Bayfield County
Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

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ADOPTING THE BAYFIELD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN

WHEREAS, Bayfield County, has developed a comprehensive outdoor recreation plan; and

WHEREAS, this plan outlines foreseeable outdoor recreation facility needs of Bayfield County that can be adequately maintained; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors hereby formally adopt the Bayfield County Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan as the official policy statement for the development of outdoor recreation programs and facilities in Bayfield County.

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I, Scott S. Fibert, Bayfield County Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Volume 22, adopted by the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors at their meeting held on the _____ day of ______, 2010.

Scott S. Fibert, Bayfield County Clerk
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Introduction

Bayfield County is the second largest county in Wisconsin containing 966,000 acres and it has abundant land and water recreational resources. This updated plan will serve as a guide for the development of existing and future outdoor recreation areas and facilities in the county to meet the recreational needs of its residents and visitors.

The plan is a cooperative effort between Bayfield County and its many municipalities and one tribal government. Development and adoption of this updated recreation plan will enable Bayfield County and other governmental entities in the county to be eligible to apply for a number of outdoor recreational grant programs including: the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LAWCON), the Aids for the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks Program, the Aid for the Acquisition of Urban Green Space Program, and the Urban Rivers Grant Program.
Goals and Objectives

The overall goal of the Bayfield County Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan is as follows:

Goal

Provide a guide for the development of outdoor recreation areas and facilities in Bayfield County to meet the outdoor recreational needs of county residents and visitors.

In order to help attain this goal, a number of plan objectives have been identified, including:

Objectives

1. Promote the development and maintenance of quality recreation areas, parks and facilities in the county.

2. Identify the responsibility of the county and other governmental entities within the county to provide areas and facilities for recreational activities.

3. Help protect important aesthetic and environmental resources in the county for recreational uses through acquisition, easements and zoning.

4. Identify the outdoor recreational needs in the county.

5. Provide eligibility to the county and other governmental entities within the county to apply for federal and state grant funding programs for outdoor recreation areas and facilities.
Definitions & Standards

Definitions

Neighborhood Park

A neighborhood park provides open space for passive recreation for all ages within a neighborhood, particularly for the elderly and mothers with young children. An ideal neighborhood park site is scenic or wooded and located a maximum of one-quarter mile, which is normal walking distance, from primary users. Suggested minimum size for this type of park is one acre. Site development should include sidewalk, benches, landscaping and a designated tot lot with sandboxes and play devices for preschoolers.

Neighborhood Playground

A neighborhood playground is usually provided in conjunction with an elementary school and mostly serves the recreation needs of children 5 to 12 years of age. Its size is dependent on the types of activities it supports and facilities it provides. Playground apparatus, ball fields, basketball courts and open playfields are common in these areas. The service area for such a recreation area is highly variable, but too usually has a radius of one-quarter mile.

Community Park

This type of park usually serves several neighborhoods and is under municipal administration. Although size is not always a sound criterion for classifying parks, it is generally recognized that community parks are more spacious than neighborhood parks or playgrounds. In addition to the kinds of facilities provided at neighborhood parks, these parks may provide swimming pools, picnic areas, more elaborate playfields, shelter and toilet buildings and tennis courts. Community parks serve people of all ages and have an effective service area radius of one-half mile.

City-wide Park

A city-wide park may serve some or all types of a community’s recreation needs. It can provide a wide range of activities for all age groups, or it can be very specific (i.e., a zoo). In addition to some of the facilities provided by other types of parks, city-wide parks may contain areas for nature study, hiking and riding trails, marinas, boat launching, pond fishing and numerous other activities. However, in many Wisconsin communities, a city-wide park is sometimes designated as such not because of its size and/or variety of recreation facilities, but because it is the only park available to the community.

Other types of parks can be found in some of Wisconsin’s cities and villages. However, the ones defined here are sufficient to analyze recreation in Bayfield County. Comparisons of park definitions, areas and services should not be made among the State’s municipalities. Each community is unique in its size and distribution of population; therefore, the classifications applied in a given community depend on how the community’s parks function in meeting local recreation needs. For example, a given park might fall in any one of the four categories above, depending upon the community in which it is located, its particular location within that community, and their size, location and type of facilities.
Specialized Recreation Areas

Golf courses, historic sites, conservancy areas and floodplains are examples of specialized recreation areas. Most of these have limited active recreation value, are undeveloped for recreation, or are not always available for use by the public. Although such areas are not considered in current evaluations made for these municipalities, it must be realized that specialized areas are an important adjunct to a community and its parks program. As future evaluations of recreation opportunities in the county’s cities and villages are undertaken, it may become necessary to include consideration of specialized recreation areas.

Standards

One of the most accepted ways of measuring the adequacy of a community’s parks program is by determining the number of people it serves for has the capacity to serve. This is accomplished by assigning an acreage requirement for each type of park for each 1,000 persons in a community. Further, it is assumed that park distribution within the community is adequate. If such is not the case, careful attention should be given to location for new parks.

For purposes of this study the standard of 12 acres per thousand population is used as a basis for evaluating community programs. This acreage should be distributed among types of parks as follows:

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<td>Total</td>
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Other means of determining the effectiveness of a community’s recreation program in meeting the needs of its citizens are related to the service areas of individual parks and to the type and quality of facilities offered. This is to say that a park must be accessible to the people it is intended to serve and it must provide a high quality recreation experience through its developed facilities and natural amenities. Deficiencies recognized within these categories are, to some extent, the result of a planner’s judgment.
Planning Process

The process used to update the county’s existing outdoor recreation plan, which was last adopted in 2010, was straightforward. Previous county outdoor recreation plans were first reviewed. In February 2015, a letter regarding the Bayfield County outdoor recreation plan update was sent to the 25 towns, 1 village, 2 cities and 1 Tribal government in the county. The letter explained that the Bayfield County Forestry and Parks Department was in the process of preparing an updated comprehensive outdoor recreation plan for the county. It mentioned that the plan would serve as a guide for Tribal and local units of government in acquiring and developing public outdoor parks and other recreation facilities, as well as ensuring that the minimum requirements for eligibility to participate in both state and federal grant programs are met.

As per the letter, communities were asked to review and update their previous list of recommended outdoor recreation facilities. New project recommendations were encouraged. Reviewers were directed to Bayfield County’s website to review the existing plan and to fill out an online update form. The completed *Outdoor Recreation Facilities Inventory & Recommended Projects Form* was then submitted to the Bayfield County Forestry and Parks Department.

The information received back from the various governmental units was then used to update the plan’s outdoor recreation facility inventory and recommendations for outdoor recreation provisions sections.
Past Plans

Past Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans were adopted by the Bayfield County Board in 1981, 1990, 1995, 2006 and 2010. The 1981 and 1990 plans were drafted by Northwest Regional Planning Commission, the 1995 and 2010 plans were written entirely by the Bayfield County Tourism Department and the 2006 plan was written by the Tourism Department and the Bayfield County University of Wisconsin Extension. Using the past outdoor plans as a blueprint, many significant improvements by Bayfield County and several of the communities have been accomplished.
Social & Physical Characteristics of the Region

Social Characteristics of the Region

The estimated 2014 population of Bayfield County is 14,985. This is a slight decrease when compared to the 2010 census of 15,014.

The median age in Bayfield County is 50.0, indicating an older population than the State of Wisconsin, which has a median age of 38.9 years. The population projections foretell a future where the elderly will make up an increasingly larger share of total population. In 2013, approximately 23% of the population in Bayfield County was 65 years and older, compared to less than 15% for the State of Wisconsin.

The history of northern Wisconsin is much like that of the rest of the Upper Great Lakes Region. Logging, mining and agriculture were the basis of the first period of rapid growth. With the decline of these extractive industries came declines in population. In Bayfield County, the population never again reached the peaks attained in 1920 near the end of these early industrial booms. Many years of decline ensued before the rise of the tourism and recreation industry brought new growth. The importance of recreation is clearly shown in the 2000 Census data on recreational homes. Over 40 percent of the county’s homes were recreational.

Physical Characteristics of the Region

The landscape of Bayfield County varies greatly from north to south. A range of hills 10 to 15 miles wide, known as the Bayfield Peninsula Ridge, lies in a northeast-southeast direction at the northeast corner of the county. The ridge is a terminal moraine left between two lobes of the retreating Wisconsin Ice Sheet.

To the southwest, the hills drop abruptly to flat Pine Barrens while to the northwest and southeast they reach Lake Superior. The sandy “Pine Barrens” is a flat plain extending in a belt 10 to 20 miles wide from Bayfield County across Douglas and northern Washburn into Burnett and Polk Counties. The name “Pine Barrens” is derived from the fact that the vegetation is largely jack pine savannah. The maximum elevation of 1700 feet above sea level is found at the top of Mt. Telemark in the Town of Cable in southern Bayfield County, while the minimum elevation is 602 feet above sea level at Lake Superior. Immediately south of these ridges lie a series of morainic hills pitted with kettles. Lakes occupy many of the kettles, and swamps and marshes are numerous and extensive. The Bibon Swamp, a large area of shrub wetland, is located in the east central part of the county on the White River.

Bayfield County is underlain by ancient (pre-Cambrian) sandstone and igneous rocks. The northern part of the county is underlain with Superior red sandstone, over which is a thick mantle of clay and gravel, forming an artesian slope. This produces an excellent source of underground water supply. Crystalline rock underlies the southern part of the county with granite outcropping.
common along the Marengo River at the western edge of Penokee Range. Glacial deposits, reaching 300 feet over bedrock in some places, cover most of the county.

The Continental Divide, which separates the St. Lawrence (Lake Superior) and Mississippi River drainage systems, passes through the southern part of Bayfield County. The major drainage streams which lie north of the Continental Divide and empty into Lake Superior are the White, Fish, Sioux, Pike, Sand, Siskiwit, Cranberry, Flag and Iron Rivers. The Namekagon and Totagatic Rivers, tributaries to the St. Croix, drain the southern part of the county. The Eau Claire River, also an important tributary to the St. Croix, drains the Eau Claire Chain of Lakes located in the upper-southwest corner of the county.

Lakes and ponds are particularly abundant in the southern and west central parts of the county. Large areas of the west central and north central upland are without surface waters because of the subsurface drainage through coarse-textured glacial drift and underlying sandstone.

Unique to this region of Wisconsin is Lake Superior’s Apostle Islands shoreline. The Bayfield County mainland shore bordering Lake Superior is 86.62 miles in length, more than one-third of Wisconsin’s Lake Superior shore.

Due to the influence of Lake Superior and two distinct geographical regions of Bayfield County, the climate varies to a certain degree. Temperatures along and near the shoreline are modified by Lake Superior, especially during the spring and summer seasons when the average is lower in comparison to the southern interior area. Winter extremes are more severe inland.

Snowfall varies from approximately 120 inches to 21 inches. Mean annual snowfall is 50 inches along Chequamegon Bay and approximately 65 inches in the interior region of the county. Precipitation mean is from 20 to 32 inches annually depending on geographical location. Snowfall generally provides excellent winter recreation conditions for skiing and snowmobiling.

Prevailing winds are westerly from early fall through early spring and easterly the remainder of the year along the Chequamegon Bay shoreline and northwesterly from the fall until spring and southerly the remaining months in the interior.
SUPPLY INVENTORY

A county recreation plan must recognize the influences of existing recreation. The existing facilities were inventoried and analyzed to help establish present use. From this analysis, recommendation for existing and proposed recreation facilities can be made.

LAND BASED ACTIVITIES

Camping

Public Campgrounds - The existing supply of public campgrounds spans a wide range of quality amenities and locations, from rustic sites with the minimal of facilities through new sites designed for RV's and trailers. Bayfield County has excellent, well-maintained County owned and operated campgrounds. Big Rock, Twin Bear Lake and Delta Lake Park all offer other amenities such as fishing and picnicking along with abundant natural scenery. Excellent camping is also available in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest (CNNF), at the Red Cliff Marina, within the Cities of Washburn and Bayfield, in Herbster and Iron River and at Little Sand Bay.

The Washburn and Great Divide Ranger Districts of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest are located within Bayfield County. These two Ranger Districts offer 6 developed campgrounds along lakes within the County. A wide variety of activities are available for campground visitors. Boating, hiking, fishing, hunting, berry picking, and bird watching are just a few popular recreational opportunities. Campground facilities are designed to provide suitable places for pitching a tent, parking a recreation vehicle (RV), or setting up a pull behind camping trailer. Each site has a picnic table, fireplace, and a designated parking area. Drinking water is available and is tested for purity and quality.

National Forest campgrounds in Bayfield County include:

* Namekagon Lake - 34 sites (Great Divide Ranger District)
* Birch Grove - 16 sites (Washburn Ranger District)
* Wanoka Lake - 20 sites (Washburn Ranger District)
* Perch Lake - 16 sites (Washburn Ranger District)
* Horseshoe Lake - 11 sites (Washburn Ranger District)
* Two Lakes - 94 sites (Washburn Ranger District)

Private Campgrounds -- The present supply of private campgrounds is 16, and will increase in the future as campground use is increasingly popular.

Picnicking

There are excellent opportunities for picnicking throughout the county. The distribution of picnic areas is good, as all parts of the county have facilities located nearby. Several of the most scenic sites are found in parks within the small villages. The National Forest offers several very well designed picnic areas that reflect the environmental qualities of the county.

Golfing

Currently, Bayfield County has three nine-hole and three eighteen-hole golf courses open to the public.
Interpretive Nature and Hiking Trails

Two interpretive nature trails are located in the CNNF near the Lake Namekagon area in southeast Bayfield County: the Namekagon Nature Trail located just across the road from the Namekagon Lake Campground and the Forest Lodge Nature Trails on Garmish Road off of County Highway M. The National Forest works cooperatively with the Cable Natural History Museum to lead interpretive walks along the Forest Lodge Nature Trails.

Hiking trails are numerous in this county in comparison to many other counties within the state. Approximately 48 miles of the North Country National Scenic Trail traverses through Bayfield County. This segment is part of the longest National Scenic Trail in the country that will stretch from North Dakota to New York when 100% completed. As the trail winds through state parks and the CNNF, it offers a premier hiking opportunity through a variety of landscapes. Recent completion of "hunter walking trails" by the National Forest, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and County provide additional miles of trail opportunities for hikers.

Many miles of old closed or lower level managed Forest Service roads also may be used for hiking and other trail related activities, such as snowshoeing, dog sledding, or back country skiing.

Bikeways

The growing sport of bicycling has two outstanding trail systems in Bayfield County. The Chequamegon Area Mountain Bike Association (CAMBA) bike trails have 6 “cluster” trails that start in Bayfield County and travel through and end in Sawyer County. The clusters located in Bayfield County are: Delta; Drummond; Cable; and Namekagon, with most of the trails located on either Bayfield County Forest or Forest Service lands. CAMBA is also in the process of developing new single track mountain bike trails on private and Bayfield County Forest land, near Mt. Ashwabay, in the Bayfield Peninsula. The North Coast Cycling Association is working to develop a Regional Bike Plan for the entire area. Various bike maps are available from the County Tourism Office.

Although not a designated bike trail or route, Brinks Road (FR 236) is an extremely popular destination for road bicyclists. Brinks Road is paved and begins at the junction with County Highway C, ultimately travelling through National Forest System lands and five (5) townships (Bell, Washburn, Barksdale, Pilsen, and Keystone). This road was paved in the late 1990’s under a cooperative agreement between the US Forest Service and the five townships, in part, to provide a safer and easier to maintain roadway for visitors travelling through the Moquah Barrens Research Natural Area or to their favorite recreation areas off this road. Brinks Road is approximately 18 miles of smooth riding for bikes through rolling terrain and different ecosystems. It also attracts roller bladders, runners, roller skiers, berry pickers, and motorcyclists.

Horseback Riding

The Forest Service has one designated horse trail system that is managed only for pack saddle animals within Bayfield County. It is the Horseshoe Lake Horse Trail off of FR 245. Horses are allowed within the Rainbow Lakes Wilderness Area on both the Anderson Grade and the North Country National Scenic Trail. Horses are also allowed to use Forest Service roads. Actual trail availability is excellent throughout the County when logging roads are included.
Skiing

Winter silent sports enthusiasts, such as cross country and downhill skiers, help in stimulating the local economies during the winter months. Bayfield County has many excellent ski areas. Mt. Ashwabay, near Bayfield, annually attracts thousands of skiers from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois and Iowa for cross-country and downhill skiing.

Cross-country skiing is one of the fastest growing outdoor recreation activities in the area and this popularity has been reflected in trail development in Bayfield County. As mentioned above, the Ashwabay Outdoor Education Foundation (AOEF) manages and maintains excellent trails near Mt. Ashwabay, with trails located on County Forest, state and private lands. AOEF also maintains the Jerry Jolly Trail, which is located on County Forest and private lands. The North End Ski Club maintains an abundance of cross country ski trails on County Forest land near Cable. Trails that have been in place for a long time on the CNNF are the Valhalla Recreation Area (north of Washburn); Rock Lake Trail (east of Cable); Drummond Ski Trail (south of Drummond); and Namekagon Trail (near Lake Namekagon).

ATV

Motorized recreation continues to gain in popularity and there is an increasing demand for motorized recreational opportunities in the County. Bayfield County has designated approximately 145 state-funded miles for the operation of ATVs. The trail system is located on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, Bayfield County Forest Lands, and some private properties. ATV trails include the Tri-County Recreational Corridor, Iron River, Moquah Spur, Valhalla, Lenawee, Buckskin, Bear Paw, Wolf, Battle Axe, Bayfield Connector, Flagg Road Connector, Horse Pasture Grade Connector, Drummond Connector and Washburn trails.

In addition to state funded trails, ATV’s (and UTV’s) are allowed on many Town Roads, as well as nearly 900 miles of logging roads and skid trails located on Bayfield County Forest Land. Make sure to check with local agencies for information on which roads and trails are open for ATV (UTV) use.

Snowmobiling

Excellent snowmobile trails are located throughout the County and are maintained by public agencies, the Bayfield County Snowmobile Alliance and local Snowmobile Clubs. Presently, there are approximately 470 miles of state-funded trails and, roughly 200 miles of Club maintained trails in the County. The approved trails are located on private, County, State, and National Forest lands.

Nearly 50% of Bayfield County is public land, comprised mostly of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest (approx. 272,000 acres) and the Bayfield County Forest (approx. 170,000 acres). The state funded snowmobile trails located on these public lands are designated, marked and groomed for use. In addition, hundreds of miles of unmarked forest roads and trails and local gas tax roads are open to snowmobiling. On the Bayfield County Forest, there is over 1,000 miles of old logging roads and skid trails open to snowmobile use (not part of the state-funded, designated snowmobile trail network). The area usually enjoys enough snow to keep trails open until mid to late March. Even in lean snow years, snowmobilers have plenty of good riding opportunities in the northern half of the County, primarily a result of the Lake Superior snowbelt.

The vast trail system links the entire County together, including some of the Apostle Islands. All of the County's Towns and smaller communities depend heavily on snowmobilers, so winter enthusiasts will
always see the "welcome mat" out. Most visiting snowmobilers stay at one of the many lodging facilities found in Iron River, Cornucopia, Barnes, Drummond, Cable, Washburn or the City of Bayfield.

Hunting

Bayfield County offers more than one half million acres of land open to the public for hunting. This vast area includes National Forest, State, County, industrial and private lands. Species most commonly hunted are white-tailed deer, black bear, and ruffed grouse, in addition to various migratory waterfowl and small game.

Public Lands

Bayfield County offers almost one half million acres of publicly owned or controlled lands for recreational purposes, or roughly 51 percent of the gross County area. These lands include County Forest land and Parks; Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Fish, Wildlife and Forest lands and Federal lands comprising of Fish and Wildlife, National Forest and National Parks. The following table illustrates the individual acreage of public lands in Bayfield County.

PUBLIC LANDS - BAYFIELD COUNTY

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WATER RESOURCES

Lake Superior

Lake Superior is the largest freshwater lake in the world, with an area of 31,800 square miles (20,252,000 acres). Its length is 350 miles and its width is 160 miles.

Lake Superior provides excellent lake trout, Coho and brown trout fishing. Lake access is provided at Port Wing, Cornucopia, Herber, Little Sand Bay, Schooner Bay, Red Cliff, Bayfield, Port Superior and Washburn. Charter boats for lake trout trolling are available at most marinas.

Streams

Bayfield County has over 400 miles of streams classified as trout water, which provides some of the
finest trout fishing in the State. Several streams are open for a special season before the regular trout season opens and, additionally, are also open longer in the fall. These streams provide excellent fishing for trout, which migrate upstream from Lake Superior. The majority of all streams are either Class I or Class II trout streams and support natural reproduction under favorable conditions. Stocking of trout is prevalent in the Class II streams to provide good fishing while those streams listed as Class III require extensive stocking in order to maintain suitable fishing conditions.

Inland Lakes

In terms of number and acreage, Bayfield County ranks high in the State for inland lake resources. Recent Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources surveys have listed 319 named lakes and 41 lakes, which have 100 acres or more in total acreage. In total, the county presently has 22,600 acres of inland lakes. Excellent fishing is found for walleye, northern pike, bass and panfish in many of the lakes. Fourteen lakes have muskellunge in them. The largest lake within the county is Lake Namekagon with approximately 3,200 surface acres. The deepest lake is Cisco Lake located in the south central portion of the county with a depth of over 100 feet.

Canoeing

Bayfield County offers excellent river and lake canoeing. The White River and the Namekagon River provide excellent canoeing as do the hundreds of lakes in the county, particularly the Pike Lake Chain and the Eau Claire Lake Chain.

Boating

Because of its relationship to Lake Superior and the numerous inland lakes, Bayfield County offers more boating variety than any other county in the state. On Lake Superior, the climate and weather is favorable for recreational activities during the season of May through October. The inland lakes offer excellent recreational boating including the famous Eau Claire Lakes, Lakes Namekagon and Owen. The majority of the hundreds of smaller lakes provide excellent water quality.

Swimming

Bayfield County has many hundred feet of beach frontage in the county. Most of the beach frontage is along Lake Superior; however, the fact that the water temperature rarely gets high enough for most people to enjoy limits the real availability of Lake Superior for swimming. This frontage along Lake Superior is, nevertheless, extremely valuable in providing public lake access to the beach for other uses. The Forest Service provides three beaches with approximately 1,000 feet of water frontage. Three county parks also provide beaches with very adequate swimming facilities.

CHEQUAMEGON-NICOLET NATIONAL FOREST

The Bayfield County unit of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest provides approximately 272,750 acres for a myriad of uses. This vast area is extremely valuable in terms of natural resources to not only the residents but all users of the Region. As is characteristic of the National Forest System, several types of recreational opportunities are available to visitors, some of which include swimming, berry picking, nature viewing, hunting, fishing, hiking, various forms of motorized recreation, etc. Virtually all forms of facilities are available at one or more of the designated recreation sites within Bayfield County.
At present there are 159 miles of designated snowmobile trails available to participants of snowmobiling in the CNNF. Trail opportunities for cross-country skiing are available at the Mt. Valhalla recreation area (north of Washburn), the Drummond Ski Trail (south of Drummond), and the Rock Lake National Recreation Trail (east of Cable).

A new hunter walking trails has been established on the Washburn Ranger District to promote hunting on National Forest lands. The majority of the forest is open for hunting, fishing and camping.

BAYFIELD COUNTY FOREST

Collectively, Wisconsin’s County Forests are the single largest public land base in the state of Wisconsin. In total, 29 Counties manage County Forests, covering a total of approximately 2.4 million acres.

Bayfield County manages the fourth largest County Forest program in the state, totaling approximately 170,000 acres. From north to south, the Forest extends across the entire length of Bayfield County, impacting most of the communities in the area.

Numerous recreational opportunities exist on the County Forest, including, but not limited to, hunting, fishing, trapping, nature viewing, hiking, biking, cross country skiing, trail running, horseback riding, dog sledding, snowmobiling and ATV/UTVing.

APOSTLE ISLANDS NATIONAL LAKESHORE

The Apostle Islands National Lakeshore consists of 21 islands and 12 miles of mainland shoreline. The islands are accessible via guided cruises, island shuttles, kayaks, sailboats, motorboats, guide services and boat charters. Bayfield County contains 4 of the 21 islands (Eagle, Sand, York and Raspberry), all of the mainland and the National Park Service Headquarters. Camping is available on most of the islands, as well as one location on the mainland (Little Sand Bay).

The Islands are home to numerous lighthouses. Sandstone sea caves, formed by centuries of freezing, thawing and wave action, are seasonally accessible by water. In the winter, on the mainland, the sea caves transform into ice caves and are sometimes viewable via ice (Meyers Beach, conditions permitting).

Note: Madeline Island is not part of the National Park, but can be accessed by ferry most of the year and via an ice road in the winter (conditions permitting).

SCENIC AND NATURAL AREAS

Bayfield County has two areas included in the Scientific Areas Preservation Council system. The Moquah Barrens Research Natural Area is a 640 area tract located within the CNNF and is managed, in part, for fire protection. The other area is the Bark Bay Sloughs.

SCENIC BYWAY
Wisconsin’s Lake Superior Scenic Byway is a world class destination on Lake Superior, the largest freshwater lake in the world by surface area. The majesty of Lake Superior unfolds along the Byway with sweeping views of the "big lake" and the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore. The Byway follows the shoreline of the Bayfield Peninsula, passing through quaint harbor towns, orchards & fruit farms and the homeland of the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. Outdoor recreational opportunities abound with thousands of acres of public forest lands, hundreds of miles of forest roads and trails, sand beaches, museums and art galleries along with unique shops, restaurants and lodging.

HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL SITES IN BAYFIELD COUNTY

Historic Sites

City of Bayfield

Most of the City of Bayfield has been designated a historic district in the National Register of Historic Places according to the State Historical Society. The Bayfield District, encompassing 46 blocks, is the 17th district in Wisconsin to be selected for the National Register.

Cornucopia

St. Mary’s Russian Orthodox Church
Tragedy of the Siskiwit Marker

Port Wing

School Consolidation Official Marker
South Shore Community School (razed), State Highway 13

Town of Russell

Red Cliff Indian Reservation (created 1854)

Washburn

City Hall, Washington Avenue & Pine Street
Public Library, 307 Washington Avenue
Bayfield County Courthouse, 117 East 5th Street
Washburn State Bank Building, Bayfield Street & Central Avenue
Madeline Island Official Marker, Highway 13, 5 miles north

Ashland Vicinity

Radisson and Groeseilliers Fort Sites Official Marker, Highways 2 & 13

Archeological Sites

Four sites are listed by the Wisconsin State Historical Society. The most recent discovery was in 1969, one is from 1906 and two were first identified in 1895. It is not known if the 1906 and 1895 sites remain
intact at this time. The location of each is not made public in order to protect the rights of private landowners and to eliminate excavation by “artifact hunters” or other “non-professional” archeologists not associated with the State Historical Society.

WHITE RIVER FISHERY AREA

The White River is one of the outstanding inland trout producing streams in northwest Wisconsin. It has excellent water quality, resulting in good natural reproduction of brook and brown trout. The stream flows through a wild and natural setting with very little development or pollution. From its origin, the White River flows easterly, directly into Lake Superior and the Great Lakes drainage near the City of Ashland.

WHITE RIVER – BIBON SWAMP

The White River flows for 70 miles through the center of Bayfield County originating in the Pike Lake chain and emptying into the Bad River just south of Lake Superior. It is a highly scenic stream in one of Wisconsin’s least developed river systems and provides excellent trout fishing and canoeing.

The White River flows through the Bibon Swamp, the largest wetland in the County. This area offers a unique wilderness experience that contains significant acreage of publicly owned lands (County and State).
Outdoor Recreation Needs (Demand) Assessment

Demand for outdoor recreation is dependent on many variables, but one of the most significant is a locality’s population, which includes those who reside in a jurisdiction and those who visit. In 2013, Bayfield County had a resident population of 15,156, a 1 percent increase from 2010. However, the county’s peak population estimate for a single day in the summer of 2006 was 45,329, almost three times the resident population. This population figure includes: 15,666 residents, 7,350 lodgers filling all the hotel/motel rooms, campground sites, and recreation/educational camps, 19,968 second homeowners and 2,345 day trip visitors. Thus, one can see that in a jurisdiction like Bayfield County, which has a lot of tourists and visitors, demand for outdoor recreation increases considerably over and above the needs of the resident population.

The various characteristics of the population also can have a significant impact on the demand for outdoor recreation. These could include: age, gender, income, education, employment, marital status, and vacation time. Changing social and economic trends are also important variables that affect outdoor recreation demand. Other factors that can influence demand include: the weather, fuel costs, state of the economy, popularity of competing outdoor recreational locations, and quantity and quality of the available outdoor recreation facilities.

Activities in northwest Wisconsin and Bayfield County that continue to remain popular include: hunting, fishing, hiking, sightseeing, bicycling, picnicking, wildlife and bird watching, camping, swimming and boating. During the winter months, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling and increasingly ATVing are popular. Accessibility to top quality, well maintained trails and facilities is an important factor in people’s decisions about where to travel in the winter months, along with having a variety of restaurants and attractions to complete the experience.

Demand for most of the outdoor recreational activities identified above is expected to continue to grow. Vacationers to Bayfield County and second home use will continue to increase. As the baby boom generation begins to retire in ever greater numbers in the coming years, this is will accelerate the development of seasonal and second homes in the county. Also, as the population ages, concerns about the accessibility of the county’s outdoor recreational facilities to persons with mobility and other physical limitations become ever more important.
PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

COUNTY FACILITIES

ATKINS LAKE COUNTY PARK (T44N-R5W, Sec. 20)

Existing Facilities:

- Located on the northeast corner of Atkins Lake on Old Grade Road, which is located 10 miles southeast of Grand View, this 3 acre park provides the only public access to this very deep lake. Atkins Lake provides good fishing with populations of northern pike, walleye, largemouth and smallmouth bass and panfish. The park serves as a picnic area, family and young adult gathering place and swimming beach. A new boat landing was constructed and dock placed through a boating grant in 2004. The parking area was enlarged, graded and graveled. An information kiosk was installed by the boat landing, and cement pads have been poured for the picnic tables, fire rings, and hand pump. A new concrete ADA bathroom was constructed in 2007. Trees bordering the park are predominately mixed hardwoods and several conifers that were planted by The Wisconsin Conservation Corps as part of a shoreline restoration project.

Recommended Improvements:

- Construct ADA 10’ x 25’ shelter/pavilion.
- ADA access to swimming beach.
- ADA access water pump.

BIG ROCK COUNTY CAMPGROUND (T49N-R5W- Section 24)

Existing Facilities:

- Located three miles northwest of Washburn on the Sioux River, (Class A Trout stream), this 40 acre park has camping, picnicking, wildlife viewing, fishing and a nature trail. Listed as a birding site by the Audubon Society for piliated woodpeckers and vireos, it is also home to thrushes, wrens, eagles and warblers. There are twelve single campsites and one group site with tables and fire rings. The park has newer concrete lighted pit toilets on both sides of the recreational area (ADLP grant). The park is situated in approximately 1 ½ acres of mature white and red pine, red maple, white and yellow birch, and red oak and hemlock trees. Spring steelhead runs on the Sioux River generate extremely heavy bank and stream fishing. The upgraded park has an improved parking area, picnic area, water pump with drinking fountain. The entire road system has new culverts and has been either blacktopped or graded and graveled.

Recommended Improvements:

- Construct ADA wood viewing deck overlooking the Sioux River.
- Gravel/improve all camping pads.
- Dig new well and install pump on north side of park.
- Consider installing electricity at some or all camping sites.
- Repair access roads and walkways leading down to the river.
- Construct a shelter over pump/drinking fountain.
- Construct a small pavilion.
DELTA LAKE COUNTY CAMPGROUND (T46N—R7W, Sec. 7)

Existing Facilities:

- Located thirteen miles southeast of the Town of Iron River, Delta Lake Campground has become increasing popular. Mixed hardwoods dominate this 40-acre campground and the lake receives moderate use by wildlife. Delta Lake covers 170 acres and is an excellent fishing lake year round with populations of northern pike, bass, perch, bluegill, crappie and bullheads. The campground consists of 35 wooded campsites with picnic tables and fire rings. Picnicking is popular by the swimming beach area. The park serves as a trailhead for the CAMBA mountain bike trails. A new concessionaire was added in 2005 and a sanitary dump station the year before. Most sites have electricity and a 3-stall shower unit was constructed in 2008. The parking area for anglers has been improved and a new concrete boat ramp and wheeled aluminum 6’x20’ dock was installed. A playset and an additional fishing pier were added in 2014. A new drinking water station was established. Underground power has been installed. High speed internet will be added in 2015 and available throughout the campground. Additional boat mooring and fishing piers will be installed in 2015.

Recommended Improvements:

- Construct small lakefront shelter/pavilion.
- Construct additional set of concrete bathrooms by campsite #20
- Maintain ADA walkway near the beach area.
- Explore potential for rustic camping sites on the County owned island in the middle of Delta Lake.
- Install additional boat mooring piers.
- Gravel and grade all roads.
- Water hookups at all sites.
- Sewer hookups at most sites.
- Gravel all camp pads.
- Provide canoes and/or kayaks for rent.

JERRY J. JOLLY TRAIL (T50N-R4W, Sec. 19)

Existing Facilities:

- Located on Star Route Road, 2.75 miles from the intersection with County Hwy J and Fish Hatchery Road, 73 acres of undeveloped land was donated to the County in 2005 by Jerry J. Jolly with the intention that non-motorized recreational trails be developed and maintained, so that the public would be able to enjoy the land. This donation, combined with the work of the Bayfield County Forestry and Parks Department and additional funding from the Nelson-Knowles Stewardship grant, allows the public to experience the beauty along Pike’s Creek on what was once private property. Walking/hiking trails in the summer and cross-country ski trails in the winter provide year-round use of this scenic area. Present facilities include a parking area, ADA toilets, informational kiosk, donation station and picnic area.

Recommended Improvements:

- Installation of solar lighting.
- Develop 20’ x 20’ covered shelter.
- Install electric to shelter area.
- Install warming units along ski trail.
- Install rest stop benches.
- Install hand pump with drinking fountain.
- Acquire nearby property from willing sellers to protect ski trail linkages if funds are available.
- Update trail signs and markers.
- Create additional trails for increased recreational opportunities.
- Construct yurt facilities for all season camping.
along the trails.

LONG LAKE BOAT ACCESS (T47–R8W- Sec 2, Govt Lots #38–#42)

Existing Facilities:

• The only public access on Long Lake, this boat launch is located one and a half mile, left fork, down East Long Lake Road. A popular fishing lake, it is stocked with northern pike, walleye, largemouth bass, yellow perch, bluegill and pumpkinseed. Most of the surrounding lakeshore vegetation is upland hardwood with a small spruce bog bordering the north end of the lake. Private development consists of 70 plus homes/cabins and one resort. The access is graveled with limited parking space.

Recommended Improvements:

• Construct new cement boat access.
• Install ADA aluminum 6’x20’ wheel dock.
• Replace property fence with vinyl chain link 6’ high fence.
• Install fee station.
• Install information kiosk.
• Replace road culverts.
• Enlarge and gravel parking area.
• Replace signage with vinyl signs.

TWIN BEAR COUNTY CAMPGROUND (T47N–R8W, Sec 34, Govt #5)

Existing Facilities:

• Located seven miles southeast of the Town of Iron River on Twin Bear Lake which is part of the Pike Chain of Lakes, this 40 acre park is surrounded by oak, birch, maple and a few scattered pines. Ever popular with boaters and fishing enthusiasts, the lake is home to northern pike, walleye, largemouth bass and panfish. The campground consists of 43 sites, with picnic tables and fire rings. There is daily parking for picnickers and vehicles with boat trailers. Facilities include a sanitary dump station, 20/30/50 amp electrical service at most sites (electricity was completely upgraded in 2012), concrete, three stall shower facility (with individual gas water heaters), several concrete pit toilets, swimming area, beach area, public picnic area, and concessionaire. A newly constructed ADA ramp provides access to the beach area and fishing pier. The park is home to an extremely popular boat launch, which provides access to the Pike Chain. There are also multiple boat mooring docks, as well as new fishing piers. A new playset will be installed at the beach area in 2015. High speed internet will be available throughout the campground in 2015. All power to this park is underground with power pedestals.

Recommended Improvements:

• Construct small covered shelter/pavilion by swimming area.
• Construct another 3-stall shower unit.
• Gravel camp pads.
• Replace all fire rings.
• Water hookups at sites.
• Sewer hookups at sites.
• Maintain/gravel and grade all roads.
• Install new boat mooring piers at various locations near Puig’s Point.
• Develop invasive species control management plan.
• Provide canoes and/or kayaks for rent.
• Maintain retaining walls at various locations throughout the campground.
• Improve and enlarge parking area near boat ramp.
• Create more parking areas near the beach.
• Create new rustic tent sites on the high behind the shower building, with picnic tables and fire rings.
• Boat mooring docks near boat ramp.
• Build multiple footpaths for lake access.
• New picnic tables for campsites and picnic area.

LOST CREEK FALLS

Existing Facilities:

• A rustic, 1¼ mile hiking trail, with a small trail head parking area, located on Trail Drive, roughly ½ mile west of County Highway C, just south of Cornucopia. The trail meanders through thousands of acres of County Forest land before reaching a series of waterfalls on Lost Creek Number One.

Recommended Improvements:

• Existing trail improvements.
• Creation of additional trails i.e hiking, biking, skiing.
• Installation of new signs and trail markers.
• Installation of new benches.
• Development of primitive camping sites and/or yurts.

BAYFIELD COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS (T47N R8W, Sections 6 & 7)

Existing Facilities:

• Located one mile northwest of downtown Iron River, this 110 acre property has camping, picnicking, horse arenas, barns, a grandstand, exhibit hall, and multiple pavilions. There are 24 single campsites with electric (some with water hookups) and three group sites. There are three wells on the property and Wi-Fi throughout most of the highly used areas. There is a concrete community safe room building with a meeting space, flush toilets, a utility sink and a drinking fountain. There is another restroom building with flush toilets and showers near the grandstand. There is a basketball court on the property and the Tri-County Corridor is approximately ¼ mile away accessible via a road route.

Recommended Improvements:

• Upgrade the electric throughout the property including all individual campsites
• Construct a permanent stage for performances
• Refurbish or replace the siding on the maintenance building
• Install benches/covered seating areas throughout the grounds

CITY FACILITIES

CITY OF BAYFIELD

MEMORIAL PARK ANNEX (.02 acres)
Existing Facilities:

- This small park is a "scenic overlook" within the city. Adjacent to Memorial Park, which is owned by the Bayfield Civic League, this area is used by thousands of residents and tourists during the summer months. It is located along the pathway that follows the lakefront from the Bayfield Pavilion to the East Dock Park and from its benches there are wonderful views of Madeline Island, the Bayfield marina and harbor. The trees, plantings, park benches and old street lights make this park unique.

Recommended Improvements:

- Add more benches
- Plant trees & shrubs
- Rehabilitation of the City owned paved walking path to make it more level.

JAKE’S ISLAND VIEW PARK (.05 acres)

Existing Facilities:

- This is a small triangle park located on the extreme east end of Manypenny Avenue. It overlooks Lake Superior and the Bayfield Marina, and is visible from both the Lake and the downtown district. The small park contains a bike rack, bench, and a variety of plants and shrubs. The pathway that goes through the park connects with the lakefront path along the harbor and also serves as part of the snowmobile trail during the winter months.

Recommended Improvements:

- More plantings (trees, shrubs, flowers).
- Drinking fountain.
- Attractive trash/recycling receptacles.
- Directional signs.
- Improved lighting.

EAST DOCK PARK (.03 acres)

Existing Facilities:

- This park is located at the corner of First Street and Wilson Avenue near the Coast Guard station. It is on the shore of Lake Superior and offers a picnic area with a covered shelter, a number of tables and park benches. It has a lot of open space, with a volleyball court, a large playground area and a bike rack. Many special events are held here, and it is used by residents and tourists alike. There is always a slight breeze coming off the Lake which makes this park a popular place during the hot summer months.

In 2003, community volunteers, under the supervision and direction of Learning Structures renovated this playground into a one-of-a-kind park. The park provides play zones for different ages and host historic structures like the “Ferry” and “Sea Monster”. Maintenance of these new structures and continually providing the proper absorption material beneath are priorities.
Recommended Improvements:

- More benches and picnic tables, some with overhead shelter.
- More grills.
- Additional electrical outlets and lights.
- Planting of trees & shrubs, especially shade trees near the playground area.
- Attractive trash/recycling receptacles.
- Watering system.
- Windbreaks near the existing picnic shelter.
- A safer pedestrian route to the adjacent restrooms.

FISHING PIER

Existing Facilities:

In 1998 a public fishing pier was built adjacent to the East Dock Park. It provides handicap access from designated parking sites nearby. The fishing pier consists of a wood deck over rock filled wood cribs. Along the shoreline side of the pier is ample seating, on the lake side there is space for at least 20 anglers along the railing, with openings for disabled anglers. The pier, its walkway and the parking area are lit for security and safety by a period lamppost.

Recommended Improvements:

- Installation of a safety gate to keep toddlers from straying onto the lakefront (because of its proximity to the playground in East Dock Park).
- Annual inspection to the pier is needed to check for warped or loose planks.

HISTORIC HALVOR REITEN PARK
(BROAD STREET BEACH, DOCK L) (1 acre)

Existing Facilities:

This park is located at the south end of Broad Street. It consists of an open grassy area, a small structure (which serves as a storage area for lifeguard safety and rescue equipment in the summer) and a swimming beach area with a lifeguard tower, several benches and a bike rack.

The beach is located in an old boat-building and lumber-milling area of the shoreline. On-going efforts are needed clear debris and old dock cribbing from the water and beach area. In 2014 a new stormwater retention system was installed including a large rain garden and beach nourishment, grading and shaping of additional parking to the beach.

In 2006, the City of Bayfield obtained ownership of the property commonly known as “Dock L”. The property was cleared of the hazardous debris that was left there, the dock was rebuilt, benches were installed and a walkway through the park was installed.

Recommended Improvements:

- Floating, high-visibility boundaries for the swimming area.
- Signs designating the area for swimming only.
- Dock safety signs.
- Covered picnic area with picnic tables.
• Floats prohibiting motorized watercraft from the area.
• Purchase of adjacent shoreline property in an effort to increase the beach area and provide more public access to Lake Superior.

The City is also considering whether to build another restroom facility in the area of Broad Street beach and the boat launch.

RESTROOMS – FRONT STREET AND HARBOR (.15 acres)

Existing Facilities:

• The City of Bayfield has two public restrooms downtown. One is located at Front Street and Washington Avenue near the ferry dock and the other is at First Street and Wilson Avenue near the harbor (known as the high-rise). Both facilities are heavily used because Bayfield is a tourist community. They have been upgraded recently and are ADA compliant, with larger stalls at Front Street, low-flow toilets in most stalls, and a new urinal in the harbor restrooms.

Recommended Improvements:

• Increase number of stalls and urinals.
• Replace old fixtures.
• Improve outside lighting and aesthetic appearance.
• Plant trees and shrubs.
• Incorporate “green” standards to both facilities (water conservation, reduce electrical needs, reduce paper consumption, etc.).

KORSEBERG PARK (.01 acres)

Existing Facilities:

• This is a very small but prominent area on the north side of Highway 13 (at the sharp bend in the road) as you enter the city from the south. It overlooks Lake Superior with spectacular views of Madeline Island and Long Island. The park is owned by Bayfield County but maintained by the City of Bayfield.

Recommended Improvements:

• Additional benches.
• Minor planting of shrubs.
• Improved lighting.
• Attractive trash receptacles.
• Informational sign.
• The City may consider formally acquiring this land from Bayfield County.

COOPER HILL PARK (.01 acres)

Existing Facilities:

• This is a small neighborhood park located at the corner of South Seventh Street and Many Penny Avenue. In 2008 the park was re-built, once again following the design and oversight of Learning Structures. It incorporates unique designs which portray the City’s Train History. It provides a playground area for tots and for older children, and also a small stage for neighborhood plays.
Recommended Improvements:

• Continually provide the proper amounts of absorbing material on the ground surface.
• Add benches.
• Picnic area.
• Attractive trash/recycling receptacles.
• Plantings to improve the overall aesthetic appearance of the park.

THE GIL LARSEN NATURE TRAIL (.25 miles)

Existing Facilities:

• The community, tourists and the school all make good use of the large ravine that opens onto Washington Avenue at the upper end of Broad Street. Years ago this unique ecosystem was developed into a nature trail and outdoor laboratory for the school and its use continues to increase. The boardwalks, benches, scenic overlooks and rest areas were constructed in 1984 by the WCC. The entrance to the Nature Trail is open and accommodating to most but would be exclusive to the elderly and disabled. At present, the trail ends behind the school.

Recommended Improvements:

• Addition of informational signs.
• Repair and maintenance of existing amenities (walkways, benches, overlooks, etc.).
• Extension of trail as far as possible up the ravine (this way both residents and visitors can enjoy the biological diversity our City offers in this unique location).

BIG RAVINE PARK (120 acres)

Existing Facilities:

• In 1942, a summer rainstorm caused two of Bayfield’s larger ravines to flood the downtown area, causing extensive property damage. The City of Bayfield subsequently purchased 120 acres, which includes much of the Big Ravine in order to protect its watershed. The soils in this area are extremely fragile, and a 1997 report by the local USDA soil conservationist recommended that the land be utilized for recreation and forestry so that it can continue to provide flood control for the city below. (This report also recommended that the city acquire the two 40-acre parcels north of the park to extend protection of the ravine from development upstream.)

This 120-acre area has been used for recreation purposes for many years and the results of the Bayfield Community Survey, conducted in 2001, indicate that people strongly support this continued use of the land. Along the west edge of the ravine, a system of trails has been established for hiking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing, and a soccer field (see below) was established in 1999. Along the east edge of the ravine there is a snowmobile trail which connects Bayfield with a larger, county-wide trail system, and there are also areas for hiking in the upland woods. In the bottom of the ravine there is a footpath along the intermittent stream which can be reached from the Nature Trail that begins at Washington Avenue in Bayfield.
Recommended Improvements:

- Trail development including railings along steep edges, steps where necessary to prevent erosion, benches at scenic overlooks, maps & signage.
- Develop trails to link those on the east and west sides with the Nature Trail.
- Extend the Nature Trail to the north along the stream as far as possible.
- Acquisition and/or protection of the two ravine sections to the north.
- Outdoor classroom and environmental education facilities.
- Expansion of athletic facilities.
- Parking area on Olson/Lampa Road.

SOCCER FIELD

Existing Facilities:

- In 1999, a group of citizens organized to build a youth soccer field on top of the old landfill site in the northwest corner of the city. This area is located at the end of the Old Dump Road and is within the 120 acres of Big Ravine Park. Utilizing grants from Wisconsin DNR and a local bank, an area was leveled and planted in grass. The field has been utilized for soccer and other activities since the spring of 2000. Currently there is one large playing field and one small practice field.

Recommended Improvements:

- Add more soil to complete construction of a full-side level field.
- Storage shed for equipment.
- Construct concession stand.
- Add benches for spectators.
- Improve field conditions (level, grass, watering).
- Add running track around perimeter of soccer field.
- Develop additional practice fields.
- Widen and improve Hilltop Road (access road)
- Designate parking area for events on the athletic fields (parking area could also provide remote visitor parking for downtown events).

HILLSIDE PARK

Existing Facilities:

- This park is located northwest of the Bayfield School and includes three separate areas: a ballpark, parking lot and playground – all at different levels on the hillside.

The ballpark occupies the top of the hill and is probably one of the most scenic in all of northern Wisconsin. While attending a game, one can view Lake Superior, Madeline Island, Long Island, Chequamegon Bay and Bayfield itself. It is used by both the community and school. Facilities include bleachers and dugouts, new steps to the parking area and a handicap accessible walkway along the first base side. The entire field is surrounded by a four foot high chain link fence.

A restroom building is located down the hill from the bleachers. This facility was built by the school and is maintained by the school (except for turning the water service on in the spring and off in the fall, which is done by the City). This facility needs to be thoroughly evaluated, updated and certainly better maintained.
Recommended Improvements:

- Repairs to the infield.
- Restroom upgrade and maintenance.
- Scoreboard which can be stored between games.
- Painting/decoration of dugouts.
- Bull pen.
- Lights.

The parking lot is located just below the ballpark. This facility is used by both the community and the school. It is large enough to park about 25 cars and has two basketball hoops, one at each end of the lot. In the future, the school will be making more use of the parking lot during the academic year.

Each parking lot is also an educational area which the school utilizes as a community garden and, recently, installed a High Tunnel greenhouse.

SOUTH PLAYGROUND (.02 acres)

Existing Facilities:

- This playground area is owned and maintained by the Bayfield School District and is located just below the Bayfield School. It provides several large pieces of play equipment and is utilized mostly by the elementary school children.

DALRYMPLE CAMPGROUND (14.54 acres)

Existing Facilities:

- The campground is located ¼ mile north of the City of Bayfield. This campground is within a stone’s throw of Lake Superior. It is a heavily wooded area with very deep ravines and a wonderful view of the Apostle Islands. The park has a rustic appearance and caters to tenting and small camper users, rather than to people using very large RVs. There are 30 campsites, with electricity to 70% of the sites. Because of the rough terrain of the area, improvements are progressing very slowly and are often expensive.

  In the spring of 2009, both restrooms (pit toilets) were replaced with new vault systems including new concrete structures which have stalls and are ADA compliant.

Recommended Improvements:

- Connection to city sewer system.
- Addition of more sites.
- Restrooms with flush toilets, shower facilities, changing rooms, drinking fountains and a storage area for supplies.
- Picnic shelter with windbreaks, more grills and tables.
- Additional fire rings, benches and trash receptacles.
- Improvement of existing sites (clear brush and dead trees, level ground).
- Walking trail to Bayfield with bridges, lake access opportunities.
- Fishing pier and/or small boat access.
- Information signs and displays.
- Improve lighting.
- Additional plantings.
- Improve existing roads & add new roads as needed.
- Shoreline stabilization.
**WALKING CORRIDOR**

**Existing Facilities:**

- Bayfield is a very interesting city. Although it is small, consisting of only one square mile, it has a quaint fishing village atmosphere with pleasant parks, pathways along Lake Superior, and many historical buildings. Its hillsides offer spectacular views of the Lake and the Apostle Islands.

In 2015 a waterfront walking corridor will be developed linking many special "points of interest" in our historic community, the corridor will start at the head of the Brownstone Trail at 3rd St and Wilson Ave heading east along the shore then north to Front St and Washington Ave. Along this corridor will be interpretive signage depicting the history of Bayfield.

**Recommended Improvements:**

- Additional rest/seating areas.
- Improved walking surfaces and trail connectors.
- Connecting to other trails.
- Water fountain.
- Replacing restrooms at East Dock Park.
- 2nd Street waterfront look-out area.

**SKATEBOARD PARK**

**Existing Facilities:**

- The Bayfield School District created a skateboard park next to the Bayfield Area Recreation Center at 136 South Broad Street. This area provides a safe area for skateboarding activities.

**OTHER RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS:**

**BICYCLE TRAIL**

- Having a trail where people can bicycle in and around the city with strategically placed bike racks.

**SECOND DISTRICT PARK**

- One of the goals of the Bayfield Parks and Recreation Department is to have a suitable park/playground in every city district. This proposed park/playground would be located north of Washington Avenue between 5th Street and 10th Street where the city expects more development in the coming years. This area consists of heavily wooded sites high-on-a-hillside (overlooking beautiful Lake Superior). There is, at present, no park or playground in this district.

Some development in this part of the city began in 1996. Several homes were built, 10th Street was extended north to Sweeny Avenue, and a sewer main installed. The city's Comprehensive Plan may designate the land north of the municipal wellhead as a conservancy area because it includes a steep ravine which was identified in the 1997 soil report as an area of fragile soils which should be kept in its natural state for reasons of flood control.
CATHOLIC HILL PARK

- There are no public parks or playgrounds located in this part of the city which is bounded by Broad Street and Wing Avenue (Highway 13) between Washington Avenue and North Limits Road. Some discussion about developing one has begun. The goal would be to provide a safe setting with combined park and playground, so that small children living here would not have to travel such long distances to reach other city facilities. Because of the lack of city-owned property here, the first step would be to locate and purchase a suitable area to develop. Such neighborhood parks (such as our Cooper Hill Park), need not be very large, but still are used often and enjoyed by people living near them.

CITY OF WASHBURN

THOMPSON WEST END PARK

Existing Facilities:

- Campground.
- Festival area.
- One 75’ fishing pier.
- Covered picnic shelter.
- Shower & restroom facilities.
- Flowing well.
- Picnic area.
- Swimming beach.
- One 650’ fishing pier & break wall.
- Playground area.
- Boat launch & docks.
- Campsite Cable Hook-ups/Electrical sites.
- Shower and restroom facilities in ADA compliance.
- Storm water conveyance pond.

Recommended Improvements:

- Extending water & sewer utilities to campsites.
- Replacement of playground equipment.
- Acquisition of private well property at the corner of South 8th Avenue West and Holman Lakeview Drive.
- Additional covered picnic shelter.
- Extension of Lakefront Trail through park.
- Construction of year around ADA compliant restrooms within festival area.
- Writing of a new park development plan.
- Purchase of an automated Beach Rake.
- Extending water utilities to festival area.
- Relocate sandlot volleyball court to beach area.
- Deck replacement on fishing piers
- Construct equipment storage building.
- Extending adequate power facilities to festival area.
- Paving of parking lot with permeable materials.
- Expansion of playground area.
- Construction of gazebo by waterfront.
- Drive, for surface water management and park expansion.
- Pathways and access trails in park that comply with ADA.
- Expansion of Maritime Trails signage within park.
- Erosion control along lakefront.
- Purchase of beach water sampling equipment and the training of staff in its appropriate use.
- Safety improvements to the flowing well.
- Railings and safety equipment on fishing piers.
- Construct campfire program area with bleachers.
- Installation of navigation lights on fishing piers.
- Storm water management improvements.
- Development of additional camp sites.
- Development of additional camping areas.
- Landscaping of current and any additional camping areas.
- Add additional restroom/shower facilities; expand existing facilities and bring to ADA compliance.
- Extension of municipal utilities to additional campsites and restrooms.
- Development of additional picnic and recreation facilities e.g. playground equipment, disc golf course and public pavilions.
- Purchase of additional lands for park development.
- Bury or remove existing overhead power lines.
- Construction of appropriate parking faculties for park facilities, including boat ramp and beach.

**WEST END BOAT LANDING**

**Existing Facilities:**

- Lakefront & Maritime Trails Trail head
- Boat Docks
- Overflow Camping Area
- Boat Launch
- Paved & Grass Parking Area
- Sailing, Kayak, Rowing Shell Instruction Beach

**Recommended Improvements:**

- Extending water & sewer utilities to public facilities at boat launch
- Construction of ADA compliant restrooms
- Writing of new park development plan
- Storm water management improvements.
- Construction of community center
- Construction of access roads and parking by community center
- Removal of pilings to permit better water access to landing
- Purchase additional lands for expansion of park
- Construction of larger boat and trailer parking lot by boat ramp
- Extension of Lakefront Trail through park
- Addition of picnic tables and benches
- Expansion of Maritime Trails signage within park
- Construction of offices, instructional facilities, and indoor storage for sailing, kayaking and rowing programs
- Landscaping and tree planting
- Purchase of buoys to mark channel to boat landing
- Safety improvements to the flowing well area of the park
- Dredging of the boat ramp area

**PUBLIC LANDS - THOMPSON WEST END PARK TO SOUTH CITY LIMITS**

**Existing Facilities:**

- ATV & Snowmobile Trail

**Recommended Improvements:**

- Writing of park development plan.
- Grading and surfacing of ATV/snowmobile trail along old railroad grade.
- Construction of pedestrian bridge across Thompson Creek.
- Installation of signage along trails.
- Installation of benches and picnic tables.
- Construction of fishing pier south of Thompson Creek.
- Purchase additional lands.
- Completion of ATV/snowmobile bridge across Thompson Creek.
- Extension of Lakefront Trail and Maritime Trail from Thompson’s West End Park westward along lakefront to the south city limits (Summit Avenue).
- Construction of parking lot at trail head by Summit Avenue (south city limits).
• Design and construction of cross country ski trails.
• Construction of trail shelters.

**FORMER RAILROAD GRADE WITHIN CITY**

**Existing Facilities:**

• ATV & Snowmobile Trail

**Recommended Improvements:**

• Purchase remaining railroad right-of-way in private hands between 4th Avenue East and Gary Road.
• Install signage as required.
• Landscaping as necessary.

• Construction of ATV/Snowmobile trail and/or silent sports trail between 4th Avenue East and Gary Road.
• Grade and resurface trail throughout the city.
• Relocate overhead power lines.

**LAKEFRONT PARKWAY**

**Existing Facilities:**

• Gravel trail from 6th Avenue West to 1st Avenue East
• Maritimes Trail signage
• Picnic tables and benches
• Parking & trail head at 4th Avenue West
• Bridges over ravines

**Recommended Improvements:**

• Improve trail heads and parking lots.
• Pave entire trail for ADA accessibility.
• Install additional benches and picnic tables.
• Relocation of trail within Washburn Marina.
• Expansion of trail from 1st Avenue East to Memorial Park.
• Update of management plan.
• Renovation of trail between Washington Avenue and Marina with switchbacks and bridges across ravines to insure ADA accessibility.

• Landscaping with native species
• 6th Avenue West to Washington Avenue is ADA accessible
• Unguarded beaches
• Parking & trail head at Washington Avenue
• Historical signage

• Install decorative and safety lighting as necessary.
• Expansion of playground area.
• Expansion of Maritime Trails, historical and informational signage within parkway.
• Expansion of Trail from 6th Avenue West to Summit Avenue.
• Replace existing and install new bridges across ravines as necessary.

**WASHBURN MARINA**

**Existing Facilities:**
- 138 Boat slips
- Outdoor boat storage
- Boat lift
- Covered picnic shelter
- Store
- Petroleum sales
- Boat launch
- Paved and unpaved parking areas
- Restrooms & shower facilities
- Office building and repair building
- Lounge
- Sewage

Recommended Improvements:

- Renovation and reconstruction of restrooms and shower.
- Addition of campsites.
- Extension of utilities to fourth pier.
- Replace pier decking on one of the three piers.
- Landscape to eliminate industrial look
- Replacement of existing office building with enlarged office, store and lounge.
- Construction of laundry facilities.
- Construction of playground area.
- Construction of boat wash station.
- Construction of fish cleaning station.
- Build enhancements to lakefront trail.
- Construction of 4th pier in interior basin.
- Extension of south break wall to better protect interior basin opening.
- Installation of safety equipment on break wall and piers.
- Construction of picnic area.
- Construction of additional marina basin for 50-100 additional slips.
- Relocation of lakefront trail.
- Repair and expansion of parking areas.

COMMERCIAL DOCK

Existing Facilities:

- Fishing area

Recommended Improvements:

- Replace south and east timbered walls with sheet piling
- Install safety and decorative lighting
- Landscape fishing area to provide green space and eliminate industrial look
- Resurface dock
- Install benches in fishing area
- Provide ADA amenities

INTER-COMMUNITY TRAIL

Existing Facilities:

- None

Recommended Improvements:

- Prepare recreational trail plan over abandoned railroad corridor between Washburn and Ashland for mixed use activities.
- Legal work to purchase lands and acquire easements as necessary.
• Surface trail with gravel or asphalt as warranted.
• Provide trail heads and parking as needed.
• Prepare maps and trail brochures.

• Prepare recreational trail plan over abandoned railroad or existing highway corridors between Washburn and Bayfield for silent sports.
• Undertake clearing and grade trail as necessary.
• Install bridges as necessary.
• Install signage as necessary.

ATHLETIC FIELDS

Existing Facilities:

• Regulation girls softball field
• Regulation little league field
• 2 ice rinks
• Restrooms, concession stand, warming building
• Regulation boy’s baseball field
• Parking and access road
• Snowmobile trail

Recommended Improvements:

• Reconstruction of skate park ramps.
• Re-contouring of skating rink walls to permit better maintenance of landscaping.
• Paving of parking lot.
• Additional tree planting and landscaping.
• Electronic scoreboards at all fields.
• Installation of lighting at fields.
• Pave access road to concession stand.
• Reconstruct little league dugout.
• Construct press box and announcer’s stand at all fields.
• Extend lakefront parkway walking trail through park.
• Install additional benches and picnic tables at park.
• Construct new access road to park via 2nd Avenue East.
• Relocate and reconstruct skate park.
• Better sealing of east skating rink basin to permit it to hold water better.
• Construction of soccer field.
• Improvement in storm water handling.
• Complete fencing of little league field.
• Installation of bleachers at all fields.
• Construction and paving of pedestrian walkways throughout park that are ADA compliant.
• Extend water lines to girls softball field and little league field.
• Purchase athletic field and soccer field grooming and mowing equipment.
• Install better directional signage to park.
• Construct covered picnic pavilion at little league field.
• Prepare park development plan for Athletic Fields Park.
• Installation of tennis courts.
• Place fencing around boy’s baseball field, soccer field, and skate park at other locations.
• Construct equipment storage buildings.
• Install additional paved walkways.
• Construct field sports area including paved athletic track, bleachers, lighting and fencing.
• Construct dugouts at boy’s baseball field and repair other dugouts.
• Storm water management best management practices.
• Purchase additional lands.
• Relocate softball diamond, at the far east of the grounds, to an area near Well #1.
MEMORIAL PARK

Existing Facilities:

- Campground
- Covered picnic shelter
- Dump station
- Electric and cable TV service to some sites
- Playground
- Historic kitchen building
- Picnic areas
- Unguarded swimming beach
- Pathways and bridges across ravines
- Restrooms and shower building
- Parking area
- Park gate (South 6th Avenue East)

Recommended Improvements:

- Preparation of campground development plan.
- Renovation and redesign of campsites to facilitate access and identification.
- Install additional benches and picnic table.
- Expansion of lakefront trail through park.
- Construction of primitive campsites.
- Extension of water lines within park.
- Construction of additional ADA compliant trails and pathways within park.
- Construction of concession stand.
- Construction of additional pedestrian bridges across ravines.
- Pave access roads.
- Construct additional restroom and showers.
- Construction of fishing pier.
- Relocation of some campsites.
- Renovation & expansion of playground area.
- Replace playground equipment.
- Expansion of maritime trails, historical and informational signage within park.
- Re-establishment of fitness trail within park.
- Reconstruction of caretaker’s house.
- Upgrading and expansion of electric service to campsites.
- Extension of sanitary sewer lines within park.
- Purchase of additional lands.
- Construction of additional picnic pavilion.
- Replace existing and construct additional beach access steps.
- Construct bandstand.
- Install sand lot volleyball courts.
- Construct campfire program area with bleachers.
- Storm water management best management practices.

DUPONT LINEAR PARK

Existing Facilities:

- None

Recommended Improvements:

- Prepare park development plan.
- Provide clearing and grading of silent sports trail.
- Install benches.
- Surface trail with gravel.
- Prepare & publish maps and brochures of park.
- Purchase additional lands and easements as necessary to provide access to park, extend park and establish trail heads.
- Provide signage as necessary.
- Install gates at access points to limit motorized vehicles.
WASHBURN GREEN CIRCLE TRAIL

Existing Facilities:

- None

Recommended Improvements:

- Prepare trail development plan.
- Provide clearing and grading of silent sports trail.
- Install benches.
- Purchase of trail maintenance equipment including ATV, trailers and accessories.
- Surface trail with gravel.
- Install gates as necessary to prevent access of motorized vehicles.
- Purchase additional lands and easements as necessary to provide access to park, extend park and establish trail heads.
- Provide signage as necessary.
- Prepare & publish maps and brochures of park.
- Purchase of snowmobile and cross country skiing trail grooming equipment.
- Bridge ravines and streams as necessary.

DUPONT PARK

Existing Facilities:

- None

Recommended Improvements:

- Prepare park development plan.
- Grading, landscaping, plantings.
- Construct playground.
- Extend utilities to park.
- Storm water improvements.
- Purchase additional lands and easements as necessary to provide access to park and expand park.
- Install benches and picnic tables.
- Construct equipment storage building.
- Construct restrooms.

JACKIE’S FIELD

Existing Facilities:

- Playground
- Benches
- Sandlot ball field
- Picnic tables

Recommended Improvements:

- Replace playground equipment and expand playground.
- Landscaping and tree planting.
- Construct covered picnic shelter.
- ADA compliant pathways throughout park.
- New backstop and fencing at ball field.
- Extend utility lines to park.
- Informational signage.
- Install benches and picnic tables.
- Construction of restrooms.
• Improved storm water handling.

**EAST SIDE TENNIS COURTS**

**Existing Facilities:**

• Tennis courts
• Benches
• Fencing

**Recommended Improvements:**

• Resurface tennis courts.
• Install drinking fountain.
• Expand basketball court to full court.
• Provide ADA compliant paved pathways.
• Install benches and picnic tables.
• Paint mural on tennis backboard.

• ½ court basketball court
• Tennis backboard

• Construct maintenance building.
• Renovate tennis court lighting.
• Fence basketball court.
• Landscaping & tree planting.
• Improve signage.
• Purchase additional lands.

**SMALL TRIANGLE**

**Existing Facilities:**

• Flower gardens
• Benches

**Recommended Improvements:**

• Renovate flower gardens.
• Install benches.
• Landscaping and tree planting.

• Construct fountain.
• Construct walkways and plaza.
• Install drinking fountain.

**LEGION PARK**

**Existing Facilities:**

• Veteran’s Memorial
• Flower gardens

**Recommended Improvements:**

• Prepare park development plan.
• Extend utilities to park.
• Replace pathways with ADA compliant walkways.
• Install drinking water fountain.
• Renovate and expand flower gardens.

• Pathways
• Benches

• Install benches.
• Install flag poles.
• Renovate veteran’s memorial.
• Upgrade electrical service to park.
• Construct fountain.
• Construct fountain plaza.
• Landscaping and tree planting.
• Install picnic tables.
• Install park lighting.

CITY HALL PLAZA

Existing Facilities:

• Fountain
• Lighting
• Walkways
• Flag poles
• Plaza
• Flower gardens
• Benches

Recommended Improvements:

• Renovation of fountain electrical controls
• Replacement of plaza lights
• Replacement of screening fence
• Public restroom renovation
• Replacement of plaza walkways
• Benches
• Landscaping
• Renovation of flower gardens

CENTRAL AVENUE COMMONS

Existing Facilities:

• None

Recommended Improvements:

• Prepare park development plan
• Construct information center and ADA compliant public restrooms
• Construct ADA compliant walkways
• Construct flower gardens
• Install drinking fountain
• Purchase lands
• Construct parking lot
• Install playground
• Install signage
• Install benches

WIKDAL PARK

Existing Facilities:

• Benches
• Lighting
• Picnic tables
• Flower gardens

Recommended Improvements:

• Prepare park development plan.
• Renovate flower gardens.
• Renovate outdoor lighting and upgrade electrical capability for festivals.
• Construct gazebo.
• Construct restrooms.
• Construct ADA compliant pathways and walkways.
- Install drinking fountain.

**HILLSIDE PARK**

**Existing Facilities:**

- Playground
- ½ court basketball court
- Benches & picnic tables
- Tennis courts
- Sand lot ball diamond
- Tennis backstop

**Recommended Improvements:**

- Resurface tennis courts.
- Renovate and expand playground.
- Extend utilities to site.
- Construct covered picnic shelter.
- Landscaping and tree planting.
- Construct full basketball court.
- Construct ADA compliant pathways.
- Renovate tennis court lighting.
- Fence sand lot ball diamond.
- Construct ADA compliant restrooms.
- Install benches and picnic tables.
- Construct parking lot.
- Install signage as necessary.

**THOMPSON CREEK PARKWAY**

**Existing Facilities:**

- None

**Recommended Improvements:**

- Purchase lands along Thompson Creek for park.
- Construct access roads to park site.
- Extend utilities to access points.
- Construct hiking and cross country ski trails.
- Landscaping & tree planting.
- Erosion control along stream banks.
- Construct trail shelters.
- Construct archery range.
- Prepare park development plan.
- Construct parking lots at access points.
- Construct ADA compliant restrooms.
- Construct bridges across Thompson Creek as necessary.
- Install additional signage.
- Construct picnic pavilion.
- Construct boardwalks across wetlands.

**SCHOOL FOREST**

**Existing Facilities:**

- Education building
- Trails and pathways
- Parking lot
- Pit toilets
- Outdoor amphitheater
- Educational stations
Recommended Improvements:

- Prepare forest development plan.
- Extend utilities to site.
- Install boardwalks and gravel surface on trails.
- Renovate and expand signage.
- Expand and pave parking lot.
- Provide outdoor lighting as necessary.
- Construct picnic area.
- Expand and renovate signage.
- Construct restrooms.
- Construct steps or switchbacks on hills.
- Undertake best management practices for erosion control on hillsides.
- Pave access road.
- Construct fire ring.
- Renovate outdoor amphitheater.
- Install gates to prevent access of motorized vehicles.
- Construct covered outdoor education area.
- Install bridges on trail as necessary.
- Expand outdoor amphitheater.

FOOTBALL FIELD

Existing Facilities:

- Football field
- Restrooms
- Lighting
- Concession stand/press box

Recommended Improvements:

- Install fencing.
- Construct ticket booth.
- Install flag pole.
- Install storm water best management practices.
- Expand restrooms.
- Construct bleachers.
- Construct ADA compliant path & walkways.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Existing Facilities:

- Playground
- Picnic area
- Covered picnic shelter

Recommended Improvements:

- Renovate & expand playground.
- Construct ADA compliant walkways.
- Construct parking lot.
- Install outside drinking fountain.
- Landscaping & tree planting.
- Construct ADA compliant restrooms.
- Install fencing.
- Install storm water best management practices.
- Construct additional field sports facilities.
- Install additional signage.

ST. LOUIS SCHOOL

Existing Facilities:

- Playground
- Picnic area
**Recommended Improvements:**

- Renovate & expand playground.
- Construct ADA compliant walkways.
- Construct parking lot.
- Install outside drinking fountain.
- Landscaping & tree planting.
- Construct ADA compliant restrooms.
- Install fencing.
- Install storm water best management practices.
- Construct additional field sports facilities.
- Install additional signage.
- Covered picnic shelter.

**TOWNSHIP FACILITIES**

**TOWN OF BARKSDALE**

Existing Facilities:

- Skating rink

Recommended Improvements:

- Warming shed
- Equipment to flood rink

**TOWN OF BARNES**

**TOMAHAWK LAKE PARK**

Existing Facilities:

- A small park with campsites, picnic tables, boat launch and toilets. There are two benches in the beach area.
- Public beach with pier.
- Recently added was approximately 5 miles of hiking, biking and cross country ski trails and a sledding hill for winter time fun.

Recommended Improvements:

- Expand handicap accessibility.
- Create additional trails connecting to Barnes Town Park and CAMBA trail system.
- Create designated fire pit.
- Landscape/groom walking paths.
- Boat launch with pier.
- Pavilion.
- Public restrooms.
- Swings
- Add/install park signs and maps.
- Additional picnic tables and ski shelter.
- Land Acquisition.
- Add and/or maintain playground equipment.

**TOWN OF BARNES RECREATION AREA**

Existing Facilities:
- Two tennis/pickleball courts
- Basketball court
- Ball field
- Recreation/ice skating/roller rink
- Playground equipment
- Parking lot
- Pavilion
- Barbecue pit
- Toilets
- Drinking fountain

**Recommended Improvements:**

- Tennis/pickleball courts: upgrade and resurface courts.
- Create walking/biking trails.
- Basketball courts: upgrade and resurface courts.
- Ice/roller skating rink: upgrade rink walls and heated warming house.
- Create a volleyball area.
- Land Acquisition.
- Add horse shoe pits.
- Add a skate park.
- Landscaping: add shade trees.
- Add/repair benches and picnic tables.
- Add/install park signs and maps.
- Expand handicap accessibility and parking.
- Add and/or maintain playground equipment.

**TOWN OF BAYFIELD**

**Existing Facilities:**

**BELANGER SETTLEMENT PARK**

- Picnic area with shelter

**Recommended Improvements:**

- Replace toilets
- Develop CAMBA mountain bike trails at and adjacent to Mt. Ashwabay
- Re-roof shelter

**SALMO LAKEWALK TRAIL**

**Existing Facilities:**

- Interpretive trail and boardwalk providing access to a Lake Superior beach (expected to be completed in the summer/fall 2015).

**Recommended improvements:**

- Restrooms/privy
- Benches
- Drinking fountain
- Picnic area/pavilion
- Additional historical and interpretive signs
**TOWN OF BAYVIEW**

**BAYVIEW PARK**

Existing Facilities:

- Public beach access to Chequamegon Bay
- Picnic tables
- Fire rings
- Privy
- Pavilion

**HOUGHTON FALLS NATURAL AREA**

Existing Facilities

- Scenic sandstone glen, falls and Lake Superior sandstone shoreline.
- Walking trail with interpretive signs.
- Parking lot.

Recommended Improvements:

- Trail improvements to reduce erosion and increase safety.
- Interpretive Signage.
- Development and maintenance of recreational trails.
- Habitat rehabilitation activities, as needed.

**TOWN OF BELL**

**CORNUCOPIA**

Existing Facilities:

- Cornucopia Beach on Lake Superior (approximately 350’ of beach).
- Two tennis courts.
- Playground area.
- Various Town owned lands.
- Breakwall with fishing pier.

Recommended Improvements:

- Cornucopia Beach:
  - Install kayak ramp/launch.
  - Additional benches.
  - Beach rehabilitation.
  - Sand dune restoration.
- Town Owned Lands:
  - Development and maintenance of recreational trails.
  - Creation of camping sites.
TOWN MARINA

Existing Facilities:
• Boat launch.
• Boat slips.

Recommended Improvements:
• Install boat washing station.
• Add informational kiosks.
• Install a weather station.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Existing Facilities:
• Public restrooms.
• Softball field.
• Full sized basketball court.
• Picnic tables.
• Educational signs and programs.
• Community gardens.

Recommend Improvements:

SISKIWIT BAY PARK – LAKE SUPERIOR

Existing Facilities:
• Shelter/pavilion.
• Green Shed Museum
• Spring water.
• Barbecue grills.
• Playground equipment.
• Breakwall with fishing pier.
• Shelter for flowing artesian well.
• Trail maintenance or improvements to the breakwall.
• Picnic tables.
• Volleyball court.
• Toilet building.

Recommended Improvements:
• Construction of a new stage, with electricity, for music and other festivals.
• Showers.
• Repair and maintenance of breakwall.
• New grills.
• Development of an exercise course.

SISKIWIT LAKE CAMPGROUND

Existing Facilities:
• Camping
• Picnic sites
• Parking
• Porta-Potties
• Lake access
• Solar powered well

Recommended Improvements:

• Construct new toilet building.
• Additional campsites.
• Beach restoration.

Grills

• Erosion control.
• Install kayak/canoe ramp/launch.

SISKIWIT LAKE ACCESS

Existing Facilities:

• Boat landing & dock.

Recommended Improvements:

• Install new boat ramp.
• Expand/improve parking area.

• New boat washing station.
• Install kayak/canoe ramp/launch.

LOST CREEK FALLS

Recommended Improvements:

• Trail development.
• Benches.
• Improvement to parking.

• Interpretive signage.
• Wood overlook deck.

THUNDER BAY SHORES PARK

Existing Facilities:

• Scenic overlook of Bark Bay on Lake Superior – land is 70 ft wide from road to lake.

TOWN OF CABLE

CABLE AREA RECREATIONAL PARK (located ½ mile west of Cable)

Existing Facilities:

• Ball fields and bleachers
• Old depot
• Playground equipment
• Restrooms
• Picnic areas

• Shelter 40’ x 90’
• Tennis courts
• Lighted basketball court (until midnight).
• Covered pavilion
• Skateboard park
CABLE ROD & GUN CLUB

Existing Facilities:

- Trap range
- Club house
- Pistol Range
- High power rifle range
- Skeet range

COMMUNITY CENTRE

Existing Facilities:

- Playground equipment
- Basketball hoop

PERRY LAKE/CABLE LAKE/TAHKODAH LAKE

Existing Facilities:

- Public boat landings at all three locations.
- Perry Lake: restrooms, changing rooms, picnic area and swimming area.
- Cable Lake and Tahkodah Lake: seasonal restroom.

CABLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Existing Facilities:

- Area maps/information
- Restrooms
- Public telephone
- Bike rack
- Benches
- Drinking fountain

NAMAKAGON RIVER ACCESS

- Randysek Road south one mile and Highway M east three miles.

Existing Facilities:

- Canoe landing
- Tubing
- Picnic tables
- Restrooms
- Fishing

CHEQUAMEGON AREA MOUNTAIN BIKE ASSOCIATION (CAMBA) BIKE TRAILS

- Trailhead located next to Firehall on Randysek Road. The North End Ski Cabin is locate three miles south of Cable, on Randysek Road.
Recommended Improvements:

- Rehabilitate and improve Ojibwe Trail
- Develop connecting trail to existing trails in Town of Namakagon

BAYFIELD COUNTY SNOWMOBILE TRAILS

AMERICAN BIRKEBEINER SKI TRAILS

ATV ROUTES

TELEMARK GOLF COURSE

TOWN OF CLOVER

CORNELL PARK/HERBSTER PUBLIC CAMPGROUND

Existing Facilities:

- Covered pavilion
- Flush toilets
- Tent sites
- RV sites
- Playground
- Well

Recommended Improvements:

- Shower facility
- Expanded restroom facility
- Parking area for campground & pavilion
- Improved signage
- Additional RV sites with electrical
- Additional tent sites
- Erosion control
- Restroom near playground
- Park benches
- Picnic tables
- Fire rings

BARK BAY SLOUGH PUBLIC BOAT LAUNCH

Existing Facilities:

- Boat ramp
- Parking
- Porta-Potty
- Scenic overlook

Recommended Improvements:

- Restroom Facility

BARK BAY SLOUGH PUBLIC BOAT LANDING

Existing Facilities:
• Access for small craft such as canoe or kayak
• Parking

Recommended Improvements:
• Boat ramp
• Restroom

TOWN OF DELTA - none

TOWN OF DRUMMOND

DRUMMOND PARK

Existing Facilities:
• 30’ x 60’ shelter
• Swimming beach
• Picnic area w/grills
• Swing set
• Parking

Recommended Improvements:
• Add playground equipment
• Create nature trail
• Add picnic grills

TOWN OF EILEEN - none

TOWN OF GRAND VIEW

GREAT DIVIDE BALL PARK FACILITY

Existing Facilities:
• Three ball fields
• Bleachers
• Restrooms
• Storage shed
• Playground equipment
• 2 concession stands
• Grandstand

Recommended Improvement:
• New playground equipment
• Refurbish/replace restrooms
• Reconstruct bleachers
• New 30’x40’ shelter
• Basketball court

GRAND VIEW PARK

Existing Facilities:
- Tennis courts
- Picnic area
- 30’ x 60’ shelter

Recommended Improvements:
- Shelter with restrooms
- Install ADA concrete pit toilet
- Upgrade wiring in concession stands & shelter

PARK ALONG HWY 63

Existing Facilities:
- Playground equipment
- Ice skating rink

Recommended Improvements:
- Refurbish/replace playground equipment
- Install unisex ADA concrete pit toilet
- Add a recycle collection unit

HISTORIC GRAND VIEW TOWN HALL MUSEUM

Existing Facilities:
- Museum
- Caboose

Recommended Improvements:
- Restoration of caboose

TOWN OF HUGHES – none

TOWN OF IRON RIVER

MOON LAKE PARK (1 mi south on CTH H)

Existing Facilities:
- Swimming beach
- Dock
- Restrooms
- Shelter
- 2 concession stands
- Music pavilion

Recommended Improvements:
- Enclose west side of shelter
- Scenic overlook

- Add a sheltered drinking fountain & picnic table
- Refurbish/replace basketball courts

- Camping
- Picnic sites
- Boat ramp
Recommended Improvements:

- New restrooms/change house/shower building
- Gravel special events parking lot
- Develop skiing/hiking trail
- Gravel and mark campsites
- New boat ramp
- Develop tent campsites
- Develop marked bike trail from park to Iron River
- New park well
- Update electricity
- New restrooms
- RV site
- Sidewalk from Highway 2 to park

IRON RIVER LIONS MEMORIAL PARK (adjacent to the Iron River School)

Existing Facilities:

- Ball field
- Outdoor hockey rink

Recommended Improvements:

- Add two tennis courts
- Additional Little League/softball field with backstop & fencing
- Enclose hockey rink
- Equipment building for hockey facility
- Serve park with municipal sewer and flush toilets
- Add gravel parking lot

HALF MOON LAKE PARK (east end of Half Moon Lake)

Existing Facilities:

- Public lake access
- Picnicking

Recommended Improvements:

- Place park sign on USH 2 for public access
- Add several picnic tables

WAYSIDE PARK

Existing Facilities:

- Picnic tables
- Well

Recommended Improvements:

- add more picnic tables

TOWN OF KELLY - none
**TOWN OF KEYSTONE**

Existing Facilities:

- None

Recommended Improvements:

- Campground
- Playground

**TOWN OF LINCOLN - none**

**TOWN OF MASON - none**

**TOWN OF NAMAKAGON**

Existing Facilities:

- Several boat landings on Namakagon Lake

Recommended Improvements:

- Build a Town park
- Develop connecting CAMBA bike trails to existing trails in Town of Cable

**TOWN OF ORIENTA**

BOAT LANDING (mouth of Iron River)

Existing Facilities:

- Picnic table

**TOWN OF OULU**

TOWN PARK

Existing Facilities:

- 2 Baseball fields with bleachers
- Playground equipment

Recommended Improvements:

- Improve baseball field
- Upgrade playground equipment
- Cover second set of bleachers
- Cement pad under bleachers

**TOWN OF PILSEN**

Existing Facilities:
• Baseball diamond
• Basketball court

PLAYGROUND AREA

TOWN OF PORT WING

Recommended Improvements:

• Develop silent trails with easy access to Scenic Byway
• Provide travel center with public facilities
• Develop a “Historic Walk through Town” with interpretive signage

BASEBALL PARK

QUARRY BEACH

TWIN FALLS PARK

Existing Facilities:

• Trails
• Restroom

Recommended Improvements:

• Repair restroom
• Improve trail access and signage
• Add picnic table
• Remove deadfall from trails

OLD SCHOOL MEMORIAL PARK

Existing Facilities:

• Playground equipment

Recommended Improvements:

• Replace playground equipment

HARBOR PARK

Existing Facilities:

• Bathroom facilities
• Picnic tables
• Historical lighthouse
• Benches

Recommended Improvements:
• Sand blast and paint the historical lighthouse
• Upgrade bathroom facilities
• Upgrade water system
• Upgrade fish cleaning station
• Install interpretive kiosks and marker
• Update & improve picnic tables & benches
• Build accessible observation deck overlooking Lake Superior with historical interpretive signage

**TOWN OF RUSSELL**

**LITTLE SAND BAY RECREATION AREA**

**Existing Facilities:**

• The Little Sand Bay Recreation Area is located on the shores of Lake Superior at the northern tip of the Bayfield Peninsula. The facility is approximately 12 miles north of the City of Bayfield, Wisconsin. The Town of Russell owns and operates a campground, boat launching ramp and dock, the east pier of the boat harbor basin for transient slips, a swimming beach, picnic grounds and ball field/play area.

The Town of Russell Little Sand Bay Recreation Area is located within the boundaries of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore (AINL). The National Park Service (NPS) administers the AINL and operates a visitor center at Little Sand Bay.

The boat launching ramp and dock serve recreational boaters and fishermen. The launch ramp is paved with a portable dock system to assist boaters with launching. The launch ramp is located within the protected harbor and boat basin at Little Sand Bay. Paved, drive through parking is provided for vehicles with trailers attached. A launching area dedicated to canoes and kayaks is also provided by the AINL.

The Town maintains the docking slips on the east pier of the boat basin for transient and overnight docking of boats for campers.

A beautiful sand beach for swimming is located east of the boat basin for use by day visitors, campers and picnickers. A picnic shelter and playground for young children is adjacent to the beach area.

A parking area is available adjacent to the swimming beach for day users and picnickers.

The campground has 39 sites in total. Thirty-one of these sites will accommodate RV’s and have electrical service. Water hydrants are located throughout the facility. An RV dump station is provided for campers. Six of the sites are suitable for tents and small trailers. Two sites are handicap accessible and one site is designated as a group camp site with a shelter.

All sites have parking areas for vehicles, picnic tables, fire rings and access to trash receptacles and recycling containers. Flush toilets and wash facilities are provided by AINL and pit toilets also serve the campers and picnickers. The Town has shower facilities for campers. Firewood and ice are available for purchase from the Town.
A large level open area between the campground and boat basin is available for recreational purposes such as ball games and other group events.

Recommended Improvements:

- Landscape disturbed areas and plant additional trees (develop a tree management plan).
- Install additional playground equipment.
- Provide WiFi service to campers.
- Extend boat ramp to accommodate power loading of larger vessels and address lower lake levels.
- Build a wood storage shed for firewood.
- Provide emergency 911 telephone service.
- Develop an on-line reservation system.
- Expand seating (benches) in the beach/playground area.
- Install a fish cleaning station.

SHOOTING RANGE

Existing Facilities:

The Town of Russell operates a public shooting range off Old County K at the end of Valley View Road. The range has a 100 yard rifle range with protective berm and is also suitable for trap shooting. The facility has a covered shelter with shooting benches and picnic table for observers. A fire pit and benches are available along with a large vehicle parking area. The range is open to the public starting on May 1st and closes the day before deer gun season.

Recommended Improvements:

- Install electric service to the shelter building with shelter lighting.
- Install pit toilets.
- Provide permanent target holding system.
- Install metal distance marking posts at 15, 25, 50, 75 and 100 yards.
- Install a firewood shed.
- Install a permanent trap throwing system and range lighting system.

HISTORICAL CAVER SCHOOL REST AREA

Existing Facilities:

The Town of Russell operates a wayside rest area at the intersection of East Old County K and State Highway 13, which acknowledges the location of the historic Carver School. An informational display of the original Carver School Bell along with historical information is present. Picnic tables and drinking water are available.

Recommended Improvements:

- Install informational kiosk on Town recreational opportunities.
- Install a picnic shelter.
- Install pit toilets.
- Install a cooking grill/fire pit.
- Install garbage and recycling containers.
• Landscaping and tree planting.

**TOWN OF TRIPP**

**JACKMAN LAKE PARK (north of Iron River)**

**Existing Facilities:**

• Swimming

**Recommended Improvements:**

• New restrooms
  • Parking area improvements

**TOWN OF WASHBURN**

**AREA OFF ARNSO ROAD**

**Existing Facilities:**

• None

**Recommended Improvements:**

• Bicycle lanes
  • Walking trails

**RED CLIFF BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA**

**BUFFALO BAY CAMPGROUND**

**Existing Facilities:**

• Campsites

**Recommended Improvements:**

• Additional campsites
  • New office/store
  • New shower/bathroom/laundry facility
  • Electrical, water & sewer hookups

**RED CLIFF MARINA**

**Existing Facilities:**
• Dockage

Recommended Improvements:

• More slips
• Boat lift
• Fuel station
• Year-round storage
• Repair facility
• Electrical and water hookups
• Sanitary pump-out system
• Improvement to boat launch site

• Boat landing

• Straddle hoist for launching boats
• Expansion of storage area for boats, RVs and campers
• Parking improvement
• Site expansion
• Adaptability of site for winter recreational opportunities including ice skating, winter parking, use and services for ice fishermen

POINT DETOUR CAMPGROUND

Existing Facilities:

• Rustic camping

FROG BAY TRIBAL NATIONAL PARK (T51N-R3W-SEC 7)

Existing Facilities:

• Frog Bay Tribal National Park is the first tribal nation park in the United States. The 90 acre park has ¾ miles of undeveloped Lake Superior shoreline and a superb example of mature boreal forest. Nearly two miles of hiking trails have been added since the park initially opened in August 2012, including a 130 foot steel truss bridge and 20 boardwalk/foot bridges. Interpretive signs along the trail explore the connection between ecology and the Ojibwe culture. The park is open all year from dawn to dusk. Access if free. A donation kiosk exists near the comfort station at the trailhead parking area.

Recommended Improvements:

• Add Lake Superior water trail markers.

• Acquire additional non-tribal lands in Frog Bay for Park expansion.

VILLAGE OF MASON

MASON PARK

Existing Facilities:

• Pavilion
• Restrooms
• Parking
• Camping

Recommended Improvements:

• Dock
• New pavilion roof
• Historical marker for old mill
PLAYGROUND BY MUSEUM

Existing Facilities:

- Basketball courts
- Playground equipment

Recommended Improvements:

- 1 or 2 new items of playground equipment