

Charter Township of Garfield

Grand Traverse County, Michigan

2012 - 2017

Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Amendment 2:

Boardman River Trail

And

Amended Acquisition Program





INTRODUCTION

The Charter Township of Garfield has developed this second amendment to the 2012 5-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan to recognize the Traverse Area Recreational Trails (TART) Boardman River Trail and to amend the Township's land acquisition map. The Plan Amendment contains the following information:

- Description of the planning process
- Description of the public input process
- The ***Boardman River Trail*** is a planned land and water trail which was first conceived by TART in 2010. The land portion of the trail is a 24-mile trail that follows the Boardman River Valley from Traverse City to the North Country Trail (NCT). Most of the proposed trail is in forested area on existing dirt paths and two-tracks. From the NCT users can continue on to connect with the Vasa Pathway and head back to Traverse City via the TART Trail, resulting in a 46-mile loop. The water portion of the trail is along the Boardman River from the upper navigable portions of the river to the confluence with West Grand Traverse Bay. Together, the land and water elements of the Boardman River Trail will offer a unique recreational opportunity to residents and visitors alike.
- The ***Amended Acquisition Plan*** is intended to replace pages 47 and 58 of the adopted Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The amendments show a change in the protection status of previously identified and now protected properties, and a desire to acquire additional property adjacent to the Hickory Hills Ski Area to improve this resource and to provide better access to the park for Township residents.



DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

This Plan Amendment was prepared to reflect certain goals and park planning documents of other agencies which also provide or advocate for recreational opportunities in Garfield Township and the Grand Traverse region in general.

The **Boardman River Trail** was first conceived by Traverse Area Recreational Trails (TART), Traverse City's primary trail advocacy group. A steering committee comprised of various additional partners such as the Grand Traverse Hiking Club, Grand Traverse Conservation District, and Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy formed in 2010 to explore the feasibility of developing a 24-mile trail that follows the Boardman River Valley from Traverse City to the North Country Trail (NCT). Most of the proposed trail is in forested area on existing dirt paths and two-tracks. From the NCT users can continue on to connect with the Vasa Pathway and head back to Traverse City via the TART Trail, resulting in a 46-mile loop.

A ribbon cutting for phase I of this trail, from Mayfield Pond to the North Country Trail, was held on October 8, 2014. Sections II and III are still being developed. Section III, the section nearest to Traverse City, will utilize existing singletrack trails within the Boardman Valley Nature Preserve and the wider bike path along Boardman Lake.

With the ongoing removal of three dams on the Boardman River, it became apparent that the Boardman River Trail could also function as a water trail. The intent of this plan amendment is to recognize TART's efforts in establishing this trail to date, and to plan for future water trail elements.

The **amended land acquisition program** reflects public sentiment for increased access to four-season recreation within Hickory Hills (owned by the City of Traverse City) and Hickory Meadows (owned by the Traverse City/Garfield Township Joint Recreation Authority). In June of 2014, and following a public planning process, the **Hickory Hills Master Plan** was completed. As noted in this plan, there is an opportunity for expanded four-season recreation within this park. Because the park is currently only accessible via Randolph Road (which is not convenient for Township residents), there is also a need for a secondary access point. The purpose of the amended land acquisition project is to identify potential land acquisitions which help to meet these needs and opportunities.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

Because this plan amendment is primarily intended to recognize these parallel park planning efforts, descriptions of each of those public processes are included below.

Boardman River Trail

The stakeholder committee was responsible for the development and outreach of the plan. Public outreach included members attending various township and city commissions, including planning commissions and advisory councils. The Boardman River Trail plan was officially endorsed by the



Village of Kingsley and the Brown Bridge Advisory Council. While generally met with widespread enthusiasm, including a ribbon cutting celebration in Mayfield, and acknowledgement as an important link to the North Country Trail, there remains work to be done. The steering committee is currently working closely with the Natural Education Reserve Advisory council to address their concerns about the location of bicyclists within the reserve.

Hickory Hills Master Plan

As noted above, the Hickory Hills Master Plan included substantial public input, including two community surveys, a public open house and comment opportunity, and a final public presentation. The results of these surveys are included in the analysis portion of the master plan.

Garfield Rec Plan Amendment

Regarding the public input process for this amendment, the most significant source of public input were comments recently received during the development of the original 2012 Master Plan. Additionally, the public was able to attend regular meetings of the Parks and Recreation Commission, at which discussions were held and drafts were reviewed.

Once in final form, the draft plan amendment to this Parks and Recreation Master Plan was made available for review for a one-month public review process, beginning on February 10, 2015 and extending until March 10, 2015.

An open meeting was held by the Parks and Recreation Commission on February 18, 2015 to take comment on the proposed amendments. A noticed public hearing was held by the Township Board on March 10, 2015. No public comment was made regarding the Plan Amendment at either of these meetings. A copy of the notice of availability for plan review, notice of the public hearing following plan review, and copies of meeting agendas and minutes are attached.

AMENDED GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Amended goals and objectives include the recognition of the Boardman River Trail with both land and water elements, and certain amendments to the Township's Land Acquisition Plan.

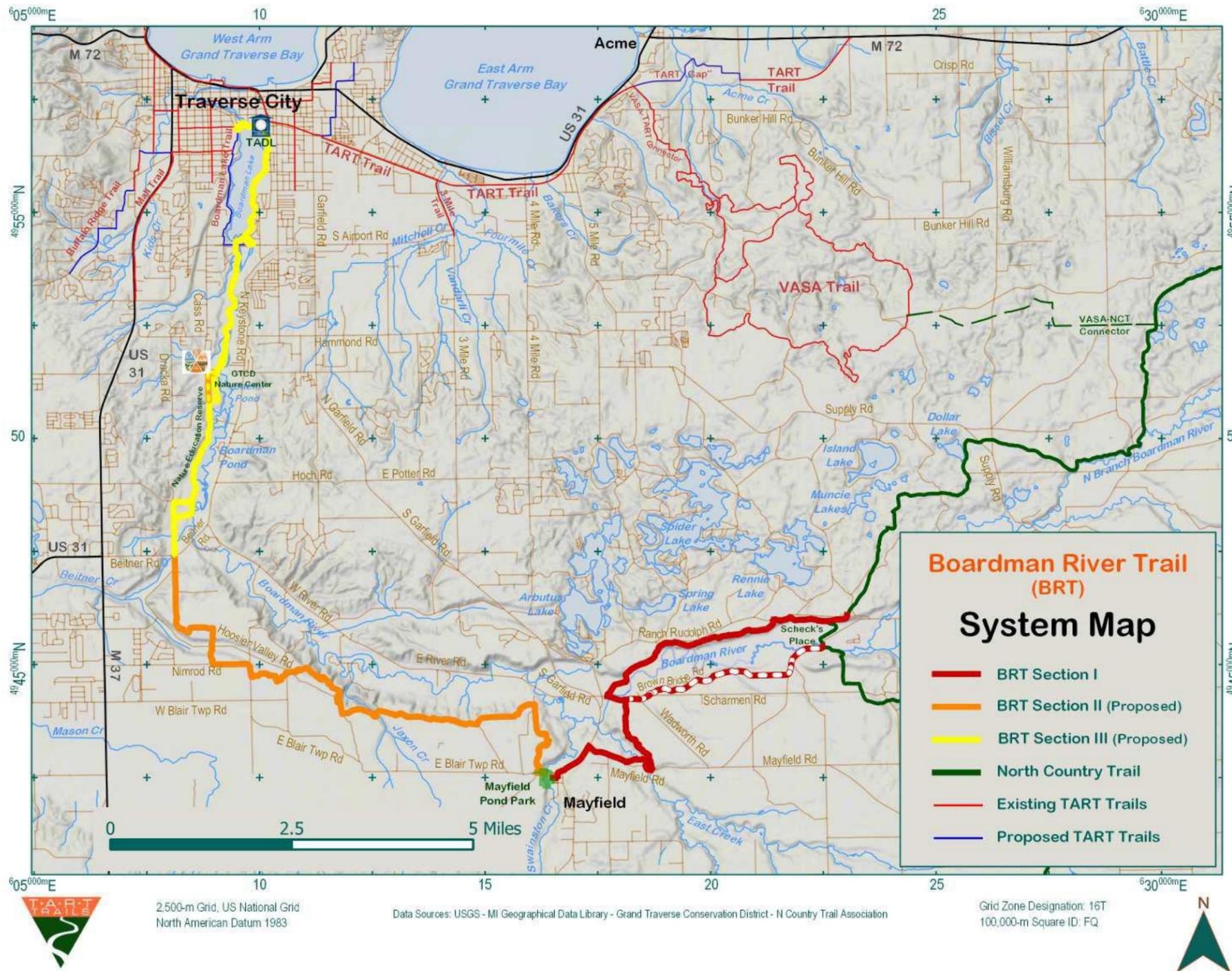
OTHER ELEMENTS

None other than as described above.



Boardman River Land and Water Trail

BOARDMAN RIVER LAND TRAIL MAP



LAND ELEMENT:

As planned, the Boardman River Land Trail will be developed in three stages (see map at left). The first, between the Village of Mayfield and the North Country Trail, was opened in fall of 2014. The remaining downstream sections of the land trail remain in the planning and development stages. Once complete, the 24-mile land trail will connect to the North Country Trail, the VASA Trail and the TART Trail, resulting in a 46-mile loop.

WATER ELEMENT:

As described on Page 30 of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, efforts are underway to remove three impoundments on the Boardman River. The uppermost dam, at Brown Bridge, was removed in 2013. As the remaining two dams are removed, it will be possible to float the river unimpeded from the uppermost navigable stretches downstream to the Union Street Dam in Traverse City after paddling Boardman Lake. The river stretch of this trail will end at the Township's Boardman Valley Nature Preserve, just to the south of West South Airport Road.

Other key access points to the river are identified on the Grand Traverse Conservation District's Boardman River Watershed Map, which follows on Page 6.

COMBINED RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

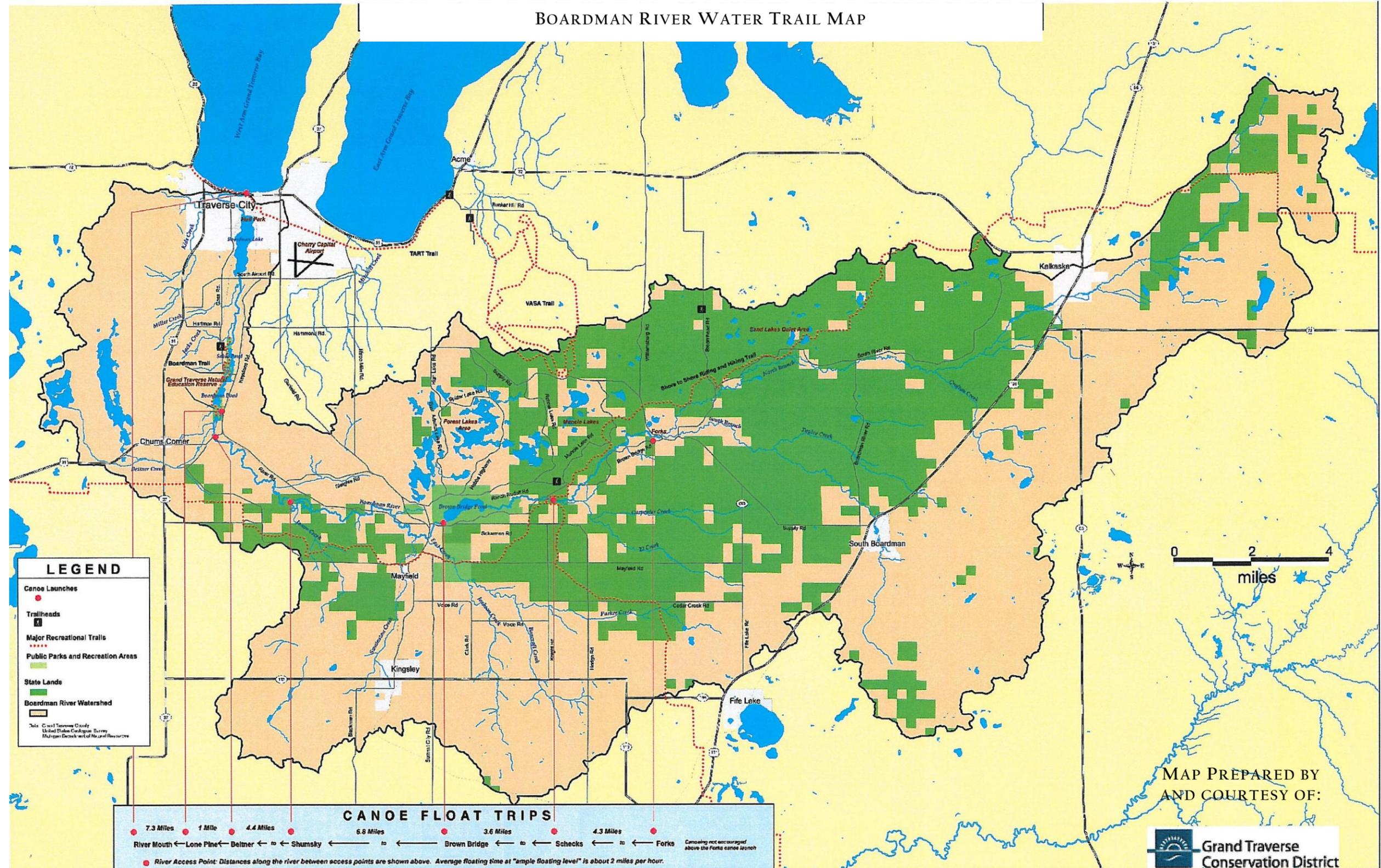
By designating each of the land and water elements as a combined Boardman River trail system, a unique combined recreational opportunity will be realized. For example, it will be possible to start with a bike at any location on the land trail, and take the trail upstream to any of the river access points, where the bikes could be swapped for kayaks for a relaxing and cooling trip back down the river. While this would take some planning, there is also opportunity for stakeholders to work with existing local livery services to provide this opportunity. This high-value recreational experience would be popular with visitors and residents alike.

IDENTIFICATION:

Identification of the trail system will be by way of kiosks and a way-finding signage system which is currently in the development stages.

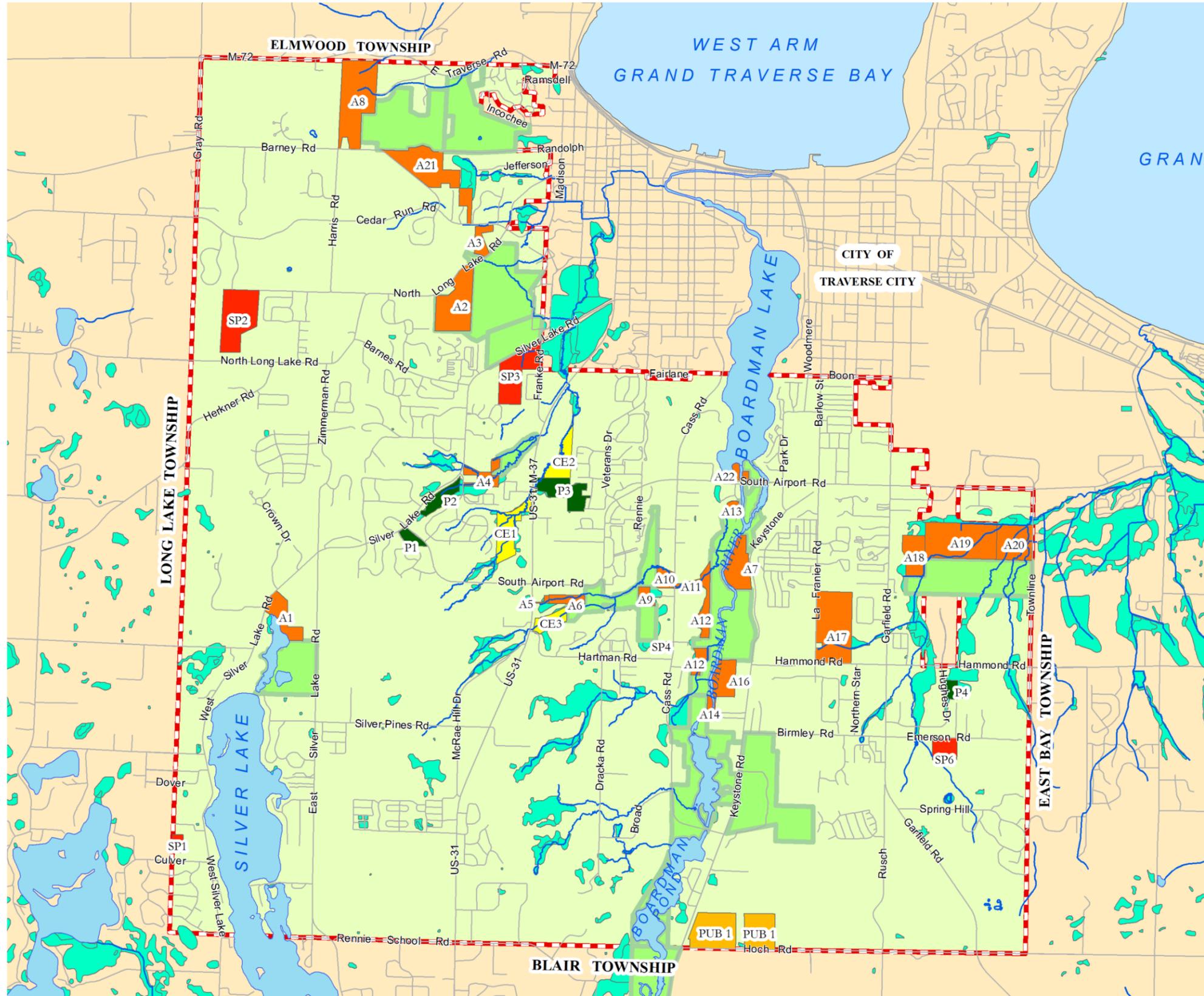


BOARDMAN RIVER WATER TRAIL MAP



MAP PREPARED BY
AND COURTESY OF:

Grand Traverse
Conservation District



Green Infrastructure Plan Map

As Amended February 2015

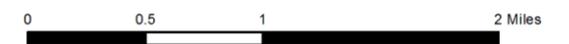
Legend

Green Infrastructure Plan

- Acquisition Property ("A")
- Conservation Easement ("CE")
- Currently Protected Property ("P")
- Publicly Owned Property ("PUB")
- School Park ("SP")
- Existing Public Parkland

Wetlands

- Wetlands
- Stream



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Data Source: Garfield Township, 2015



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space development can protect and enhance the green infrastructure, while often creating useable nature areas for Township residents. When evaluating any application for land use development, the Township should analyze the existing natural characteristics of the development site, as well as the relation of those natural features to surrounding properties, to identify and encourage the preservation of these natural features.

Table 4, below, identifies priority properties that have been identified for acquisition or protection through a conservation easement. **The Green Infrastructure Plan map** (see page 58) shows the location of each priority property, as well as other natural features such as streams and wetlands. As time permits, the Township should perform greater analysis of other green infrastructure elements such as significant woodlands. As noted above, though a particular property may not be indicated on the plan, efforts should be made to protect green infrastructure at all scales.

Map Index	Name	Method of Protection
A1	Silver Lake Connection to W. Silver Lake Road	Acquisition
A2	Commons State 40, Ransom Parcel	Acquisition
A3	Oleson PUD Open Space and Wetlands	Donation
A4	Oleson, Schmude Wetlands	Acquisition
A5	Applebees Parcel	Acquisition, Access Emnt
A6	Commerce Center Wetland	Donation , Access Emnt
A7	City-Owned Boardman Parcel	Acquisition
A8	Kroupa	Acquisition
A9	Traverse Software	Acquisition
A10	Cass Road Self Storage	Donation or Cons. Emnt, Access Emnt.
A11	Miller Creek Corridor; BVNP / Miller Creek Connector	Donation or Cons. Emnt, Access Emnt.
A12	BVNP Parcels	Acquisition
A13	Logan Valley Pond	Donation or Cons. Emnt
A14	Misc. West Boardman River Parcels	Acquisition
A15	Misc. East Boardman River Parcel Easements	Easement
A16	Fraser Parcel	Acquisition
A17	Future East Side Community Park?	Acquisition
A18	SVEC, McClain, Godziewski Parcels	Acquisition
A19	Airport Approach	Donation
A20	Boydz	Acquisition
A21	Misc. Commons/Hickory Connections	Acquisition
A22	Logan Valley Development	Acquisition
CE1	Lewis, Church, Outlet Mall, Tireland Parcels	Donation or Conservation Emnt
CE2	Sleder Wetlands	Donation or Conservation Esmt
CE3	C D F, Chelsea Park	Donation, Acquisition via PUD, Cons. Emnt
P1	S. Airport Road	Protected
P2	Silver Lake Road Conservation Easement	Protected
P3	Lowes Wetlands	Protected
P4	Hughes Drive	Protected
P6	Misc. Ongoing Acquisitions	Protected
PUB 1	Future East Side Community Park?	Publicly Owned (BPW)
SP1	Silver Lake Elementary School	School Park
SP2	TC West High School	School Park
SP3	TC West Middle School	School Park
P4	Former Sabin Elementary Playgrounds	Donation
SP6	Traverse Bay Christian School	School Park

Table 4 – Green Infrastructure Program



Michigan Department of Natural Resources-Grants Management

**COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND
GREENWAY PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST
AMENDMENT**

By Authority of Parts 19, 703 and 716 of Act 451, P.A. 1994, as amended, submission of this information is required for eligibility to apply for grants

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete, obtain certification signatures and submit this checklist with a locally adopted recreation plan amendment.

All community recreation plan amendments are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans* provided by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Communities may prepare recreation plan amendments at any time during the year. However, for amendments to be considered during a grant application cycle, they must be submitted with a completed checklist in MiRecGrants by March 1st of that application cycle. In some cases this deadline may be extended. Contact Grants Management for a variance to the deadline. This checklist must be signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan.

PLAN AMENDMENT FORMAT		
Plan amendments must consist of either:		
1.) A complete, revised plan with a letter of explanation that indicates what aspects of the original plan have been revised and how; or 2.) Revised or additional pages to the approved recreation plan, with an explanation of where the new pages fit within the original plan. If the amendment is to be inserted into the existing plan, it must be similar in format to the approved plan and indicate the location for insertion.		
Name of Plan: <u>5-YEAR PARKS + REC. MASTER PLAN</u>	Date Current Plan Expires: <u>12/31/17</u>	
List the community names (including school districts) covered by the plan	County	Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body
<u>GARFIELD TOWNSHIP</u>	<u>GRAND TRAV.</u>	<u>2/2012</u>

PLAN AMENDMENT ELEMENT
<p>INSTRUCTIONS: Please check each box to certify that the listed information is included in the <u>plan amendment</u> submittal.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Description of the Method(s) Used to Solicit Public Input Before or During Preparation of the Plan, Including a Copy of the Survey or Meeting Agenda and a Summary of the Responses Received</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy of the Notice of the Availability of the Draft Plan for Public Review and Comment</p> <p>Date of the Notice <u>2/11/15</u></p> <p>Type of Notice <u>NEWSPAPER / ONLINE</u></p> <p>Plan Location <u>TOWNSHIP HALL</u></p> <p>Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least Two Weeks) <u>1 MONTH</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy of the Notice for the Public Meeting Held after the Two-Week Public Review Period and Before the Plan's Adoption by the Governing Body(ies)</p> <p>Date of Notice <u>2/28/15</u></p> <p>Name of Newspaper <u>JC RECORD EAGLE</u></p> <p>Date of Meeting <u>3/10/15</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting</p>



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AMENDED GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OTHER ELEMENTS: If the plan amendment includes other updated plan elements, list and briefly describe.
PLAN AMENDMENT ELEMENT	
1.	BOARDMAN RIVER TRAIL
2.	AMENDED LAND ACQUISITION PLAN
3.	
PLAN AMENDMENT ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION	
<p>Plans must be adopted by the highest level <i>governing body</i> (i.e., city council, county commission, township board). If planning is the responsibility of a Planning Commission, Park and Recreation Commission, Recreation Advisory Board or other local Board or Commission, the plan should also include a resolution from the Board or Commission recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body.</p> <p>The local unit of government must submit the final plan to both the County and Regional Planning Agency for their information. Documentation that this was done must be submitted with the plan to the DNR.</p> <p>Items 1, 3 and 4 below are required and must be included in the plan.</p> <p>APPROVAL DOCUMENTATION: For multi-jurisdictional plans, each local unit of government must pass a resolution adopting the plan. Prepare and attach a separate page for each unit of government included in the plan.</p>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: <u>3/10/15</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2. Official ^{MINUTES} resolution of the <u>PARK</u> Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: <u>2/18/15</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: <u>3/18/15</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: <u>3/18/15</u>
OVERALL CERTIFICATION	
<p>NOTE: For multi-jurisdictional plans, Overall Certification must include the signature of each local unit of government. Prepare and attach a separate signature page for each unit of government included in the plan.</p>	
<p>I hereby certify that the recreation plan for <u>GARFIELD TOWNSHIP</u> includes the required content, as indicated above and as set forth by the DNR.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Local Unit of Government)</p>	
<p><u>R. V. R. R. O.</u> <u>3/19/15</u></p> <p>Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government Date</p>	

This completed checklist must be signed and submitted with a locally adopted recreation plan to:

MiRecGrants Online Application Website: <https://secure1.state.mi.us/MIRGS/Login2.aspx?APPTHEME-MIDNR>



NOTICE OF PLAN AVAILABILITY

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Garfield, Township of

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

LEGAL NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING
AMENDMENT TO PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

Garfield Township is preparing an amendment to its five-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan in accordance with Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements. The amendment includes recognition of the TART "Boardman River Trail" and also includes updates to the Township's land acquisition plan.

Notice is hereby given to any and all interested parties that the proposed Parks and Recreation Master Plan amendment will be available for review and comment beginning on February 10, 2015 at the Garfield Township Hall, 3848 Veterans Drive, Traverse City, Michigan 49684, Ph: (231) 941-1620, and online at www.garfield-twp.com/parks.asp.

Notice is further given that the Garfield Township Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on the proposed amendment at its meeting on February 28, 2015, at 6:00PM at the Garfield Township Hall, 3848 Veterans Drive, to hear comments on proposed amendments to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Garfield Township Planning Department at the above address during the Township's regular hours of 7:30am to 6:00pm Monday through Thursday. Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Department up to and including the date of the public hearing. All interested persons may attend the meeting and be heard.

Garfield Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities upon the provision of reasonable advance notice to Garfield Township. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Garfield Township by writing or calling Kay Schumacher, Clerk, Ph: (231) 941-1620, or TDD #922-4412.

February 11, 2015-1T 393265

STATE OF MICHIGAN
County of Grand Traverse

Vicki Hornacek being duly sworn deposes and says the annexed printed copy of notice was taken from the Traverse City RECORD EAGLE, a newspaper printed and circulated in said State and County, and that said notice was published in said newspaper on the following dates:

02/11/2015

that he or she is the agent of the printers of said newspaper, and knows well the facts stated herein

Vicki Hornacek

Subscribed and sworn to before
this 11th of February, 2015 .

Dennis G. Thayer
Dennis G. Thayer
Notary Public, State of MI
County of Grand Traverse
10/08/2016
Acting in County of Grand Traverse



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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February 28, 2015-1T 394559

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Vicki Hornacek

Subscribed and sworn to before
this 2nd of March, 2015 .

Dennis G. Thayer

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Notary Public, State of MI
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10/08/2016
Acting in County of Grand Traverse



Excerpt

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD
TOWN BOARD MEETING
March 10, 2015**

Chuck Korn called the Town Board Meeting to order on March 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Garfield Township Hall, 3848 Veterans Drive, Traverse City, Michigan.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call of Board Members

Present: Bob Featherstone, Molly Agostinelli, Denise Schmuckal, Lanie McManus, and Chuck Korn

Absent: Jeane Blood Law and Kit Wilson

Also Present: Rob Larrea

1. Public Comment (6:01)

None

2. Review and Approval of the Agenda - Conflict of Interest (6:01)

Agostinelli moved and Schmuckal seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

Yeas: Agostinelli, Schmuckal, Featherstone, McManus, Korn

Nays: None

3. Consent Calendar (6:02)

a. Minutes

February 24, 2015
(Recommend Approval)

b. Bills

General Fund	\$ 819,635.77
(Recommend Approval)	

Gourdie-Fraser	
Developer's Escrow Fund	\$ 1,000.00
Utility Receiving Fund	<u>15,252.50</u>
Total	\$ <u>16,232.50</u>

(Recommend Approval)



Charter Township of Garfield

Township Board Meeting

March 10, 2015

11" x 17" plan set, and one electronic plan set copy (in PDF format) with all updates as required by the conditions of this approval.

*Yeas: Schmuckal, McManus, Agostinelli, Featherstone, Korn
Nays: None*

c. Public Hearing – PD-2015-24 – Proposed Second Amendment to 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan – Consideration of Resolution 2015-03-T, a resolution adopting Amendment #2 to the 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan (6:38)

Larrea said that this item was a housekeeping matter and needed to be adopted again.

Korn opened the Public Hearing at 6:39pm and seeing no one wishing to speak, closed the public hearing.

Agostinelli moved and Schmuckal seconded to adopt Resolution 2015-03-T, a resolution adopting Amendment #2 to the 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

*Yeas: Agostinelli, Schmuckal, McManus, Featherstone, Korn
Nays: None*

d. PD 2015-25 Premier Manor Major PUD Amendment - RDO (6:40)

Larrea spoke with the attorney of the client and they want make a few changes to the RDO and staff wants the time to review those changes.

Agostinelli moved to postpone any action on the Premier Manor Major PUD amendment and Featherstone seconded the motion.

*Yeas: Agostinelli, Featherstone, Schmuckal, McManus, Korn
Nays: None*

7. New Business

a. Consideration of a Contract Agreement with Grand Traverse County for Tax Mapping Services (6:41)

Ernest Cacciaglia proposed a tax mapping contract agreement between Grand Traverse County GIS and Garfield Township for tax mapping in the township. Cacciaglia talked about how far the GIS mapping has come in recent years. He said that the opportunity for more accurate mapping began in Long Lake Township in 2004, and in 2008, four other municipalities signed contract with the county. This contract has been reviewed by both Brian VanDenBrand and Amy DeHaan and they approve of the services being offered. Larrea said that accurate GIS tax mapping would benefit all departments in the township.



**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD
GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

RESOLUTION # 2015-03-T

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMENDMENT #2 TO THE 5-YEAR PARKS AND
RECREATION MASTER PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Garfield adopted a Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan on February 14, 2012 which describes the physical features, existing recreational facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, a First Amendment to the Parks and Recreation Plan was adopted by the Township Board on February 12, 2013; and

WHEREAS, this Second Amendment to the adopted Parks and Recreation Plan is intended to recognize the Boardman River Trail as a land and water trail and to amend the Township's parkland acquisition plan to improve access to and public enjoyment of Hickory Hills; and

WHEREAS, a public review and comment period on the Second Amendment was noticed and held from February 11, 2015 until March 10, 2015; and

WHEREAS, a public comment session was held at the Garfield Township Hall on March 10, 2015 to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Garfield has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community and to adopt the amended plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Township Parks and Recreation Commission having recommended adoption of this Second Amendment to the Township Board; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Garfield Board of Trustees voted to adopt said Second Amendment to the adopted Recreation Plan:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Charter Township of Garfield Board of Trustees hereby adopts the Second Amendment to the Charter Township of Garfield 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan.

Moved: Agostinelli

Supported: Schmuckal

Ayes: Agostinelli, Schmuckal, Featherstone, McManus, Korn

Nays: None

Absent and Excused: Blood-Law, Wilson

RESOLUTION 2015-03-T DECLARED ADOPTED.

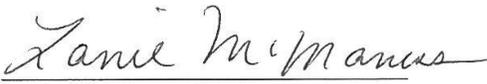


By: 
Chuck Korn, Supervisor
Charter Township of Garfield

CERTIFICATE

I, Lanie McManus, Clerk of the Charter Township of Garfield, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Resolution 2015-03-T which was adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Garfield on the 10th day of March, 2015.

Dated: 3/11/15


Lanie McManus, Clerk
Charter Township of Garfield



**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD
Parks and Recreation Commission Special Meeting**

February 18, 2015

Call Meeting to Order: Handy called the meeting to order at approximately 4:30pm at the Garfield Township Hall, 3848 Veterans Drive, Traverse City MI 49684.

Roll Call of Commission Members:

Present: Valarie Handy, Dale Majerczyk, Fern Spence

Absent and Excused: Chris Remy, Kroupa

Staff Present: Brian VanDenBrand

1. Review and Approval of the Agenda – Conflict of Interest

No conflict of interest was noted. *Majerczyk moved THAT the agenda be approved as amended. Handy seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

2. Business to Come Before the Commission

a. Consideration of Parks and Recreation Plan - Second Amendment

The Commission discussed the proposed Second Amendment to the 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan to update the land acquisition plan and to recognize the Boardman River Trail. Seeing no members of the public in attendance, Handy asked for a motion.

Majerczyk moved to recommend to the Township Board that the plan amendment be adopted. Spence seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Commissioner Comment

None.

5. Other Business

None.

6. Items for next agenda – March 3, 2015

a. To be determined.

7. Adjourn

Handy moved THAT the meeting be adjourned at approximately 5:05PM.

Dale Majerczyk, Secretary
Garfield Township Parks and Recreation Commission
3848 Veterans Drive
Traverse City, MI 49684



Charter Township of Garfield Grand Traverse County

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ROBERT L. FEATHERSTONE, *TRUSTEE*

DENISE SCHMUCKAL, *TRUSTEE*
KIT WILSON, *TRUSTEE*

March 18, 2015

Grand Traverse County Planning Department
Mr. John Sych, AICP, Director of Planning
400 Boardman Avenue
Traverse City, MI 49684

RE: Five-Year Park and Recreation Master Plan – Second Amendment

Dear Mr. Sych,

Enclosed for your records please find the second amendment to the 2012 Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan for Garfield Township, Grand Traverse County, which amendment was adopted by resolution of the Township Board on March 10, 2015.

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