



Delhi Charter Township Community Parks and Recreation Plan 2020-2024

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Executive Summary

Introduction

As a society, we are increasingly aware of the psychological and physical benefits provided by open space and recreation. It is the Delhi Charter Township Parks and Recreation Department's primary goal to actively promote these benefits for the public well-being in the form of providing and developing recreational areas and activities. In doing this, the Parks and Recreation Department increases the township's livability and quality of life. However, there are many issues to consider when planning for these recreational areas and opportunities. This plan intends to be the guiding document for the promotion of these recreational opportunities in Delhi Charter Township.

As ongoing health studies show, our society is becoming more conscious of healthy living and the opportunities that recreation provides to promote healthy lifestyles and improve our quality of life. Health studies also reflect the alarming need for increased physical activity for people of all ages in order to achieve these healthier lifestyles. Finally, improvement of a community's quality of life through recreation also has the potential to better the local economy by drawing new business opportunities to the area. Studies have shown that businesses are drawn to communities that provide quality lifestyles for prospective employees.

Therefore, it is important to project the future parks and recreation needs of Delhi Charter Township to ensure the availability of open space and recreation opportunities. To address these issues and opportunities, it is important for the Parks and Recreation Department to produce a plan to guide the decision-making process. When implemented, this plan will provide quality parks and recreation programs and facilities for the township.

Purpose

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires community parks and recreation plans to be updated every five years as criteria to receive funding from the State in the form of grants for park and open space acquisition, park development, and improvements to existing parks. The purpose of this procedure is to provide an opportunity to include changing needs and assets for the community. This Community Park and Recreation Plan was developed by analyzing an inventory of issues and physical features for the area and tailoring the development of the recreation programs and facilities in a systematic manner, or plan, through the next five years.

Scope

The Community Parks and Recreation Plan for Delhi Charter Township inventories existing parks and recreation programs, and determines the needs for neighborhood parks, supporting facilities, trailway/greenway systems, and recreation programs for the next five years. The plan's recommendations are a result of the analysis of demographic projections, township land-use trends, natural features inventory, citizen input, past and future recreational trends, state and federal grant-funding requirements, and potential land acquisition opportunities.

Collaboration

In the past, the Parks and Recreation Department has collaborated with other departments and organizations within the township, and it intends to continue to do so into the future. One of the successful inter-departmental collaboration projects has been the development of the non-motorized transportation system, which was planned and implemented by the Planning Department, and operated and maintained by the Parks and Recreation Department.

The Parks and Recreation Department works with Holt Community Connect, a non-profit 501(c)(3), to facilitate community-planned events. Other community groups such as the Kiwanis Club of Holt, Friends of the Delhi Trails, the Holt-Delhi Historical Society, and the Holt Community Arts Council play significant roles in the parks system, fostering community engagement and awareness, and collaborating with the Parks and Recreation Department on programming and capital improvement projects.

Holt Public Schools also has a strong relationship with the Parks and Recreation Department, having maintained a long-standing programming, operation, and maintenance agreement to share resources and coordinate services.

More recently, the Ingham County Sheriff's Department has been contracted to act as the township's police force and to provide the Parks and Recreation Department with parks patrol officers.

Goals and Objectives

<p>Goal I: Provide an effective, responsible, and cooperative Parks and Recreation Department that seeks to benefit residents of the township.</p>	<p>Objective A: Maintain and expand cooperative agreements and contracts that support the operations and maintenance of parks and recreation.</p>
	<p>Objective B: Develop and maintain partnerships/coalitions with community groups and educational institutions that enhance the parks and recreation system.</p>
	<p>Objective C: Maintain a budget that is sufficiently funded and appropriately allocated.</p>
<p>Goal II: Provide quality facilities that meet the recreational needs of township residents.</p>	<p>Objective A: Update, renovate, and maintain existing parks, trails and other recreation facilities.</p>
	<p>Objective B: Expand or develop existing parks, trails, and other recreation facilities, to accommodate recreation opportunities and growing needs.</p>
	<p>Objective C: Identify uses for undeveloped properties, utilizing community input through the master planning process, in order to develop new parks, trails, and other recreation facilities.</p>

<p>Goal III: Bring the township park facilities up to current accessibility and safety standards.</p>	<p>Objective A: Replace playground equipment that was audited before 2010 and removed for non-compliance.</p>
	<p>Objective B: Determine playground deficiencies throughout the park system and bring equipment up to current standards.</p>
	<p>Objective C: Perform a system-wide accessibility upgrade.</p>
<p>Goal IV: Acquire land for recreation in quantities sufficient to meet the existing and future recreation needs of the township residents and to protect the township’s natural resources.</p>	<p>Objective A: Study specific demographic trends that correspond to the recreation services within a geographical target area to determine if additional land is required to meet the needs of the community.</p>
	<p>Objective B: Identify and acquire land adjacent to existing park lands to allow for program expansion and to create connections between parks throughout the park system.</p>
	<p>Objective C: Identify and acquire land that has significant natural features that are high quality and strategically located, and that serve populated areas or significant natural areas.</p>
	<p>Objective D: Acquire urban property to continue developing a strong urban park environment.</p>

<p>Goal V: Promote the development of new recreation programs with active sports facilities and passive leisure opportunities which are in high demand, or are innovative, or are unique or not presently provided by municipal or private sectors.</p>	<p>Objective A: Identify new trends in recreation/leisure programming.</p>
	<p>Objective B: Facilitate third-party programs to provide recreation programming options in the township parks and park facilities.</p>
	<p>Objective C: Monitor service and participation levels of existing programs to inform future planning efforts.</p>

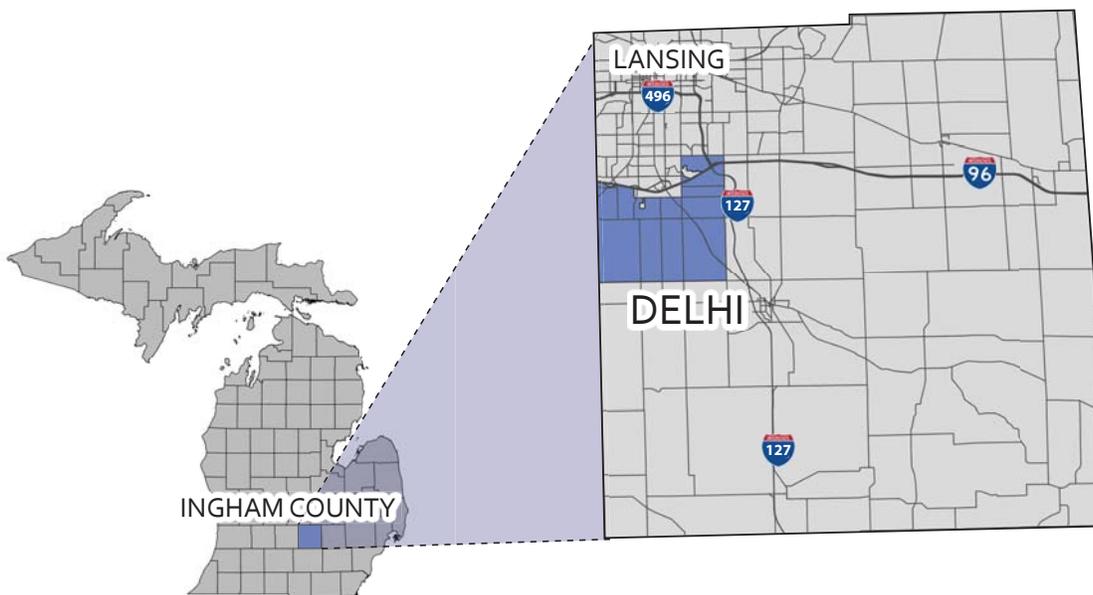
Community Description

The 2020-2024 Delhi Charter Township Community Parks and Recreation Plan has been developed to serve as a guide and decision-making document for future recreation facilities and programs within Delhi Charter Township. This plan focuses on parks, trails, and natural areas. The plan includes an assessment of current facilities and programs, as well as the acquisition and development of new facilities and programs based on current and future anticipated demands.

Jurisdiction

Delhi Charter Township is located in Ingham County, Michigan.

The township is bordered by Nichols Road to the south, Waverly Road to the west, and College Road to the east. The northern boundary jogs along Jolly Road, Willoughby Road, and I-96. In total, Delhi Charter Township encompasses 28.5 square miles of land. Lansing, East Lansing, and Meridian Charter Township are a few of the larger municipalities within close vicinity of the township.



Social Characteristics

City Population

According to the 2010 US census, the population of Delhi Charter Township was 25,877. This population was comprised of 10,191 households and 7,066 families. This represents a 15 percent increase from the population of 22,569 recorded during the 2000 census.

Chart of Population Change 2000-2010

U.S. Census, 2000 & 2010

2000	2010	% Change
22,569	25,877	15%

Age Structure

Age characteristics are a useful demographic indicator for recreation planning purposes, as a community's age composition helps determine the appropriate mix of needed recreation services and facilities. The types and location of recreation facilities and programs will depend, in part, upon the age structure of the population. The following table breaks down the various age groups, based on data from the 2010 Census.

Chart of Age Demographics

U.S. Census, 2010

Age Group	Percent of Total Population	Lifestyle Categories
Under 5 years	6.46%	Pre-School
5 - 17 years	18.99%	School Age
18 - 34 years	21.07%	Emerging Workplace
35 - 49 years	21.68%	Middle Age
50 - 64 years	20.95%	Pre-retirement
65 and over	10.85%	Seniors

The largest age category, representing over 21 percent of the population in the township, contains those between the ages of 35 and 49. The senior citizen population represents 10.85 percent, and this age group is expected to grow in size as the "baby boomer" generation matures and improvements in medical technology help people live longer.

The selected lifestyle categories and the intervals that they represent include: pre-school (0 to 4), school (5 to 17),

emerging workplace (18-34), middle age (35-49), pre-retirement (50-64) and seniors (65 and over).

The age structure of Delhi Charter Township indicates that the greatest immediate need is for recreation facilities that serve families and middle-aged adults. This would include neighborhood and miniature parks to service a wide range of youth-related activities. Young children need programming that offers a wide range of activities and events. Children learn the fundamentals of sports through organized baseball, softball, basketball and soccer leagues. Day camps bring children together to create arts and crafts, swim, and learn about nature.

Those in the 'emerging workplace' and 'middle age' groups are more likely to need family-related programming. Organized softball leagues are popular in many communities. This group may also desire access to other forms of recreation such as golf, hockey and basketball. In the future, demand for recreation facilities for senior citizens will increase, due to the retirement of the "baby boomer" generation, and translate into a need for more passive park areas. Bicycle and walking paths provide an excellent opportunity for an entire family to participate in a recreational activity. Providing greater accessibility to park facilities for senior citizens may include providing parking and drop off areas closer to fields, wayfinding, large lettering on signage, and more seating and shaded areas.

Race Demographics

Delhi Charter Township strives to be an inclusive community, inviting to people of all race, ethnicity and background. The City has seen a large increase in minority populations in recent years. From 2000 to 2010, the Asian population increased by 192%, the African American population increased by 154%, and the Hispanic population increased by 72%. Delhi Charter Township strives to recognize the cultural diversity of its citizens to make all feel welcome within the City.

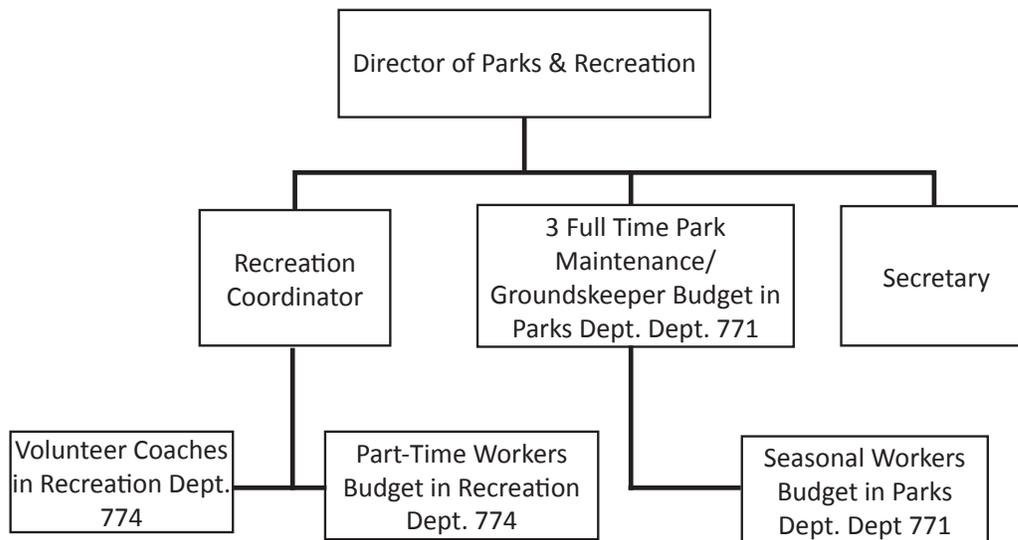
Chart of Population by Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	Census 2000	Percent of Population	Census 2010	Percent of Population	Percentage Point Change
White	20,474	90.72%	21,658	83.70%	6%
African American/Black	532	2.36%	1,350	5.22%	154%
Asian	260	1.15%	759	2.93%	192%
Multi-Racial	466	2.06%	809	3.13%	74%
Other	333	1.48%	487	1.88%	46%
Hispanic	804	3.56%	1,381	5.34%	72%
Total	22,569	100%	25,877	100%	15%

Administrative Structure

Department Organization

The Parks and Recreation Department performs the care and management of the township's parks, provides comprehensive recreation programs to residents of Delhi Charter Township and the Holt Public School District, and gives assistance to community outreach programs for community events and programs. The administrative structure of the Parks and Recreation Department is demonstrated in the flow chart below.



Department Staff

The current Parks and Recreation Department is headed by a full-time Director and support staff. The support staff includes a Recreation Coordinator, Secretary, 3 full time maintenance positions and seasonal employees . The director has

the responsibility of interviewing, writing job descriptions, parks expenditures, assigning individuals to the recreational or maintenance arms of the township parks department, and coordinating with the and Township Recreation Board. The Recreation Coordinator is responsible for directing seasonal staff and volunteers and programming recreational activities. The Secretary handles the department’s clerical and office managerial duties.

Staffing Levels

	2017	2018	2019
Director of Parks and Recreation	1.00	1.00	1.00
Recreation Coordinator	1.00	1.00	1.00
Secretary	1.00	1.00	1.00
Park Building Maintenance/Groundskeepers	2.00	3.00	3.00
Seasonal Workers (Equivalent Full Time Employees)	6.00	5.40	5.50
Total	11.00	11.40	11.50

Delhi Township Park Commission

The Delhi Township Park Commission received authorization to act as the Township Recreation Board and exercise such powers as set under Public Act 1931, No. 271. The Park Commission is made up of seven elected commissioners.

Park Commissioners

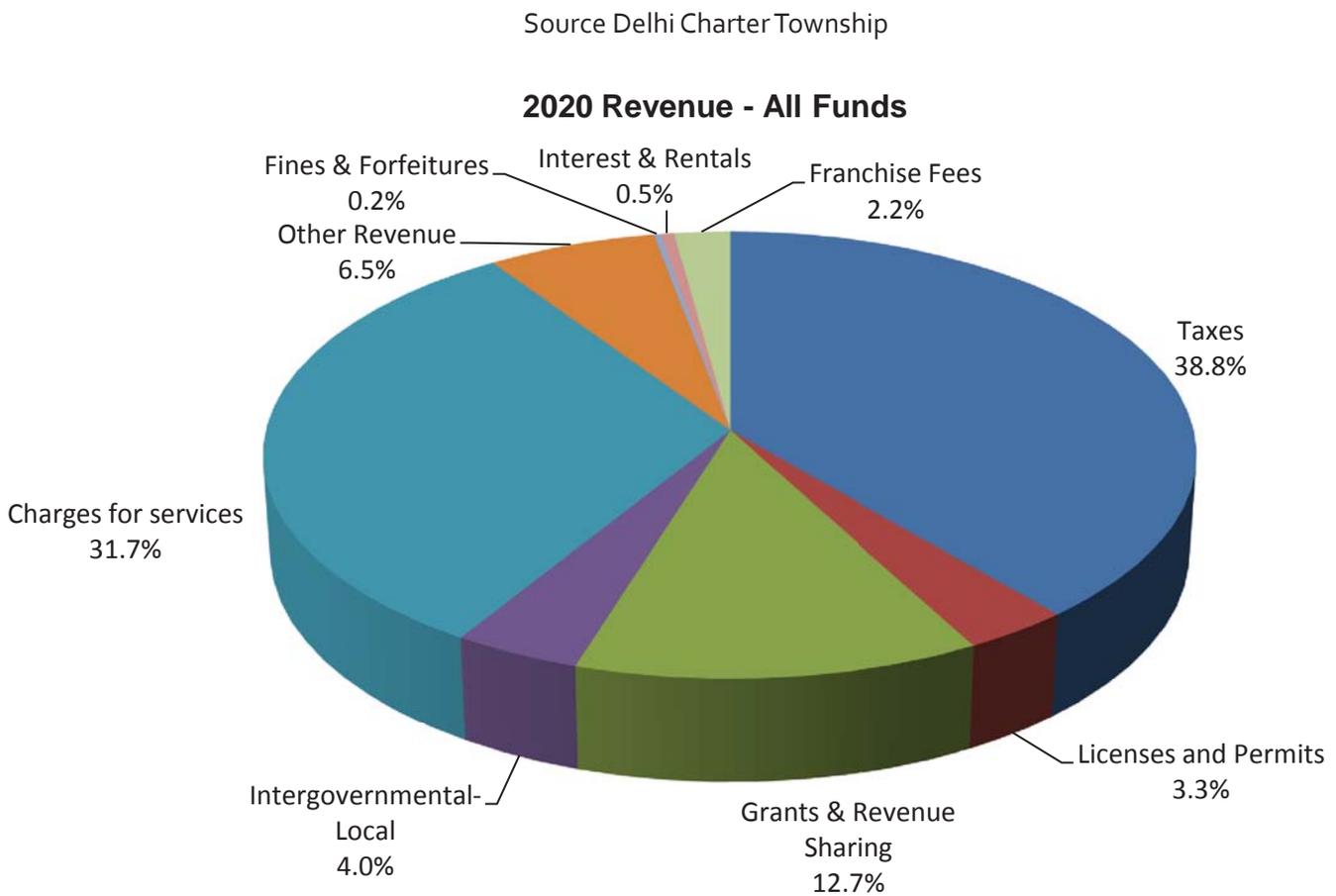
Dennis Fulk, Chairperson Sue Lierman
Steve Warfield, Vice Chairperson Jane Wallin
Paul Dykema, Secretary John Mulvaney
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The Park Commission holds open meetings once a month. The Park Commission is a policy-setting body that the Parks and Recreation Director reports to directly. The Parks and Recreation Department receives the majority of its direction from the Park Commission through the Director attending Park Commission meetings. According to Delhi Charter Township Ordinance No. 55.4 the commission “shall have full power and authority over all township parks and recreation areas and shall have the power to establish reasonable rules and regulations for the conduct of the public for the use of said parks and for the granting of permits for the use of facilities therein”. The Parks and Recreation Department generally makes suggestions for recreation programming and submits them for approval to the Park Commission. The

Parks and Recreation Department is in charge of all operations and maintenance of the park facilities.

Park Funding

The Parks and Recreation Department develops a budget and submits it to the Park Commission for their review and approval. The Township Board has final approval. Included in this budget are fees and charges for recreation programs and park facilities.



Local Policies And Procedures

Delhi Charter Township Ordinance No. 55.4, "Park and Recreational Area and Designated Public Land Area Ordinance", addresses definitions, Park Commission powers, personal conduct, swimming, pets, hours, enforcement, etc. A complete copy of the ordinance is in the appendix.

Based on a community feedback survey completed by Byrum and Fisk in 2018, after receiving positive responses, a millage was proposed.

In 2018, voters approved a 1.0 millage for the Township's parks, trails, and recreation facilities. The four-year millage will provide funds for restoring, operating, maintaining, acquiring, constructing, and equipping parks, trails, and recreation facilities.

Financial Resources

Parks and Recreation is important to Delhi Charter Township. Out of the total General Fund, 15% goes to Parks & Recreation Support. The next highest dollar amount goes to Community Development. This indicates that the community and the township government place a great value on the recreational opportunities that are available as well as potential opportunities that add to the quality of life in Delhi Township.

Below is the Parks, Trails, and Recreation Fund Budget for the Delhi Township Parks and Recreation Department. The fund was started in 2019.

PARKS, TRAILS, AND RECREATION FUND SUMMARY

Description	2019 Budget	2019 Projected	2020 Budget
Revenue			
Taxes	\$ 763,870.00	\$ 767,170.00	\$ 803,800.00
Other	\$ -	\$ 75,340.00	\$ 67,500.00
Total Revenue	\$ 763,870.00	\$ 842,510.00	\$ 871,300.00
Expenditures			
Parks Administration	\$ 294,130.00	\$ 370,450.00	\$ 384,400.00
Parks	\$ 765,950.00	\$ 831,780.00	\$ 855,120.00
Recreation	\$ 66,980.00	\$ 66,980.00	\$ 66,980.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,127,060.00	\$ 1,269,210.00	\$ 1,306,500.00
Other Financing Sources			
Transfer In From General Fund	\$ 363,190.00	\$ 426,700.00	\$ 435,200.00
Total Other Financing Sources	\$ 363,190.00	\$ 426,700.00	\$ 435,200.00

Relationship With Public Agencies

Holt Public Schools

Delhi Charter Township has a cooperative agreement with Holt Public Schools. This agreement states that the two organizations may use each other's facilities at no cost. Under this agreement the township is responsible for adult and youth recreational team sports, clinics, and programs. Holt Public Schools are to provide all adult and student enrichment classes and aquatic programs. An article including the agreement is in the appendix.

Clubs & Organizations

The Parks and Recreation Department assists many clubs and organizations with community events and programs, including the following:

- Holt Lions Club – Kids Day
- Sam Corey Senior Center Club
- Junior Rams Sport Club
- Kiwanis Club of Holt – Easter Egg Hunt
- American Legion/VFW – Memorial Day Ceremony
- Holt Hometown Festival Committee
- Holt Community Arts Council - Music in the Gardens; Moonlight Movies
- Friends of the Delhi Trails
- Holt Community Connect
- Holt-Delhi Historical Society

Recreation Inventory

Overview

Purpose

The recreation inventory is an essential item to the Delhi Charter Township Parks and Recreation Department. It allows the department to assess the quantity and types of facilities, identify their location, showcase the variety of programs and events offered, identify where new facilities should be built and where ADA upgrades are needed, and identify opportunities for programs and events. The township continually updates the facilities inventory as renovations and additions occur, in order to keep the inventory current.

Park Classification

The National Recreation and Parks Association publishes guidelines for park classification based on size and service area. These guidelines were used to classify the township parks. The classification used in this report are as follows:

Classification	General Description	Location Criteria	Size Criteria
Mini-Park	Used to address limited, isolated or unique recreational needs.	Less than a 1/4 mile distance in residential setting.	Between 2500 sq. ft. and one acre in size.
Neighborhood Park	Neighborhood park remains the basic unit of the park system and serves as the recreation and social focus of the neighborhood. Focus is on informal active and passive recreation.	1/4 to 1/2-mile distance and uninterrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers.	5 acres is considered minimum size. 5 to 10 acres is optimal.
School-Park	Depending on circumstances, combining parks with school sites can fulfill the space requirements for other classes of parks, such as neighborhood, community, sports complex and special use.	Determined by location of school district property.	Variable – depends on function.
Community Park	Serves broader purpose than neighborhood park (see appendix for definition of “neighborhood park”). Focus is on meeting community-based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves two or more neighborhoods and 1/2 to 3 mile distance.	As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually between 30 and 50 acres.

Figure 4.1: Table - NRPA Recommended Classification System for Local and Regional Recreation Open Space and Trails

Accessibility Assessment

Complying with accessibility standards and planning for universal design are two extremely important efforts that a municipality must undertake in an effort to protect the health, safety and welfare of its people. This is true not only for those disabled by birth or by accident, but also for the growing population of people entering old age who are finding normal tasks more and more challenging to do. Many able-bodied persons forget that disability is often an eventuality as one grows older. Therefore, Delhi Charter Township seeks to improve the accessibility of its environment not simply to comply with law, but to think more broadly and take steps towards developing a compassionate, inclusive, and accessible community, unencumbered by physical barriers.

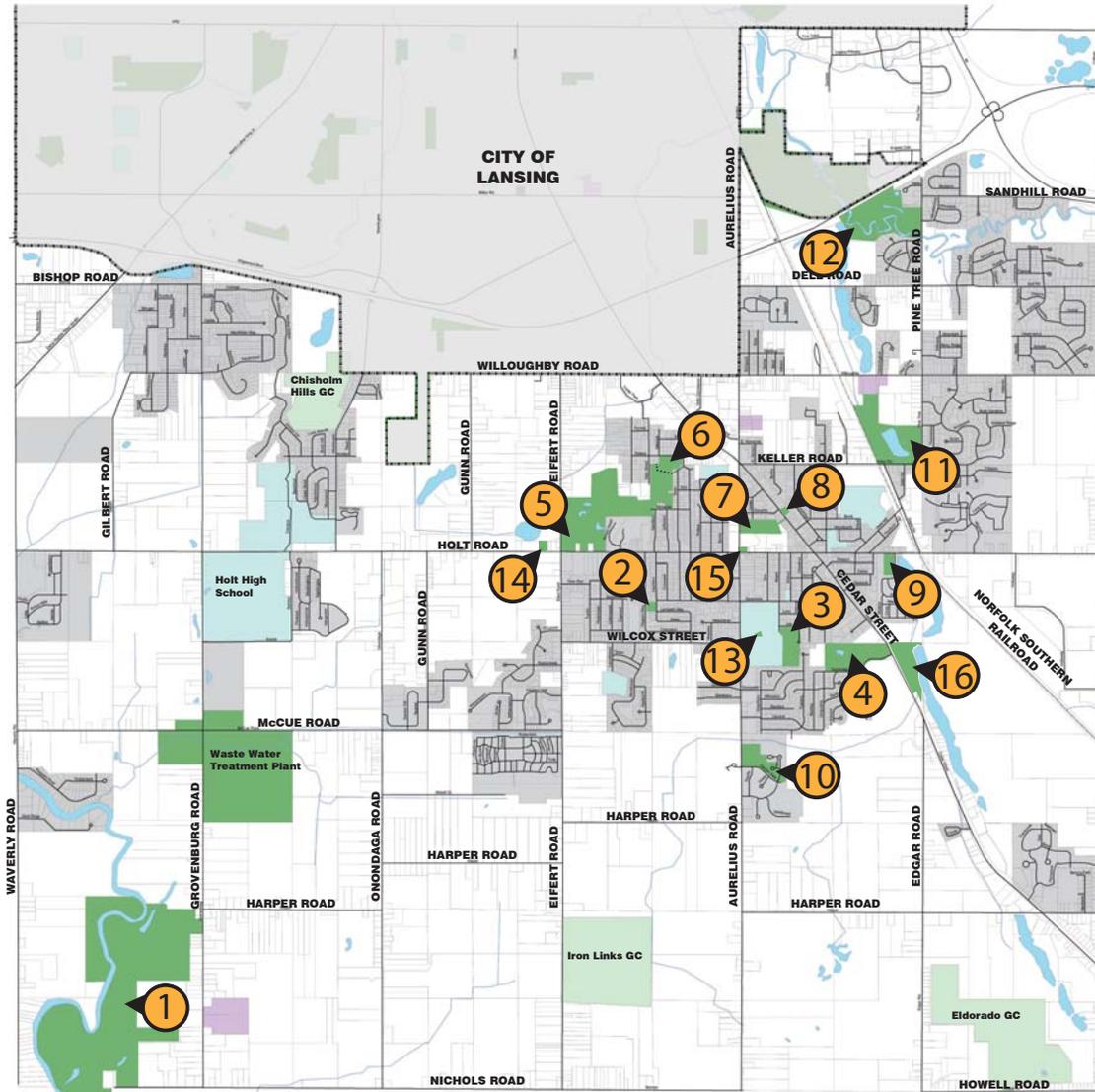
This plan rates the accessibility of existing park facilities, both the facilities themselves (as appropriate), and the access routes to them. This rating system is from the Michigan DNR guidelines for community parks and recreation plans. It is intended to establish a baseline so that accessibility needs can be assessed and incorporated into capital improvement projects. This evaluation is not comprehensive, and does not identify specific deficiencies.

The following ranking system was applied to each park:

Accessibility Grade	Definition
1	None of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines.
2	Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines.
3	Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines.
4	The entire park meets accessibility guidelines.
5	The entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design.

Figure 4.2: Accessibility Assessment Table

Recreation Facilities Map



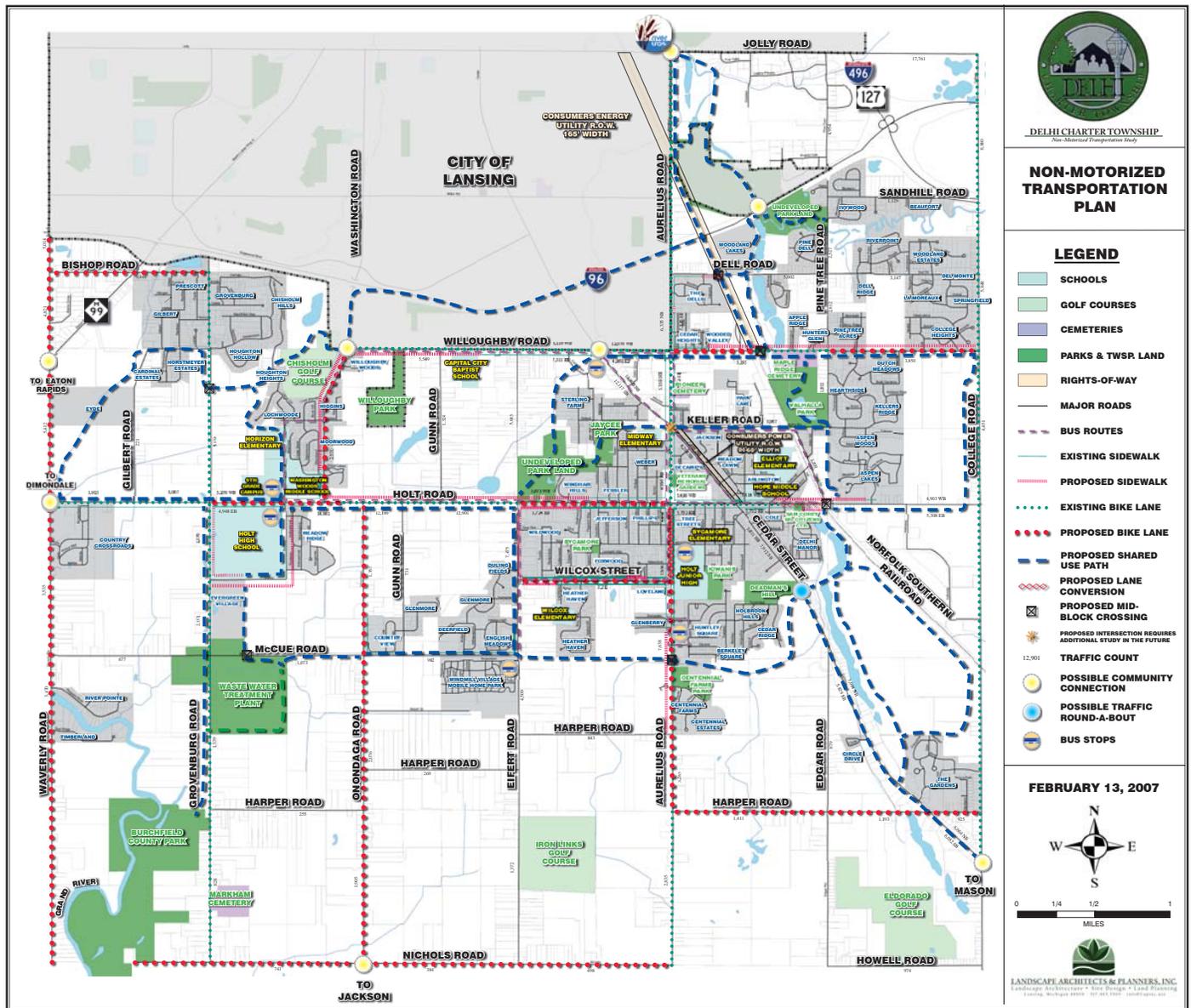
Map Legend

- Schools
- Golf Courses
- Cemeteries
- Parks & Twsp. Land
- Major Roads

Park Legend

- 1 Burchfield County Park
- 2 Hamilton Property
- 3 Kiwanis Park
- 4 John Taylor Memorial Park
- 5 Holt-Eifert Road Property
- 6 Jaycee Park
- 7 Veteran's Memorial Gardens
- 8 Sam Corey Senior Center
- 9 East Holt Road Trail Head
- 10 Centennial Farms Park
- 11 Valhalla Park
- 12 Sycamore Creek Property
- 13 Holt Junior High Bike & Skate Park
- 14 West Holt Road Trail Head
- 15 Holt & Aurelius Plaza
- 16 Esker Landing Park

Non-Motorized Transportation Plan



Inventory Tool		<i>Park Facilities Inventory</i>																				
Facility Name	Acres	Classification	Accessibility Grade	Basketball	Softball/Baseball	Tennis Courts	Play Equipment	Picnic Shelter	Trails/Trailheads	Trail Access Point	Restrooms	Cross-Country Skiing	Sledding	Ice Skating	Skate Park	Gardens	Fishing/Boating	Swimming	Amphitheater	Parking	Special Park Features	
Centennial Farms Park	10.40	N	3				•		•													
East Holt Road Trailhead Park	5.51	N	3						•	•	•										•	
Esker Landing Park	17.81	C	5						•		•						•				•	Kayak Launch
Hamilton Property	0.39	U	1																			In neighborhood.
Holt and Aurelius Plaza	0.98	M	4																			9/11 Memorial
Holt-Eifert Road Property	91.06	C	3						•													
Holt Junior High Bike & Skate Park	0.38	SU	3												•							Bike, skateboard and in-line skate facilities.
Jaycee Park	2.29	N	3				•		•													Wooded playground
John Taylor Memorial Park	13.70	C	1				•	•					•				•				•	Sledding hill
Kiwanis Park	13.80	C	3	2	•	8	•	•			•											•
Sam Corey Senior Center	0.94	SU	5								•											• Kitchen, Meeting & Dining Rooms
Sycamore Creek Property	44.88	U	3						•													Community gardens
Valhalla Park	62.01	C	3		•		•	3	•	•	2	•					•	•			•	ADA accessible playground
Veteran's Memorial Gardens	11.37	C	3				•				•					•				•	•	Veteran's memorial
West Holt Road Trail Head	4.29	T	2						•												•	Gravel parking
<p>• = One Facility/Activity Classification: C = Community Park, M = Mini Park, N = Neighborhood Park, SU = Special Use, U = Undeveloped Park Land, T = Trailhead Park</p>																						

Comparison to Recreation Standards

Delhi Charter Township land was classified using the Recreation Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines, published by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). The township owns 10.81 acres of park land per 1,000 people, meeting NRPA guidelines of 5.5 to 15.9 acres of land per 1,000 people. The majority of township owned parks are in the northeast area of the township near residential areas. Ingham County's Burchfield Park is located in the southwest corner of the township, and there are also several parks City of Lansing parks located along the township's northern border.

Park Acreage Evaluation

The following table evaluates current park acreage in the township based on National Recreation and Parks Association recommendations. Every community is unique, and many factors should be considered when evaluating deficiencies and priorities. These additional factors can include age and income distribution, neighborhood structure, and recreational interests of the community, as well as existing recreational opportunities in nearby communities.

Delhi Charter Township Parks (Population 25,877†)

	Neighborhood Park	Community Park	Special Use/Mini Park/Trailhead Park	Total
Developed Parks	3	6	4	13
Total Acres by Type	18.20	209.75	6.59	234.54
Acres/1000 People	0.70	8.11	0.25	9.06
Other Park Land				
Undeveloped Park Land (2)				45.27
Total Township Park Land				279.81
Total Acres Park Land/1000 People				10.81*
Total City Parks/Properties				15

*National Recreation and Park Association recommends 5.5-15.9 Acres/1000 people

†Population of 25,877 based on the 2010 U.S. census.

Delhi Charter Township’s total park land meets the recommended acreage. Of the two undeveloped park properties, one, the Hamilton Property, could be developed into a mini or neighborhood park, though there are no plans to do so; the other, the Sycamore Creek Property, already contains a community garden, but is not developed or connected to the surrounding community. There are not currently plans to expand or develop these park lands or additional properties. These parks increase the total area to 10.70 acres of park land per 1,000 people.

The township owns 13 developed parks, including a Senior Center. The township maintains the non-motorized trails, provides mowing for school facilities and the Community Services Center, and helps maintain the downtown streetscapes. At the Sam Corey Senior Center, the township does not limit service to only township residents. The center services seniors in the Tri-County Area and provides food through a meal program with the Tri-County Office on Aging. Seniors may be members of the Sam Corey Senior Center Club with an annual membership fee.

Comparison to Recreation Standards

Recreation Facilities Evaluation

The following table evaluates current park facilities in the township based on National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) recommendations.

Type of Recreation Facility	Median Residents per Facility	Existing School Facilities	Existing Public Facilities	Need for Existing Population (NRPA)	Surplus/ (Deficiency)
Playgrounds	3,397	5	5	8	2
Tot-lots	10,789	0	0	2	(-2)
Basketball Courts	7,260	5	2	4	3
Tennis Courts (Outdoor Only)	5,217	10	8	5	13
Diamond Fields: Baseball - Youth	5,574	5	0	5	0
Diamond Fields: Baseball - Adult	16,360	0	2	2	0
Diamond Fields: Softball - Youth	8,216	11	0	3	8
Diamond Fields: Softball - Adult	9,494	0	1	3	(-2)
Rectangular Fields: Soccer Field - Youth	5,262	16	0	5	11
Rectangular Fields: Soccer Field - Adult	9,930	0	2	3	(-1)
Rectangular Fields: Multi-purpose	7,398	0	0	3	(-3)
Rectangular Fields: Lacrosse Field	17,750	0	0	1	(-1)
Rectangular Fields: Football Field	20,398	4	0	1	3
Rectangular Fields: Cricket Field	301,215	0	0	0	0

Type of Recreation Facility	Median Residents per Facility	Existing School Facilities	Existing Public Facilities	Need for Existing Population (NRPA)	Surplus/ (Deficiency)
Rectangular Fields: Field Hockey Field	40,797	0	0	0	0
Swimming Pools (outdoor only)	26,474	0	0	1	(-1)
Community Gardens	27,167	0	1	1	0
Multi-use Courts - Basketball, Volleyball	17,536	0	0	1	(-1)
Dog Park	37,500	0	0	0	0
Skate Park	41,148	1	0	0	1
Multipurpose Synthetic Field	33,441	0	0	0	0
Ice Rink (Outdoor Only)	10,574	0	0	2	(-2)
Overlay Field	8,600	4	0	3	1
Trail System (Miles)	1 system		10.92	See Footnotes	

Footnotes:

- Based on 2010 Census Data (Delhi Charter Township population: 25,877)
- Current area of Delhi Charter Township is 28.5 square miles.
- Based on a density of 500-1,500 residents per square mile (25,877/28.5 square miles)
- The typical agency with a trail system maintains an average of 11 miles of trail.
- Delhi Charter Township maintains a connected trail system encompassing Esker Landing Park and Holt Road Trailhead Park, as well as the Ram Trail, Sycamore Trail, and Valhalla Trail.

DNR Recreation Grant Inventory

<i>Project Number</i>	<i>Park Name</i>	<i>Project Year</i>	<i>Grant Amount</i>	<i>Project Description</i>	<i>Grant Status</i>
26-00402	Valhalla Park (Originally Albert Park)	1973	\$45,000.00	Acquire 45.5 acres for outdoor recreation	Closed
<i>Post Completion Inspection:</i> The 45.5 acres of land has become a thriving park and a center for active recreation in Delhi Charter Township.					
26-00638	Valhalla Park	1975	\$46,800.00	Softball/flag football field, beach and equipment, bathhouse and utilities, lighting, picnic areas, playground equipment, drinking fountain, 2 softball fields with fencing, trails, 2 park entrances, toilet/storage building and utilities, and LWCF sign	Closed
<i>Post Completion Inspection:</i> Softball fields, picnic areas, beach area, and lighting have been well maintained. Playground equipment, bathhouse and toilet/storage area have since been replaced.					
BF89-325	John Taylor Memorial Park (Originally Deadman's Hill Park)	1989	\$30,608.00	Develop a gravel road and parking lot with a fence added along property boundaries. Picnic tables/shelter, playground equipment and grills	Closed
<i>Post Completion Inspection:</i> Gravel road and parking is showing signs of wear. Refinishing or paving is recommended. Playground equipment and picnic tables/shelter have been well maintained.					
CM00-148	Community Service Center Park	2000	\$285,000.00	Development of a 5-acre park adjacent to Community Service Center for public events, festivals, native species gardens, wildlife viewing, and passive recreation	Closed
<i>Post Completion Inspection:</i> The 5-acre piece of land adjacent to the Community Service Center has become Veteran's Memorial Park; a jewel of a park which features beautiful gardens, an amphitheater, a veteran's memorial and hosts festivals and public events.					
26-01679	Valhalla Park	2007	\$75,000.00	Replace obsolete playground equipment at 45-acre Valhalla Park	Closed
<i>Post Completion Inspection:</i> Playground Equipment was replaced with new ADA accessible playground equipment and has since been well maintained.					
TF10-049	Valhalla Park	2010	\$283,100.00	Replacement of 30-year old restroom building	Closed
<i>Post Completion Inspection:</i> Restroom building was replaced with new ADA accessible restroom/pavilion building and has since been well maintained.					

<i>Project Number</i>	<i>Park Name</i>	<i>Project Year</i>	<i>Grant Amount</i>	<i>Project Description</i>	<i>Grant Status</i>
TF11-064	North Trail Connector	2011	\$300,000.00	Development to Include approximately 2 miles of non-motorized trail to connect to existing Lansing River Trail	Closed
<i>Post Completion Inspection:</i> Trail has been well-maintained.					
26-01753	Kiwanis Park Restroom Building Renovations	2015	\$100,000.00	The proposed development will replace an existing restroom facility that was built over 30 years ago with a new code compliant, accessible restroom building. The project will also include improved ADA accessible sidewalks to the existing parking lot.	Closed
<i>Post Completion Inspection:</i> Facilities have been maintained.					
TF17-0015	Cedar Lake Trailhead (Now called Esker Landing Park)	2017	\$300,000.00	Development of a regional trailhead with a parking lot, a restroom building, an extension of the regional trail, non-motorized water craft launch to Cedar Lake, and a fishing deck.	PA Executed
<i>Post Completion Inspection:</i> Facility and trails are in new condition and are in good condition.					

***The beginning of the project number indicates the funding source as follows:**

z6 = Land and Water Conservation Fund

BF = Recreation Bond Fund

CM = Clean Michigan Initiative

TF = Michigan Resources Trust Fund

The Delhi Charter Township Parks and Recreation Department has been successful in obtaining grants from the MDNR for several decades. The Department has maintained the facilities constructed with grant funds to allow for aesthetically pleasing sites and safe use for the public.

Park Profiles



Centennial Farms Park

This 10 acre park is located on Aurelius Road and Garden Gate Drive. Centennial Farms Park is a neighborhood park, serving the Centennial Farms subdivision area, includes a playground, pathways, and open space.

Statistics

Type: Neighborhood

Size (acres): 10.40 acres

Service Area: Centennial Farms Subdivision

Accessibility Assessment: 3

This neighborhood park includes a playground and concrete pathways. Adequate access is provided on the pathways and the playground. It is recommended that the rolled curb at Garden Gate Drive be modified into a standard curb ramp.





East Holt Road Trail Head Park

East Holt Road Trail Head Park features open space and picnic areas and connects to the trail system. It provides the surrounding neighborhood with a place for passive recreation and serves as a trail head to the regional non-motorized trail network. This 5 acre park is the location of the former senior center.

Statistics

Type: Neighborhood Park

Size (acres): 5.51 acres

Service Area: 1/2 Mile



Accessibility Assessment: 3

This Park includes an asphalt path to picnic areas and adequate accessible parking. Picnic tables and bike racks are located off of the pavement, and are not ADA compliant.





Esker Landing Park

This park was recently constructed with the help of Delhi's Downtown Development Authority and MDNR. The park provides a connection to the existing non-motorized system, has a new accessible bathroom facility, and provides ADA access to a kayak launch and fishing area on the north end of Cedar Lake.

Statistics

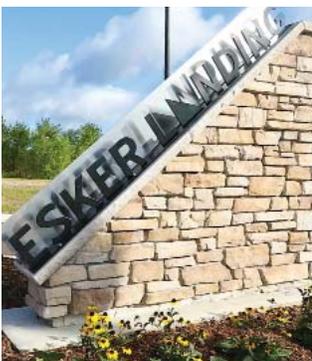
Type: Community

Size (acres): 17.81 acres

Service Area: Delhi Township

Accessibility Assessment: 5

This park was designed and constructed to be universally accessible.



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Esker Landing Park opens to the public

Local families can now enjoy lakeshore views, canoeing, kayaking, and fishing — all without leaving Delhi Township.

The Delhi Township Parks and Recreation Department officially opened Esker Landing Park to the public in late August. The new park, nestled on the northern end of Cedar Lake, features a canoe and kayak launch, spots for fishing, and benches for visitors looking for a quiet escape into nature.

“We think it’s going to be a really good addition to the Delhi Township Parks and Recreation park system,” said Mark Jenks, Director of the Delhi Township Parks and Recreation department.

The park currently stands on the site of a former steel mill. The Delhi Downtown Development Authority (DDA) purchased the property, but knew that there would be limited opportunities for redevelopment. In conjunction with the Parks & Recreation department, they decided it would be a great addition to the Delhi Trails system.

“Esker Park will feature a trailhead for the existing trail and serve as the starting point for the long-discussed trail system connecting Holt and Mason,” said Howard Haas, executive director of the Delhi DDA.

The park is located on the east side of the Cedar Street and Holbrook Drive roundabout and features a parking lot and restroom facilities.

Esker Landing Park is located at 1694 Cedar Street in Holt.



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Hamilton Property

This small parcel is an undeveloped piece of land that provides open space for its surrounding neighborhood.

Statistics

Type: Undeveloped

Size (acres): 0.39 acres

Service Area: Local Residents

Accessibility Assessment: 1

There are no facilities at this park.





Holt And Aurelius Plaza

The plaza at Holt Road and Aurelius Road was built to provide a space for a 9/11 memorial.

Statistics

Type: Mini Park

Size (acres): 0.98 acres

Service Area: Delhi Township

Accessibility Assessment: 4

The plaza was built to current ADA standards.





Holt-Eifert Road Property

The Holt-Eifert Road Property was undeveloped park land until the Ram Trail was built, connecting Holt High School to the west with Jaycee Park to the east.

Statistics

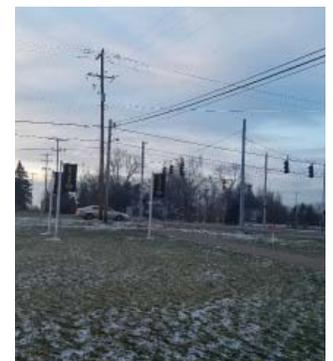
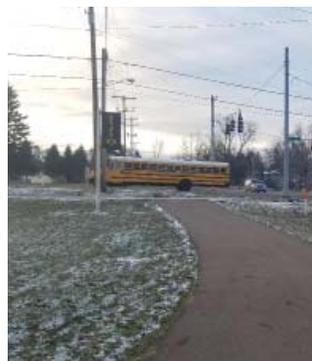
Type: Community Park

Size (acres): 91.06 acres

Service Area: Delhi Township

Accessibility Assessment: 3

The Ram trail connects to this park. While there are no parking lots, users can access the site from other areas along the trail.





Holt Junior High Bike and Skate Park

The Bike and Skate Park was built to provide area youth and adults with a designated place for freestyle skating and biking. The park is located at the southeast corner of the Junior High School parking lot. The 16,500 square foot park is designed with 10 main areas, and is modular for alternative configurations, accommodating skateboards, in-line skates, and bikes. The park is visible to the school faculty, students, parents, Aurelius Road commuters, and sports field spectators.



Statistics

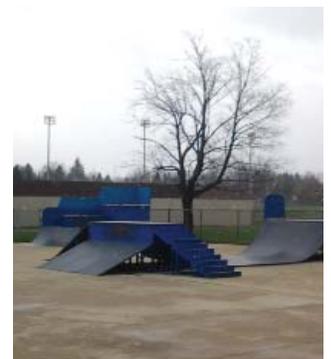
Type: Special Use

Size (acres): 16,500 square feet (0.38 acres)

Service Area: Delhi Township

Accessibility Assessment: 3

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Holt Junior High Bike and Skate Park

Accessibility Assessment: 3

The adjacent parking area serves as parking for the park, school, and athletic fields. It has many parking spaces marked as accessible which are wide enough to be considered universally accessible spaces. However, these spaces do not have the required access aisles. It is recommended that the spaces be remarked properly for both van accessible and general accessible spaces. All other items were in compliance with ADA guidelines.



Jaycee Park

Jaycee Park provides the surrounding neighborhood with a place to enjoy nature. It also serves as a local trailhead connecting to the Ram Trail. The entire area is wooded and features a playground and picnic area.

Statistics

Type: Neighborhood

Size (acres): 2.29 acres

Service Area: 1/2 Mile

Accessibility Assessment: 3

While the park provides a connection to the Ram Trail, there is not access to the playground equipment. There are no accessible parking spaces.





John Taylor Memorial Park

This park, previously known as Dead Man’s Hill, is named after a lynching victim once believed to be buried on the grounds. The park serves as a memorial, in addition to providing the township with scenic vistas and picnic areas. The entrance to this 13 acre park is on Cedar Street, south of Holt Road. The drastic topography of this site is atypical of the township as a whole, and provides one of the best sledding hills in the area.

Statistics

Type: Community

Size (acres): 13.70 acres

Service Area: Delhi Charter Township

Accessibility Assessment: 1

There are no accessible routes to the pavilion or playground at this community park, and the gravel lot has no accessible parking spaces.



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Side One

JOHN TAYLOR

1 John Taylor was born into slavery in
2 Kentucky and was liberated by Union
3 troops during the Civil War. In August
4 1864, he enlisted in the 1st Michigan
5 Colored Infantry. After the war, Taylor
6 worked for farmer John Buck in Delhi
7 Township. When Taylor left to seek
8 employment elsewhere, Buck refused
9 to pay him for his work. On the night
10 of August 23, 1866, Taylor returned to
11 the farm to collect his wages. Buck
12 was not there, but Taylor came upon
13 Buck's wife, daughter and mother-in-
14 law in the dark. He struck at them with
15 an axe and fled. No one was seriously
16 injured, but newspapers reported that
17 Taylor had murdered Buck's daughter
18 and attempted to kill all three women.
19 Some accounts said Taylor confessed
20 to acting "in his fright and confusion,"
21 with no intent to kill anyone. Taylor
22 was caught and placed in the Ingham
23 County Jail in Mason to await trial.

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Side Two

JOHN TAYLOR

1 Reacting to inaccurate news reports of
2 a supposed triple-murder attempt, a
3 mob seized teenaged John Taylor from
4 his jail cell on August 27, 1866, and
5 brutally lynched him near the railroad
6 depot in Mason. Several local papers
7 criticized the lynching's "inhumanity
8 and lawlessness," but others excused
9 the event by declaring the law would
10 have been too lenient. The citizens of
11 Mason passed a resolution to condemn
12 the killing and formally "disclaim any
13 participation in the horrible crime." A
14 mob leader was tried but acquitted.
15 Taylor was buried and likely reburied
16 somewhere along the "hogsback," a
17 glacial esker between Mason and Holt.
18 Though this park came to be known
19 as Deadman's Hill, it was probably
20 not Taylor's final resting place. Delhi
21 Charter Township acquired the park by
22 donation in 1972, and it was renamed
23 John Taylor Memorial Park in 2018.

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Kiwanis Park

This 13 acre park, located on Maple Street south of Sycamore Street, is devoted primarily to active recreation. The park features eight tennis courts, a softball field, and a soccer field. The park also provides a wooded playground and picnic area. The picnic area has a pavilion to serve large groups, and is available for rentals. Restrooms, electricity, running water, and parking are also provided.

Statistics

Type: Community

Size (acres): 13.80 acres

Service Area: Delhi Charter Township

Accessibility Assessment: 3

Access is provided to the new restroom, existing pavilion, and throughout the site. However, the bike racks, tennis courts, and play areas remain inaccessible.





Sam Corey Senior Center

Designed for activities and fellowship, Holt's beautiful Sam Corey Senior Center was also built to be environmental conscience--the first LEED-certified (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) building constructed for Delhi Township. A geothermal heating/cooling system and a "live" roof are just a couple examples of what makes this a "green" building.

Statistics

Type: Special Use

Size (acres): 0.94 acres

Service Area: Delhi Charter Township

Accessibility Assessment: 5

The senior center was built to current ADA standards.





Sycamore Creek Property

The Sycamore Creek Property is a 44 acre piece of land that is mostly undeveloped natural area. The property features a short segment of the Sycamore Trail which connects the Lansing River Trail to the Delhi Non-Motorized Trail. It also features a community garden on the eastern side of the property.

Statistics

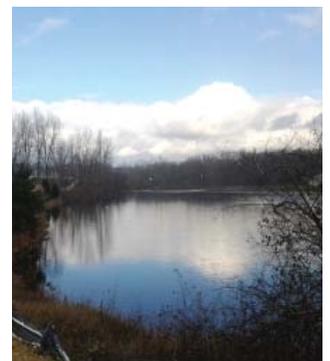
Type: Undeveloped

Size (acres): 44.88 acres

Service Area: Users of the Sycamore Trail

Accessibility Assessment: 3

The Sycamore Trail meets ADA guidelines. The remainder of the property has no facilities.





Valhalla Park

This site at the corner of Keller and Pine Tree Roads is the township’s most highly developed park. A swimming beach is the focal point of the park, with adjacent bathrooms and changing rooms. Near the beach is a large, partially wooded picnic area and universally accessible playground. Other facilities include three softball diamonds, a nature trail, and fishing areas on both the lake and the pond. Three large picnic pavilions are also available to rent.



Statistics

Type: Community

Size (acres): 62.01 acres

Service Area: Delhi Charter Township

Accessibility Assessment: 3

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Valhalla Park

Accessibility Assessment: 3

West-Side:

This community park can now be accessed by a non-motorized trail that runs from Holt Road, through the park and out to Willoughby Road. It meets ADA standards and was built according to the Michigan Building Code (MBC). The restroom/pavilion building was constructed in 2012 and meets ADA requirements. The north parking lot has marked accessible parking at the north and south ends near the north and south pavilions, but has no accessible routes to the pavilions, ball fields, or the non-motorized trail. Accessible routes should be added to these facilities.

East-Side:

There is not an accessible route to the baseball field on the east side of the park. It is recommended that an accessible route be provided to the field. The toilet building on the east side of the park may have complied with the Michigan Building Code prior to the ADA Rules being developed. Currently they do not comply with the room size requirements and there is a 2" step from the sidewalk to the threshold. The step could be removed by raising the sidewalk. Otherwise to bring the toilets into compliance with today's rules would require a complete rebuild of the structure, or expanding them into the storage room. The lavatories should have the piping insulated and the faucets changed so a person does not have to twist or pinch to control the flow of water. The code also requires tempered water to be available at the lavatories. There are no mirrors in the room which is allowed by the rules. The drinking fountain that is installed each year was not present, but is a single bowl type and if new work is completed, should be changed to a high/low style and placed in a recess.



Veteran's Memorial Gardens

This passive park consists of 11.37 acres and features a Veteran's Memorial as the centerpiece. Other prominent features include a cascading water fountain and an amphitheater. Veteran's Memorial Gardens has beautiful plantings, pergolas and vine covered trellises. Parking is available at the Delhi Township Community Services Center. There are two pedestrian entrances to the park: one behind the Delhi Township Community Services Center, and one on Cedar Street.

Statistics

Type: Community

Size (acres): 11.37 acres

Service Area: Delhi Charter Township

Accessibility Assessment: 3

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Veteran's Memorial Gardens

Accessibility Assessment: 3

The park shares a parking lot with the Delhi Township Community Services Center . The parking spaces for this area were added in 2009 by remarking the resurfaced lot. The access aisles do not lead directly to the walk, but require patrons to go back into the parking lot traffic aisle in order to access the restrooms.

The restroom/pavilion building was completed in 2006. As installed there are a few items that are not in compliance with ADA requirements.

- o The lavatory faucets should be changed so a person does not have to twist or pinch to control the water.
- o Mirrors: The bottom of the reflective surface should be at 40", and need to be moved down approximately 1".
- o Diaper Changing Stations: The changing stations in the accessible stall for both rooms have inadequate maneuvering area when down, and would be difficult for a disabled person to use. They should be reinstalled in the general area of the Toilet room.
- o Drinking Fountains: Current Accessibility Rules in the Building Code require both a high (38"-43") and low (36") high fountain spout height. Protruding objects greater than 4" from the wall should be installed in a recess, and this drinking fountain protrudes more than 4" into the walk path.



West Holt Road Trail Head

This property on the north side of Holt Road, just west of Eifert Road, was purchased in 2014. The site contains a gravel parking area, and provides access to the Ram Trail. Branded signage and seating is provided adjacent to the parking area.

Statistics

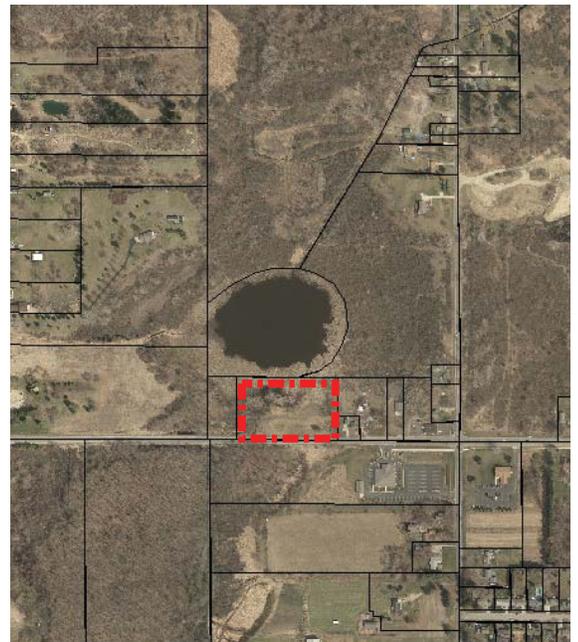
Type: Trailhead Park

Size (acres): 2 acres

Service Area: Delhi Township

Accessibility Assessment: 2

The gravel parking lot provides access to the Ram Trail, however, there are no ADA spaces, and the benches on the property are not accessible.



Programming Inventory

Delhi Charter Township Parks and Recreation offers programs throughout the year for all ages. The majority of enrollment numbers have been consistent over the past several years. There has been a decrease in Adult Softball and Youth Competitive Softball and Baseball. See the Recreation Program and Park Services Comparison Chart for a breakdown of enrollment from the past five years. The following programs and events are run by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Adult

- Softball Summer league
- Softball Fall League

Youth

- Floor Hockey
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- T-ball
- Softball
- Baseball
- Flag Football
- Soccer

Special Events

- Aquafina Pitch, Hit and Run Competition
- Softball Camp
- Kids Day
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Holt Hometown Festival
- Summer Concerts
- Outdoor Movies

- Lighting of the Tree

Senior Citizens

- Weekly Lunch program
- Exercise Classes
- Music Jam Session
- Bridge
- Potluck Luncheon
- Bingo
- Cards/ Games
- Quilting, knitting, crafts
- Movies
- Monthly Nurse Visits
- Book Discussion Group
- Wii Bowling
- Coffee Social Hour
- Computer Lessons
- Yoga
- Cribbage

Recreation Programs & Park Services Comparison Chart

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Recreation Sports Leagues					
Number of Teams					
Adult Softball Summer League	17	16	11	10	12
Adult Softball Fall League	15	15	9	10	10
Youth Basketball	32	33	32	31	31
Youth Floor Hockey	13	17	16	15	15
Youth Competitive Softball & Baseball	24	17	22	19	11
Youth Recreational Softball & Baseball	39	35	33	34	31
Youth Soccer	20	23	24	22	22
Youth Flag Football	18	22	14	15	17
Youth Volleyball	11	10	8	8	8
Eastside Soccer	7	-	-	-	-
Recreation Sports Leagues					
Number of Players					
Adult Softball Summer League	255	240	190	150	180
Adult Softball Fall League	225	225	143	150	150
Youth Basketball	294	295	315	293	295
Youth Floor Hockey	125	140	131	152	153
Youth Competitive Softball & Baseball	288	204	288	228	132
Youth Recreational Softball & Baseball	522	256	444	424	397
Youth Soccer	236	259	268	245	175
Youth Flag Football	170	136	138	139	153
Youth Volleyball	107	83	80	74	85
Eastside Soccer	44	-	-	-	-
Lessons-Special Events-Camps-Trips					
Number of Participants					
Hershey Track & Field	563	-	-	-	-
Punt, Pass & Kick	14	31	26	-	-
Pitch, Hit & Run	38	53	42	-	-
Summer Softball Camp	19	22	20	-	-
Senior Citizens Day Trips	-	-	-	-	-
Park Activities					
Number of Parks Maintained	11	11	11	11	11
Number of Acres of Parks Maintained	125	125	125	125	125
Number of Acres of School Property Maintained	145	145	145	145	145
Number of Pavilion Reservations	214	219	192	219	234

NOTES

School district reimburses the township for cost of maintenance for property used for recreation programs. Additional support given to Jr. Rams Sport Groups, Civic Clubs, and Township Festival. Hershey Track & Field, Punt-Pass-Kick, Pitch-Hit-Run, Summer Softball Camps eliminated

Regional Non-Township Owned Recreational Opportunities

Holt Public Schools

Under a cooperative agreement with Delhi Township, Holt Public Schools provides enrichment and aquatic activities. The Community Education Office runs these programs. A few of the classes they offer are computer, health & safety, swimming, and dance.

Regional Parks and Recreational Facilities

Sleepy Hollow State Park, State of Michigan

Sleepy Hollow State Park is located in Clinton County on Price Road off of US-127, near St. Johns and Laingsburg. The park is operated by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and contains over 2600 acres, as well as Lake Ovid, a 410 acre man-made lake.

The Park has a modern campground with 181 sites and restroom accommodations. Also available is a rustic youth organization site for youth groups, scouts and church and school group use. The camp sites are within a short walk to the park's beach area. Day use facilities at the park include a ½ mile beach with beach house and concessions, shelters and picnicking, play equipment, restroom facilities, ball fields, trails for hiking and mountain biking, groomed cross-country ski trails, and activities such as snowmobiling, hunting and trapping (during appropriate seasons) and year round bird watching.

Sleepy Hollow is also the site of the annual Indian Pow-Wow, hosted by the Lansing North American Center.

Rose Lake Wildlife Research Area, State of Michigan

Rose Lake Wildlife Research Area is located in Bath and Woodhull Townships off of Upton and Stoll Roads. The park is operated by the Michigan DNR containing Rose Lake, Potter Lake and a portion of Mud Lake.

Existing facilities provide opportunities to study wildlife habitats, and activities such as hunting, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing and trails for hiking and mountain biking. Most of the facilities provide limited access. Parking and roadways are around the perimeter with facilities located in the middle.

Burchfield Park and Riverbend Natural Area, Ingham County

Burchfield Park contains the Riverbend Natural Area within it, making Burchfield Park the county's largest park. The park contains over 540 acres and is located along the central western edge of the county, south of Lansing between

Dimondale and Holt, along the Grand River. The land is mostly wooded with some grass areas. The park also contains the McNamara Canoe Landing, which is state owned land that Ingham County has a long-term operating agreement for.

Existing features include: more than 6 miles of hiking trails, over 10 miles of mountain bike trails, a softball diamond, bank and boat fishing, a beach with swimming on a natural spring fed pond, canoe, kayak and pedal boat rentals, horseshoe pits, nature day camp, picnic grounds & shelters, playgrounds, volleyball courts, a stocked fishing pond, 6.9 miles of cross-country ski trails with rentals and lessons, ice skating, two sledding hills, dual 700 foot toboggan runs and a warming lodge & snack bar.

Hawk Island Park, Ingham County

Hawk Island Park is Ingham County's most recent development. The park is located in the city limits of Lansing, north of Cavanaugh Road between Aurelius and Pennsylvania. The north end of this park connects to Scott Woods, a City of Lansing Park.

The park was built on the former Solomon Gravel Pits, reaching completion in 2001. Facilities at the park include a 35 acre lake, beach, bath house, boat rental, fishing with the lake stocked, picnic grounds and shelters, playgrounds, volleyball courts, ball diamonds, paved trails, a winter sports rental area and cross-country skiing extending through park and cooperatively with the city into Scott Woods Park and Sycamore Golf Course. There are walkways on Cavanaugh Road leading to the park.

In 2003 and 2004 the city was awarded DNR and MDOT grant funding to extend the River Trail South from Potter Park to Hawk Island. This connection was completed in 2007.

Kenneth A. Hope Sports Complex, Ingham County

The Kenneth A. Hope Sports Complex is a premier sports complex in the tri-county area. The complex consists of six state-of-the-art fields that have earned World Cup ratings. The complex officially opened September 9, 2000. Located at 5801 Aurelius Road, between Jolly and Miller Roads in Lansing the complex is utilized for youth recreational soccer, adult leagues and tournaments.

Lake Lansing Park - South, Ingham County

Lake Lansing Park – South contains 30 acres and is located at the northeast corner of Lake Lansing and Marsh Roads in Meridian Township. The park is formerly the site of a popular amusement park. The old carousel building was preserved

and remains on location. The park is very popular during the warm months because of its sandy swimming beach. Overcrowding is typical during warm weekends with swimmers and boaters. Currently, the County Parks Department owns and leases out the house at the southwest end of the property. Access to the picnic shelter is paved and also handicap accessible.

Existing facilities include: a beach and bath house, horseshoe pits, pedal boat rental, picnic grounds and shelter, playgrounds and tricycle track, shuffleboard courts, snack bar, volleyball courts, and ice fishing.

Lake Lansing Park – North, Ingham County

Lake Lansing Park – North consists of 410 acres of land and is operated by Ingham County Parks Department. It is located to the northeast of Lake Lansing in Meridian Township, with a majority of the park lying north of Lake Drive. Only a small boat launch links Lake Lansing Park – North with Lake Lansing. A good portion of the park is wooded upland consisting of mature oaks and maples. Much of the park is marshlands, consisting of pine plantations and transitional field grasses.

Existing facilities include: softball diamonds, a boat launch, hiking trails and boardwalks, horseshoe pits, nature study area, picnic grounds and shelters, playgrounds, volleyball courts, cross-country skiing and rentals, ice fishing and winter warming lodge.

Potter Park Zoo, Ingham County/City of Lansing

Potter Park Zoo is owned by the city of Lansing and run by Ingham County. It is open year round for a fee except during winter hours. They have animals from around the world in outdoor exhibits such as the Barnyard and Wolf Woods, indoor facilities including the Bird and Reptile House and Feline/Primate House, and they have an indoor education center. It is located in Potter Park at 1301 S. Pennsylvania Avenue.

River Trail, City of Lansing

The River Trail is an asphalt and boardwalk trail that covers 11 miles through the city of Lansing. It runs from the MSU campus on the east, through the Sycamore Creek Trail and Sycamore Trail to Delhi Township, as well as to the South Lansing Pathway. The River Trail also connects to Dietrich Park (almost to Delta Township) on the north and Grand River Park (almost to Delta Township) on the west.

East Lansing Soccer Complex, City of East Lansing

The East Lansing Soccer Complex includes 7 full-size fields and one smaller practice field that are available for use for

soccer, field hockey, lacrosse, football, Frisbee and kickball. It is located on 3700 Coleman Road, just off Chandler Road in East Lansing.

East Lansing Softball Complex, City of East Lansing

The East Lansing Softball Complex includes 4 lighted ball fields that support softball, baseball and kickball. It is located on 410 Abbott Road in East Lansing.

East Lansing Aquatic Center, City of East Lansing

This facility is an outdoor aquatic center that is open to the public for a fee from June until September. It has water slides, diving boards, zero grade pool, splash pad and picnic pavilions that are available to rent. It is located at 6400 Abbot Road in East Lansing.

Alliance Lake Softball Complex, City of Potterville

Alliance Lake Softball Complex includes 4 lighted ball fields that support softball, baseball and kickball. The complex is located southwest of Lansing in Potterville on 515 Alliance Drive.

Fitzgerald Park, Eaton County

Fitzgerald Park is a 78 acre park operated by the Eaton County Parks and Recreation Commission. It is located at 133 Fitzgerald Park Drive in Grand Ledge along the Grand River and is on top of ancient sedimentary rocks known as the "Ledges." The park offers picnicking, trails, a Nature Center, ball diamonds, volleyball, basketball, horseshoes, a playground, and disc golf, sledding, and skateboard park. The park also rents canoes and cross-country skis seasonally.

Naturalist services are offered at the park, by the Eaton County Parks and Recreation Commission's Park Naturalist, for civic groups, school groups, and any other organization. These services include presentations on ecology (i.e. trees, plants, wildlife, and natural history).

Lincoln Brick Park, Eaton County

Lincoln Brick Park is historically named after the decade of brick production that once took place on the site. The park is located just north of Grand Ledge on Tallman Road, one mile west of M-100 off State Road. The park consists of 90 acres and is positioned just across the river from Fitzgerald Park. The park is composed of a variety of habitats from woodlands and open meadows to over 6,000 feet of scenic river frontage. The park provides pavilions and picnicking, a tot lot, nature trails, cross country skiing, fishing, and archery range and diversified wildlife. The park has proposed developments which

would provide access across the Grand River to Fitzgerald Park.

Harris Nature Center, Meridian Township

Harris Nature Center is a recently developed nature center located at 3998 Van Atta Road and is operated by the Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Department. The center consists of over 200 acres of land dedicated to promoting and interpreting the Red Cedar River and the surrounding ecosystems. The center provides programs and exhibits intended to assist in the learning process. Renovated buildings and facilities are used to complement hiking and nature observation opportunities. The nature center opened its doors in the summer of 1997.

Woldumar Nature Center, Nature Way Association

Woldumar Nature Center was established in 1966 when a land donation of 177 acres was made to the Nature Way Association; the governing body of Woldumar. It is located at 5539 Lansing Road, in Lansing, and currently maintains 188 acres of land. The Nature Way Association is a private, non-profit educational organization, providing outdoor education to 1,500 school children annually. Over 40,000 guests visit during the same period. The nature center provides educational trail system through woodlands, fields, prairie, pine forests, orchards, and along the Grand River. There are over 5 miles of trails and at least 1 mile of river shoreline.

Fenner Nature Center, City of Lansing

Fenner Nature Center is an environmental education center encompassing 134 acres of publicly accessible green space. Now run by the non-profit Fenner Conservancy, the property includes over four miles of trails, rolling glacial eskers, towering maple groves and so much more. Inside the visitor center are collections of live native reptiles and amphibians, as well as a viewing area to watch songbirds, deer, and wild turkeys.

Frances Park, City of Lansing

Stroll through the formal rose garden and woodland trail, or view the Grand River. There are 155 varieties of roses in the garden, which is regularly recognized by the All-American Rose Selections organization for outstanding rose garden maintenance. Frances Park offers three unique sites for outdoor weddings, with intimate and scenic locations.

Rotary Park, City of Lansing

Located on the river between the Lansing Center and Shiawassee Street bridge, the new Rotary Park has already become a top destination for residents and visitors.

Unlike any other park in the region, Rotary Park features a new ADA kayak launch, a beach, a vibrant plaza with a large

fireplace, a magical lighted forest, and a new venue for small concerts and events under the bridge.

Other Local Parks

City of Lansing Parks and Recreation Facilities in Delhi Township

The City of Lansing Parks and Recreation Department owns four sites in the north and northeast sections of Delhi Township. The four sites are Willoughby Park with 66 acres, M.S.H.D. Parcel C with 44 acres, M.S.H.D. Parcel D with 39 acres, M.S.H.D. Parcel F with 13 acres. These parcels are located near larger population concentrations in Delhi Township.

City of Mason

The nearby City of Mason also offers a full-service parks and recreation department to its residents. Of special interest to residents of Delhi Township is Bond Park, a recently constructed skate park and roller hockey rink.

The Planning Process

Plan Development Process

The consultants reviewed the previous 5-Year Community Parks and Recreation Plan (2015-2020), current demographics, current budgets and revenues, past planning efforts, and perceived initial priorities. The consultants also performed an initial orientation meeting with the Township Parks and Recreation Director, Mr. Mark Jenks, to establish initial study parameters and planning direction. As part of the inventory gathering process, the Consultant team performed physical inventories by visiting each park facility in the Township's system to determine current uses and conditions, and to complete an accessibility audit. The Consultants also took photos of facilities for future reference.

This information was then put through an analysis process, by comparing Delhi Charter Township's current system and suggested priorities to national recreation standards in order to expose any recreational deficiencies or strengths in the township. The inventories were also analyzed against the most recent demographics, community description information, and evaluations of current township policies and programs to further refine the plan. The above information, combined with information from a Parks Commission meeting, was synthesized into the proposed goals and objectives of this plan. The goals and objectives were then further refined with the assignment of phasing and priority suggestions (actions), as well as estimates of probable cost (capital improvements schedule). Subsequent refinement of the plan was performed through various discussions with township officials, public comment, and investigation of funding strategies and sources to eventually produce the final Community Parks and Recreation Plan.

Public Participation

Various methods were employed to ensure that the public played a vital role in the shaping of this document. The Consultant conducted interviews with select individuals based upon their knowledge or related experience of the recreation and parks opportunities in the region and the township. Mark Jenks, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department, met with various public organizations, including seniors at the senior center. The public also had a well-publicized opportunity to attend an input meeting on November 13th, 2019. The local newspaper ran an advertisement requesting citizen input on the plan. The public was given a month to review the draft plan prior to a public hearing at the Park Commission. Meeting agendas, minutes, and public notices are in the appendix at the end of this document.

Parks Commission Meeting

In an effort to obtain a better understanding of the needs and desires for the park system, as perceived by local representatives, a meeting of the Parks Commission was held on November 13, 2019. Commissioners in attendance were:

- Susan Lierman
- Steve Warfield
- Phillip Knapman
- Dennis Fulk
- John Mulvaney
- Jane Wallin
- Paul Dykema

Topics that arose pertaining to the long-term vision of the Parks and Recreation system included:

- Handicap access.
- Valhalla Park – restrooms, irrigation, maintenance parking & fence, loop trail around lake.
- Jaycee Park – parking lot, play area.
- Trailhead(s) – paved parking.
- Upgrade athletic facilities.
- Public art and natural/pollinator gardens.
- Kiwanis Park – pavilion renovation.
- Interpretive panels throughout parks.
- John Taylor Memorial Park – mountain bike trail improvements; year round destination; master plan; NAACP or other funding sources.

Stakeholder Meetings

In order to respond to needs within the township, meetings were held with eight stakeholder groups as part of the public input process. Groups interviewed were:

- Sam Corey Senior Center
- Tri-County Bicycle Association
- Ingham County Parks
- City of Mason
- MDOT (State of Michigan)
- Tri-County Regional Planning Association
- Mid-Michigan Pony League
- CADL (Capital Area District Library) funding sources.

Public Input

- A public input meeting was held on November 13th, 2019.
- The draft plan was put out to review on December 20th, 2019, online and at the township hall and library.
- A final public hearing to approve the plan was held at a Board meeting on January 21st, 2020.
- The plan was adopted on January 21st, 2020.

Goals and Objectives

Overview

After careful study of demographics, review of public comment and past studies, and comparison to national standards, the following goals and objectives were established for the Delhi Charter Township Community Parks and Recreation Plan. Many goals and objectives were identified through the planning process. They are numbered for ease of discussion, but the order is not reflective of priority.

Goals and Objectives

- I. **Provide an effective, responsible, and cooperative Parks and Recreation Department that seeks to benefit the residents of the township.**
 - A. **Maintain and expand cooperative agreements and contracts that support the operations and maintenance of parks and recreation.**
 1. Continue the cooperative agreement between Delhi Charter Township Parks and Recreation Department and Holt Public Schools for maintenance and programming of recreational facilities.
 2. Continue contracting with Ingham County Sheriff's Office to provide patrol officers throughout the park system.
 3. Identify opportunities to work with other organizations/agencies to support parks and recreation operations and maintenance.

Rationale:

The cooperative agreement between the parks department and Holt Public Schools has been successful for the school district, township, and residents. The sharing of resources has eliminated duplication of facilities, saving thousands of dollars. They intend to continue this relationship into the future.

The contract with the Ingham County Sheriff's Office has proven to be effective in providing security and order to the park system. The work has improved the social environment of the parks system, making the parks experience safer, more pleasant, and more accessible than it had been previously.

- B. **Develop and maintain partnerships/coalitions with community groups and cultural and educational institutions that enhance the parks and recreation system.**

1. Develop framework for, and encourage installations of, public art in parks.
2. Continue to work with the Holt Junior Rams sports programs.
3. Continue to work with clubs and organizations such as the Sam Corey Senior Center Club, Lions Club, Kiwanis Club, and Friends of the Delhi Trails.
4. Continue relationships with non-profits and community entities such as the Holt-Delhi Historical Society, Holt Community Arts Council, and Holt Community Connect.

Rationale:

The Department coordinates and partners with many organizations within the community, and will continue to maintain and seek new relationships. These partnerships are mutually beneficial, and provide important connections to the community.

C. Maintain a budget that is sufficiently funded and appropriately allocated.

1. The Township General Fund is the primary source of funding for the parks and recreation system. The Parks and Recreation Department will work with the Board to provide the necessary funding to adequately serve the residents of Delhi Charter Township with our park system.
2. Continue to apply for grants whenever feasible in order to extend available township dollars and complete quality capital improvement projects.
3. Encourage donations, gifts, endowments, corporate partnerships, and other contributions to assist in maintaining and developing specific projects in the park system.
4. Seek a renewal of the township millage to fund park and recreation facilities and programming.

Rationale:

The Parks and Recreation Department is funded primarily by the general fund. While this continues to be a viable funding source, it is important to supplement these dollars with others in order to maintain a healthy budget. The township has been successful in obtaining grant funding and donations in the past, and will continue to pursue these and additional opportunities to enhance and preserve the park system, with the end goal of meeting the community's recreation needs.

II. Provide quality facilities that meet the recreational needs of township residents.

A. Update, renovate, and maintain existing parks, trails, and other recreation facilities.

1. Kiwanis Park - Upgrade ADA access to park amenities and upgrade tennis courts and playground.
2. Valhalla Park - Improve facilities on the park's east side, including a restroom facility, parking lot

improvements, and ballfield improvements.

3. Jaycee Park - Develop a master plan. Add parking facilities and improve play areas.
4. John Taylor Memorial Park - Develop a master plan. Improve access, add restroom, upgrade play equipment, signage, roadway, and parking lot.

Rationale:

Existing park facilities must be properly maintained throughout the life of the facility. Some facilities must be renovated when they have reached the end of their safe and effective life. Others must be replaced. These types of projects help to maintain a high level of quality at all of the existing park facilities.

B. Expand or develop existing parks, trails, and other recreation facilities to accommodate recreation opportunities and growing needs.

1. Determine locations and content for interpretive panels throughout park system.
2. Valhalla Park - Expand the maintenance building to accommodate needed storage, and install loop trail around lake.
3. Develop a master plan to provide amenities along non-motorized trail system in strategic locations throughout the township.
4. Continue trail connection from Esker Landing south to College Road and beyond to Mason. Delhi should be a partner in facilitating the trail connection outside of Delhi Township to Mason.

Rationale:

It is important to continue expanding and developing existing facilities in order to provide a range of recreation options that address needs and trends in recreation.

C. Identify uses for undeveloped and underdeveloped properties, utilizing community input through the master planning process, in order to develop new parks, trails, and other recreation facilities.

1. West Holt Road Trail Head - Develop master plan.
2. Holt and Eifert Property - Develop a master plan to identify uses for this property.
3. Sycamore Creek Property - Develop a master plan incorporating existing trails and natural areas with potential scenic overlooks.

Rationale:

Undeveloped properties were purchased in the past with the intent to develop them as demand and use became more apparent. As the community has grown around these properties, it has become clear that there

is a need to develop them for recreational use. Each undeveloped property has the potential to host a variety of facilities and amenities, ranging from highly-sophisticated buildings to simple nature trails. In order to fully understand their potential, these properties need to undergo the master planning process.

III. Bring the township park facilities up to current accessibility and safety standards.

A. Determine playground deficiencies throughout the park system and bring equipment to current standards.

1. Conduct playground audits of existing facilities to identify deficiencies.

Rationale:

The CPSC Public Playground Safety Handbook underwent revisions in November 2010, which was after the last system-wide safety audit was conducted. As standards change, it is important to re-evaluate the conditions of the facilities to ensure that all play equipment meets code.

B. Perform a system-wide accessibility upgrade.

1. Develop ADA Transition Plan based on the Accessibility Assessment from 2009.
2. Re-evaluate the 2009 assessment to reflect changes made in the 2010 ADAAG update and 2010 ADA revisions.
3. Implement the schedule from the ADA Transition Plan.

Rationale:

An Accessibility Assessment of the Parks facilities was completed in December 2009. The American with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, which was signed into law on July 26, 1990, requires that public accommodations must remove architectural barriers and communication barriers that are structural in nature in existing facilities. However, "A [Title II] public entity is not required to take any action that would result in a fundamental alteration in the nature of its service, program, or activity or in undue financial and administrative burdens."

The view of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare is that compliance "would in most cases not result in undue financial and administrative burdens on a public entity." The burden of proof rests on the public entity, making it harder to justify non-compliance. Therefore, while required only for municipalities with more than 50 employees, it is highly recommended that a transition plan be in place to demonstrate that the township is attempting, to the best of its ability, to complete these changes in a reasonable time frame. Compliance will ensure all members of the community can experience the facilities and programs.

IV. Acquire sufficient land to meet existing and projected future recreational needs, and to protect the township's natural resources.

A. Identify and acquire land adjacent to existing park lands to allow for program expansion and to create connections throughout the park system.

1. Evaluate the area between Holt High School and Burchfield Park for potential connections.

Rationale:

As the community grows, the parks facilities will need to grow with it. Having the ability to expand or connect existing parks facilities is a crucial strategy of a park system, as this allows the parks system to reach as many residents as possible and serve a wide range of needs.

B. Identify and acquire land that has significant natural features that are high quality and strategically located, and that serve populated areas or significant natural areas.

1. Study recreation potential of lands in river corridors and natural areas.

Rationale:

The township does not have a park focusing on natural features. Natural features can be expensive to restore and hard to find in urbanized areas, making it important to protect lands with existing high quality features. Adding this type of land to the park system will help provide a variety of passive, nature-based recreation uses.

V. Promote the development of new programs with active sports facilities and passive leisure opportunities which are in high demand, or are innovative, or are unique or not presently provided by municipal or private sectors.

A. Identify new trends in recreation/leisure programming.

1. Send programming staff to conferences or other educational programs to learn about new trends in recreation/leisure programming.
2. Review recommendations from residents.

Rationale:

New trends in recreation programming offer exciting opportunities for resident participation, and often help create attractive, dynamic places to live. Ignoring trends can lead to under-served residents.

B. Facilitate third-party programs to provide recreation programming options in township parks and park facilities.

1. Explore funding and staffing partnerships to help facilitate third-party program providers.
2. Coordinate recreation resources and identify ways to facilitate programs in other township or non-township affiliated facilities.

Rationale:

By sharing facilities and other resources and coordinating programming services with other entities, the parks staff can support a wider variety of programs for residents than otherwise possible.

C. Monitor service and participation levels of existing programs to inform future planning efforts.

1. Produce a programming review and restructure activities as necessary to provide residents with convenient and appropriate recreation opportunities.
2. Continue to compile user records and numbers in quantifiable format to assist in determining participation rates and proposed trends.

Rationale:

Tracking participation levels helps monitor demand and assess recreation needs. The Department currently monitors programming on a yearly basis to coincide with seasonal programming and compiles records to determine trends in participation. The Department will continue to monitor participation to determine programming needs.

The Action Plan

Actions

The following action plan, or “Capital Improvement Plan” (CIP), was developed based on information gathered from public input, interviews, demographic data, land use trends, and efforts of adjacent communities. The plan covers the next five years (2020-2024). These projects may be funded through grant sources such as those provided through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Land and Water Conservation Fund, Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Recreation Passport Grants, Waterways Program Grants, Michigan Habitat Improvement Fund Program Grants, Invasive Species Grant Program, and Wildlife Habitat Grant Program. There are also grants available through private corporations, non-profit organizations, foundations, and other state and federal agencies.

Many of the previous park projects have been built, leaving room to ask the question, “What’s next?”. It will be necessary to investigate the feasibility of any answers to this question, and to expand upon them through additional planning and design efforts. The township needs to be prepared and organized in their planning efforts to be ready to apply for grants and recruit donations for funding. Without these plans the township will not be able to keep up with recreational needs and trends that attract people to live, work, and play in Delhi.

Capital Improvement Plan Schedule

Delhi Charter Township Community Parks & Recreation Plan
(2020 through 2024)

Target Year	Project Location	Project Description	Estimated Total Cost	Revenue Source	Goal
2020-2021	Kiwanis Park	Tennis court renovation	\$200,000	Millage	IIA1
2020-2021	Trail Expansion	South expansion toward Mason	\$4,000,000	Millages, private donations	IIB4
2021-2022	Valhalla Park East	Restrooms, accessibility upgrades, and parking lot improvements	\$150,000	Grants, millage	IIA2
2022-2023	John Taylor Memorial Park	Upgrade of playground and facilities	\$100,000	Grants, millage, donations	IIA4

The Action Plan

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2022-2023	Jaycee Park	Upgrade of park amenities	\$100,000	Grants, millage	IIA3
2023-2024	Trail Expansion	Ram trail to Burchfield Park connection	\$2,000,000	Millages and private donations	IVA1
2023-2024	Valhalla Park	Loop trail around lake	\$300,000	Grants, millage	IIA2

*** THIS DOCUMENT IS A LONG RANGE PLANNING DOCUMENT THAT WILL CONTINUE TO EVOLVE AND IS REVIEWED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. ALL PROJECTS LISTED ARE SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING THROUGH THE GRANT SOURCE AND THE GENERAL FUND AND THE APPROVAL OF THE PARK COMMISSION AND TOWNSHIP BOARD.

*** THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK OUT OTHER SOURCES FOR GRANTS IN ADDITION TO THOSE LISTED ABOVE.

Appendices

Affidavits

Notice for Public Input meeting

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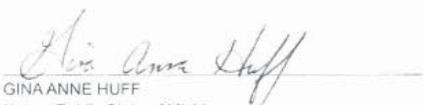
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Public Input Meeting

The Delhi Township Park Commission is seeking public input for the 2020-2025 Recreation Master Plan. The public meeting is Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at the Delhi Township Community Services Center (2074 Aurelius Rd.) at 5:30 p.m. The Recreation Master Plan consists of desired capital improvements for the park system over the next five years. For additional information contact Mark Jenks, Director of Parks and Recreation at 517-694-1549.

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Notice of Uploading documents to website

Mark Jenks

From: Jaymie Guzzo
Sent: Friday, December 20, 2019 3:36 PM
To: Mark Jenks
Subject: RE: Recreation Plan

This and the notice has been uploaded to the website.

Have a great weekend!

From: Mark Jenks <Mark.Jenks@delhitownship.com>
Sent: Friday, December 20, 2019 3:16 PM
To: Jaymie Guzzo <jaymie.guzzo@delhitownship.com>
Subject: FW: Recreation Plan

From: Joseph Johnson [<mailto:JJohnson@lapinc.net>]
Sent: Friday, December 20, 2019 3:08 PM
To: Mark Jenks <Mark.Jenks@delhitownship.com>
Subject: Recreation Plan

Mark,

Please find attached the digital version of the recreation plan. I am printing the hard copy right now, and should have it in your hands within the hour.

Best regards,



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Meeting Notes

Parks Commission and Public Meeting Notes

Public Input Meeting 11/13/2019

Attendees:

Susan Lierman
Mark Jenks
Steve Warfield
Phillip Knapman
Dennis Fulk
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Delhi Charter Township/City of Mason/Ingham County Parks Meeting Notes

MASON PARKS, RECREATION, NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION AND WAYFINDING MASTER PLAN
2020-2025

Stakeholder Meeting Notes

Stakeholder Groups: Ingham County/Delhi Parks

Date: December 25, 2019, 10:30 AM

Attendees: City Staff/Consultants: Elizabeth Hude, Bob Ford, Nick Wallace

Participants:

Mark Jenks – Delhi Parks

Melissa Buzard – Ingham County

Mike Unsworth – Tri-County Bicycle Association Advocacy Committee

Deborah Stuart – Mason

1. Mark – We are looking forward to the trail connection going south to Mason.
 - a. Delhi just passed their first millage for parks and rec. 1 mil, apx. \$800k
 - b. Want to have four projects to show over the four year millage renewal cycle.
 - c. Sold cell towers and used revenue as match funds Esker landing.
 - d. Approximately \$1.3 million total parks and rec budget.
 - e. Approximately 25,000 people.
 - f. DDA has been the catalyst for parks projects in Delhi.
 - g. Parks and rec maintains all park property, school properties, sidewalk maintenance, roadkill pickup, maintain Cedar Street corridor, library, city hall, cemetery.
 - h. Decline property regularly, if it doesn't have a public use then we don't need it.
 - i. Staff: 4 administrative, 6 full-time maintenance, 12 part-time (6 gardeners, 6 lawn maintenance). Approximately 2/3 of total budget.
 - j. In 1972 Delhi established an agreement between the school district and Parks and Rec to use all public properties at no cost. Recognized by NRPA as a good model.
 - k. Promote and maintain facilities for things like junior rams football and soccer even though Delhi doesn't receive revenues, they don't have to program those activities so it saves money overall.
 - l. Maintain areas outside of the township because they are part of Holt school district for example, some property in Dimondale.
 - m. If you can do Mutual Aid in firefighting, why not Parks and Rec?
 - n. Trail system is the best thing to ever happen to our town.
 - o. Group recreation is declining but passive recreation like trail usage is growing.
2. Melissa – Millage coordinator
 - a. Hayhoe Riverwalk is such a great amenity.
 - b. Excited for connection from Delhi to Mason. Hopeful for Ram trail to Burchfield.

MDOT/Tricounty Regional Planning Commission Meeting Notes

MASON PARKS, RECREATION, NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION AND WAYFINDING MASTER PLAN
2020-2025

Stakeholder Meeting Notes

Stakeholder Groups: County/State

Date: December 3, 2019, 10:00 AM

Attendees: City Staff/Consultants: Elizabeth Hude, Bob Ford, Nick Wallace

Participants:

Tracy Miller - Delhi

Mike Davis - MDOT

Micah Norwood - MDOT

Laura Tschirhart – transportation/GIS coordinator

Nicole Baumer – Tri-County

Miranda Spare – TSC

Ken Hall – Tri-County

1. Multiple connections to city parks that include MDOT Roads, Columbia bridge, Cedar Street, Kipp Road
2. Connection to Delhi is currently highest priority because of Delhi's connection to other regional areas, Lansing, East Lansing, Dewitt, Etc.
3. Has anyone looked at the feasibility of crossing US-127?
4. Mike – All of the bridges are in good condition so they will not be replaced within the next 10+ years. Cantilevered pedestrian bridges are possible but MDOT does not fund anything like that. Recommend looking closely at the width of the current bridge and try to work within it. Can look at complete streets and road diet check list.
5. Nicole – Will be looking to Mason for regional connections. Recently found out that they will be receiving federal funds. Looking at water trails. Looking at Mason as an example community of how to plan and implement, and coordinate with MDOT. There have been ways to circumvent federal levels and get things accomplished like recent signage project. Would be available to write letters of recommendation for grant applications, etc. There are state grants for fishing access. "We all want input but what we really want is informed input"
6. Miranda-TSC, Not currently much in the Mason area in the 5-year plan. Possibly in 10-years+ when intersections are reconstructed there may be funds available to include non-motorized facilities. MDOT can contribute to costs of ADA ramps, signals, etc. within ROWs. Possible "diversion diamond interchange" at US-127.
7. Micah – Try to coordinate any construction projects with proposed road construction projects.
8. Tracy – Delhi anticipate trail built to College Road by end of 2022. Aurelius and Vevay are not opposed to trails but they are not capable of implementing and maintaining. 20% of Delhi

Plan Adoption Documentation

Letter to County Planning Agency



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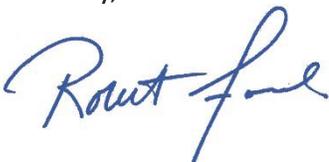
Tim Dolehanty, Controller/Administrator
Ingham County
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PO Box 319
Mason, MI 48854

RE: *Delhi Charter Township, Community Recreation Plan, 2020-2025*

Dear Mr. Dolehanty,

Please find, enclosed a copy of the Delhi Charter Township Community Recreation Plan for 2020-2025. Landscape Architects and Planners, Inc. was hired by Delhi Charter Township to develop the recreation plan, therefore if you have any questions please contact us at (517) 485-5500 or Mark Jenks, Director of Parks and Recreation at (517) 694-1549.

Sincerely,



Robert Ford, President
Landscape Architect

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ORDINANCE NO. 55.4

PREAMBLE

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE 55.3 (CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 12, SECTION 12-1 ET SEQ) AND TO ADOPT A NEW "PARK AND RECREATIONAL AREA AND DESIGNATED PUBLIC LAND AREA ORDINANCE"; TO DELINEATE THE POWERS OF THE DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN AREAS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP AS TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN AREAS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP AS PUBLIC LAND AREAS; TO DESIGNATE HOURS OF OPERATION FOR PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS AND PUBLIC LAND AREAS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND GENERAL WELFARE OF PERSONS USING SAID AREAS; TO SET FORTH VARIOUS DEFINITIONS AND TO DESCRIBE "PERSONS BEING DISORDERLY" WITHIN SAID AREAS; TO PRESCRIBE CERTAIN CONDUCT AND MOTOR VEHICLE REGULATIONS WITHIN SAID AREAS; TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN CONDUCT AND TO SET FORTH PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS HEREOF; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

Delhi Charter Township, Ingham County, Michigan ordains:

SECTION I. DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION POWERS.

The Delhi Charter Township Parks and Recreation Commission (hereinafter called the "Commission") shall have power and authority to manage the Township parks, recreational areas and designated public land areas. Subject to approval by Resolution or Ordinance adopted by the Board of Trustees of Delhi Charter Township, the Commission shall establish reasonable rules and regulations for the conduct of the public using said areas, and for issuance of permits for the use of facilities therein. Persons violating such rules shall be given verbal notice of such violation and, upon failure to comply with the terms of said rules, shall be deemed to be trespassers and subject to removal from the Township park, recreational area, or designated public land area.

SECTION II. DESCRIPTION OF PARKS, RECREATIONAL AREAS AND DESIGNATED PUBLIC LAND AREAS.

The Delhi Charter Township Board shall, from time to time by Resolution, identify and describe those areas within the Township which shall be operated and maintained as Township Parks, Recreational Areas, and designated Public Land Areas, which areas shall be subject to this Ordinance, the Rules and Regulations for the conduct of the public, and such other statutes and Ordinances as may be applicable.

SECTION III. DEFINITIONS.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this Ordinance, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Camping means the overnight lodging or sleeping of a person or persons on the ground or in any manner or in a sleeping bag, tent, trailer-tent, trailer coach, vehicle camper, motor vehicle, or any other conveyance erected, parked or placed within any park, recreational area, or designated public land area.

Motor Vehicle means any vehicle which is self-propelled by any means whatsoever, including all devices in, upon, or by which a person or property may be transported or drawn, excluding motorized chairs or other ambulatory assistance devices used by persons with physical disabilities.

Park, Park Property, Recreational Area and Designated Public Land Area means any property owned or leased by the Township and delineated as a park, recreational area or designated public land area by Ordinance or Resolution of the Township Board.

Parked or Parking means any vehicle which remains standing, whether occupied or not, when not loading or unloading.

Parked Area or Parking Lot means any off-street area, whether paved or not, which is designated for public parking.

Rules and Regulations means the written rules and regulations and any amendments thereto concerning the use and maintenance of Township parks, recreational areas, or designated public land areas approved by the Township Board, copies of which are available to the public in the offices of the Parks Department and Township Clerk.

SECTION IV. UNLAWFUL PERSONAL CONDUCT.

It shall be unlawful for any person to be disorderly within the Township parks, recreational areas or designated public land areas.

A "disorderly" person means any person who shall do any act or engage in any practice hereinafter enumerated and any person who shall aid and/or abet another to do any such act or engage in any such practice, to-wit:

1. Be intoxicated in a public place and who is either endangering directly the safety of another person or a property or is acting in a manner that causes a public disturbance.
2. Discharge any firearm, air rifle, bow and arrow, sling shot, crossbow or other dangerous weapon.
3. Openly carrying any bow and arrow, slingshot or crossbow without first having same unstrung or secured in an appropriate case. Provided, however, that such items may be carried and discharged in participation in a program under the supervision of Township or commissioned personnel.
 - a) No persons shall carry a concealed pistol without a valid license issued by the County Concealed Weapons Licensing Board and such possession and concealment shall be in strict accordance with the requirements of said license/permit and all state law pertaining thereto.
 - b) In the case of a bow or crossbow, having the same unstrung or secured in an appropriate case, the same may be carried and discharged when done as part of a program under the supervision of Township or Commission personnel.
4. Utter insulting or fighting words which by their very utterance directly tend to incite an immediate breach of the peace.
5. Willfully destroy, damage, or in any manner deface, injure or tamper with any property, including signs, guideposts, trees and shrubs; or mark or post handbills on, or in any manner mar the walls of any public building or any fence or tree; or take or meddle with any property belonging to Delhi Charter Township, or remove the same from a street, alley, building or place within a park, recreational area or designated public land area where it may be kept standing or stored, without authority from the official custodian of such property.
6. Accost, molest, or otherwise annoy, either by word of mouth or by sign, sound or motion, any person.

7. Disturb the peace and quiet by loud, boisterous or vulgar conduct or words or by improper diversions.

8. Operate any radio, tape or record playing device or other mechanical or electrical sound amplifying-apparatus in such a manner so as to disturb the peace and tranquility of said area and persons in the vicinity.

9. Obstruct, resist, hinder or oppose any member of any law enforcement agency, employee of Delhi Charter Township and/or employee of the Commission in the discharge of his or her duties.

SECTION V. SWIMMING, BATHING AND WADING.

1. No person shall swim, bathe or wade within designated areas unless such activity has been specifically authorized by the Commission and so posted.

2. Swimming areas shall be open as posted. Such activities shall be permitted only on the dates designated by the Commission.

3. No glass containers or glass products of any type (excluding eyeglasses) shall be permitted within fifty (50) feet of any swimming area or beach.

SECTION VI. DOGS AND PETS.

1. Except as provided below, dogs and other pets may be permitted in parks, recreational areas and designated public land areas provided that:

A. No such animal shall be permitted within any beach area, building, shelter, playground, athletic field, garden area, or nature study area, or other areas where prohibited by the Commission;

B. All dogs or other animals shall at all times be tethered to a leash or similar device no greater than six (6) feet in length and under the immediate control of a responsible person. No dog or other animal shall create an annoyance or disturb other persons within the same park, recreational area or designated public land area.

C. A person in charge of any dog or other animal shall immediately remove all droppings deposited by such animal in a sanitary manner. Such droppings shall be disposed of on the property owned or operated by the person owning or in charge of said animal.

2. The foregoing provisions of this section shall not apply to leader dogs for the blind.

3. Horses shall not be permitted within any said park, recreational area or designated public land area without prior written permission from the Parks and Recreation Commission or its designee.

SECTION VII. HOURS.

All parks, recreational areas and designated public land areas shall be open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to dusk unless otherwise posted. Any park, recreational areas, designated public land areas or portions thereof may be entirely closed or closed to specified uses for a period of time as may be determined from time to time by the Commission or the Township Board of Trustees.

No person or vehicle shall remain within any park, recreational area or designated public land area when closed, except when engaged in camping pursuant to a permit authorized by the Commission, or its designee.

SECTION VIII. LITTER CONTROL.

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to dump, deposit, place, throw, leave, cause, or permit the dumping, depositing, placing, throwing or leaving of junk on any public property or waters, other than property specifically designated for said purpose or in receptacles specifically designated for said purpose.

2. The term "junk" as used herein means all rubbish, refuse, waste material, garbage, offal, paper, glass, cans, bottles, trash, debris or other substance or dismantled, partially dismantled, unlicensed, or inoperable vehicle.

SECTION IX. MOTOR VEHICLES.

It shall be unlawful and punishable as provided herein for any person to:

1. Operate a motor vehicle in excess of 15 miles per hour within parks, recreational areas, and designated public land areas except where otherwise posted.

2. Operate any motor vehicle of any kind or nature other than on designated public roads and in designated parking areas.

3. Operate a motor vehicle in violation of posted traffic control signs or devices, including but not limited to, parking or standing in no parking zones, handicapped parking zones.

4. Operate an unlicensed motor vehicle in park, recreational areas or on designated public land areas.

All motor vehicles located and operated within said parks, roadways or areas shall be subject to the laws of the State of Michigan as set forth in the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code (MCL 257.1 *et seq*) as adopted by the Charter Township of Delhi.

It shall be unlawful to park or stand any motor vehicle within any area of a park, recreational area or designated public land area not designated as a parking area or space, where prohibited by sign, or in any area in such a manner so as to form an obstruction to traffic. Further, whenever any police officer observes a motor vehicle unattended upon a park, recreational area or designated public land area roadway or parking area where such vehicle constitutes an obstruction to traffic, such officer is hereby authorized in his discretion to remove such vehicle to the nearest garage or other place of safety pursuant to the provisions of the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code (MCL 257.1 *et seq*)

SECTION X. FIRE CONTROL.

Unless prior approval is obtained from Delhi Charter Township Fire Department, no fires shall be permitted within park, recreational areas and designated public land areas, unless in receptacles or structures specifically designed for the preparation of foods.

SECTION XI. TENTS AND CAMP CONTROL.

No person shall construct or erect any shelter or tent within parks, recreational areas unless said person shall first obtain a permit for camping activities from the Commission, or its designee. Such activity is strictly prohibited in designated public land areas.

SECTION XII. COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES AND ADVERTISING.

No person or organization shall advertise, vend, sell, or distribute any service, food, beverage, or merchandise, or post leaflets within any park, recreational area or designated public lands, except by prior written permit from the Commission or the Delhi Charter Township Clerk.

SECTION XIII. POSSESSION AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE.

It shall be unlawful and punishable as provided herein for any person to possess and/or consume any alcoholic beverage within the boundaries of the park, recreational areas and designated public land areas of the Charter Township of Delhi. Once each year, civic organizations may request the consent of the Delhi Charter Township Board of Trustees for the sale of beer and wine in connection with the activities of such organizations, such as the Holt Hometown Festival or similar event. Consent thus granted shall be subject to, and contingent upon, concurrence by the Delhi Charter Township Parks and Recreation Commission, shall meet the requirements of the Commission as to security, litter, insurance, parking, hours and conditions of operation, and issuance of a license by the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission. During the period specified in the license, beer and wine may be consumed on the premises within the area designated for said purpose and upon no other.

SECTION XIV. SKATEBOARDING, INLINE SKATING AND FREESTYLE BMX BIKING.

Skateboarding, inline skating, and freestyle biking is allowed in the Skate and Bike Park, and only during times designated by the Commission as being "open for use." Skateboarding, inline skating, and freestyle BMX biking is prohibited in the Skate and Bike Park during any time the park is not "open for use" and prohibited at all times in all other Township parks, recreational areas and designated public land areas where posted.

SECTION XV. PROTECTION OF PROPERTY AND ENVIRONMENT.

It shall be unlawful and punishable by law or this Ordinance for any person on park, recreational area or designated public land areas to damage, mar, deface, destroy or otherwise injure:

A. Any building, bridge, drain, wall, fountain, lamppost, light, fence, gate, hedge, sign, marker or pathway or other structure or device located in such park, recreational area or designated public land area.

B. Cut, remove or destroy any tree, sapling, seedling, bush or shrub, or remove any foliage, flower, or pick, uproot or destroy any flower, plant or grass, or remove any soil, sod, rock or grass.

SECTION XVI. WILDLIFE PROTECTION.

It shall be unlawful and punishable by law or this Ordinance for any person on park, recreational area or designated public land area to hurt, trap, catch, wound, kill or attempt to hunt, trap, catch, wound or kill any bird or animal, or to molest or harass any such animal, or rob any nest of any bird or the lair, den or

burrow of any animal within Township park, recreation areas or designated public land areas. Unless otherwise posted, this section shall not be construed to prohibit fishing, subject to state and local laws.

SECTION XVII. BOATING.

No person shall bring into, use or navigate any boat, canoe, raft or personal watercraft or other watercraft upon any water course, lagoon, lake, pond or other water area located within or upon any park, recreational area or designated public land areas, except at such time or places as may be provided or designated for such purpose. All watercraft (except for specially constructed watercraft utilized in connection with Township-sponsored activities or contests) shall comply with and be used in compliance with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Part 801 (MCL 324.80101 et seq).

SECTION XVIII. PEDDLING AND SOLICITING IN TOWNSHIP PARK, RECREATIONAL AREA OR DESIGNATED PUBLIC LAND AREA.

No person on any park, recreational area or designated public land area shall peddle or solicit business of any nature whatsoever, distribute handbills or other advertising matter, post any unauthorized sign on any such land, water, structure or property, or use such land, water, structure or property for peddling or soliciting without having first obtained a permit for all such activities.

SECTION XIX. UNLAWFUL OBSTRUCTION.

No private person, firm or corporation shall, by force, threats, intimidations, unlawful fencing, enclosing or any other means, prevent or obstruct any person from entering, leaving or making full use of any park, recreational area or designated public land area.

SECTION XX. FEES, CHARGES AND PERMITS.

It shall be unlawful and punishable as provided herein for any person to use any facility, building, land, area or equipment for which a fee or charge has been established by the Commission without payment of such fee or charge.

It shall be unlawful for any person, group or organization to occupy, use or fail to timely vacate any facility, building, land, area or equipment for which a permit has been granted to any other person, group or association.

All such fees and charges shall be, from time to time, established and amended by the Commission, subject to approval by Resolution of the Township Board of Trustees.

SECTION XXI. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES.

Any person violating SECTION IV of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days or work in clean-up activities as an alternative to said imprisonment, or a fine not to exceed Five Hundred (\$500.00) dollars, or both such fine and imprisonment. Any person violating the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Code, incorporated herein by reference, shall be subject to the fines and penalties set forth in that Code. Any person violating any other section of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a municipal civil infraction as defined by MCL 600.113(1)(c). A person found guilty of a civil infraction shall be subject to a fine not to exceed five hundred (\$500) plus the costs of prosecution.

Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be and is deemed to be a trespasser and may be subject to eviction from the Township's park, recreational areas or designated public land areas by any agent, servant or employee of the Commission or Charter Township of Delhi observing such conduct.

SECTION XXII. SEVERABILITY.

It is the legislative intent of the Township Board adopting this Ordinance that all provisions hereof shall be liberally construed to protect the public health, safety and general welfare of the inhabitants of the Township and all other persons affected by this Ordinance. Consequently, should any provision of this Ordinance be held to be unconstitutional, invalid or of no effect, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, it being the intent of the Delhi Charter Township Board that this Ordinance shall stand and remain in effect, notwithstanding the invalidity of any provision hereof.

SECTION XXIII. REPEALER.

Delhi Charter Township Ordinance No. 55.3 is hereby repealed and replaced by the adoption of this Ordinance No. 55.4

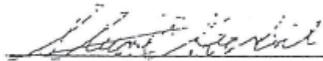
SECTION XXIV. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days from and after its adoption and publication as required by law.

Ayes: Hayhoe, Hope, Ketchum, Krepps, Sweet, Ammon, Goodrich
Nays:
Absent:

Adopted by the Delhi Charter Township Board of Trustees at a regular meeting held on the 19th day of June, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

First Reading:	<u>06/05/2007</u>
First Publication	<u>06/10/2007</u>
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Effective Date:	<u>07/24/2007</u>


Stuart Goodrich, Supervisor


Evan Hope, Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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COUNTY OF INGHAM)

I, Evan Hope, Clerk of the Charter Township of Delhi, hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of Ordinance No. 55.4, duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Delhi, Ingham County, Michigan, on the 19th day of June, 2007 and that the same was published as required by law on the 10th and 24th day of June, 2007.


Evan Hope, Clerk

