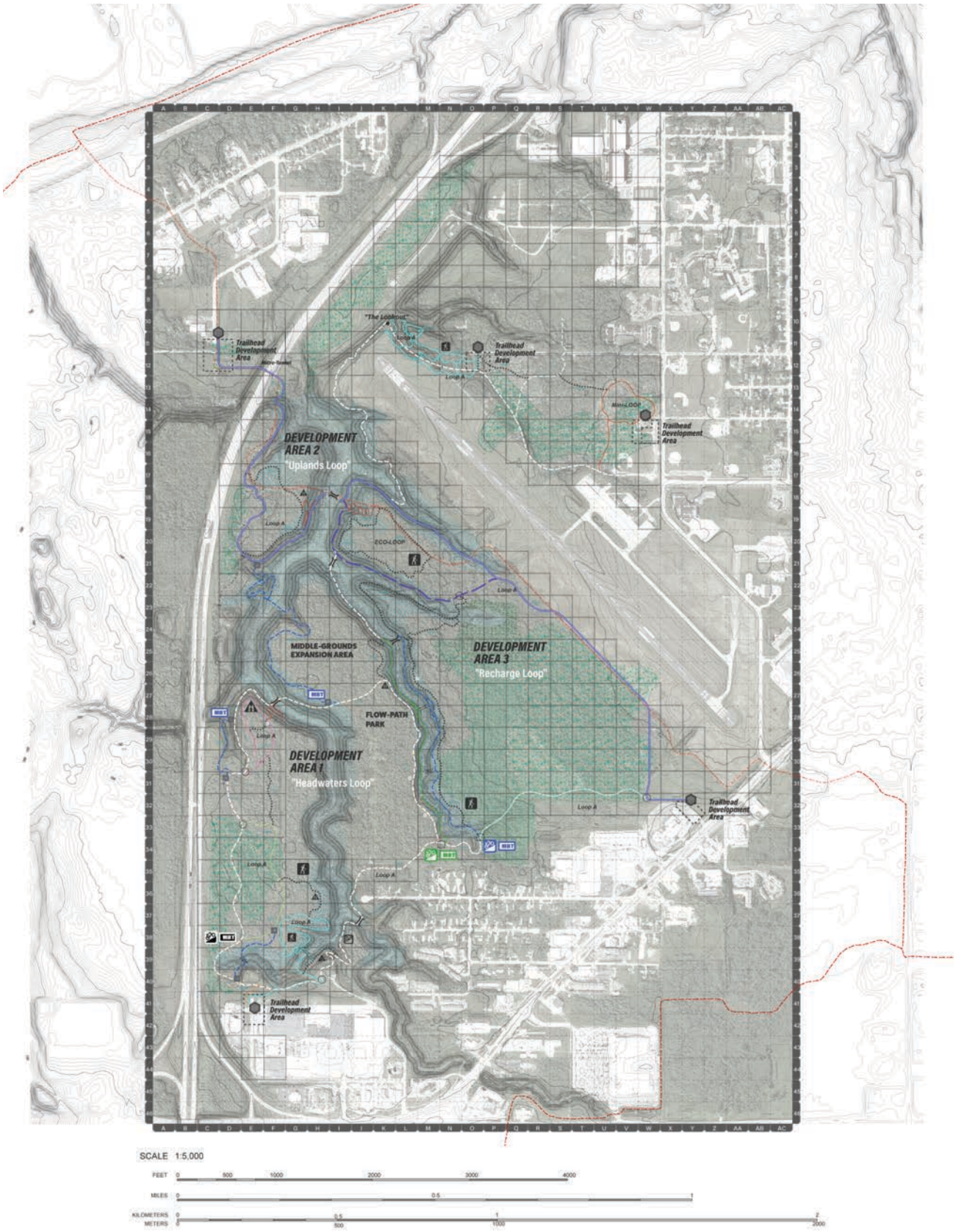
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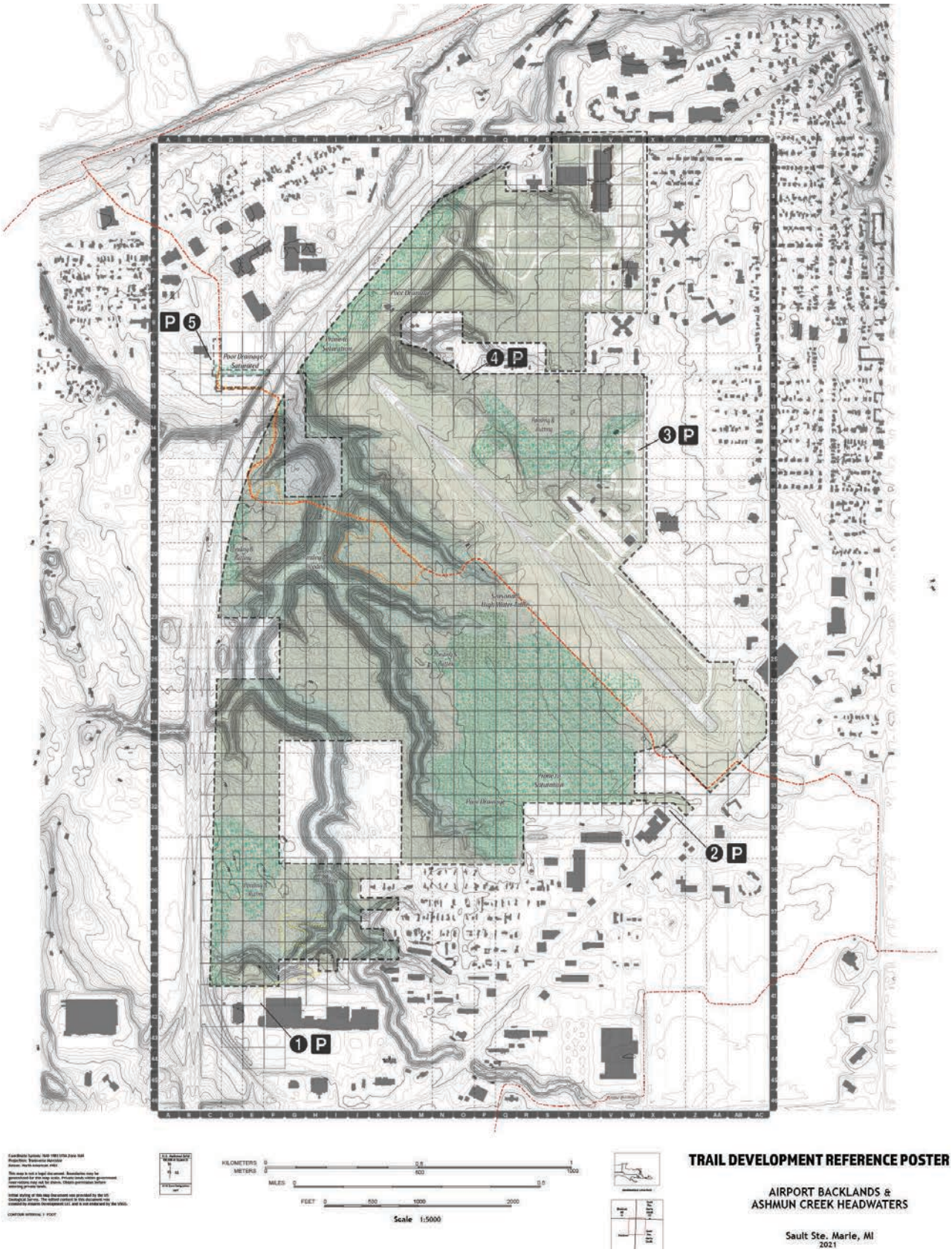
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# Harvey Marina Green Space Park Proposal

The following proposal is a collective effort by private individuals who have been and are now currently involved in an ongoing mission to improve the community's shoreline parks. "We have been working with the City of Sault Ste. Marie on a 'water trail' concept since 2016, in an effort to encourage citizens to use our three recreational areas: Harvey Marina, Rotary Island Park, and Voyageur Island Park. We are submitting the following two pages of ideas for inclusion into the 2022 Park & Recreation Master Plan. This effort is a response to the city's call for feedback that is rooted in the needs, desires, and vision of residents and community stakeholders."

*Island-Trail Committee Members*

## Objective / Mission Statement

To clean up and develop the under-utilized north portion of Harvey Marina City Property, to offer a safe and clean green space for the public to relax on the water front, and to enhance the kayak experience that exist in the protected waters among the river islands. We propose that this area be identified as shoreline public recreation park.

## Potential Improvements

- Remove the debris from the water's edge
- Clear Overgrowth at the North edge of space
- Reshape the space so it drains to the river
- Develop a parking area
- Reseed the green space
- Plant trees to provide shade for user's
- Swim beach
- Add Picnic Tables
- Add Watch Tower to view the ship wreck
- Incorporate the kayak dock into this area to be better positioned to the parking area
- Rent-able short term kayak storage lockers (use funds to sustain park proposals)
- Install Hammock posts

## Phase I

- Obtain the necessary permits to work at the water's edge
- Remove the debris from the water's edge
- Clear Overgrowth at the North edge of space
- Reshape the space so it drains to the river
- Develop a parking area

- Reseed the green space
- Trees planted along the edge of Riverside Drive Roadway.

## Phase II

- Develop a Site Plan for future enhancements/facilities (see attached page 2 ideas).
- Investigate and apply for possible money sources to fund future enhancements

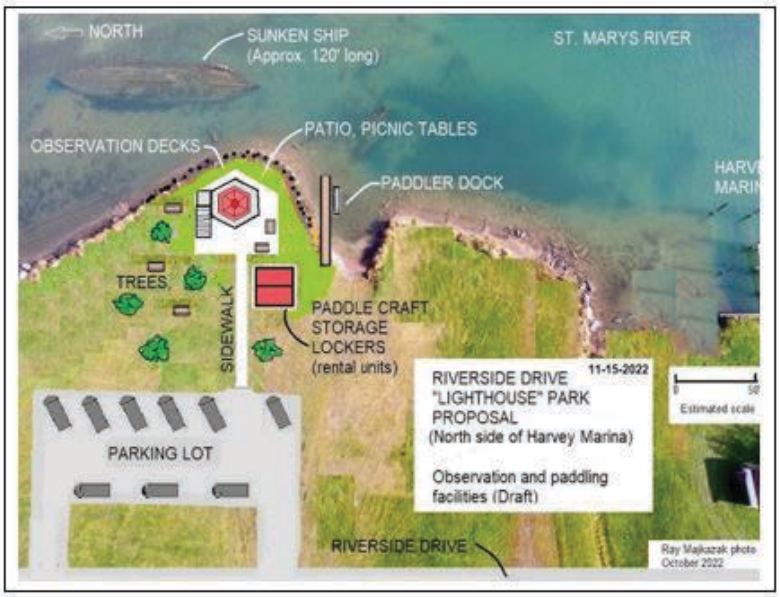
*FUTURE PHASES TO BE DETERMINED BASED ON PROJECTED NEEDS AND PRIORITIES*

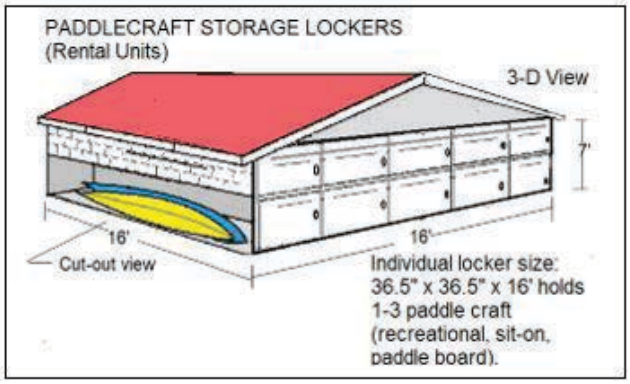
To: Parks & Recreation Board
From: Island Trail Committee
Subject: Master Recreation Plan Harvey Marina Park Proposal
Date: 11-29-2022

We are submitting this Harvey Marina Park proposal for inclusion into the 2022 Master Recreation Plan.

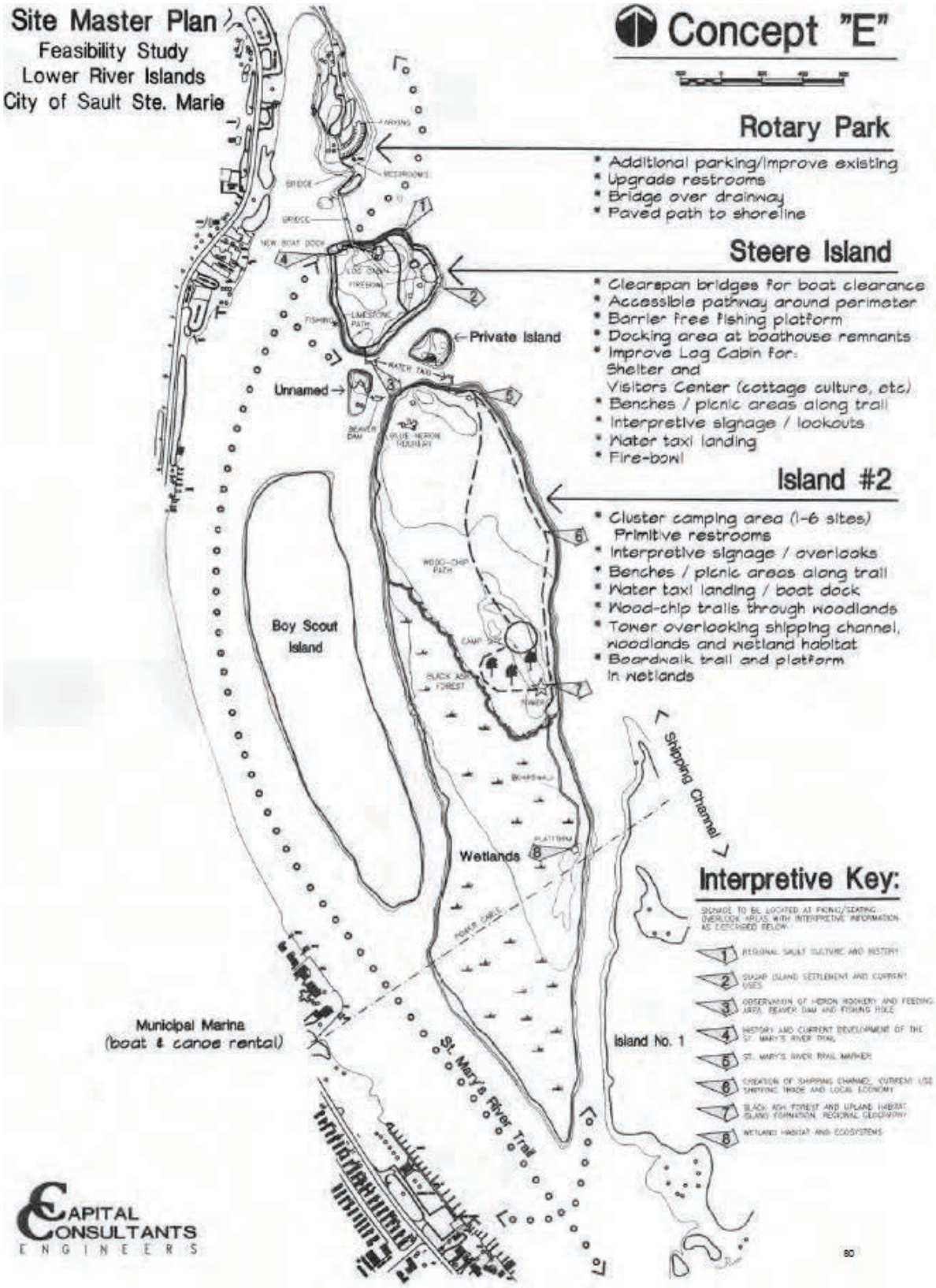
It includes:
- Paddle Launch Dock
- Paddle Craft Storage Units
- Picnic Tables (patio/yard)
- Observation Decks (sunken ship, boats, river scenery, birds, etc.)
- Historic Signage (river ships, shipwrecks, inner channel ship traffic, etc.)
- Parking Lot
- Landscaping (trees, bushes, flowers, etc.)

Note: see additional ideas included in the Harvey Marina Green Space Park document.





# Lower River Islands Feasibility Study



# Malcolm Park Asset Management Plan and MI Spark Grant Documentation

City of Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan
DPW Park Assessment Plan
**Malcolm Park**

## Asset Inventory with Critical Ratings

| **Buildings** | **Conditional Assessment** | **Visual/ Aesthetic Ratings** | **Functional Rating** |
|---|---|---|---|
| • 8th Avenue Storage Building | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| • Restroom Buildings | | | |
| ○ 8th Avenue - Gerrish Field | 4 | 5 | 5 |
| ○ 12th Avenue/Meridian – Fitzpatrick Fieldhouse/James Field | 2 | 5 | 5 |
| ▪ Concession Room (sink and counter top) | 1 | 5 | 3 |
| ○ 10th Avenue - Laucks Field | 4 | 5 | 5 |
| ○ Little League – Kaunisto/Bunker/Day Fields | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| ▪ Concession Room | 1 | 5 | 3 |
| • Little League Storage Garage Building – wood siding, metal roof | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| • Day Field Storage Building | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| • Nertoli Field Storage Shed | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| • Laucks Field Storage Shed | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| • Locey Field Storage Building | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| ○ Locey Field Press Box/Scorers Shed | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| • Bunker Field Storage Shed #1 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| • Bunker Field Storage Shed #2 | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| • Park – Covered Pavilions/Shelters | | | |
| • Project Pavilion – Project Playground Area | 2 | 5 | 4 |
| • Main Picnic Pavilion | | | |
| ○ Pavilion | 4 | 5 | 4 |
| ○ Concession/Storage Building | 4 | 5 | 3 |
| **Park Structural Items** | | | |
| • HVAC | | | |
| • Plumbing | | | |
| • One (1) electric (110 volt) 6 Gallon Hot Water Tank- Little League Restroom | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| • One (1) electric (240 volt) 50 Gallon Hot Water Tank-8th Avenue-Gerrish Field | 4 | 1 | 5 |

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| • One (1) electric (240 volt) 50 Gallon Hot Water Tank-Fitzpatrick Fieldhouse | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| • Shower fixtures for buildings: | | | |
| ○ Fitzpatrick Fieldhouse/James Field | | | |
| ▪ One (1) shower with two (2) showerheads | 2 | 5 | 5 |
| • Restroom fixtures for building: | | | |
| ○ 8th Avenue – Gerrish Field | | | |
| ▪ One (1) restroom toilet men | 2 | 5 | 5 |
| ▪ One (1) urinal men | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| ▪ Two (2) restroom toilet women | 2 | 5 | 5 |
| ▪ Women and Men stall partitions | 4 | 5 | 3 |
| ○ 12th Avenue/Meridian – Fitzpatrick Fieldhouse/James Field | | | |
| ▪ One (1) restroom toilet men | 2 | 5 | 5 |
| ▪ One (1) restroom toilet female | 2 | 5 | 5 |
| ○ 10th Avenue - Laucks Field | | | |
| ▪ One (1) restroom toilet men | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| ▪ One (1) urinal men | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| ▪ One (1) restroom toilet women | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| ○ Little League – Kaunisto/Bunker/Day Fields | | | |
| ▪ One (1) restroom toilet men | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| ▪ One (1) restroom toilet women | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| • Water sink fixtures for building: | | | |
| ○ 8th Avenue – Gerrish Field | | | |
| ▪ Two (2) water sinks men | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| ▪ Two (2) water sinks women | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| ○ 12th Avenue/Meridian – Fitzpatrick Fieldhouse/James Field | | | |
| ▪ One (1) water sink men | 2 | 5 | 5 |
| ▪ One (1) water sink female | 2 | 5 | 5 |
| ○ 10th Avenue - Laucks Field | | | |
| ▪ One (1) water sink in men | 2 | 5 | 5 |
| ▪ One (1) water sink in women | 2 | 5 | 5 |
| ○ Little League – Kaunisto/Bunker/Day Fields | | | |
| ▪ One (1) water sink in men | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| ▪ One (1) water sink in women | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| ▪ One (1) slop sink | 1 | 3 | 3 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| • Drinking Fountain fixtures | | | |
| ○ Bunker Field | | | |
| ▪ One (1) drinking fountain (3/4" line with tap and shutoff) | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| ○ Kaunisto Field | | | |
| ▪ One (1) drinking fountain (3/4" line with tap and shutoff) | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| ○ Nertoli Field | | | |
| ▪ One (1) drinking fountain (3/4" line with tap and shutoff) | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| ○ Day Field | | | |
| ▪ One (1) drinking fountain (3/4" line with tap and shutoff) | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| ○ Gerrish Field | | | |
| ▪ One (1) drinking fountain (3/4" line with tap and shutoff) | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| ○ Laucks Field | | | |
| ▪ One (1) drinking fountain (3/4" line with tap and shutoff) | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| ○ Suggitt Field | | | |
| ▪ One (1) drinking fountain (3/4" line with tap and shutoff) | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| ○ Synett Field | | | |
| ▪ One (1) drinking fountain (3/4" line with tap and shutoff) | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| ○ James Field | | | |
| ▪ One (1) drinking fountain (3/4" line with tap and shutoff) | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| ○ Locey Field | | | |
| ▪ One (1) drinking fountain (3/4" line with tap and shutoff) | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| ○ 10th Avenue Restroom Building | | | |
| ▪ One (1) drinking fountain | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| ○ Little League Restroom Building | | | |
| ▪ One (1) drinking fountain | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| • Field Water other than drinking fountain | | | |
| ○ Bunker Field 1" sprinkler line | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| ○ Kaunisto Field – 1" sprinkler line | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| ○ Nertoli Field – 1" sprinkler line | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| ○ Day Field – 1" sprinkler line | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| ○ Gerrish Field – 1" sprinkler line | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| ○ Laucks Field – 1" sprinkler line | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| ○ Suggitt Field – 1" sprinkler line | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| ○ Synett Field – 1" sprinkler line | 3 | 1 | 3 |

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| • Field Irrigation | | | |
| ○ Locey Field | | | |
| ▪ Sprinkler system (7 zones) | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| ▪ Electronics/Timer | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| ○ James Field | | | |
| ▪ Sprinkler heads (8), 1” sprinkler line | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| • Electrical | | | |
| • 100 amp electric service to little league restroom building | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| • 30 amp electric service to main picnic pavilion storage building | 5 | 1 | 5 |
| • 100 amp electric service to 8th Avenue storage building | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| • 20 amp electric service to 10th Avenue restroom building | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| • 200 amp electric service to Fitzpatrick Fieldhouse/Restroom building | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| • 100 amp electric service to 8th Avenue Gerrish Field restroom building | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| • 100 amp electric service to Little League storage building | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| • 100 amp electric service to Locey Field storage building | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| • Miscellaneous | | | |
| • Flooring | | | |
| ○ Concrete in all restrooms | 4 | 3 | 5 |
| ○ Concrete for main picnic pavilion | 3 | 3 | 5 |
| ○ Concrete in little league restroom | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| ○ Concrete in Gerrish restroom | 4 | 3 | 5 |
| ○ Concrete in Fitzpatrick Fieldhouse | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| ○ Concrete in Project pavilion | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| • Paint | | | |
| ○ Paint/Stain on exterior of structure | | | |
| ▪ Dugouts | 3 | 5 | 3 |
| ▪ 10th Avenue restroom building | 4 | 5 | 3 |
| ▪ Little league restroom building | 1 | 5 | 3 |
| ▪ Gerrish restroom building | 4 | 5 | 3 |
| ▪ Fitzpatrick Fieldhouse building | 1 | 5 | 3 |
| • Little Library | | | |
| ○ One (1) Little Library with post and library cabinet with door | 2 | 5 | 3 |
| ○ Two (2) small wood benches | 3 | 4 | 4 |

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| • Bleachers | | | |
| ○ Bunker Field | | | |
| ▪ One (1) wood bleacher | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| ▪ One (1) metal bleacher | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| ○ Nertoli Field | | | |
| ▪ One (1) wood bleacher | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| ▪ One (1) metal bleacher | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| ○ Day Field | | | |
| ▪ One (1) wood bleacher | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| ▪ One (1) metal bleacher | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| ○ Kaunisto Field | | | |
| ▪ Two (2) wood bleachers | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| ▪ Two (2) metal bleachers | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| ○ Gerrish Field | | | |
| ▪ Three (3) metal bleachers | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| ○ Suggitt Field | | | |
| ▪ One (1) wood bleacher | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| ▪ Two (2) wood bleachers | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| ○ Locey Field | | | |
| ▪ Three (3) wood bleachers | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| ▪ Two (2) metal bleachers | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| ○ Laucks Field | | | |
| ▪ One (1) wood bleacher | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| ▪ Three (3) wood bleachers | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| ○ Synett Field | | | |
| ▪ One (1) wood bleacher | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| ▪ One (1) metal bleacher with wood | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| ○ James Field | | | |
| ▪ One (1) large metal grandstand bleacher with canopy | 1 | 4 | 4 |
| ▪ One (1) Press Box with public address system | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| • Dugouts | | | |
| ○ Nertoli Field | | | |
| ▪ Two (2) tarp dugouts | 4 | 5 | 4 |
| ○ Day Field | | | |
| ▪ Two (2) block, cement floor and metal roof | 1 | 5 | 4 |

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| ○ Kaunisto Field | | | |
| ▪ Two (2) block, cement floor and wood/shingle roof | 3 | 5 | 4 |
| ○ Gerrish Field | | | |
| ▪ Two (2) block, cement floor and wood/shingle roof | 3 | 5 | 4 |
| ○ Suggitt Field | | | |
| ▪ Two (2) block, cement floor and wood/shingle roof | 3 | 5 | 4 |
| ○ Locey Field | | | |
| ▪ Two (2) – Block, wood floor and wood/shingle roof | 2 | 5 | 4 |
| ○ Laucks Field | | | |
| ▪ Two (2) – Metal siding, cement floor, metal roof on wood frame | 1 | 5 | 4 |
| ○ Synett Field | | | |
| ▪ Two (2) – Block, cement floor and wood/shingle roof | 3 | 5 | 4 |
| ○ James Field | | | |
| ▪ Two (2) – Block with metal roof, cement floor, storage on ends | 2 | 5 | 4 |
| • Bullpen | | | |
| ○ Nertoli Field | | | |
| ▪ Two (2) bullpen | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| ○ Laucks Field | | | |
| ▪ Two (2) bullpen | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| • Batting Cage | | | |
| ○ Nertoli Field | | | |
| ▪ One (1) batting cage | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| ○ James Field | | | |
| ▪ One (1) batting cage | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| ○ Locey Field | | | |
| ▪ One (1) batting cage | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| • Flagpoles | | | |
| ○ One (1) flag pole – Locey Field | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| ○ One (1) flag pole – James Field | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| ○ One (1) flag pole – Day Field | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| ○ One (1) flag pole – Gerrish Field | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| • AED Unit | | | |
| ○ One (1) AED unit – Gerrish Field Restroom Building | 1 | 5 | 5 |

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| • Decorative Items | | | |
| ○ Bike Rack | | | |
| • Project Playground – One (1) bike rack | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| • Day Field – One (1) bike rack | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| **Park Utilities** | | | |
| • Water | | | |
| • 8th Avenue - Gerrish Field 1" water line | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| • 12th Avenue/Meridian – Fitzpatrick Fieldhouse/James Field – 1" water line | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| • 10th Avenue - Laucks Field – ¾" water line | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| • Little League – Kaunisto/Bunker/Day Fields – ¾" water line | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| • Sewer | | | |
| • Drainage | | | |
| • Electrical | | | |
| • Bunker Field - 20 amp power to field from little league restroom | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| • Kaunisto Field - 20 amp power to field from Day Field | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| • Day Field – 20 amp power to field from little league storage building | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| • Laucks Field – 20 amp power from 8th avenue storage building | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| • Lighting | | | |
| • Security Lights | | | |
| ○ One (1) security light - 12th Avenue/Meridian – Fitzpatrick Fieldhouse/James Field | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| • Field Lighting | | | |
| ○ 8th Avenue - Gerrish Field | | | |
| ▪ Eight (8) wood poles | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| ▪ Seventy Five (75) light fixtures | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| ▪ 30 amp electric service at each pole | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| **Moveable Assets** | | | |
| • Picnic Tables | | | |
| • Main pavilion - Six (6) tables | 3 | 5 | 4 |
| • Project pavilion | | | |
| ○ Four (4) wood | 3 | 5 | 4 |
| ○ Three (3) metal and wood | 3 | 5 | 4 |
| • James field – Two (2) tables | 3 | 5 | 4 |
| • Day field – One (1) picnic table | 3 | 5 | 4 |

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| • Benches - Park | | | |
| • Bunker Field - Two (2) wood player benches | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| • Nertoli Field – Two (2) wood player benches | 1 | 4 | 4 |
| • Gerrish Field – Two dugout player benches | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| • Trash Containers | | | |
| • Bunker Field | | | |
| ○ One (1) trash barrel | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| • Nertoli Field | | | |
| ○ Three (3) trash barrels | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| • Day Field | | | |
| ○ Three (3) trash barrels | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| • Kaunisto Field | | | |
| ○ Three (3) trash barrels | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| • Gerrish Field | | | |
| ○ Three (3) trash barrels | 3 | 4 | 5 |
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| ○ Two (2) trash barrels | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| • Locey Field | | | |
| ○ Three (3) trash barrels | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| • Laucks Field | | | |
| ○ Two (2) trash barrels | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| • Synett Field | | | |
| ○ Two (2) trash barrels | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| • James Field | | | |
| ○ Four (4) trash barrels | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| • Project Pavilion – Project Playground Area | | | |
| ○ One (1) trash barrel | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| • Main Picnic Pavilion | | | |
| ○ Four (4) trash barrels | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| • 8th Avenue - Gerrish Field | | | |
| ○ Three (3) trash barrels | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| • 12th Avenue/Meridian – Fitzpatrick Fieldhouse | | | |
| ○ One (1) trash barrel | 3 | 4 | 5 |

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| • 10th Avenue - Laucks Field Restroom | | | |
| ○ Two (2) trash barrels | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| • Little League – Kaunisto/Bunker/Day Fields | | | |
| ○ Seven (7) trash barrels | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| ○ Three (3) trash barrels at Little League restroom building | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| **Playground Equipment** | | | |
| • Project Playground | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| • Two (2) tube slides, two (2) open slides, one (1)handicapped swing, four (4) infant swings, one (1) tire swing, four (4) standard swings, three (3) balance beams, three (3) monkey bars, one (1) wood bridge, one (1) telephone system, one (1) sliding trolley, six (6) benches, two (2) rubber bridges, one (1) sand digger, one (1) tic-tac-toe board, one (1) sound wall, one (1) big castle, one (1) small castle, wood fiber surface material, one (1) chess/checkers table, perimeter fence, one (1) trash container structure | | | |
| **Trees** | | | |
| • Very few trees, many in Project Playground/Project Pavilion/James Field area are dead that need to be taken down | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| • Kaunisto Field - Ten (10) pine trees (planted by Kaunisto family) | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| **Surface Assets** | | | |
| • Roadways | | | |
| • Asphalt entries (need work) | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| • Site Drives | | | |
| • Gravel for all parking lot areas | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| • Green Areas | 3 | 5 | 4 |
| • Fencing | | | |
| • Bunker Field | | | |
| ○ Fencing | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| ○ Plastic (Yellow) Cap | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| • Nertoli Field | | | |
| ○ Fencing (new) | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| • Day Field | | | |
| ○ Fencing (new) | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| • Kaunisto Field | | | |
| ○ Fencing | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| ○ Plastic (Yellow) Cap | 3 | 3 | 2 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| • Gerrish Field | | | |
| ○ Fencing | 4 | 4 | 5 |
| ○ Plastic (Yellow) Cap | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| • Suggitt Field | | | |
| ○ Fencing | 4 | 4 | 5 |
| ○ Plastic (Yellow) Cap | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| • Locey Field | | | |
| ○ Fencing | 2 | 4 | 5 |
| ○ Plastic (Yellow) Cap | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| • Laucks Field | | | |
| ○ Fencing | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| ○ Plastic (Yellow) Cap | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| • Synett Field | | | |
| ○ Fencing | 4 | 4 | 5 |
| ○ Plastic (Yellow) Cap | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| • James Field | | | |
| ○ Fencing | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| ○ Plastic (Blue) Cap Rail | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| ○ Plastic (Yellow) Cap Rail | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| • Steel post/chain/cable – separating parking lots | | | |
| ○ Synett softball field parking lot | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| ○ Main picnic pavilion | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| • Signs | | | |
| • 1 – (2 post) modern double sign for Malcolm Park – 8th and Meridian | 3 | 5 | 2 |

**Scoreboard Assets**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| • Locey Field Electronic Scoreboard | | | |
| • Scoreboard with Controller | 2 | 5 | 4 |
| • James Field Scoreboard | | | |
| • Scoreboard with Controller | 2 | 5 | 4 |
| • Laucks Field Scoreboard | | | |
| • Scoreboard with Controller | 2 | 5 | 4 |

**Agenda Item Details**

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|---|---|
| Meeting | Nov 07, 2022 - Regular City Commission Meeting |
| Category | D. CONSENT AGENDA |
| Subject | 13. Authorization to apply for a MI Spark Grant for the Malcolm Park Ballfields |
| Access | Public |
| Type | Action (Consent) |
| Fiscal Impact | No |
| Dollar Amount | 400,000.00 |
| Budgeted | No |
| Budget Source | Malcolm Park Pride funds already raised held at the Chippewa Co. Community Foundation (matching funds) $45,000. Match is not required but shows commitment. |
| Recommended Action | Motion to approve applying for the MI Spark Grant opportunity to assist with equipment and construction on/to be used on City owned property |

**Public Content**

**BACKGROUND:**

*The MI Spark Grant application NOFO just opened in October. There is no match requirement for this grant, but the Malcolm Park Pride (MPP) community user group has already fundraised for this equipment and construction. Grants are due December 19, 2022. The proposed park infrastructure and amenities total over $400,000.*

*See grant details here: Michigan Spark Grants*

*Engineering and the Department of Public Works - Parks and Recreation are working together with Malcolm Park Pride/Linda Bouvet to facilitate the grant through the city's MI Grant Portal. MPP currently provides volunteers to manage and maintain the ballfields and has fundraised for these improvements. DPW/P&R do not have funds to purchase amenities or demo and construct a new building as proposed. These improvements would relieve the backlog of maintenance issues that have been outstanding at Malcolm Park, which is city owned property.*

*Fencing: Suggitt and Synett fields need complete re-dos. Gerrish and Kaunisto/Bunker need only a partial sideline and outfield fence.*
*Bleachers: New sets would replace the current ones in Little League area (4-6 sets). The remainder would replace the worst of the worst. Most fields have at least two sets and there are 10 fields.*
*Storage building: Demo and replace with larger footprint if able, determining if the slab would be usable. Building has been caving in for some time now. Ext 20'x50'*
*Bathhouse off 10th Ave - demo blighted building, hasn't been in use for years*
*Commercial Production Mower- new mower to be used at these facilities for upkeep and maintenance*

**ANALYSIS:**

*No additional city funds are required for this grant, 100% grant. A municipality can submit up to 3 applications, so we are working to formulate 2 more noncompeting submissions with the*

*Department of Public Works - Parks and Rec.*

*If the grant were to be awarded, funds would be managed by the city and vendors would be procured through the city's process. This estimate does include a 25% contingency.*

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH:**
*While there is not a direct public outreach component to this grant, we will be looking at previous stakeholder meetings and the content that was collected during our Master Rec Plan revision. MPP also has a master plan they follow for the ballfield area - see attached.*

**FISCAL IMPACT:**
*None. The grant is DNR Trust fund and is a State of Michigan source of funding.*

**ALTERNATIVES:**
The City Commission has the following options to consider on this matter:

1. Approve the motion to apply as presented.
2. Approve the resolution with modifications.
3. Direct staff to return with more information.
4. Other Alternative
5. Take no action.

MPP Master Plan.pdf (85 KB)
Malcolm Park Map.pdf (1,679 KB)
Spark Grant resolution_MPP Phase 2.pdf (81 KB)

**Administrative Content**

Spark Grant resolution_MPP Phase 2.docx (14 KB)

**Motion & Voting**

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Kathy Twardy, second by Ray Bauer.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Andrew Rubinstein, Tim Talentino, Kathy Twardy

# RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION – LOCAL UNIT OF GOVERNMENT MATCH WITH DONATED FUNDS FOR THE MI SPARK GRANT

WHEREAS, the City of Sault Ste. Marie supports the submission of an application titled, "Malcolm Park Phase 2 Renovation" to the Spark Grant program for ball field fencing, portable bleachers, demolition of a blighted bathhouse, demolition of an unusable cold storage building and construction of a new storage building, and a commercial production mower: and,

WHEREAS, the City of Sault Ste. Marie through the Malcolm Park Pride Committee is hereby making a financial commitment to the project in the amount of $45,000 matching funds, in cash and/or force account; and,

WHEREAS, if the grant is awarded the applicant commits its local match and donated amounts from the following source:

Malcolm Park Pride Committee/Chippewa Community Foundation: $45,000

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Sault Ste. Marie hereby authorizes submission of a Spark grant Application for $355,000, and further resolves to make available a local match through financial commitment and donation(s) of $45,000 (11%) of a total $400,000 project cost, during the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

AYES:
NAYES:
ABSENT:
MOTION APPROVED.

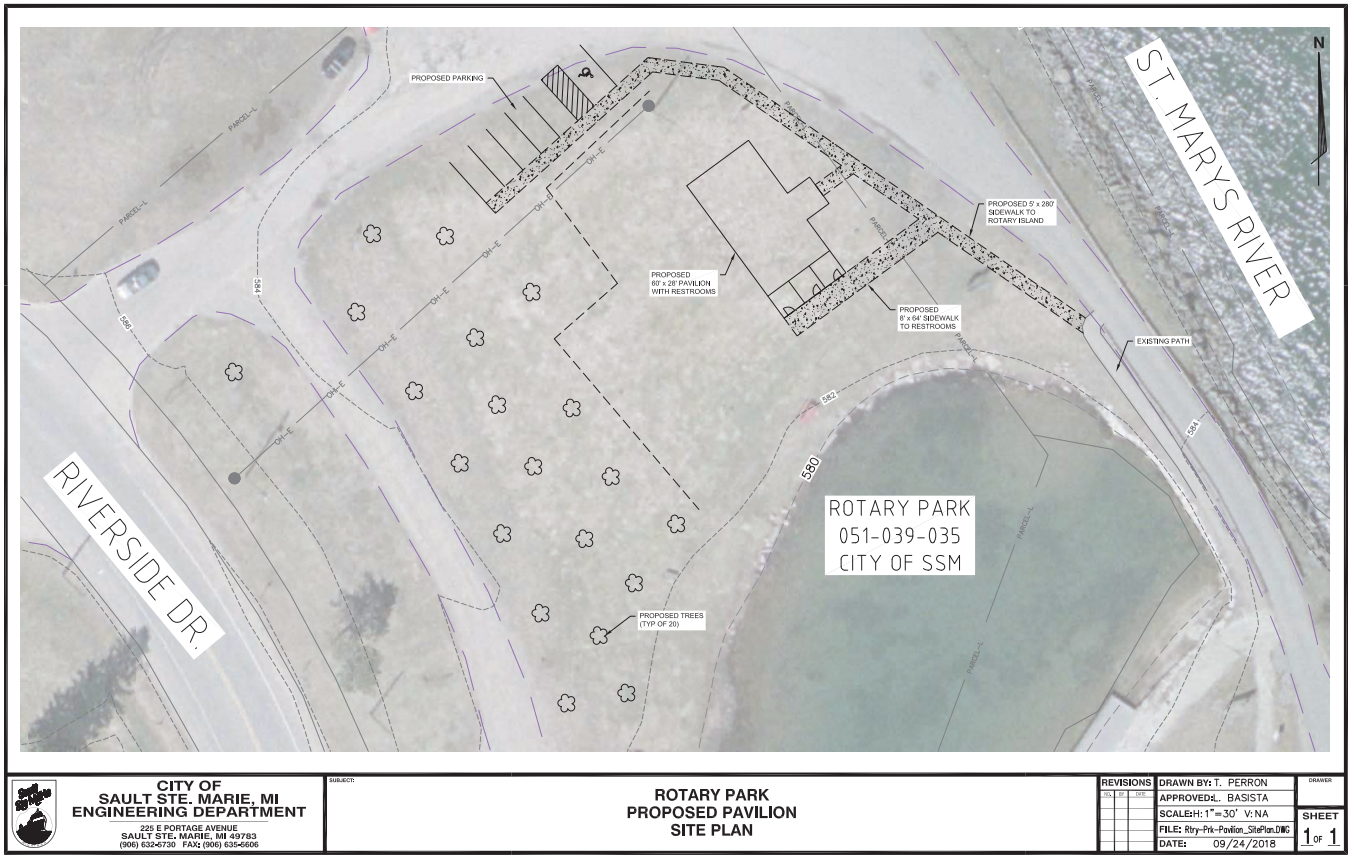
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a Resolution duly made and passed by the City Commission of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, County of Chippewa, State of Michigan at their regular meeting held on **November 7, 2022**, at 7 p.m. in City Hall City- Commission Chambers, with a quorum present.

_____ Dated: _____

ROBIN R. TROYER, CITY CLERK

o Include AMP

# Rotary Island Park Development Plan



City of Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan
DPW Park Assessment Plan
**Rotary Island Park**

## Asset Inventory with Critical Ratings

| | Conditional Assessment | Visual/ Aesthetic Ratings | Functional Rating |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Buildings** | | | |
| • Two (2) primitive outhouses (Male and Female) | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| • One (1) small eight (8) foot gazebo | 3 | 5 | 3 |
| • One (1) small pavilion shelter (mainland) | 2 | 5 | 3 |
| **Park Structural Items** | | | |
| • HVAC | | | |
| • Plumbing | | | |
| • One (1) yard hydrant that is non-operational (No Water) | 5 | 3 | 5 |
| • Electrical | | | |
| • 100 amp electric service for park | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| • Miscellaneous | | | |
| • Paint | | | |
| o Paint/Stain on exterior of outhouses | 2 | 5 | 2 |
| o Paint/Stain on interior of outhouses | 4 | 5 | 2 |
| o Paint/Stain on exterior of gazebo | 3 | 5 | 2 |
| • Kid's Fishing Pond | | | |
| o Dock with railings | 2 | 5 | 5 |
| o Posts | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| • Limestone Pathway around island park | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| • Brick walkway along guard rail | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| **Park Utilities** | | | |
| • Water | | | |
| • Park - 1" Water Service that is no longer connected | 5 | 1 | 5 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| • Sewer | | | |
| • Drainage | | | |
| • Sock drain and stone in various locations in park | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| • Electrical | | | |
| • Lighting | | | |
| o Park – Four (4) designer metal light poles with one (1) light fixture on each | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| o Kids Fishing Pond Net Light (Mainland) – One (1) wooden pole, one (1) light fixture | 2 | 4 | 5 |
| **Moveable Assets** | | | |
| • Picnic Tables | | | |
| • Ten (10) picnic tables | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| • Benches | | | |
| • Three (3) Cement/Wood Board (Ferry area) | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| • Eight (8) Metal Modern/Donated | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| • Picnic Grills | | | |
| • Eight (8) picnic grills | 2 | 5 | 4 |
| • Trash Containers | | | |
| • Eight (8) trash barrels within the main island park | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| • Two (2) trash barrels mainland | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| • Bike Rack | | | |
| • One (1) bike rack | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| **Playground Equipment** | | | |
| • Playground – One - Four (4) bay swing set with 2 infant swings and 2 regular swings, Play station with slide, wood fiber surfacing | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| **Trees** | | | |
| • Seventy Two (72) growth trees | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| • Ten (10) newly planted trees | 1 | 4 | 1 |

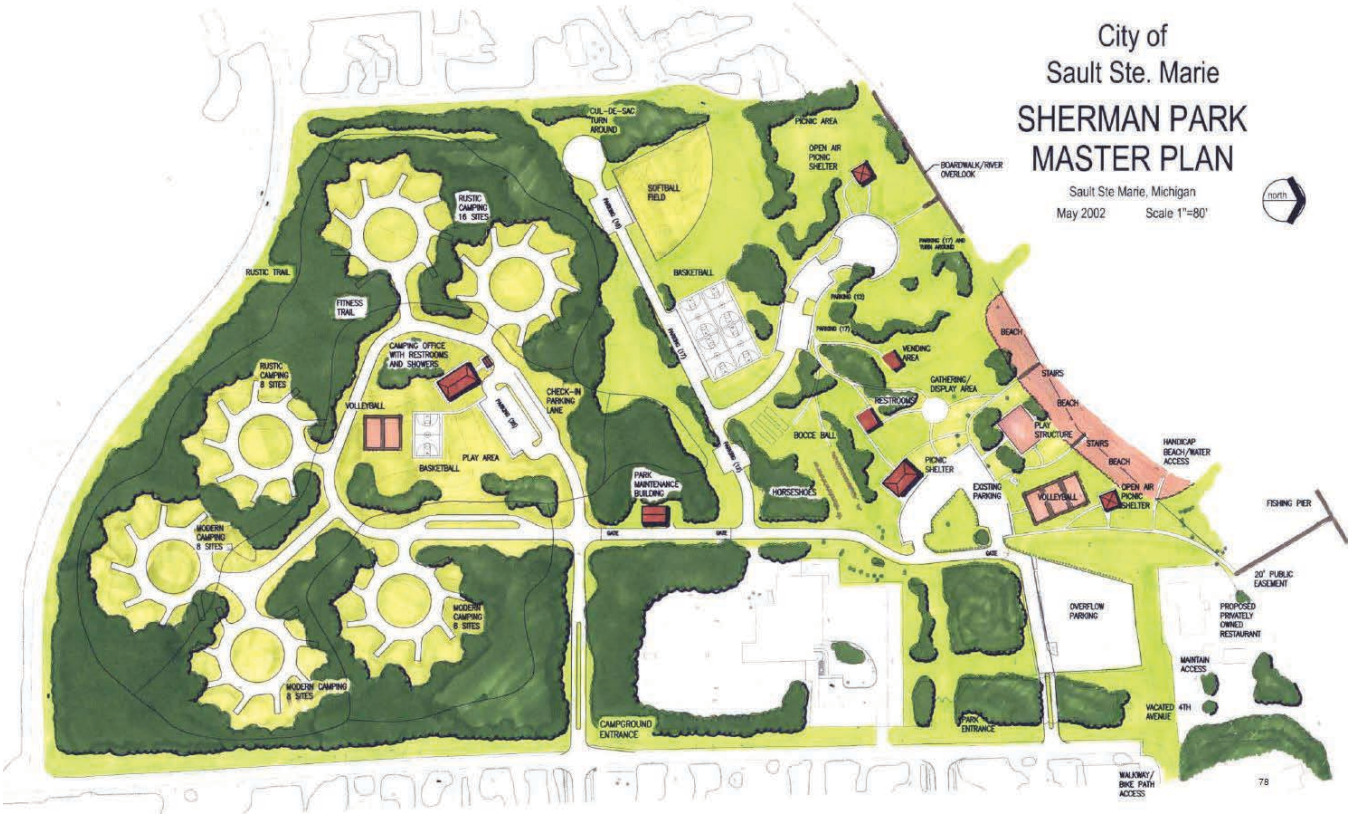
**Surface Assets**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| • Roadways | | | |
| • Asphalt entries (need work) | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| • Thirty Three (33) parking blocks | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| • Thirty One (31) parking spaces | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| • Two (2) handicapped parking spaces | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| • Site Drives | | | |
| • Asphalt entry and drive throughout park | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| • Gravel for mainland parking and entry | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| • Green Areas | 3 | 5 | 4 |
| • Fencing | | | |
| • Guard rail into park (causeway) | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| • Posts | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| • Signs | | | |
| • Two (2) post sign at entrance to park off causeway | 3 | 5 | 4 |
| • Two (2) post wood sign at entrance off Riverside (Kayak & Rotary Club Logo) | 2 | 5 | 4 |
| • One (1) router sign at entrance to park off Riverside | 2 | 5 | 4 |
| • One (1) modern sign with city logo at entrance to park off causeway | 2 | 5 | 4 |
| • Six (6) Interpretive history signs | 1 | 5 | 4 |

**Kayak Launch Assets**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| • One (1) Kayak/ShallowLaunch | | | |
| • Wood and steel connected sections of removable docks | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| • Limestone walkway approach | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| • Signage | | | |
| o 1 wood post and router sign | 2 | 5 | 4 |
| o Two (2) No overnight camping signs | 1 | 5 | 4 |
| o No swimming sign | 1 | 5 | 4 |

# Sherman Park Development Plan and Asset Management Plan



City of Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan
DPW Park Assessment Plan
**Sherman Park Campground and Park**

## Asset Inventory with Critical Ratings

| **Buildings** | **Conditional Assessment** | **Visual/ Aesthetic Ratings** | **Functional Rating** |
|---|---|---|---|
| • Campground - Two (2) primitive outhouses (Male and Female) | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| • Park – Restroom/Shower Building | | | |
| • Male and Female Restrooms, showers, utility room with mop sink | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| • Maintenance Building | | | |
| • Two (2) rooms with employee/work bench area, storage area and tool/equipment storage | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| • Park – Pavilions/Shelters | | | |
| • One (1) Log Pavilion with covered porch | 2 | 5 | 4 |
| • One (1) Open Air Beach Pavilion | 1 | 5 | 4 |
| • Storage Building for Horseshoe League | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| **Park Structural Items** | | | |
| • HVAC | | | |
| • Plumbing | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| • Shower fixtures for building: | | | |
| o Two (2) unisex showers | 2 | 5 | 5 |
| ▪ Tile/Brick Construction | 2 | 4 | 5 |
| ▪ Heater | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| ▪ Hooks | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| ▪ Mirror | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| ▪ Bench | 2 | 4 | 3 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| o One (1) unisex barrier free shower | 2 | 5 | 5 |
| ▪ Tile/Brick Construction | 2 | 4 | 5 |
| ▪ Heater | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| ▪ Hooks | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| ▪ Mirror | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| ▪ Bench | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| • Restroom fixtures for building: | | | |
| o Three (3) women restroom toilets | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| o One (1) women barrier free restroom toilet | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| o One (1) bench in women restroom | 2 | 5 | 4 |
| o Four (4) women restroom metal stall/dividers | 4 | 5 | 5 |
| o One (1) men restroom toilet | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| o One (1) men barrier free restroom toilet | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| o Two (2) men restroom metal stall/dividers | 4 | 5 | 5 |
| o Three (3) men urinals | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| o One (1) bench in men restroom | 2 | 5 | 4 |
| • Water sink fixtures for building: | | | |
| o Four (4) water sinks in women restroom | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| o One (1) water sink countertop in women restroom | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| o Three (3) water sinks in men restroom | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| o One (1) water sink countertop in men restroom | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| • Drinking Fountain fixtures for park | | | |
| o One (1) drinking fountain in Horseshoe Pit Area | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| o One (1) drinking fountain in Main Park | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| • Electrical | | | |
| • 200 amp electric service to restroom/shower building | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| • 1 Electric (220 Volt) 82 Gallon Hot Water Heater | 3 | 1 | 5 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| • Hand Dryers (Electric) | | | |
| o One (1) of two original dryers in women's restroom | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| o One (1) original dryer in men's restroom | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| • Miscellaneous | | | |
| • Flooring | | | |
| o Tile in Showers and Restrooms | 2 | 4 | 5 |
| o Cement in remainder of facility | 2 | 4 | 5 |
| • Mirror fixtures for restrooms | | | |
| o One (1) mirror in women's restroom | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| o One (1) mirror in men's restroom | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| • Paint | | | |
| o Paint/Stain on exterior of structures | 3 | 5 | 4 |
| • Decorative Items | | | |
| o One (1) bike rack in parking lot 2 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| • Gate | | | |
| o Large Steel Gate with (4) four sections and (4) four foundation structures utilized as a seasonal barrier/gate to park and campground | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| • Appliances | | | |
| o One (1) electric refrigerator in pavilion | 2 | 5 | 4 |
| o One (1) electric stove/range in pavilion | 2 | 5 | 4 |

**<u>Park Utilities</u>**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| • Water | | | |
| • Park Restroom/Shower Building – 1 ½" Water Service | 2 | 1 | 5 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| • Campground – Six (6) water spigots | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| • Campground – One (1) yard hydrant in pit toilet area | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| • Sewer | | | |
| • | | | |
| • Drainage | | | |
| • 8” storm sewer lines in campground, need to confirm all locations | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| • Electrical | | | |
| • Park: 200 amp service | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| • Maintenance Building: 100 amp service | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| • Main Pavilion: 200 amp service | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| • Lighting | | | |
| • Main parking lot at entrance | | | |
| o One (1) pole with two (2) lights | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| o One (1) pole with one (1) light – shared | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| • Parking lot by pavilion | | | |
| o One 1) pole with one (1) light – shared | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| o One (1) pole with two (2) lights | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| • Pavilion | | | |
| o One (1) security light in lot by dumpster | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| o Eleven (11) single bulb lights in pavilion/porch | 2 | 4 | 5 |
| o Three (3) security lights on pavilion | 2 | 4 | 5 |
| • Restroom/Shower Building | | | |
| o Three (3) security lights on building | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| • Horseshoe Pits | | | |
| o Two (2) lights on poles | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| • Maintenance Building | | | |
| o Two (2) security lights on building | 3 | 3 | 4 |

**Moveable Assets**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| • Picnic Tables | | | | |
| | o Campground - 29 Picnic tables | 3 | 5 | 4 |
| | o Park – 30 Picnic tables | 3 | 5 | 4 |
| | o Pavilion/Inside – 20 picnic tables | 2 | 5 | 4 |
| | ▪ Outside Pavilion (Coated Metal) – 1 Picnic table | 3 | 5 | 4 |
| • Fire Pits | Campground - 21 Fire Pits | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| • Benches | Park | | | |
| | ▪ 1 Steel Donated Bench (Lions Club) located by Large Grill at Pavilion | 1 | 4 | 4 |
| | ▪ 2 Metal/Wood Board | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| | ▪ 10 Metal Modern | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| • Trash Containers | | | | |
| | • Park - 1 Dumpster | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| | • Main pavilion - 4 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | • Park - 10 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | • Campground - 6 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| • Grills | | | | |
| | • Eight (8) Steel and post grills in park | 3 | 5 | 4 |
| | • One (1) Large Covered Concrete Block grill with stainless steel cooking grates | 2 | 5 | 4 |

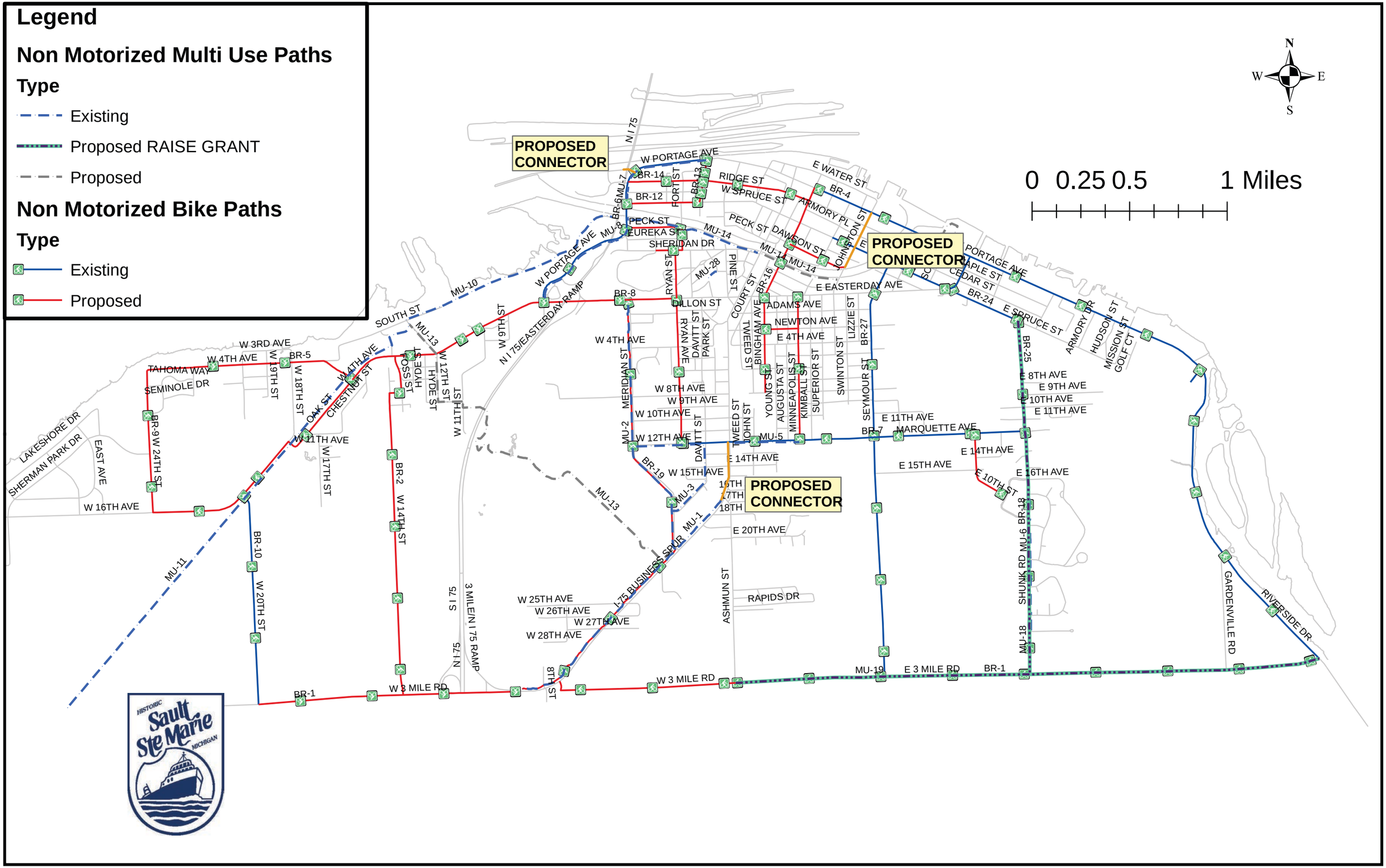
**Playground Equipment**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| • Two (2) Beach volleyball courts with nets | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| • One (1) Small basketball court with concrete slab | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| • Eight (8) Horseshoe pits with backstops | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| • Three (3) Bocce Courts | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| • One (1) 2 bay swing set with 4 swings | 3 | 4 | 4 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| • Two (2) 1 bay swing sets with 2 toddler and 2 regular swings | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| • One (1) Merry-go-round | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| • One (1) Rocket ship play structure with 2 slides | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| • One older play structure with 3 slides | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| • One modern play structure area with | | | |
| ◦ Five (5) slides | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| ◦ Tire swing | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| ◦ Two (2) bay swing set with 2 toddler and 2 regular swings | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| ◦ Two climbing apparatus | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| **Trees** | | | |
| • Various old growth trees in park in and campground | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| **Surface Assets** | | | |
| • Primitive Campsites | | | |
| ◦ 25 Campsites – No electric or water hookups | 3 | 5 | 4 |
| • Roadways | | | |
| ◦ Asphalt entries | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| ◦ Main parking lot | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| ▪ Sixty seven (67) regular parking spaces | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| ▪ Four (4) handicapped parking spaces | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| ◦ Parking lot at pavilion/playground | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| ▪ Fifty six (56) regular parking spaces | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| ▪ Two (2) handicapped parking spaces | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| • Site Drives | | | |
| ◦ Asphalt entry and drive throughout campground | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| ◦ Gravel for campground drives and camp sites | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| • Green Areas | | | |
| ◦ Park has large green space with open area for picnics | 3 | 5 | 4 |
| • Fencing | | | |
| ◦ Two (2) Link fencing sections along east side of main parking lot at entrance separating parking lot and West 24th street | 4 | 4 | 2 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| • Steel post/chain/cable – separating pavilion parking lot and pavilion loading/unloading | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| • Two (2) sections of wood timber fencing along main driveway into park | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| • Posts | | | |
| • Park – 108 wood posts separating park from driveway and parking | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| • Campground – 120 wood posts outlining roadway and park | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| • Campground – 25 (6 x 6) wood posts delineating campsites | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| • Signs | | | |
| • 1 wood post and router sign at park entrance off 24th street | 3 | 5 | 4 |
| • Various no motor vehicles signs | 3 | 5 | 4 |
| • Various no life guard on duty/no glass signs | 3 | 5 | 4 |
| • Various no dogs allowed in park signs | 3 | 5 | 4 |

# Trail Connectivity Plans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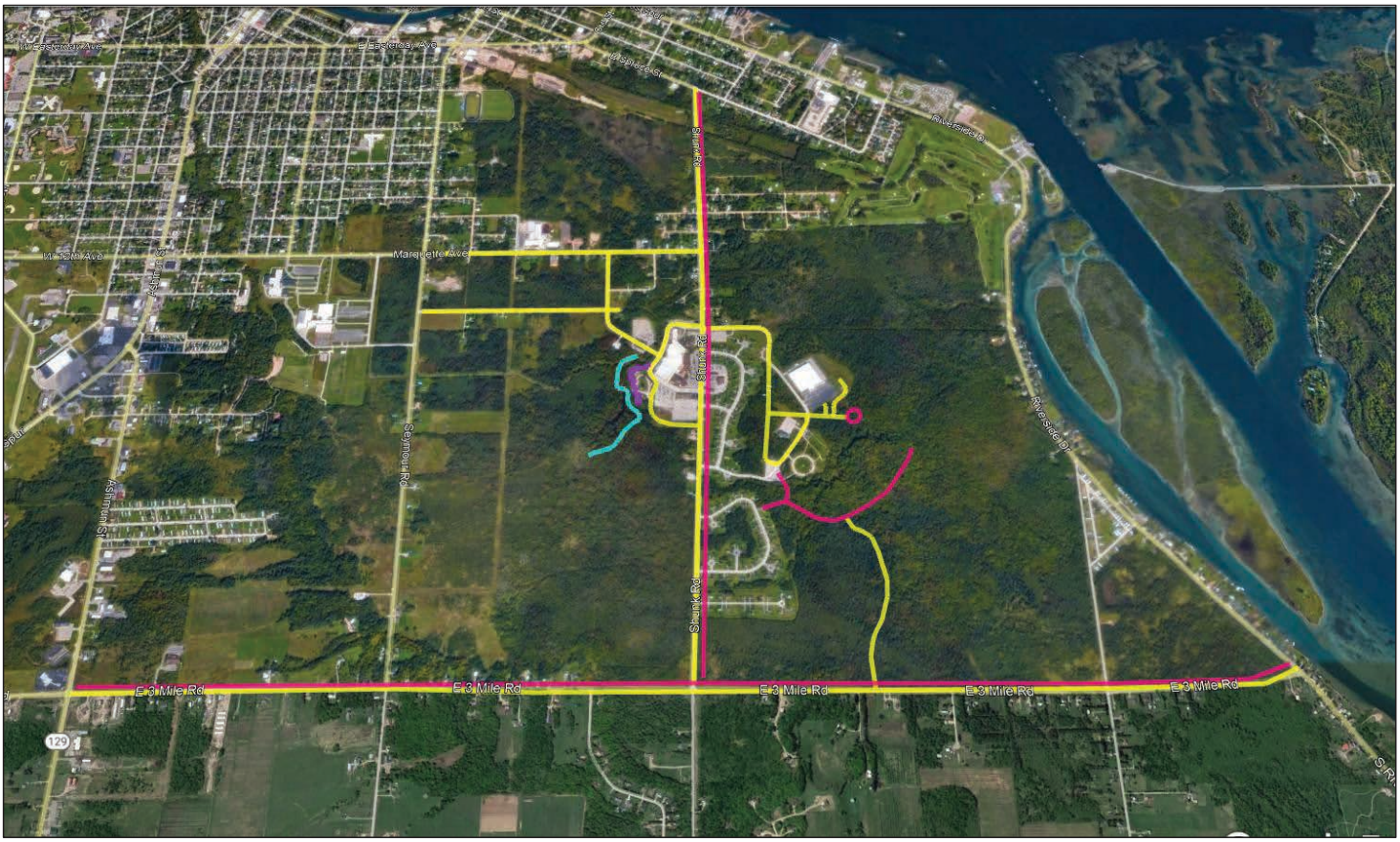


YELLOW – NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION

TURQUISE – TRIBAL NATURE PRESURE -BOARDWALK

PINK – NEW MULTI-PURPOSE PATHS & TRAIL HEAD

PURPLE – NEW CASINO RV PARK

NEW TRANSPORTATION FACIITY & EQUIPMENT – LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED

# B. Public Participation (Early Input)

## Survey - Online and Hard Copy

Soo 2022 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

### Survey

City of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

August 30, 2022 – October 7, 2022

The City of Sault Ste. Marie Parks and Recreation Department is currently updating the City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan, with assistance by its consultant, McKenna Associates. This plan helps guide parks and recreation prioritization and will span a five-year period – 2023 to 2028. The Parks and Recreation Master Plan is also used as a basis for applying to obtain grants and other funding for parks and recreation projects.

We respectfully request Sault Ste. Marie residents' and stakeholders' input about your experiences and opinions regarding the programs, services, and facilities that Sault Ste. Marie offers. Your participation is crucial to helping Sault Ste. Marie make the best investments in parks and recreation.

The following anonymous survey will take roughly 10 minutes to complete; the survey will be closed on Friday, October 7, 2022. Thank you for your participation!

If you have any questions or additional comments, please contact:

Gage Belko (Project Planner, McKenna Associates) at gbelko@mcka.com

*Paper copies may be returned before October 7, 2022, at the location where they were picked up or mailed to:

Attn: Tyler Perron

City of Sault Ste. Marie Public Services

225 E. Portage Avenue

Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

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Begin Survey

1. Are you familiar with the facilities and programs offered by the Sault Ste. Marie Parks and Recreation division of the Department of Public Services?

   ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Which city-owned facilities do you most frequently visit? (select all that apply)

- ☐ Ashmun/Maple Pocket Park
- ☐ Ashmun Street Pocket Park
- ☐ Algonquin Park
- ☐ Chandler's Park
- ☐ Market Corner and Pavilion
- ☐ Lower Coast Guard Property
- ☐ Memorial Park
- ☐ St. Mary's Park
- ☐ Weber Park
- ☐ Lakeshore Park
- ☐ Lower River Islands
- ☐ Ravine Park
- ☐ Alford Park
- ☐ Ashmun Bay Park
- ☐ Aune Osborn Park
- ☐ Malcolm Park
- ☐ Rotary Island Park
- ☐ Sault Seal Recreation Area
- ☐ Sherman Park
- ☐ Skate/Bike Park
- ☐ Shallows Boat Launch
- ☐ Pullar Community Building
- ☐ Mission Street Boat Launch
- ☐ Kemp Marina
- ☐ Kaine's Rink
- ☐ I-500 Snowmobile Racetrack
- ☐ Charles T. Harvey Marina

3. Which one of the following three statements comes closest to the way you feel about parks and programs in your community?

- ☐ Members of my household use parks and recreation programs on a regular basis, and I believe that these services are important to quality of life.
- ☐ Although members of my household do not use parks and recreation programs frequently, I believe that these services are important to quality of life.
- ☐ Parks and recreation programs are not important to quality of life.

4. In general, what kind of recreation / leisure activities do you and your family members participate in? (select all that apply)

- ☐ Exercise / Fitness / Casual Sports
- ☐ Cultural Events
- ☐ Children's Play
- ☐ Organized Team Sports
- ☐ Classes / Enrichment Programs
- ☐ Nature Study / Gardening

5. Please rate the following aspects of public parks, recreation facilities, and spaces in Sault Ste. Marie (on a scale of one (1) = poor to five (5) = excellent:

| | Ratings (1-5 or n/a) |
|---|---|
| Overall existing outdoor facilities | |
| Overall indoor facilities | |
| Variety of parks and recreation facilities | |
| Maintenance of parks and recreation facilities | |
| Availability of public spaces where people want to spend time and feel safe | |
| Availability of walking paths (including sidewalks) | |
| Availability of bike facilities and paths | |

6. If you do not frequent City parks, recreation facilities, and/or programs, please select the reasons that prevent you or members of your household from doing so.

- ☐ I use private facilities and programs
- ☐ Facilities are not well maintained
- ☐ Program or facility not offered
- ☐ Facilities do not have the right equipment
- ☐ Security is insufficient
- ☐ Quality of programs is poor
- ☐ Too far from residence
- ☐ Fees are too high
- ☐ Participate in programs provided by other communities or organizations
- ☐ Poor customer service by staff
- ☐ I do not know the location of parks and facilities
- ☐ Availability of parking
- ☐ Registration for programs is too difficult
- ☐ Program times are not convenient
- ☐ Facilities are too hard to reach, poor access
- ☐ None / no opinion
- ☐ Other: _____

7. Please identify if you feel the facilities and recreation programs below fall short of community needs, meets needs, or exceeds needs in the community.

| | Falls Short | Meets Needs | Exceeds Needs | Unsure |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Facilities | | | | |
| Park Land | | | | |
| Athletic Fields | | | | |
| Playgrounds | | | | |
| Ice Arena (indoor) | | | | |
| Ice Skating | | | | |
| Golf Courses | | | | |
| Performing Arts Space | | | | |
| Walking or Biking Trails | | | | |
| Tennis Courts | | | | |
| Dog Park | | | | |
| Lighting | | | | |
| WIFI Connections | | | | |
| Recreation Programs | | | | |
| Summer programs | | | | |
| Community special events and festivals | | | | |
| Senior adult health, fitness, social programs | | | | |
| Youth and adult sports programs | | | | |
| Family programs and activities | | | | |
| Teen and after school programs | | | | |
| Art, music, concerts, theater, dance | | | | |
| Aquatic programs for all ages | | | | |
| Programs for people with disabilities | | | | |
| Wellness and fitness programs | | | | |
| Environmental/nature education programs | | | | |
| Multi-cultural programs and offerings | | | | |

8. What new or enhanced opportunities would you like to see within the City? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Adult Fitness and Wellness
- ☐ Arts and Crafts
- ☐ Programs for At-Risk Youth
- ☐ Baseball / softball
- ☐ Basketball
- ☐ Bicycling – Street Programs
- ☐ Bike Rental
- ☐ Cultural / Historical Programs
- ☐ Dance
- ☐ Disc Golf
- ☐ Dog Park (off leash)
- ☐ Hiking/Walking Trails
- ☐ Hockey
- ☐ Jazzercise / Zumba
- ☐ Martial Arts/Self Defense
- ☐ Nature Education Programs
- ☐ Pickleball
- ☐ Playgrounds
- ☐ Programs for People with Disabilities
- ☐ Senior Fitness and Wellness
- ☐ Skateboard / Bike park
- ☐ Skiing/Snowboarding
- ☐ Sledding
- ☐ Soccer
- ☐ Special Events / Festivals
- ☐ Swimming
- ☐ Tennis
- ☐ Volleyball
- ☐ Youth Fitness / Wellness
- ☐ Youth/Teen Summer Camps
- ☐ Restrooms
- ☐ Community Gardens
- ☐ Natural Resource Management
- ☐ Golf Course
- ☐ Ice Arena
- ☐ Other (please specify): _____

9. What do you feel are the top three (3) park and recreational priorities for Sault Ste. Marie in the next 5-10 years?

1) _____

2) _____

3)_____

10. What is your age?

- ☐ 17 or younger
- ☐ 18-24
- ☐ 25-34
- ☐ 35-44
- ☐ 45-54
- ☐ 55-64
- ☐ 65 or better

11. Do you live in the City of Sault Ste. Marie?

☐ Yes ☐ No

12. Please feel free to leave any additional comments that were not addressed in the above questions.

13. Please leave your email address if you would like to know more about the Parks and Recreation Master Plan process.

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# Survey Results

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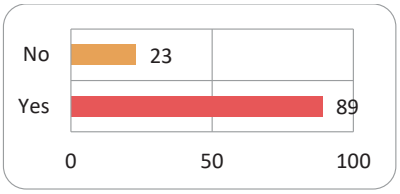
November 10, 2022. Some questions allowed for multiple responses, so percentages represent the frequency with which those responses were selected.

1. Are you familiar with the facilities and programs offered by the Sault Ste. Marie Parks and Recreation division of the Department of Public Services?

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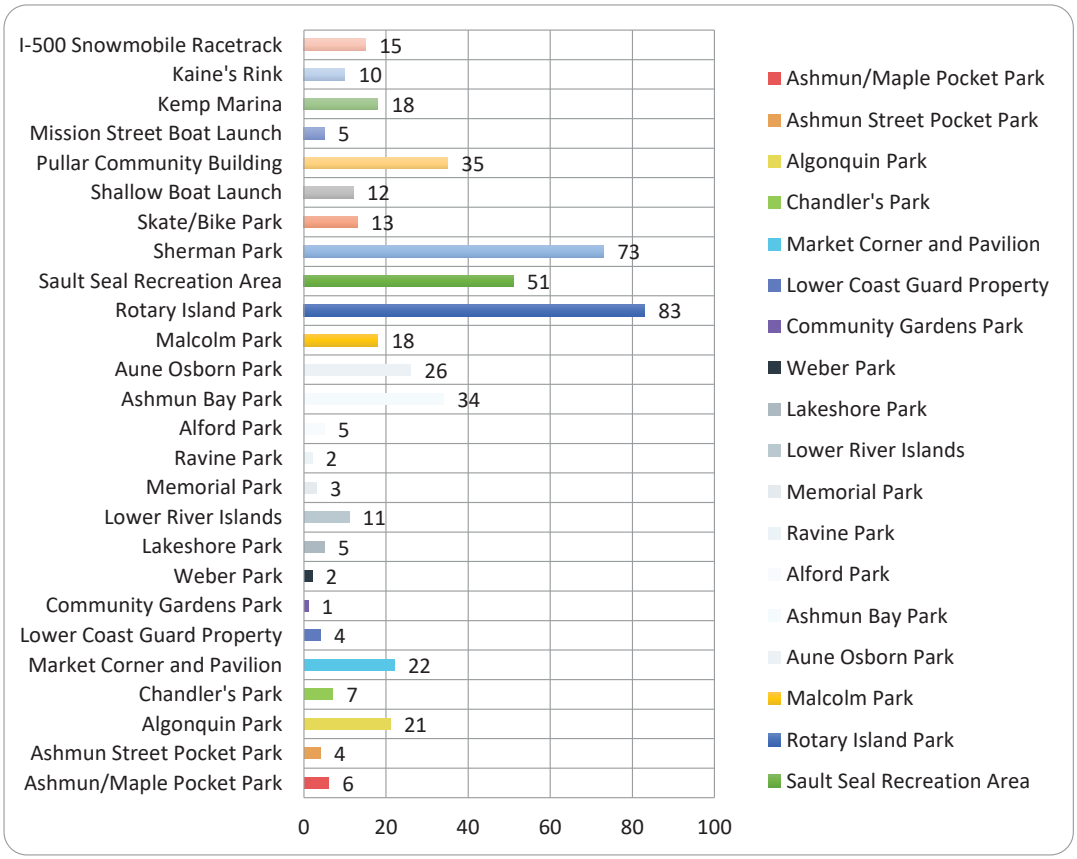

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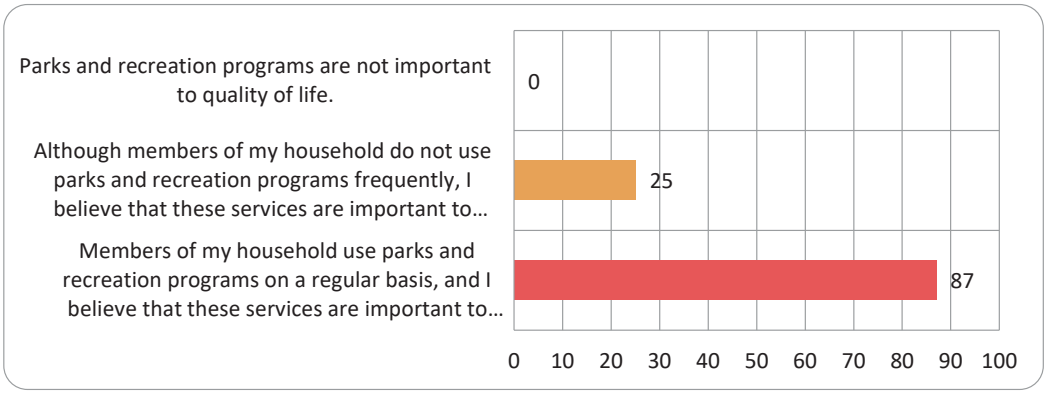


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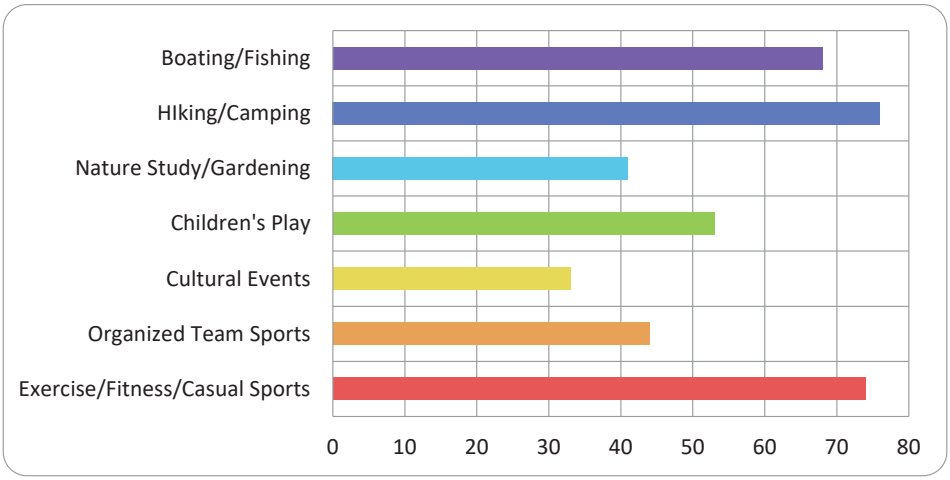


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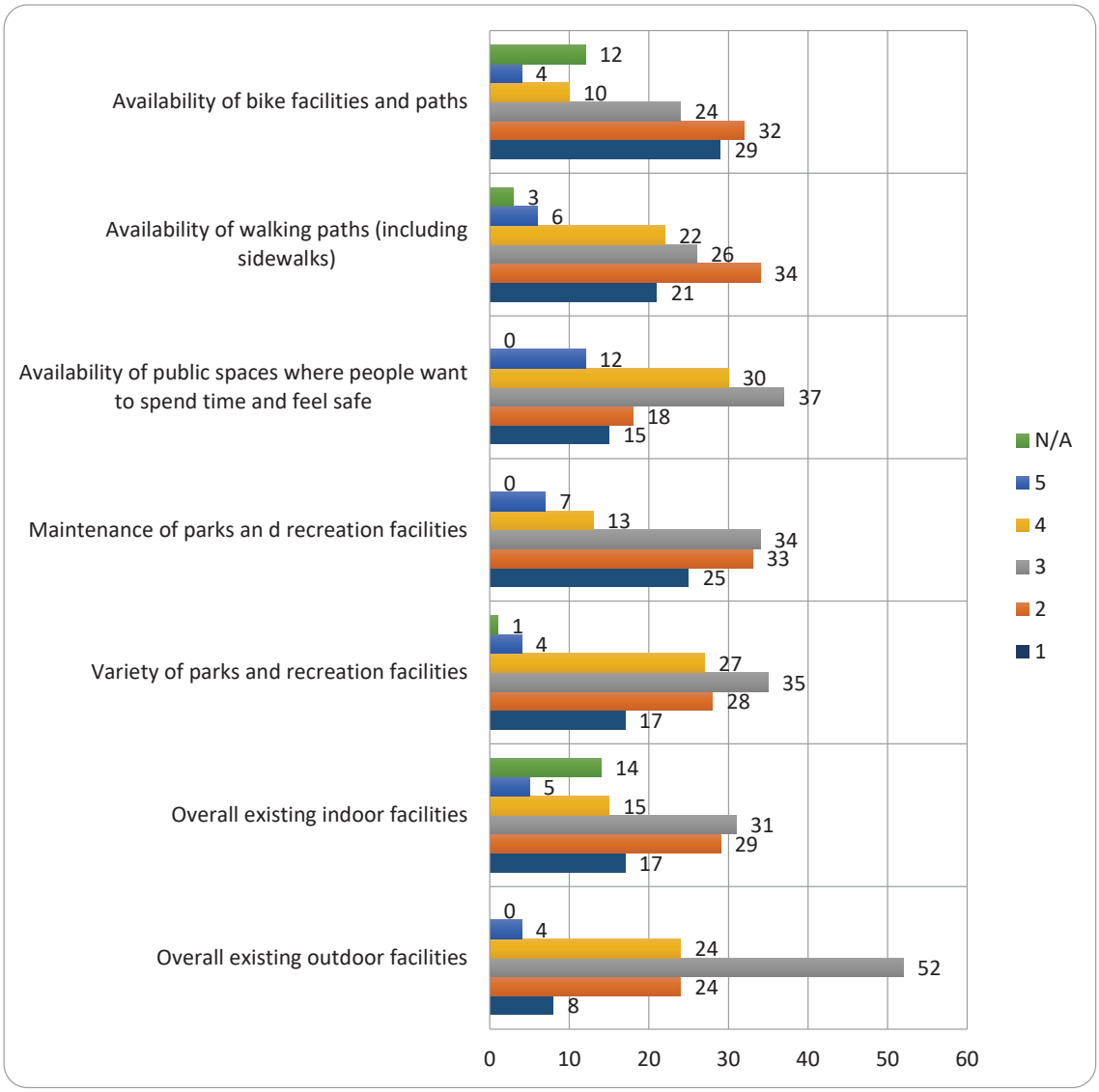


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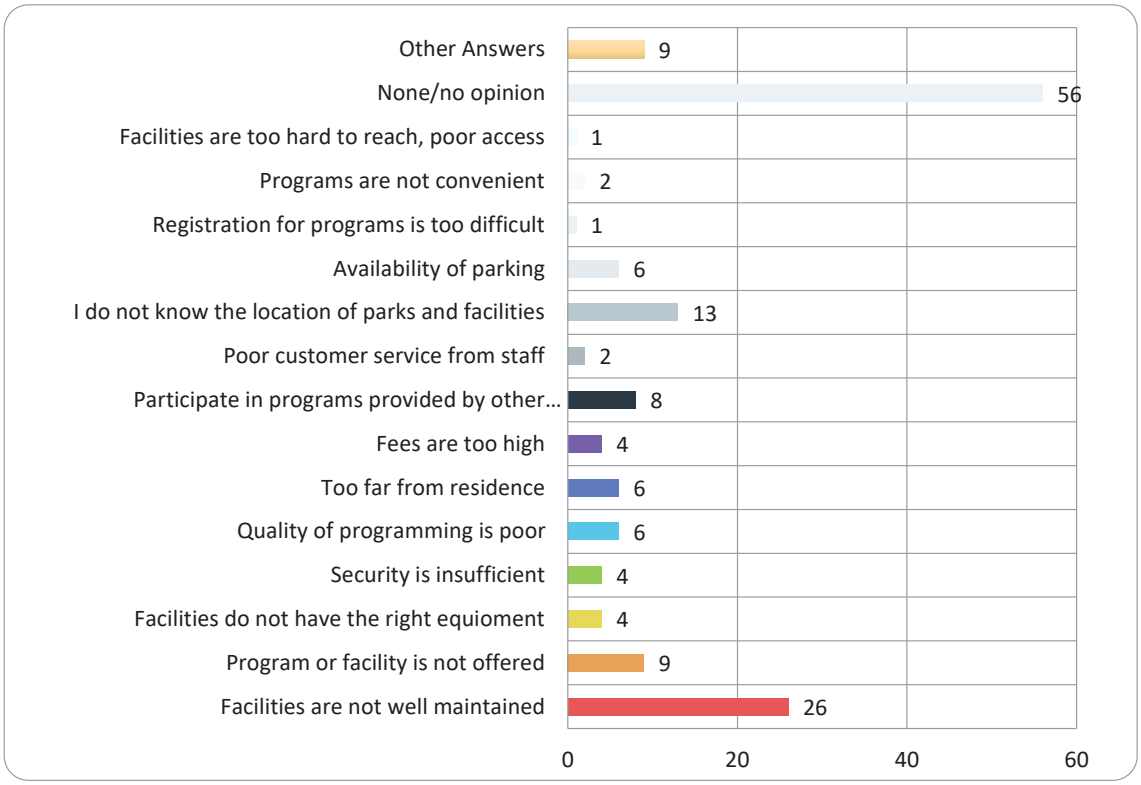


Other:

- Limited shore access. Rebuild and Re-open Alford Park and the carbide dock. Re-located the City Garage to the coal dock and have the ship dump the salt up there. Time to stop wasting waterfront.
- Little to nothing is offered for youth; waterfront access to fish and swim is inaccessible, horrendous and sad.
- Gave-up the only decent waterfront access for fishing to Podunk University at the Carbide Dock. City does not care about taxpayer issues, only whiny and over-priced local business owners.
- Choice of activities in the parks for seniors.
- Often have events on church nights. Wednesday and Sunday. People never used to put events on Wednesday or Sunday nights. I would attend and participate more if they didn't.
- Sherman Park campground has not been available
- Dogs are not allowed in many of the parks. City recreation facilities are not dog friendly.
- There aren't many to go to. If so no bathrooms or dirty bathrooms. The city is missing out on the water views this town has for events , parks and restaurants. Need more water views not ugly buildings sitting vacant on water views. Clean this city up make it fresh and clean. It looks trashy
- lazy

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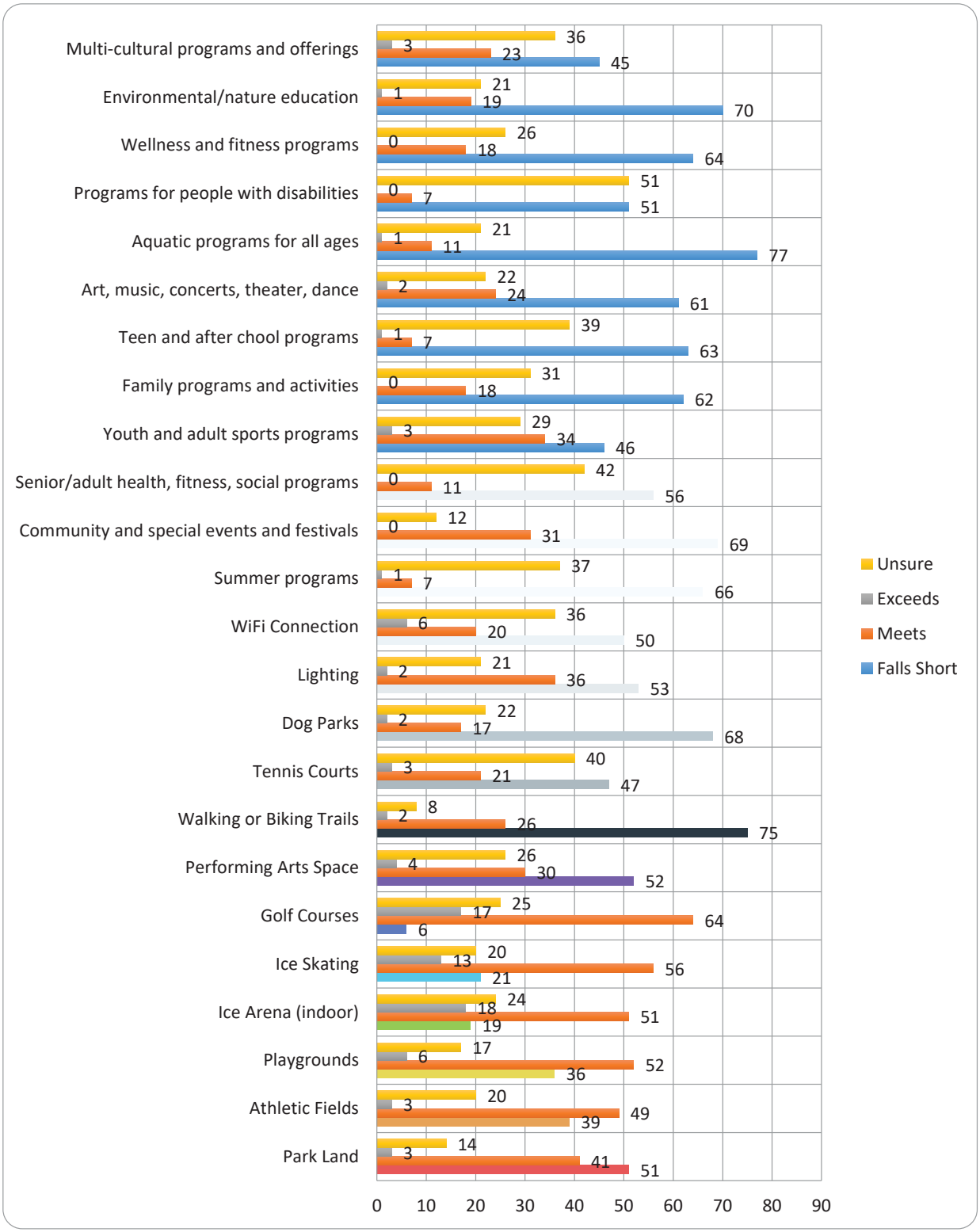

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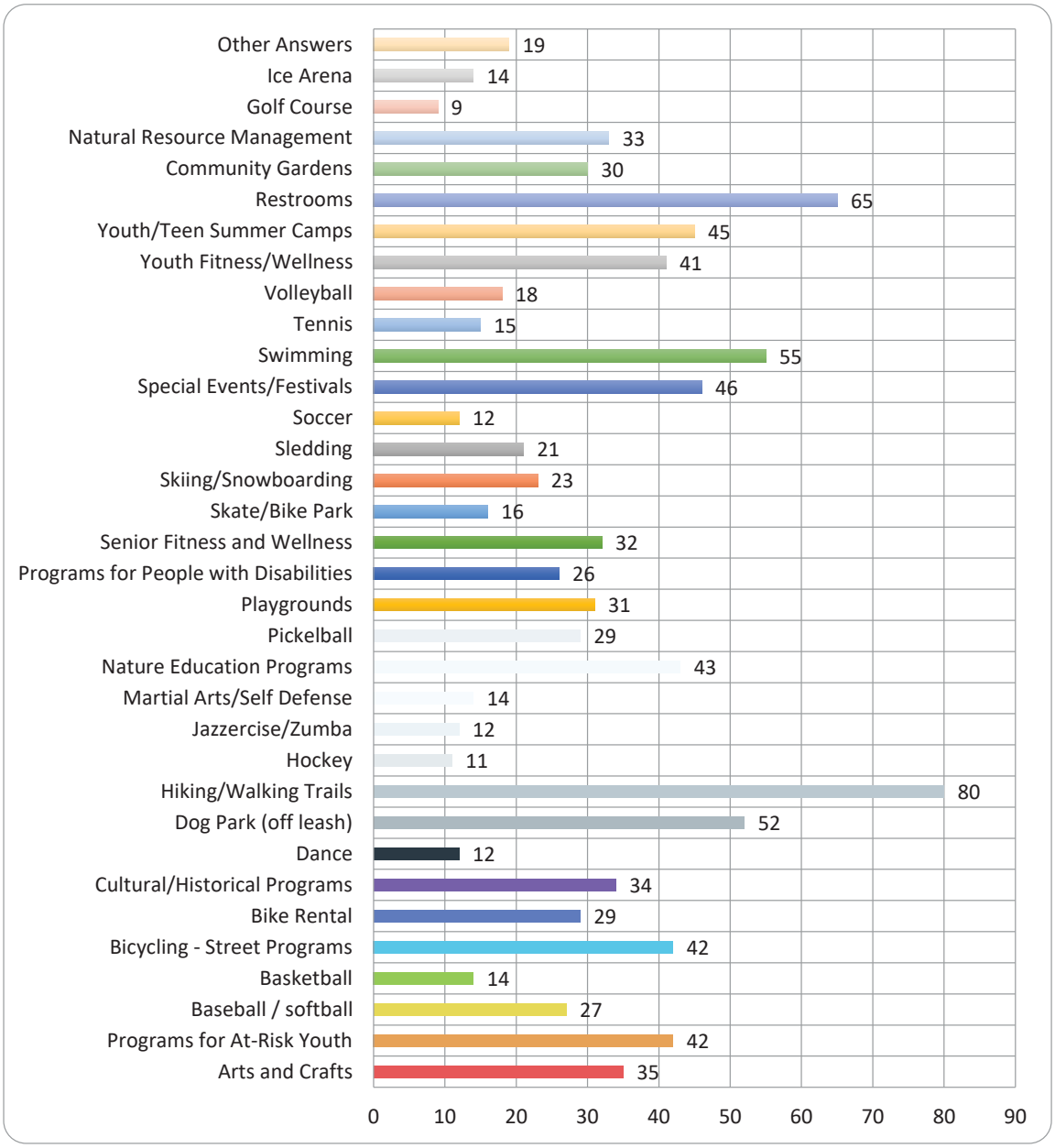



Other:

- Indoor facility for soccer, baseball, softball, etc
- Pickleball courts
- Areas for the public to fish from off shore in Lake Superior and the St. Mary's river. All waterfront park properties should have accommodations for public offshore fishing access. Fishing tourism would increase if the were more areas to fish without a boat.
- Extensive work to boat launches and fishing piers.
- How do you not mention FISHING?!?! What clueless, non-local made this survey?
- Non motorized trails for bikes and hiking/running

- Notice you don't ask about fishing.. City only cares about the dollar. Podunk University gets million dollar property and taxpayers have nowhere to fish ! Sherman Park is a pig sty and Seal (Minneapolis Woods) looks like a waste land 7 months of the year. I-500 is an eyesore that you are wasting money on. There are facilities in the county wide area that provide what you fools think we need at I-500 track. Again 90% of people don't care about the I-500 track, only the money grubbing business people do. I'm done ranting. The Soo is the Armpit of the U.P. and the Welfare Capitol of Michigan. Will never change !!!
- Indoor facilities for youth involved in football/baseball and other sports besides hockey where they can learn and develop player skills in the off seasons. Agility, conditioning, and batting cages!
- Something with water sports, kayak rentals, stand up paddle boards rentals etc.
- CCTV security systems at outdoor and indoor venues. Emergency call boxes on trails.
- We need a indoor recreational facility that is not tribally owned and operated with more options besides hockey, similar to YMCA. There are many more recreational activities that could be brought to our area with a better run facility.
- Lighted Disc golf course, specified paved walking/biking trail along I-75, or waterfront or from downtown to uptown areas.
- Beautification of Sherman park. The long grass hides the beauty of our priceless beaches there. Sherman park should be a masterpiece in our city!!
- Again, stop putting things on church tonight so people who go to church can attend certain things to.
- Sherman Park
- Disability and sensory play area
- Permanent cornhole boards
- Areas to walk dogs on leash.
- Public swimming pool

9. What do you feel are the top three (3) park and recreational priorities for Sault Ste. Marie in the next 5-10 years?

Priority #1

- Accessible frontage on the St. Mary's
- Maintenance
- Utilization of river/lake front- walking paths, swimming, paddling
- Add a downtown playground and park
- Maintain and clean facilities that we have
- Rotary park
- Waterfront development. The location of the park is crucial. Acquiring under-used waterfront for use as a city park would enhance local use and draw tourists.
- Hiking/Walking Trails
- Upgrades at the ball fields
- Keep current areas clean and safe
- Summer Rec programs for children
- Pullar updates
- Lights for the softball fields
- Programming
- Biking/hiking paths...off-road
- Update current parks
- Access to riverfront
- Maintenance at the baseball and softball fields. Our city fields could be amazing, and they are in sad shape.
- Bathrooms at ball fields- the mens field on 8th is embarrassing
- Continue to fix the boat launch at William Gregory
- Improve ball fields.
- Public Access to the waterfront is woefully inadequate. We need walking/biking trails along the riverfront. Non citizens have more access than citizens (campgrounds on city property). There should be a dedicated walkway/bikeway from Sherman Park to Rotary Island.
- Hiking
- More walking paths that actually lead somewhere
- Shore Fishing access
- Bike paths
- Splash pad
- Dog Park
- Access to water, hiking, for all not just tourists for children to seniors
- Create areas for public offshore fishing
- Park and equipment updates
- Youth programs involving parks/nature/appreciation of the outdoors
- Malcolm Park repairs and enhancements
- Riverfront access for watercraft and pedestrians, and fishing piers. I see a lot of comments on the map about improving

riverfront access, which is a big problem for a community that prides itself on its riverfront. I agree with most of these comments. Boat ramps are in disrepair and, in the case of Ashmun Bay and the lower Coast Guard property, and even Harvey Marina, parks associated with these areas are not developed to their potential. I believe a strong focus should be on this priority.

- Na
- Activity spaces on the waterfront
- Bathroom
- Capital investment
- More kids play areas
- Maintaining property
- Fishing/Waterfront Access
- More usable sidewalks
- maintenance
- Fix the ball fields. Everyone seems to prioritize hockey. Not every child plays hockey. Baseball always gets the sport end of the stick.
- Enhancing our existing parks and waterfront access!
- Bathroom facilities
- Waterfront
- Trails
- Youth programs in general
- Picnic areas with playgrounds
- Fishing
- Youth/teen programs and events
- Dog Park
- Sherman park
- Maintenance upgrade
- Rotary Park
- Disabilities need addressed
- High quality fields for baseball and softball
- Swimming lessons
- Youth programs and activities
- Wellness and fitness
- Public swimming pool
- Childrens activities and functions
- Waterfront parks/water activities
- Bathroom at project playground
- Rotary Park
- Security
- Care and maintenance of our existing parks and facilities
- Better use of waterfront
- Things for youth to do ie: movie theater or arcade
- more public bathrooms better maintained too
- Sherman Park
- Sherman park
- More childrens parks with bathrooms nearby
- Dog park
- More natural walking/hiking places
- Public swimming pool
- Restroom facilities for everyone downtown and maintained on a constant basis
- Repairing and upgrading pullar stadium
- Safe hiking and walking trails
- Fitness and wellness for all ages
- updating and completing maintenance backlog
- Repair the pullar
- Project playground
- Sherman park
- Sherman Park campground
- Bike paths
- Pullar Stadium
- OPEN SHERMAN PARK
- Bike paths
- Pickle ball
- Water front trails
- Sherman Park
- Comprehensive, CONNECTED bike paths.
- Hire a recreation director as indicated in previous master plans
- Pickelball courts
- Clean facilities
- Walking/biking trails
- Areas to walk dogs on leash
- Rotary park
- Increase health and fitness opportunities for our youth.
- Keeping up on maintenance
- Continued maintenance of existing facilities
- Better upkeep of Rotary Park, especially the bathrooms
- Project playground
- Develop Ashmun bay into a swimming beach
- I-500 track venue
- Baseball field's need help
- Maintinance of existing areas
- We need more trails for walking and biking
- sherman park beach/ campground
- Public swimming pool

Priority #2

- Accessible frontage on the Power Canal
- Upkeep on wood chips
- Dog park
- enhance ashmun bay to include a campground
- Sault seal
- The fishing pier at Alford park was popular and has not been replaced. Adding another fishing pier would be popular.
- Bike Trails
- Overall upkeep/maintenance
- Indoor facility
- More biking trails
- Update and CLEAN the softball field bathrooms
- Update existing spaces
- Afterschool fitness activities for children
- Create more indoor spaces
- Nature education/outreach
- Youth activities that are free or low cost for families. Most of the activities available are quite expensive and many kids can't participate.
- Security for to deter vandalism
- Fix the fishing pier at Alfred park
- Special events/festivities
- Get rid of homeless population taking up benches downtown
- Bike paths
- Mountain bike path
- Youth resources
- Sherman park is in disrepair, fix it
- More activities
- outdoor festivals and events that makes the most of our water access
- Better utilization of Pullar Arena
- Na
- Biking / hiking trails
- Additional green spaces
- After-school programs
- Rebuild Alford Park
- Bike paths
- updating equipment
- Closing Parks that are not used, that are sucking time from Parks and Rec crew
- Bike paths
- Concerts
- Green space
- Teen programs with nature
- Walking trails
- Fishing
- Clean up and update current parks
- Performance space
- Rotary island
- Events
- Mountain bike trails for all ages
- Remove outdated play equipment
- Enhanced sporting fields and indoor activities other than hockey
- Outdoor recreation activities
- Paved bike trail. Not on the existing roads

- Winter activity
- Sherman Park
- Multigenerational and accessible
- Increased biking,  running/walking trails and paths
- Rotary Island Park
- Malcolm park
- A swimming program
- Hiking trails
- More open ice time for public
- Activities for our young people. There are no Activities for them to keep out of trouble.
- Further development of the islands
- Development of hiking/walking trails
- Creating spaces that teenagers can go and be themselves without other people being suspicious of them.
- Repair reopen Sherman park camp ground
- Roads so people can skateboard
- Kaines Rink
- Connect our parks
- Sherman Park
- ENHANCE ASHMUN BAY PROPERTY
- Arts and performance center
- Performing arts and theater
- Better bike trails
- Public Restrooms
- Public waterfront access increased. Purchase property to open up the riverfront.
- Fix addressability issues
- Permanent cornhole boards
- Handicapped access
- Dog park
- More restrooms at outdoor parks
- Increase health and fitness opportunities for our adults and seniors.
- Lighting
- Maintain cleanliness
- Need more parks
- Programs for Seniors such as fitness, crafts, social activities  etc
- Maintaining current rec activities
- pullar
- Restroom
- Trails near water and through town
- more hiking and biking trails

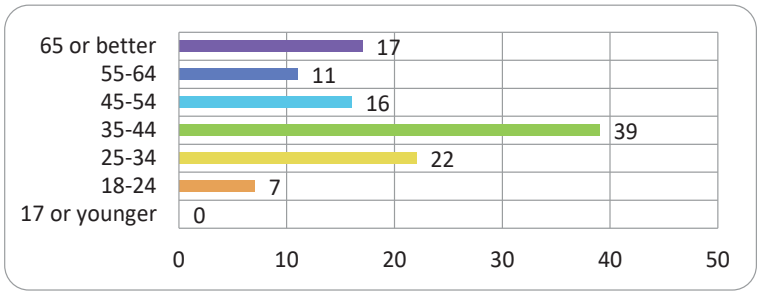
Priority #3

- Improve existing facilities before you build new ones.
- Bike and hiking paths
- update sherman park equipment and beach front
- Sherman park
- A park that can used in the winter or useable year-round should be researched. All parks should be shutdown in the summer. Summer events should be planned the use the parks.
- Security
- Bathroom facilities
- Youth/teen activities
- Field maintenance
- Create new/unique spaces
- General fitness promotion for all levels of citizens
- Downtown parks
- Biking and walking paths
- Better walking/biking paths- Marquette has beautiful paths.

- Options for 10-13 year olds. Too old for the current playgrounds.
- Dog friendly spaces
- Fix Sherman park beach
- Hiking trails
- Walking path with lights
- Restrooms
- Make more hiking trails or well lit walking paths
- walking trails
- increased access to the water for quiet sports like SUP, kayaking, etc.
- Provide enough employees and equipment to maintain parks properly
- Na
- Dog friendly spaces
- Workforce development

- Nature-focused programming
- Clean up the sherman park mess. Your "natural grass" isn't doing it's job when comes to retaining the sand.
- Better maintained boat launch facilities
- not building new stuff. Fix what we have
- More opportunities for family and YOUTH/organized activities
- Outdoor skating
- Picnic areas
- Fitness programs
- Boardwalks amd public access to waterfront activities
- Adult fitness and wellness areas
- Waterfront recreation
- E
- Consistent reliable maintenance
- Restrooms
- Concessions and SUP/Kayak rentals at Sherman park
- More to do for people in area
- Nothing!!
- Indoor/outdoor balance for summer and winter. Eg walking programs in the arena in winter
- Increased youth programs
- ??????
- Festivals/activities
- Better marketing and variety for events and festivals
- Development of the entire waterfront to be beautified and utilized for all. So many waterfront communities have utilized every inch and is enjoyed by all who live and visit.
- Ease of access to increased prgramming
- More after school programs and summer camps available for kids free of charge.
- Water front fishing locations
- Advertising so people know what's going on and where things are. And schedule things so everybody can attend not just some people
- Softball fields
- Improved amount of hiking trails
- 8th Avenue ball complexes
- Park area close to downtown [portage area)
- Swimming
- Increase teen friendly activities and facilities.
- Expand and diversify offerings
- Free
- Special events
- Plow parks in the winter and keep garbage cans out
- Increase bicycle trails, paths for commuting or leisure.
- Safety
- Needs more parks
- Access to resources for teens such as a skate park
- Youth programs
- aune campground
- Lakefront beaches
- Better maintenance of current waterfront facilities (mission boat launch)
- more family events

10. What is your age?



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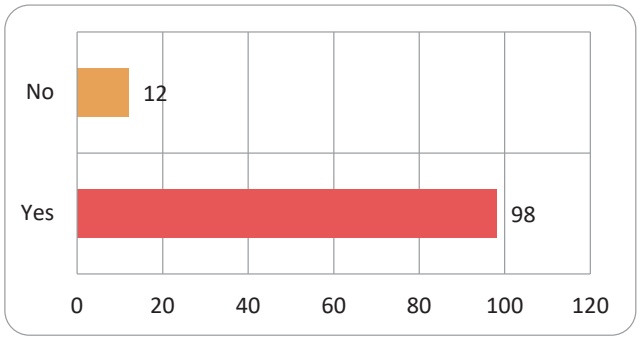


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- I believe we should maintain and improve the facilities we currently have in Sault Ste. Marie before we allocate more time and money to new facilities.
- The spends a lot of money on Pullar stadium when we have more than enough ice rinks. The city government also listens to those that think "Classic"/"Historic" are good reasons to keep things too much. How much money has been wasted keeping the pullar funded by the general fund or the dangers presented by keeping the rocket ship at sherman park.
- When I saw the huge list of parks I was surprised. I had no clue the Sault had that many. I also have no real idea what the Parks and rec do for the city. I think you might need to do a park highlight each week on social media or at least make yourself more visible on social media. When I looked at the map you provided I didn't recognize most of the parks and I've raised my family here since 2004. It made me wonder what We'd missed out on. I work with a group of young moms and the only 3 parks anyone goes to is Sherman, rotary and Project playground. We'd love more options.
- When compared to other cities, we are lacking in park development and local events that utilize our unique water-front access and views. We need to enhance our parks beyond just providing a space for picnic tables, walking paths and pavilions. Fountains, outdoor movie stages, art, sculptures, horse shoe pits, bocci ball courts, disc golf, cement/permanent-corn-hole boards, etc. The park of the future needs to include games and activities and attractions. Kayak Rentals, bike rentals, basketball courts, tennis courts, community grill or outdoor kitchen, etc. outdoor ice rinks, walking path made of ice for skating in winter, cross country ski rentals, outdoor entertainment stage,
- The park lands are under utilized and the existing parks are in poor shape. Unsafe equipment (slides with sharp edges this summer at sherman park), very few walking trails, virtually no bike paths and an under utilized waterfront that the public has very little access to.
- Live in Soo Twp but use city facilities and parks
- So much opportunity for the city to improve and become an exciting and excellent place to live and work. I left notes on the map, but I would encourage the city to consider public/private partnerships to improve and operate parks. The Conservation District would be a great parter here and can assist the city if the city was to approach them with a proposal.
- Less mowed lawns and more natural land
- We need a bike path from Rotary Park to Sherman park. Also a path from Sault to Brimley. Also, why can't Brady Park be developed? Why aren't dogs allowed? I don't have a dog but other cities allow them?
- "The Soo has so much potential, with one of the most beautiful long waterfronts in the state. More hiking, biking paths. More benches along paths. Sherman Park the jewel of camping, swimming, but to bicycle out there is DANGEROUS!
- Rotary Park, one of our favorites, always packed with cars, still a nice place for family picnics. The Coast Guard Park and little harbor for boats, is so relaxing but no benches or tables? Still in the summer, my combat veteran husband

& I enjoy purchasing coffee, Sunday papers, & laying out our quilt on the grass, enjoying the various birds & boats.

- We also hope you can support the Soo Theater Programs especially their summer camps that all 5 of our children & 4 grandchildren have attended. Their budget is so strained by trying to restore & take care of building that the DePaul family had let go into ruination, it cleans out their meager budget of donations every year. All Volunteers run the theater every year."
- Thank you for conducting this survey!
- Malcolm park needs many repairs and improvements. The user groups take on most of the responsibilities and need more help from the City.
- "As a member of the now defunct Sault Area Sportsmen's Club, I served on a committee back in the late 1980s that outlined extensive plans for riverfront parks, including new ramp and finger piers and much more at Ashmun Bay, a trail leading from the bay to Sherman Park, and restoration of the old Coast Guard pier at Sherman. Nothing ever came of the plans. Restoration of that pier alone could be a huge benefit for the city, providing not only a nice place to walk and enjoy sunrises and sunsets over the river, but access to deep water for young anglers. There are perch, whitefish and pike there but fishermen need access to the deep water. It could be a really nice city attraction. Likewise for development of the lower Coast Guard property. And, as mentioned above, all of the city's boat ramps need work. I'm not so concerned with the Shallows ramp, even though I may use it more than any of the others, because it can't accommodate more than a couple of boat trailers/vehicles, but Harvey Marina launch/parking repairs are long past due, and Ashmun Bay is right behind it.
- I also remember our former sportsmen's club being loathe to support a park/boat ramp pass that requires an annual fee. I believe that should be looked at again, also."
- Rotary Park has been destroyed by people parking on grass and not obeying the rules (i.e. adults fishing at the Kids' Fishing Pond)
- It is absolutely tragic that the tax payers and residents of Sault Ste. Marie don't have more say in where our money goes, when it comes to Parks and Rec budget. Please, someone in charge of this project, look at the Parks budget and note that a huge portion goes to the Pullar. The Pullar is historic/beloved building, but perhaps we should pull funds from another pot to support the Pullar. Perhaps we should spend rax payer money on our Parks, and youth Rec, that doesn't cost the resident an arm and leg to join (ie: figure skating, hockey, ice time, etc). We are all about "equity", right? Consider projects and putting our money to Parks and projects that are free to the user, so that the poorest child can enjoy it, vs. "just the rich kids who can afford ice time and uniforms". It is a shame that the City Manager cut $40,000 from youth funding (previously known as the Community Services Board), claiming it was "illegal for decades to use tax money in that way". Well, I would think it should be illegal to dump tax payer money into a building (Pullar), rather than enhancing or expanding the Parks we have. We NEED more waterfront access to fish, and need safe places to swim. The Pullar is worth preserving, but the rest of Parks and Rec should not suffer just to keep the Pullar operational. This has been brought up publicly many times, and yet no one at the "top" ever listens. Do better Sault Ste. Marie.
- I'm a personal trainer and triathletes this is a beautiful place and we are missing a lot of opportunities to offer outdoor activities for the community.
- City Administrators sit in their Portage Street Mansion, while overworked and understaffed employees try to maintain city services. Even the City Hall lawn looks like crap. Pay building inspector to cite taxpayers for deficiencies while not maintaining the cities assets.
- City needs more parking downtown there are NO lots and Rotary Park needs more parking ,get rid of No parking on grass signs.
- Thank you for this opportunity to provide feedback. Houghton and Hancock have made great strides in their parks programs and could be good models to inform future plans for our town.
- Multigenerational use of space is much better value. Activities should be affordable for all age groups.
- My background is in Sports and Recreation Management and I feel the Sault has lots of potential, it will be exciting to see what things can be brought here.
- Replace and update kids playground equipment in Sherman Park/Rotary Island Park, and include some equipment for those with disabilities.
- Sherman park used to be awesome. Concession stand, lifeguards, rafts, swimming programs, and a beautiful beach for all to enjoy. Now it is a disgraceful, under utilized facility.

- Please make Sault Sainte Marie beautiful. Coming off the highway there is nothing exciting to see. So many beautiful places to visit but nothing impeccably maintained. I have lived here my entire life and disappointed that the last stop before leaving the country looks so dismal at times. Utilize our young people for more to keep them busy and out of trouble.
- "I really like the canal path that has been put in recently. I would love if it could stretch along the whole canal one day. I think the splash pad that was put on hold this summer is a great idea too. We need more diverse options. Things have been stagnant for a long time in the Sault, but in the last decade, we've started getting more ideas implemented and different things offered, which is great.
- This town doesn't have a great income base and so children don't get exposed to or have the ability to learn skills that would help them throughout life. It would be great if we could offer some classes that any child could attend, such as plant identification, sailing, or artist drop in classes. I don't want to just complain about what isn't available. I would like to be part of the solution, but I'm not sure how to go about that either.
- Another thought that I have, is could we have classes in the community gardens for gardening here in the UP with the climate challenges that that brings. For instance, now that it is Fall, you could have a class on how to use row covers or on how to get carrots and beets to over winter.
- Also a trampoline park would be AWESOME! But I think that might have to be a private enterprise. Could you start enticing a business owner to put one in?
- Thanks! "
- I think we should try to host a red wings alumni game at the pullar.
- More Integration with homeschoolers in the events that happened around town that are only advertised in the schools
- The condition of the Pullar Stadium is an abomination. Bathrooms haven't been cleaned since last season, concession stand still HAS NOT been updated as directed by City Commission 3 yrs. ago. The $1. million raised by the community for Pullar Stadium renovation are deteriorating quickly. The City Manager SHOULD BE FIRED for allowing this to occur!!
- Love the Aune Osborne boat ramp and fish cleaning station!
- A community bandshell would be a real asset.
- The city should look back through previous master plans as much in those was never addressed
- The city does not have adequate dog walking areas. While a dog park for off leash use would be nice, many dogs cannot be off leash, so areas are needed for that as well. Also, garbage cans need to be left out year round and parks need to be plowed so they can be used in the winter.
- Increase city's physical fitness opportunities, and encourage restaurants/ food trucks with healthier food options. Needs to be a way to increase advertising of local events.
- There is so much more in places like Marquette and Traverse City than in the Sault and that's part of the reason so many teens and young adults want to leave the area.
- I love SSM

13. Please leave your email address if you would like to know more about the Parks and Recreation Master Plan process.

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# Comment Map Results

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| 9/6/2022 13:55 | Ideas and Suggestions | 1 | Ashmun Bay Park, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | | Small campground with a bike path that can connect ashmun bay to sherman park. | 9 | 0 |
| 9/6/2022 13:59 | Something I Dislike | 1 | Ravine Park, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | | This isn't a park. It's a ravine between two roads. | 2 | 2 |
| 9/7/2022 10:53 | Ideas and Suggestions | 2 | Sault Seal Recreation Area, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | | Disc Golf Course. This can help to bring more attention to the park during the non-winter months. Also, this could give a low cost recreation activity to the Soo residents, grade age students and College students, and tourist that visit the area. You might say that there is a existing course here, but the baskets are in shambles/missing, no tee box signage to give direction, and overgrown foliage can make it unplayable. Making a playable course can encourage a club to form and help maintain. | 6 | 2 |

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| 9/7/2022 23:49 | Ideas and Suggestions | 3 | New Layer, City Boundary | I would like to see the current Skate Park (on SAHS campus) relocated to the Malcolm Park area. This would give Malcolm Park/Project Playground/Ball fields "something for all ages" (ie: Soo Splash Pad, ball fields, bike trails, little free library, pavilion, playground, etc). | 7 | 3 |
| 9/7/2022 23:57 | Ideas and Suggestions | 4 | Sherman Park, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | I would like to see better beach accessibility (beach ramp extended/improved). Some have suggested removal of the playground "rocketship"-- that's a classic, please leave it alone. | 7 | 1 |
| 9/8/2022 0:00 | Ideas and Suggestions | 5 | Ashmun Bay Park, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | We have beautiful waterfront, but need safe areas to swim! Please consider cleaning up this park/beaches, or any other waterfront park, to increase waterfront access for swimming, fishing, etc. | 15 | 0 |
| 9/8/2022 0:03 | Ideas and Suggestions | 6 | New Layer, Alford Park, City Boundary, City-Owned Parks | We NEED access to fishing in this area again. I fished here through my college days-- we need to bring back some safe/accessible areas to fish in SSM. | 20 | 0 |
| 9/8/2022 0:15 | Ideas and Suggestions | 7 | Pullar Community Center, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | I think way too much money goes into the Pullar, that could (should) go into enhancing or improving other local Parks/Rec. Our funds may be better utilized in other areas/parks. | 7 | 4 |
| 9/8/2022 0:20 | Ideas and Suggestions | 8 | Skateboard Park, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | Please consider relocating this Skate Park to the Malcolm Park/Project Playground/Soo Splash Pad area. | 0 | 5 |
| 9/8/2022 0:22 | Ideas and Suggestions | 9 | Sault Seal Recreation Area, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | I would like to see a summer activity added to this area, such as a downhill/water slide. | 8 | 2 |
| 9/8/2022 0:24 | Ideas and Suggestions | 10 | Sault Seal Recreation Area, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | A large firepit area would be a great addition during winter months, for tubing customers to warm up, make s'mores, etc. | 5 | 1 |
| 9/8/2022 9:01 | Ideas and Suggestions | 11 | Kaine's Rink, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | Please update or make an informational website for Kaine's rink. An online reservation schedule should also be made accessible. A crumpled and illegible scrap of paper hanging on the wall is hardly the way I want to tell my kids sorry, turns out it was reserved and I had no way of knowing before we showed up. | 5 | 0 |
| 9/8/2022 9:08 | Ideas and Suggestions | 7 | Pullar Community Center, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | I agree. I feel that the pullar should be it's own Enterprise fund and not subsidized by the general fund. I think then people would actually see how much it costs to run and loses every year. | 3 | 0 |

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| 9/8/2022 9:10 | Ideas and Suggestions | 12 | New Layer, Lower Coast Guard Marina, City Boundary, City-Owned Parks | One of the most under utiliezed and unknown parks. It has so much potential but needs attention. | 11 | 0 |
| 9/8/2022 18:13 | Ideas and Suggestions | 13 | Shunk Road (Memorial) Park, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | Parking here can be an issue. I'm not sure how that could be fixed though. | 2 | 0 |
| 9/8/2022 21:16 | Ideas and Suggestions | 14 | Malcolm Park, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | Ball field users are more than willing to pay for city ball field use, but in exchange the city needs to provide basic services. The league fees are too low and the tournament fees are too high. The city has priced field users out of running tournaments. I also hope the city acknowledges the master plan presented by Malcolm Park Pride Committee three years ago. It was well-researched and developed by user groups that have been managing the fields for years. | 5 | 0 |
| 9/9/2022 8:44 | Ideas and Suggestions | 15 | Algonquin Park, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | This park is a mess and a little dangerous. Maybe some updates to the equipment. There used to be more here but it seems to have fallen off the radar and forgotten about. | 5 | 0 |
| 9/9/2022 8:45 | Ideas and Suggestions | 5 | Ashmun Bay Park, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | I love this idea. We are surrounded by water and have 1 decent beach to swim at in town. | 1 | 0 |
| 9/9/2022 10:34 | Ideas and Suggestions | 16 | Aune Osborn Park, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | Aune Osborn Park has the potential to be a marquee event venue for Sault Ste. Marie. Potential events could include outdoor movies, concerts, (more) fishing tournaments, amateur recreational sports (ultimate frisbee, yoga, etc.), historical reenactments, city-wide sales, and more. | 7 | 0 |
| 9/9/2022 10:37 | Ideas and Suggestions | 17 | New Layer, City Boundary | Kaine's Rink is in need of a paint job. Additionally, in the summer, this venue can be used for events if the facilities are updated and the outdoor space behind the building is made more event-friendly. | 5 | 0 |
| 9/9/2022 10:40 | Ideas and Suggestions | 18 | Ashmun Bay Park, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | Make cleaning up Ashmun Bay Park a priority so future generations can utilize this area, whatever form that may take. | 10 | 0 |
| 9/9/2022 10:42 | Something I Like | 1 | New Layer, City Boundary | The Lower River Islands are fantastic and are the type of outdoor recreation hubs we strive to create and promote in Sault Ste. Marie. They're a unique selling point for tourists and professionals moving to the area. | 4 | 0 |

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| 9/9/2022 10:45 | Ideas and Suggestions | 19 | Community Gardens, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | The infrastructure, signage, etc. should be improved in this area. As it stands, it looks like a ramshackle, deserted piece of land that the City "allows" people to garden on. Small improvements like signage, benches, half-walls, etc. would make this area look more purposeful. | 5 | 0 |
| 9/9/2022 10:46 | Ideas and Suggestions | 20 | Market Corner, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | A small, downtown public restroom would be a benefit to tourists and locals. Perhaps this location would be best suited for the restroom, as its the connection point between Portage and Ashmun. | 5 | 0 |
| 9/9/2022 10:49 | Ideas and Suggestions | 21 | New Layer, City Boundary | This applies to all of downtown Sault Ste. Marie: If funds or grants are available, erect statues of historic figures from Sault Ste. Marie's past around the downtown area. The same goes for community-sourced artwork, such as murals, sculptures, installations, etc. | 2 | 0 |
| 9/9/2022 10:52 | Ideas and Suggestions | 4 | Sherman Park, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | The rocket ship may be a classic but it's a hazard that can't be used. Keeping something that is dangerous because it's been around a while is not a good use of resources and not good decision making. | 0 | 0 |
| 9/9/2022 12:00 | Ideas and Suggestions | 18 | Ashmun Bay Park, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | This is probably the most under-developed area which has the most potential due to its large space and access to water. What a great place to have another walking trail, ropes-course or zip line, or even water park. | 1 | 0 |
| 9/9/2022 12:05 | Ideas and Suggestions | 14 | Malcolm Park, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | The high school baseball field and senior baseball fields need improvements. Both of these fields have new scoreboards that are not being used like they should, because they have been poorly maintained. The grounds need improvement and the grass-cutting and spring prep needs to improve. The team and high school would be willing to coordinate some of these efforts, but have been told there are restrictions to what we can do since this is city property. | 1 | 0 |
| 9/9/2022 12:11 | Ideas and Suggestions | 6 | New Layer, Alford Park, City Boundary, City-Owned Parks | There should be a specific section in the new plan regarding this space on who owns what now at Alford Park. If the city still owns a portion or has a say in how its used, or is it now all owned by LSSU. It would be interesting to hear if LSSU is going to revamp the pier for public use or not. I agree, we need to bring back the fishing pier (at least at another location) and the horseshoe pits if this space is no longer a city park. | 1 | 0 |

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| 9/9/2022 12:18 | Ideas and Suggestions | 12 | New Layer, Lower Coast Guard Marina, City Boundary, City-Owned Parks | I agree this is very much under-utilized. Make it a boat launch (for canoes kayaks only), fishing pier, or add a basketball court over the concrete area, or install hockey nets for summer. This is a waste of space, and no one goes there, because no-one knows how the space is supposed to be used. Parking and space is limited, so no need to waste time making the entire space for parking. | 0 | 0 |
| 9/9/2022 12:28 | Ideas and Suggestions | 4 | Sherman Park, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | Sherman Park was one of the best parks and beaches we had, and its now embarrassing. This park needs to be kept better and needs to grow like other city parks. Having another launch on the upper river would be a good think, even if its for kayaks/canoes/wave runners only. A floatable raft anchored in the bay would be nice. The pavillian needs an overhaul, and needs to be modernized a little with better outdoor grill and indoor kitchen amenities and new bathrooms. | 1 | 0 |
| 9/9/2022 12:31 | Ideas and Suggestions | 22 | I-500 Snowmobile Track, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | Need to find a way to utilize this space year-round. However, if I had to choose, investing in waterfront parks and beaches would be the priority. | 6 | 0 |
| 9/9/2022 19:43 | Ideas and Suggestions | 3 | New Layer, City Boundary | Um...put this in the wrong spot! Meant for Malcolm Park area, not the airport.;) | 0 | 0 |
| 9/9/2022 20:43 | Ideas and Suggestions | 23 | Shallows Boat Launch, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | This boat launch is in quite the disrepair and dangerous. Clean up the parking area with lines, fix the cement ramp, and add a kayak launch | 4 | 0 |
| 9/9/2022 20:49 | Ideas and Suggestions | 24 | Sherman Park, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | This park has gone down hill very badly. The erosion improvements didn't work very well and the upkeep has been poorly done. I think a great partnership opportunity is available here. Consider reaching out to the Conservation District for a partnership. Delta county works with there Conservation District to operate their campground and park and they have really made huge improvements. | 3 | 0 |
| 9/9/2022 20:53 | Ideas and Suggestions | 25 | Ashmun Bay Park, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | A very underutilized park. A lot can happen here to make it awesome! It's almost a blank canvas. Paved non motorized bike trail that utilizes the Old fort street bridge that sitting there rusting would be awesome. An official plowed snowmobile staging area. Wetland board walk, hiking trails, nature center. Again, I would encourage a partnership with the Conservation District. There would be a great mutually beneficial relationship here. | 5 | 0 |

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| 9/9/2022 20:58 | Ideas and Suggestions | 26 | New Layer, City Boundary | I am disappointed to not see Ashmun Creek Natural Area on here. What an amazing and HUGE opportunity we have here! The Outhouse Consortium has started doing good things, but they can't do it alone. Again reach out to the Conservation District as they can provide assistance with grants and planning. They also could enter into a partnership opportunity with the city to help. | 5 | 0 |
| 9/10/2022 14:10 | Ideas and Suggestions | 7 | Pullar Community Center, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | I agree completely. We need more access to the waterfront | 2 | 0 |
| 9/13/2022 8:45 | Ideas and Suggestions | 27 | Lakeshore Park, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | This area would be ideal for a park/playground and would be well utilized by a neighborhood with lots of families with young kids. It is well protected away from streets but centrally located for residents in Lakeshore subdivision or the Shallows to utilize. | 0 | 0 |
| 9/13/2022 8:54 | Ideas and Suggestions | 26 | New Layer, City Boundary | I agree that this area is very unique and could be utilized more with greater promotion. The Outhouse Consortium has done a great job organizing events that utilize this trail and promote community/gathering. | 0 | 0 |
| 9/13/2022 8:57 | Ideas and Suggestions | 28 | New Layer, City Boundary | This park and playground is wonderful for young children! It is centrally located for many nearby residents and pre-schools to access. The parking makes it easy for people passing through downtown to utilize it also. | 1 | 0 |
| 9/13/2022 8:59 | Something I Like | 2 | Rotary Island Park, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | There are so many great community events that take place at Rotary Park and it always has many visitors. The additional playground equipment has been terrific. | 3 | 0 |
| 9/14/2022 16:03 | Ideas and Suggestions | 12 | New Layer, Lower Coast Guard Marina, City Boundary, City-Owned Parks | This is a nice quiet hidden park. Every place does not need to have tourists and a crowd. clean ;up the glass and add a couple of benches. Good place to go and meditate or do Tai Chi/ yoga or to set and paint. I was sad when they cut down the trees . The trees made it feel like fairy land. | 0 | 0 |
| 9/14/2022 16:04 | Ideas and Suggestions | 13 | Shunk Road (Memorial) Park, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | Needs parking and the black stuff is too hot in the summer needs a lighter coloured ground cover. | 0 | 0 |
| 9/16/2022 16:21 | Ideas and Suggestions | 12 | New Layer, Lower Coast Guard Marina, City Boundary, City-Owned Parks | Didn’t even know we had access to this location and I’ve lived here almost all my life (I’m 63.) | 0 | 0 |

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| 9/16/2022 16:29 | Ideas and Suggestions | 12 | New Layer, Lower Coast Guard Marina, City Boundary, City-Owned Parks | I live in the area and I utilize this park often when I take my dog for walks. It's nice to let my dog cool off in the water after a long walk. It needs to be cleaned up though. There is a lot of broken glass down by the water. The terrain towards the water is dangerous with broken cement and metal. There use to be a bench down by the water years ago but it's gone now. | 0 | 0 |
| 9/16/2022 16:30 | Ideas and Suggestions | 29 | New Layer, City Boundary | It would be great to have a park/playground here for downtown families to walk to and enjoy. | 0 | 0 |
| 9/16/2022 16:31 | Ideas and Suggestions | 6 | New Layer, Alford Park, City Boundary, City-Owned Parks | Yes, bring back the fishing pier! | 1 | 0 |
| 9/16/2022 16:39 | Ideas and Suggestions | 30 | Sherman Park, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | Simple fixes the lighting in the cabin is atrocious. Update to more fixtures and higher wattage. Picnic tables indoors are tough to navigate for folks with mobility issues. Just uses banquet tables and chairs | 1 | 0 |
| 9/16/2022 16:52 | Ideas and Suggestions | 31 | I-500 Snowmobile Track, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | Huge waste of space for 355 days a year. There are so many "track based" opportunities to be had with this spot that could bring year round entertainment and money that's not tourism specific. Even on the simple side, as an outdoor event space, rent the facility out for infield car shows, let nonprofits volunteer to run a concession stand. The ideas are endless.... very many missed opportunities. | 3 | 0 |
| 9/16/2022 16:56 | Ideas and Suggestions | 32 | Shunk Road (Memorial) Park, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | Put an entrance here, a small 6 or 8 car parking lot would be far safer than parking in the muddy ditch... you could.do so and still keep one of the ball courts easily | 0 | 0 |
| 9/16/2022 16:59 | Ideas and Suggestions | 33 | New Layer, Lower Coast Guard Marina, City Boundary, City-Owned Parks | Just add some signage, and some picnic tables on the water. All the waterfront propert in this town being owned by the feds makes this a premium spot to escape to. It's a marketing problem... nobody knows it exists. | 2 | 0 |
| 9/16/2022 17:03 | Ideas and Suggestions | 7 | Pullar Community Center, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | Nobody talks about the EXTREME public safety issue of the floor cooling system being run on such hazardous ammonia based refrigerant that most of downtown would need to be evacuated.nearly immediately if a major leak occurs. The response plan in place is merely lipservice, the system needs modernized as does the whole facility. | 0 | 0 |
| 9/16/2022 17:09 | Ideas and Suggestions | 17 | New Layer, City Boundary | Agree completely it would.make a.superb facility for craft shows, gun shows, any number of other things. It looks like an abandoned building most of the year. Paint it a | 0 | 0 |

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| 9/16/2022 18:01 | Ideas and Suggestions | 6 | New Layer, Alford Park, City Boundary, City-Owned Parks | What happened to the $20+ million awarded to fix this site? The pier hasn't been fixed yet. Is there a timeline? Maybe a public update is due for this site. | 0 | 0 |
| 9/16/2022 18:06 | Something I Like | 1 | New Layer, City Boundary | Needs better structure to the parking. People with campers and motorhomes should be parking in the big lot and walk over to the park. Many times the pull in and will park cross ways across 3-4 spots. Parking was already limited there. Also people drive all over the grass in areas not designated for parking. Either make them official parking spots or rope it off so the land doesn't get wore down and bare. | 0 | 0 |
| 9/16/2022 19:15 | Ideas and Suggestions | 34 | Malcolm Park, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | Our baseball fields are in shambles, worse every year despite numerous little league volunteers and families helping to clean them up. The last 2 years the enrollment numbers for Little<br>League have tripled yet, space and field conditions are lacking. | 2 | 0 |
| 9/18/2022 17:30 | Ideas and Suggestions | 25 | Ashmun Bay Park, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | I love these ideas minus the paved trail. I think gravel or dirt would be great (personally preferred). | 0 | 0 |
| 9/18/2022 17:34 | Ideas and Suggestions | 24 | Sherman Park, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | I agree I take my kids there at least once a week and there is always trash littering the beach and sidewalks. Looks like there are possibly improvements being made to the campground but I'm not sure. | 0 | 0 |
| 9/24/2022 18:24 | Ideas and Suggestions | 35 | I-500 Snowmobile Track, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | Cross country course / nature trails. Could host major junior high, high school, and college XC meets. Also could connect nature trail Ashmun Creek Trail. | 0 | 0 |
| 10/3/2022 23:26 | Something I Like | 3 | New Layer, City Boundary | Watching the Splash Pad construction has been ahmaaazing. Cannot wait til our kids can run thru! | 0 | 0 |
| 10/6/2022 10:17 | Ideas and Suggestions | 36 | Shunk Road (Memorial) Park, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | Street parking is adequate, E 10th Ave is not a busy street. The paved area of the playground should be improved with more activities. Examples: add a triple shot ball game, paint lines for basketball and paint lines for street hockey, etc | 0 | 0 |

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| 10/6/2022 10:36 | Ideas and Suggestions | 37 | Market Corner, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | The farmers market should be moved to a day and time when most people can actually shop at it. Wednesday from 4-6:30 is not ideal for working folks. Saturday morning would be ideal and this is when many other cities typically host a farmers market. | 1 | 0 |
| 10/11/2022 11:32 | Ideas and Suggestions | 15 | Algonquin Park, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary | It would be great if the lights on the trail were on in the evenings year round. I love hiking there but it's difficult to feel comfortable going after work in the Fall and early Spring because they don't use the lights. | 0 | 0 |

# Workshop Results

## Overview: Mobile Workshop

Two public workshops were held for all Sault residents. The first was a 'Mobile Workshop' on September 10, 2022. For this event, staff traveled to several popular city parks to engage with park users where they were. The intent of this workshop was to speak with as many people as we could, encourage the use of the survey and comment map by placing yard signs and handing out survey QR codes, and have folks participate in a broad visioning exercise.

This workshop was advertised through the following channels:

1. An announcement at the September 6 City Commission meeting.
2. Fliers posted on the city website, at City Hall, and distributed to interested groups and stakeholders.
3. Graphic posted on the city Facebook and Instagram.

Participants were asked to answer one or more of the following questions on a white board, for which they received small goodie bags of candy along with a QR code card for the survey:

1. What does a perfect day in the park mean to you?
2. What's the best way to improve our parks over the next five years?
3. What do you think makes a 'good' park?
4. What's your Big Idea for Sault Parks?

Staff spoke to over 60 people and received over 50 unique comments, which were analyzed and transcribed in this report.

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## Analysis: Mobile Workshop

After analyzing all comments received, some key themes presented themselves, as described below. Additionally, some seemingly unconventional suggestions made their way into the feedback received.

Safety

Unsurprisingly, safety was a major topic discussed during this workshop. While many of the participants we spoke to were with their children, the need to feel safe is a major contributor to usership of a park. The topic of safety was multifaceted, touching on several distinct areas, including:

- Surveillance and Security – Several participants mentioned the idea of establishing a safer environment for park users through the installation of cameras, having periodic patrols, and providing better lighting.
- Equipment – Having updated and safe equipment was important for many participants.
- Accessibility – Part of having a safe park means ensuring it is accessible for all users. This topic was brought up several times regarding sidewalks, accessible play equipment, and different sensory activities (textured walls, musical equipment, etc.).

Maintenance

Park maintenance was brought up frequently during discussions with participants. Specifically, litter maintenance was a hot topic. While the city has done a good job providing trash receptacles at city parks, the lack of regular litter pickup was cited as a major reason for not spending more time at city parks. In addition to litter removal, maintenance and upgrading of walking paths, campsite markers, docks, and sports equipment was discussed. To ameliorate maintenance concerns, one participant mentioned keeping up with the volunteer program and providing additional opportunities for one-time and recurring volunteer events.

Variety

'Having something for everyone' was a common sentiment throughout the day. Many of the city's parks are designed for a single age group – young children. For some of the more popular parks, participants mentioned that having activities for toddlers, young children, teens, adults, and seniors would be a significant improvement. Further, some participants expressed the desire to have certain parks designed for different users - i.e., not putting play equipment in every park and keeping some parks more 'adult-friendly.'

In addition to a variety of activity for different age groups, the need for a better mix of passive and active recreation was expressed. This includes the desire for more seating, shade trees, and covered picnic areas in addition to play structures, ball fields, docks, and boat launches.

Amenities

Several suggestions were made regarding upgrades and additions to existing amenities. Restrooms, drinking fountains, picnic areas, and community spaces and events were among the top suggestions. Additionally, water accessibility – i.e., splash pads and maintained beaches – was brought up frequently. Despite having extensive waterfront access, folks seemed frustrated that a more scenic public beach was not available.

## Comments Received: Mobile Workshop

### What does a perfect day in the park mean to you?

- A day with my dad and my brother.
- Playing on slides, beach, swings, picnic lunch.
- Watching the ships go by.
- Clean bathrooms nearby.
- When I catch fish, waterfront, trees
- Drinking a beer on an evening and watching the waves and water and possibly a campfire (responsibly)
- Walking the dogs
- Having a community area for all ages
- Fish cleaning station and public activities
- Good weather
- Peaceful atmosphere
- Clean with no trash on the ground
- Security – parks being patrolled periodically
- Fun for the whole family
- Safety
- Plenty of things to do
- Places to eat on

### What's the best way to improve our parks over the next five years?

- Different things each year.
- Security and surveillance
- Litter maintenance
- Supervision
- [Equipment] maintenance
- Restrictions
- Events
- Sewer connections and 50 amp service [at Aune Osborn] +1
- Better site identification [at Aune Osborn]
- Plant more fish
- Bike rack at farmer's market
- Covered area(s)
- Make it more known to the public
- Keep it green
- Keep up with the volunteer program
- Food trucks – day or night
- Drinking fountains/water refill station
- More for smaller children
- Bathrooms
- Picnic tables

## What do you think makes a 'good' park?

- When there is different stuff to play on for younger and older kids.
- When [the parks] are well taken care of and when they have unique things.
- Safe equipment.
- Places to sit.
- Well maintained.
- River views.
- No playgrounds [and no kids – a place for adults]
- Keep it tidy.
- Pedestrian buffer between campsites and river [at Aune Osborn]
- Rustic and modern campgrounds [at Aune Osborn or Sherman]
- Water, variety of toys for kids, outhouses, picnic areas
- Merry go round, seesaw, swings of all sizes
- Trash cans and bathrooms +1
- Parking
- Play area for kids +1
- Areas to run and play
- Facilities safety
- Scenery
- Kayak landing dock
- Safety
- Fun
- Shade trees
- Better sidewalks
- Add new slides

## What's your Big Idea for Sault Parks?

- Youth programming.
- Lighting.
- Dog parks within city parks.
- Build a park downtown.
- Bigger slides and swing sets.
- Functional public art
- Maintain Sherman
- Nicer walkways – handicap accessible
- Safe area for kids to swim (doesn't need to be big)
- Splash pads
- Sidewalks
- New slides
- Better parking lot
- New structures

## Overview: Open House / Pop-Up Workshop

The second engagement activity was an 'Open House' style event where staff hosted stakeholders at City Hall for drop-by conversations on October 4, 2022. With lower-than-expected turnout rates for the Open House, it was decided to mimic the previous workshop by going where people would be – the Farmers Market. There, staff spoke to dozens of patrons as they perused the market stalls. The intent of this event was to display the data received through the survey and the previous workshop while getting participants to prioritize amenities they would like to see in the Sault parks. This was also the final push for additional online engagement.

This workshop was advertised through the following channels:

1. Fliers posted on the city website, at City Hall, and distributed to interested groups and stakeholders.
2. Graphic posted on the city Facebook and Instagram.

In addition to employing the 'Big Idea' questions from the previous workshop, this activity asked participants to vote on various amenities, divided into two boards:

1. Amenities and Connections
2. Events and Community Building

A map of all city-owned parks was available and comment cards were created to solicit location-specific feedback; however, this method of data collection was less successful. We spoke to over 20 people over the course of this event.

# Votes Received: Farmers Market Pop-Up Workshop

## Amenities and Connections

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| Bike Paths | 9 |
| Sidewalk gap fill | 6 |
| Play equipment for young kids | 4 |
| Play equipment for toddlers | 4 |
| Equipment and activities for teens | 8 |
| Equipment and activities for adults and seniors | 4 |
| Green infrastructure | 9 |
| Restrooms | 11 |
| Drinking fountains | 5 |
| Seating | 2 |
| Public art | 10 |
| Picnic tables | 2 |
| Pavilions | 5 |
| Ball fields and courts | 2 |
| Disc golf course | 1 |
| Walking/hiking paths | 10 |
| Fishing piers | 3 |
| Boat docks | 0 |
| Kayak launch | 3 |
| Open green space | 3 |
| Equipment rentals | 0 |
| Beaches/waterfront access | 8 |
| Dog park/run | 4 |
| Amphitheatre/performing arts space | 8 |
| Indoor sports facilities | 1 |
| Indoor community centers | 6 |
| Lighting and surveillance | 0 |

## Events and Community Building

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| Music festivals | 13 |
| Art festivals | 16 |
| Carnivals | 8 |
| Scavenger hunts | 2 |
| Group cleanup events | 3 |
| Fitness classes | 2 |
| Sporting events | 4 |
| Fishing tournaments | 0 |
| Boat watching events | 5 |
| Sportsman's club | 0 |
| Holiday parties | 4 |
| Cultural events | 6 |
| Nature education programs | 11 |

## Big Ideas

Green space + maintenance plan

Accessible/covered gazebo (downtown)

Community greenhouse

A large fire pit added to the 'Seal Hill' (sledding/tubing) for winter

More water access for swimming and fishing (Ashmun Bay?)

Public comment wall

More and bigger boat launches

LSSU equipment trade + LSSU partnerships

Parks marketing information

Food truck Fridays

Possibly move skate park from SAPS area up to Malcolm Park/Splash Pad area

Graffiti wall

Ice sculpture event

Games/seasonal activities

Mentorship program/community education

# C. Public Review Documentation

City of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

January 11, 2023

Gage Belko, Project Planner
235 E. Main St., Suite 105
Northville, MI 48167

**Subject: Certificate as to the Notice of 30-Day Review Period regarding the City of Sault Ste. Marie 2023-2027 Parks and Recreation Master Plan**

Mr. Belko,

I, Robin Troyer, Clerk of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the notice of 30-day public review period regarding the City of Sault Ste. Marie 2023-2027 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

I further certify that the notice was posted on November 18, 2022, at City Hall located at 225 E. Portage Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783, on the city Facebook page, and submitted to The Sault News in accordance with established city procedures. Photos attached, preceding the notice.

Sincerely,

Robin Troyer

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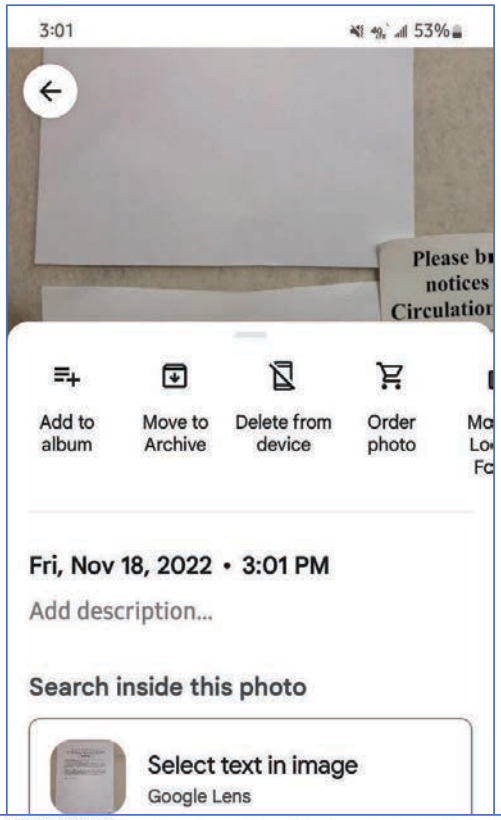


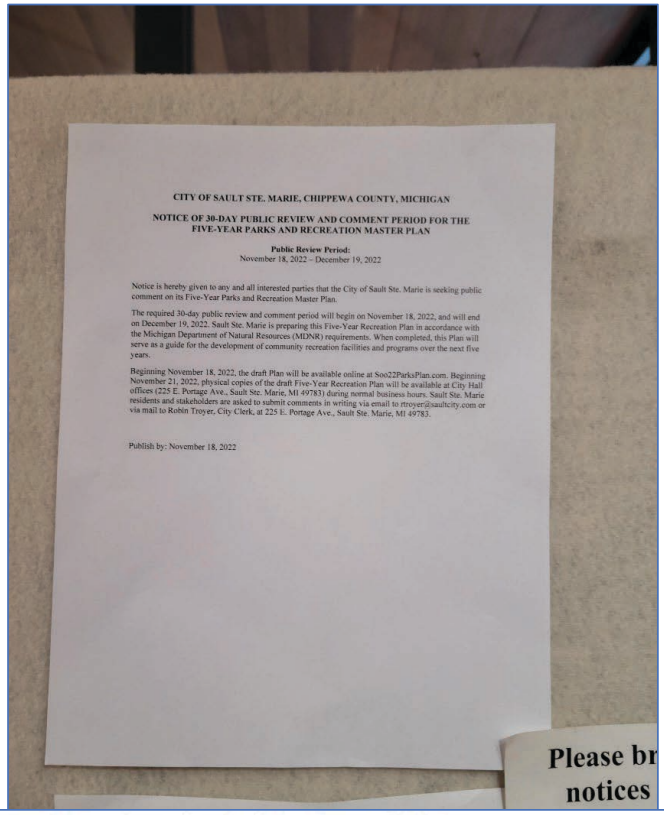

CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE, CHIPPEWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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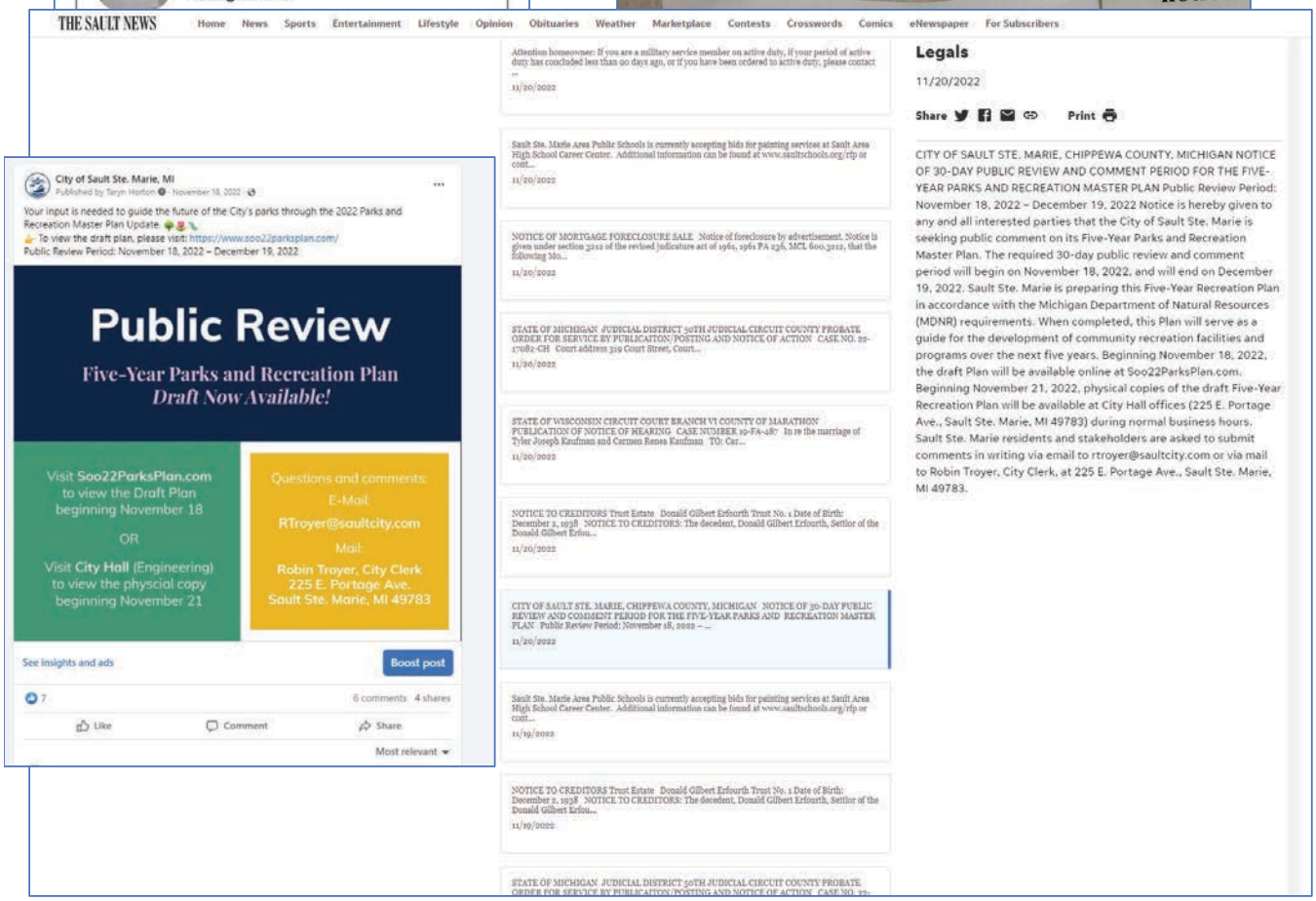

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5 Year Parks and Rec Plan

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That I am the Legal Clerk of the Sault News, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Sault Ste. Marie, Chippewa County, Michigan; that the publication, a copy of which is attached hereto, was published in the said newspaper in the issues dated:

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SIGNED: Mariah Verhagen

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## 30-Day Public Review Comments:

| Comment | From | Addressed |
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| Page ii – add in new city commissioners as they will be voting on the plan as well/add in David S. Boyle, City Engineer to City Admin and Staff area. Board member Stephanie Petrow's first name is spelled wrong. | Staff | Yes |
| Page 1 – change playbook to guidebook | Staff | Yes |
| Page 3 – remove the 'and' before hospitality and then add a comma/…and Engineering Corp should be U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the…/should you add in somewhere maybe after paragraph 2 about our proximity to Sault Ste. Marie, Canada? | Staff | Yes |
| Page 12 – Tyler please review for accuracy and see if you want DPW or DPS used, I vote for DPW Yes, use DPW, Department of Public Works. Parks and recreation staff - The Pullar only has 5 full time staff during the winter. There are 7 full time staff that transitions between summer maintenance and Pullar activities. You could maybe change the group name to Parks Maintenance/Pullar and have the total be 7. | Staff | Yes |
| Page 13- purchases or major recreation (this sentence seems confusing)/Tyler is the bottom portion, correct? | Staff | Yes |
| Page 14-DPW or DPS? DPW, also we do not do invasive vegetation control. | Staff | Yes |
| Page 15-I don't think OUT is caps | Staff | Yes |
| Page 16-I think the $$$ for recreation programs has ceased – Tyler can confirm. Correct this is no longer a program and can be removed. Aune Osborn is no longer under a lease, it is now fully operated by the City. I would also remove the 1-year renewal process for concession agreements. The current Pullar concession agreement was a 5 year. I don't think this is necessary information. | Staff | Yes |
| Page 17-should we explain the budget increase? Trish to investigate. | Staff | Yes |
| Page 18-Should we explain decrease?/DPW or DPS. DPW. The decrease is primarily due to personnel expenses changing from retirements. | Staff | Yes |
| Page 21- missing info | Staff | Yes |
| Page 22 – missing info/we gave you the information for the Carbide Dock-Alford Park in the drop box file | Staff | Yes |
| Page 24 – Soo vs Sault. Sault. We have 5 city-maintained boat launches, Gregory, Harvey, Mission, Ashmun Bay, and Shallows. The Ashmun Street Park can be removed. See note below for page 29. I think we can safely remove the Ravine Park from this section and move it to the Natural Resource Area on Pg. 25, as it is a ravine with trees. The City does nothing here other than have a short walking path on the south east edge from McCandless St. to S. Ravine St. | Staff | Yes |
| Map pages – increase font | Staff | Yes |

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| Page 29-needs photo, I thought that for each park we were going to put our plans and future goals based on the interactive feedback map, CIP plans, and DPW staff input? Also, things have been done to each park in the last say 5 years. The Ashmun Street Park is no longer owned by the City. It was sold to Gym 906 and is no longer used as parkland. This can be removed. | Staff | Yes |
| Page 32 – has tables and during the summer musical flowers. There is also a book library that was installed by volunteers. | Staff | Yes |
| Page 36 – Christmas tree installation annually. I don't think we need to mention the Christmas tree, in the event we quit doing this and start to decorate the one across the canal instead. | Staff | Yes |
| Page 38-ask Tyler if the lease wording is accurate. Yes, we currently lease from the school. Remove the "s" from "parks" | Staff | Yes |
| Page 39-how come some say Park Address but others do not? | Staff | Yes |
| Page 40-add fish cleaning station. | Staff | Yes |
| Page 41-I think there are 10 fields, add in new bathroom building- should use the photo of the castle on the following page and not this one/does this change the accessibility rating? Yes, there are 10 total fields. | Staff | Yes |
| Page 42-use splash pad renderings, new bathroom photos | Staff | TBD |
| Page 43-isn't the park ADA, Army Corps should be U.S. Army Corps of Engineers\ | Staff | Yes |
| Page 45-grills unless we removed them. There are still grills. | Staff | Yes |
| Page 46-can't we add in active I-500 photos – ask Nick at CVB. Should we also add in about their grant they received? Any plans from that? | Staff | TBD |
| Page 49-adjacent to Power Canal Non-motorized trail. There are 2 garden locations. The other is the Peck St. gardens, along the canal between Fort Street and W. Portage. | Staff | Yes |
| Page 51 – no indoor track. | Staff | Yes |
| Page 53 – Septic pump out service (SP). Did the courtesy bike information come from Kyler? | Staff | Yes |
| Page 56-several changes – see PDF. No indoor track. | Staff | |
| Page 57-add in Trails? No. Leave as a natural wooded area for now. | Staff | Yes |
| Page 58 – remove mention of paved trails and rustic cabins. Steere island has a cabin but the island is currently under a lease agreement for cleanup activities and is not something that is open to the public. | Staff | Yes |
| Page 60-add in photos or condense the park lists. The high school baseball field is part of the Malcolm Park complex. | Staff | Yes |
| Page 62-Army Corps should be U.S. Army Corps of Engineers | Staff | Yes |
| Page 63-spa? | Staff | Yes |
| Page 64-Rock climbing wall and gym equipment. I don't believe the Norris Center has a baseball field. | Staff | Yes |
| Page 65-wrong narrative | Staff | Yes |
| Page 67-Tanglewood owned by Sault Tribe of Chipp Indians now/ | Staff | |
| Page 68-condense. There is a "T" at the end of paragraph 1. | Staff | Yes |
| Page 76-EUP should be EUPRPDC, if you use EUP folks won't know who you mean | Staff | Yes |
| Page 77 – remove "In coordination with Public Services staff" and just start with "The City". | Staff | Yes |

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| Page 80 – Just a note that the Farmers Market event is not a City function in regards to scheduling alternate days. | Staff | Yes |
| Page 82 – DPS to DPW. | Staff | Yes |
| REformat marina inventory like the other parks pages – removing the marketing and dredging needs as they aren't necessary. Add in more photos. Having the note – wait list isn't helpful and would lead readers to believe we need to expand which we cannot due to budgets and staffing levels. That could be a list to show as a positive it is full, but I wouldn't recommend putting that the way it is now. Tyler can chime in. The budget area seems negative – we know we are in the hole but can we spin it for what staff have done and what we are working towards instead? Yes, I agree with Tracey on all this, make the format consistent with the other parks and don't put as much emphasis on the negative. Remove wait list and just have # of slips. Remove the development plan from Kemp, as the 2022 construction is complete and is mentioned in a following bullet. | Staff | Yes |
| Page 82-87 suggested edits on PDF | Staff | Yes |
| Adding more waste receptacles is not a high priority. | Staff | Yes |
| Additional community gardens are not a priority. We don't fill the 2 areas we currently have. | Staff | Yes |
| I don't foresee having the resources to provide bikes or scooters. This would likely be a third-party implementation. | Staff | Yes |
| We have a Parks and Recreation Page. | Staff | Yes |
| The location marker for St. Mary's Park on page 38 is incorrect. Looking to see how the document reads when the capital improvement plan portion is fleshed out. | Staff | Yes |
| Thank you so much! Marvelous job! I already skimmed it and replied on facebook. I pointed out a few editing oversights. Thank you so much! Marvelous job! I already skimmed it and replied on facebook. I pointed out a few editing oversights. I applaud you for the quick turnaround from survey to product completion. I'm impressed! Have a great day! | Public | Yes |
| Page 40: Aune Osborn Park does not have a playground | Staff | Yes |
| Page 44: Sault Seal Recreation Area has tubing and snowboarding runs and lifts (in addition to the sledding area) | Staff | Yes |
| Page 49: Community Gardens has water spigots | Staff | Yes |
| Page 51: Kaines Rink – I don't think we would consider it has an indoor track | Staff | Yes |
| Page 56: Pullar – again no indoor track to speak of | Staff | Yes |
| Page 62: I do not see any mention of JKL Bahweting School. Maybe that's ok, but it seems like it should be listed around page 62ish. | Staff | Yes |

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| I've just received a copy of the Master Recreation Plan just sent out for public review.<br><br>Please let me know if I missed two documents that were sent to you earlier this month. They detailed public input of "park" ideas and facility drawings for developing the northside of Harvey Marina. On page 54 you mentioned "no development plan exists". We were just following the established format of submitting basic concepts, ideas, and development plans to be included in the Master Rec Plan for possible future consideration by the City Commission--we can provide a lot more details! By the way, the reference to the Appendix for items was blank on my copy.<br><br>In case they were misplaced or the Appendix is still a work in progress, I've attached Jeff Basista's (President of Parks and Recreation Board) detailed list and our group's "Riverside Drive Lighthouse Park" development proposal (updated version attached). Otherwise, the Master Rec Plan document looks good--a lot of stuff to try to get sorted, sifted, and tweaked!<br><br>Our city has about 10 miles of scenic shoreline but only about 1/2 mile is open for beach access--seems we have the opportunity to make this Harvey Marina area a unique shoreline park for residents and visitors to our city. I've copied others on the main list, so they are aware of these ideas and hopefully will share their thoughts.<br><br>We are assuming the scheduled November 29th "Parks and Recreation Board" review is still on for 6 pm at the City Hall Commission room. Please advise if it has been changed. Thank you. | Board/Public | Yes |
| 1. Ashmun Creek Natural Area<br>The Ashmun Creek natural area is not listed as a park or natural area in the plan. This area has established trails with educational signage and is being utilized by local organizations for hikes and educational purposes. This area could be developed into a wonderful natural recreational space with the help of local partners such as CLMCD and the OUThouse Consortium. Due to the creek's sensitive soils, topography, and connection to the St. Mary's River, a natural area, only makes sense and the city should include this area in their master plan and include it for future development using partnerships/stakeholders. I believe Little Traverse Conservancy already made an investment to ensure public access to the site which was a huge step forward for this Natural Area. | Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District | Yes |
| Goal 1, Objective 1.3 Standard Park Design<br>As mentioned in the goal and objective, standard park design should include tree/shrub/native plant plantings. CLMCD would like to ensure that the standard park design includes in writing that anything planted includes all native species and makes way to include gardens and flower beds with native plants that benefit pollinators. | Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District | Yes |

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| Goal 2 Objective 2.1 Complete Streets ProgramThe goal and objective mentions the City's complete streets program, but at times this program/by-law has not been followed. CLMCD would like the city to consider reevaluating their complete streets program/bylaw by either A. establishing a bylaw that includes all roads and trails or B. re-evaluating the complete streets program to include sidewalk/trail installation or repair in all street/trail projects and to include the use of green infrastructure into the design of all future projects. This would include rain gardens, planter boxes, bioswales, permeable pavements, green streets and alleys, green parking, etc... https://www.epa.gov/green-infrastructure/what-green-infrastructure#planterboxes | Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District | Yes |
| Goal 3 Objective 3.2 Youth Programs and Nature Plantings<br>The goal and objective includes working with partners to host youth programming and to plant native plants for passive education. CLMCD would like to be included as a stakeholder for this objective and for the plan to include that any and all plantings include native species that are beneficial to pollinators. | Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District | Yes |
| Finally, CLMCD is willing and able to participate in any and all city planning opportunities that involve natural resource planning and recreation planning. We greatly value our partnerships and consider the City of Sault Ste Marie a partner. | Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District | Yes |
| Going through checking Table 6 and Table 7 of the Master Plan (pages 17 & 18) the question I have is which City budget columns should be used here?<br>21-22 Amended, 21-22 Activity, or 21-22 Projected? | Staff | Yes |
| Thanks for your presentation--a very good job!<br>Also, thanks for including the Adopt A Park and Island Trail group items. As you may have noticed we had hard copies passed out to those who attended--just in case.<br>As mentioned before, our group updated the Nov. 4 Harvey Marina proposal, so we're wondering if you could substitute the newer one handed out last night at the Parks and Recreation Board meeting (attached). Since the Master Rec Plan document is still a work in progress we hope that this is not a big inconvenience. Thanks.<br>Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions relating to materials we have submitted. | Board/Public | Yes |
| pg. 18 -- While the city oversees Malcolm Park in general, the user groups oversee maintenance of all the fields. I'll explain in a later paragraph why it is important to note this. | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| pg. 19 - The Parks Board has NOTHING to do with programming and it is a disservice to the community to imply it does.All recreation programming in Sault Ste. Marie is administered by volunteer groups. And the board sets user fees for groups about which it has no understanding or involvement. | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| pg. 20 -- Malcolm Park Pride (user groups) oversee the ball fields, and I am not aware of any property the city leases from the schools for recreation. This may be an old reference to the soccer situation. I worry that much of this master plan is copied from the same master plan of 25 years ago, most of which was never implemented. | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| pg. 21 -- This section references at least one group that no longer exists and omits the Malcolm Park Pride Committee. More credence needs to be paid to what outside groups do for the parks. Once again, I will explain in a later paragraph. | Public/Volunteer | Yes |

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| pg. 22 -- The city DOES NOT provide programming funds or direction. | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| pg. 23 -- This is the section I have been referencing. Not only does "sweat equity" need to be detailed, but so does actual expenditures by volunteers. For example, when a hockey team rents ice, that fee includes the city's Pullar worker cleaning the ice with the zamboni. When a softball team pays Soo Slo-Pitch Association to play, a portion of that money goes to the league-purchased four-wheeler, chalk and the guy maintaining the field daily. How is driving the four-wheeler any different than the zamboni, other than the money goes into a different pot and that employee is paid by a different entity? Money paid to the leagues for maintenance should be included in revenue. It's inaccurate that the ballfields generate only $2k in revenue. That chart is only a reflection of the city's budget. | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| pg. 24 -- The park maintenance line item needs to be detailed. Let people see that most of this money goes to employees and fringe benefits. Most of it is NOT going to the parks. | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| What is the Culture and Recreation section about -- where does this money go? | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| pg. 47 -- There are 10 ball fields, not nine. The playground is gone, and the pavilion is pretty much unusable. | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| pg. 58 -- Why do the marinas note a development plan and the Malcolm Park plan is not included? No other parks plans are mentioned in the inventory. Clearly this master plan is skewed toward a previously defined objective. | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| pg. 67 -- The Sault High complex has no pool or baseball field. | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| pg. 70 -- LSSU has no soccer field or baseball field. | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| pg. 71 -- This is repeated in the Welcome Center section | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| pg. 75 -- There are not 12 usable fields in Sault Ste. Marie. If specifying youth fields, there are six. Also, there are two golf courses and two tennis facilities. | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| pg. 82 -- This draft assumes approval on Dec. 19. I sure hope that's not the case, as this plan has a long way to go. Once again, implying a skewed outcome. | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| pg. 85 -- I strongly disagree that our athletic fields currently meet the community's needs. Several are in disrepair. | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| pg. 89 -- Why are "low maintenance gardens" included in the ball field plan? The park doesn't need trees (also taken from the master plan of 25 years ago). It needs updates and repairs. It's 40 years old! | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| pg. 96 -- The ball park plan is antiquated. The $8K expenditure for fencing won't accomplish anything. We need about $140k in fencing repairs. Why $20K for trees we don't need? Please reference the Malcolm Park Master Plan. | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| The inventory pages as a whole need to be fleshed out so that there is a continuity between the inventory and the rest of the document. Although I am glad to see that to see elements of an ADA/504 transition plan within the document, to solely base the methodology of the inventory from this aspect alone does not create a functioning document. The methodology for the compilation of inventory pages of past recreation plans noted the amenities contained within the park, the maintenance deficit of the existing elements of the parks, and recommended improvements that are in line with the compliance to the action plan as developed within the recreation master plan. Some of the pages do better in this, but they do not make the majority. | Staff | Yes |

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| It looks like Malcolm Park has incomplete information and could use updating. So, I have attached 2018-2024 and 2020-2026 6yr CIP documents for projects that include Malcolm Park Ballfields.<br>Also attached is a recent commission authorization to apply for a MI Spark Grant, and resolution document. I am not 100% sure if you had this info. Sorry if these are duplicates of items that you have already received. | Staff | Yes |
| Fyi updated trail:<br>https://www.sooeveningnews.com/story/news/environment/2022/12/01/sault-ste-marie-residents-can-start-hiking-in-their-own-backyard/69686617007/ | Staff | Yes |
| Phase 1 of our plan was to build a restroom/concession facility on 12th Avenue, which was accomplished last year. | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| Phase 2 is bleachers, fencing and a new storage shed on 8th and Meridian. At one point Phase 2 was intended to relocate/reconfigure fields to make better use of the space, but that will not be cost effective. | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| Phase 3 is to replace dugouts at James Field and build dugouts at Nertoli and Bunker Fields. | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| • Peggy Kaunisto Field | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| ○ As discussed, the ditches on 8th Ave. will be improved which will allow us to improve overall drainage in the parking lot between the Kaunisto Field and the Day Field. Upcoming plans are: | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| ▪ Improve the ditch running N/S along the Kaunisto Field to better improve drainage from the parking lot and along the 3rd base line. Install two culverted crossings to the Kaunisto field. (location of both to be determined with Kevin & Linda) | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| ▪ Reshape the parking lot in a fashion that everything runs to the improved ditch. Keep the Day field elevation the same. | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| ▪ Define the East edge of the parking lot to a straighter line for improved aesthetics | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| ▪ Move the handicapped parking sign to the East and install an additional spot next to it. | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| ▪ Trim trees and perform site enhancements to monument dedicated to Mr. Malcolm | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| • Bathrooms, North of 8th Ave. | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| ○ I will be budgeting for a grinder pump in the upcoming fiscal year to be installed in the bathroom to rid us of the "pump and haul" operations there now to avoid future back-ups. Much planning here yet (pump sizing, electrical service available) | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| • Playground Equipment by Old Batting Cages | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| ○ I will be recommending that we utilize the majority of the remaining funds to install playground equipment to be used by our youngest guests. | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| ▪ To get this project going, I'd like to reach out to any user group(s) that used, or would use the equipment. I would like to have them work with us to review and help select the equipment (we did the same thing at Chandler Park and it worked out well). | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| ▪ Do you know anyone that I can contact? | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| • Old Batting Cages | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| ○ Aesthetic improvements needed, to be prioritized according to upcoming Asset Management Plan. | Public/Volunteer | Yes |

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| • Old Storage Building | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| ○ This dilapidated building needs immediate demolition, unfortunately, there is an ongoing need for storage. I would like to remove the building in 2019. I believe that we are in agreement in the concept of a multi-unit storage building to take it's place. Parking should be maintained and the location of the building can be moved to another location within that general area (TBD). | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| • Open Air Pavilion | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| ○ The condition, need, and current usage are low. While a shelter here is certainly a good thing, the future replacement of this structure needs to be addressed through the upcoming Asset Management Plan. More research needed. Do we put any money at all into this structure? | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| • Old Post & Cable Barrier Fencing | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| ○ It's junk and serves little or no purpose. To be removed. | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| • Parking Lot on the North Side of 10th Ave. | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| ○ This lot should be expanded and defined. Additional drainage improvement may be needed here--need to investigate further. | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| ○ We also could improve the 4-wheeler trail to the North whenever the parking lot improvements occur. | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| • Former Playground Site South Side of 10th Ave. | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| ○ This area will be potentially used for relocating the Skate Park from by the High School. The present location is too remote and is too often a victim of vandalism. A move to a different location is a necessity. This will be requested in the next budget cycle. | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| • Potential Bathroom West of Meridian by Project Playground. | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| ○ The local Rotary Club is planning to construct a two bathroom structure to the North of Project Playground. In conjunction with this, DPW will be running water & sewer lines across Meridian and up 10th Ave. We'll take this opportunity to improve the culvert and general condition of 10th Ave. | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| • 10th Ave. Bathroom | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| ○ This bathroom needs a general upgrade and facelift. During out tour, it was stated that it has a history of sewer back-ups. I was not aware of this and will have to investigate as to why. | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| • Parking Lot East of Locey Field. | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| ○ It needs better barrier fencing primarily for aesthetics. Fencing should remain to prevent cars from pulling up next to fencing. | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| • Potential Pavilion/Changing Rooms/Bathroom by Locey Field.(Completed in 2020) | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| ○ Funding and Location to be determined. DPW to install the water & sewer utilities. The location of the future structure will determine needed drainage improvements here. This is a large project that will have an affect on the drainage for this entire area of the park. Planning to be done throughout the winter months. | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
| ▪ Before too long, I request that an approximate location be determined. If construction is anticipated in early Summer 2019, it would be helpful to get a handle on the drainage here yet this year. | Public/Volunteer | Yes |
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# D. Public Hearing Documentation

City of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

January 11, 2023

Gage Belko, Project Planner
235 E. Main St., Suite 105
Northville, MI 48167

**Subject: Certificate as to the Notice of Public Hearing at a meeting of the City Commission regarding the City of Sault Ste. Marie 2023-2027 Parks and Recreation Master Plan**

Mr. Belko,

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I further certify that the notice was posted on December 1, 2022, at City Hall located at 225 E. Portage Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783, on the city Facebook page, and submitted to The Sault News in accordance with established city procedures. Photos attached, preceding the notice.

Sincerely,

Robin Troyer

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City Clerk of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, MI
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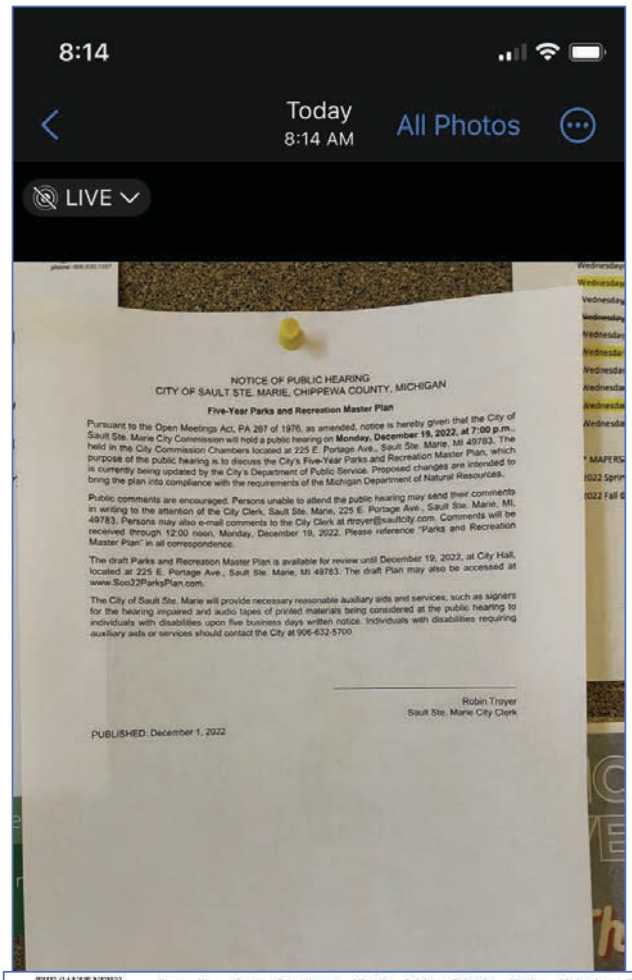

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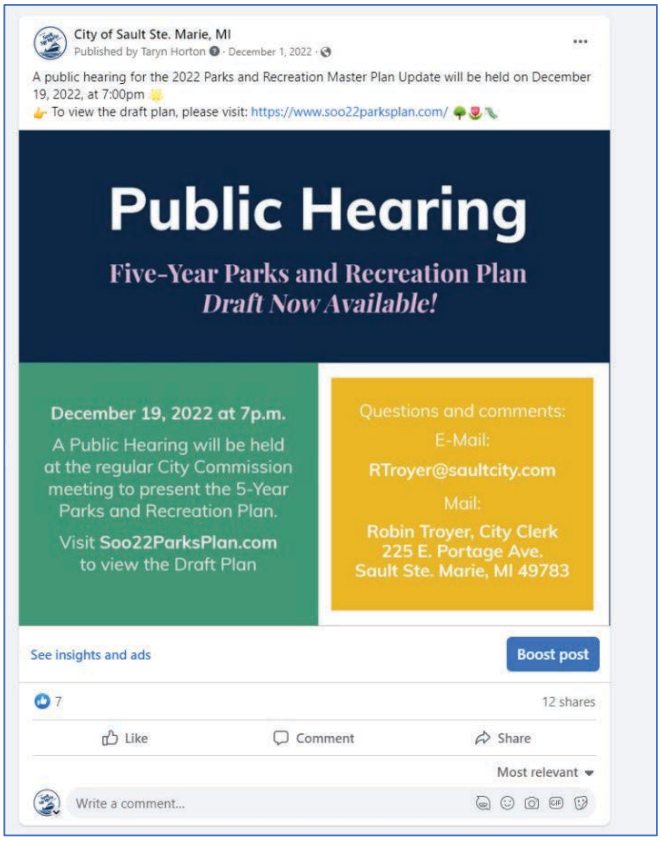

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A public hearing for the 2022 Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update will be held on December 19, 2022, at 7:00pm
To view the draft plan, please visit: https://www.soo22parksplan.com/

**Public Hearing**

**Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan**
***Draft Now Available!***

**December 19, 2022 at 7p.m.**
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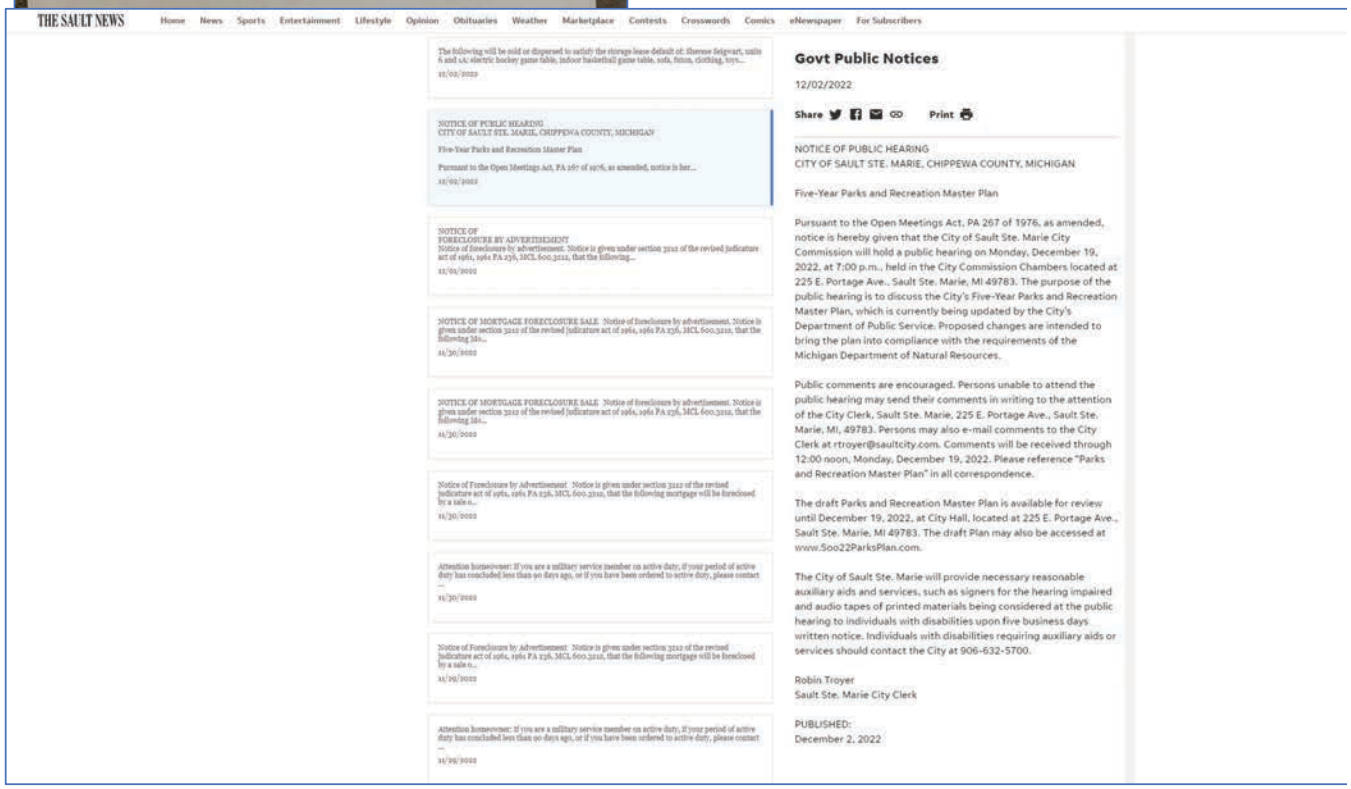

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City of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

January 11, 2023

Gage Belko, Project Planner
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Northville, MI 48167

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I further certify that the votes and resolutions of the City Commission of Sault Ste. Marie at the meeting are operative and in full force and effect and have not been annulled or modified by any vote or resolution passed or adopted by the Commission since that meeting.

Sincerely,

Robin Troyer

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**Regular City Commission Meeting (Monday, December 19, 2022)**

*Generated by Robin Troyer on Tuesday, December 27, 2022*

**Members present** Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

**Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM**

A. OPENING OF MEETING

Procedural: 1. Call to Order

Procedural: 2. Roll Call

Moved by Commissioner Bauer, supported by Commissioner HabustaThat the absence of Commissioner Bosbous-Rath be excused.Motion carried unanimously.

Procedural: 3. Pledge of Allegiance

Procedural: 4. Mayor Comments and General Announcements

B. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Recognition: 1. Presentation of a Civilian Citation to David Pietrangelo

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Information: 1. Notice of Public Comment

None.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Action (Consent), Minutes: 1. Approval of City Commission Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2022

Resolution: Motion to approve the minutes of the regular City Commission meeting of December 5, 2022.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Steve Habusta.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent), Minutes: 2. Acceptance of the Airport Advisory Board Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2022

Resolution: Motion to accept the Airport Advisory Board meeting minutes of November 10, 2022.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Steve Habusta.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent), Minutes: 3. Acceptance of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2022

Resolution: Motion to accept the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board meeting minutes of November 8, 2022.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Steve Habusta.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent), Minutes: 4. Acceptance of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting Minutes of November 08, 2022

Resolution: Motion to accept the Economic Development Corporation meeting minutes of November 8, 2022.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Steve Habusta.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent), Minutes: 5. Acceptance of the Historical Development Commission Meeting Minutes of October 25, 2022

Resolution: Motion to accept of the Historical Development Commission Meeting Minutes of October 25, 2022.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Steve Habusta.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent): 6. Acceptance of the Historic Structures Management Committee Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2022

Resolution: Motion to accept the Sault Historic Structures Management Committee Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2022.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Steve Habusta.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent), Minutes: 7. Acceptance of the Local Development Finance Authority Meeting Minutes of November 15, 2022

Resolution: Motion to accept the minutes of the Local Development Finance Authority meeting of November 15, 2022

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Steve Habusta.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent): 8. Acceptance of the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes of August 30, 2022

Resolution: Motion to accept the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting minutes of August 30, 2022.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Steve Habusta.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent): 9. Acceptance of the Tax Increment Finance Authority III Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2022

Resolution: Motion to accept the Tax Increment Finance Authority III meeting minutes of November 8, 2022.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Steve Habusta.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent): 10. Resignation of Tom Fornicola from the Downtown Development Authority

Resolution: Motion to accept the resignation of Tom Fornicola from the Downtown Development Authority.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Steve Habusta.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent): 11. Consideration of MDOT's Performance Resolution for Municipalities [Form 2207B]

Resolution: Motion to approve city staff on MDOT's Performance Resolution for Municipalities form and agree to its terms.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Steve Habusta.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent): 12. Consideration to apply for a MI Spark Grant for multiple boat ramp improvements within the City

Resolution: Motion to approve applying for the MI Spark Grant opportunity to repair multiple city boat ramps as listed.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Steve Habusta.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent): 13. Consideration of an agreement with American Transmission Company (ATC) as part of the Carbide DockProject

Resolution: Motion to approve the agreement as presented to relocate the ATC pole as part of the Carbide Dock Project and to allowCity Manager to sign.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Steve Habusta.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent): 14. From the DDA on behalf of O.U.T. House Consortium - Authorization to Sell Liquor on City-Owned Property forthe Downtown New Year's Eve Celebration

Resolution: Motion to authorize the sale of liquor on Parcel # 051-278-005-00, the Farmer's Market Corner, on Saturday, December31, 2022, for the annual Downtown New Year's Eve Celebration subject to the rules of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission andany rules established by the City Manager.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Steve Habusta.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent): 15. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Resolution: Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Steve Habusta.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

E. SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

Action: 1. Annual Audit Presentation for the year ending June 30, 2022

A motion to accept the audited financial statements of the City of Sault Ste. Marie for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 aspresented by Roslund, Prestage & Company, P.C.

Motion by Andrew Rubinstein, second by Ray Bauer.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Motion to add Commissioner Bauer to the internal audit committee.

Motion by Steve Habusta, second by Andrew Rubinstein.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action: 2. Public Hearing on the City's 5 Year Master Recreation Plan

Mayor Gerrie called for pubic comments.Denny Dougherty addressed the City Commission regarding ideas submitted for Harvey Marina area.Craig Flickinger on behalf of Rotary commented on the Rotary Park bathrooms and pavilion concept.

F. COMMUNICATIONS

Discussion, Information: 1. Presentation on the SSM Dial-A-Ride Survey Results

G. BUSINESS ITEMS

Action: 1. Consideration to purchase Ferric Chloride for the Wastewater Treatment Plant

Motion to approve the bid from PVS for Ferric Chloride for the amount of $1,386 / dry ton delivered.

Motion by Scott Marble, second by Ray Bauer.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action: 2. Consideration of lease with Enterprise Fleet Services for four police patrol vehicles

Motion to approve the four lease quotes as presented and authorize the City Manager to sign all necessary lease agreements.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Andrew Rubinstein.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Andrew Rubinstein

Nay: Shane Miller

Action: 3. Consideration of budget amendment for the water meter project

Motion to approve the budget amendment for $70,000 to purchase additional meters to complete the meter project and purchasemeters needed for system expansion. (GL 401-901-986.00-0758)

Motion by Steve Habusta, second by Ray Bauer.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Motion to approve the budget amendment for $34,000 to fund meter reading hosting, notification and leak detection software for2023. (GL 592-542-792.000)

Motion by Steve Habusta, second by Ray Bauer.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action: 4. Consideration of a change order and budget amendment for the old pumphouse demolition project

Motion to approve the change order.

Motion by Shane Miller, second by Scott Marble.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Nay: Steve Habusta

Action: 5. Consideration of George Kemp Marina Operations

Motion to approve the amended operational budget and fee schedule for the George Kemp Marina.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Shane Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Motion to authorize the creation of the position of Harbor Master within the Department of Public Works.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Shane Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action: 6. Consideration to dispose of the remaining steel of the Fort Street Bridge

Motion to approve disposal of the remaining steel pieces of the Fort Street Bridge for scrap value or sale on GovDeals.

Motion by Andrew Rubinstein, second by Scott Marble.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action: 7. Consideration for the Economic Development Corporation to go into a contract with Explore Solutions for a EconomicDevelopment Strategic Plan

Economic Development Director Jeff Holt addressed the City Commission on the Economic Development Strategic Plan.

Motion to approve the amendment of line item EDC Contracted Services 244-728-801.000 to $32,900.00 with $29,400 coming fromthe EDC Fund Balance.

Motion by Andrew Rubinstein, second by Shane Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Motion to approve the Economic Development Corporation to contract with Explore Solutions for an Economic Development StrategicPlan in the amount of $29,400.

Motion by Andrew Rubinstein, second by Shane Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

H. CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

Information: 1. Announcements and Updates

I. MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

Information: 1. Matters Presented by the Public

None.

J. MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION

Information: 1. Matters Presented by the City Commission

Commissioner Miller wished everyone happy holidays.Mayor Gerrie wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

K. CLOSING OF MEETING

Action: 1. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 8:29 p.m.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Andrew Rubinstein.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

# E. Adoption Documentation

**CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE, CHIPPEWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Sault Ste. Marie has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five-year period covering the years 2023 through 2027, and

WHEREAS, the area of the aforementioned local unit of government constitutes the planning area, and

WHEREAS, the City of Sault Ste. Marie began the process of developing a community recreation and natural resource conservation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, residents of the City of Sault Ste. Marie were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least 30 days, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on December 19, 2022 at Sault Ste. Marie City Hall to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions and discuss all aspects of the 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan and

WHEREAS, the City of Sault Ste. Marie has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the City, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the City of Sault Ste. Marie City Commission voted to adopt said 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City of Sault Ste. Marie City Commission hereby adopts the 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

AYES: MAYOR GERRIE, COMMISSIONER BAUER, BOSBOUS-RATH, MARBLE, MILLER, AND RUBINSTEIN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER HABUSTA

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a Resolution duly made and passed by the City Commission of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, County of Chippewa, State of Michigan at their regular meeting held on **January 16, 2023,** at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall City- Commission Chambers, with a quorum present.

ROBIN R. TROYER, CITY CLERK

# Certificate of Minutes

To be provided separately after February 6, 2023 meeting of City Council.

**Regular City Commission Meeting (Monday, January 16, 2023)**
*Generated by Robin Troyer on Monday, January 16, 2023*

**Members present**
Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Jodi Bosbous-Rath, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

**Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM**

A. OPENING OF MEETING

Procedural: 1. Call to Order

Procedural: 2. Roll Call
Moved by Commissioner Miller, supported by Commissioner Bosbous-Rath
That the absence of Commissioner Habusta be excused.
Motion carried unanimously.

Procedural: 3. Pledge of Allegiance

Procedural: 4. Mayor Comments and General Announcements
None.

B. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Recognition: 1. Introduction of Officer Raymond Brooks
Chief Bierling introduced Officer Brooks to the community and City Commission.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Information: 1. Notice of Public Comment
None.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Action (Consent), Minutes: 1. Approval of City Commission Meeting Minutes of January 3, 2023
Resolution: Motion to approve the minutes of the regular City Commission meeting of January 3, 2023.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Shane Miller.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Jodi Bosbous-Rath, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent), Minutes: 2. Acceptance of Police and Fire Pension Board Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2022
Resolution: Motion to accept the minutes of the Police and Fire Pension Board meeting of November 16, 2022.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Shane Miller.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Jodi Bosbous-Rath, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent): 3. Appointment of Mark Savoie to the Downtown Development Authority for a term to expire April 1, 2024
Resolution: Motion to appoint Mark Savoie to the DDA Board to fill the vacancy of Tara Behling- Kelgar, who resigned from the DDA Board, with a term to expire on April 1, 2024

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Shane Miller.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Jodi Bosbous-Rath, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent): 4. Appointment of Amy Goetz to the Downtown Development Authority for a term to expire on April 1, 2023
Resolution: Motion to appoint Amy Goetz to the DDA Board to fill the vacancy of Tom Fornicola, who has resigned from the DDA Board, with a term to expire on April 1, 2023.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Shane Miller.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Jodi Bosbous-Rath, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent): 5. Confirmation of Mayor's appointment to the Local Development Finance Authority
Resolution: Motion to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Don Gerrie to the Local Development Finance Authority for a term to expire December 31, 2026.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Shane Miller.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Jodi Bosbous-Rath, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent): 6. Consideration of Rental Agreement with Chippewa County EDC for a Motor Grader
Resolution: Motion to approve the rental agreement with the Chippewa County EDC for the rental of a motor grader for the remainder of the winter.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Shane Miller.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Jodi Bosbous-Rath, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent): 7. Consideration of a Resolution for Continued Maintenance and Budget Amendment with MDOT for Wayfinding Signs
Resolution: Motion to approve the attached resolution for continued maintenance agreement for the proposed sign installation. Motion to amend the budget upward by $1,400 to include all signs with funding to come from the DDA's operating fund.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Shane Miller.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Jodi Bosbous-Rath, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent): 8. Consideration of Grant Application - FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant
Resolution: Motion to authorize the application to FEMA-AFG Directorate on behalf of the Sault Ste. Marie Fire Department

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Shane Miller.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Jodi Bosbous-Rath, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent): 9. Consideration of Grant Application - FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant | Regional Application
Resolution: Motion to authorize the City Fire Department to apply for the FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program, in a regional application, seeking to upgrade their radio system and equipment.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Shane Miller.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Jodi Bosbous-Rath, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent): 10. Consideration and Renewal of Tax Legal Representation Services and Budget Amendment
Resolution: Motion to authorize the City Manager to engage Foster Swift for tax representation services in connection with tax appeals. Motion to amend the budget for these expenditures by $5,500 from its current $40,000 to $45,500 funded by the General Fund.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Shane Miller.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Jodi Bosbous-Rath, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Information: 11. Local Government Retirement System Annual Reports Form 5572 FYE22

Action (Consent): 12. From the International 500 Project, Inc. - Authorization to Sell Liquor on City-Owned Property for the I-500 Snowmobile Race on Saturday, February 4, 2023
Resolution: Motion to authorize the sale of liquor on the I-500 property on Saturday, February 4, 2023 for the Annual I-500 Race subject to the rules of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission and any rules established by the City Manager.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Shane Miller.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Jodi Bosbous-Rath, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent): 13. Approval of Consent Agenda Items
Resolution: Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Shane Miller.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Jodi Bosbous-Rath, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

E. SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

Information, Recognition: 1. Presentation by the I500 Committee

Information: 2. WWTP Update and Report of Findings

F. COMMUNICATIONS

G. BUSINESS ITEMS
Action: 1. Adoption of the City's 5 Year Master Recreation Plan
Motion to approve the 5-year Master Recreation Plan to submit to the MDNR.

Motion by Jodi Bosbous-Rath, second by Ray Bauer.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Jodi Bosbous-Rath, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action: 2. Consideration of award of bid for structural firefighting protective gear
Motion to amend the budget for Fire Capital Equipment with an increase of $12,000 to come from the General Fund.

Motion by Shane Miller, second by Andrew Rubinstein.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Jodi Bosbous-Rath, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Motion to award the bid to MacQueen Emergency Equipment, for the purchase of four sets of Personal protective structural firefighting gear at a cost of $11,968.96.

Motion by Shane Miller, second by Jodi Bosbous-Rath.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Jodi Bosbous-Rath, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action: 3. Consideration to apply for a Building Stabilization Grant through the Michigan State Land Bank Authority for 538 and 540 Ashmun Street
Motion to authorize the City Manager to submit a building stabilization grant for 538 and 540 Ashmun Street to the State Land Bank Authority.

Motion by Andrew Rubinstein, second by Scott Marble.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Jodi Bosbous-Rath, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action: 4. Consideration of Truck Traffic Restriction
Motion to approve the attached TCO, as presented.

Motion by Andrew Rubinstein, second by Jodi Bosbous-Rath.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Jodi Bosbous-Rath, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action: 5. Closed Session Regarding State of Michigan Tax Tribunal case with Chippewa County Family Project
Motion to enter into closed session in order to discuss trial and/or settlement strategies as pertaining to the State of Michigan Tax Tribunal case with Chippewa County Family Project in accordance with Section 8(e) of the State of Michigan Open Meetings Act.

Motion by Scott Marble, second by Shane Miller.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Jodi Bosbous-Rath, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

H. CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

I. MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC
Information: 1. Matters Presented by the Public
None.

J. MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION

Information: 1. Matters Presented by the City Commission
Commissioner Miller asked for an update on the Pullar.
Commissioner Bosbous-Rath provided a quote to the Commission.

K. CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

L. CLOSING OF MEETING
Action: 1. Adjournment
Motion to Adjourn at 7:54 p.m.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Jodi Bosbous-Rath.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Jodi Bosbous-Rath, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

# F. Transmittal Letters

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January 23, 2023

Chippewa County
Regional Planning and Development Committee
319 Court Street
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

*via email: inquiry@chippewacountymi.gov*

**Subject: City of Sault Ste. Marie: Five-Year Recreation Plan 2023-2027**

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, I am pleased to transmit a copy of the Five-Year Recreation Plan (2023-2027) that was adopted by the City Commission on January 16, 2023. Sault Ste. Marie prepared this document with the assistance of McKenna; please refer to this plan as necessary for future planning efforts and investment decisions.

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Sincerely,

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Cc: Tyler Perron, Director of Public Services, City of Sault Ste. Marie
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Chippewa-Luce-Mackinac Conservation District
2847 Ashmun Street
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*via email: clmcd@madc.org*

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Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning and Development Commission *via email: agency@eup-planning.org*
2345 Meridian Road
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

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Wendy Hoffman, Transit Manager
Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians
523 Ashmun Street
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

*via email: whoffman@saulttribe.net*

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