MANISTEE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting of Thursday, February 1, 2007
7:00 p.m. -Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street,
Manistee, Michigan

AGENDA

I Call to Order

II Roll Call

III Approval of Agenda

At this time the Planing Commission can take action to approve the February 1, 2007 Agenda.

IV Approval of Minutes

At this time Planning Commission can take action to approve the January 4, 2007 meeting Minutes.

V Public Hearing

Dennis P. McCarthy, Blarney Castle Oil Co. - A hearing has been scheduled to allow input from the Public in response to the from Dennis P. McCarthy, Blarney Castle Oil Co. for a Special Use Permit. The Special Use Permit is for an Automobile Repair Facility at 145 Harrison Street located in the C-2 Zoning District.

The Applicant will make their presentation followed by the Chair inviting public comment.

VI New Business

Dennis P. McCarthy, Blarney Castle Oil Co. - A request has been received from Dennis P. McCarthy, Blarney Castle Oil Co. for a Special Use Permit for an Automobile Repair Facility at 145 Harrison Street located in the C-2 Zoning District.

At this time the Planning Commission could adopt a resolution to (approve/deny/approve with conditions) the Special Use Permit application for an Automobile Repair Facility at 145 Harrison Street.

Resolution of Support Parks and Recreation Plan 2007 - 2012 - The development of a Parks and Recreation Plan is necessary to ensure the orderly development of Parks and Recreation opportunities for the citizens and visitors to the community. A Parks and Recreation Plan is also required in order to apply for grants. The Planning Commissioners were give a copy of the Report to review and are now asked for a Resolution of Support.

At this time the Planning Commission can authorize the Chair and Secretary of the Planning Commission to sign a Resolution of Support of the Parks and Recreation Plan for 2007 - 2012.

Appoint Alternate to serve on Zoning Ordinance Re-Write Committee

The Zoning Ordinance Re-Write Committee is continuing their review of areas of the Zoning Ordinance that need to be Amended. Due to a family illness a Member of the Committee will be out of town for two months. The Zoning Ordinance Re-Write Committee needs to schedule a meeting in February and with a shortage of members an alternate needs to be appointed.

At this time Chair Roger Yoder will appoint an alternate to serve on the Zoning Ordinance Re-Write Committee a Sub-Committee of the Planning Commission.

VII Old Business

None

VIII Public Comments and Communications concerning Items not on the Agenda

At this time the Chair will ask if there are any public comments.

IX Correspondence

At this time the Chair will ask if any correspondence has been received to be read into the record.

X Staff Reports

At this time the Chair will ask Staff for their report.

XI Members Discussion

At this time the Chair will ask members of the Planning Commission if they have any items they want to discuss.

XII Adjournment

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning Commissioners

FROM: Denise Blakeslee

DATE: January 25, 2007

RE: February 1, 2007 Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers

Members, the following items are on the February 1, 2007 agenda:

Dennis P. McCarthy, Blarney Castle Oil Co. - A public hearing has been scheduled in response to the request from Dennis P. McCarthy, Blarney Castle Oil Co. for a Special Use Permit for an Automobile Repair Facility at 145 Harrison Street located in the C-2 Zoning District.

If the Planning Commission feels that no additional information is required a resolution will need to be adopted. Draft resolutions of approval and denial have been prepared.

Resolution of Support Parks and Recreation Plan 2007 - 2012 - The development of a Parks and Recreation Plan is necessary to ensure the orderly development of Parks and Recreation opportunities for the citizens and visitors to the community. A five year Parks and Recreation Plan is required to be filed with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to qualify for grant funds. The Plan currently on file expires February 2007.

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission authorize the Chair and Secretary of the Planning Commission to sign a Resolution of Support for the Parks and Recreation Plan for 2007 - 2012.

Appoint Alternate to serve on Zoning Ordinance Re-Write Committee

The Zoning Ordinance Re-Write Committee is continuing their review of areas of the Zoning Ordinance that need to be Amended. Due to a family illness Harlo Haines will be out of town for two months. The Zoning Ordinance Re-Write Committee needs to schedule a meeting in February and with a shortage of members an alternate needs to be appointed.

Please call me at 398-2805 if you are unable to attend. See you at the meeting!

:djb

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning Commissioners

FROM: Jon R. Rose
Community Development Director

DATE: January 24, 2007

RE: Dennis P. McCarthy, Blarney Castle Oil Company - Special Use Permit Request

Commissioners, a Public Hearing has been scheduled for February 1, 2007 in response to the request from Dennis P. McCarthy, Blarney Castle Oil Company for a Special Use Permit (Automobile Repair Facility). While preparing the mailing for the 300 foot notification we asked Mr. McCarthy for clarification on what parcels were included in the request. The request includes the parcel with the Building located on it - 145 Harrison Street (51-51-146-723-19) and the vacant lot to the south (51-51-146-722-01). Copies of both Parcel cards are enclosed for your files.

If the Special Use Permit is approved, any use of the vacant property would require Site Plan Review and Approval by the Planning Commission. Staff has prepared Draft Resolutions of Approval and Denial for the request. A resolution is required to either approve, approve with conditions or deny any request for a Special Use Permit.

Correspondence received in response to the Public Notice is attached for your review.

If you have any questions regarding this issue please call me at 398-2805.

JRR:djb

New CC

Parcel Number 515114672319

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Manistee County Parcel Information for 2006 Assessment Year
Manistee (City of), Manistee County

Owner Name(s): BLARNEY CASTLE INC
Owner Address: PO BOX 246
BEAR LAKE MI 49614

Parcel Address: 145 HARRISON ST

Property Information

Property Class: 201 - COMMERCIAL IMPROVED
School District: 30 - MANISTEE
Current Homestead %: 0%
Current Qualified Ag. Exemption %: 0%

Current Year Assessed Value: $95,100
Current Year SEV: $95,100
Current Year Taxable Value: $70,277

Previous Year Assessed Value: $86,700
Previous Year Taxable Value: $68,032

Tax Roll Description

AMENDED MAP OF ENGELMANNS ADDITION LOTS 19 + 20 BLOCK 7 _____P.ADDR: 145 HARRISON ST

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New CC

Parcel Number 515114672201

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Manistee County Parcel Information for 2006 Assessment Year
Manistee (City of), Manistee County

Owner Name(s): BLARNEY CASTLE, INC.
Owner Address: PO BOX 246
BEAR LAKE MI 49614

Parcel Address: 152 CLEVELAND ST

Property Information

Property Class: 202 - COMMERCIAL VACANT
School District: 30 - MANISTEE
Current Homestead %: 0%
Current Qualified Ag. Exemption %: 0%

Current Year Assessed Value: $27,800
Current Year SEV: $27,800
Current Year Taxable Value: $22,446

Previous Year Assessed Value: $27,800
Previous Year Taxable Value: $21,729

Property Sale Information

Sale Date: 10/86
Sale Amount: $35,000

Tax Roll Description

AMENDED MAP OF ENGLEMANNS ADDITION LOTS 1 & 2 BLOCK 7. _____P.ADDR: 152 CLEVELAND ST

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City of Manistee
Planning Commission Resolution of Approval
Special Use Permit, Case Number PC-2007-01
Dennis P. McCarthy, Blarney Castle Oil Co.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Manistee Planning Commission held on February 1, 2007, the following resolution was adopted pertaining to Amending the Special Use Permit for an Automobile Repair Facility.

Planning Commissioner_____ moved, supported by Planning Commissioner _____, the adoption of the following resolution.

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2006 a request was received from Dennis P. McCarthy, Blarney Castle Oil Co. for a Special Use Permit for an Automobile Repair Facility at 145 Harrison Street, and

WHEREAS, an Automobile Repair Facility is provided for as a Special Use under the C-2 Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District , and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has provided proper notice and held a public hearing on the proposed development on February 1, 2007, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has received written comment, reviewed the Site, and has completed review of the application, Site input of the Applicant and the input received at said public hearing, now therefor, be it

RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission has reached the following determination regarding Special Use Permit Standards (Section 1802.A):

1. The Special Use is consistent with the adopted City of Manistee Master Plan.

2. The Special Use is designed, constructed, operated and maintained to be consistent with the existing or intended character of the general vicinity and such use will not change the essential character of the area in which it is proposed.

3. The Special Use is be hazardous or disturbing to existing or future uses in the same general vicinity and in the community as a whole.

4. The Special Use is served adequately by essential public facilities and services, such as highways, streets, police and fire protection, storm water drainage, refuse disposal, water and sewage facilities, and schools; or persons or agencies responsible for the establishment of the proposed use shall provide adequately for such services.

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5. The Special Use does not create excessive additional requirements at public cost for facilities and services and will not be detrimental to the economic welfare of the community.

6. The Special Use does not involve uses, activities, processes, materials and equipment or conditions of operation that will be detrimental to any person, property or general welfare by reason of excessive production of traffic, noise, vibration, smoke, toxic emissions, fumes, glare, or odors.

7. The Special Use meets the intent and purpose of the Zoning Ordinance; be related to the standards established in the Ordinance for the land use or activity under consideration; and will be in compliance with these standards.

And, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Special Use Permit for the project as proposed by the Applicant be, and is hereby, approved subject to the following Requirements and Conditions established by the City of Manistee Zoning Ordinance for an Automobile Repair Facility:

1. Dismantled, wrecked or inoperable vehicles or any vehicle parts or scrap of any kind shall not be kept outdoors where they are visible from any adjoining property or right-of-way. The Planning Commission may require an opaque fence up to eight (8) feet in height and/or an evergreen landscape buffer not less than eight (8) feet in height at time of planting to buffer any vehicles from neighboring uses or passers-by.

2. Not more than two (2) vehicles shall be parked on site for the purpose of selling or renting such vehicles.

3. All exterior lighting shall be in accordance with **Section 525** hereof.

4. All equipment including hydraulic hoists, pits, lubrication and repair facilities shall be entirely enclosed within a building. No outdoor storage of merchandise or equipment shall be permitted.

5. All hazardous material storage and handling shall be conducted in accord with **Section 520** hereof, and with any applicable State or Federal requirements.

6. All repair and maintenance activities shall be performed entirely within an enclosed building.

7. The Planning Commission may establish hours of operation for such uses consistent with the character of the land uses in the vicinity.

8. All signs shall be in accordance with **Article 21** of this Zoning Ordinance.

9. All parking shall be in accordance with **Section 514** of this Zoning Ordinance.

10. Landscaping and Buffering shall be provided in accordance with **Section 531** of this Zoning Ordinance.

Draft Approval

11. Any dumpsters on site shall be enclosed on four (4) sides with an opaque fence equipped with a lockable gate and shall not be visible from lot lines.

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CITY OF MANISTEE PLANNING COMMISSION:

AYES:

ABSTAINING:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

MOTION: CARRIED NOT CARRIED

CERTIFICATION:

I, Maureen Barry, Secretary of the City of Manistee Planning Commission certify that the foregoing is a true and complete record of action taken by the Planning Commission at their regular meeting of February 1, 2007

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) SS.
COUNTY OF MANISTEE)

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Maureen Barry Dated
Secretary, City of Manistee Planning Commission

On _____, 2007, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County, personally appeared Maureen Barry, to me known to be the same person described in and who executed the within instrument, who acknowledged the same to be her free act and deed.

Notary's
Stamp _____ _____
(Notary's name, county, acting in County, and Date Commission expires) Notary's Signature

Draft Approval

City of Manistee
Planning Commission Resolution of Denial
Special Use Permit, Case Number PC-2007-01
Dennis P. McCarthy, Blarney Castle Oil Co.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Manistee Planning Commission held on February 1, 2007, the following resolution was adopted pertaining to the request for a Special Use Permit for an Automobile Repair Facility.

Planning Commissioner_____ moved, supported by Planning Commissioner _____, the adoption of the following resolution.

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WHEREAS, an Automobile Repair Facility is provided for as a Special Use under the C-2 Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District , and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has provided proper notice and held a public hearing on the proposed development on February 1, 2007, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has received written comment, reviewed the Site, and has completed review of the application, Site input of the Applicant and the input received at said public hearing, now therefor, be it

RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission has reached the following determination regarding Special Use Permit Standards (Section 1802.A):

1. The Special Use shall be consistent with the adopted City of Manistee Master Plan.
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2. The Special Use shall be designed, constructed, operated and maintained to be consistent with the existing or intended character of the general vicinity and such use will not change the essential character of the area in which it is proposed.
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3. The Special Use shall not be hazardous or disturbing to existing or future uses in the same general vicinity and in the community as a whole.
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4. The Special Use shall be served adequately by essential public facilities and services, such as highways, streets, police and fire protection, storm water drainage, refuse disposal, water and sewage facilities, and schools; or persons or agencies responsible for the establishment of the proposed use shall provide adequately for such services.

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5. The Special Use shall not create excessive additional requirements at public cost for facilities and services and will not be detrimental to the economic welfare of the community.

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6. The Special Use shall not involve uses, activities, processes, materials and equipment or conditions of operation that will be detrimental to any person, property or general welfare by reason of excessive production of traffic, noise, vibration, smoke, toxic emissions, fumes, glare, or odors.

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7. The Special Use shall meet the intent and purpose of the Zoning Ordinance; be related to the standards established in the Ordinance for the land use or activity under consideration; and will be in compliance with these standards.

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STATE REASON(S) FOR DENIAL:

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IT IS THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Special Use Permit for an Automobile Repair Facility at 145 Harrison Street (Parcel #51-51-146-722-01 & 51-51-146-723-19) is hereby denied for the reasons set forth in this resolution.

AYES:

ABSTAINING:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

MOTION: CARRIED NOT CARRIED

CERTIFICATION:

I, Maureen Barry, Secretary of the City of Manistee Planning Commission certify that the foregoing is a true and complete record of action taken by the Planning Commission at their regular meeting of February 1, 2007

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) SS.
COUNTY OF MANISTEE)

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Maureen Barry Dated
Secretary
City of Manistee Planning Commission

On _____, 2007, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County, personally appeared Maureen Barry, to me known to be the same person described in and who executed the within instrument, who acknowledged the same to be her free act and deed.

Notary's
Stamp _____ _____
(Notary's name, county, acting in County, and Date Commission expires) Notary's Signature

Draft Original

Alice Morris / Tom Morris
156 Harrison St.
Manistee, Mi. 49660-1239

January 13, 2007

Jon Rose
Community Development, City of Manistee
P.O. Box 358
Manistee, Mi. 49660

Dear Sir,

The purpose of this letter is to express our concerns about the request by Dennis P. McCarthy of Blarney Castle Oil Company P.O. Box 246 Bear Lake, Mi. 49614, for a Special Use Permit for an Automobile Repair Facility to be located at 145 Harrison Street, within the C-2 Zoning District in the City of Manistee.

We are opposed to a business of this nature at this location for the following reasons.

1. Disabled vehicles of all kinds will undoubtedly be allowed to accumulate in plain view. This will result in another unsightly "junk yard" appearance located on the main thoroughfare within the city limits. What sort of impression will this make upon our beloved tourists? We don't look forward to this view from our living room windows either.
Do you really want to permit another "grease pit" environment like the former Joe's Garage located at the corner of 5th & Ramsdell streets, or Van's Toeing located on 28th Street in Filer Township, or the little dumpy repair facility on the corner of Nelson & 21st Street??

2. Noise from a business of this nature is inevitable. Revving engines with loud exhausts, parts delivery and tow trucks arriving at all hours of the day or night, snow removal being performed in the pre-dawn hours, work being performed out doors in warm weather and all the noise associated with each of these, is virtually guaranteed .
We already have more than our share of these annoyances, having the dubious honor of living adjacent to an Auto Value parts store, a hideous rail road switching yard and a four lane highway, (U.S 31.)

Allowing a business possessing these inherent characteristics to exist at this location would only add to the already lackluster appeal of the U.S. 31 corridor and would be detrimental to near by residential property values as well as any chance for peace and quiet in and around this neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Alice Morris
Alice Morris
Tom Morris
Tom Morris

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CITY OF MANISTEE

Jan 24, 2007

To whom it May Concern:

We have no objections to Blarney Castle Oil Co. operating an oil change garage at the corner of Harrison St and US 31.
We encourage new business in the city of Manistee.

Sincerely,
Sam H Miller
Miller Bros. Iron & Metal Co. Inc.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning Commissioners

FROM: Jon R. Rose
Community Development Director

DATE: January 24, 2007

RE: Resolution Parks and Recreation Plan 2007 - 2012

Commissioners, at the January 18, 2007 Worksession you were given copies of the Parks and Recreation Plan 2007 - 2012. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires a five year plan to be on file to qualify for grant funds. The current Plan expires in February 2007.

Part of the submittal process is a Planning Commission Resolution of Support (Copy attached).

If you have any questions regarding this issue please call me at 398-2805.

JRR:djb

City of Manistee

Planning Commission Resolution

WHEREAS, The City of Manistee Parks Commission has adopted a Parks and Recreation Plan for 2007 - 2012, and

WHEREAS, the development of the Parks and Recreation Plan is necessary to ensure the orderly development of Parks and Recreation opportunities for the Citizens of the Community as well as visitors, therefore now be it

RESOLVED, the City of Manistee Planning Commission hereby endorses the Parks and Recreation Plan of 2007 - 2012 for the City of Manistee.

_____

Roger Yoder, Chair Dated
City of Manistee Planning Commission

ATTEST:

I, Maureen Barry, Secretary of the City of Manistee Planning Commission, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Planning Commission at their meeting of February 1, 2007.

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Maureen Barry , Secretary Dated
City of Manistee Planning Commission

Proposed pending approval

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning Commissioners

FROM: Denise Blakeslee

DATE: January 17, 2007

RE: Parks and Recreation Plan 2007-2012

Commissioners, you will be asked at the February Meeting for a Resolution of Support for the Parks and Recreation Plan 2007 - 2012. This Plan describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2007 and 2012.

A five year Parks and Recreation Plan is required to be filed with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to qualify for grant funds. The Plan currently on file expires February 2007.

This copy is being given to you at the Worksession on January 18, 2007 so you have time to review prior to the February Meeting. A copy of the proposed resolution is also enclosed.

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City of Manistee

Planning Commission Resolution

WHEREAS, The City of Manistee Parks Commission has adopted a Parks and Recreation Plan for 2007 - 2012, and

WHEREAS, the development of the Parks and Recreation Plan is necessary to ensure the orderly development of Parks and Recreation opportunities for the Citizens of the Community as well as visitors, therefore now be it

RESOLVED, the City of Manistee Planning Commission hereby adopts the Parks and Recreation Plan of 2007 - 2012 for the City of Manistee.

_____

Roger Yoder, Chair Dated
City of Manistee Planning Commission

ATTEST:

I, Maureen Barry, Secretary of the City of Manistee Planning Commission, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Planning Commission at their meeting of February 1, 2007.

_____

Maureen Barry , Secretary Dated
City of Manistee Planning Commission

MANISTEE, MICHIGAN

PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

2007 - 2012

City of Manistee

Adopted by Manistee City Council

CITY OF MANISTEE
PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN
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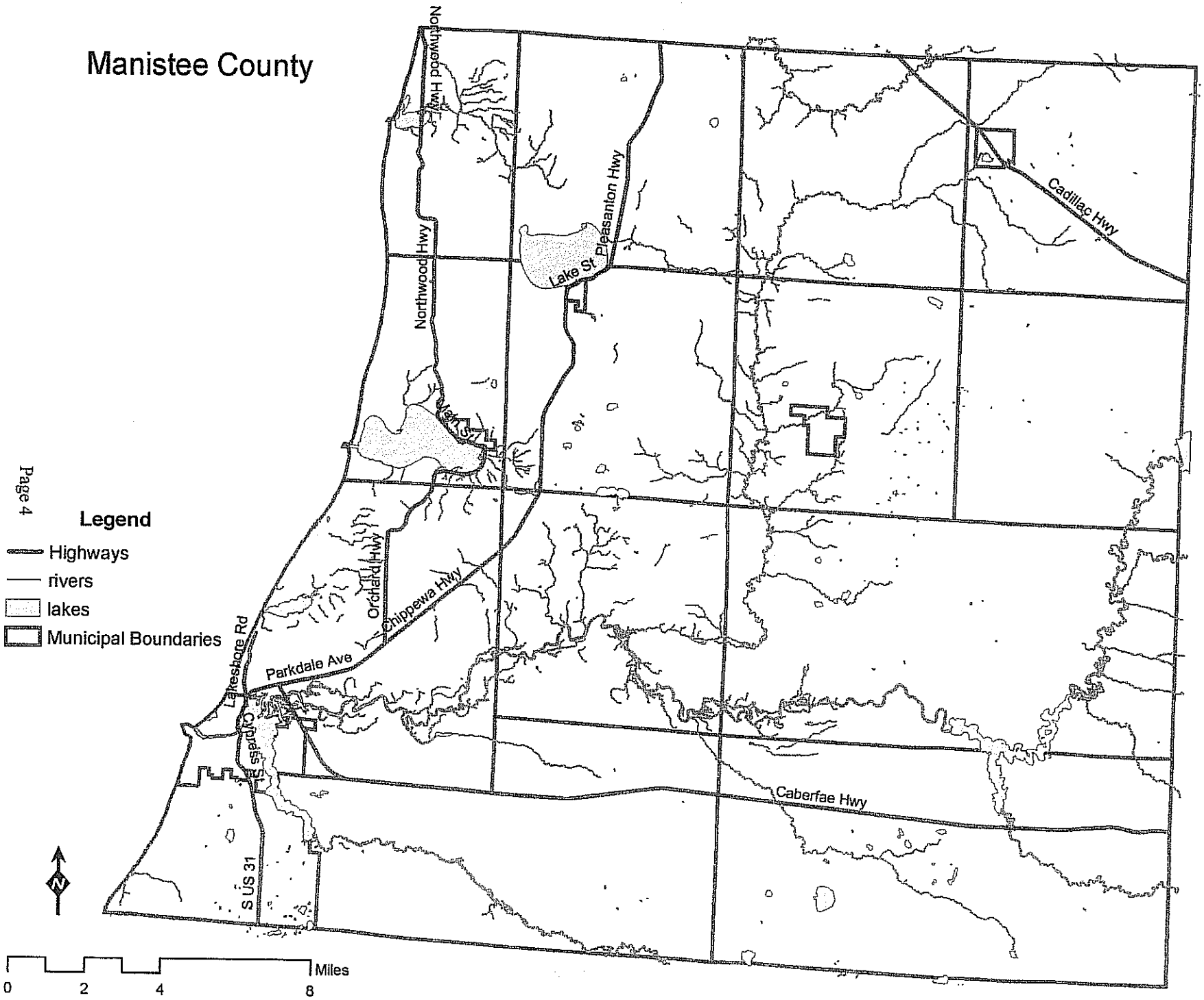
MANISTEE COUNTY

DESCRIPTION AND POPULATION

Manistee County



MANISTEE COUNTY
MICHIGAN

LOCATION

Manistee County, Michigan is located in the Northwest portion of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan, bordered on the west by Lake Michigan. Driving time to Detroit is five hours and to the Mackinac Bridge three and one-half hours from the approximate center of the County. County population is 24,527 with its largest concentration within a quarter hour drive of County seat Manistee. Manistee City, with a population of 6,586, sits in the southwest corner of the County.

PUBLIC LANDS AND WATERS

The County totals approximately 585 square miles or 374,563 acres of which almost 100,000 are public. Of these public areas 64,000 acres lie within the Manistee National Forest, the largest National Forest in Michigan. Another 30,000 acres are state forest land, state game preserves, DNR, township or municipal land. In addition the County has 41 inland lakes ranging from eight lakes of five to ten acres, to three lakes of more than 1,000 acres.

CLIMATE

Latitude and Lake Michigan are the primary influences on County climate. Average summer daytime temperature is 75°, winter daytime is 23°. Close to the lake the climate is temperate, with heavy lake effect snows (average 104 inches annually) and rain near the coast, decreasing inland. The combination of moderate temperatures and sandy loam soils offer opportunity for plentiful fruit and vegetable harvests.

HISTORY

Once undersea and later covered by glaciers, what is now Manistee County was left with a predominately sandy soil and gently rolling hills, vegetated with pine and hardwood forests. Chippewa and Ottawa Indians were the dominant early residents, joined in the mid 1800's by settlers interested in extracting lumber and salt, discovered in vast underground caverns. Today much of the landscape remains the same, with vast public forest lands interspersed with private apple and cherry orchards.

SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS

POPULATION				CITY	COUNTY
2000				6,586	24,527
Natural Change 1990-2000				-2.2%	+15.3%
Race/County	White 23,095	Black 399	Indian 319	Asian 79	Other 635
Race/City	White 6,250	Black 22	Indian 91	Asian 34	Other 189
Median Age Total Population				40.4	41.5
Percent Age 17 and Under				24%	22.6%
Percent Over Age 65				19.4%	18.1%
Percent Male				46.5%	50.8%

EDUCATION		
Percent County Population Enrolled in K thru 12th Grade		22.1%
Persons in Manistee County 25 Years Old or Older Who:		
Competed only elementary school	5.8%	6.9%
Completed 1 - 3 years high school	9.7%	13.5%
Completed 4 years high school	36.8%	39.5%
Completed 1 - 3 years college	30.3%	27.8%
Completed 4 or more years of college	17.5%	14.2%

HOUSING		
Total Housing Units	3,426	14,272
Year Round Permanent Households	2,912	9,860
Vacant and Seasonal Houses	514	4,412
Percent Seasonal	5.3%	24.4%

INCOME		
Per Capita Income	16,810	17,204
Median Income Per Family	41,816	41,644
Percent Below Poverty Level	11.1%	10.3%

Source: 2000 Census Figures

EXISTING LAND USE
MANISTEE COUNTY

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

The ownership of property by government agencies in Manistee County has a major impact on the possible and existing uses of land in the County. The public ownership of land also has impact on the collection of property taxes. Often public ownership creates large areas where local government cannot collect taxes but still require services. The most dramatic example is local government funds for road construction through public land to service small areas in private ownership.

Following are Manistee County public land owners:

State of Michigan/DNR 38.8 square miles (6.96% of County land area)
$1 per acre is paid in lieu of property taxes, or if land is sold, tax reverted, ad valorem tax is paid.

U.S. Forest Service 136.9 square miles (24 ½ % of County land area)
The federal government pays PILOT (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes) dependent on revenues generated by the Manistee National Forest. About 60¢ to 75¢ per acre.

Manistee County 91/100 square miles (16/100 % of County land area) no tax or payments are made. This includes Blacker Airport and Road Commission.

Municipal Governments 6 2/3 square mile (1/10% of County land area) no tax or payments are made.

Public School Districts 2 ½ square miles (45/100% of County land area) no tax or payments are made.

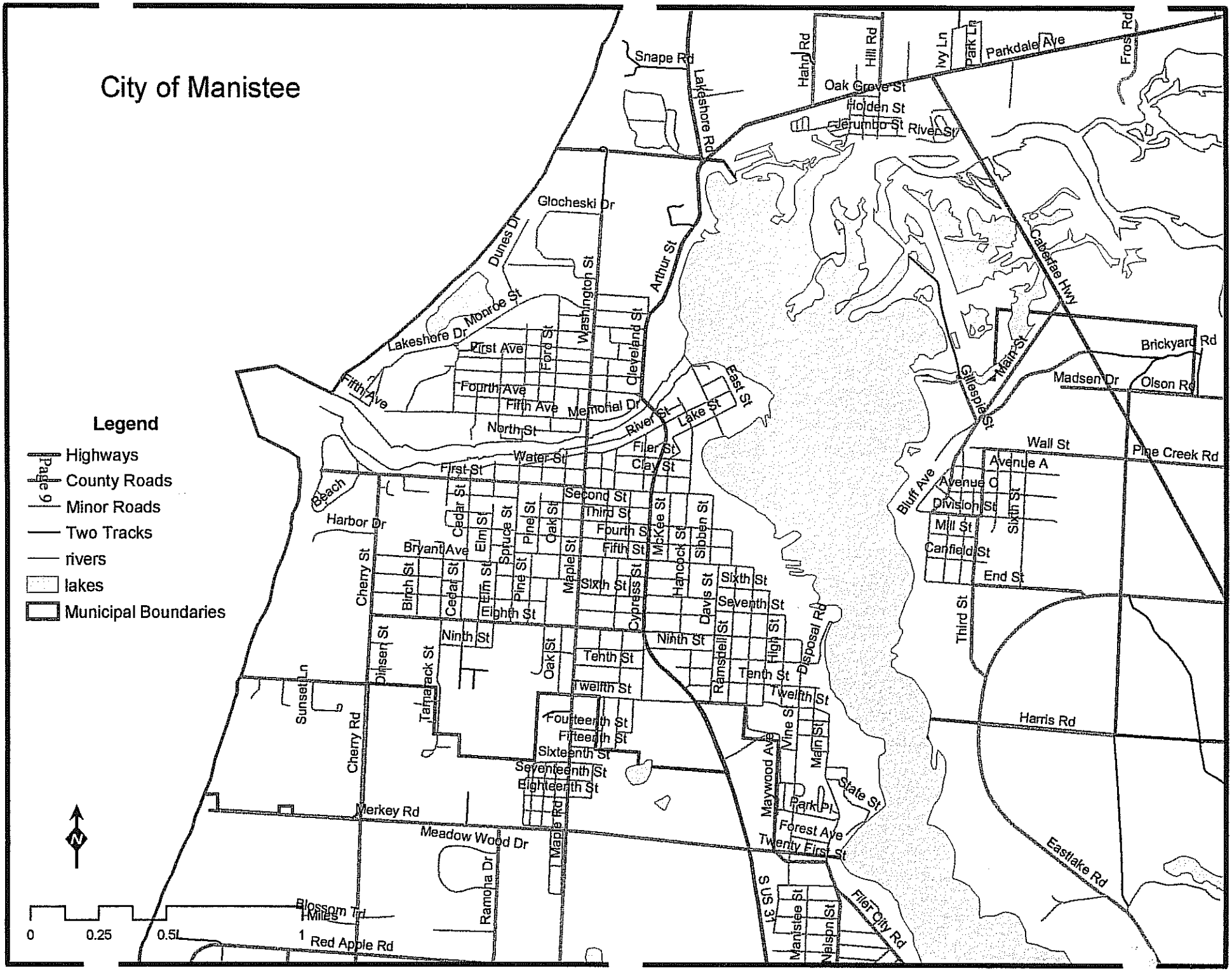
Total public ownership is 33.48% of the total area in the County, approximately 186.78 out of 557.9 square miles.

Source: *Manistee County Land Use Plan 1997 Vol. II*

CITY OF MANISTEE

DESCRIPTION AND POPULATION

City of Manistee



MANISTEE, MICHIGAN

COMMUNITY LOCATION

The City of Manistee is located in the northwest portion of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan. It is 581 feet above sea level and totals about three and one-half square miles of land area. The trading area of the City encompasses a thirty-mile radius and serves a population of approximately 25,000. The greatest single impact on the recreational development of the area occurred in the 1960's with the planting of Coho, King Salmon and other varieties of fish in Lake Michigan.

BODIES OF WATER

Four main bodies of water directly affect the City. The western boundary of the City is Lake Michigan. The City owns and maintains approximately one mile of beach front for recreational use. The eastern boundary of the City is Manistee Lake. This lake is not a primary recreation lake, but fishing and boating are practiced, mostly by local residents. There are few residences on this lake as it is largely owned by industry or units of government. The City currently operates a sewage treatment plant adjacent to the lake, with primary and secondary treatment capability. Man-made Lake is located on the North end of the City. This seven-acre lake was created approximately 50 years ago by sand mining operations. For the past 11 years it has been leased by the City for recreational use. Dividing the northern and southern portions of the City is the Manistee River Channel. Swimming is not allowed in the Channel and it is used primarily for transit to and from Lake Michigan for pleasure boaters, private and commercial fishing and Manistee Lake industry.

Overall, water quality in the area is good and plays an important part in industrial operations. At the same time, guarding water quality is crucial in sustaining recreational use for boating, fishing and swimming.

CLIMATE

Latitude and Lake Michigan are the primary factors in determining Manistee climate. A moderate climate prevails with lake effect accounting for an average snowfall of 106 inches per year, and rainfall of 29 inches between March and November 1. The average daytime temperature for June and July is 75°, while December through February average is 23°.

HISTORY

The original inhabitants of the area were the Chippewa and Ottawa Indians. Manistee means "Spirit of the Woods" in the Chippewa tongue. In 1836, the United States Government took control of the lands, establishing a reservation surrounding Manistee Lake. However, few Indians lived on the reservation and in 1841 the John Stronach family moved into the abandoned agency buildings. Stronach constructed a sawmill on

Manistee Lake and later another on the Manistee River. By 1849 more settlers were arriving and the reservation was dismantled, with land given to settlers. The City was set back in 1871 when a fire swept through and destroyed over one-half the City's buildings. Much was rebuilt, this time of brick.

In 1881 salt was discovered beneath Manistee and another industry was born. By 1885 there were forty sawmills operating and by the end of the century the population reached 14,260. The low point was in 1930 which coincided with the nationwide business depression when population reached a low of 3,323. Manistee, the city which boasted as the richest of its size, had City provided fire protection, a parks department, water, sewer and street lighting. At the turn of the century the city settled back to await its next resurgence.

After 150 years Manistee County has both changed and remained the same. The early boom years of lumbering and exhaustive agriculture have evolved into a stable, diversified industrial base and a top fruit producing agricultural center. It is the beauty and natural wonder that abounds in the region's forests, lakes and rivers which remain a constant factor and will always make Manistee County a special place to live and visit. As the City of Manistee recaptures the spirit of its early founders and uses this Plan as a guide for action, the future of Manistee lies in preserving the best of its past, protecting its present and planning its future.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

The City of Manistee industry has included lumber in the latter half of the 19th century, salt and other extractive industries from the late 1800's to today, paper, foundries, and forging plants. These industries have based their operations around Manistee Lake with access to freighter traffic both for delivery of product and supplying fuel to the industries. For many years Manistee Lake was, additionally, a convenient place to dispose of any waste or by-products of an industrial operation. It was not until the latter half of the 20th century that any real efforts began to focus on minimizing pollution to the lake and efforts at cleaning it up. Manistee Lake is fed by the Little Manistee and Big Manistee Rivers with a combined flow of a billion gallons per day. It is only through this continuous flushing that Manistee Lake has managed to hold its own in the face extensive pollution sources. The last 25 years have seen dramatic improvements in water quality in Manistee Lake and it continues to improve. However, the status needs to be monitored.

INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS

Lumber, agriculture and salt gave rise to Manistee. All still play an important part in a now diverse industrial and agricultural base. In addition chemicals, machine tools, furniture, forging, garments, boats, highway markers, machine fabrications and machine tooling add to the economic vitality of the community.

MANISTEE AREA SCHOOLS

	ENROLLMENT	CLASSIFICATION
COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES		
West Shore College (25 miles south)	1,414 (Fall 2006)	Community
PUBLIC SCHOOLS		
Jefferson Elementary	289	Pre - 3
*Madison Elementary	217	K - 3
*Kennedy Elementary	225	4,5
Manistee Middle School	387	6, 7, 8
Manistee Senior High	587	9, 10, 11, 12
Intermediate School District	37	Pre - Age 26
*CASMAN Alternative Academy	97	7 - 12
PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS		
Manistee Catholic	228	Pre - 12
Trinity Lutheran	80	Pre - 8

*These three schools are in adjoining townships.

Source: *School Offices for School Year 2006-07*

TRANSPORTATION

AIR

Served by Blacker Airport with twice daily service by Midwest Connect to and from Milwaukee. Facilities include a 5,500 x 100 foot runway with charter and flying lessons available. ILS - Instrument Land System. Scenic Airplane Rides by Orchard Beach Aviation. National Car Rental also available.

FREIGHT

Eight major truck lines and terminals service the area.

RAIL

Marquette Rail Railway system services the area.

BOAT

Lower Lakers service the major industrial plants.

DIAL-A-RIDE

Provides countywide transportation.

MAJOR HIGHWAYS

US-31 North and South
M-55 State Highway East

COMMUNICATIONS

NEWSPAPER

Manistee News Advocate	(Monday - Saturday)
West Shore Shoppers Guide	(Weekly)

RADIO

WMTE – AM/FM
WVXM - FM
WXYQ - FM

TELEVISION

Charter Communications Cable TV
WWUP, Cadillac
WPBN, Traverse City

TELEPHONE

Ameritech/SBC

TAXES

City of Manistee Millage Rates 2006 Per $1,000 of T.V.	Manistee Area (30) School District	Summer Tax Levy Manistee Area (30) School District
County Operating	1.7471	3.4941
County Library Voted	0.9643	0.0000
Medical Care Voted	0.5000	0.0000
911 Voted	0.7884	0.0000
Dial-A-Ride Voted	0.3181	0.0000
Council on Aging Voted	0.2927	0.0000
County Jail Bond Voted	0.0820	0.0000
Intermediate Operating	0.0000	0.2848
Intermediate Sp. Ed. Voted	0.0000	1.8031
State Education Tax	0.0000	6.0000
School Debt	30523	0.0000
West Shore College Voted	0.0000	3.1142
City Operating	0.0000	16.9457
City Refuse	0.0000	1.5000
Homestead Total	7.7449	33.1419
School Oper. Non-Homestead	18.0000	0.0000
Non-Homestead Total	25.7449	33.1419

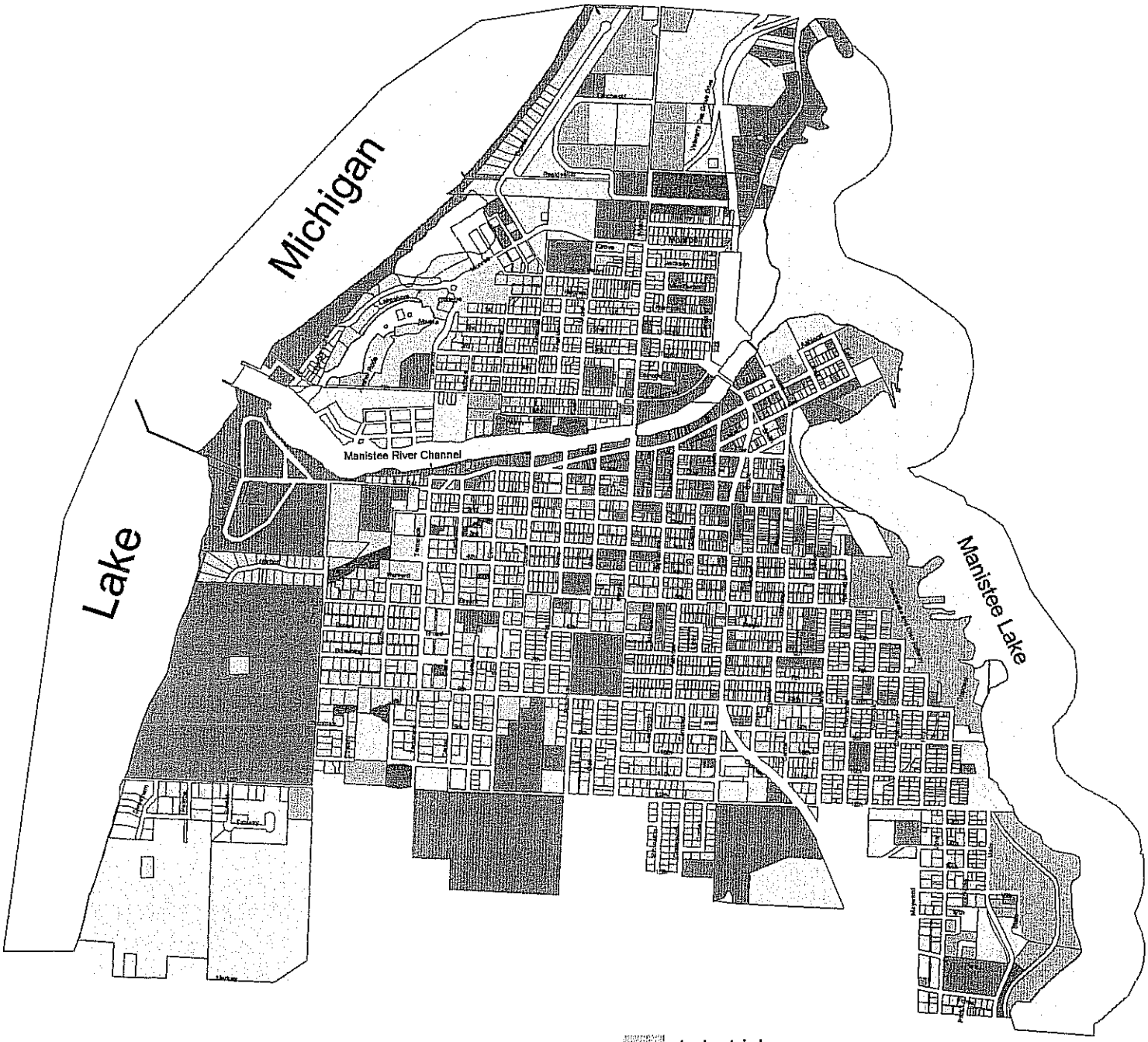
EXISTING LAND USE
CITY OF MANISTEE

	ACRES	% OF TOTAL CITY AREA
RESIDENTIAL	**600***	**28**
Low and Medium Density	578	27
High Density	22	1
COMMERCIAL	**90**	**4**
PUBLIC & QUASI-PUBLIC	**402**	**19**
INDUSTRIAL	**134**	**6**
TRANSPORTATION	**496**	**23**
VACANT	**181**	**9**
TOTAL	**2112**	**100**

*Bold figures are category totals and the sum of the figures following.

Existing Land Use

City of Manistee, Michigan



- Water
- Transportation
- Single Family/Duplex
- Open Land
- Nonforested
- Multi-Family High Rise
- Industrial
- Forests
- Extractive Wells
- Commercial
- Aquatic Bed Wetland
- 116

0.5 0 0.5 Miles

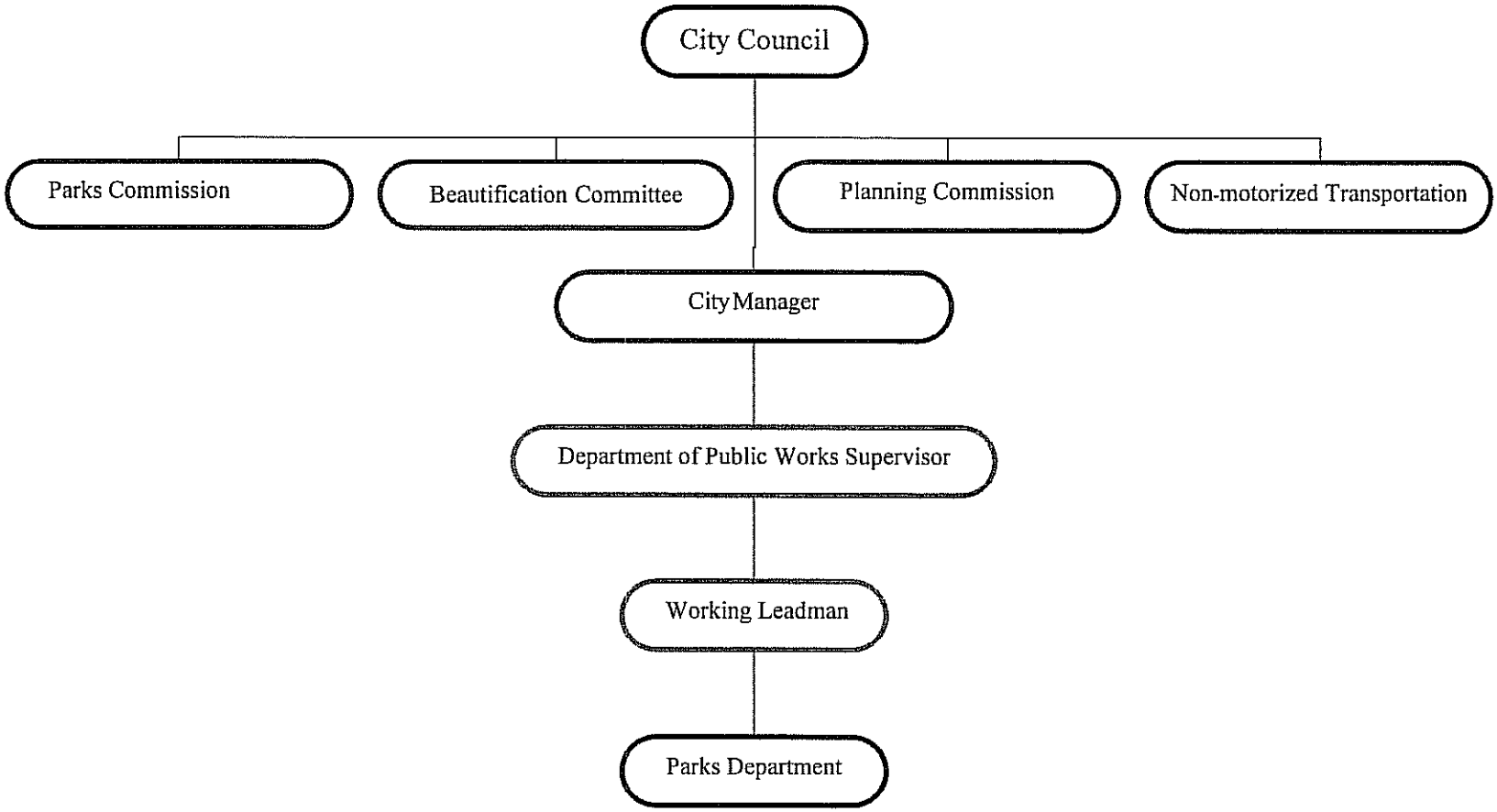
LSL
Langworthy Strader LeBlanc & Associates, Inc.

Data Sources: City of Manistee
April 2001

CITY OF MANISTEE

PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

City of Manistee Parks and Recreation Organizational Chart



PARKS COMMISSION

ORGANIZATION Established by the City Council in 1961. It is composed of a seven-person board, appointed by the City Council. Each member serves a two-year term, subject to reappointment. The terms are staggered so that no more than four new appointments are made each year. Officers include Chairperson, Vice-Chair and Secretary with one scheduled meeting per month. The Commission reports to the City Council with verbal or written recommendations. The Commission operates from a budget set aside by the City Council.

AUTHORITY All authority is given and directed by the City Council.

ACTIVITY Responsible for preparing a sound parks program in the best interest of the people of Manistee. The program includes recommendations for budget, expenditures and parkland maintenance and development. The Commission also recommends short and long term park planning. In addition, the Commission meets with City, School, private and public groups and individuals to determine activities and future park and facility needs.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

ORGANIZATION In 1924, by vote of the people in a special City election, $50,000 in Park Development Funds were issued. Shortly thereafter, the Manistee Parks Department was formed to maintain the newly developed parks.

ACTIVITY Directed by the Department of Public Works Director, the department is responsible for the maintenance of all city parks and recreation areas. The department also works closely with organizations providing recreational activities throughout the City.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goals and objectives are established to provide general direction in the planning effort. The goal is the format and the objective is the measurement tool for accomplishments and basis for specific planning.

Goal 1

Develop a community-wide system of parks and recreation areas and facilities adequate to the needs of local residents.

Objectives:

Promote and facilitate cooperative use and maintenance of facilities with local schools and other public and private agencies.

Review existing and future plans for physical disability and other barriers to public access.

Review current City properties and boundaries with an eye to future development needs and/or preservation: wetlands, historic areas, etc.

Suggest, promote consolidation of user groups and coordinated scheduling and use of facilities.

Goal 2

Maximize utilization of funding and other resources available.

Objectives:
Support local, state, national legislation.

Seek out grants or other opportunities for a cost share.

Continue capital improvements as an annual budget line item.

Develop City/township/County cooperative for capital funding.

Promote legislation encouraging private development of recreation spaces or facilities in subdivided or otherwise newly developed areas.

Support efforts and work with other City appointed commissions (Planning, Tree, Non-motorized Transportation, Beautification etc.).

Seek creative ways to maximize parks facilities and utilization - support volunteer efforts, land exchanges, leases.

Goal 3

Develop a system of scenic areas and points of historic interest.

Objectives:
Acquire and/or develop land for passive recreational use.

Connect scenic areas with walking, bicycle, snowmobile trails, etc.

Provide appropriate signage to guide and inform residents and visitors.

Encourage historic preservation efforts which enhance Manistee's unique character.

Goal 4

Develop more water-based recreation facilities.

Objectives:

Encourage development of marina facilities, restaurants and other compatible uses on and around the area lakes and rivers.

Encourage development of additional inland water access sites for boat launching, fishing and recreational use.

Pursue acquisition of Man-made Lake Property for swimming, fishing, picnicking, and other low impact uses.

Implement zoning, based on a land use plan, for the protection of land along shorelines and rivers.

Encourage construction of a swimming pool for instructional and recreational use.

Continue development of a system of walkways along the Manistee River with view points, fishing piers, benches and drinking fountains.

Goal 5

Develop areas for summer appropriate use and winter appropriate use for residents and tourists.

Objectives:

Develop areas for recreational vehicles, walking, bicycles, roller skates, roller blades, skateboard park, cross-country skiing, etc. which will minimize damage.

Develop areas specific to use and non-conflicting with adjoining activities or uses.

PLANNING PROCESS

Following is the planning process used in developing the Parks and Recreation Plan.

INVENTORY

Data Collection

- existing recreation facilities
- existing parks inventory
- existing City properties with potential for development
- existing quasi-public and private lands available to public use and/or with potential for development
- existing land use
- transportation system
- natural site characteristics - climate, topography, soil and vegetation schedule
- review of existing policies, legislation, financial resources
- review of regional public and private recreational opportunities

ANALYSIS

Project Future Conditions, Needs

- need by neighborhood
- city-wide needs
- nonresident needs

Identify Problems and Issues

Formulate Conceptual Plan

- seek citizen input
- seek city official and other governmental input

Formulate Goals and Objectives

Conduct Social Inventory

- analyze demographics
- user preference survey

Site Suitability Analysis

- consider alternatives
- evaluate alternatives

CITIZEN INPUT

- public input sessions
- 1997 summary report: *Survey of Manistee County Resident Landowners regarding County-wide Land Use and Related Issues*
- 1999 *Addendum to the 1999 Survey of Manistee Residents and Their Views of the Quality of Life and City Services*
- 2006 Citizen Survey
- 2006 County-wide "Envision Manistee Planning Process"

PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

- based on citizen needs
- based on specific community standards

ADOPTION

- Parks Commission
- Planning Commission
- City Council

DISCUSSION OF PLANNING PROCESS

INVENTORY METHOD. The current park system was cataloged for size, unique features and inventory. In addition current undeveloped City and private lands were reviewed for potential uses. Facilities were also cataloged in relation to their location, inventory, ownership, accessibility and potential uses. The City had the Parks Surveyed and Site Plans of Each Park prepared.

ANALYSIS Census data and other City generated documents including the Master Plan, were reviewed to analyze neighborhood and City demographics and question whether they are being met with current facilities and programs. Conceptual planning included citizen input through public "wish list" and "prioritizing" sessions, governmental input through City Council "feasibility" and "goals and objectives" sessions and City staff input through the interview and review process. Other sources included review of other City and County generated documents and other commission reports or recommendations.

CITIZEN INPUT Park and/or recreation facility input has been sought throughout the process. Several public "wish list" and "comment" sessions have been sponsored by the City, County, and County Chamber of Commerce in forecasting the goals and objectives for master planning. A Citizen Survey in 2006 included park related questions. Two EnVision Manistee County Wide Surveys were conducted by the Manistee County Foundation in 2005.

PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN The Master Plan evolved from all of the above. In addition physical, fiscal and citizen realities are incorporated in developing a realistic and progressive Master Plan.

ADOPTION The Master Plan is intended to guide City actions over the next five years. As such it is endorsed and adopted by the City Parks Commission, the City Planning Commission and the City Council.

PARK & RECREATION PROJECT FUNDING SOURCES

TAXATION

The City tax supports a diverse park system, including two major Lake Michigan beach parks drawing visitors from a wide area. It also maintains boat launching and marina facilities, along with its inventory of park lands and sports fields. Funding for the Parks Department and capital improvements are through annual allocations from the City General Fund budget. There is no specific millage for parks support.

STATE

The City actively pursues state assistance for developments and improvements of its infrastructure. In addition, Manistee's unique location and history are recognized as assets valued by all state residents. As home to the state's largest charter fishing fleet and intensive state agency fish plantings, it is the cornerstone for a year round abundance of outdoor recreation opportunity. Manistee's rich architectural history also merits state recognition for its preservation and recognition efforts. As a result, the City will pursue assistance from a widely diverse source of funding, including the Department of Natural Resources, Department of Commerce, Michigan Waterways Commission, Department of Transportation, Department of State and other state assistance programs.

FEDERAL

The City's rich history is illustrated through its local museum archives and recognized by certification of the downtown area as a national historic district. Adoption of the namesake "Victorian Port City," a $25,000 fund drive to preserve Manistee's Lake Michigan lighthouse catwalk and other efforts of the Chamber of Commerce are illustrative of Manistee's desire for preservation and recognition. Grant applications for building preservation, waterway protection and improvements and business and government infrastructure are appropriate.

VOLUNTEERS

Support for recreation facilities and activities are well demonstrated in participation numbers in youth and adult sports programs and cultural and educational endeavors. Participation in and support for theatrical offerings are visible in the year round and well attended productions of the Ramsdell Theatre. In addition, a riverside bandshell has been constructed for free weekly summer musical offerings. The Rotary Club constructed a gazebo in 1995 and a volunteer group constructed an Imagination Station™ playground, also in 1995. In addition, in 1990 the City and volunteers initiated a "Blossom Boulevard" on its major throughway as a visible welcome to its visitors. Most of the financial support for these and other activities has drawn from the local citizenry, service clubs and businesses. A jazz concert series at First Street Beach is sponsored by volunteers.

CITY PARKS AND FACILITY INVENTORY

For planning purposes the City is divided into three areas: North (north of the Manistee River), West (south of the river and west of Maple Street) and East (south of the river and east of Maple Street).

Following are the park/facility inventory by neighborhood, major use and size. Those locations preceded by an asterisk(*) are City owned or have long term lease arrangements. Those preceded by a plus(+)are publicly or privately owned and often are available for use.

NORTH		MAJOR USE	ACRES
*	Arthur Street Boat Launch	Water Recreation	2.2
*	Duffy Park	Play Field	6.3
*	Fifth Avenue Beach	Major Park	10.0
*	Man-Made Lake	Water Recreation	16.0
*	Red Szymarek Park	Passive	4.9
*	North Riverwalk	Passive	3.0
*	North Lake Michigan Access	Water Recreation	1.0
			TOTAL 43.4 ACRES

WEST		MAJOR USE	ACRES
+	Centennial Track	Play Field	4.0
*	Douglas Recreation Area	Major Park	20.0
*	First Street Beach	Water Recreation	43.6
+	Hamlin Field	Play Field	1.0
+	High School	Play Field	2.0
+	Jefferson Elementary School	Playground	3.8
+	Junior/Senior High School	Play Field	1.0
*	Lighthouse Park	Play Field	1.0
*	Municipal Marina	Water Recreation	2.0
*	Sands Park	Play Field	5.4
*	South Riverwalk	Passive	8.0
+	Trinity Lutheran School	Playground	1.0
			TOTAL 92.8 ACRES

EAST		MAJOR USE	ACRES
*	Mack Park	Play Field	2.5
+	Manistee Catholic School	Play Field	4.0
*	Morton Park	Playground	2.6
*	Ninth Street Boat Launch	Water Recreation	1.0
*	Reitz Park	Play Field	8.8
			TOTAL 18.9 ACRES

*City of Manistee Developed Park Lands ..... TOTAL 136.3 ACRES
+Private or Non-City Developed Park Lands ..... TOTAL 18.8 ACRES
Developed Park Lands Available for Use ..... TOTAL 155.1 ACRES

PARK DISTRIBUTION BY NEIGHBORHOOD

Following are neighborhood statistics for total acreage, population and park distribution.

Neigh-borhood	Acres	Pop	Community Play fields	Major Parks	Neighbor Parks/ Playgrounds	Passive Areas	Water Related	Total Acres
NORTH	621	1,548	6.3	10.0	2.0	8.0	17.2	38.4
WEST	826	1,664	14.4	20.0	4.8	8.0	45.6	92.8
EAST	723	3,373	15.3	0	2.6	0	1.0	18.9
TOTAL	2,170	6,585	36.0	30.0	11.2	15.9	58.8	150.1

DEFINITIONS

COMMUNITY PLAY FIELDS - These serve the entire community and are usually sport related.

MAJOR PARKS - These parks are usually large (40+ acres) and attract regional and/or city wide use. They may incorporate outdoor and indoor facilities. They often are of geographical or specific activity (ex. sport complex) importance.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS / PLAYGROUNDS - Usually within walking distance from home, these parks usually feature play apparatus, play areas, sheltered areas, shade.

PASSIVE AREAS - These areas may be scenic, nature, picnic, walking oriented, etc. They may incorporate bandshells, shelter houses or other facilities for spectator or quiet use. There are no size or location limitations.

WATER RECREATION - Water adjacent or related activities, including boating, fishing, swimming, sunbathing, picnicking.

OTHER PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

These properties are not owned by the City, but in most cases are available for public use. Scattered throughout the City these locations have good potential for increasing common use recreational areas.

RECOMMEND - All parks and playgrounds following for cooperative development as neighborhood parks with additions of benches, picnic tables or play areas.

WEST NEIGHBORHOOD

Centennial Field and Track located on the south side or at the end of Elm Street has a soccer field and track.

Jefferson Elementary School located on the south side on Bryant Avenue has a large play field, play equipment, treed areas.

Manistee High School new High School is being constructed on recently annexed property south of Twelfth Street. At this time a football field has been constructed. Plans are to construct softball/baseball fields.

Trinity Lutheran School located on the south side on Fourth Street. A private school with a play field and play equipment.

Hamlin Baseball Field located on First Street is owned by the Kiwanis. There are bleachers. The adjacent parking lot is City owned, which also serves a National Guard Armory building.

EAST NEIGHBORHOOD

Manistee Catholic Central School located on the south side on Twelfth Street has play areas and a lighted football stadium with bleachers.

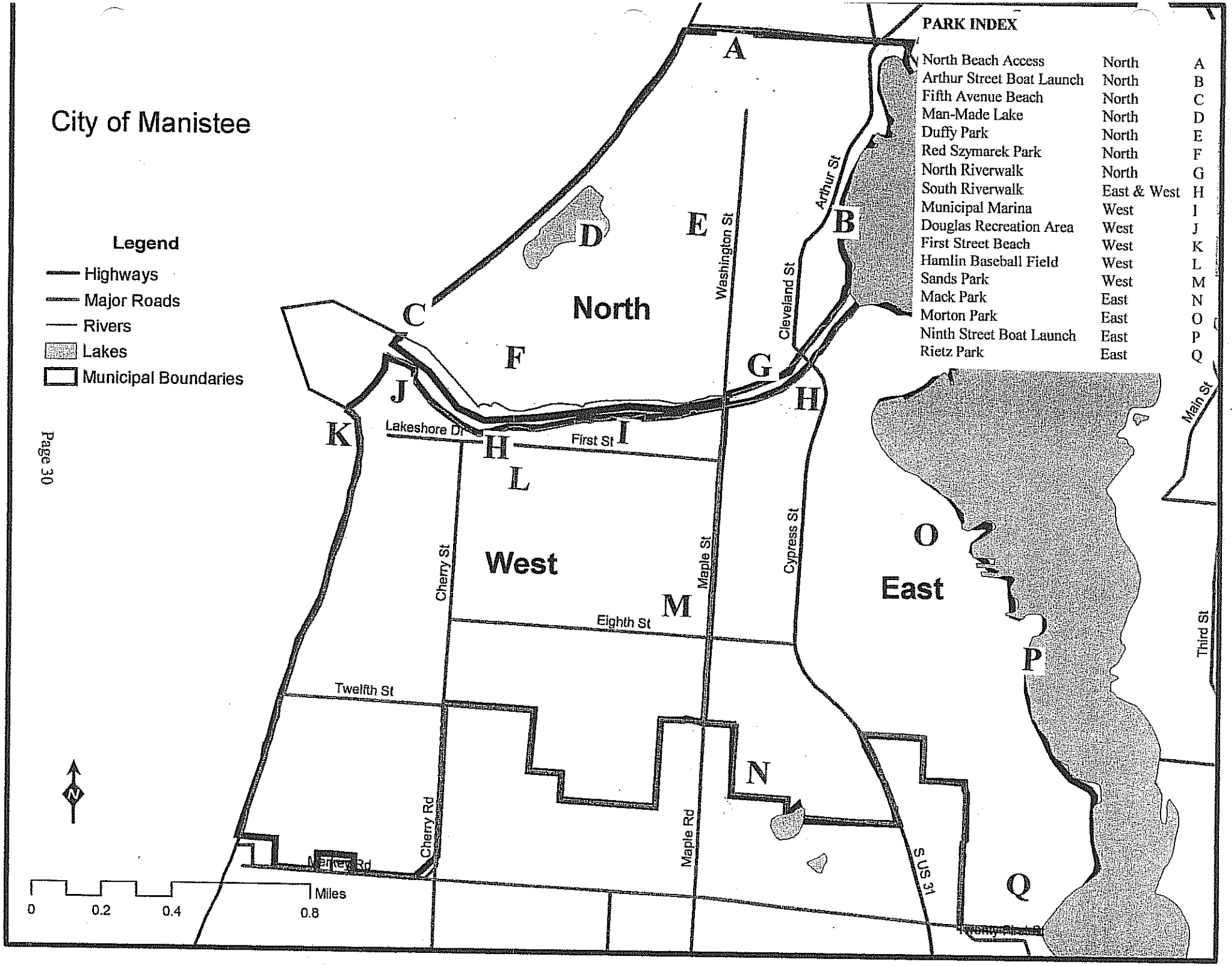
MANISTEE CITY PARK INDEX

PARK	NEIGHBORHOOD	MAP INDEX
North Beach Access	North	A
Arthur Street Boat Launch	North	B
Fifth Avenue Beach	North	C
Man-Made Lake	North	D
Duffy Park	North	E
Red Szymarek Park	North	F
North Riverwalk	North	G
South Riverwalk	East & West	H
Municipal Marina	West	I
Douglas Recreation Area	West	J
First Street Beach	West	K
Hamlin Baseball Field	West	L
Sands Park	West	M
Mack Park	East	N
Morton Park	East	O
Ninth Street Boat Launch	East	P
Rietz Park	East	Q
M-55 Property (173 acres)	East of City	Off Map

Note: Neighborhoods are defined as

North - north of the Manistee River
West - south of the Manistee River and west of Maple Street
East - south of the Manistee River and east of Maple Street

City of Manistee



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First Street Beach	West	K
Hamlin Baseball Field	West	L
Sands Park	West	M
Mack Park	East	N
Morton Park	East	O
Ninth Street Boat Launch	East	P
Rietz Park	East	Q

PARK INVENTORY, ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Each of the City parks were toured by Parks Commission members with City Staff. Existing facilities and equipment were inspected and inventoried for repairs, replacement or removal. In addition parks were reviewed for current and projected use. Following is a detailed review of each City park: its history, current use and projected or recommended improvements.

Note: A Capital Improvement Schedule is included in the Appendix as a separate removable document.

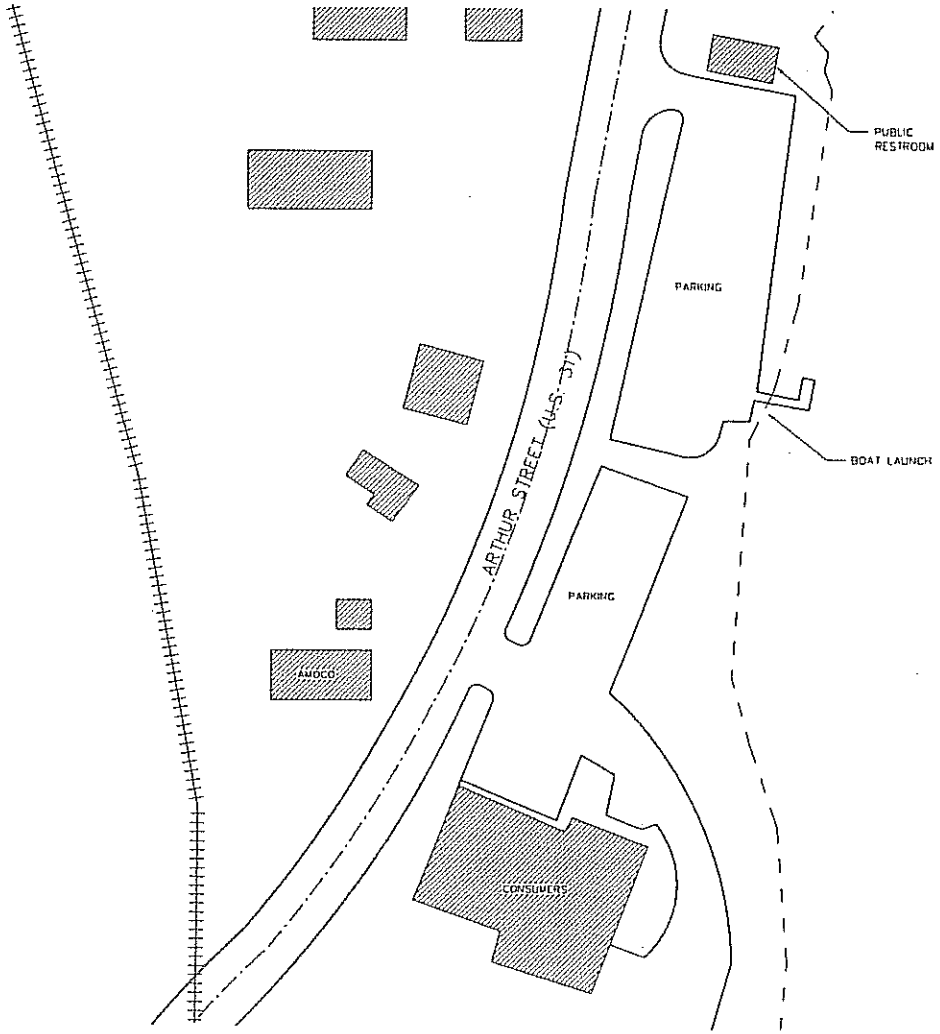
ARTHUR STREET MARINA

Located on Arthur Street (US-31) north of Consumers Energy Company. There is a boat launch into Manistee Lake, restrooms, a dock and a lighted parking lot. There is no charge for use of this area. The site was purchased by the City in the 1930's.

Recommendations:

- Improve entrance/exit (boat trailers entering/exiting busy street)
- Designated mooring area and docking area for small boats
- Improve and enlarge ramp
- Handicap access to restrooms
- Fish cleaning station
- Extend Arthur Street Marina behind Consumers Energy with a picnic area and fishing docks.

Site Plan Map of Arthur Street Boat Launch on following Page



MANISTEE LAKE

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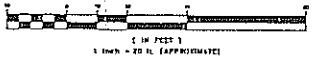

CITY OF MANISTEE
PARKS MASTER PLAN

ARTHUR STREET BOAT LAUNCH
SITE PLAN

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ARCHITECTURE / ENGINEERING / LAND SURVEYING
ENVIRONMENTAL / CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

MAY 1, 2001

DOUGLAS RECREATION AREA / FIRST STREET BEACH

Located at the west end of First Street on Lake Michigan, this is the largest City-owned recreation area. There is a boat launch into the Manistee River near Lake Michigan with docks and a fish cleaning station. A picnic area with pavilions overlooks Lake Michigan and a short fishing pier. There is a large lakefront beach with play equipment, volleyball courts and restrooms.

In adjacent off-beach areas there are two children's playgrounds and lighted tennis courts, a basketball court, volleyball court and two lighted softball fields with restrooms. There is also some natural area. Adequate parking is available throughout the park.

Grants paid for the construction of softball fields and tennis courts in the mid-1970's. The Lions Club contributed for the construction of several large pavilions. The Rotary Club and local businesses contributed for the construction of a playground, a volleyball court and a basketball court in 1988, and playground additions and a gazebo in 1995. A volunteer group construction and Imagination Station™ playground in 1995. A two mile Riverwalk from the downtown, constructed in 1994-95 ends at the park. A Master Plan for the park developed in 1992/93 suggests walk/bikeways throughout the park. The area was purchased by the City in 1919. A Coastal Zone Management Grant in 1999 continued the Riverwalk via a sidewalk to the Concession Stand.

Recommendations:

BALLFIELD AREA

- Add dressing rooms with showers
- Provide steps/handicap access ramp to restrooms on hill
- Add flag pole for American Flag

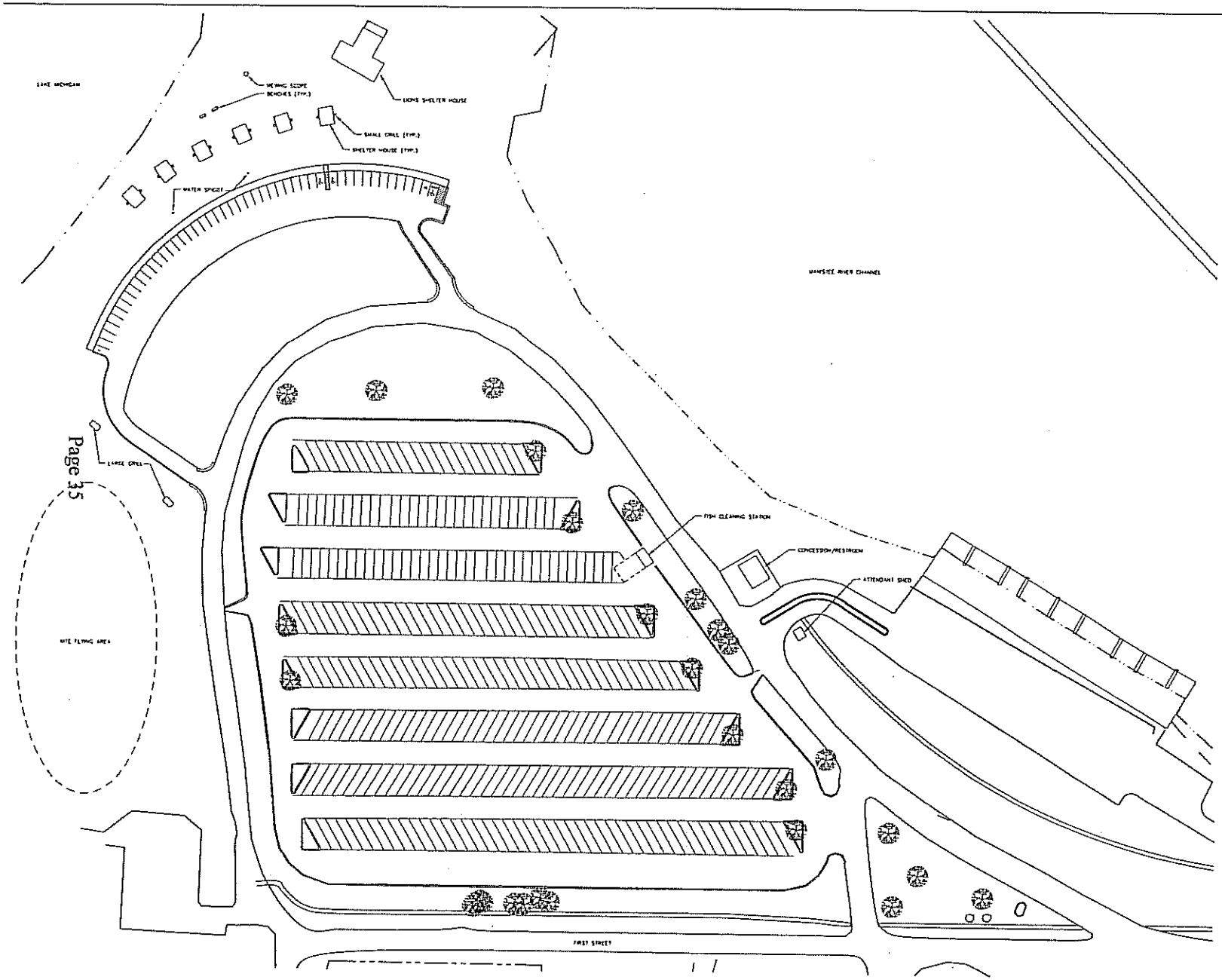
BOAT LAUNCH

- Repair or replace ramps and add extensions
- Integrate with new boardwalk: pavilion, tables, benches, fishing pier
- Riverbank parking area near concession stand
- Have the concession stand become a Chamber visitor's information center satellite
- Upgrade concession stand
- Pave upper parking lot
- Stabilize basin bank and add new marina

BEACH AREA

- Beach grass, trees and other natural erosion control plantings
- Repair wall south parking lot
- Additional playground equipment
- Outdoor "rinse off" pedestal showers at restroom
- Multi-use pavilion at "kite flying" area
- Permanent concession stand at restrooms with equipment storage area
- More Bike Racks
- Walking/parcours (outdoor exercise trail)
- Add benches inside retaining wall

Site Plan Map of Douglas Recreation Area / First Street Beach on following two Pages



GRAPHIC SCALE

(IN FEET)
1 inch = 50 ft.

CITY OF MANISTEE
PARKS MASTER PLAN

DOUGLAS PARK (NORTH)
SITE PLAN

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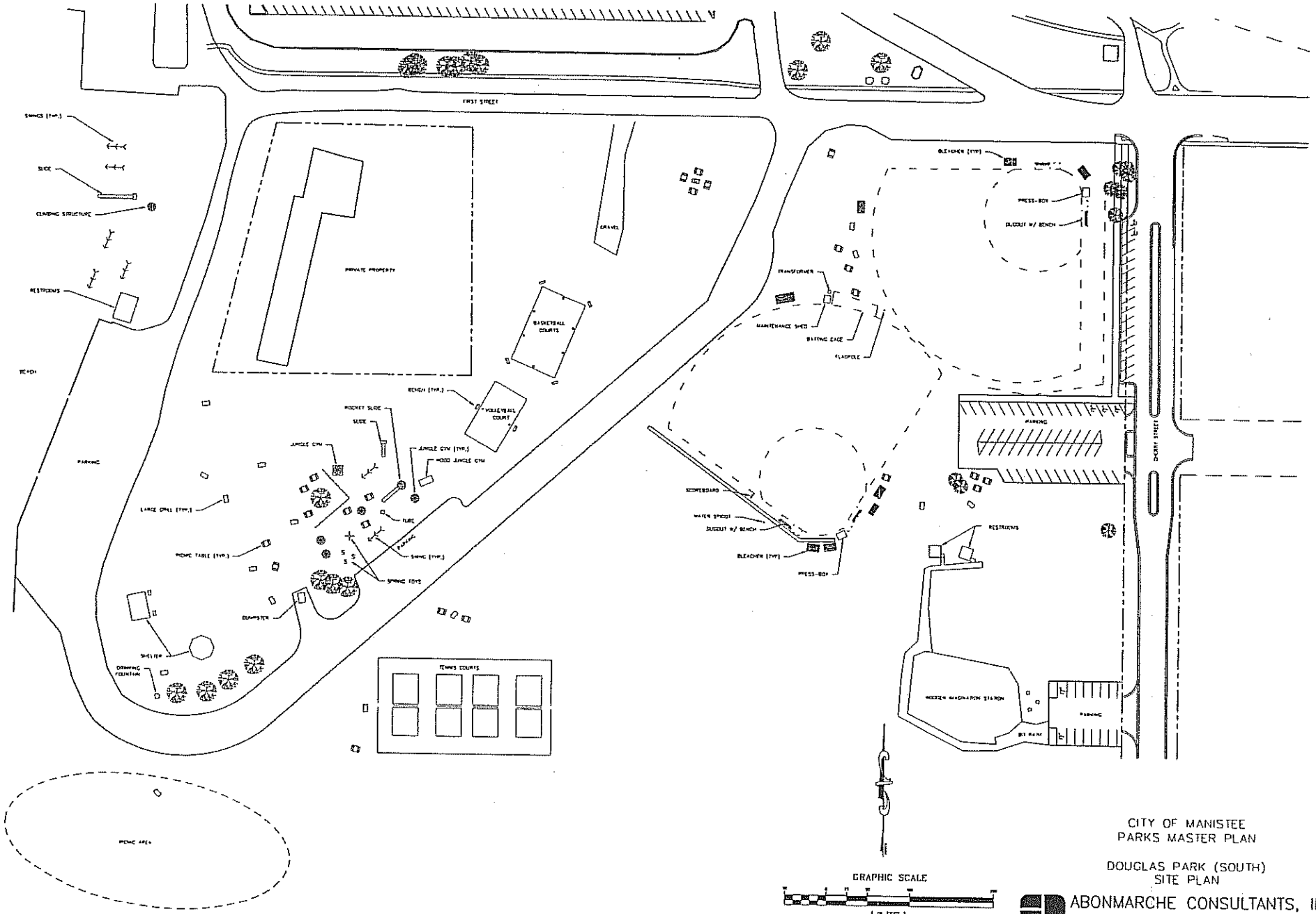
MAY 1, 2000



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DOUGLAS PARK (SOUTH)
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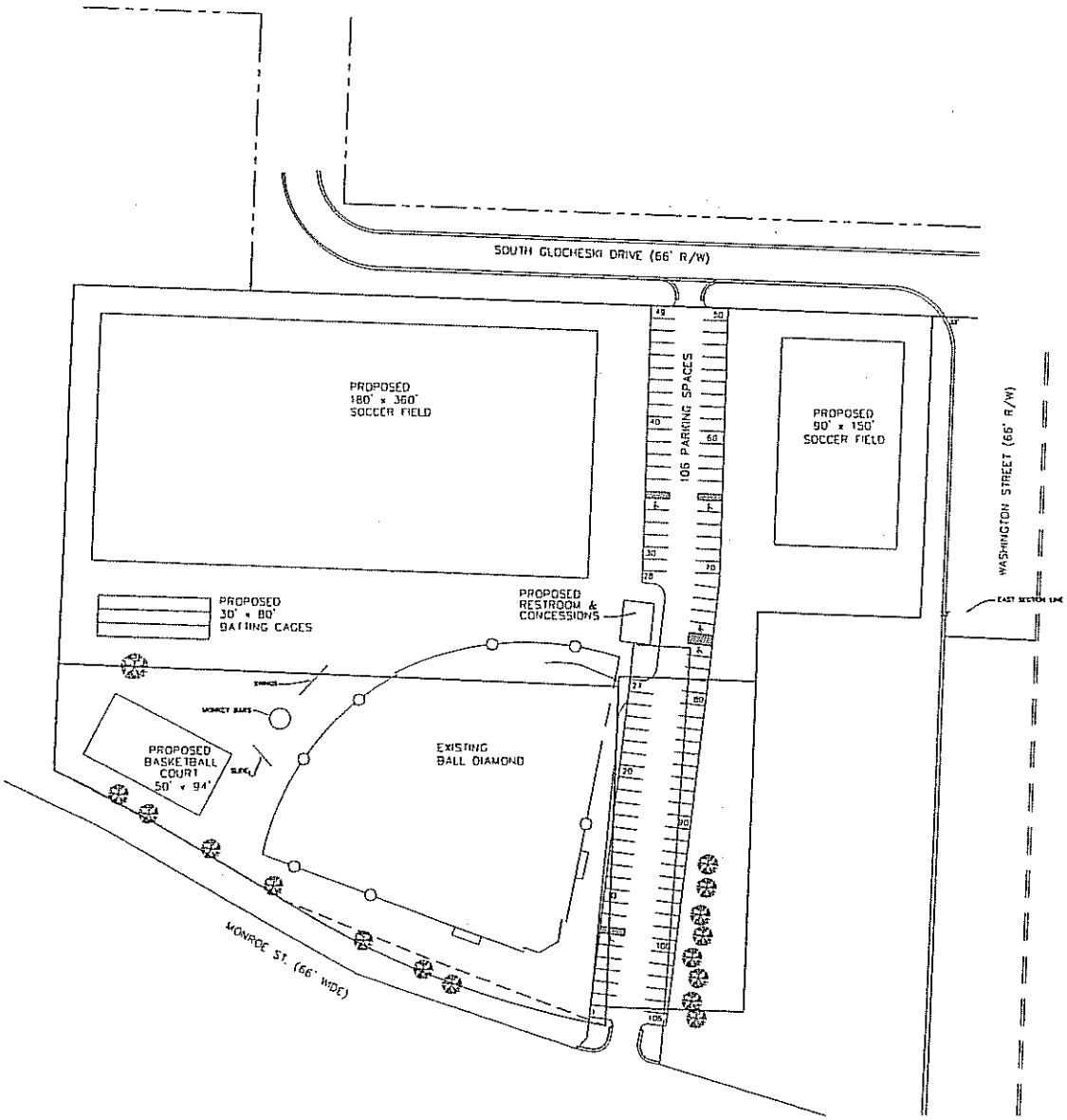
DUFFY PARK

Located on the north side of Manistee on Monroe Street. Long City property, this park had laid dormant for years. City and volunteer efforts in 1994/95 installed a full size little league baseball field, playground and parking lot. Acquired property from Sand Products Corporation in 1999 adjacent to Duffy Park on the north to South Glocheski Drive. Ford Street on the west and Washington Street on the east. In 2000 full sized and junior soccer fields with irrigation were added. In 2003 A restroom and Concession Stand as well as a Basketball Court and other equipment were added with the assistance of a MSHDA Neighborhood Preservation Program Grant

Recommendations:

- Fencing
- Pave parking lot
- Bleachers
- Additional playground equipment
- Picnic area and equipment
- More Bike racks
- Batting cage
- Volleyball
- Walking/workout route

Site Plan Map of Duffy Park on following Page



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NORTH DUFFY PARK
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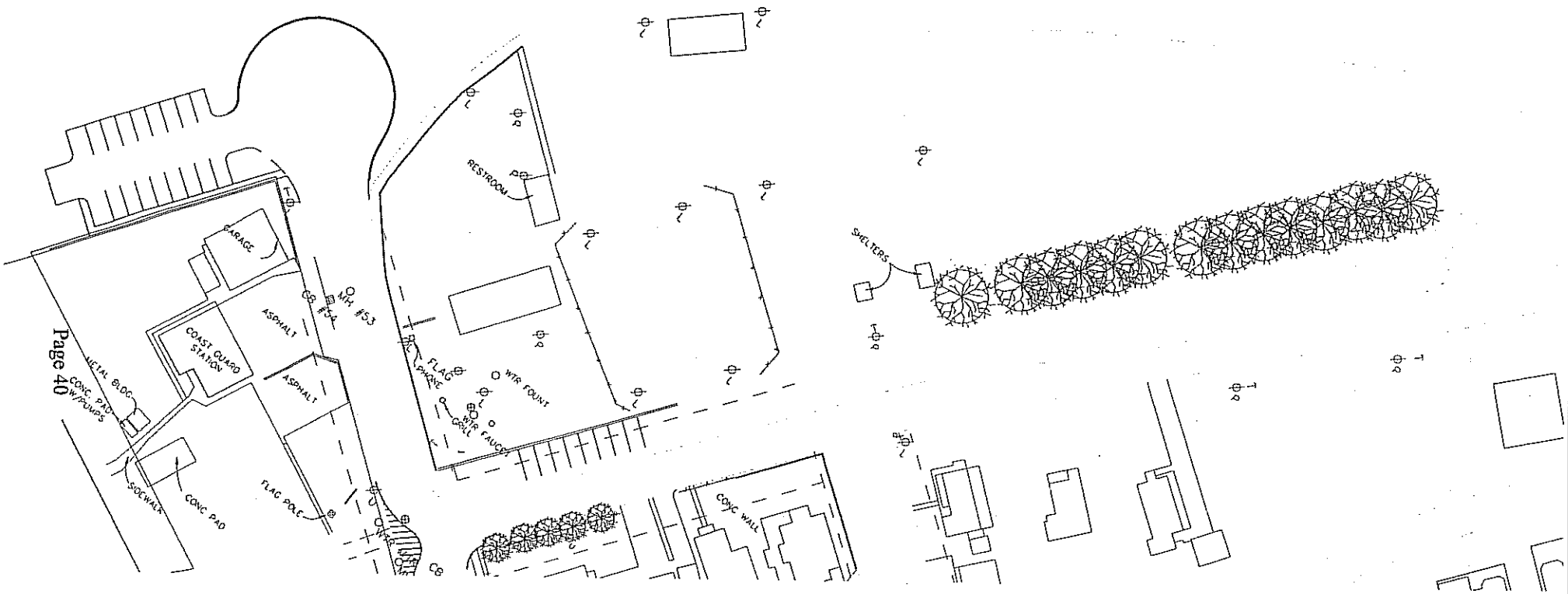
FIFTH AVENUE BEACH

Located on the north side of Manistee at the west end of Fifth Avenue on Lake Michigan. There is a large lakefront beach with restrooms, playground and parking areas. A walkway leads to the north pier, catwalk and lighthouse. Pedestrian traffic and fishing are permitted on the pier. There is a tennis court, playground and shelter house maintained by the Northside Improvement Association. The Coast Guard facility is adjacent to the park. The beach area was purchased by the City in 1912. The restroom facilities were renovated in 1989 and parking and traffic flow improvements were made in 1992/93. A volunteer driven Construction of a new Bathhouse/concession Shelter Building is currently underway. Also under contract for next season is the purchase and installation of "Brock" decking to provide barrier free access to the beach.

Recommendations:

- Install "Niagara Falls" type telescopes to view boats on the lake
- Beach grass and other natural erosion control plantings
- Improved lighting at bathhouse, playground area, tennis courts
- Improve/expand picnic area
- Retaining wall along sidewalk between roadway and north parking lot
- Handicap drinking fountain
- Foot/bicycle turn style bridge across Harbor Village Channel connecting Fifth Avenue to new Coast Guard Station and beach
- Replace bathhouse
- Acquire and maintain Lighthouse
- More Bike racks
- Food and snack vending
- Upgrade playground equipment
- Add pavilion/gazebo/shelters

Site Plan Map of Fifth Avenue Beach on following Page



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FIFTH AVENUE BEACH PARK
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HAMLIN BASEBALL FIELD

Privately owned and maintained by Kiwanis. There is a fenced youth baseball field with dugouts and bleachers. It also has an adjacent grassy area and City-owned parking lot.

Recommendations:

- Tree plantings to shade bleachers or more bleachers
- Benches/tables

No Site Plan of this area available

M-55 PROPERTY

Originally optioned by the City from the State in 1943 for construction of an airport. This is a 173 acre parcel east of the City on State Highway 55. When the airport was built elsewhere the Attorney General ruled that the property should be dedicated to public purposes. In 1991 City Council determined the property should be preserved for public recreation purposes. In 2003 a feasibility study of recreational opportunities was done by Fleis and Vandenbrink Engineering, inc. It recommended investigating partnering with the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) for future development of the property.

Recommendations:

- Work to determine interest by LRBOI in partnering on future development.

No Site Plan of this area available

MACK PARK (GOLDEN ACRES PARK)

Located on the south side of Manistee on the corner of Fourteenth and Greenwich Streets and is sometimes called Golden Acres Park after the residential area which is adjacent. There is children's playground, a basketball court and a small fenced baseball diamond. Street parking is available. The park was named for City Councilman Robert Mack in 1981.

Recommendations:

- Additional playground equipment
- Purchase adjoining property from Morton's for expansion
- Pavilion
- More Bike racks
- Grills
- Benches
- Improve parking
- Picnic area
- Add restrooms
- Add vending

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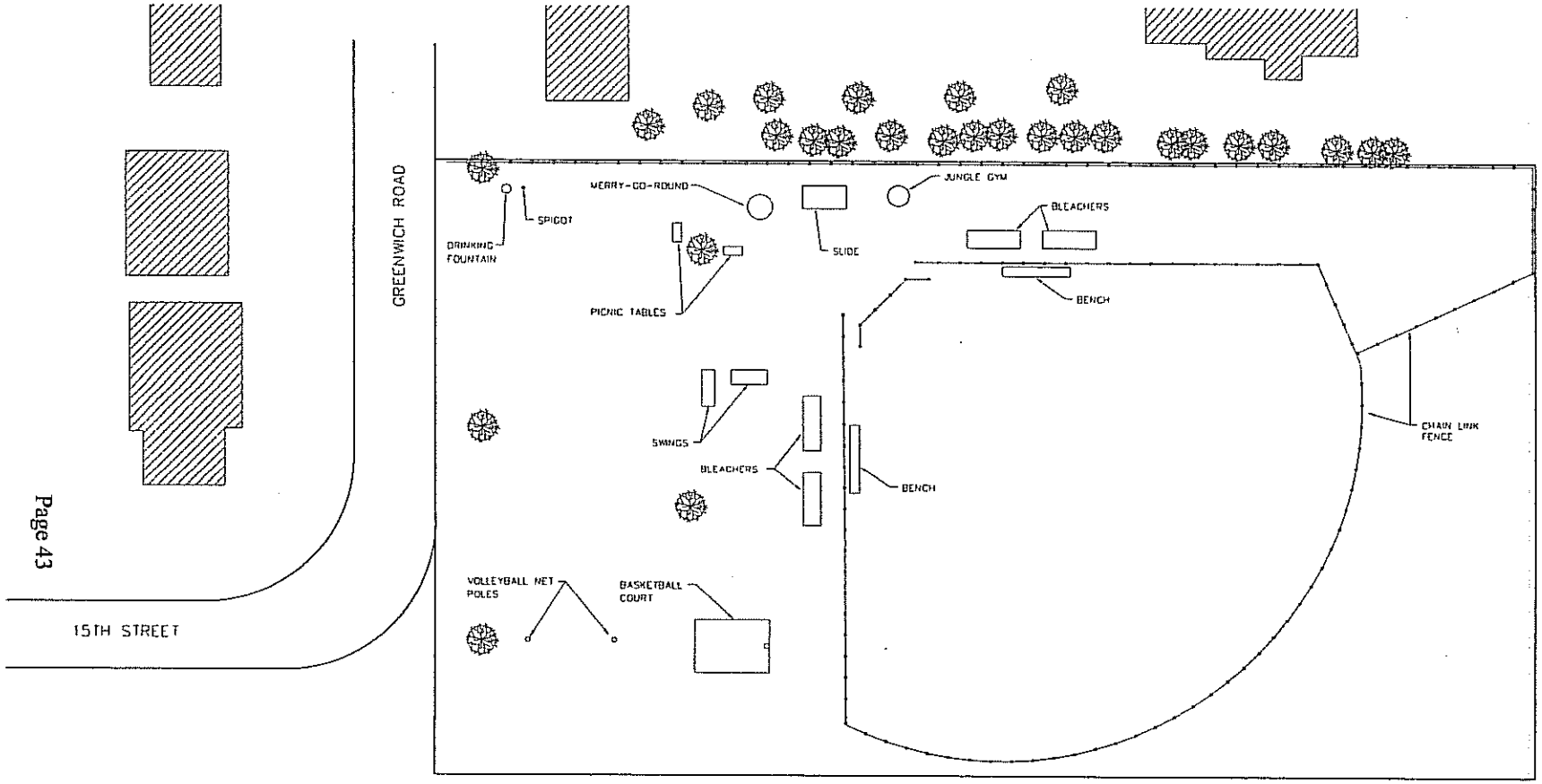

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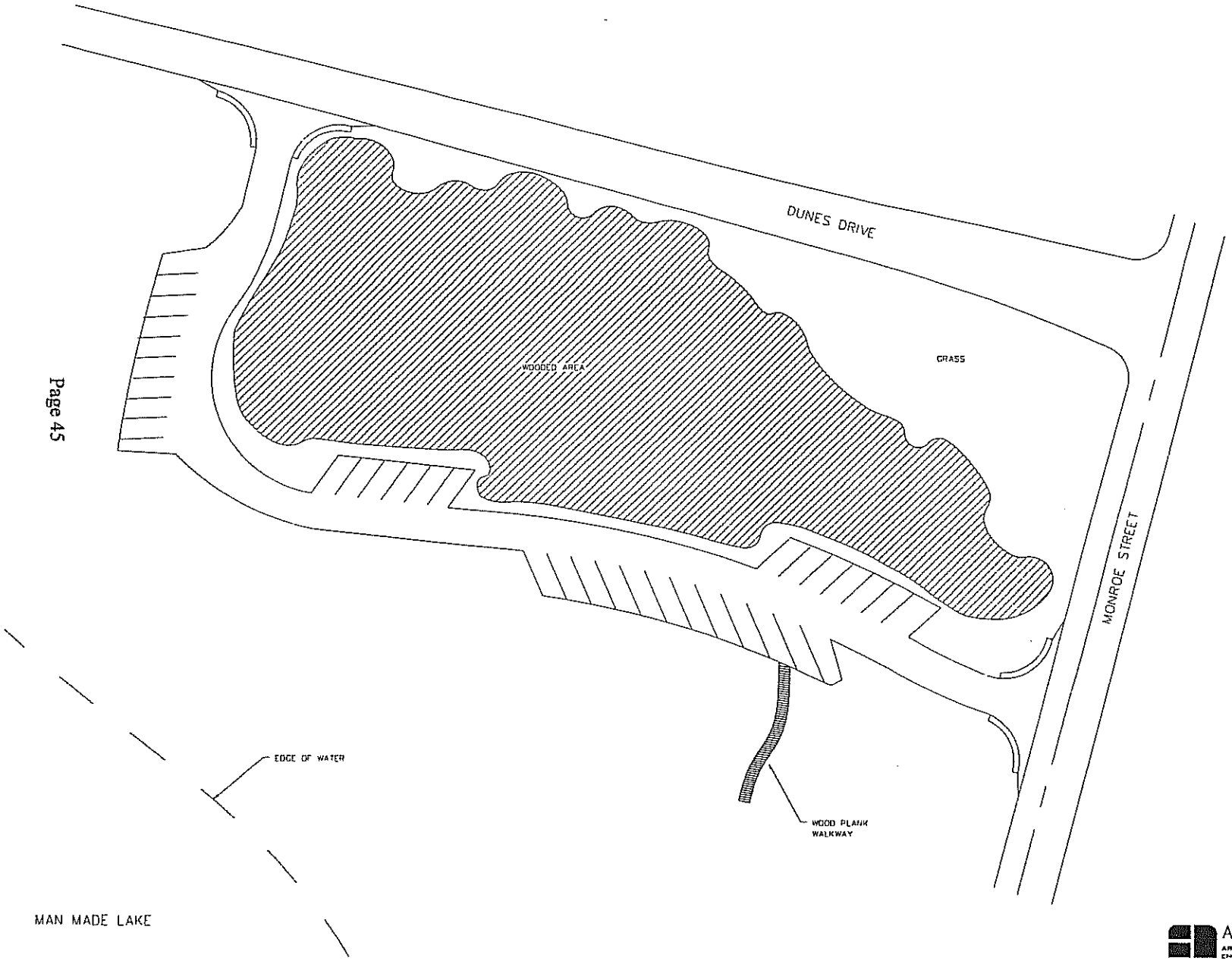
MAN-MADE LAKE

This is an extension of City property to the north of the Fifth Avenue Beach area. Portions of the adjoining land have been sold for residential development, though sales conditions will allow perpetual access to the south end of Man-Made Lake. Improvements to this area should be in concert with other park areas within the development. The lake has potential for development as an inland pool which, with proper design, could function for instructional and recreational use. A long term lease was signed in 1995 which, while prohibiting permanent structures, does provide public access to the north and west sides of the lake.

Recommendations:

- Acquire public ownership of the currently leased property
- Picnic area
- Benches
- Pavilion
- Consider lake development for instructional/recreational use
- Additional parking
- Maintain berm between Man Made Lake and Lake Michigan
- Add grills
- Bike racks
- Porta-potties
- Handicap access pier and fishing area

Site Plan Map of Man-Made Lake Parking Area on following Page



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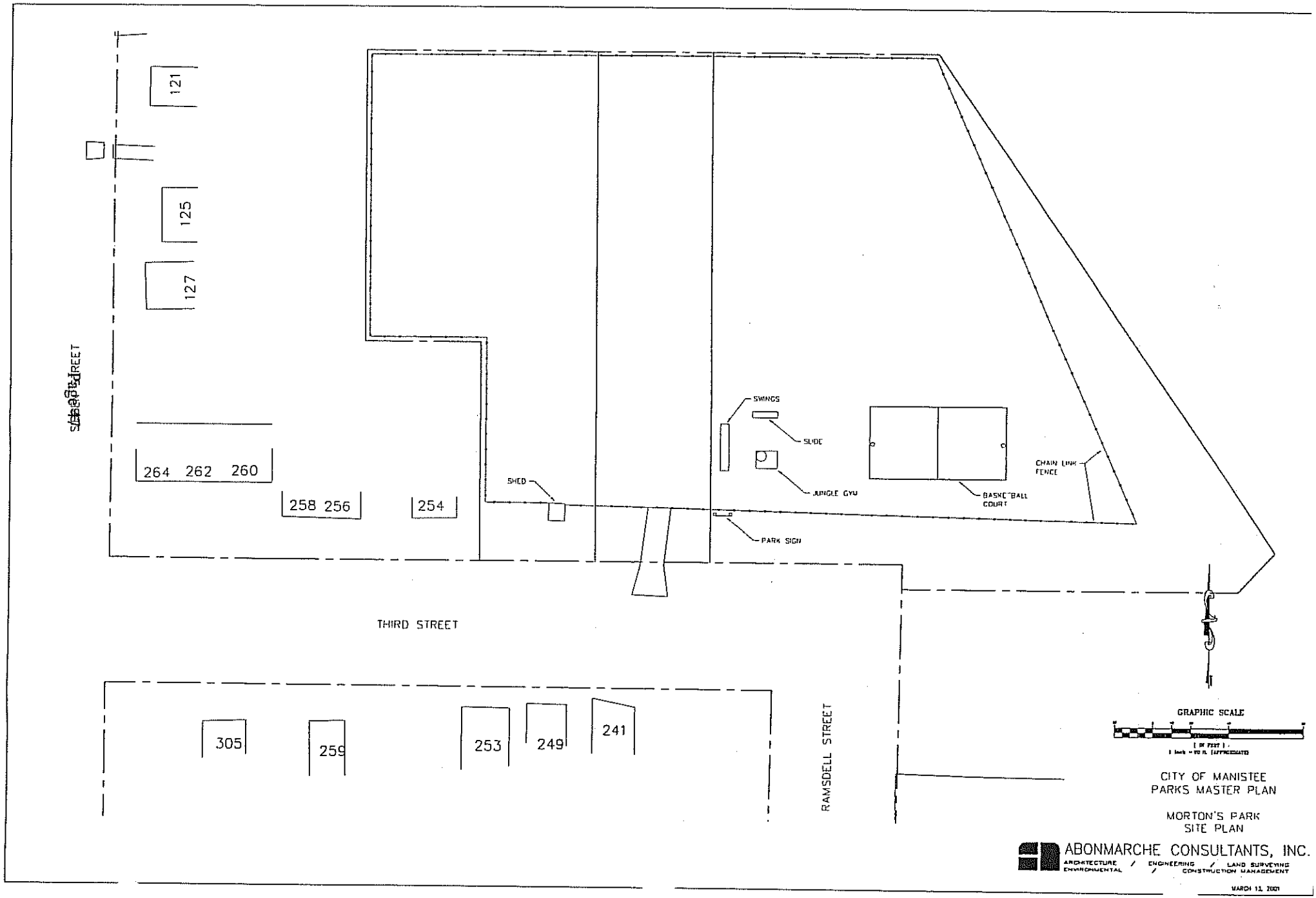
MORTON PARK

Located on the east side of Manistee at the east end of Third Street, this park was added to the system in 1995 through a long term lease from Morton International. Currently being developed as a neighborhood park.

Recommendations:

- Install parking area
- T-ball Park
- Shuffleboard courts
- Sandbox with sit on/handicap sand diggers
- Additional playground equipment
- Volleyball standards
- Picnic area
- Gazebo/shelter
- Merry-go-round
- Restrooms
- More Bike racks
- Grills
- Benches
- Soccer field
- Vending machines

Site Plan Map of Morton Park on following Page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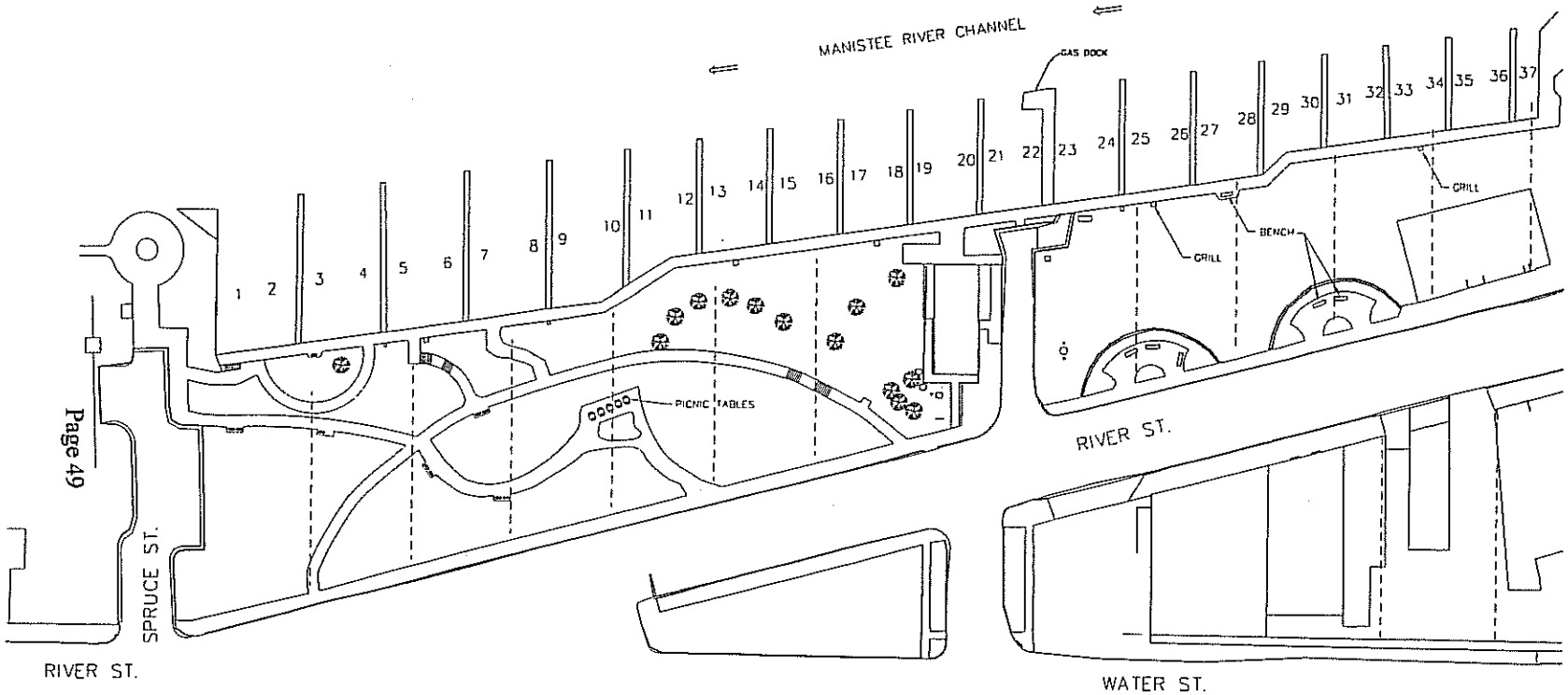
MUNICIPAL MARINA

The marina is located on the south bank of the Manistee River on West River Street, near Pine Street, adjacent to the Central Business District. The major activity is boating and there is a staffed bathhouse with a rooftop deck, showers, telephone and fuel. There is a fee for docking. Pedestrian walkways and benches are located among the trees and grassy areas. Street parking is available. The marina was grant funded and constructed in 1977. A Michigan Waterways grant in 1995 permitted major bathhouse renovations, including the addition of public restrooms.

Recommendations:

- New dock systems - floating adjustable
- Tables, benches - develop an area for off the boat use
- Expand Marina
- Increase shower and toilet capacity for boaters
- Add kitchenette for boaters
- Add dock boxes to slips
- Expand Office area

Site Plan Map of Marina Park on following Page



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MARINA PARK
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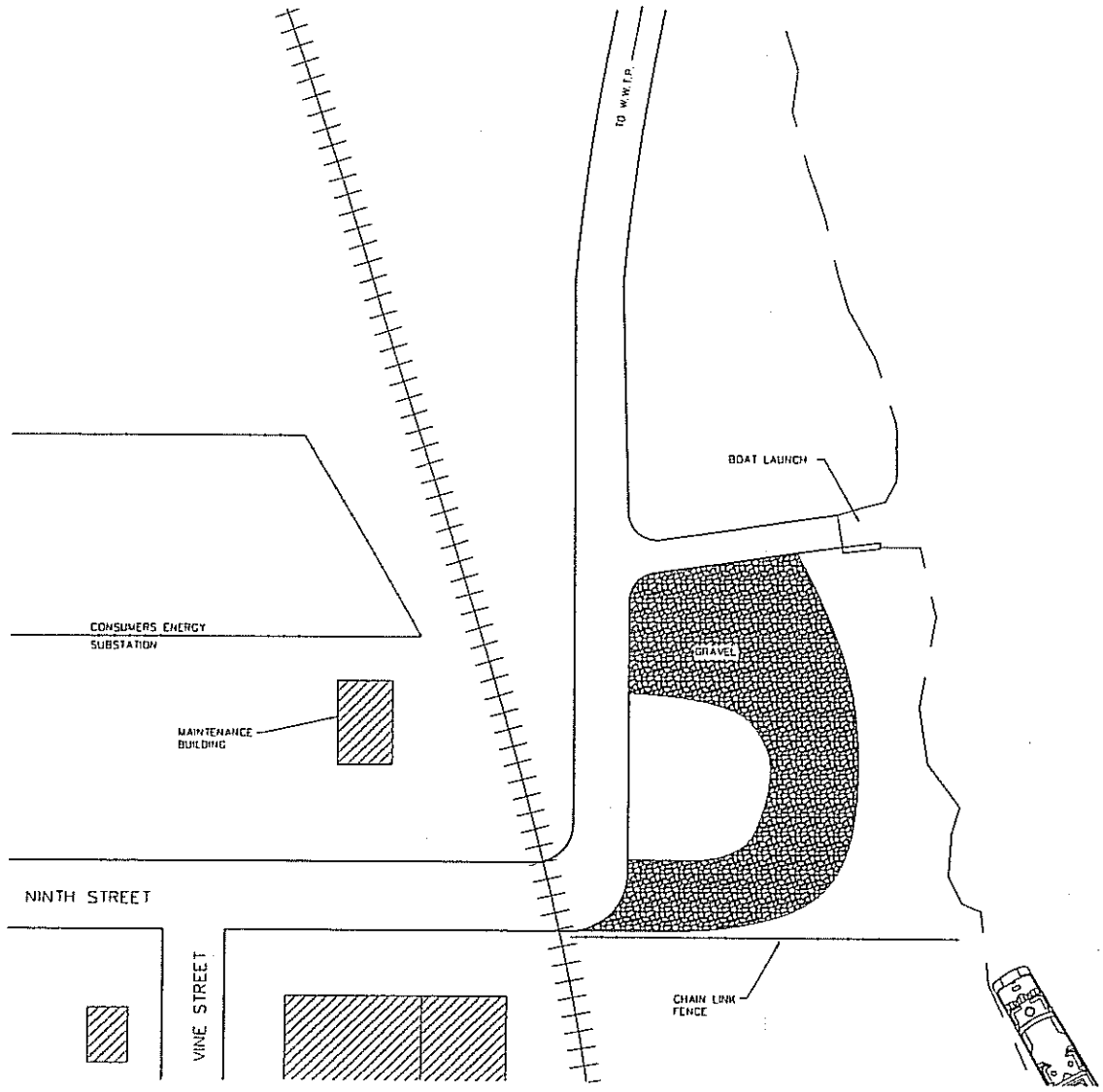
NINTH STREET BOAT LAUNCH

Located on the east side of Manistee at the east end of Ninth Street. There is a boat launch into Manistee Lake, a dock and a lighted parking lot. There is no charge for use of this area. The area was established by the City in 1987.

Recommendations:

- Upgrade launch area
- Improve the launch area surface
- Landscaping
- Improve parking
- Acquire additional property from adjoining property owner(s)
- Add fishing pier
- Crewing/rowing Building
- Picnic area with grills

Site Plan Map of Ninth Street Boat Launch on following Page



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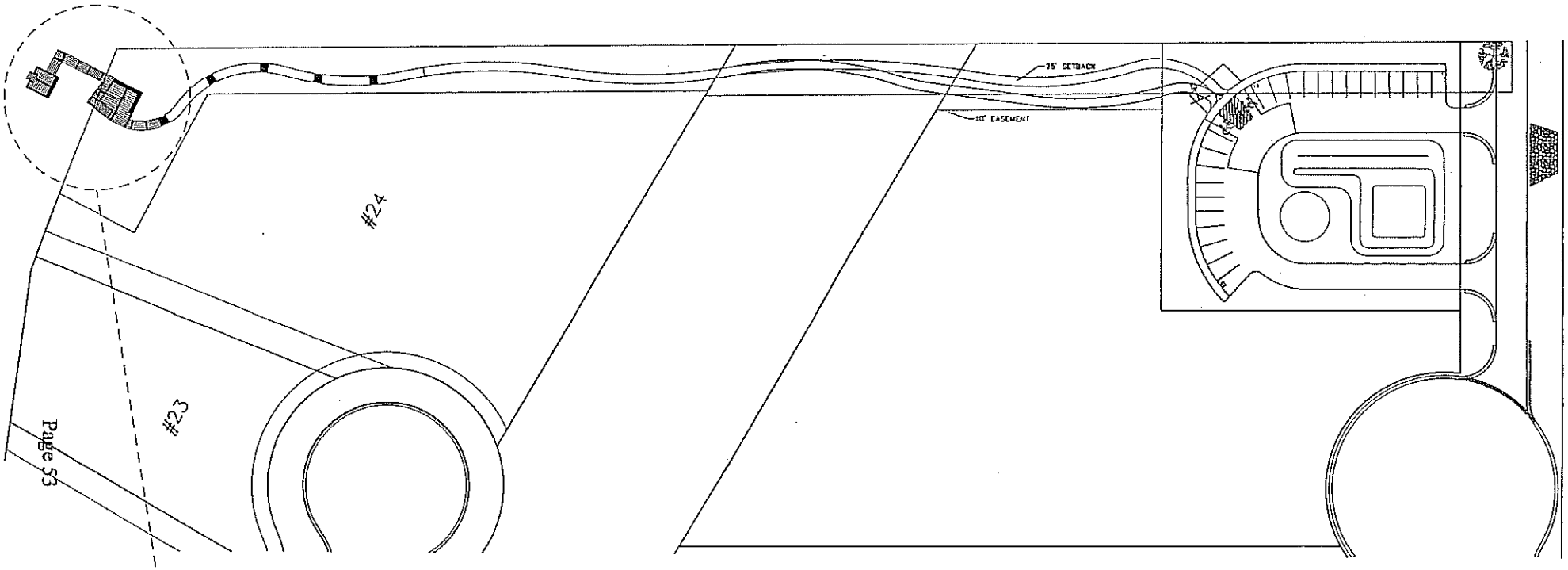
NORTH BEACH ACCESS PARK

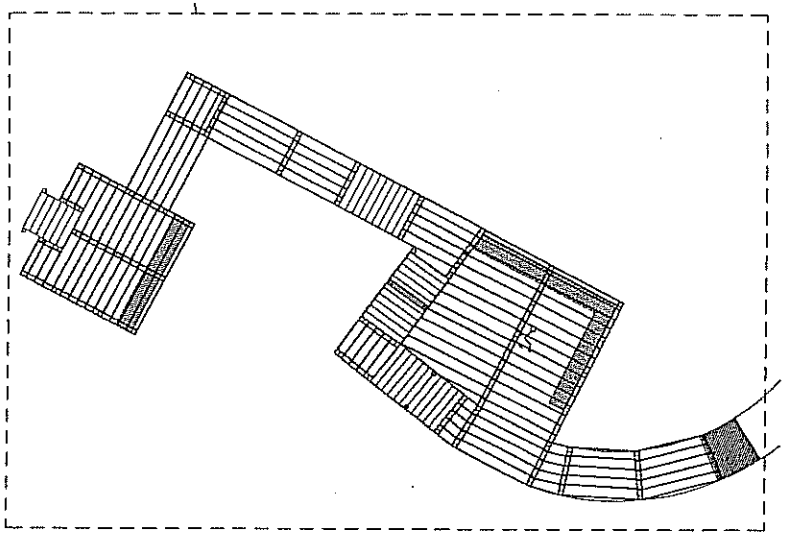
Located near the north City limit, this thirty foot right-of-way was purchased by the City in 1996 to provide public access to Lake Michigan. A parking lot with a handicapped boardwalk, viewing platforms and stairs leading to the beach was dedicated on October 1, 1999.

Recommendations:

- Install benches and trash receptacles between parking lot and boardwalk entrance

Site Plan Map of North Beach Access on following Page





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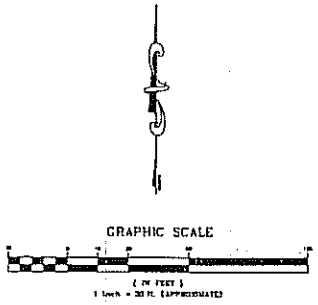

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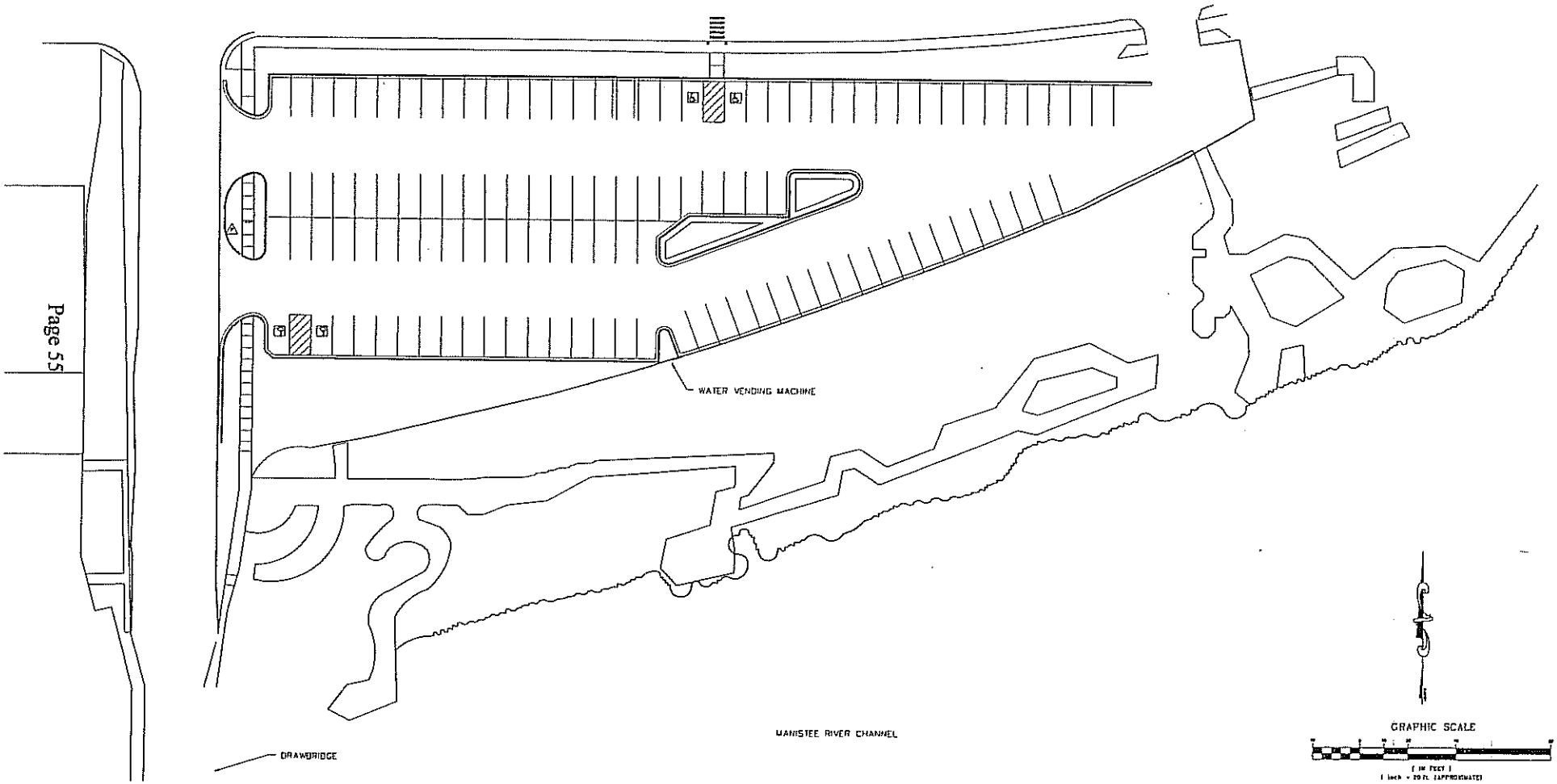
NORTH RIVERWALK AND MEMORIAL PARK

Located on the north bank of the Manistee River between Maple Street and the US-31 Bridge. There is a boardwalk with benches and fishing decks along the riverbank as well as shrubs, trees and grassy sloped areas. Summer concerts are held weekly in a gazebo constructed by the Jaycees. In Memorial Park there is a stone monument and flag to commemorate those lost in battle. The Riverwalk was constructed in 1983 utilizing grants and Michigan Youth Corps labor. The Corps of Engineers did extensive bank stabilization work in 1994. There is a large parking area serving the park and the Central Business District. The parking lot is also home to a Saturday Farmers Market run by the Downtown Development Authority.

Recommendations:

- Install sprinkler system
- Improve lighting
- Drinking fountain
- Benches
- Acquire property west of Maple Street Bridge
- Extend riverwalk west to Harbor Village channel
- Picnic area with grills
- More Bike racks

Site Plan Map of Memorial Drive on following Page



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MEMORIAL DRIVE
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RED SZYMAREK PARK

Located on the north side of Manistee on Fifth Avenue, about one-half mile east of Lake Michigan and the Fifth Avenue Beach. There is a child's playground and picnic tables. The park is heavily wooded with a mature oak stand. The park was purchased by the City in 1912. An Indian burial ground is suspected to be located on the site.

Recommendations:

- Restroom facility
- Walking/Fitness course
- Additional playground equipment
- Parking areas
- Selective thinning and new tree plantings or wild flowers
- Tennis courts
- More Bike racks
- Drinking fountain
- Grills
- Benches
- Restrooms

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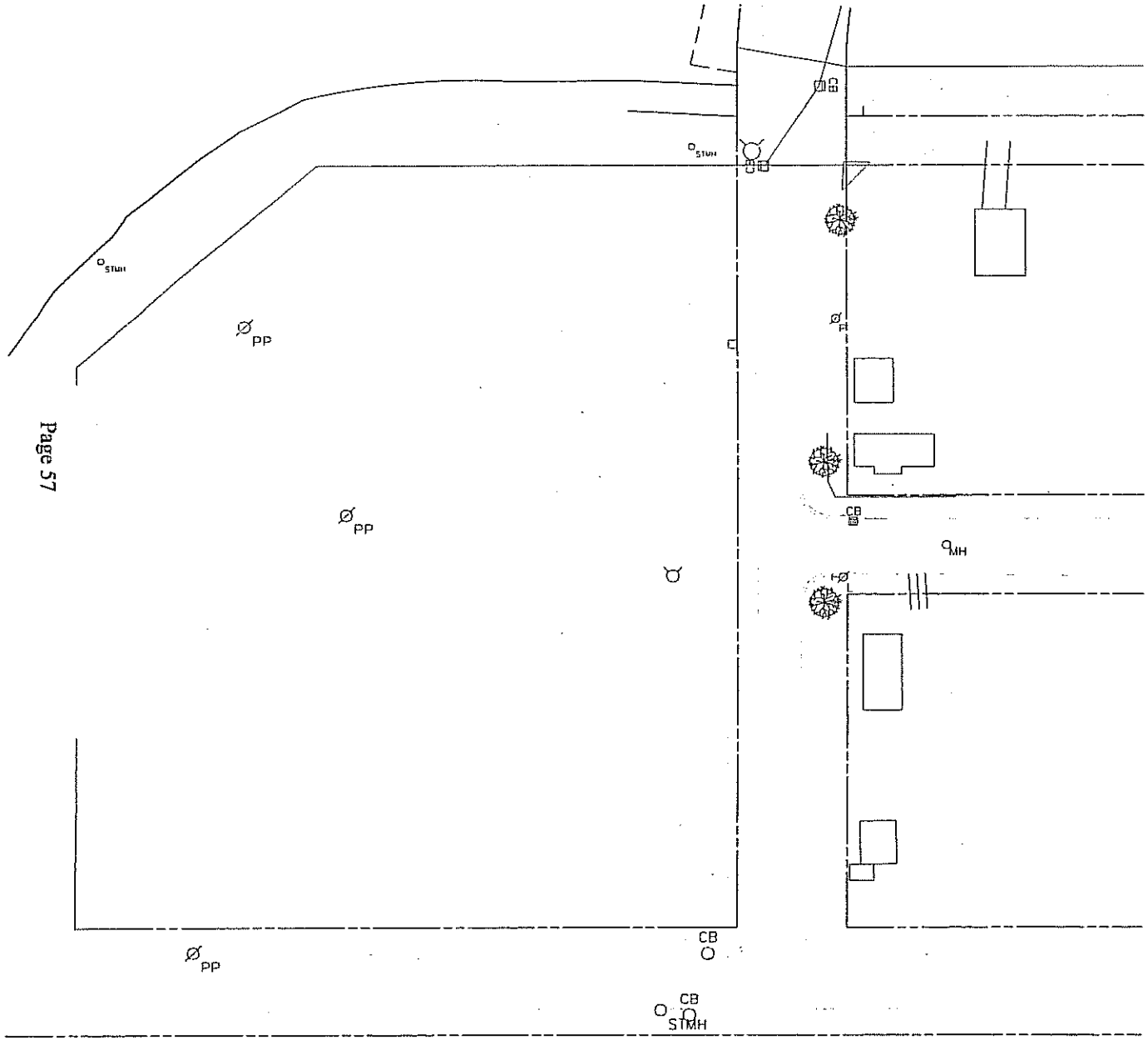

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RIETZ PARK

Located on the southeast of Manistee, bounded by Vine, Forest, Park and Main Streets. There is a fenced baseball diamond with bleachers. Also available are picnic tables, playground equipment and a basketball court in the adjacent park area. Restrooms were constructed and a new ballfield perimeter fence was installed in 1996. On August 5, 1908 the heirs of Charles Rietz donated six acres of ground on Rietz Hill to the city for a public park and pleasure grounds. The only provision made was that it shall be named after Charles Rietz. In 2001 the the infield was entirely reconstructed. Additional Playground equipment was installed in 2002.

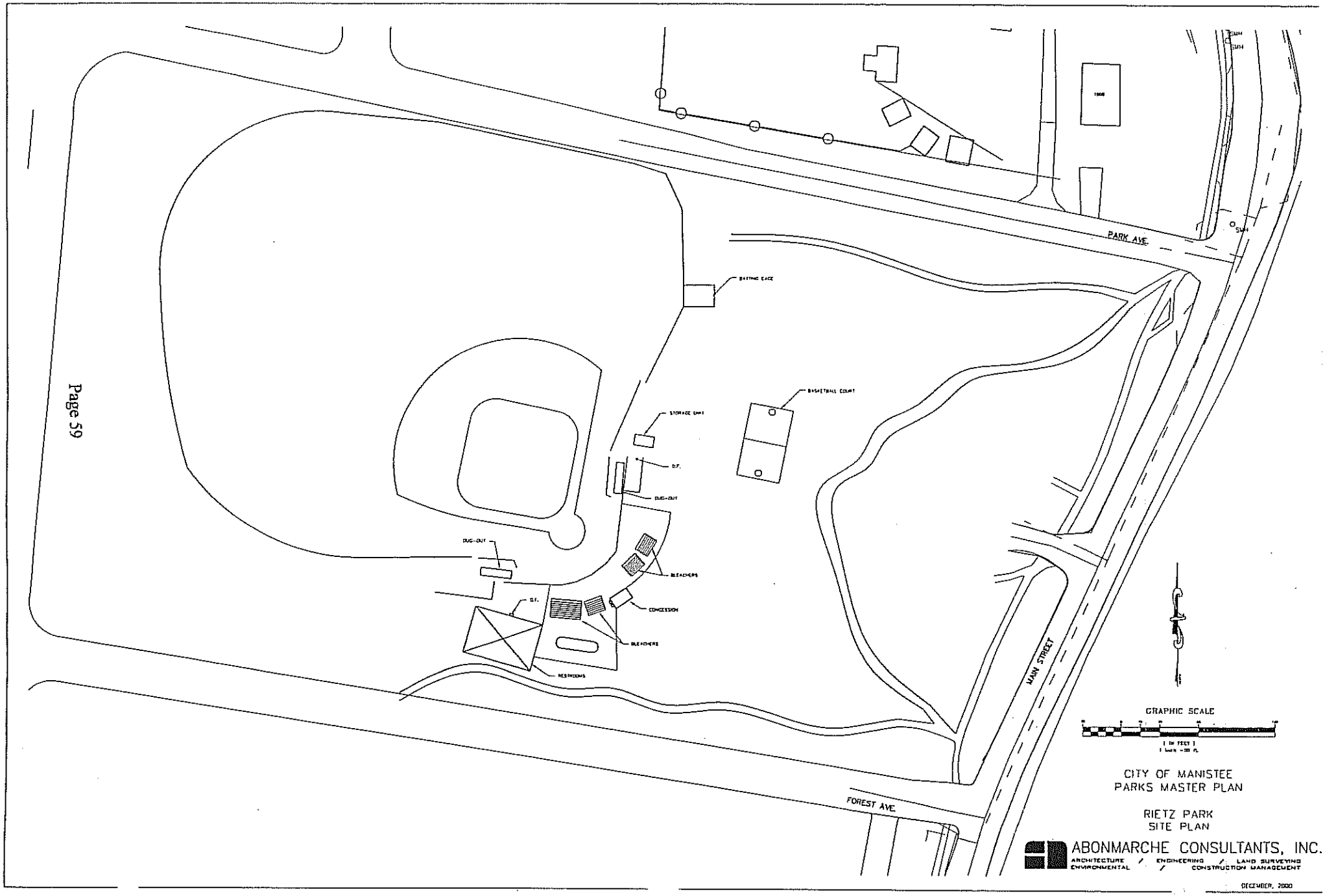
Recommendations for Ballfield:

- Move and rebuild dugouts into the ground
- Replace press box
- Telephone
- Vending machines (drinks)
- Ballfield lighting
- Soccer field

Recommendations for Park:

- Repair and/or remove sidewalks
- Pavilion/shelter
- Additional playground equipment to include full size swings
- Selective thinning and new tree plantings
- Picnic tables and grills
- Develop parking area for park and ballfield
- More Bike racks
- Vending machines (snacks)
- Benches

Site Plan Map of Rietz Park on following Page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SANDS PARK

Located on the south side of Manistee adjacent to Manistee High School at the corner of Maple and Eighth Streets. The City and Manistee Area Public Schools jointly own and maintain the park. There are tennis courts, a child's playground and a baseball/football field also used for ice skating in the winter. A building used for a warming house, skate rentals and storage is located near a parking lot. A Kellogg Foundation and a Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant in 1992 permitted construction of a Teen Center/warming shelter. The adjacent school has another football field, two gymnasiums, a weight room, showers, etc. which are accessible to community recreation. Ballfield and winter skating area lighting was added in 2001 as a cooperative effort between the Manistee Area Public Schools and the City of Manistee. A skate park was added in 2004 through a community-build project funded in part by the Rotary and the Local Revenue Sharing Board.

Recommendations:

- Continue with master plan, constructing full community center, swimming pool and ice skating complex
- Additional playground equipment
- Picnic tables/benches
- Bike racks

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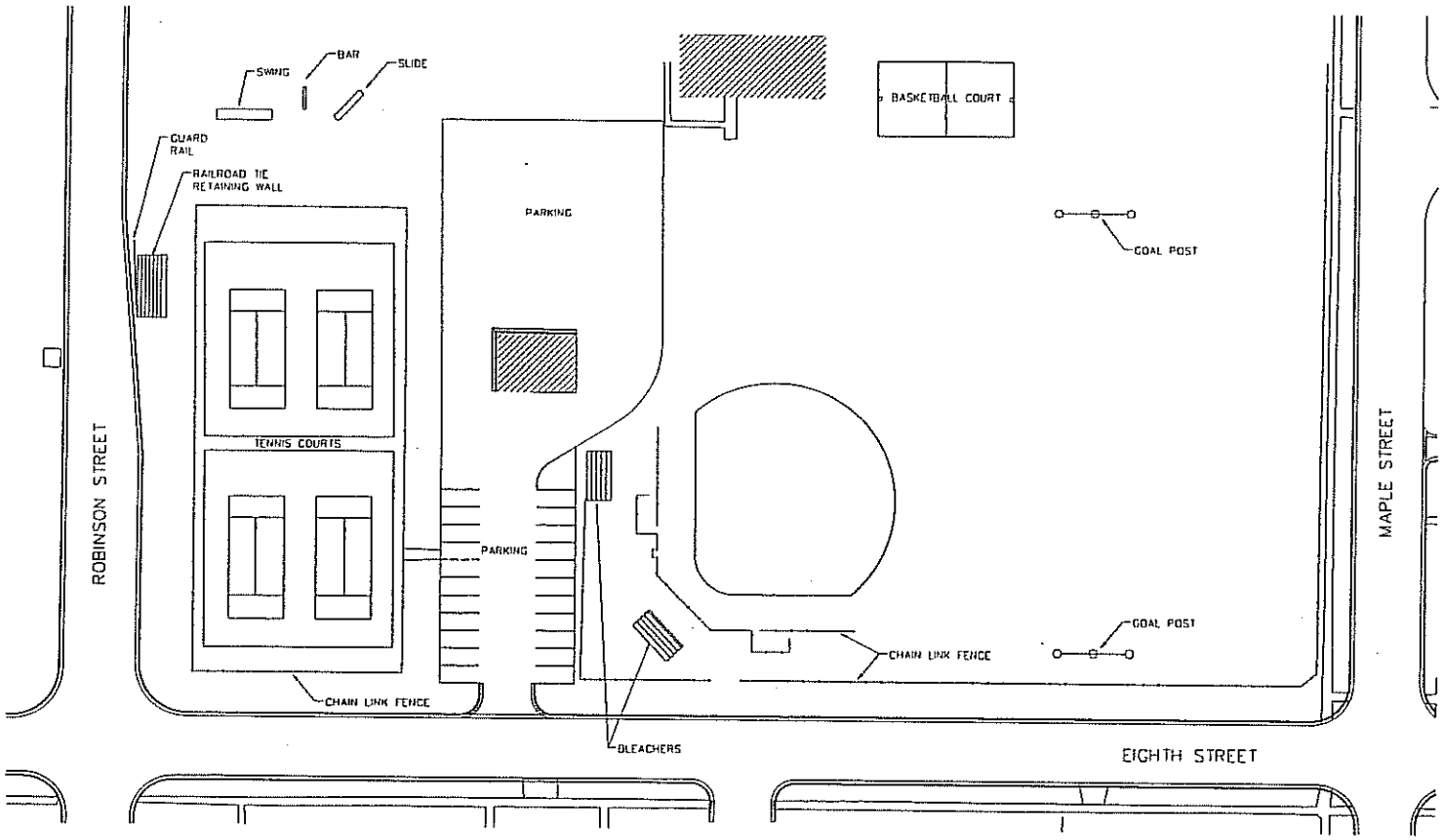

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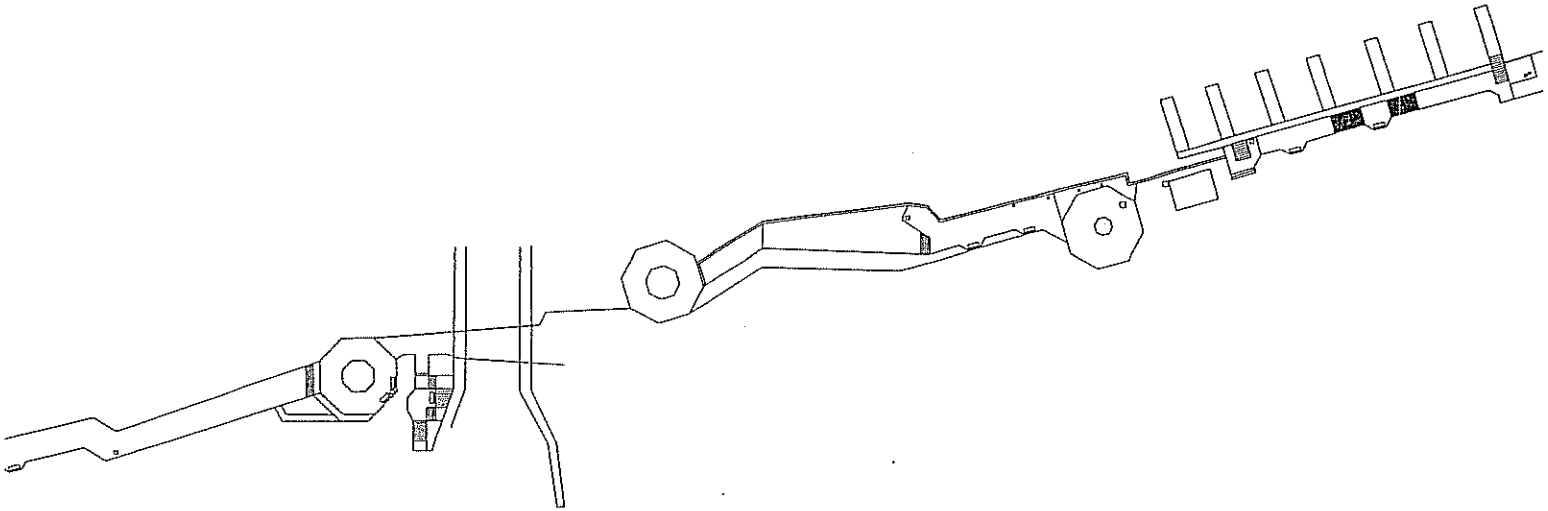
SOUTH RIVERWALK

The South Riverwalk is along the Manistee River bank behind a major portion of the Central Business District along River Street. Extends east to the US-31 Bridge and west to Lake Michigan. The walkway includes benches, planters, gazebos and fishing piers. A Coastal Zone Management Grant in 1999 helped establish historical markers and a Net Shed Museum along the riverwalk.

Recommendations:

- Extend Riverwalk east to Manistee Lake and around the Peninsula
- Drinking fountains
- Encourage businesses to emphasize/locate on Riverwalk
- Facilities to accommodate canoes and kayaks
- Improve Riverwalk to more easily accommodate cruise ship accessibility
- More Bike racks
- Vending

Site Plan Map of Riverwalk on following three Pages



RIVERWALK II - WEST END

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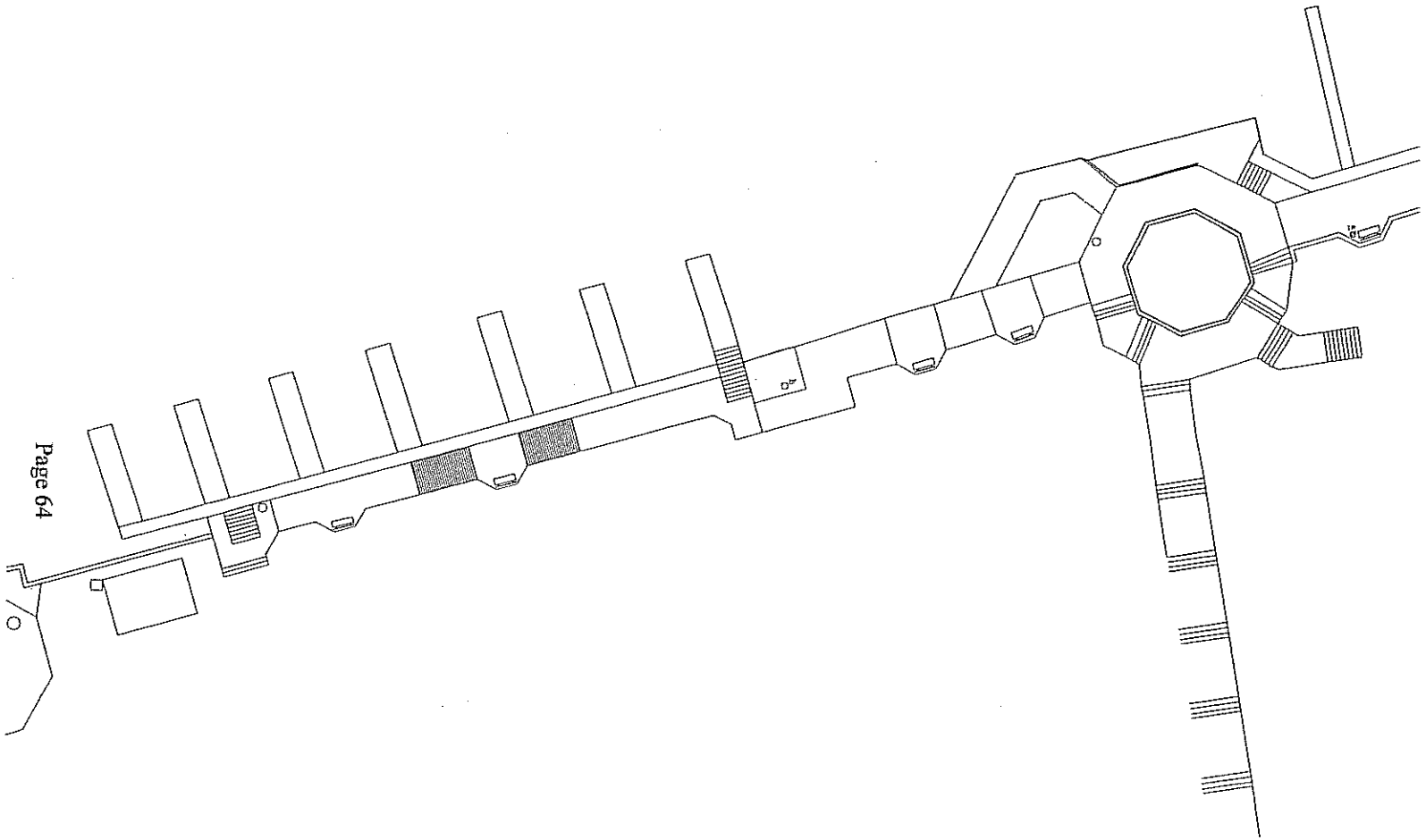

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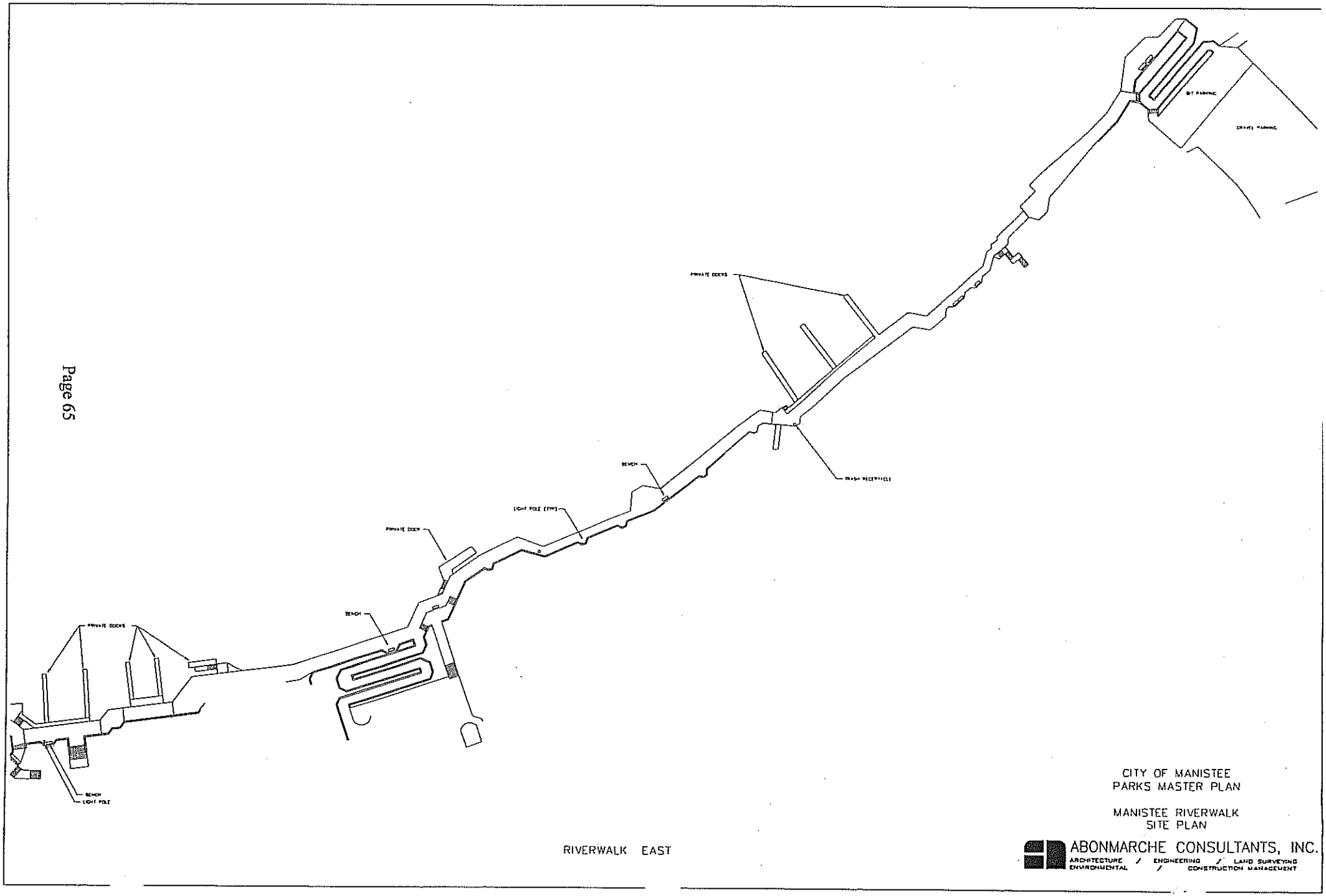
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BASIS FOR ACTION

Demographics indicate a diverse population base. No neighborhood predominates in any demographic category significant to participation levels. The City's small size allows good cross use of major facilities while at the same time land use density in some neighborhoods has left pockets in need of attention for play-lots and common use areas. Continued effort should also be made to develop larger play field and recreation areas available to City and visitor use.

Manistee has many of the attributes sought for business and family relocation, including a clean environment, good schools, affordable housing, adequate transportation, business opportunity and responsive government. Leisure time facilities and activities are an additional component of a well conceived basis for action.

Manistee's leaders must continue to monitor the recreational activities of its citizens as well as use plans such as this to forecast and guide future actions.

RECREATION STANDARDS

Since standards are recommended planning guides, not absolute rules, people may view their application in different ways. Cities vary in space and time. Manistee hasn't the same development pattern as another city, nor will its own physical and human properties remain static as time advances. For this reason, the City of Manistee continues to plan for recreation and park areas to meet the needs of its citizens, with additional consideration for its visitors.

MINIMUM LOCAL RECREATION STANDARDS

The National Recreation and Parks Association has established guidelines for communities to measure their inventory of parks/facilities against national norms for recreation facilities. While the City exceeds the recommended minimums in many cases, there are areas where the community is lacking.

Probably the most dramatic is the lack of a public swimming pool. With no public beaches on Manistee Lake, and the prohibition on swimming in the Manistee River Channel, swimming is only available in Lake Michigan and (under lease) at Man-made Lake. Due to waves, temperature, and undertow, Lake Michigan is often an unsafe swimming environment. Man-made Lake provides a safer and warmer swimming environment where swimming lessons can be taught. For the community it functions as an out-door pool.

Walking, biking and non-motorized transportation in general needs continued attention. Connecting routes, bike lanes, and signage will continue to be developed to provide safe, non-motorized transportation throughout the City. The City Council appointed Non-Motorized Transportation Committee has developed a draft plan which is included in the appendix.

Specific recommendations for additions to the park system are included in the attached Manistee Parks Commission Site Survey Worksheet, and in more detail in the discussion of each individual park.

RECREATION INVENTORY

PROGRAMMING

Manistee Recreation Association (MRA)

The MRA is a Michigan chartered nonprofit public organization offering year round recreation programming, as well as professional and clerical support for other county recreation related organizations. Programs of the MRA include youth and adult sports, social and educational activities. Office is located in the United Way Building, 30 Jones Street.

The Board membership consists of two city representatives and seven at-large publicly elected officers. The budget of the MRA for the year of 2001 was $100,000 with financial support from the City, County, several Townships and the United Way. Specific sport programming includes team soccer (offered in the fall and the spring), youth baseball and adult basketball. Other activities the MRA offers include hockey, wrestling, ski and snowboard club, day trips, sport camps, and swimming lessons.

Alternatives for Area Youth (AAY)

Alternatives for Area Youth is the organization responsible for the day-to-day management of the Manistee County Teen Center, and its related activities. Operated by its Board of Directors, the Teen Center, originally built with matching grant funds from the Kellogg Foundation, was a community effort to create a warming shelter for winter ice skating offered at Sands Park, that would double as a Center for the youth of our community in the off season.

Conceptually, the Center was the initial step in providing a complex for a community recreation facility housing among other amenities a weight room, gymnasium, indoor swimming pool, and racquet ball courts.

Presently, the Center serves the youth of our community by providing a location at which they can socialize with friends, or participate in activities such as basketball on the outside court, ice skating outdoors as weather permits, skateboarding in an adjacent parking area, ping pong, foosball, pool and more! Dances and parties are held on a monthly basis throughout the year.

FACILITIES

There are three public, two private and one charter school with outdoor play space within the City available for public use. Primary full time facilities for indoor programming include the Manistee Senior Center. The Manistee County Senior Center is located in a commercial building in downtown Manistee and has a large multipurpose room and several smaller rooms available for office space and programming. The center offers noon lunches, an extensive recreation program and houses several senior outreach agencies.

In 1994, a teen center/winter warming shelter was constructed in Sands Park, jointly managed by the City and the local School District. It was constructed with DNR and Kellogg Foundation funds and volunteer labor. Additional indoor facilities and programming are offered through the schools, Ramsdell Theatre, County Library and County Museum.

HANDICAPPED FACILITIES / SERVICES

All current City properties for public use, including parks, are reviewed and modified for handicapped access as appropriate. All new projects incorporate handicapped provisions in design stages. Programming is currently offered by the Association for Retarded Citizens, the Intermediate School District, the Manistee Recreation Association and the Manistee County Special Olympics.

SUMMARY

Manistee is the county seat in an area blessed with an abundance of natural resources. As such, it attracts government business and retail commerce within an approximate twenty-five mile radius; while attracting statewide visitations for fishing, hunting and other outdoor recreation opportunities. The City is benefitted by and is constricted by its physical location between Manistee Lake and Lake Michigan and surrounded by Manistee National Forest.

Current total City acreage dedicated to parks and open land recreational use is approximately 6.5%. National standards indicate this figure should approach 10%. The surrounding national forest and adjacent Lake Michigan bless the Manistee area with abundant outdoor recreation opportunity. This somewhat offsets deficiencies in developed play fields and facilities, as a portion of the population is given to hunting, fishing, boating and other outdoor pursuits. At the same time however, there has been significant growth in youth and girls team sports which creates ever increasing pressure on existing facilities.

Within City limits distribution and number of parks and facilities appear inappropriate to neighborhood delineations. However, the total City encompasses 3.5 square miles, so many parks and facilities which appear in statistics by neighborhoods are in fact used by all residents. At the same time there appears to be a need for small neighborhood parks and play fields, particularly on the north and east sides of town.

City projections forecast increased small business, tourism and an aging resident population as evolving demographics, which will further impact future recreation facility and program needs. It is therefore important that the City seek opportunity to increase its recreation land and facility resources through construction, exchange, purchase, easements, subsidies or other methods, while at the same time maintaining cooperative arrangements with current property owners of recreational lands and facilities in order to properly serve its current and future citizen needs.

The demand for additional recreational opportunities will continue to grow commensurately with the growing value of leisure time. The quality of life in Manistee is, and will be, exemplified through the recreation and park opportunities provided through comprehensive community planning.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FIVE YEAR PERIOD AND BEYOND

CURRENT PRIORITIES FOR ALL EXISTING PARKS

1. Attempt to acquire Man-made Lake Property.
2. Updated playground equipment
3. Signage
4. Trees / shrubs / landscaping
5. Pavilions / tables / benches
6. Better utilization of existing park lands

FUTURE NEEDS - ADDITIONAL PARKS/FACILITIES

1. Swimming Pool: a need in this water oriented area.
2. Community/Recreation Center: Community center needs had been met through utilization of a school district building. This building is no longer available to the public. Growth projections indicate tourism and senior related facilities could be incorporated into a full community recreation center complex.
3. Neighborhood Pocket Parks: current locations of parks have gaps. Seek development of current City properties, cooperative agreements, acquisitions, conditions for private development, etc.
4. Play Fields: remaining large open areas within the City limits are limited and should be developed before lost piecemeal.
5. Bike / Pedestrian Pathways: future planning should address bicycle/foot traffic throughout the City.
6. Community Garden: development of produce growing area for apartment dwellers, seniors, etc. Could be combined with a City nursery for park plantings, boulevards, etc.
7. Continue Riverwalk, other lake and river front improvements including around the peninsula..
8. Ice Skating / Hockey Facility: a facility could act as cornerstone for promoting Manistee area winter recreation including cross-country skiing, snowmobiling.
9. RV dump station somewhere in the park system.

SUMMARY

Manistee is "landlocked," boundaries to the east and west by water and north and south by City limits that abut townships. Current City parks and play areas are in need of attention, while future development will rely on the dedication of remaining City properties, outright purchase, cooperative agreements or as conditions for private development. It will be a challenge to its planners to meet resident and visitor, passive and active, developed and natural parkland needs in a city in positive transition.

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MANISTEE PARKS COMMISSION SITE SURVEY WORKSHEET

FACILITIES

Parks	Acreage	Ball Fields	Basketball Courts	Beach	Bike Racks	Boat Launch Dock	Camping	Crewing/Rowing	Cross Country Skiing	Concert Site	Drinking Water	Dog Run	Fish-Cleaning Station	Fishing Area	Food/snacks	Grills	Handicap Access	Horseshoes	Ice Rink	Park Benches	Parking	Pavilions/Gazebos	Picnic Area	Playground Equipment	Restrooms	Shelters	Signs	Skateboard/Rollerblades	Sledding Hill	Soccer Field	Swimming Pool	Telescope	Tennis Courts	User Fees	Vending	Volleyball Courts	Walking Workout Route	Water Playground	Waterfront
Arthur Street Boat Launch	2.2					M					M		A	M		M				M	M		M		M		U							A	A				M
City Fountain - Downtown	0.25																										M												
Douglas First Street Beach	43.6	M	M	M	A	M					M	M	M	M	U	M	A	A		M	M	M	M	U	U	U	U						M	M	U	M	U	M	M
Duffy Park	6.3	M	A		A						M				M	A				M	M		U	U	M		U			M					M	A	A		
Fifth Avenue Beach	10			M	M						M			M	U	M	A			M	M	U	M	U	U	A	U					A	E		A	M		M	M
Lighthouse Park	1				M						M					A				M	M	M	M	M	U	A	U								A		A		
M 55	173																										U												
Mack Park	2.5	M	M		A						M					A				A	A		U	U	U	A	U								A	M			
Man Made Lake	9			M	A									U		A	A			A	M	A	A		A	A	U								A				M
Marina, City Municipal	2				A						U		A	A		M				M	M		M		M		U							M	M				
Morton Park	2.6	A	M		A						M					A				A	A	A	A	U	A	A	U			A					A	A			
Ninth Street Boat Launch	1					U		A						U		A							A				U												M
North Beach Access	1			M	M									M						M	M						U					M							M
North Riverwalk & Memorial Park	3				M					M	A			M		A	M			M	M	M	A				U								M				
Red Szymarek Park	4.9				M						A					U				A	A	A	M	U			U						A		A		A		
Reitz Park	8.8	M	M		A						M				A	M				A	U	A	U	U	M		U								A				
Sands Park	5.4	M	M		M						M				M				M	U	M	M	A	U	M	U	U		U				M		U				
South Riverwalk	8				A						M			M						M	M		M		M		U								A		M		

Priorities:
1) M
2) U
3) A

Codes:
A = Add
E = Eliminated
M = Maintain
U = Upgrade

REVIEW OF PARK SYSTEM ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2002-2006

The 2002-2006 period was a good one for the Manistee park system. Major strides were made to address past deficiencies, meet current needs and lay groundwork for future additions and improvements to the system.

During the 2002-2006 period:

State and Foundation Grants Assisted in -

1. Lower docks at Marina
2. Extend docks at boat launch
3. Restroom/concession stand at Duffy Park
4. Basketball Court and playground equipment at Duffy Park
5. Playground at Reitz Park

City Initiatives Resulted in -

6. Sewer to Duffy Park
7. Demolition of Storage Building at Sands Park
8. Dog Park at First Street Beach
9. Safety Guards on Fences at all ball Parks.

Local Service Organizations and Volunteers:

10. Skate Park at Sands Park
11. Barrier free viewing Deck at First Street Beach
12. Barrier-free sidewalk from First Street Boat Launch to Stub pier.
13. Install "low lights" from observation deck to stub pier
14. Reconstruct North Riverwalk.

LEGAL STATUS OF PARKS

Various parks in the City have various actual legal status, ranging from City ownership with charter protection to leases with private corporations for park use to cooperative management agreements with other governmental units. Below are the current (2007) status of Manistee parklands.

Arthur Street Boat Launch - City Owned With Lease Provisions
Coast Guard Park - City Owned
Douglas Park - Charter Protection
Duffy Park - Charter Protection
Fifth Avenue Beach - Charter Protection / Part Platted
Mack Park - Platted
M - 55 Property - City Owned
Man-Made Lake (south end) - City Owned
Man-Made Lake (north end) - 20 Year Lease and some City Ownership
Memorial Park - Charter Protection
Morton Park - 50 Year Lease
Marina - City Owned With Lease Provisions
Ninth Street Boat Launch - Long Term Lease
North Lake Michigan Access - Charter Protection
North Riverwalk - Charter Protection
Red Szymarek Park - Part Charter Protection / Part platted
Rietz Park - Platted
Sands Park - City Owned / Maintenance Shared with Public Schools
South Riverwalk - City Owned with Lease Provisions

City of Manistee, Michigan
Capital Improvement Schedule 2007-12
(estimated cost, funding source and basis for action)
PARKS INVENTORY

		TOTAL$	STATE	LOCAL	OTHER
	Douglas Recreation Area				
2007-12	BALL FIELD AREA				
	Redo infields at both Ball Diamonds	15,000			
	Rebuild Press Boxes	8,000			
	Resurface Tennis Courts	10,000			
	BOAT LAUNCH				
2007-12	Repair upper parking lot	50,000	40,000	10,000	
2007-12	Redo Fish Cleaning Station	50,000		50,000	
	FIRST STREET BEACH				
2007-12	New Bathhouse	350,000			
2007-08	New wall to include an Art Wall between Parking Lot and Beach				10,000

- Basis for Action: the City's largest park, located on Lake Michigan frontage, it attracts statewide visitors for boating, swimming, picnicking and play field activities. Most capital improvements are maintenance and improving existing facilities.

Duffy Park

2007-12	Upgrade parking, jogging path, fencing, Irrigation in baseball field	5,000			

- Basis for Action: with the installation of the new Soccer Fields, and the additional land acquired, this park is becoming a primary play field for several sports. Targeted by MSHDA in a Neighborhood Preservation Grant, Duffy Park is primary development goal for the community.

Fifth Avenue Beach

2007-12	Acquire and begin preservation of Lighthouse	50,000	40,000	10,000	
2007-08	New Bathhouse/Shelter house	342,000			175,000

- Basis for Action: The Coast Guard is Excessing this Lighthouse. Community effort has restored the Catwalk. The lighthouse will complete this historic preservation effort., New Bathhouse/Shelter house is a community effort to replace a circa 1950 deteriorating bathhouse

		TOTAL$	STATE	LOCAL	OTHER
	Man-Made Lake				
2007-10	Achieve public ownership of this property	3,000,000	2,250,000	50,000	700,000

- Basis for Action: adjacent to a new private housing development. Development pressure is bound to increase for this property. Owners have an approved Planned Unit Development for the east and north sides. The twenty-year lease the City holds has a 180 day cancellation clause. A Department of Interior Natural Area Preserve has been established to protect a nearby endangered thistle colony.

	Morton Park				
2007-12	New T-ball Diamond	20,000			
2007-12	Four Shuffle Board Court	16,000			

- Basis for Action: The east side of the community has the least neighborhood recreational facilities. The additional of a T-ball diamond and Shuffle Board courts provides additional recreational opportunities for the neighborhood and community.

	Municipal Marina				
2007-12	Repair/replace Docks with adjustable or floating Docks	40,000	30,000	10,000	

- Basis for Action: Low water requires the use of ladders for boaters to access the docks. Lake Michigan boaters dock here. Improvements are integrated into new riverside boardwalk construction.

	Ninth Street Boat Launch				
2007-12	Upgrade launch, improve parking, replace dock	40,000	30,000	10,000	
2007-12	Acquire additional Property for Parking, Picnic area, fishing pier	500,000	350,000	50,000	100,000

- Basis for Action: a launch for small boats into Manistee Lake. This launch is used primarily by residents.

		TOTAL$	STATE	LOCAL	OTHER
	Rietz Park				
2007-12	Ballfield renovations: dugouts, dressing rooms, bleachers,	20,000			20,000
2007-12	Park restoration: playground and landscaping	50,000			50,000

- Basis for Action: a square block sized park in an older residential area, it is in need of attention. The ballfield could attract professional caliber play with improvements.

	Other				
2007-12	Land Acquisition	500,000	350,000	75,000	75,000

- Basis for Action: increasing private development activities are diminishing large tracts available for public use. Opportunities will be sought to increase City park lands.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Objective: The purpose of this research is to assess City of Manistee residents' attitudes, opinions, and perceptions of value concerning city services. Residents were asked to rate the value of city services received, as well as the importance of various services and the city's effectiveness with regard to provision of each service. The results of the research can be used by city representatives in future service prioritization efforts.

Methodology: A telephone survey was conducted with a random sample of City of Manistee residents. A sample size of 385 is necessary for a 95% confidence level and a +/-5% margin of error; a total of 403 surveys was completed.

Key Findings:

- Approximately one-third of respondents rated the overall value of city services received "Excellent" or "Above Average;" an additional 51% of respondents rated value "Average."

- With regard to specific services, 46% of respondents rated, individually, the value of Police and Department of Public Works Services "Excellent" or "Above Average;" an additional 38% and 36%, respectively, rated each service "Average." The majority of respondents (79%) rated the value of Fire and Rescue/EMS services "Excellent" or "Above Average."

- The majority of respondents (62%) indicated they would be willing to pay an additional ½ mill to maintain and improve city parks and beaches.

- Slightly less than one-half of respondents (49%) indicated they would be willing to pay an additional ½ mill to maintain and operate the Ramsdell Theatre. Approximately 41% of respondents indicated they would be willing to pay an additional ½ mill to allow the city to purchase property around Man Made Lake.

- Approximately 44% of respondents indicated they would be willing to pay an additional 1 mill to improve streets in the city; 38% of respondents indicated they would not be willing to pay and 18% indicated "Uncertain."

- With regard to potential cost savings, 46% of respondents believe the city should consider service reductions in the Police Department; 17% believe the city should consider service reductions in the Fire Department.

- The majority of respondents indicated they would *not* be willing to eliminate spring trash haul, brush collection/chipping, nor leaf collection (78%, 69%, and 57% respectively).

- The single largest group of respondents (48%) indicated they would *not* be willing to eliminate the ice skating rink at Sands Park, while 39% indicated they would be willing to eliminate this program and 13% indicated "Uncertain."

- The single largest group of respondents (46%) rated City of Manistee parks "Average," while 45% rated parks "Excellent" or "Above Average."

- The majority of respondents (72%) indicated they would participate in curbside recycling if it was included in their monthly bill.

- The majority of respondents (77%) indicated they believe residents should pay for garbage disposal based on volume. Approximately 74% of this respondent group indicated they would still be in support of this system if the change resulted in a larger payment for their household. Approximately 11% of respondents indicated they believe residents should pay for garbage disposal based on the value of their home.

- The single largest group of respondents (47%) indicated they would not be willing to pay more on their water bill to improve city water quality through a treatment process, while 35% of respondents indicated they would be willing and 18% indicated "Uncertain."

- The majority of respondents rated fire protection, water, rescue squad, snow removal, police protection, and street repair services "Very Important" (91%, 78%, 77%, 73%, 70%, and 63%, respectively).

- The single largest group of respondents rated traffic enforcement, street sweeping, bath house, and zoning enforcement services "Somewhat Important" (45%, 43%, 32%, and 31%, respectively).

- The single largest group of respondents rated the City of Manistee "Excellent" regarding provision of rescue squad and fire protection services (48% and 45%, respectively). In addition, the single largest group of respondents (33%) rated the City of Manistee "Above Average" regarding provision of snow removal services.

- The single largest group of respondents rated the City of Manistee "Average" regarding provision of zoning enforcement, traffic enforcement, street sweeping, water, bath house, street repair, and police protection services (62%, 49%, 46%, 42%, 42%, 41%, and 33%, respectively).

- The City of Manistee received the lowest provision effectiveness ratings on water, street repair and bath house services (combined "Below Average" and "Poor" ratings of 29%, 41%

EnVision Manistee County Community Survey Results

Summer 2005

Q1. On average, how far do you travel for recreation and/or entertainment, including for such things as movies, museums, art events, parks, trails, civic centers, etc.?

0-5 miles—19.6% 6-15 miles—14.7% **16-30 miles—23.8%** 31-50 miles—22.3% 51-100 miles—7.9%

Over 100 miles—6.4% NA/Do not travel—5.3%

Q2. In your opinion, how important is the development or enhancement of the following cultural and recreational opportunities in Manistee County?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important At All		Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important At All
Historical museum	**47.5%**	41.9%	10.6%	Baseball fields	**47.9%**	37.0%	15.1%
Children's museum	**46.0%**	39.6%	14.3%	Snowmobile trails	30.9%	**38.1%**	30.9%
Art museum	35.8%	**46.8%**	17.4%	Non-motorized trails	**57.4%**	30.6%	12.1%
Ice skating rink	35.5%	**38.9%**	25.7%	Casinos	10.2%	24.9%	**64.9%**
Public access to water– beaches, boat launches, marinas	**82.3%**	10.9%	6.8%	Libraries	**84.9%**	10.6%	4.5%
Soccer fields	39.2%	**41.9%**	18.9%	Community Theater	**61.5%**	29.8%	8.7%
				Other (specify)			

Q3. Overall, how would you rate the future "health" of Manistee County's economy based on current condition?

Excellent—1.9% Above Average—9.6% Average—33.1% **Below Average—38.5%** Poor—16.9%

Q4. In your opinion, how important is that Manistee County attract or encourage more of the following:

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important At All		Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important At All
Professional Services	**64.2%**	28.7%	7.2%	Large-scale, heavy manufacturing	**55.8%**	27.5%	16.6%
Agriculture	**58.3%**	34.5%	7.2%	Large retail	**47.9%**	34.0%	18.1%
Recreational Tourism	**52.1%**	36.6%	11.3%	Small retail	**63.0%**	31.3%	5.7%
Small-scale, light manufacturing	**78.9%**	18.1%	3.0%	Health care	**86.0%**	8.3%	5.7%

Please indicate your level of agreement with each of the following statements:

Q5. Manistee County is able to provide sustainable employment opportunities that offer a "livable wage."

Strongly Agree—4.5% Somewhat Agree—19.2% Neither Agree nor Disagree—9.4% Somewhat Disagree—32.1% **Strongly Disagree—34.7%**

Q6. Children under the age of 18 have ample employment opportunities in Manistee County.

Strongly Agree—6.8%	Somewhat Agree—20.0%	Neither Agree nor Disagree—13.6%	Somewhat Disagree—27.5%	**Strongly Disagree—32.1%**

Q7. There is adequate housing in Manistee County at an affordable price.

Strongly Agree—14.7%	**Somewhat Agree—30.2%**	Neither Agree nor Disagree—18.5%	Somewhat Disagree—19.6%	Strongly Disagree—17.0%

Q8a. How many public meetings have you attended in the past year, including governmental, civic, and school related meetings?

1-5—37.4% 6-11—15.5% 12 (every month)—8.3% 52 (every week)—3.4%

Other, please specify—3.8% NA/Do not attend—31.7%

Q8b. At what level of government? (Choose all that apply) *~Percentages of those who attended at least one meeting in the past year~*

Township—30.9% School board—26.4% City—13.2% County—12.8% Village—11.7%

Tribe—1.9% State—3.4% Other, please specify—4.9%

Civic (Art Board, Chamber of Commerce, Library Board, United Way , Foundation Board)—17.4%

Please indicate if you would support a millage, consisting of designated public dollars, to pay for of the following:

	Yes	No	Uncertain				
9a. Maintaining roads	**54.7%**	21.5%	23.8%	9h. Growth management or community planning	**46.4%**	29.4%	24.2%
9b. Protection of natural resources	**73.2%**	14.0%	12.8%				
9c. Support of local schools, in terms of programs	**73.2%**	13.2%	13.6%	9i. Improved public safety	**52.5%**	31.3%	16.2%
9d. Health care services	**68.7%**	17.0%	14.3%	9j. Increased arts and cultural opportunities	**42.6%**	37.7%	19.6%
9e. Expand public transportation	**40.8%**	38.5%	20.8%	9k. Building non-motorized trails	**46.4%**	37.4%	16.2%
9f. Improved recycling programs	**64.2%**	18.5%	17.4%	9l. Tele-communications infrastructure	**25.7%**	**44.2%**	30.2%
9g. Building roads	32.1%	**45.7%**	22.3%	9m. Building recreational facilities	**52.1%**	27.5%	20.4%

Please indicate how likely you are to use each of the following modes of transportation to travel to work or errands, assuming the facilities and infrastructure were in place to make your travel safe and convenient.

	Very Likely	Somewhat Likely	Not Likely At All		Very Likely	Somewhat Likely	Not Likely At All
10a. Bicycle	14.0%	22.3%	**63.8%**	10d. Carpool	20.4%	25.7%	**54.0%**
10b. Walk	**40.4%**	30.9%	28.7%	10e. Drive alone	**82.6%**	12.8%	4.5%
10c. Public transit	19.6%	27.9%	**52.5%**	10f. Other (specify)			

Please indicate if each of the following is Very Desirable, Somewhat Desirable, or Not Desirable At All when considering where to live:

	Very Desirable	Somewhat Desirable	Not Desirable At All		Very Desirable	Somewhat Desirable	Not Desirable At All
Close to water, such as rivers or lakes	**60.4%**	28.7%	10.9%	Close to public parks	35.5%	**40.0%**	24.5%
Rural character (farms, open space)	**50.9%**	32.1%	17.0%	Close to schools	30.6%	27.9%	**41.5%**
A private or secluded location	**41.9%**	27.9%	30.2%	Close to health care services / hospitals	**55.5%**	33.6%	10.9%
Close to work / job	**36.2%**	32.8%	30.9%	Close to services / shopping	42.3%	**44.5%**	13.2%
An older, established community (city, village neighborhood)	**39.6%**	39.2%	21.1%	Close to transit	22.6%	26.8%	50.6%
				New development	6.8%	26.8%	**66.4%**
Close to non-motorized trails (wallking, biking)	35.5%	**35.8%**	28.7%	Close to motorized trails (snowmobile, ORV)	4.9%	16.2%	**78.9%**

Q12. In your opinion, within the past two years, has the quality of health care in your county been:

Improving—35.7% Declining—11.6% **Staying the Same—52.7%**

Q13. Which local health care services have you used in the last 12 months? (Choose all that apply)

Hospital—69.8% Nursing Home—4.2% Mental Health—3.4% Physical Therapy—27.2% Home Care—10.9% **Doctor's Office—90.2%**

Q14. On average, how far do you travel to access health care?

0-5 miles—36.6% 6-15 miles—24.5% 16-30 miles—17.4% 31-50 miles—9.8%

51-100 miles—7.2% Over 100 miles—2.6% NA/Do Not Travel—1.9%

Q15. On average, how often, not including workplace activities, do you exercise?

5-7 days/wk—27.5% **3-4 days/wk—36.6%** 1-2 days/wk—17.4% Less than 1 day/wk—9.1% Never—9.4%

Q15b. Do you have children under the age of 18 in your household?

Yes—23.0% **No—77.0%**

Q16. In your opinion, how effectively is growth being managed in your county?

Very Effectively—9.4% **Somewhat Effectively—56.2%** Not Effectively—34.5%

Q17. In your opinion, how effectively are Manistee County's natural resources being managed?

Very Effectively—22.7% **Somewhat Effectively—62.0%** Not Effectively—15.3%

Q18. In your opinion, within the past 10 years, has the WATER quality in your county been:

Improving—16.8% Declining—24.2% **Staying the Same—59.0%**

Q19. In your opinion, within the past 10 years, has the AIR quality in your county been:

Improving—19.1% Declining—14.1% **Staying the Same—66.8%**

Q20. How would you rate your awareness level regarding the way in which your day-to-day behavior impacts natural resources in your community?

Very Aware—57.0% Somewhat Aware—38.5% Not Aware At All—4.5%

Q21. In general, how would you rate the K-12 schools in your county in terms of preparing students for today's workplace?

Excellent—18.4% Above Average—29.4% **Average—40.8%** Below Average—5.7% Poor—5.7%

Q22. In general, how would you rate area colleges, including Westshore, Northwestern Michigan, and Baker, in terms of preparing students for today's workplace

Excellent—23.6% **Above Average—42.3%** Average—32.7% Below Average—1.0% Poor—0.5%

Q23. How would you rate the overall QUALITY of K-12 education in your county?

Excellent—13.9% Above Average—37.8% **Average—42.2%** Below Average—3.5% Poor—2.6%

Q24. How would you rate the quality of lifelong learning opportunities in the Manistee County area?

Excellent—7.9% Above Average—20.9% **Average—46.0%** Below Average—19.2% Poor—5.9%

Q25. What is your age?

18-25—3.0% 26-35—5.7% 36-45—14.0% 46-55—20.8% 56-65—23.4% **Over 65—33.2%**

Q26. How long have you lived in Manistee County?

Less than 5 Years—4.9%	5-10 Years—15.1%	11-20 Years—20.4%	21-30 Years—11.7%	**Over 30 Years—47.9%**

Q27. In which township or village do you live?

City of Manistee—28.7%	Manistee Twp.—10.6%	Onekama Twp.—9.4%
Filer Charter Twp.—7.9%	Norman Twp.—7.2%	Bear Lake Twp.—6.4%
Arcadia Twp.—4.9%	Other—4.9%	Pleasanton Twp.—4.5%
Maple Grove Twp.—4.2%	Dickson Twp.—3.4%	Stronach Twp.—3.0%
Brown Twp.—2.3%	Marilla Twp.—1.5%	Springdale Twp.—1.1%

Gender

Male—32.8%	**Female—67.2%**

EnVision Manistee County Youth Survey Results
Spring 2005

Q1. Overall, how would you rate your community as a place to live?

Excellent—6.5% | Above Average—21.6% | **Average—54.9%** | Below Average—12.3% | Poor—4.6%

Q2. Overall, how often do you feel a sense of belonging in your community?

Always—9.8% | Often—28.0% | **Occasionally—37.6%** | Seldom—16.5% | Never—8.1%

Q3. Overall, how would you rate the public education system in your community?

Excellent—6.9% | Above Average—26.3% | **Average—48.3%** | Below Average—13.7% | Poor—4.4%

Q4. How concerned are you with regard to the public education system in your community?

Very Concerned—11.1% | Somewhat Concerned—31.5% | **Neutral—38.0%** | Somewhat Unconcerned—13.3% | Very Unconcerned—6.0%

Q5. Overall, how would you rate the natural environment in your community?

Excellent—11.0% | Above Average—34.1% | **Average—44.8%** | Below Average—7.3% | Poor—2.8%

Q6. How concerned are you with regard to the natural environment in your community?

Very Concerned—12.8% | Somewhat Concerned—35.6% | **Neutral—37.6%** | Somewhat Unconcerned—8.9% | Very Unconcerned—5.1%

Q7. Overall, how would you rate the cultural opportunities (concerts, museums, plays) in your community?

Excellent—3.7% | Above Average—11.6% | **Average—33.1%** | Below Average—29.6% | Poor—22.1%

Q8. How concerned are you with regard to the cultural opportunities in your community?

Very Concerned—10.4% | Somewhat Concerned—29.7% | **Neutral—39.8%** | Somewhat Unconcerned—12.0% | Very Unconcerned—8.1%

Q9a. Overall, how would you rate the recreational opportunities (such as parks trails, recreational facilities, organized sports) in your community?

Excellent—8.1% | Above Average—24.5% | **Average—43.0%** | Below Average—17.8% | Poor—6.7%

Q9b. Overall, how would you rate the recreational opportunities for people 18 and under in your community?

Excellent—3.47% | Above Average—13.6% | **Average—35.2%** | Below Average—29.1% | Poor—18.6%

Q10. How concerned are you with regard to the recreational opportunities in your community?

Very Concerned—15.7% | **Somewhat Concerned—36.8%** | Neutral—35.6% | Somewhat Unconcerned—6.3% | Very Unconcerned—5.7%

Q11. Overall, how would you rate the civility of people toward other persons and property to your community, with civility referring to how respectful and courteous people are in general?

Excellent—5.7% | Above Average—18.9% | **Average—49.7%** | Below Average—17.3% | Poor—8.4%

Q12. How concerned are you with the civility of people toward other persons and property to your community?

Very Concerned—12.0% | Somewhat Concerned—30.7% | **Neutral—42.7%** | Somewhat Unconcerned—10.0% | Very Unconcerned—4.7%

Q13. Overall, how would you rate public safety in your community?

Excellent—9.7% | Above Average—29.3% | **Average—51.0%** | Below Average—6.5% | Poor—4.3%

Q14. How concerned are you with regard to public safety in your community?

Very Concerned—10.4% | Somewhat Concerned—32.1% | **Neutral—37.8%** | Somewhat Unconcerned—11.6% | Very Unconcerned—8.1%

Q15. Overall, with regard to transportation, how would you rate the ability to get where you want to go in your community?

Excellent—7.3% | Above Average—15.2% | **Average—47.0%** | Below Average—20.3% | Poor—10.2%

Q16. How concerned are you with regard to the ability to get where you want to go in your community?

Very Concerned—13.9% | Somewhat Concerned—26.9% | **Neutral—43.2%** | Somewhat Unconcerned—7.7% | Very Unconcerned—7.7%

Q17. Overall, how would you rate the way in which teens and adults communicate with each other?

Excellent—3.1% | Above Average—13.0% | **Average—50.1%** | Below Average—23.0% | Poor—10.8%

Q18. Do you feel that you have a caring adult or mentor to talk to in your life?

Yes—68.6% | No—12.9% | Undecided—18.4%

Q19. How would you rate your level of awareness with regard to opportunities for your future?

Very Aware—23.9% | **Somewhat Aware—36.7%** | Neutral—26.7% | Somewhat Aware—8.2% | Not Aware At All—4.5%

Q20. Overall, how would you rate your level of self-esteem?

Excellent—18.1% | Above Average—25.7% | **Average—40.1%** | Below Average—10.6% | Poor—5.5%

Q21. In your opinion, how much of a problem is social violence involving teens in your community, with social violence including such things as gossiping, cliques, and vandalism?

Very Much a Problem—22.9% | **Somewhat of a Problem—31.6%** | Undecided—27.1% | Not Much of a Problem—13.3% | Not a Problem at All—5.1%

Q22. Overall, how would you rate your job opportunities in Manistee County after you graduate from high school?

Excellent—3.7% Above Average—9.2% **Average—36.1%** Below Average—30.4% Poor—20.6%

Q23. Overall, how would you rate your job opportunities in Manistee County after graduation from college?

Excellent—4.7% Above Average—14.0% **Average—39.4%** Below Average—26.3% Poor—15.6%

Q24. In your opinion, how much of a problem is teen use of drugs or alcohol?

Very Much a Problem—36.2% Somewhat of a Problem—28.2% Undecided—19.6% Not Much of a Problem—8.2% Not a Problem at All—7.8%

Q25. What is your grade level?

Freshman—25.7% Sophomore—26.5% **Junior—29.4%** Senior—17.9%

Q26. What is your age?

14—9.0% 15—23.6% 16—25.3% **17—28.1%** 18—13.8%

Q27. What is your gender?

Male—47.1% **Female—52.9%**

Q28. Additional Comments:

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Recreation Grant History

Applicant

City of Manistee

Project No. 26-00128

Project Title: First Street Beach Ramp

Project Year 1972

Project Information: **Project Status:** Closed

Element

Parking lot

Comfort station

Lift station

Landscaping

Project No. 26-00244

Project Title: Manistee City Marina Park

Project Year 1972

Project Information: **Project Status:** Closed

Element

Sidewalks and steps

Retaining wall

Benches, waste receptacles, & picnic tables

Landscaping

Acquisition of 1.5 **Acres**

This was both an acquisition + development grant.

Grants Management
Department of Natural Resources

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Recreation Grant History

Applicant

City of Manistee

Project No. 26-01104 F

Project Title: Sands Park

Project Year 1980

Project Information: **Project Status:** Closed

Element
Fenced tennis courts (2)
Drinking fountain
Playground equipment (slide & swingset)
Landscaping

Project No. BF89-461

Project Title: Sands Park Restoration

Project Year 1989

Project Information: **Project Status:** Closed

Element
Shelterhouse
Lighting

Project No. 26-01504

Project Title: Barrier Free Marina Project

Project Year 1991

Project Information: **Project Status:** Closed

Element
Bathhouse renovation
Marina access ramp/walkway
Fuel tank replacement

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Recreation Grant History

Applicant

City of Manistee

Project No. TF91-147

Project Title: Manistee Riverwalk West

Project Year 1991

Project Information:

Project Status: Closed

Element
Walkway--3000 ft
Landscaping

Project No. TF94-240

Project Title: Manistee Riverfront Park

Project Year 1994

Project Information:

Project Status: Closed

Element
Lighted Riverwalk--550 ft
Benches
Landscaping
Parking Lot
Signage

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Department of Natural Resources

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Recreation Grant History

Applicant

City of Manistee

Project No. BF98-294

Project Title: Lake Michigan Public Access

Project Year **1998**

Project Information: **Project Status:** Closed

Element
Washington Street Extension
Parking Lot
Paved Walkway
Elevated Walkway

City of Manistee

Parks Commission Resolution

WHEREAS, The City of Manistee Parks Commission is dedicated to the development of Parks and Recreation Services to the Community, and

WHEREAS, As part of the duties of the Parks Commission is to inventory, oversee and make recommendations regarding the Parks and Recreation Opportunities to the City of Manistee, and

WHEREAS, to be able to apply for Grants and Funding to improve the Parks and Recreation Facilities a Parks and Recreation Master Plan must be submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Grants Management Division every five years, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the City of Manistee Parks Commission at their meeting of January 11, 2007 hereby endorses the City of Manistee Parks and Recreation Plan 2007 - 2012.

John Rozga Sr. 1-11-07

John Rozga, Sr., Chair Dated
City of Manistee Parks Commission

ATTEST:

I, Ben Kubiak, Secretary of the City of Manistee Parks Commission, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Parks Commission at their meeting of January 11, 2007.

Ben Kubiak 1-11-07

Ben Kubiak, Secretary Dated
City of Manistee Parks Commission