



VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

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I. INTRODUCTION AND COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Recreation, parks, and open space are important to the residents in the Sebewaing area. In this community, these amenities add to the quality of life for residents. Park special events are an important economic component of community. Recognizing this, community officials have led an effort to develop a Parks and Recreation Plan aimed at improving and developing recreational resources in the Sebewaing area.

Broadly speaking, Sebewaing officials intend to use this plan to guide their work on future recreational and parks projects within the area. It is also a strategic document that articulates specific goals to various agencies and organizations that fund local recreational and parks improvement projects. In accordance with the State of Michigan recommended five-year cycle for recreation planning, this updated plan covers the five-year period 2019-2023.



Specifically, this plan is developed in accordance with the guidelines for Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans published by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

This document is intended to serve as a guide in the planning for future park and recreation opportunities, services, and implementation. Population shifts, new development, and changing attitudes towards leisure can add demands upon the community's existing parks and recreation system, thus increasing the need for both short and long range planning. Recommendations such as land acquisition, and facility expansions and construction, and even the design of a neighborhood park improvement, will require additional study or involvement of residents in order to address the site-specific details. This plan lays the foundation upon which these activities can build.

Implementation strategies are identified over the next five years, at which time the plan will again be updated. The delineation of these improvements will aid Sebewaing in grant solicitation from the DNR and others for long-range capital improvement budgeting. Additionally, during the next five years, it is important for the community to refer to the plan and make appropriate priority adjustments as conditions change and funding opportunities arise.

This plan is written for the Village of Sebewaing. However, it is recognized that the Village of Sebewaing provides recreation for much of the surrounding area, since some of those communities have no parks of their own. The parks in Sebewaing serve many of the residents of the Unionville-Sebewaing Area School District. This includes all or portions of Sebewaing Township, Akron Township, Columbia Township, Wisner Township, and Fairhaven Township.

REMEMBERING THE VALUE OF PUBLIC PARKS

According to the National Park and Recreation Association, parks and recreation have three values that make them essential services to communities:

ECONOMIC VALUE

- Parks improve the local tax base and increase property values. It is proven that private property values increase the closer such land is to parks. This increase in private property value due to the proximity to parks increases property tax revenues and improves local economies.
- Parks and recreation programs and facilities provide significant indirect revenues to local and regional economies from sports tournaments and special events such as arts, music, and holiday festivals. Economic activity from hospitality expenditures, tourism, fuel, recreational equipment sales, and many other private sector businesses is of true and sustained value to local and regional economies. This indirect economic value is in addition to direct revenues that are gained from park facilities and programs.

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

- Parks are the places that people go to get healthy and stay fit.
- Parks and recreation programs and services contribute to the health of children, youth, adults, and seniors.
- Parks and protected public lands are proven to improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, produce habitat for wildlife, and provide a place for children and families to connect with nature and recreate outdoors together.

SOCIAL IMPORTANCE

- Parks are a tangible reflection of the quality of life in a community. They provide identity for citizens and are a major factor in the perception of quality of life in a given community. Parks and recreation services are often cited as one of the most important factors in surveys of how livable communities are.
- Parks provide gathering places for families and social groups, as well as for individuals of all ages and economic status.
- Parks have a value to communities that transcend the amount of dollars invested or the revenues gained from fees. Parks provide a sense of public pride and cohesion to every community.

REGIONAL SETTING & LOCATION

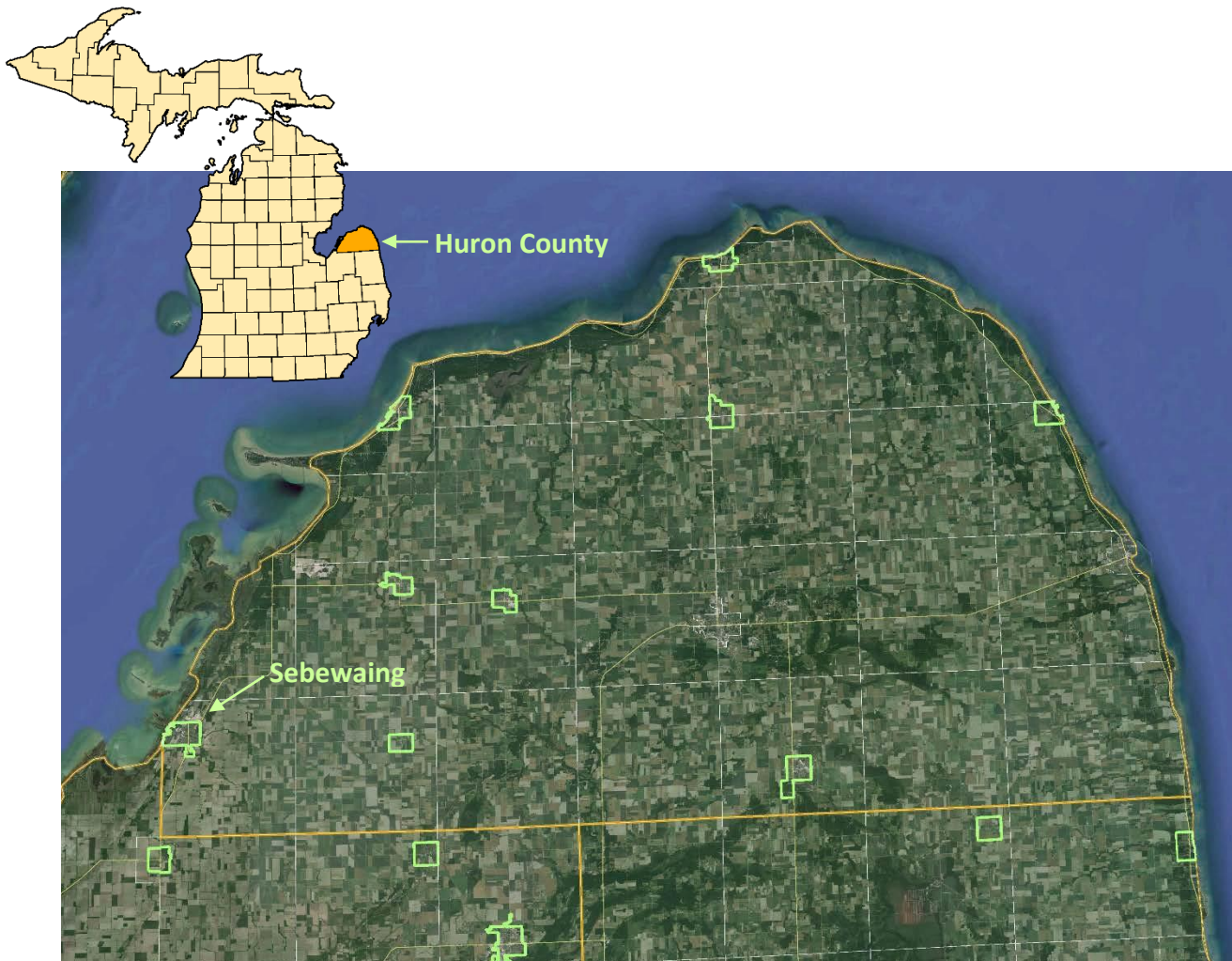


FIGURE 1 - COMMUNITY MAP

The Village of Sebewaing is located in southwestern Huron County on the shores of Lake Huron and Saginaw Bay. The marine area around Sebewaing possesses rich marshland habitat and offers excellent fishing, hunting, and boating opportunities. The community is rural and most of the land surrounding Sebewaing is used for agricultural purposes. The Village of Sebewaing is surrounded by Sebewaing Township.

Sebewaing is 28 miles northeast of Bay City, 43 miles from Saginaw, and 72 miles from Flint. M-25 is the major traffic carrier into Sebewaing, carrying a large volume of traffic from Bay City, Saginaw, and other areas down state into the thumb. Huron County is an attractive area for vacationers and day-trippers from the metropolitan Detroit region. Other practical routes to the Huron County area include M-53 and I-75. Distance to Detroit is 115 miles and Bad Axe, the Huron County seat, is 24 miles from Sebewaing.

The parks in Sebawaing serve as a community gathering point for residents of the Unionville-Sebawaing Area School District which encompasses parts of several surrounding communities. Some of these communities do not have any parks of their own. These would include Wisner, Akron, and Columbia Townships in Tuscola County and Fairhaven, and Sebawaing Townships in Huron County.

According to the 2016 American Community Survey the population of the Village of Sebawaing was 1,610. This is a 9.25% decrease from the 2010 census (1,759.)

A significant characteristic of Sebawaing is the high median age. The median of 51.8 years is more than 10 years higher than the State of Michigan. An older population has some unique needs in terms of recreational facilities the Village will want to consider when it plans for the future. Other selected demographic characteristics are shown in Figure 2.

	Sebawaing		Sebawaing Township		Huron County		Michigan	
	2010	2016	2010	2016	2010	2016	2010	2016
Median Age	44.9	51.8	44.7	48.3	46.8	48.3	38.9	39.5
Population Under 20	18.60%	16.00%	22.80%	20.50%	22.70%	21.70%	23.70%	25.30%
Average Household size	2.19	2.11	2.3	2.3	2.27	2.27	2.49	2.51
Bachelor's Degree of Higher	12.70%	13.00%	11.30%	12.30%	12.80%	14.90%	25.00%	27.40%
Median Household Income (in 2016 dollars)	\$45,004	\$41,324	\$46,240	\$51,384	\$44,115	\$43,082	\$53,212	\$50,803
Per Capita Income (in 2016 dollars)	\$23,283	\$22,875	\$23,753	\$26,260	\$22,760	\$24,455	\$27,860	\$27,549
Disabled	16.80%	17.76%	12.90%	13.40%	16.80%	16.09%	13.70%	14.07%

FIGURE 2 - SELECTED DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS.

SOURCE: US Census 2010 and American Community Survey 2016

II. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

The Village Council in Sebawaing makes all decisions regarding parks in the community. The Village of Sebawaing's Department of Public Works (DPW) operates its parks and recreation facilities. Working under the direction of the Sebawaing DPW Committee, the DPW maintains and plans improvements for its recreation facilities. Figure 3 diagrams the administrative structure that provides recreation opportunities in the Village of Sebawaing.



FIGURE 3 - ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

BUDGETS & FUNDING

The overall budget for parks and recreation in the Village of Sebawaing for the 2017-2018 fiscal year was \$266,045, of which \$220,000 was for the replacement of the Main Park Restroom. The budget for parks and recreation for fiscal year 2018-2019 is \$59,000. In anticipation of the future replacement of the playscape at the Main Park, \$10,000 was included in this fiscal year's budget. Given the playscape's current condition, it is estimated that its useful life will expire in the next 5 years and the structure will need to be replaced.

The budget amounts include operation, maintenance, and capital improvements. All decisions regarding funding for parks and recreation are made by the Village Council. Funding for the parks and recreation functions in Sebawaing include the Village General Fund, rental fees, donations, and grants. A breakdown of the Village's parks and recreation budget is included in Appendix A.

ROLE OF VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer groups support and promote the recreation programs in Sebewaing. The Unionville-Sebewaing Area Softball/Baseball Association runs a girls summer ball league in Sebewaing and a boy's ball league in Unionville. Another group runs a women's adult softball league that plays twice a week in the summer. The M-46 Horseshoe Association has run a horseshoe league in Sebewaing for more than 30 years.



RELATIONSHIP WITH SCHOOL DISTRICTS, OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES OR PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS

The Village of Sebewaing works closely with various community groups to coordinate and host special events in the Sebewaing parks. The Sebewaing Chamber of Commerce hosts the annual Michigan Sugar Festival, which is a large tourism draw for the community. They also host the Christmas Lighted Parade that ends at the Main Park. In addition, Moonlight Madness and RiverFire are events occurring in October and taking place by the Muellerweiss Park each year. Other events organized by the Chamber of Commerce include a weekly farmers market and the annual County Market and Music Fest that take over parts of the street and Muellerweiss Park each year.

The Sebewaing Lions Club and the Sebewaing Rotary Club host an annual men's slowpitch softball tournament in Sebewaing. It also brings a large number of visitors to the community for the weekend.

The Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Club, the Rotary Club, and other local groups have donated funds for various projects and initiatives in the Sebewaing Parks. These include match money for an acquisition grant, picnic facilities, and ball diamond lighting.

III. RECREATIONAL INVENTORY

In order to plan for parks and recreation in the future, the types of facilities that currently exist in Sebewaing need to be examined. It is also helpful to compare these existing facilities to various standards as one measure of the adequacy of the parks and recreation facilities in the community.

EXISTING RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

A survey of existing recreation facilities available to residents of the Village was conducted in June of 2014 and updated in 2018. The results of this survey indicated there are numerous recreation facilities located within Sebewaing, including five village parks, some private facilities and a county park. An inventory chart is included in Figure 4 and a location map is presented in Figure 5. The inventory chart also includes a basic accessibility assessment and a listing of the service area for each park. Past improvements to existing facilities that were completed with the support of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources are provided in Appendix B.

A brief description of the village parks and other recreational opportunities is given in the following paragraphs. For more information about the village parks, visit the Village of Sebewaing website at <http://www.sebewaingmi.gov/village-parks.html>

SEBEWAING VILLAGE PARK (127 South Third Street) is the largest and most central park in Sebewaing and is divided between the Main and South sections. In total it is 18 acres in size and provides three ball diamonds, picnic areas, eight basketball courts, two tennis courts, a large play structure, a small play structure, horseshoe pits, a volleyball court, a concession stand, an open playfield, three shelters, and two restrooms. It serves as a community gathering point for league sports, festivals, and special events.



MUELLERWEISS PARK (14 West Sebewaing Street) is a small passive park located on the river in downtown Sebewaing. It is one acre in size and has a picnic area, benches, a Veterans' memorial, and restrooms. Muellerweiss Park is frequently used for village events throughout the year.



PITCHER MEMORIAL PARK (West Sebewaing Street) is one acre in size and is located near the marina. It includes a playground and a gazebo with seating.



NORTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK (Eighth Street) is just over a half-acre in size and has a basketball court, a picnic area, playground equipment, and an open playfield.



SEBEWAING HARBOR AND MARINA (700 West Sebewaing Street) is owned jointly by the Village of Sebewaing and Sebewaing Township. Operation of the facility is contracted to a private entity. It includes 80 boat slips, four boat launches, and restrooms. It is located near the mouth of the Sebewaing River on Saginaw Bay.



OTHER RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

The Sebewaing area includes the following other recreation facilities:

- New Salem Evangelical Lutheran School (214 Grove Street) – outdoor basketball court
- Christ the King Lutheran School (612 Bay Street) – outdoor basketball court and sports fields
- Sebewaing River Campground (537 Union Street) – campground along the river
- Sebewaing County Park (759 Union Street) – campground with picnic area, trails, playground equipment

SEBEWAING AREA RECREATIONAL FACILITIES																			
	Acreage	Accessibility*	Service Area**	Volleyball	Ball Diamonds	Basketball	Soccer/Football	Tennis Courts	Picnic Area	Playground Equipment	Playfield (open)	Nature Trails	Waterfront Property	Shelter	Boat Launch	Restrooms	Camping	Parking	Comments
Village Parks																			
Village Park: Main and South	18	3	R																2 restrooms, multiple picnic areas, multiple sports facilities, drinking fountain, BBQ pit
Muellerweiss Park	1	3	V																Fishing platform, Veteran's Memorial
Pitcher Memorial Park	1	3	V																Gazebo
Northside Neighborhood Park	0.5	2	N																Drinking fountain
Sebewaing Harbor and Marina	11	4	R																4 boat launches, 2 restrooms, fishing, laundry and showers
County Parks																			
Sebewaing County Park	26		R																54 hook up sites, 10 tent sites, fishing
Other Recreation																			
Sebewaing River Campground	6.2		R																73 camp sites, fishing
New Salem Evangelical Lutheran School	0.5		V																
Christ the King Lutheran School	10		V																5 soccer, 1 football
<p>* 1 - None of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines. 2 - Some of the facilities/park area meet accessibility guidelines. 3 - Most of the facilities/park area meet accessibility guidelines. 4 - The entire park meets accessibility guidelines. 5 - The entire park was developed/renovated using the principles of universal design. ** R = Regional, V = Village, N = Neighborhood</p>																			

FIGURE 4 - RECREATION INVENTORY



FIGURE 5 - PARK LOCATION MAP

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING PARKS

- 1. Muellerweiss Park
- 2. Village Park: Main and South
- 3. Pitcher Memorial Park
- 4. Northside Neighborhood Park
- 5. Sebewaing Harbor and Marina

OTHER RECREATION

- 6. Christ the King Lutheran School
- 7. New Salem Lutheran School
- 8. Sebewaing River Campground
- 9. Bay Shore Nature Trail (in progress)

COUNTY PARK

- 10. Sebewaing County Park

COMPARISON TO STANDARDS

The Village of Sebewaing has approximately 30 acres of park land for its 1,610 citizens. General industry standards would suggest 5-10 acres of park land per 1,000 citizens. This would suggest that the Village of Sebewaing has adequate park land for its citizens. However, if one considers the larger service area which includes the entire Unionville-Sebewaing Area School District, the Village may be somewhat lacking in park land. This is why the community input portion of the Recreation Plan is so important. It provides feedback from citizens about what else is needed in terms of park land and facilities in the community.

As a supplement to the recommended standard for park acreage, recreation and tourism data from peer municipalities, Huron County, and the State of Michigan can be used to help understand broader trends in recreation and tourism. It is important to be aware of local and state trends in recreation and tourism to ensure the Village of Sebewaing is keeping pace with changes in demand and maximizing planning and funding opportunities with regional stakeholders. Figure 6.1 shows Huron County is lagging slightly in tourism spending growth in eastern Michigan in comparison to other counties. Figure 6.2 shows the share of employment within the tourism industry, indicating the importance of tourism and recreation related jobs to Huron County.

Within the broader state and county-wide trends in recreation, kayaking is growing in popularity and provides a unique way for residents and visitors to access the natural assets of Saginaw Bay. This can be seen in recent growth of water trails, some planned and funded with DNR grant sources, in Saginaw Bay including The Tip of the Thumb Heritage Water Trail, Saginaw Bay Water Trail, Au Gres River Excursion, Rifle River Trail, Kawkawlin River Trail, and Saginaw River Historical Excursion.

East Michigan Region							
County	Visitor Spending (Millions)				Percent Change (2014/2013)	Share of Region	Share of State
	2011	2012	2013	2014			
Genesee County	\$404.16	\$403.63	\$426.60	\$437.95	2.7%	41.35%	1.92%
Huron County	\$84.16	\$84.78	\$87.02	\$90.48	4.0%	8.54%	0.40%
Lapeer County	\$89.42	\$95.26	\$98.49	\$103.45	5.0%	9.77%	0.45%
St. Clair County	\$184.70	\$191.47	\$165.74	\$176.34	6.4%	16.65%	0.77%
Sanilac County	\$78.73	\$82.33	\$86.45	\$89.75	3.8%	8.47%	0.39%
Shiawassee County	\$73.19	\$75.66	\$78.19	\$79.91	2.2%	7.55%	0.35%
Tuscola County	\$72.68	\$76.03	\$77.53	\$81.19	4.7%	7.67%	0.36%
Region Total	\$987.04	\$1,009.16	\$1,020.03	\$1,059.06	3.8%	100%	4.64%
State Total	\$20,500.69	\$21,287.70	\$21,937.33	\$22,843.79	4.1%		100%

FIGURE 6.1 - East Michigan Visitor Spending by County

Source: Tourism Economics

East Michigan Region							
County	Employment		Share of Region	Share of State	Share of County	Labor Income, (Millions)	
	Direct	Total				Direct	Total
Genesee County	5,262	7,987	43.5%	2.4%	6.1%	\$108.00	\$198.60
Huron County	880	1,268	6.9%	0.4%	11.6%	\$14.59	\$25.97
Lapeer County	1,256	1,829	10.0%	0.6%	8.8%	\$23.52	\$41.67
St. Clair County	2,085	3,065	16.7%	0.9%	7.0%	\$40.25	\$71.37
Sanilac County	898	1,295	7.1%	0.4%	11.8%	\$20.51	\$35.78
Shiawassee County	1,092	1,587	8.6%	0.5%	10.0%	\$20.38	\$35.96
Tuscola County	929	1,333	7.3%	0.4%	11.6%	\$15.21	\$26.76
Region Total	7,140	18,364		5.6%		\$242.46	\$436.11
State Total	214,333	326,685			8.1%	\$5,660.85	\$10,604.62

FIGURE 6.2 - East Michigan Tourism Direct and Total Tourism Jobs by County, 2014

Source: Tourism Economics

IV. COMMUNITY INPUT

To comply with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation Open Space and Greenway Plans, the Village of Sebewaing offered three opportunities for public input along with a 65-day period for review and comment on the draft plan.

The first opportunity for public input was through a community survey, the second at a public meeting held on June 7, 2018 and the third opportunity was a public hearing held on October 15, 2018.

As part of the Village of Sebewaing's Master Planning process, the Master Plan Steering Committee undertook a community survey in order to gather feedback on a variety of questions related to the Master Plan and Recreation Master Plan. The survey was open for three weeks, from January 29, 2018 through February 16, 2018 and was available to stakeholders on-line through QuestionPro as well as in paper format. The paper surveys were available at the Village Office and Sebewaing Light and Water Office. Steering Committee members also distributed paper surveys at businesses in the Village and at the meetings they attended during the three weeks the survey was open. A copy of the survey questions, along with a link to the survey response report can be found in Appendix C.

SURVEY RESULTS

ABOUT THE RESPONDENTS

A total of 127 respondents completed the survey, with another 83 who started but did not complete the survey. The project team transcribed the paper survey responses into QuestionPro prior to running an analysis of results to ensure all responses were captured online. A copy of the survey and results are available on line at <https://www.questionpro.com/t/PDOh5ZbTq6>.

The community survey contained 22 questions and respondents were first asked basic questions about their relationship to the Village of Sebewaing including if they are a resident, how long they've lived in the Village, and their age. The majority of respondents (63.8%) were current residents of the Village and just over a third of respondents (34.4%) have lived in the Village for 30 years or more. Of the visitors and past residents that participated in the survey (about 20% of respondents), the vast majority of them come to Sebewaing more than 12 times per year. The majority of survey participants were evenly distributed between 25 years old and 64 years old.

SURVEY RESPONSE OVERVIEW

Survey respondents expressed desire to maintain and enhance the existing park and recreational facilities and to optimize utilization of Sebewaing's many natural resources for residents and visitors alike. A link to the full survey questions and responses can be found in Appendix C, however, an overview is provided below.

- Maintaining existing park and recreational facilities and attracting more visitors/ tourists were both rated as high priority.
- Access to lakes and rivers, tourism, and preservation, protections, and enhancements of natural resources were rated as important to the future of Sebewaing.
- Wild life habitat and public land and open spaces were rated highest for natural resources needing to be protected and enhanced.
- Boating and fishing, other recreation (kayaks, biking, etc.), outdoor events (farmers markets, flea markets, tournaments, etc.), and camping were rated highest priority for attracting more visitors and tourists to Sebewaing.
- Developing walking paths and bike routes to improve active transportation assets were rated as high priority.
- Attracting more healthcare and related services was rated as medium priority.

PUBLIC MEETING OVERVIEW

On the evening of June 7, 2018, a public meeting was held to discuss the Village of Sebewaing Recreation Plan update and the Master Plan. The meeting was publicized on the Village's website, on social media, on the local radio station, and during other village meetings. Using sticker voting, the 24 attendees had the opportunity to show their support or dissent for the four goals outlined in the Recreation Plan. The result of the sticker voting was that all attendees voting agreed with the proposed goals and activities outlined in the draft Recreation Plan. After the sticker voting ended, participants had a discussion about the purpose of the Recreation Plan update and what they would like to see included in the recreation plan. Meeting attendees indicated they would like to see winter recreation activities added to increase the recreation opportunities for residents and visitors all year- round.

V. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Developing goals and objectives is an important part of the recreation planning process. The overall goal of parks and recreation departments is to provide recreational opportunities for the community and/or region it serves, and possibly for tourists. More specific goals must be based on the demographic characteristics of the population served and the physical and environmental characteristics of the area.

During the course of the planning process, four goals and associated objectives were developed. Goals are general guidelines for what the community wants to achieve. The objectives describe the specific future condition to carry out each goal. The Action Program is the last level and the most specific. It outlines specific projects that have been identified.



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GOAL 1

Provide safe, broad community-based recreation opportunities that improve the overall quality of life for all residents in the Village of Sebawaing.

- Objective: Add facilities to Sebawaing parks for all age groups and abilities based upon community input and need.
- Objective: Improve and promote year-round, accessible recreational opportunities along the Sebawaing River for residents and visitors of Sebawaing.

GOAL 2

Preserve and enhance the natural features and environment of the Village of Sebewaing through sustainable implementation methods.

- Objective: Promote sustainable infrastructure in Sebewaing where areas of poor infrastructure exist.
- Objective: Limit infrastructure in areas where floodplains exist to promote low-development recreational based projects.
- Objective: Increase the quality of life of the Village of Sebewaing's natural environment.

GOAL 3

Promote walkability between recreational opportunities in the Village of Sebewaing.

- Objective: Connect the Historic River District area to recreational opportunities through wayfinding and proper signage.
- Objective: Improve and maintain facilities in parks and on walking routes to increase ease of use, accessibility, and safety.

GOAL 4

Attract and enhance opportunities for recreation-based tourism in Sebewaing

- Objective: Increase and advertise the outdoor amenities in Sebewaing to allow the Village to become a tourist destination year-round.
- Objective: Use the existing and future recreational opportunities to draw in visitors from outside of Sebewaing and Huron County.

VI. ACTION PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION

This Recreation Plan is intended to be a guiding document for the Village of Sebewaing in terms of goals and capital improvements. The Village worked hard to determine the need for different improvements and the potential users who would benefit from the improvements. The Village is dedicated to providing recreation opportunities for residents of all ages and abilities, ensuring that all improvements and upgrades to facilities are handicap accessible.

In addition, potential users include not only residents from the Village of Sebewaing, but also residents located in other nearby communities who are part of the Unionville-Sebewaing Area School District. As a provider of recreational opportunities to these other local jurisdictions, the Village of Sebewaing considers its relationships to these people a critical component to the success of this action program.

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

IDENTIFIED PROJECTS

1. Non-Motorized Walking Trail

An interconnected walking trail throughout the Village of Sebewaing will connect the Historic River District area to some of the town's natural features and Saginaw Bay. At the request of the village stakeholders, this trail will provide new recreational opportunities while promoting safety, walkability, and outdoor recreation. During the winter months, the non-motorized walking trail will be open and marketed towards winter-time recreational uses, such as cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

2. Kayak Launch

A designated kayak launch will improve water safety and accessibility to Saginaw Bay for village residents and visitors. The only official kayak launch in the Village is also the Sebewaing Harbor Marina boat launch. Village stakeholders have expressed concerns for safety when small and large boats are utilizing the same facility.

3. Playscape at the Main Park

Replacing the playscape at the Main Park will ensure the park amenities are maintained into the future and continue to provide a safe and attractive place for families to enjoy the park and recreation opportunities in the Village. The playscape was built in 2000 with a life expectancy of 20 years. Given its current condition, it is estimated its useful life will expire within the next 5 years and the structure will need to be replaced.



4. Village of Sebewaing Signage

Improved signage will increase connectivity between the roughly 40 acres of forested area, nature trails, Sebewaing public parks, and the Bay Shore Camp. Currently there is minimal signage throughout the village, limiting the ability of residents and visitors to utilize recreational assets. Improved signage will promote recreational utilization for residents and visitors. Increased connectivity between recreational facilities will also promote tourism in the village, a stated interest of village stakeholders.

5. Village Park Walking Loop

A walking loop around the Village Main Park and Village South Park will improve utilization of the largest and most popular park in the village for residents of all ages and abilities. Improved parks and park equipment were a stated priority of village residents. A walking loop around the Main and South Parks will improve utilization among the aging residential village population.

6. Park at 249 North Center Street (the former Lapeer Metal Stamping (LMS) site)

The 249 North Center Street property is a brownfield site in the heart of downtown Sebewaing. Planning and design work has taken place to begin exploring the remediation and redevelopment options for the site. A concept plan for the site, shown in Appendix E, envisions a portion to be used as park space, creating additional park space in the Village of Sebewaing.

7. Recreation Facilities at the South Park

Identified projects include updating the basketball and tennis courts, adding a pickleball court, and building a pavilion near these courts for park-goers. Seating near the horseshoe pits was also identified as a needed improvement.

FINANCING POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

Funding for parks and recreation capital improvements can come from a myriad of local, state, and federal public programs as well as private groups and foundations. Grant funding is available for parks and recreation projects. However, applicants need to target potential funding agencies and programs very carefully so as to meet the specific criteria required. A current listing of programs and agencies that can provide funding for parks and recreation projects is contained in Appendix D.

VII. HARBOR PLAN

INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL PURPOSE

Beginning in 2015, to be eligible for Michigan State Waterways Grants, a harbor in Michigan is required to be included in a community's Recreation Plan. The discussion on the following pages covers the required elements.

Name of Facility: Sebewaing Harbor Marina

Location: 700 W Sebewaing Street
Sebewaing, Michigan 48759



The general purpose of the Sebewaing Harbor Marina is to provide recreation opportunities for boaters and fisherman throughout the Midwest.

SIZE OF FACILITY AND ADA ACCESSIBILITY

After a large section of dock was damaged by ice during the winter of 2014, 24 boat slips were removed, reducing the number of boat slips from 104 to the current 80 slips. The facility includes a four place boat launch. This is currently the right size for the existing demand and use.

The facilities were compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) when built, however, improvements need to be made in order to maintain accessibility (See Large Scale Maintenance and Replacement Schedule).

SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Village of Sebewaing Site Development Plan includes two projects, which are outlined below with the anticipated cost:

- Build a 1,800 square foot open air pavilion for community use: \$45,000
- Install kayak facilities: \$7,000

MARKETING PLAN

Marketing is handled by the subcontractor who manages the marina. The subcontractor maintains a web site (www.sebewaingharbor.com) that can take reservations and provide general information about the marina. Brochures are available and distributed around the county. The marina information can also be viewed from other web sites such as www.marinas.com, www.Michigan.org, the village website – www.sebewaingmi.gov, and the Sebewaing Area Chamber of Commerce site, www.sebewaingchamber.com.

The subcontractor markets the marina at two trade shows per year that are involved with boating, sportsmen, and fishing. He also plans to increase marketing efforts to pilots because the marina is directly adjacent to the small Sebawaing Township Airport.

EVENTS PLAN

The Sebawaing Chamber of Commerce and the marina subcontractor sponsor a fishing contest at the marina during the annual Michigan Sugar Festival in June.

PARTNERING PLAN

The Sebawaing Harbor Marina is operated jointly as a partnership between the Village of Sebawaing and Sebawaing Township. Day to day management of the facility is subcontracted to a private individual who also owns and manages the Sebawaing River Campground across the river.

DREDGING CYCLES

The channel leading into the marina normally needs dredging approximately every three to five years, depending on water levels. Approximately 70,000 to 100,000 cubic yards of dirt are removed during the dredging. The Village uses three different confined disposal facilities (CDF's) for the spoils. Two are adjacent to the channel and the third is located approximately ¼ mile to the south. Currently, the harbor is in a 5- to 7-year dredge cycle, with the last dredging completed in 2016.

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULES

Daily/Weekly

Marina facilities are maintained on a daily basis during the operational season. Restrooms are cleaned, grass is mowed, and docks and ramps are kept clean and maintained.

Seasonally

At the beginning of each season, all buildings and facilities are inspected and maintained as needed. This includes inspecting the plumbing, roofs, and parking areas. The mechanical connections that transmit the lateral load on the floating docks are inspected annually to check for fatigue. The floats are inspected to insure proper buoyancy is being maintained.

Annual Maintenance Schedule and Cost

Task	Cost
Winterization	\$750.00
Painting	\$2,500.00
Minor electrical repairs	\$1,500.00
Equipment	\$2,800.00
Dock repair lumber	\$3,500.00
Startup costs	\$2,100.00
Minor plumbing repairs	\$1,900.00
TOTAL	\$15,050.00

Other Annual Expenses		
Annual supplies	Tools	
	Office Supplies	\$2,200.00
	Bathroom supplies ie: cleaning supplies	
Annual Services	Trash pickup	\$1,200.00
	Weed control aquatic	\$4,100.00
	Weed control landscape	\$1,300.00
	Landscape maintenance (mowing)	\$3,100.00
	Winter maintenance (snow plow and salt)	\$3,900.00
	Sewer and water	\$1,000.00
	Electrical utilities	\$6,000.00
TOTAL ANNUAL EXPENSES		\$22,800.00

SMALL SCALE INFRASTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE

A series of small scale infrastructure and equipment replacements and repairs are needed regularly to maintain operations at the marina. Costs for these replacements and repairs are outlined in the tables below.

Minor and Small Scale Infrastructure and Equipment Replacement	
New dock carts	\$1,200.00
Bath stalls throughout	\$1,300.00
New signage	\$5,000.00
TOTAL	\$7,500.00

Minor Infrastructure Repairs	
Parking lot striping and sealcoating	\$26,000.00
Lighting upgrades parking areas	\$3,300.00
Pump out replacement	\$2,900.00
Shower redesign	\$7,500.00
TOTAL	\$39,700.00

LARGE SCALE MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE

The floating docks at the Sebewaing Harbor Marina need a regular replacement schedule. As the docks near the end of their life span, the marina manager will begin working with the Waterways Program at the Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Parks and Recreation Division to develop a regular schedule for replacing a section or sections of dock at a time. They would like to avoid having to replace all of the docks at one time. In addition, the boat launch skid piers need to be replaced every five years.

The marina manager would also like to improve handicap accessibility at the docks. This is due to the fact that when lake levels fluctuate, the ramping from the perimeter walkway to the docks may not meet code requirements for accessibility.

Large Scale Maintenance and Replacement Schedules		
<i>Project</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Cost</i>
Re-roof harbor master, bathroom, and annex buildings	2019	\$45,000.00
Make ADA compliant parking and sidewalk area surrounding bait shop	2020	\$18,500.00
Replace or re-deck A dock with compliant ADA ramp due to fluctuation of water levels	2021	\$235,000.00
Replace or re-deck B dock	2022	\$235,000.00
Replace or re-deck C dock	2023	\$155,000.00
Replace or re-deck D dock/skid piers	2024	\$91,000.00
Total		\$779,500.00



VII. SUMMARY AND ADOPTION

A COMMUNITY PLAN

PROCESS

In its continuing effort to provide quality recreational opportunities for its citizens, the Village of Sebewaing has developed this Recreation Master Plan as a tool to guide the development of Community Park and recreational facilities and locations over the next five years. This plan is an update of the Village's most recent plan which was adopted in 2014. The plan will provide the Village eligibility for grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to assist the community in reaching its recreational goals.



The Village of Sebewaing contracted with Delta Institute to assist them with updating the Parks & Recreation Master Plan. During the development of the plan, three opportunities for input and participation were provided. The first public input opportunity was an online survey seeking opinions regarding recreation in the Village of Sebewaing. The second was a public meeting, held on June 7, 2018. Both opportunities are described in the Community Input section of this plan. Based upon the existing information and the public input, the village developed goals and objectives for parks and recreation in the Village of Sebewaing for the next five years. The Village then created an action program to accomplish the goals and objectives of the plan. The third opportunity was during the 65-day public comment period and at the public hearing held after the public comment period.

REVIEW AND ADOPTION

The draft Village Recreation Plan document was made available for review beginning on July 16, 2018 at the Village Office and on the Village website. This viewing opportunity was advertised in the Huron Daily Tribune newspaper and on the local radio station. The third opportunity for community input occurred at the advertised public hearing held prior to adoption of the plan. This meeting was held on October 15, 2018 at the Village Office.

After the public hearing, on October 15, 2018, the Sebewaing Village Council adopted the Parks & Recreation Master Plan on November 5, 2018. Copies of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan were transmitted to the Huron County Planning office, the East Central Michigan Council of Governments and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in _____ of 201_. Copies of the notification advertisements, the public hearing minutes, and the resolution are included in Appendix F.

APPENDIX A

PARKS & RECREATION BUDGET INFORMATION

SEBEWAING PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGET 2017-2018, 2018-2019

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2017-18 ORIGINAL BUDGET	2017-18 AMENDED BUDGET	2018-19 ORIGINAL BUDGET	2018-19 AMENDED BUDGET
EXPENDITURES					
Dept 751 - RECREATION/PARKS DEPARTMENT					
101-751-704.001	ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGE	5,200.00	5,200.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
101-751-706.000	PAYROLL	8,820.00	10,820.00	8,820.00	8,820.00
101-751-706.800	PAYROLL - DNR PARK GRANT		575.00		
101-751-707.000	PAYROLL - PART TIME PARKS	9,300.00	6,000.00	9,300.00	9,300.00
101-751-715.000	EMPLOYERS FICA	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
101-751-716.000	HOSPITALIZATION	3,500.00	4,450.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
101-751-717.000	INSURANCE - OTHER	350.00	350.00	450.00	450.00
101-751-718.000	RETIREMENT	1,450.00	1,700.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
101-751-751.000	GASOLINE	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
101-751-756.000	SUPPLIES	1,900.00	3,400.00	1,900.00	1,900.00
101-751-804.800	ENGINEERING - DNR PARK GRANT	26,000.00	25,425.00		
101-751-806.000	ACCOUNTING SERVICES	10.00	10.00	60.00	60.00
101-751-807.000	AUDIT FEES	230.00	230.00	1,390.00	1,390.00
101-751-819.800	CONTRACTORS - DNR PARK GRANT	177,000.00	177,000.00		
101-751-881.000	RECREATION	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
101-751-883.000	RECREATION PLAN	1,835.00	1,185.00		2,000.00
101-751-910.000	PROPERTY INSURANCE	3,100.00	3,200.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
101-751-921.000	ELECTRICITY	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
101-751-924.000	SEWER-WATER CHARGES	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
101-751-927.000	UTILITIES		200.00		300.00
101-751-935.000	REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE	4,500.00	3,450.00	6,530.00	6,230.00
101-751-939.000	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00
101-751-962.000	MISCELLANEOUS	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
101-751-962.668	MISC - PARK RENTAL REFUND	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
101-751-962.800	MISC - DNR PARK GRANT	17,000.00	17,000.00		
101-751-971.000	CAPITAL OUTLAY - OVER \$5000			10,000.00	10,000.00
Totals for dept 751 - RECREATION/PARKS DEPARTMENT		266,045.00	266,045.00	57,000.00	59,000.00

APPENDIX B

MDNR GRANT HISTORY



Grant History

Grantee

Village of Sebewaing - Huron County

Project No. 26-00449	Project County: Huron	Project Year: 1972
Project Title: Sebewaing Harbor and Marina Boat Launch		
Project Status:	Grant Closed	Grant Amount: \$32,946.17

Project Description: Acquire .72 acres. Develop 4 acres to include picnic area, playground equip., parking, boat launch area, lighting, landscaping, site improvement and comfort station.

Project No. 26-00623	Project County: Huron	Project Year: 1975
Project Title: North Side Neighborhood Park		
Project Status:	Grant Closed	Grant Amount: \$3,023.40

Project Description: Site improvement, water fountain, parking, picnic equipment, basketball, court, paly equipment, and LWCF sign

Project No. 26-00817	Project County: Huron	Project Year: 1976
Project Title: Village Park		
Project Status:	Grant Closed	Grant Amount: \$8,864.29

Project Description: Restrooms/storage building with utilities, site improvements, and LWCF sign

Project No. 26-01023 M	Project County: Huron	Project Year: 1977
Project Title: Village Park		
Project Status:	Grant Closed	Grant Amount: \$8,562.05

Project Description: Park shelter, picnic equipment, LWCF sign.

Project No. TF89-009	Project County: Huron	Project Year: 1989
Project Title: Sebewaing Harbor and Marina		
Project Status:	Grant Closed	Grant Amount: \$215,300.00

Project Description: To acquire 6 parcels of land totaling 2.04 acres for future development of a recreational harbor with approximately 72 boat slips.



Grant History

Grantee

Village of Sebewaing - Huron County

Project No. TF92-289

Project County: Huron

Project Year: 1992

Project Title: Muellerweiss Park

Project Status: Grant Closed

Grant Amount: \$112,500.00

Scope Item:

- EDC contingencies
- Fishing platform
- Landscaping
- Lighting
- Public restroom
- Signage

Project Description: Develop handicapped accessible river fishing platforms, public restrooms, landscaping and lighting along the Sebewaing River.

Project No. TF03-001

Project County: Huron

Project Year: 2003

Project Title: Village Park

Project Status: Grant Closed

Grant Amount: \$36,500.00

Project Description: Acquisition in fee simple title of 5.5 acres to expand the size of the existing park for parking and park improvements.

Project No. 26-01762

Project County: Huron

Project Year: 2015

Project Title: Village Park Restroom Building

Project Status: Grant Closed

Grant Amount: \$100,000.00

Scope Item:

- Access Pathway 6' wide or more
- Drinking Fountain
- Program Acknowledgement Sign
- Restroom Building

Project Description: Construction of a new accessible restroom building in the Sebewaing Village Park that will replace an old and outdated facility. The new building will include a utility room and concession area.

Total Number of Projects: 8

Total Amount of Grant Given: \$517,695.91

APPENDIX C

COMMUNITY INPUT SURVEY

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING MASTER PLAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

Thank you for taking the time to answer the Village of Sebewaing's Master Plan Community Survey! Your responses will help inform the recommendations and action strategies that will be included in the final plan. Your opinions are vital to the Master Plan process. The survey should take about 10 minutes to complete and your responses will be kept confidential. Please submit your responses to the Village Office no later than **Friday, February 16, 2018**. Please contact Office@sebewaingmi.gov or 989-883-2150 with any questions regarding the survey or the Master Plan process.

1. Are you a current resident of the Village of Sebewaing? Yes No, I am a past resident No, I am a visitor/tourist Other: _____

2. If you are a resident or past resident, how long have/did you live here? Less than 2 years 6-9 years 20-29 years I am a visitor/tourist
 2-5 years 10-19 years 30 or more years

3. If you are a visitor/tourist, how often do you visit? Once a year More than 12 times a year
 2-5 times a year I have visited the Village, but do not visit regularly
 6-12 times a year I am a resident of Sebewaing

4. Do you work in the Village of Sebewaing or Sebewaing Township? Yes No

5. What is your age? Under 18 25-34 45-54 65-74
 18-24 35-44 55-64 75+

6. What is your main occupation? Agriculture related Education Retired
 Retail/Food service Manufacturing Unemployed
 Business Government Other: _____
 Healthcare Student

7. What issues do you believe are very important to the future of the Village of Sebewaing? *Select up to three.*

<input type="checkbox"/> Access to lakes and rivers	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical care
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of scenic character
<input type="checkbox"/> Economic development/job creation	<input type="checkbox"/> Community safety
<input type="checkbox"/> Education options	<input type="checkbox"/> Tourism
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing choices	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure expansion/maintenance	
<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation, protections, and enhancement of natural resources	
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation choices (walking, biking, bus)	

8. How would you characterize the quality of life in the Village of Sebewaing? Excellent Generally good Below average No opinion
 Improving Deteriorating Poor

9. Why do you live in the Village of Sebewaing? *Select up to three.*

<input type="checkbox"/> Born and raised here	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety/low crime
<input type="checkbox"/> Close to family and friends	<input type="checkbox"/> Affordable and quality housing
<input type="checkbox"/> Like rural living	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreational opportunities
<input type="checkbox"/> Saginaw Bay	<input type="checkbox"/> Quality of schools
<input type="checkbox"/> Like the community	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't live in the Village of Sebewaing
<input type="checkbox"/> Retired here	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Job availability	

10. List the 3 things that would improve your quality of life if they were available in the Village of Sebewaing.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

11. List the 3 major challenges facing the Village of Sebewaing.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

12. What services/products/new businesses would you like access to in the Village of Sebewaing that are not currently available?

13. What priority do you think should be given to the following?	High	Medium	Low
a. Attracting more industrial businesses.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Attracting more healthcare services (hospitals, senior care, urgent care, primary care physicians).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Attracting more retail and other services (restaurants, lodging, legal services, repair services, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Attracting more visitors/tourists.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Maintaining existing park and recreational facilities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Developing local walking paths and bike routes to improve access to different areas of Sebewaing.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Maintaining natural areas and limiting development.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Maintaining quality of housing.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Continuing to enforce the blight ordinance.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Developing more hotels and motels for visitors/tourists.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

14. What is your opinion of the following statements:	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. The mix of housing in the Village of Sebewaing meets the community's needs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Adequate affordable housing is available.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Adequate senior housing/retirement housing is available.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Short-term rental options for visitors/tourists should be allowed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. What other housing issues should be considered?					

15. What is your opinion of the following statements:	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. The Village needs a range of residential and light industrial uses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The Village of Sebewaing needs more commercial businesses in the community.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The Village of Sebewaing needs to focus development on the tourist industry.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

16. What priority should be given to the following to attract more visitors/tourists?	High	Medium	Low
a. Agritourism	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Camping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Boating and fishing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Birding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Hunting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Village parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Other recreation (kayaks, biking, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Lodging options (hotels, motels, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Events (farmers markets, flea market, tournaments, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. Sebewaing <i>does not</i> need to attract more visitors/tourists	Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Neutral <input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>

17. What aspects of sustainability, resilience, and natural resources need to be protected or enhanced in the Village of Sebewaing? <i>Please select up to three.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Clean water	<input type="checkbox"/> Public lands and open spaces	<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce/reuse/recycle
	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife and habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Quiet surroundings	<input type="checkbox"/> None
	<input type="checkbox"/> Scenery and open vistas	<input type="checkbox"/> Dark night skies	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

18. What priority should be given to the following capital improvements?	High	Medium	Low
a. Drinking water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Stormwater/drainage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Sanitary sewer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Electric	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Internet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Roads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Parks/park equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

19. What waterfront recreation would you like to see and where in the Village of Sebewaing?

20. What is your opinion of the following statements:	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. The location and number of walking paths needs to be improved	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The location and number of bike lanes needs to be improved	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

21. What else can be done to improve transportation access to different places throughout the Village of Sebewaing?

22. Any additional comments regarding the Master Plan or what you would like to see for the future of Sebewaing?

A copy of the survey and results are available online at:

<https://www.questionpro.com/t/PDOh5ZbTq6>

APPENDIX D

PROGRAMS AND AGENCIES PROVIDING FUNDING FOR PARKS AND RECREATION

Recreational Trails Program Grants

- **Match Requirement:** n/a, priority given to projects that are leveraging additional funding sources.
- **Grant Amounts:** n/a
- **Type:** DNR applicant. Priority given to projects that align with Michigan Comprehensive Trails Plan
- **Objective:** To fund the maintenance and development of recreational trails and trail related facilities.
- **Application Deadline:** June 26
- **Website:** https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-350-79134_81684_79209_83740---,00.html

Waterways Program Grants

- **Match Requirement:** 50%, can be funded source.
- **Grant Amounts:** 50% of the estimated project cost.
- **Type:** Local Government and Stakeholders applicant. Engineering study, demand analysis, harbor logs required.
- **Objective:** Waterways Program grants provide funding assistance for design and construction of public recreational harbor/marina (grant-in-aid harbors) and boating access site/launch facilities. Funds are available for engineering studies and infrastructure improvement projects at state-sponsored harbor/mooring and boating access site/launch facilities.
- **Application Deadline:** April 1
- **Website:** https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-350-79134_81684_79209_80306---,00.html

Natural Resources Trust Fund

- **Match Requirement:** 25%
- **Grant Amounts:** \$15,000 - \$300,000 for development; n/a for land acquisition
- **Type:** Local Government applicant.
- **Objective:** The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) projects provide for natural resource protection and outdoor recreation. By law, no more than 25 percent of the Trust Fund revenues available for appropriation each year can be used for development, therefore the majority of funding is allocated for acquisition projects. Final grant recommendations are made by the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Board (members are appointed by the Governor) to the state legislature for final approval.
- **Application Deadline:** April 1
- **Website:** http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-35079134_81684_79209_81657---,00.html

Recreation Passport Grant

- **Match Requirement:** 25%
- **Grant Amounts:** \$7,500 - \$150,000
- **Type:** Local Government applicant.
- **Objective:** Provide funding to local units for the development of public recreation facilities. This includes the development of new facilities and the renovation of old facilities.
- **Application Deadline:** April 1
- **Website:** https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-350-79134_81684_79209_81659---,00.html

Land and Water Conservation Fund

- **Match Requirement:** 50% of project cost, can be funded source.
- **Grant Amounts:** \$30,000 - \$300,000
- **Type:** Local Government applicant. Applications are evaluated using established criteria and alignment with Michigan's Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). The criteria used to evaluate the projects is Need for the Project, Site and Project Quality, Applicant History, Financial Need of the Applicant, Quality of the Overall Park Design, Project Facilities/Scope Items and Universal Access Design
- **Objective:** Provide grants to local governments for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities.
- **Application Deadline:** April 1
- **Website:** https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-350-79134_81684_79209_81655---,00.html

Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program

- **Match Requirement:** 10%, can be in the form of cash, donation of materials, equipment or supplies, staff or volunteer hours.
- **Grant Amounts:** \$25,000 min, \$60,000 - \$400,000 max
- **Type:** Local Government applicant. Projects must support the overall goals of the MISGP:
 - Prevent new invasive species introductions.
 - Strengthen statewide invasive species early detection and response network.
 - Limit the dispersal of recently confirmed invasive species.
 - Manage and control widespread, long-established invasive species.
- **Objective:** To address strategic issues of prevention, detection, eradication and control for both terrestrial invasive species (TIS) and aquatic invasive species (AIS) in Michigan.
- **Application Deadline:** pre proposal June 13, full proposal mid-September
- **Website:** <https://www.michigan.gov/invasives/0,5664,7-324-71276---,00.html>

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

- **Match Requirement:** 20% of project cost. Priority given to applications that exceed the minimum match. Average match is 35%.
- **Grant Amounts:** n/a
- **Type:** Local Government applicant. Application can be done with partner state agency, local group, etc.
- **Objective:** Fund projects, such as bicycle facilities, shared-use paths, streetscape improvements that improve pedestrian safety, and historic preservation of transportation facilities that enhance Michigan's intermodal transportation system, promote walkability, and improve quality of life for Michigan citizens
- **Application Deadline:** n/a, contact coordinator before beginning application.
- **Website:** https://www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,1607,7-151-9621_17216_18231---,00.html

Coastal Zone Management Program Grant Funding

- **Match Requirement:** 1:1 match, may be in form of cash, in-kind services, or donations.
- **Grant Amounts:** \$10,000 - \$100,000
- **Type:** Coastal Local Government applicant.
- **Objective:** Promotes wise management of the cultural and natural resources of Michigan's Great Lakes coastal areas by fostering environmental stewardship through the development and application of tools, science-based policies, and effective regulation.
- **Application Deadline:** December 15
- **Website:** https://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/OGL_Coastal_Program_FY19_Grants_Funding_Opportunity_603491_7.pdf

Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network Grants

- **Match Requirement:** n/a, project viability assessed on other funding sources.
- **Grant Amounts:** n/a
- **Type:** Local Government application. 5 focus areas of applications:
 - Agriculture and Pollution Prevention
 - Communication / Regional Marketing
 - Land Use
 - Water Resources Wildlife Stewardship
- **Objective:** Balance economic, environmental and social priorities to enhance quality of life for this and future generations.
- **Application Deadline:** n/a, funds awarded twice per year.
- **Website:** http://www.saginawbaywin.org/uploads/WIN_Application_Fillable_Form15.pdf

Great Lakes Fisheries Trust (GLFT)

- Objective –improve or create shore-based Great Lakes recreational access.
- Must be located on the Great lakes or lower portions of major tributaries
- Matching funds not required but projects with local funding will be favored.
- Due in August/September
- www.glft.org

Michigan Coastal Management Grants

- Protect, manage and restore coastal communities and habitats
- Restore historic structures
- Revitalize urban waterfronts
- Increase recreational opportunities along Michigan's Great Lakes coast

- Applicant must be a coastal unit of government
- Maximum grant request - \$50,000
- Match requirements – 50% (some flexibility in match for non-construction projects that result in changes to local master plans or zoning ordinances, regional greenways, or include conservation planning)
- Eligible projects
 - Studies, Designs and Land Use Plans – must have a direct connection to coastal planning and/or resource protection.
 - Construction – boardwalks, trails, lighthouse preservation, habitat restoration, scenic overlook, etc.
- Due annually on May 1
- www.michigan.gov/deqcoastal

OTHERS PROGRAMS TO CONSIDER:

Coastal Program – Great Lakes – US Fish and Wildlife Service

- Grants to conserve fish and wildlife and their habitats and to support healthy coastal ecosystems
- Rolling application process
- www.fws.gov/coastal/coastalgrants/index.html

Specific sports and sports foundations

- United States Tennis Association (USTA)
 - funding for tennis courts and programs
 - www.usta.com

- Major League Baseball
 - Baseball Tomorrow Fund
 - www.baseballtomorrow.com
- United States Soccer
 - www.ussoccerfoundation.org

Safe Routes to School

- For projects near elementary and middle schools:
 - Sidewalks
 - Traffic calming and speed reduction
 - Pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements
 - On-street and off-street bicycle facilities
 - Off-street pedestrian facilities
 - Traffic diversion improvements in the vicinity of schools
- Need to complete the safe routes planning process to apply
- www.saferoutesmichigan.org

Trust for Public Land (TPL)

- Conservation Transactions
 TPL helps structure, negotiate, and complete land transactions that create parks, playgrounds, and protected natural areas. TPL serves as an independent agent, buying land from willing landowners and then transferring it to public agencies, land trusts, or other groups for protection. www.tpl.org

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Grants

- Must be part of a watershed management plan
- Projects aimed at reducing nonpoint source pollution (streambank and shoreline stabilization, rain gardens, erosion control, conservation easements)
- 25% match required
- www.michigan.gov/deq - Go to "Water", then "Surface Water" and then to "Non-point Source Pollution".

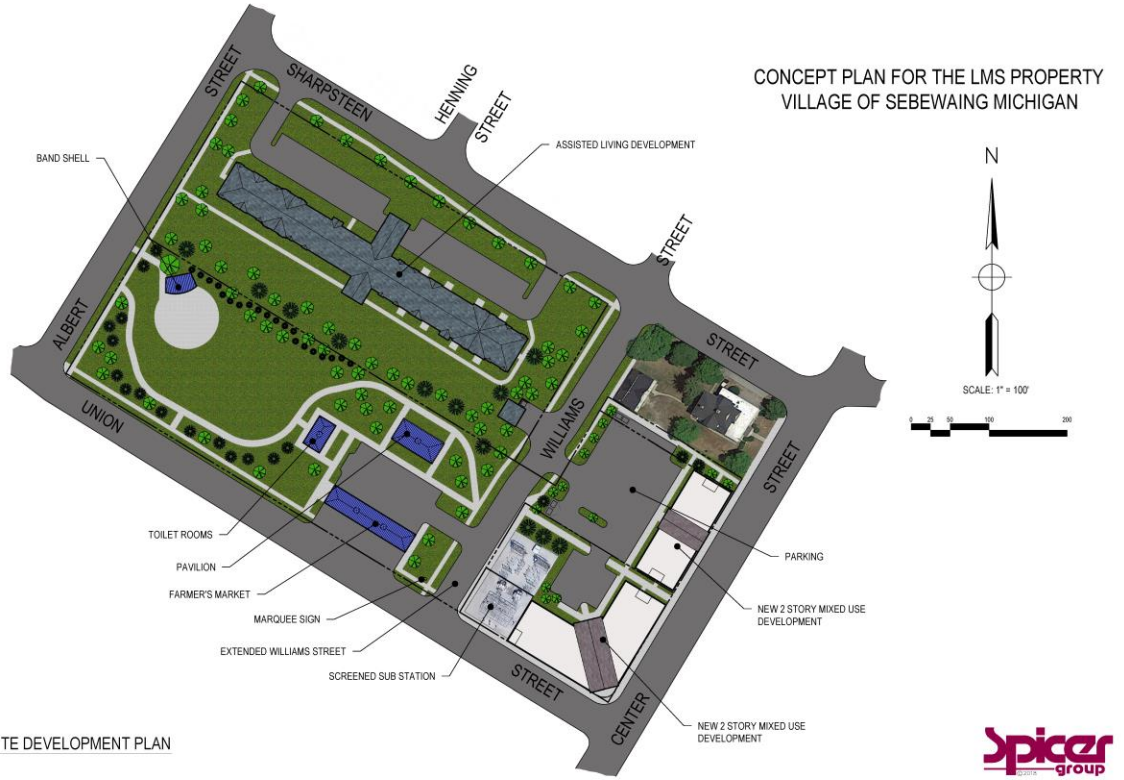
Community Foundations Private Foundations and Endowments (Examples)

- Wickes Foundation
- Strosacker Foundation
- Gerstacker Foundations
- Huron County Community Foundation
- For more complete lists of foundations, search online databases that can be found at nccs.urban.org or foundationcenter.org

KEEP IN MIND...

- Match requirements can usually be in-kind services, donations, or cash,
- Most grants are provided on a reimbursable basis.
- Barrier free accessibility is usually required for improvement projects,
- Multiple partners, multiple jurisdictions can be viewed favorably – think "regional" projects.

CONCEPT PLAN FOR 249 NORTH CENTER STREET (THE FORMER LMS PROPERTY)



APPENDIX F

REVIEW AND ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION