

**MANISTEE, MICHIGAN**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN**  
**2007 - 2012**



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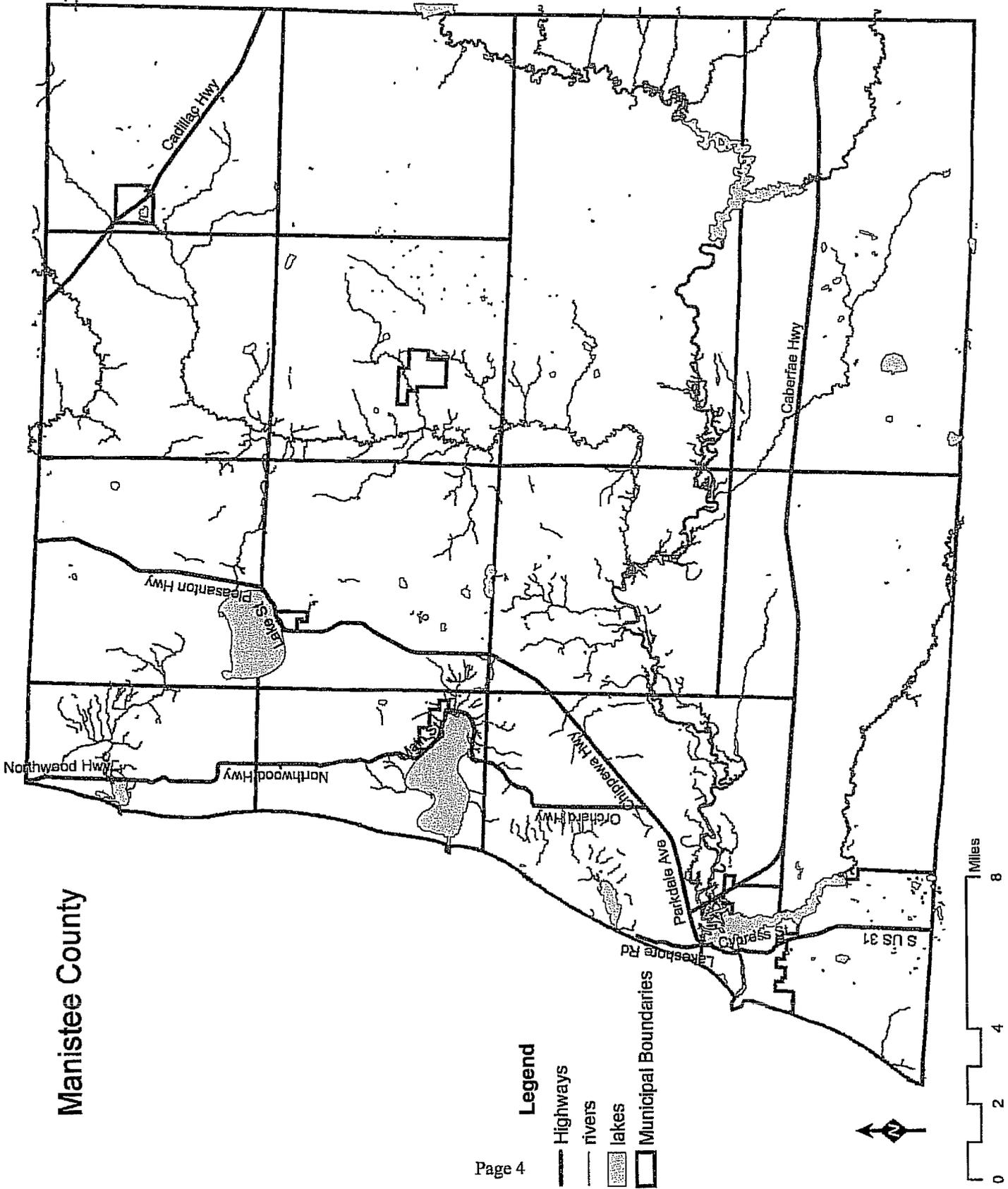
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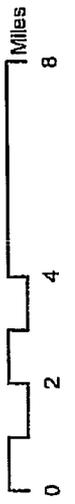
**DESCRIPTION AND POPULATION**

# Manistee County



## Legend

- Highways
- rivers
- lakes
- Municipal Boundaries



# 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

<u>POPULATION</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>
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 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade		22.1%
Persons in Manistee County 25 Years Old or Older Who:		
Completed 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**

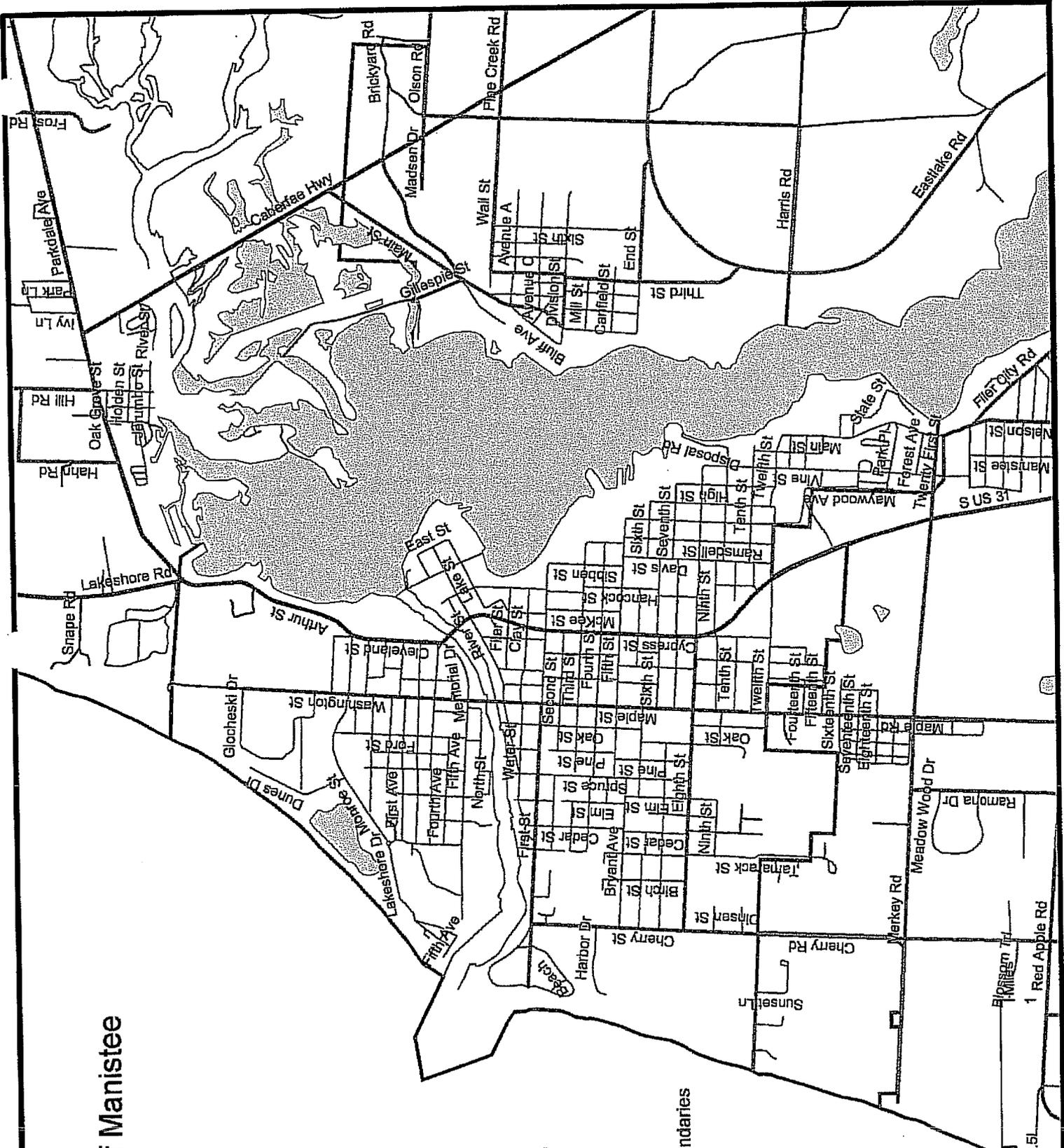
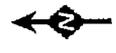
**DESCRIPTION AND POPULATION**

# City of Manistee

## Legend

-  Highways
-  County Roads
-  Minor Roads
-  Two Tracks
-  rivers
-  lakes
-  Municipal Boundaries

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# 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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
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### 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  
West Shore Shoppers Guide

(Monday - Saturday)  
(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
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Homestead Total	7.7449	33.1419
School Oper. Non-Homestead	18.0000	0.0000
Non-Homestead Total	25.7449	33.1419

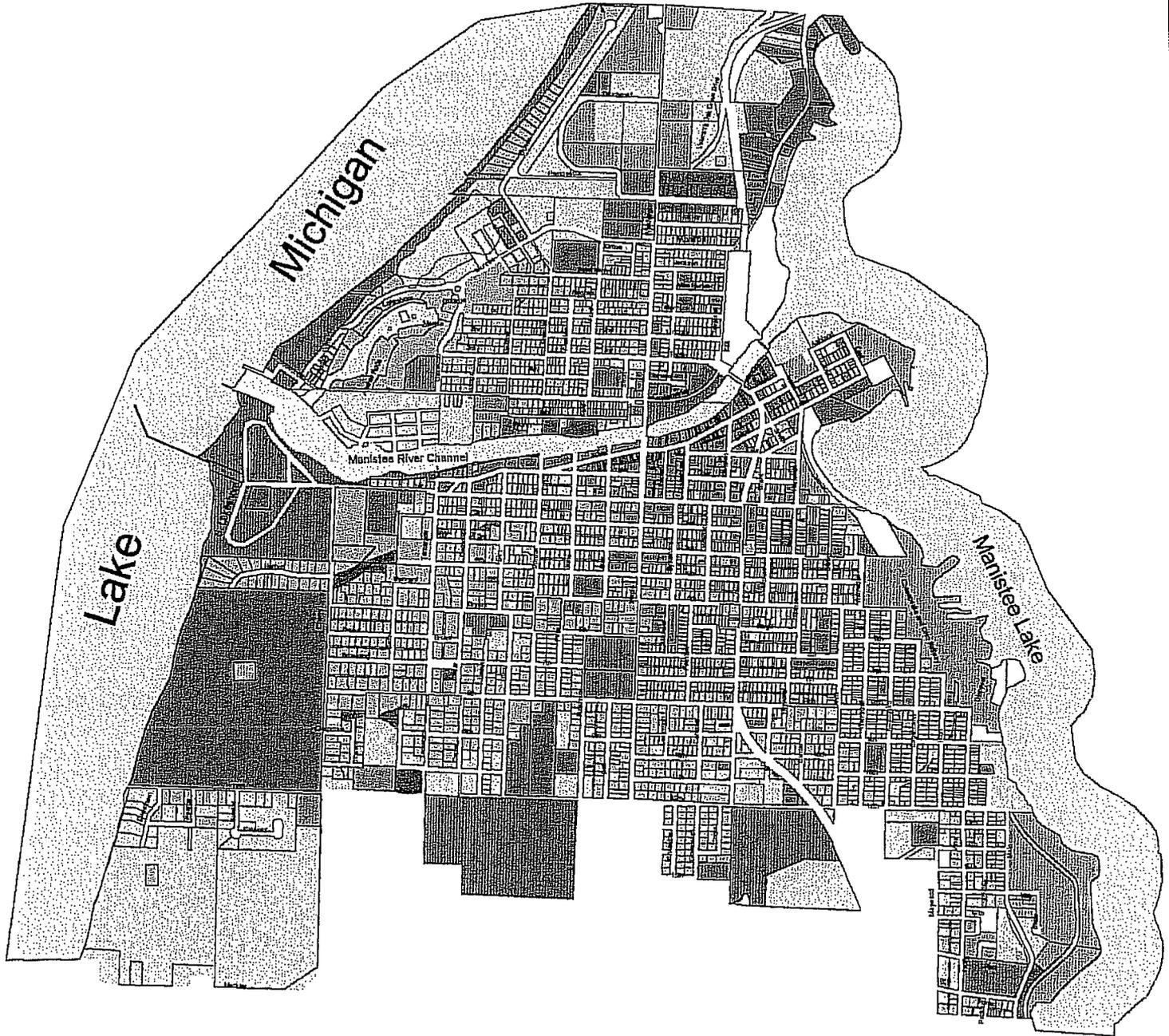
**EXISTING LAND USE  
CITY OF MANISTEE**

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

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

# Existing Land Use

## City of Manistee, Michigan



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

0.5 0 0.5 Miles

Data Sources: City of Manistee  
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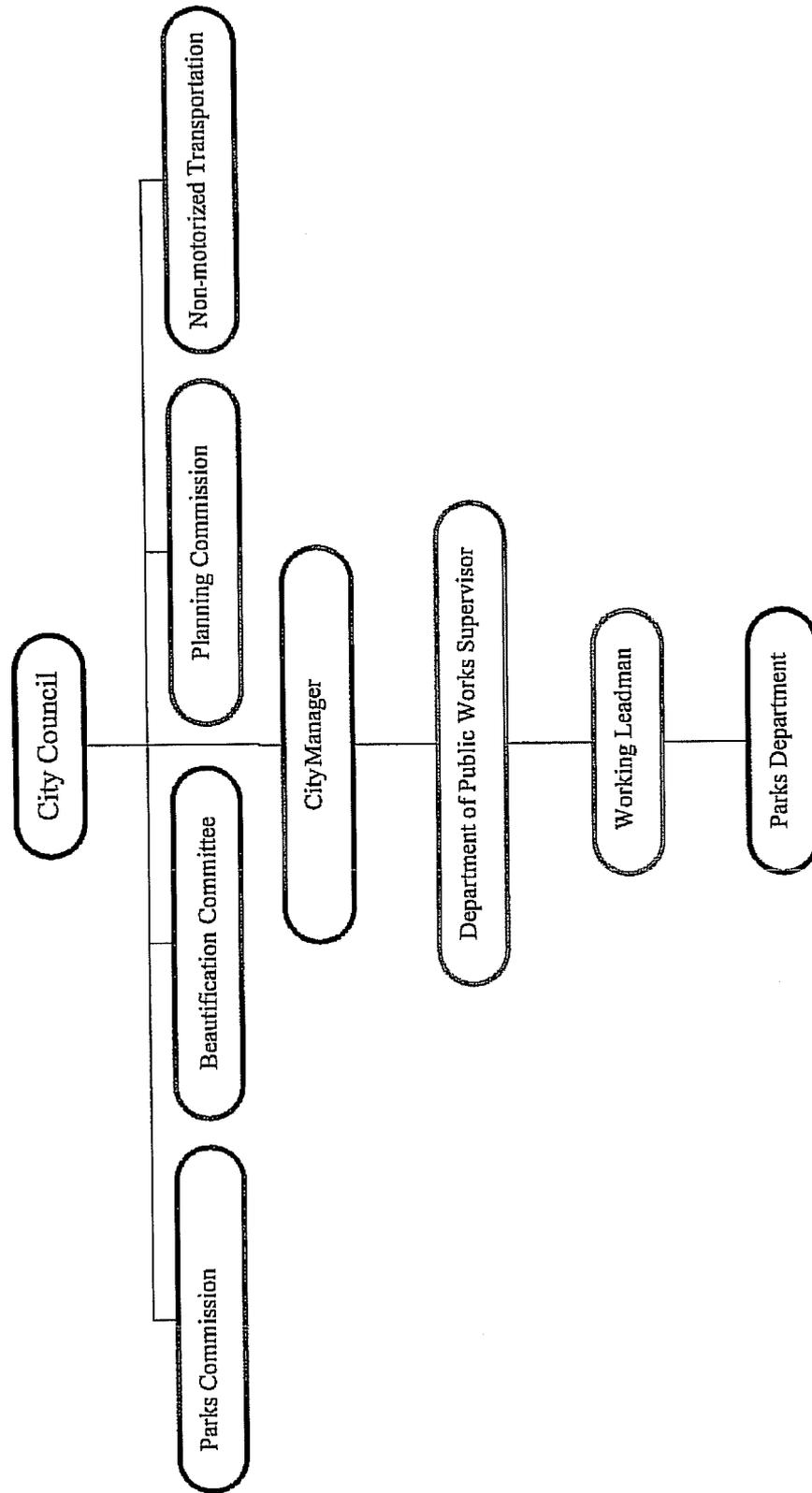
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CITY OF MANISTEE

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*
- 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.

Neighborhood	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

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Rietz Park	East	Q
M-55 Property (173 acres)	East of City	Off Map

Note: Neighborhoods are defined as

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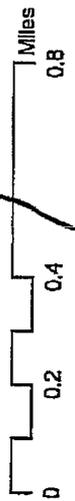
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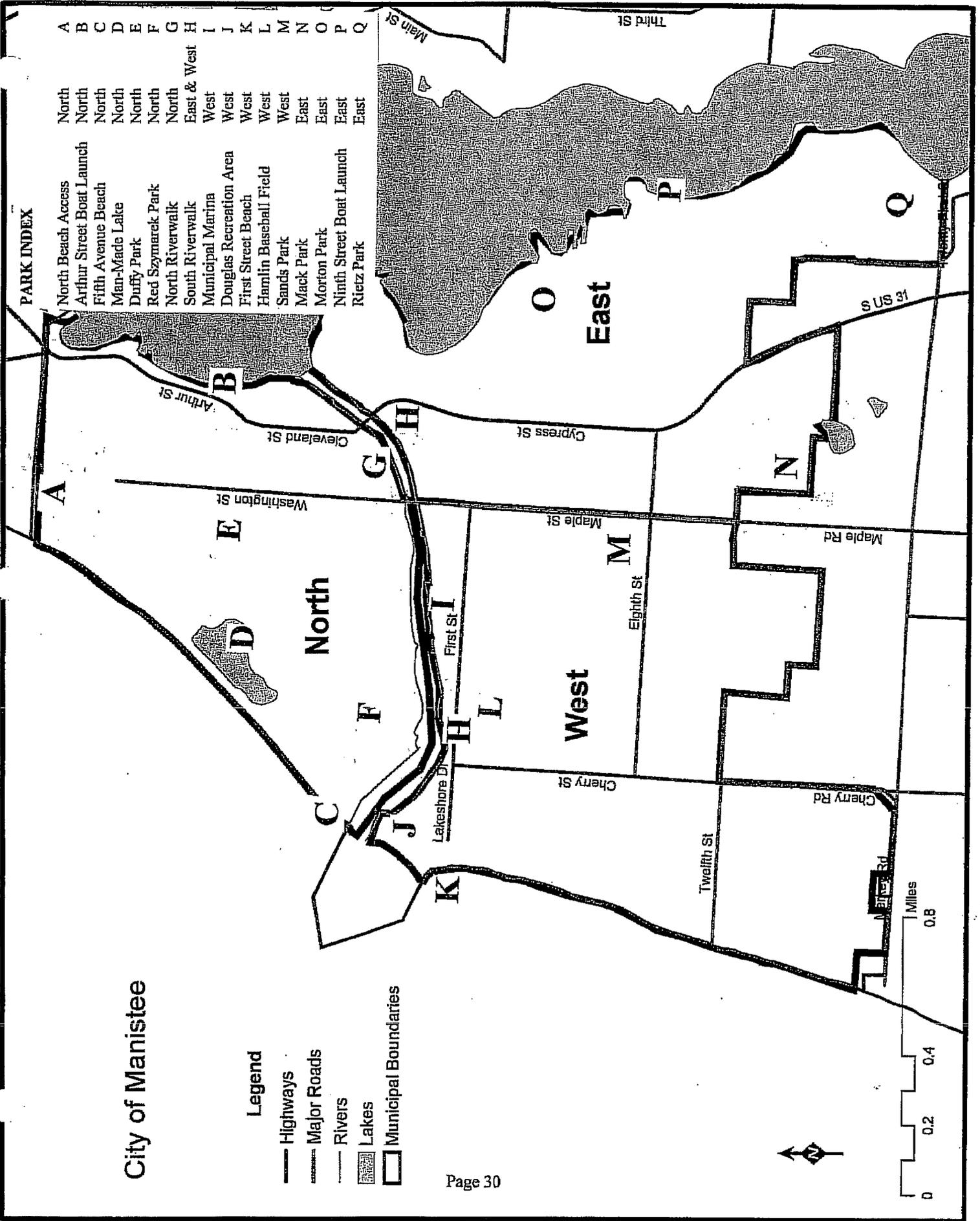
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## **PARK INVENTORY, ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

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.

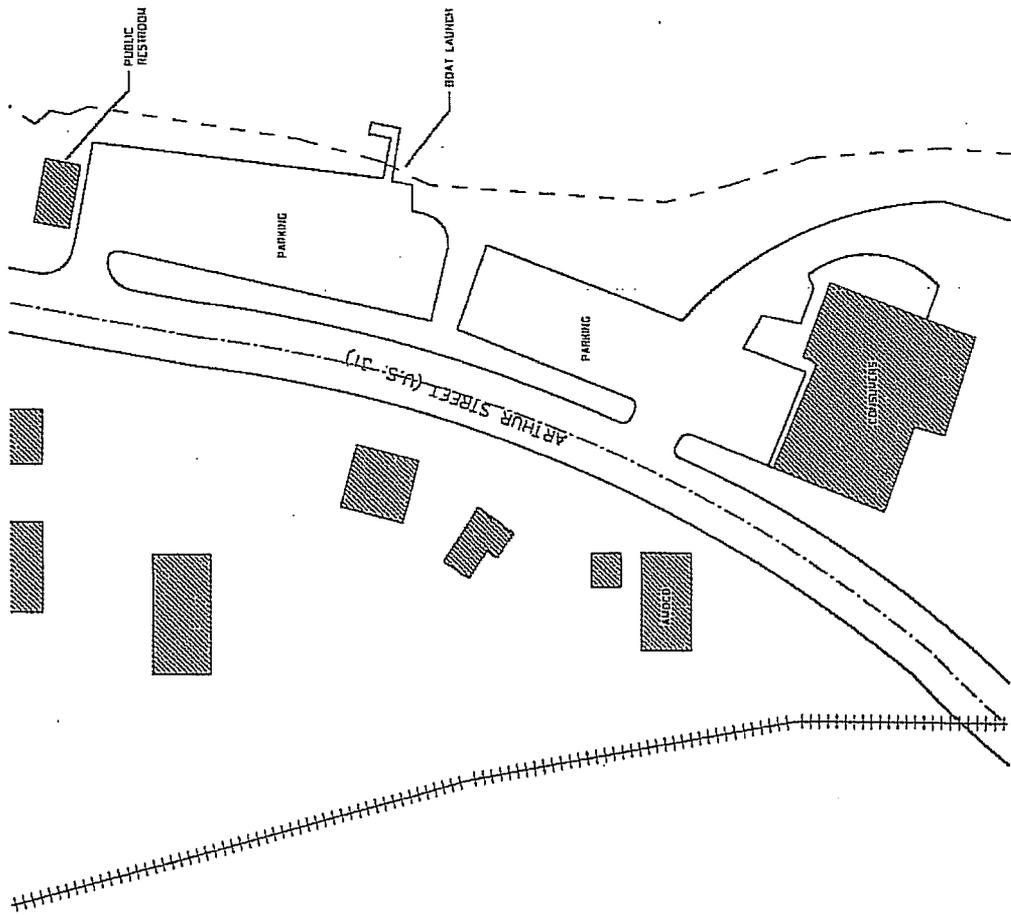
### **ARTHUR STREET MARINA**

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*



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 PARKS MASTER PLAN  
 ARTHUR STREET BOAT LAUNCH  
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## 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

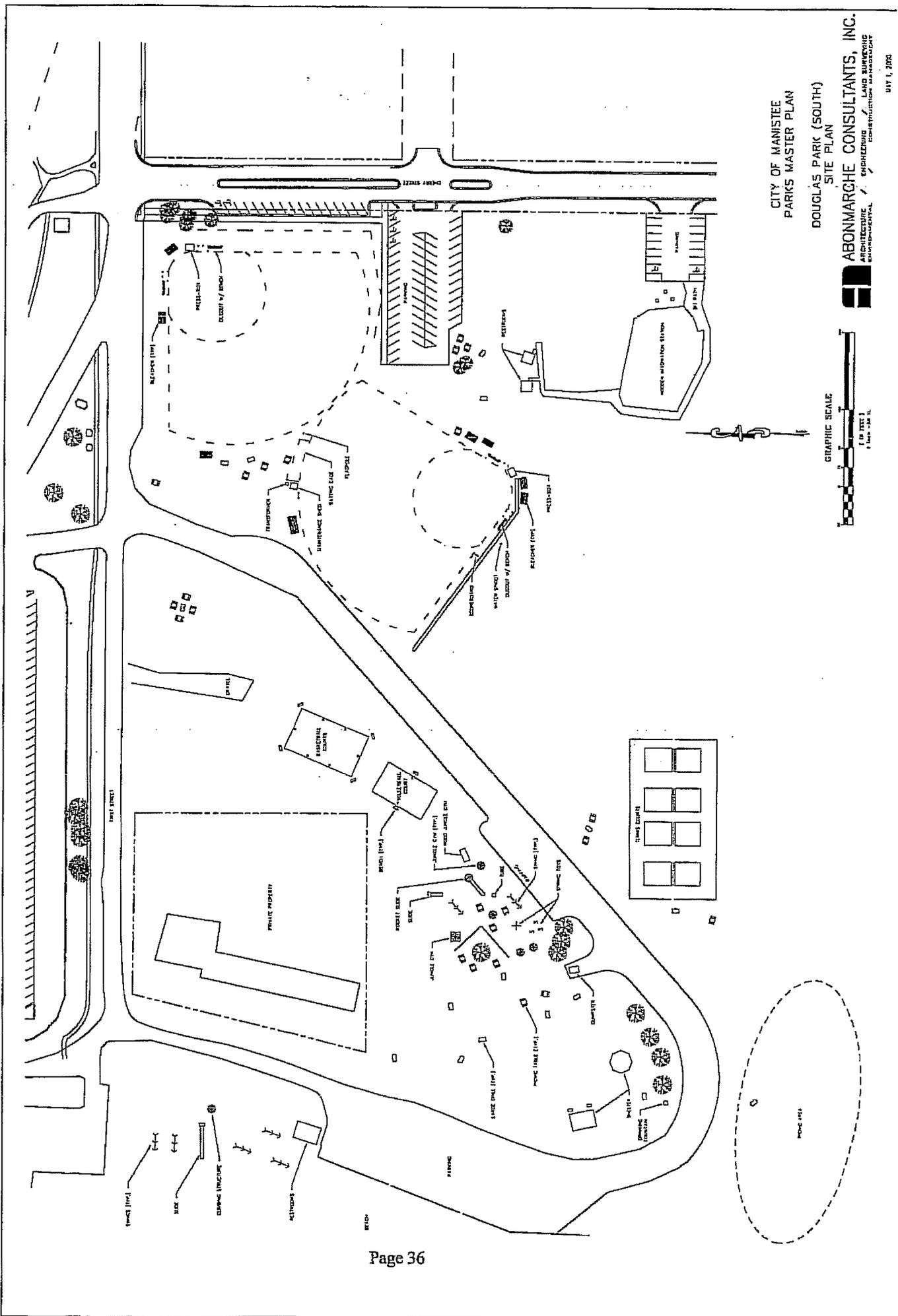
- Repair or replace ramps and add extensions
- Integrate with new boardwalk: pavilion, tables, benches, fishing pier
- Riverbank parking area near concession stand
- Have the concession stand become a Chamber visitor's information center satellite
- Upgrade concession stand
- Pave upper parking lot
-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





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 DOUGLAS PARK (SOUTH)  
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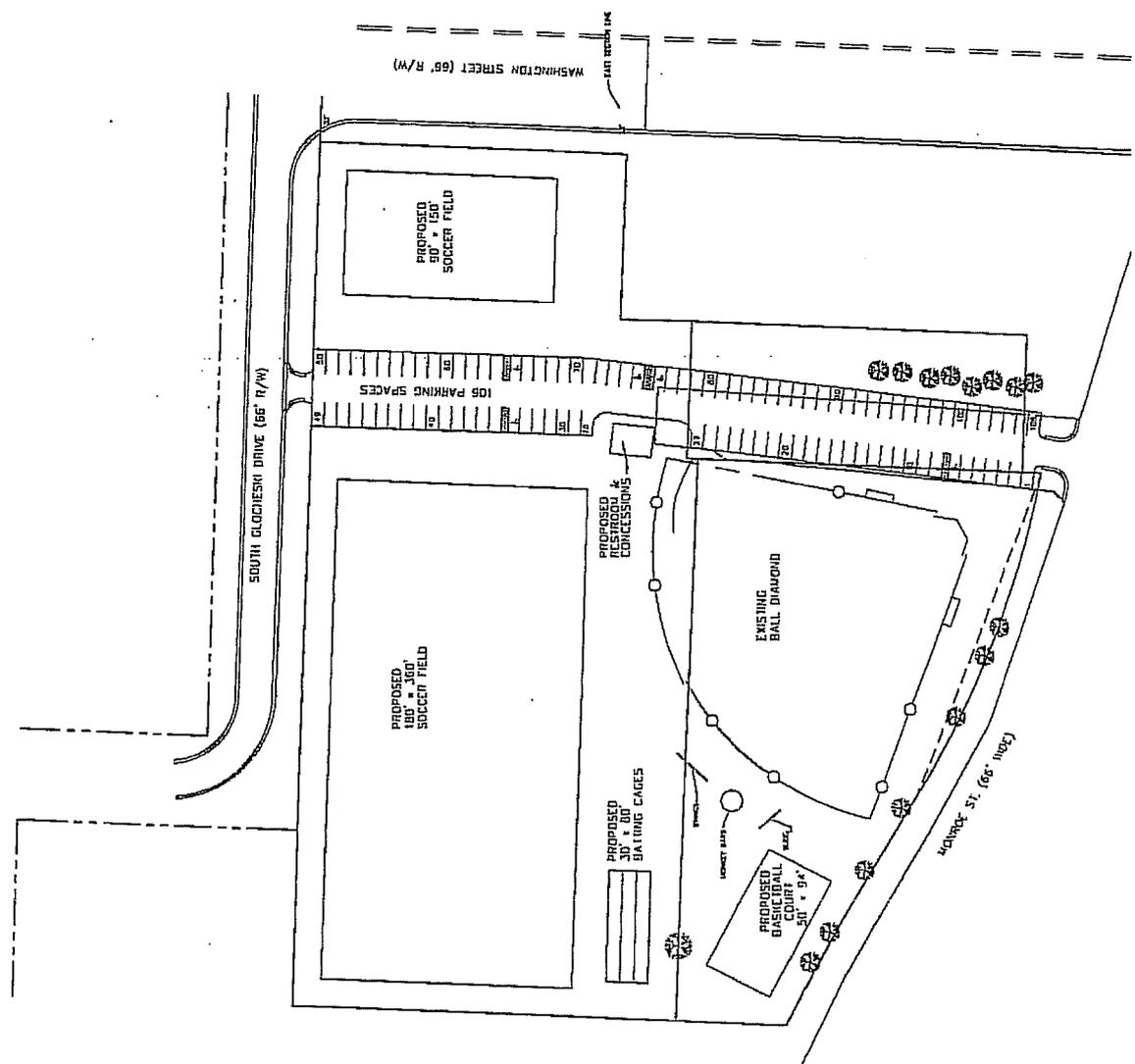
## **DUFFY PARK**

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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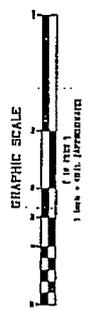
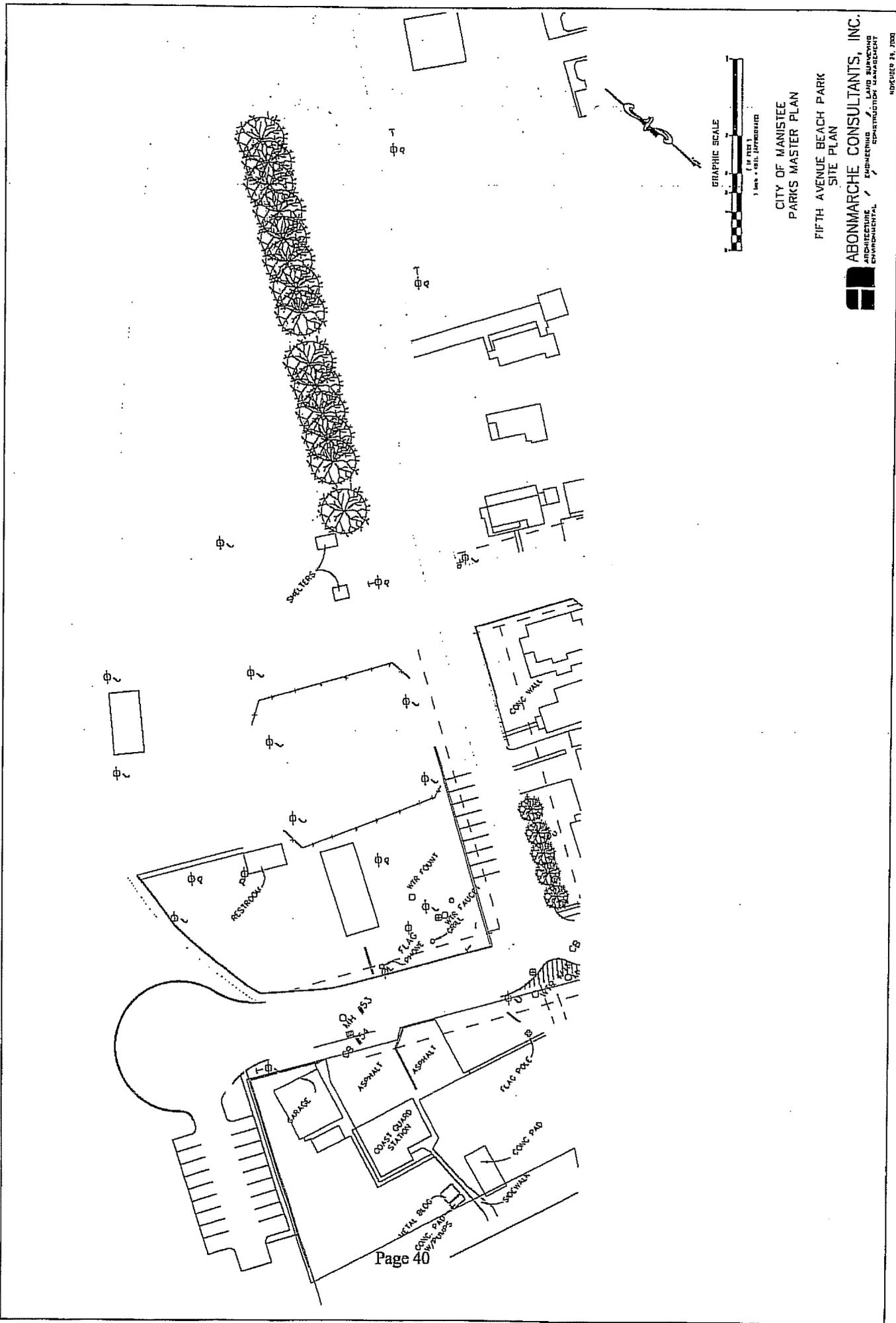
## **FIFTH AVENUE BEACH**

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  
 SITE PLAN

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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.

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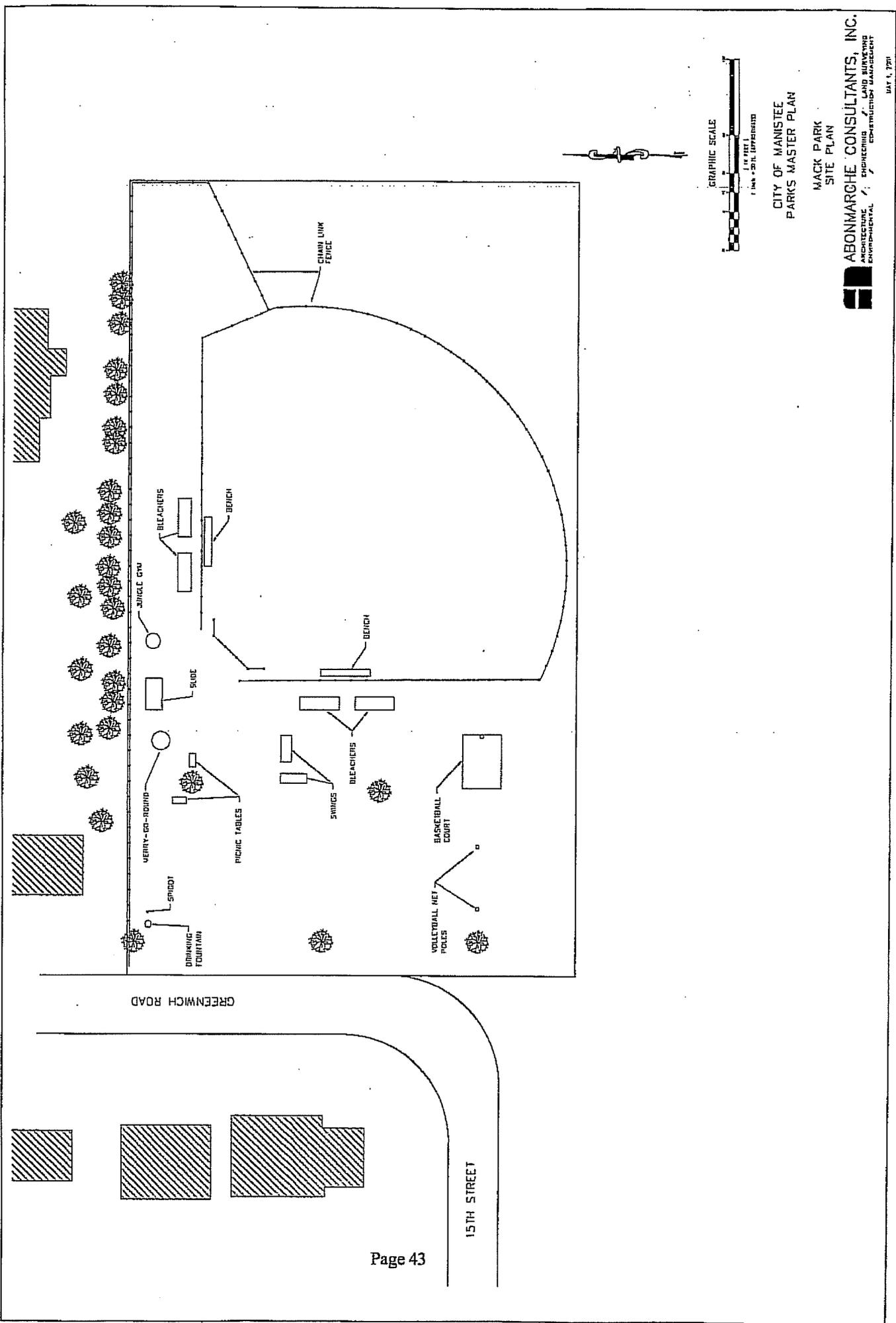
## **MACK PARK (GOLDEN ACRES PARK)**

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

*Site Plan Map of Mack Park on following Page*



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GREENWICH ROAD

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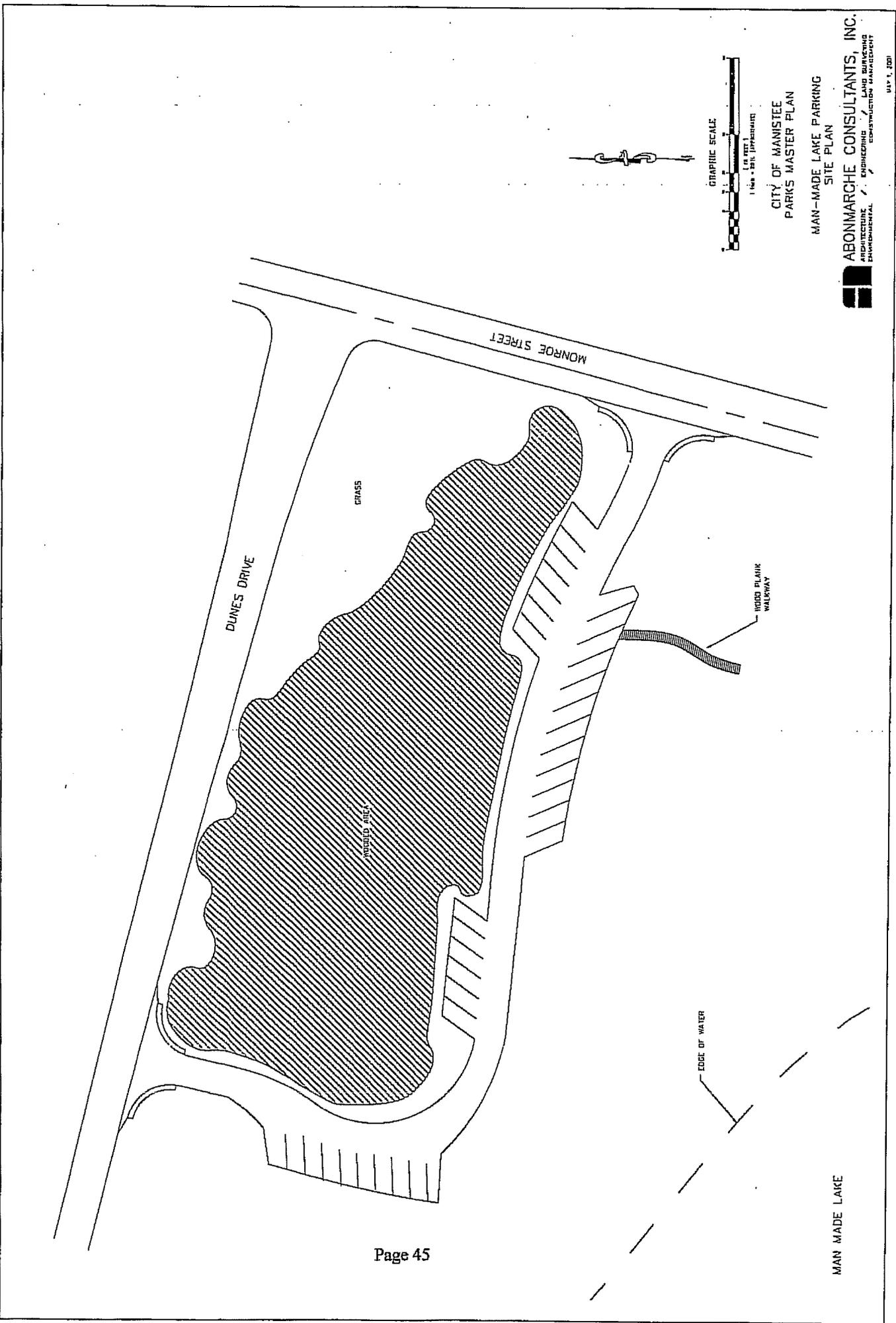
## MAN-MADE LAKE

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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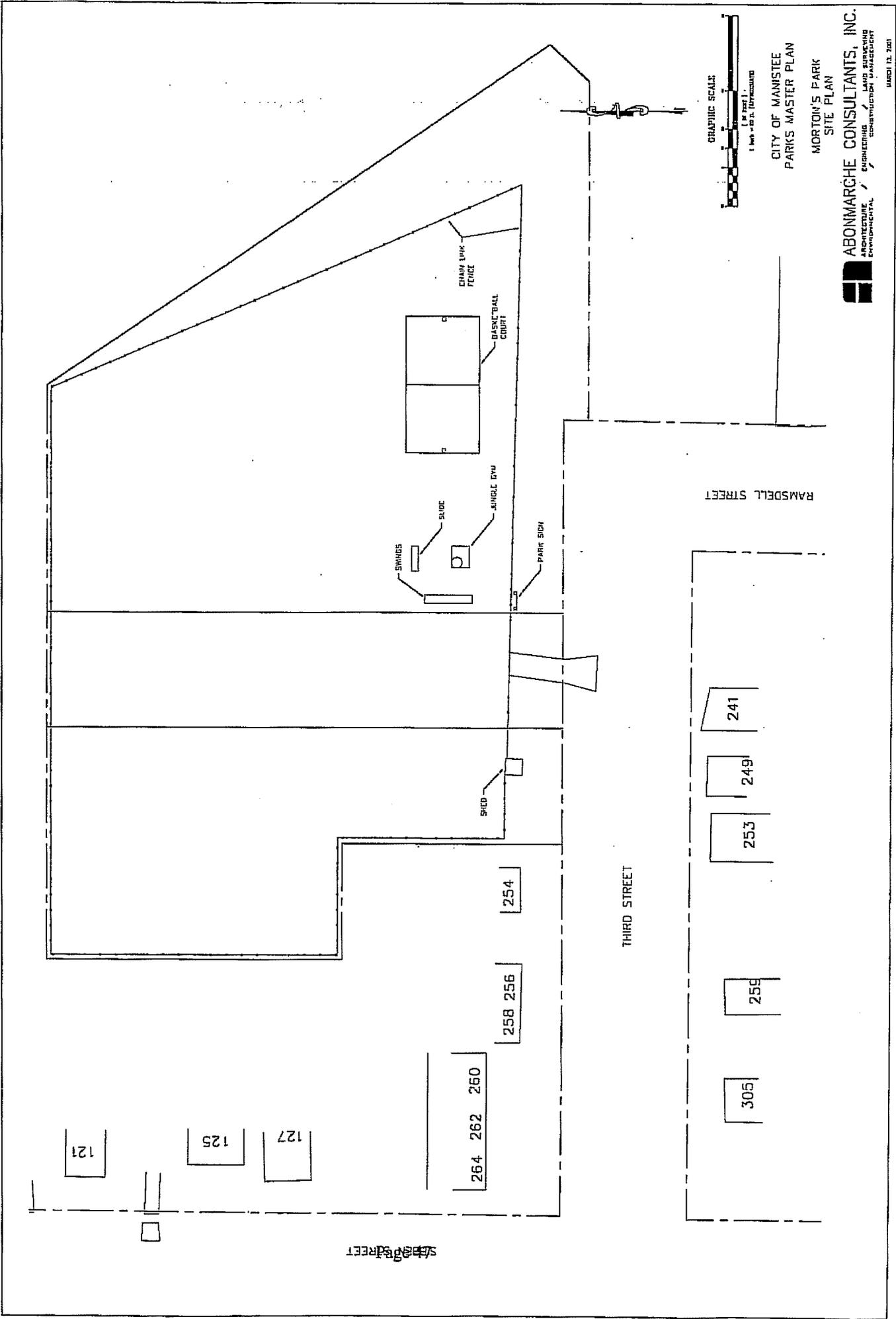
## **MORTON PARK**

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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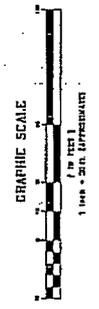
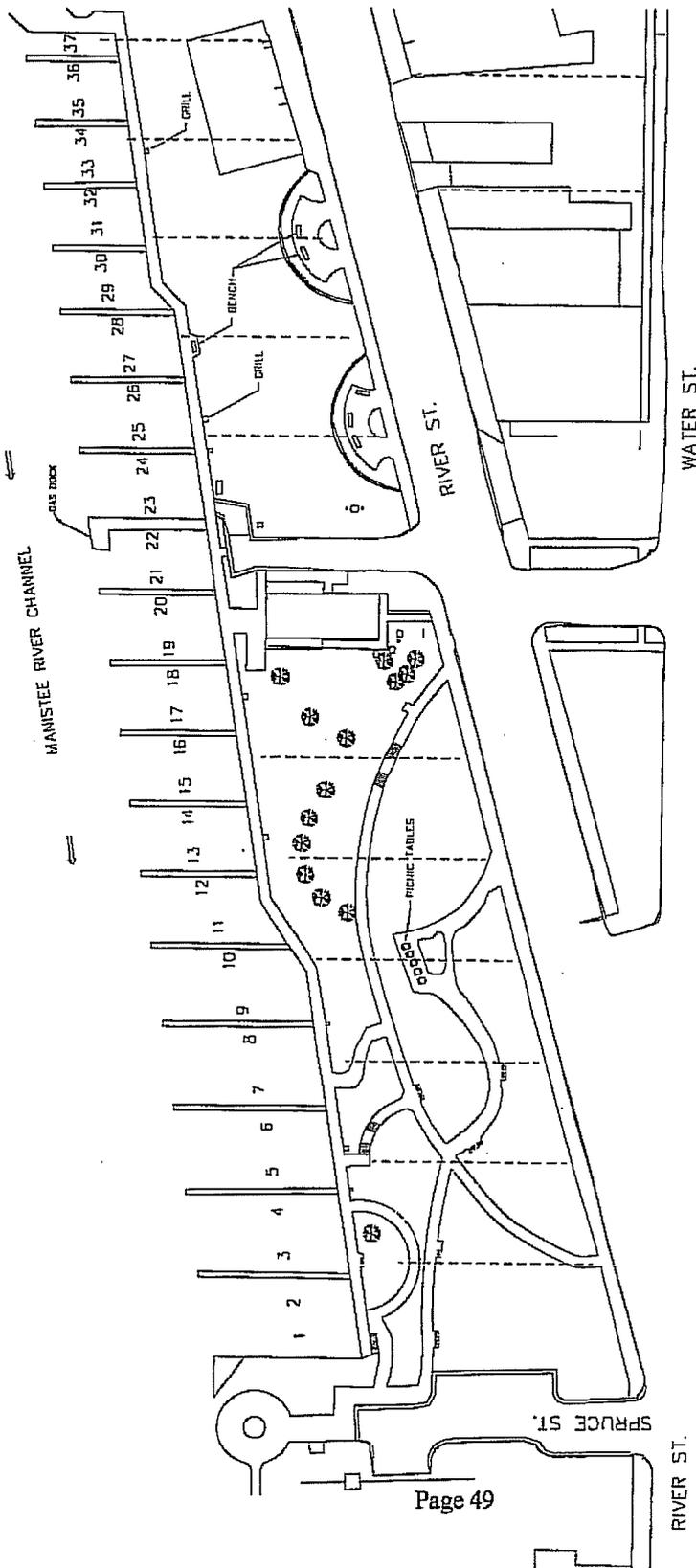
## MUNICIPAL MARINA

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  
 SITE PLAN



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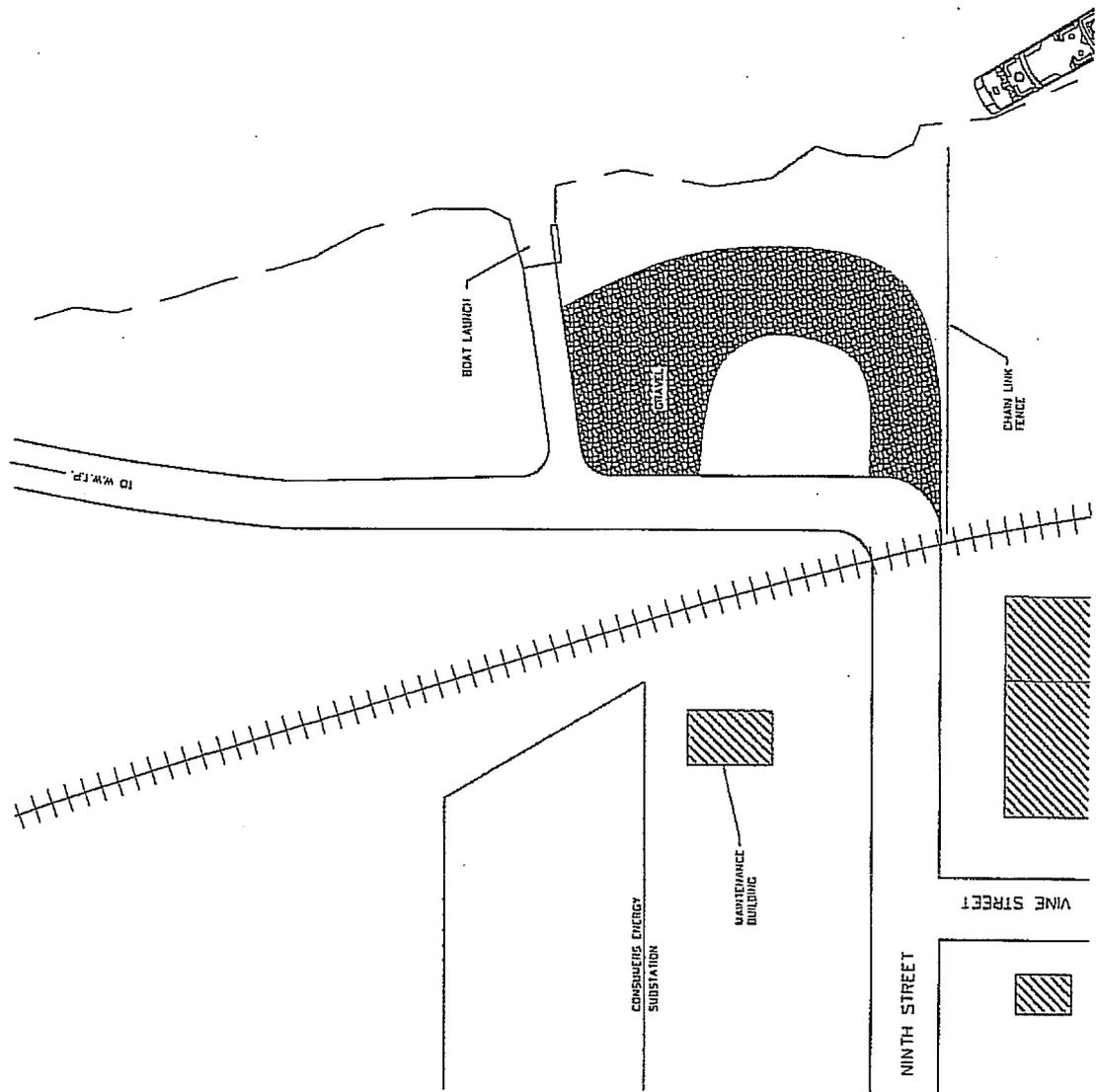
## **NINTH STREET BOAT LAUNCH**

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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 NINTH STREET BOAT LAUNCH  
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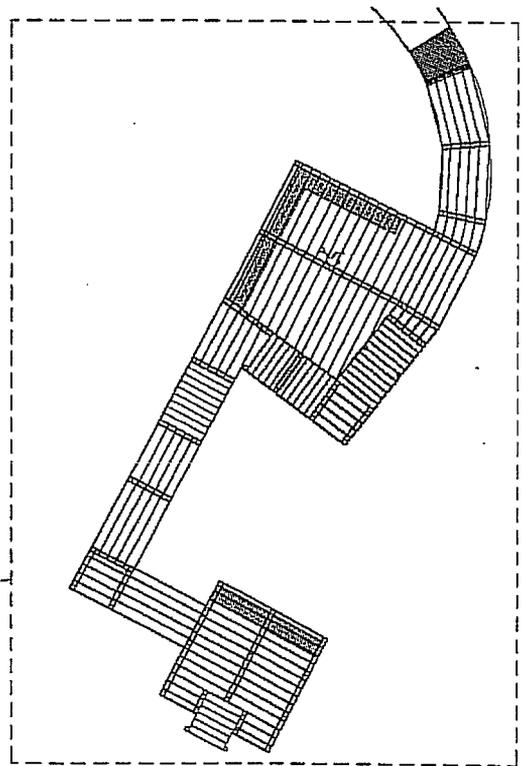
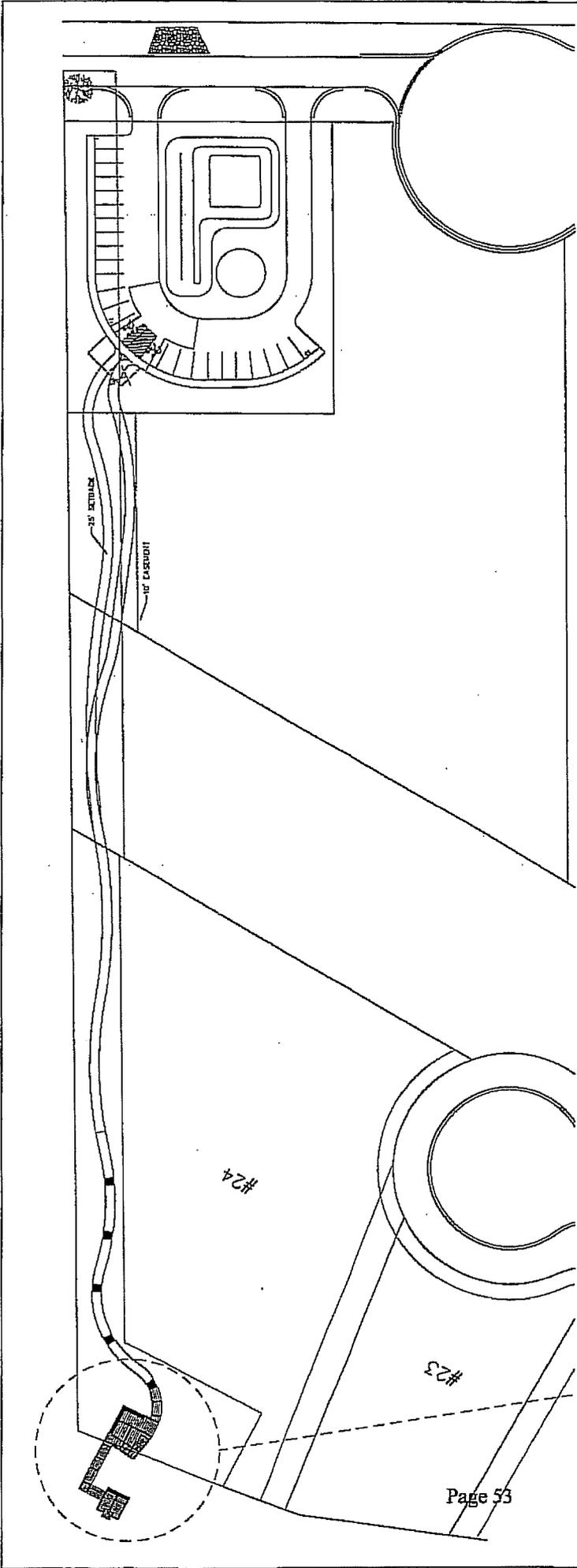
## **NORTH BEACH ACCESS PARK**

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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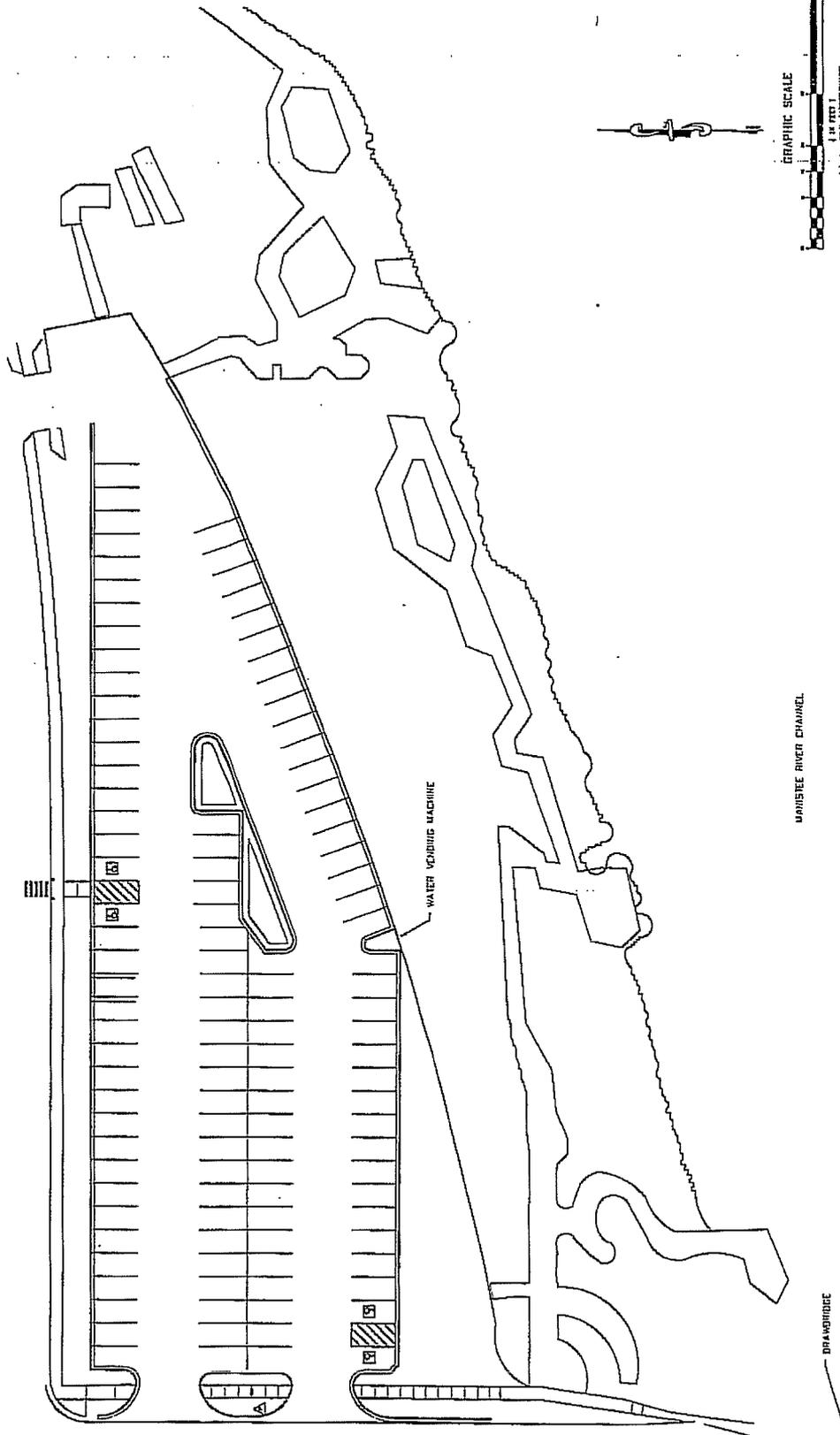
## **NORTH RIVERWALK AND MEMORIAL PARK**

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  
 SITE PLAN

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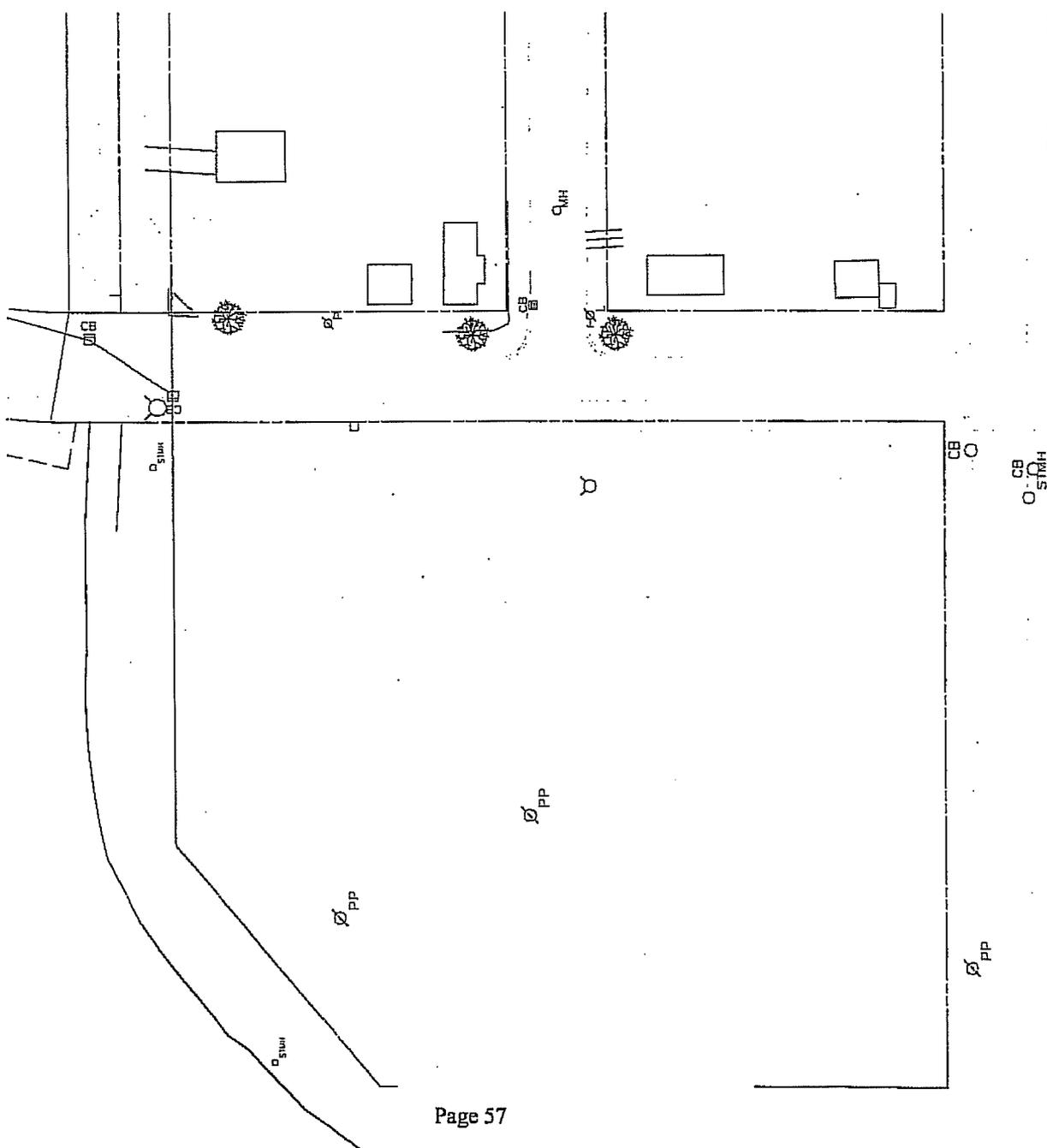
## **RED SZYMAREK PARK**

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

*Site Plan Map of Red Szymarek Park on following Page*



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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.

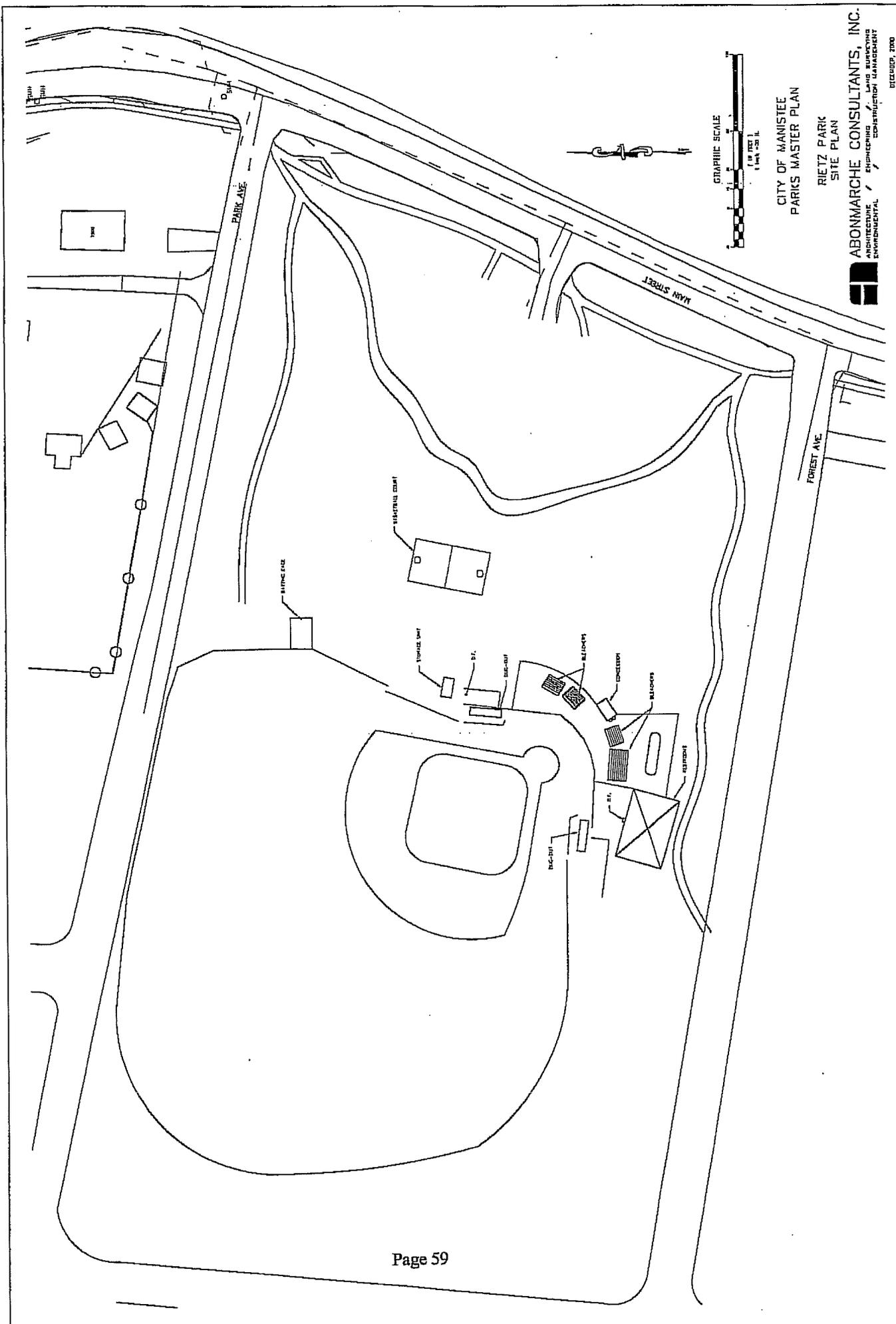
### Recommendations for Ballfield:

- 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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 RIETZ PARK  
 SITE PLAN

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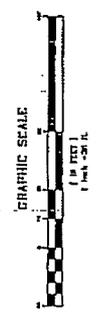
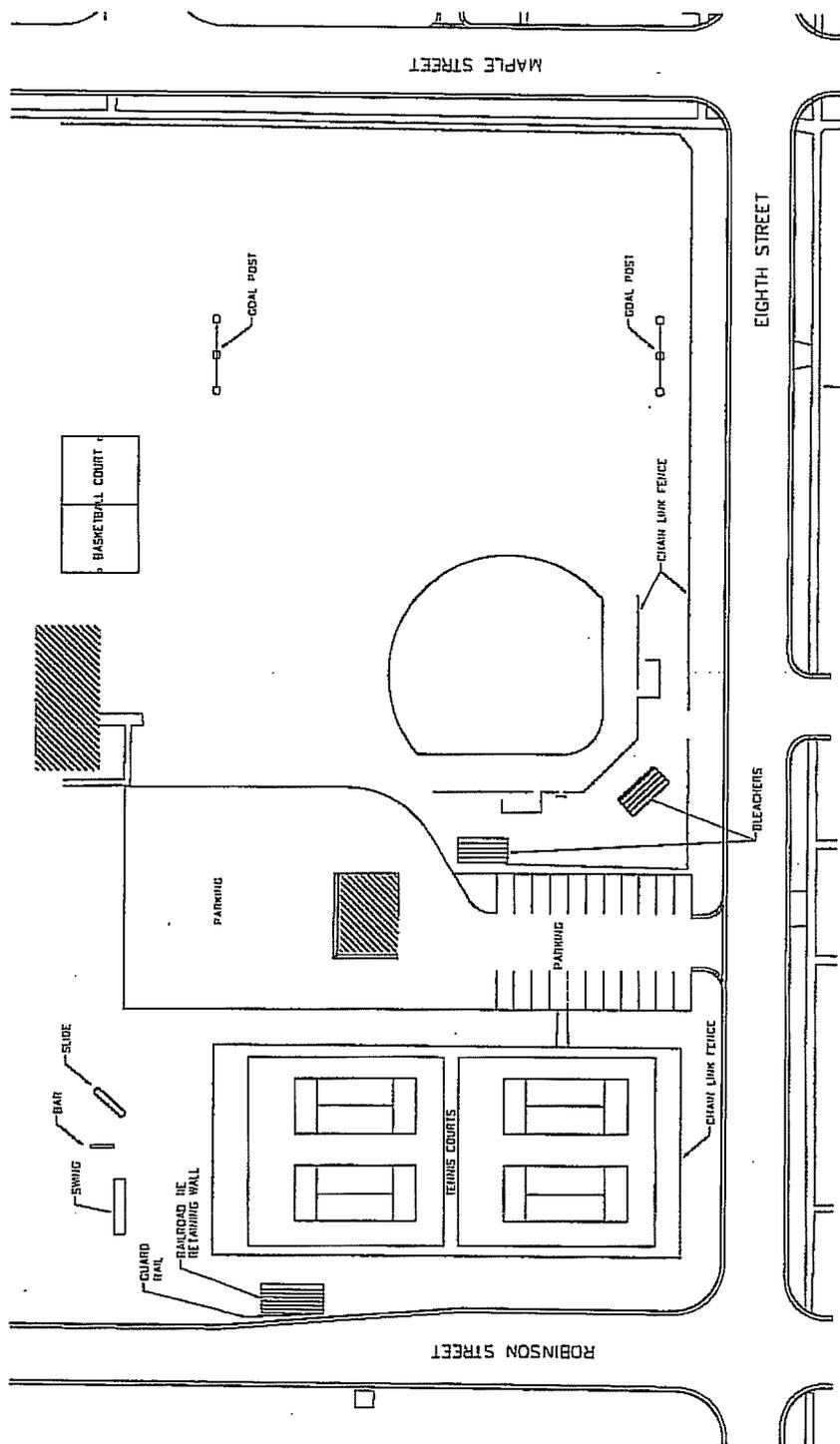
## **SANDS PARK**

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

*Site Plan Map of Sands Park on following Page*



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 PARKS MASTER PLAN

SANDS PARK  
 SITE PLAN

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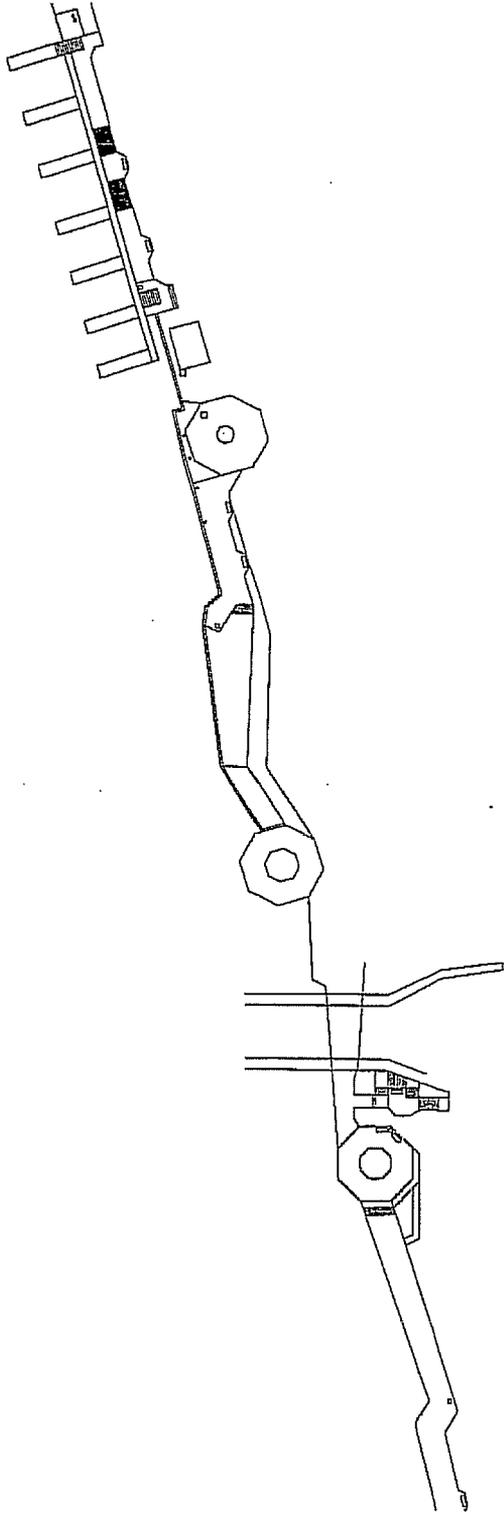
## **SOUTH RIVERWALK**

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

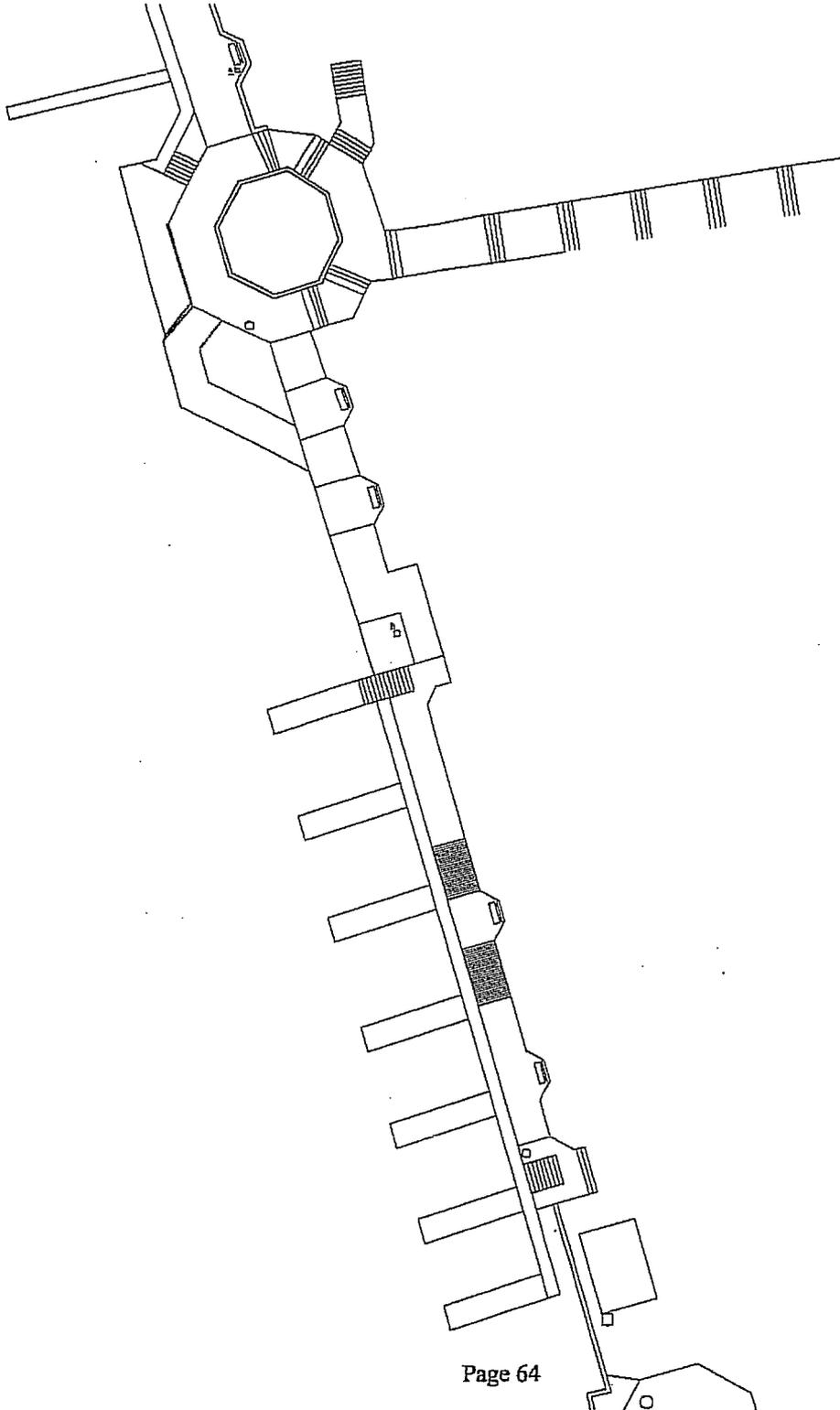
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RIVERWALK II - WEST END

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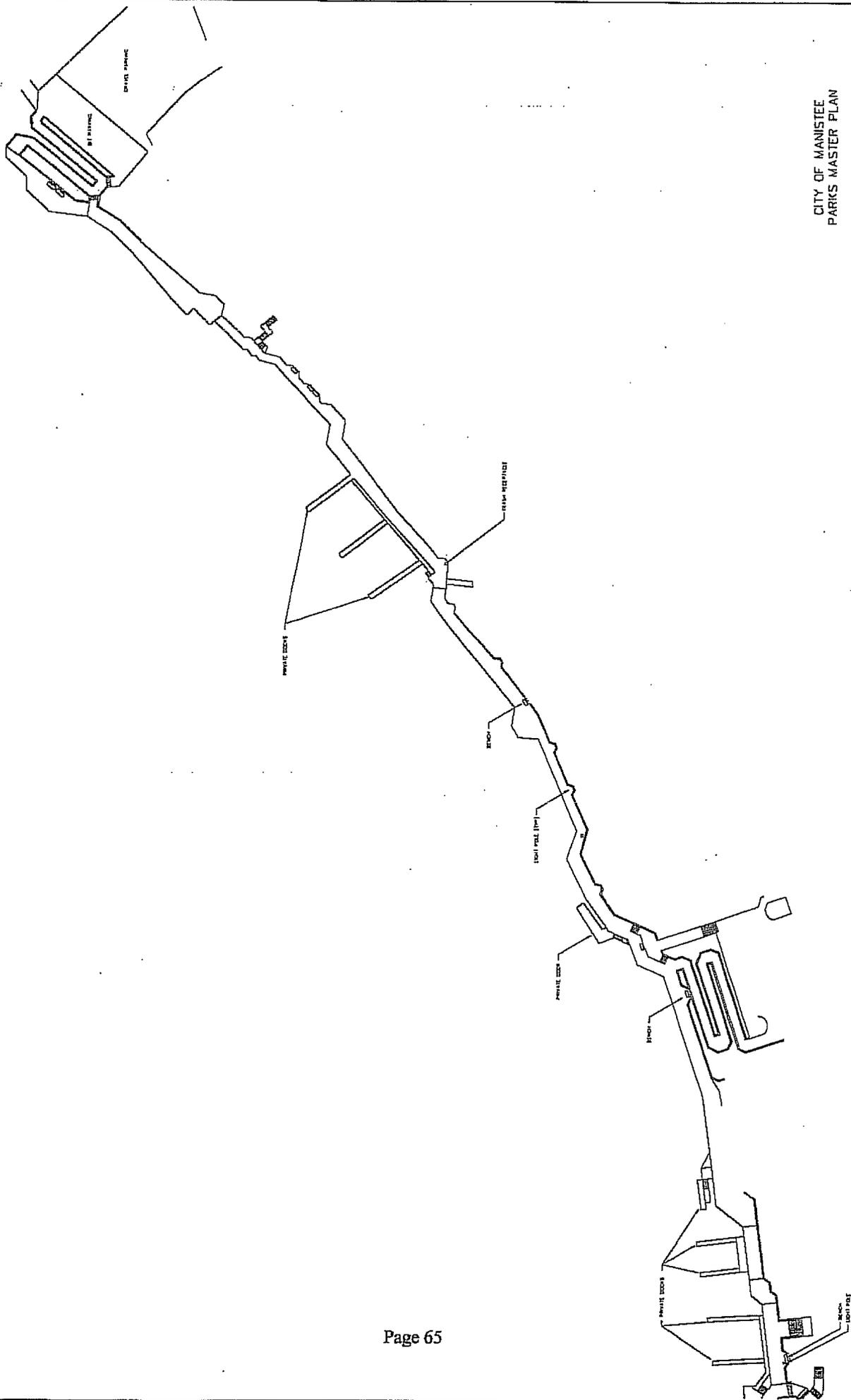


CITY OF MANISTEE  
PARKS MASTER PLAN

MANISTEE RIVERWALK  
SITE PLAN



RIVERWALK : II - EAST END



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RIVERWALK EAST

## **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.

## **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.

## **RELATIONSHIPS**

The City has a good relationship with the Manistee Area Public Schools and Manistee Recreation Association. The Varsity Boys Baseball Team uses and helps maintain the City owned Rietz Park Baseball Diamond; the Girls Softball teams use the First Street Ball Diamonds; the Boys and Girls Tennis teams use the Tennis Courts at Sands Park and First Street Beach; the Manistee Recreation Association uses the Soccer Fields at Duffy Park for their soccer programs; the T-Ball leagues use the T-Ball field at Mack Park; the Youth Baseball program uses the Baseball Diamond at Duffy Park; the Youth Softball program uses the Ball Diamond at Sands Park.

## 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.

## **APPENDICES**

Site Survey Worksheet

Review of Accomplishments 2002-2006

Legal Status of City Parks

Capital Improvement Schedule 2002 - 2007

2006 City Resident Research Executive Summary

EnVision Manistee County Community Survey Results Summer 2005

EnVision Manistee County Youth Survey Results Spring 2005

Recreation Grant History

Parks Commission - Resolution

Planning Commission - Resolution

City Council - Resolution

DNR Submission Letter

Misc. Maps and Information

Non-motorized transportation Plan



## **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

		<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>STATE</b>	<b>LOCAL</b>	<b>OTHER</b>
<b>Douglas Recreation Area</b>					
2007-12	<b>BALL FIELD AREA</b>				
	Redo infields at both Ball Diamonds	15,000			
	Rebuild Press Boxes	8,000			
	Resurface Tennis Courts	10,000			
<b>BOAT LAUNCH</b>					
2007-12	Repair upper parking lot	50,000	40,000	10,000	
2007-12	Redo Fish Cleaning Station	50,000		50,000	
<b>FIRST STREET BEACH</b>					
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.				
<b>Duffy Park</b>					
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.				
<b>Fifth Avenue Beach</b>					
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				

PARKS INVENTORY

**TOTALS      STATE      LOCAL      OTHER**

**Man-Made Lake**

2007-10	Achieve public ownership of this property	3,000,000	2,250,000	50,000	700,000
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- ▶ 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	
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- ▶ 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.

PARKS INVENTORY

**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
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- ▶ 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

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**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

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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—benches, 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%
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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%
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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%	9i. Improved public safety	52.5%	31.3%	16.2%
9c. Support of local schools, in terms of programs	73.2%	13.2%	13.6%	9j. Increased arts and cultural opportunities	42.6%	37.7%	19.6%
9d. Health care services	68.7%	17.0%	14.3%	9k. Building non-motorized trails	46.4%	37.4%	16.2%
9e. Expand public transportation	40.8%	38.5%	20.8%	9l. Tele-communications infrastructure	25.7%	44.2%	30.2%
9f. Improved recycling programs	64.2%	18.5%	17.4%	9m. Building recreational facilities	52.1%	27.5%	20.4%
9g. Building roads	32.1%	45.7%	22.3%				

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%	<b>63.8%</b>	10d. Carpool	20.4%	25.7%	<b>54.0%</b>
10b. Walk	<b>40.4%</b>	30.9%	28.7%	10e. Drive alone	<b>82.6%</b>	12.8%	4.5%
10c. Public transit	19.6%	27.9%	<b>52.5%</b>	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	<b>60.4%</b>	28.7%	10.9%	Close to public parks	35.5%	<b>40.0%</b>	24.5%
Rural character (farms, open space)	<b>50.9%</b>	32.1%	17.0%	Close to schools	30.6%	27.9%	<b>41.5%</b>
A private or secluded location	<b>41.9%</b>	27.9%	30.2%	Close to health care services / hospitals	<b>55.5%</b>	33.6%	10.9%
Close to work / job	<b>36.2%</b>	32.8%	30.9%	Close to services / shopping	42.3%	<b>44.5%</b>	13.2%
An older, established community (city, village neighborhood)	<b>39.6%</b>	39.2%	21.1%	Close to transit	22.6%	26.8%	<b>50.6%</b>
Close to non-motorized trails (walking, biking)	35.5%	<b>35.8%</b>	28.7%	New development	6.8%	26.8%	<b>66.4%</b>
				Close to motorized trails (snowmobile, ORV)	4.9%	16.2%	<b>78.9%</b>

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

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

Very                      Somewhat                      Not  
Effectively—22.7%      Effectively—62.0%      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                      Somewhat                      Not Aware  
Aware—57.0%      Aware—38.5%      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%
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Q27. In which township or village do you live?

City of Manistee—28.7%	Manistee Twp.—10.6%	Onkama 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%
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# EnVision Manistee County Youth Survey Results

## Spring 2005

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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.*



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## Recreation Grant History

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### 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

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**Project No. BF89-461**

**Project Title: Sands Park Restoration**

**Project Year 1989**

**Project Information: Project Status: Closed**

Element

Shelterhouse

Lighting

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**Project No. 26-01504**

**Project Title: Barrier Free Marina Project**

**Project Year 1991**

**Project Information: Project Status: Closed**

Element

Bathroom renovation

Marina access ramp/walkway

Fuel tank replacement

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Department of Natural Resources

**Recreation Grant History**

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**Applicant**

City of Manistee

**Project No. TF91-147**

**Project Title:** Manistee Riverwalk West

**Project Year** 1991

**Project Information:** **Project Status:** Closed

Element

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Walkway--3000 ft

Landscaping

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**Project No. TF94-240**

**Project Title:** Manistee Riverfront Park

**Project Year** 1994

**Project Information:** **Project Status:** Closed

Element

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Lighted Riverwalk--550 ft

Benches

Landscaping

Parking Lot

Signage

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**Recreation Grant History**

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**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

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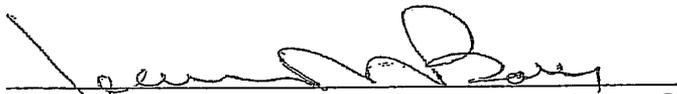
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County of Manistee )SS

Marilyn J. Barker, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is one of the editors, publishers of the Manistee News Advocate, a newspaper printed, published and circulated in said County of Manistee, and that the annexed notice of

CITY OF MANISTEE PUBLIC HEARING & COMMENT PERIOD was duly printed and published in said newspaper at least once each week for THREE (3) weeks in succession commencing on the 18th day of JANUARY A.D. 2007 and ending on the 20th day of JANUARY A.D. 2007



Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 20th day of JANUARY, A.D. 2007



Notary Public Jeanine M. Barber, Manistee County  
Acting Manistee County  
My Commission Expires March 10, 2012

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD CITY OF MANISTEE PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN 2007 - 2012

The City of Manistee Parks Commission has adopted a Parks and Recreation Plan for 2007 - 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.

A Public Hearing has been scheduled for February 20, 2007, 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan. Comments may be made at the Public Hearing or submitted in writing to the Community Development Department, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan 49660.

Copies of the Plan are available for review at City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan and the Manistee County Public Library, 95 N. Street, Manistee, Michigan. The Plan is also available on the City Website at [www.ci.manistee.mi.us](http://www.ci.manistee.mi.us)

Jon R. Rose  
Community Development Director

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL - February 20, 2007

**DRAFT**

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by her honor, Mayor Cyndy Fuller on Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 70 Maple Street, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Kenny, Fuller, Hornkohl, Goodspeed, and Marshall.

ABSENT: Yonkman and Mack.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager - Mitch Deisch, City Attorney - George Saylor, City Clerk - Michelle Wright, Finance Director - Ed Bradford, Public Works Supervisor - Jack Garber, Police Chief - Dave Bachman, Community Development Director - Jon Rose, and City Engineer - Brian Sousa.

**#07-25 PUBLIC HEARING ON CITY OF MANISTEE PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN 2007 - 2012.**

The purpose of this hearing is to afford an opportunity for all citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of 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 - 2012. The Parks and Recreation Plan is required to be filed with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to qualify for grant funds.

City Council will take action on the request later in the meeting. Mayor Fuller invited the public to speak on the Parks and Recreation Plan 2007 - 2012.

Carol Pasco, 610 Spruce Street, commented on the need for recreational activities for adults, such as shuffleboard or other games. The plan does a wonderful job for the children.

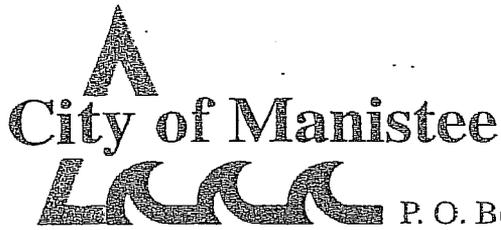
Ray Fortier stated this is a very good plan, very self explanatory. The Planning Commission should be complimented for that.

The public hearing adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

**#07-26 CONSENT AGENDA.**

Consent Agenda items include:

- Minutes - February 6, 2007 - Regular Meeting
- February 13, 2007 - Work Session
  
- Payroll - January 29-February 4, 2007 - \$53,439.56
- February 5-11, 2007- \$54,357.39
  
- Monthly Bills - January 9, 2007 - \$939,826.52
- January 29, 2007 - \$772,777.83
- February 12, 2007 - \$700,836.98



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70 Maple Street

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0 Ninth St.  
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Sue Wagner  
County Planner  
415 Third Street  
Manistee, MI 49660

RE: Parks and Recreation Plan 2007-2012

Dear Ms. Wagner:

The City of Manistee is pleased to furnish you a copy of our Parks and Recreation Plan 2007-2012. The plan is also available on the City of Manistee Web page at [www.ci.manistee.mi.us](http://www.ci.manistee.mi.us).

If you have any questions, please call me at 398-2805.

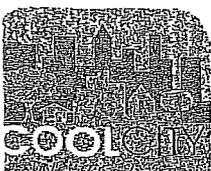
Sincerely,

CITY OF MANISTEE

Jon R. Rose  
Community Development Director

JRR:djb

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Bud Shipstead, Director  
Northwest Michigan Council of Governments  
P.O. Box 506  
Traverse City, MI 49684

RE: Parks and Recreation Plan 2007-2012

Dear Mr. Shipstead:

The City of Manistee is pleased to forward copy of our Parks and Recreation Plan 2007-2012 to our Regional Planning Agency. The plan is also available on the City of Manistee Web page at [www.ci.manistee.mi.us](http://www.ci.manistee.mi.us).

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Northwest Michigan Council of Governments for your service to our community. If you have any questions, please call me at 231.398.2805.

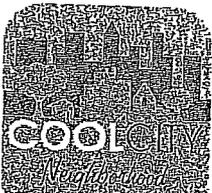
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CITY OF MANISTEE

Jon R. Rose  
Community Development Director

JRR:djb

Enclosure





## Planning Commission Resolution

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

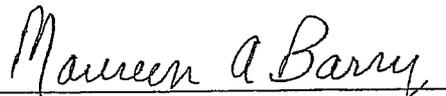
WHEREAS, the development of the Parks and Recreation Plan is necessary to ensure the orderly development of Parks and Recreation opportunities for the Citizens of the Community as well as visitors, therefore now be it

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

 2-1-07  
Ray Fortier, Vice 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.

 2/1/07  
Maureen Barry, Secretary Dated  
City of Manistee Planning Commission



Recreation Plan  
Resolution of Adoption  
by the City Council of the City of Manistee

WHEREAS, the the City of Manistee has undertaken a Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan which 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, and

WHEREAS, a Public comment session was held on February 20, 2007, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the City of Manistee has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community and to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and

WHEREAS, the City of Manistee Parks Commission and Planning Commission have both reviewed and passed resolutions adopting the Manistee Parks and Recreation Plan fo the years 2007 to 2012, therefore now be it

RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Manistee hereby adopts the City of Manistee Parks and Recreation Plan of 2007 - 2012 as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the City of Manistee.

  
Cynthia A. Fuller, Mayor      2-20-07  
Dated

ATTEST:

I, Michelle Wright, City of Manistee City Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Manistee at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007.

YEAS:      Kenny, Fuller, Hornkohl, Goodspeed, Marshall  
NAYS:      none  
ABSENT:    Yonkman, Mack

  
Michelle Wright      2-20-07  
City Clerk/Deputy Treasure      Dated

(seal)

**DRAFT**

energy technologies and sustainable energy practices.

MOTION by Goodspeed, seconded by Hornkohl to pass a resolution of support for the Michigan Energy Fair to be conducted June 22 - 24, 2007 at the Onekama Fairgrounds.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Fuller, Hornkohl, Goodspeed, Marshall  
NAYS: None

**#07-30 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF MANISTEE PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN 2007 - 2012.**

The 2007 - 2012 Parks and Recreation Plan was adopted by the City of Manistee Parks Commission on January 11, 2007. The plan has been available for public comment for thirty days. Earlier tonight a public hearing was held on this plan.

MOTION by Goodspeed, seconded by Kenny to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a resolution adopting the Parks and Recreation Plan 2007 - 2012. It was noted that this is a master plan, not a budget.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Fuller, Hornkohl, Goodspeed, Marshall  
NAYS: None

**#07-31 CONSIDERATION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WADE TRIM, OLD US-31 TRUCK ROUTE REHABILITATION.**

The City of Manistee has received a grant award to resurface the Old US-31 Truck Route from Third Street running southeast to Vine Street. The project is being funded through two MDOT grants, Category F and Small Urban. The City has requested a proposal for engineering services from the City Engineer Wade Trim for this project for design and construction services. The agreement is a "not to exceed" contract in the amount of \$137,000.

MOTION by Hornkohl, seconded by Goodspeed to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Professional Services Agreement with Wade Trim for Old US-31 Truck Route Rehabilitation not to exceed \$137,000. A lengthy discussion followed whether the engineer of record should be used or going out for bids would be in the best interest of the City.

With a roll call vote this motion failed, 1-4.

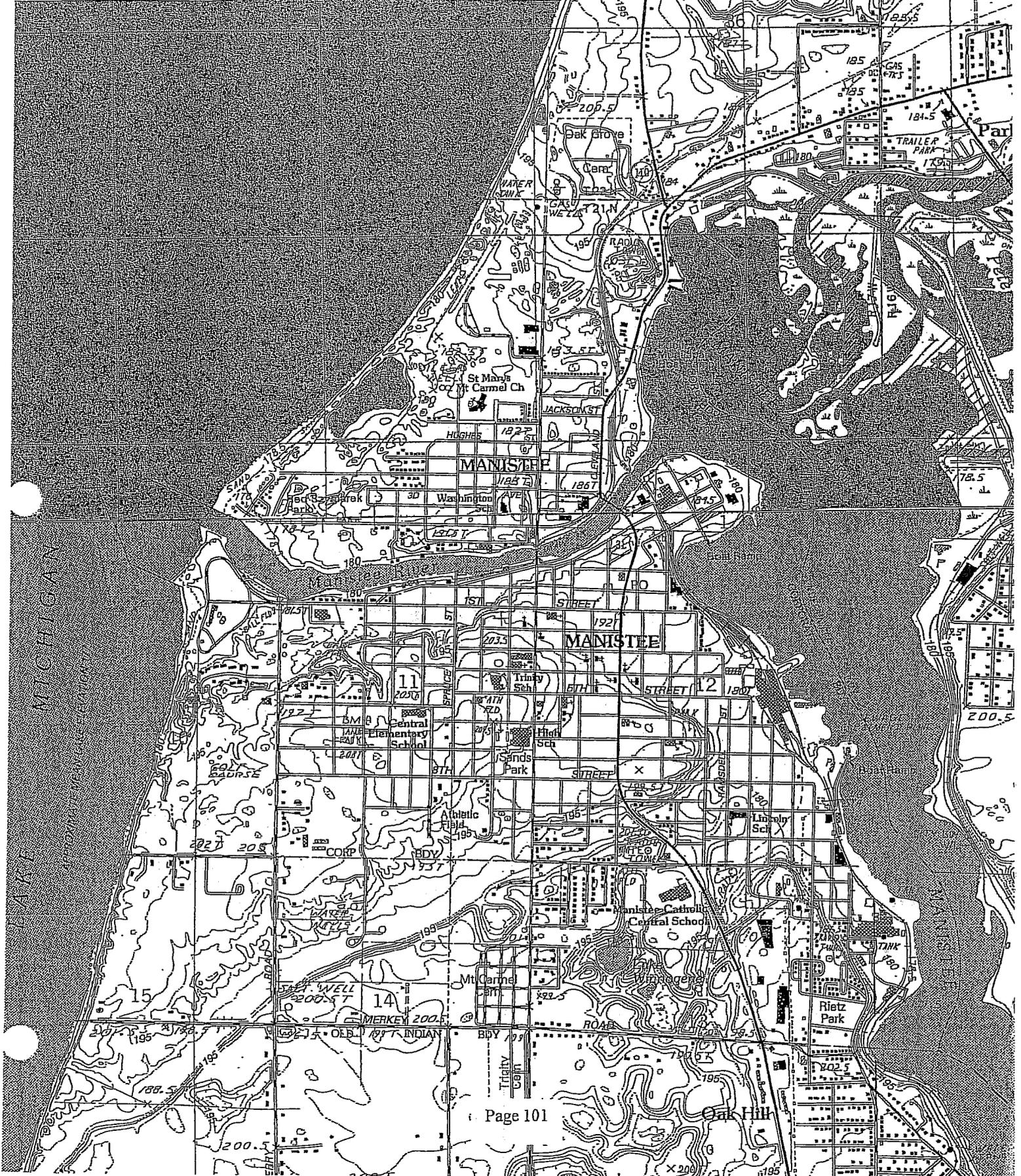
AYES: Hornkohl  
NAYS: Kenny, Fuller, Goodspeed, Marshall

Consensus of Council was to advertise for bids for the engineering services on this project.

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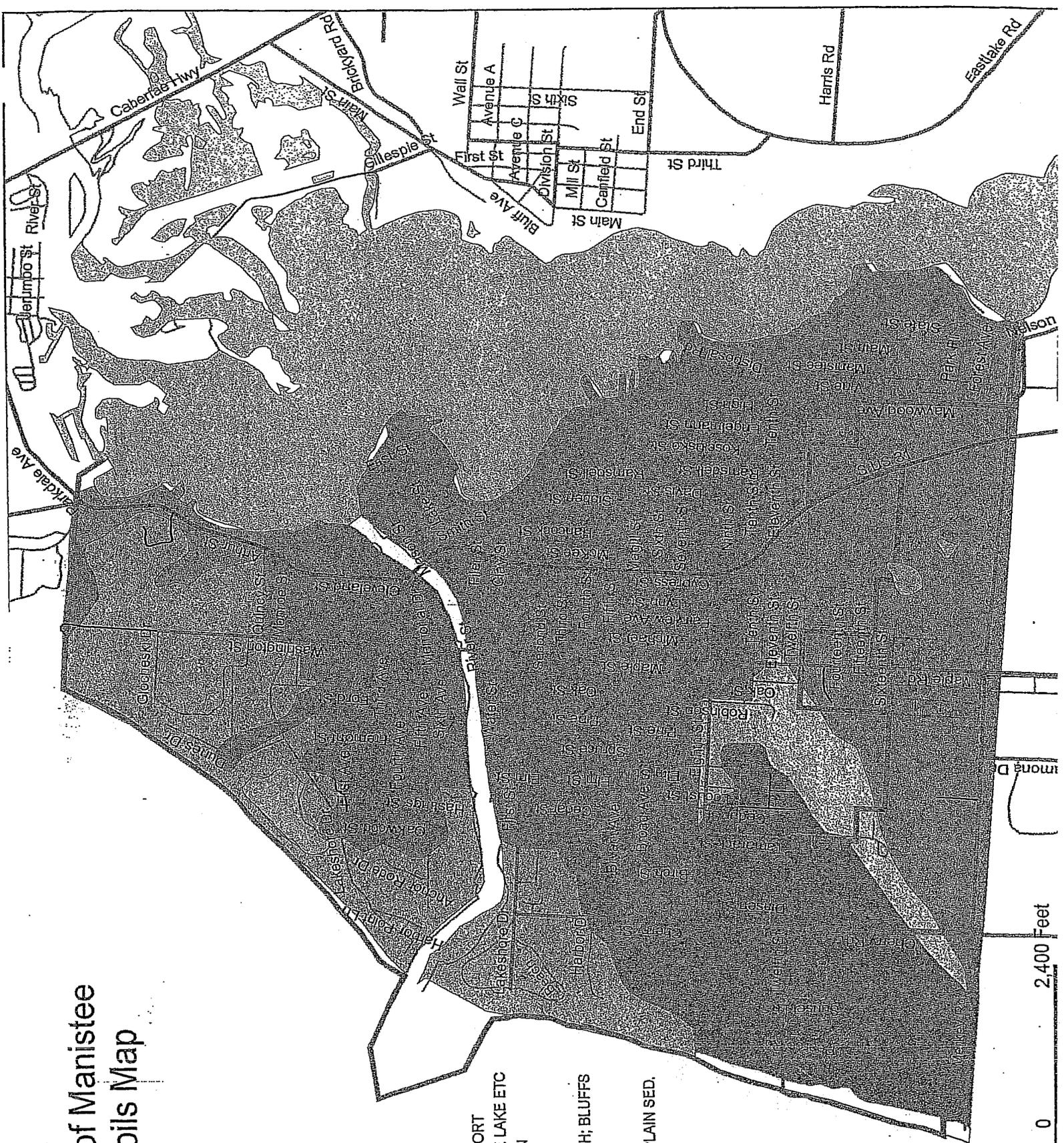
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# City of Manistee Soils Map

- Legend**
- Highways
  - Major Streets
  - Local Streets
  - Two Tracts
  - Rivers
  - Lakes
  - 51 border
- Soils**
- CROSWELL
  - DEER PARK, EASTPORT
  - EMMIET ETC. & BLUE LAKE ETC
  - IOSCO, KAWKAWLIN
  - NESTER, KENT
  - RUBICON
  - SAND/STONE BEACH; BLUFFS
  - SHIFTING DUNES
  - URBAN AREA
  - VARIABLE FLOOD PLAIN SED.
  - WATER



# City of Manistee

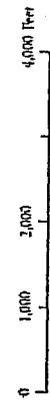
## Zoning Map

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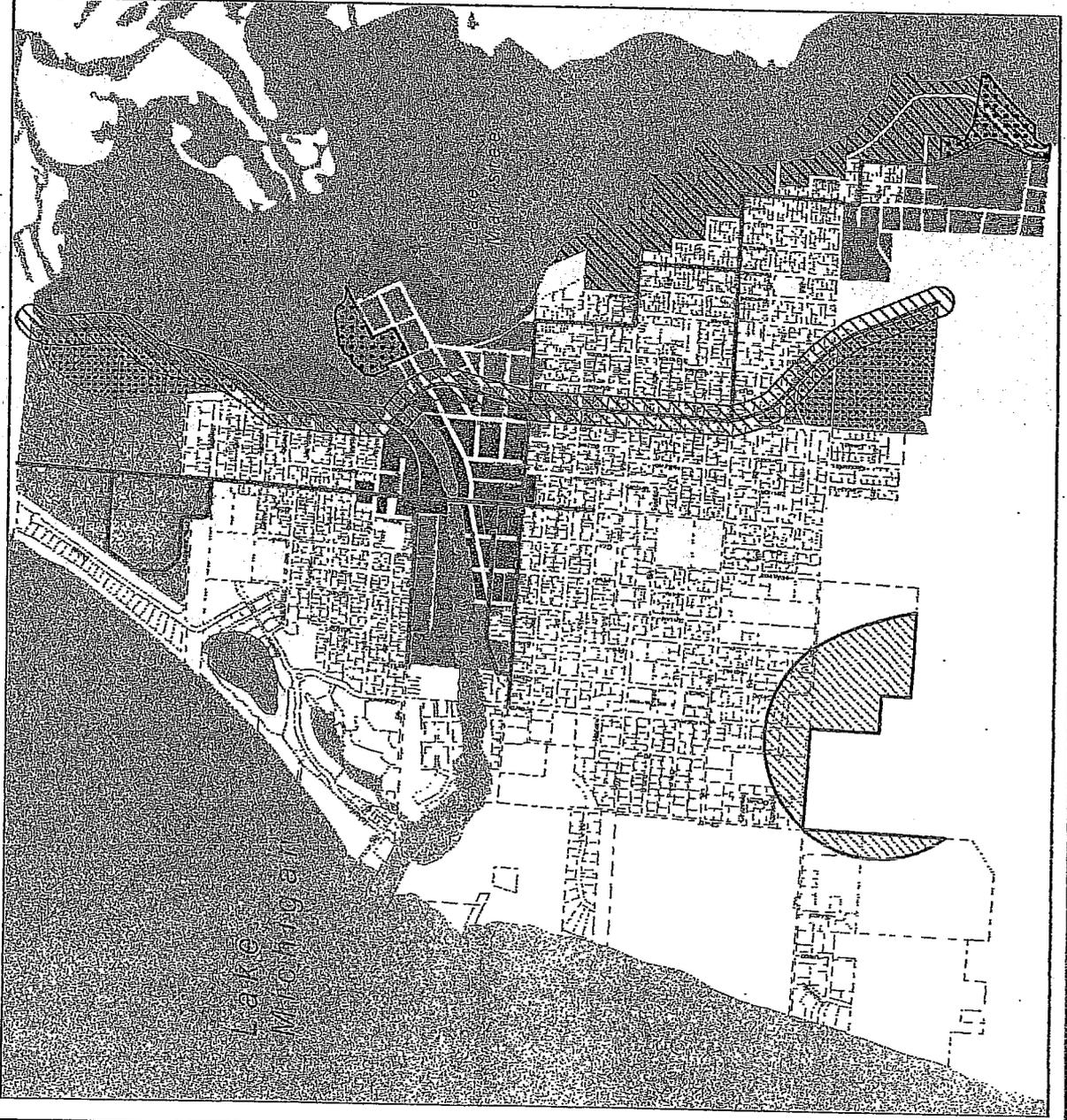
**Legend**

**Zoning**

- R-1 Low Density Residential
- R-2 Medium Density with services and commercial
- R-3 High Density Residential
- C-1 Regional Commercial
- C-2 Neighborhood Commercial
- C-3 Central Business District
- W-F Waterfront
- L-1 Light Industrial
- G-1 General Industrial
- Key Street Segments
- US-31 Corridor Overlay
- Renaissance Overlay
- Wellhead Protection Overlay



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## 2006 – 2007 Budget

### General Fund

### Parks & Recreation

The Parks budget increased by 7.0% compared to the prior year. Personnel costs increased by 9.7%, and operating costs increased by 4.7%. The personnel cost increase is attributable to hiring more part-time seasonal maintenance help and also increasing the amount allocated to overtime. Part of this increased cost will be offset by money from the Downtown Development Authority earmarked for the downtown district. More money is also slotted for maintenance on the operations side, including power washing the Riverwalk.

	2005 Actual	2006 Budget	2007 Requested	2007 Approved
<b>751 PARKS</b>				
702.000 Salaries	\$ 95,742	\$102,190	\$103,577	\$103,577
703.000 Longevity	\$ 225	\$ 225	\$375	\$375
704.000 Overtime	\$ 1,611	\$ 3,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
706.000 Part-Time	\$ 72,637	\$ 57,600	\$73,640	\$73,640
712.001 Costs - Social Security	\$ 11,639	\$ 10,783	\$11,910	\$11,910
712.002 Costs - Medicare	\$ 2,722	\$ 2,522	\$2,785	\$2,785
712.004 Costs - ICMA Contribution	\$ 2,100	\$ -	\$0	\$0
712.005 Costs - MERS	\$ -	\$ 4,766	\$0	\$0
712.006 Costs - In Lieu of BC/BS	\$ 4,975	\$ 5,635	\$4,507	\$4,507
712.007 Costs - FUTA	\$ 591	\$ 524	\$82	\$82
712.009 Costs - Work Comp	\$ 3,916	\$ 3,270	\$4,090	\$4,090
712.010 Costs - Blue Cross Insurance	\$ 21,028	\$ 24,191	\$24,584	\$24,584
712.011 Costs - Life Insurance	\$ 222	\$ 240	\$235	\$235
712.012 Costs - BC RX Reimb.	\$ -	\$ 250	\$250	\$250
714.001 Retire. Costs - Blue Cross	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Employee Costs</b>	<b>\$217,407</b>	<b>\$215,197</b>	<b>\$ 236,034</b>	<b>\$236,034</b>
727.001 Office/Operating Expense	\$ 2,534	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
745.000 Uniform & Cleaning Allowance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
748.000 Vehicle Gas	\$ 3,651	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
750.000 Vehicle Maint. - Gas, Oil, etc	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
780.001 Equipment Maint. & Supplies	\$ 31,070	\$ 35,000	\$ 36,500	\$ 36,500
801.000 Professional Services	\$ -	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ -
850.000 Radio Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
860.001 Travel & Training Expense	\$ 333	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
880.000 Education	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
900.000 Printing/Publishing	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -
920.000 Gas	\$ 982	\$ 800	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
922.000 Water	\$ 6,804	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
925.000 Electric	\$ 9,974	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
931.000 Contractual Repairs & Maint.	\$ 18,573	\$ 10,500	\$ 29,500	\$ 21,500
977.000 Capital Outlay - Under \$2,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -
977.001 Motor Pool	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
<b>Operating Costs</b>	<b>\$103,920</b>	<b>\$120,800</b>	<b>\$ 134,500</b>	<b>\$126,500</b>
970.000 Capital Outlay - Over \$2000	\$ 10,609	\$ 42,500	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL PARKS</b>	<b>\$331,936</b>	<b>\$378,497</b>	<b>\$ 370,534</b>	<b>\$362,534</b>

Enterprise Funds

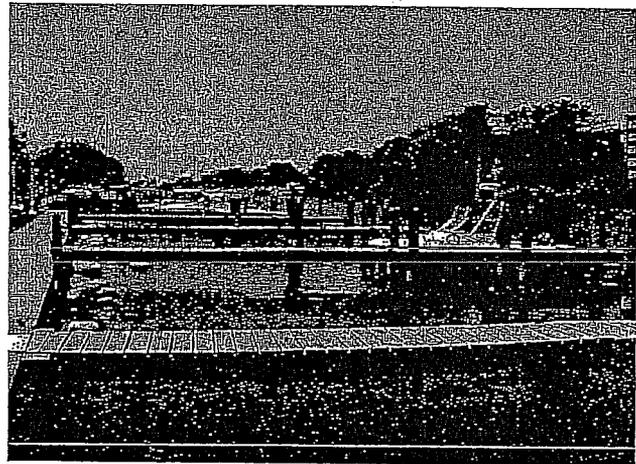
Municipal Marina



The Municipal Marina fund accounts for the activities of the Manistee Municipal Marina. Police Chief Dave Bachman serves as harbormaster and directs the operations of the Marina. An enthusiastic staff of young adults manages the day-to-day activities and provides first rate service to the boaters.

serves as the home port for several large fishing tournaments. The marina has 36 slips ranging in length from 30 to 60 feet. It can also accommodate larger vessels (up to 100') with a broadside tie against the Riverwalk seawall. It offers a full array of services including fuel, pump out, bath facilities, water and electric hookup. Several times a year, Manistee is visited by cruise ships that bring passengers to visit our Victorian Port City.

The marina has undergone several improvements over the past year, including lowering all the docks to accommodate lower water levels and also upgrading its fuel delivery system. Future plans include renovating the marina building and offering wi-fi internet access to our boating guests.



Enterprise Funds

Municipal Marina

594 Municipal Marina Fund	2005 Actual	2006 Budget	2007 Request	2007 Adopted
569.001 State Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
642.001 Charge for Sales - Fuel	31,373	70,000	70,000	70,000
642.002 Charge for Sales - Dockage	74,379	70,000	70,000	70,000
642.003 Charge for Sales - Other	4,388	4,000	4,000	4,000
642.004 Charge for Services	0	4,000	4,000	4,000
664.000 Interest Income	549	1,000	1,000	1,000
671.000 Other Revenue	1,179	0	0	0
676.000 Insurance Settlement	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$111,867</b>	<b>\$149,000</b>	<b>\$149,000</b>	<b>\$149,000</b>
702.000 Salaries	\$23,122	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
704.000 Overtime	126	1,000	1,000	1,000
712.001 Costs - Social Security	1,540	1,612	1,600	1,600
712.002 Costs - Medicare	360	377	350	350
712.007 Costs - FUTA	129	160	100	100
712.009 Costs - Workrs Compensations	655	868	750	750
727.001 Office/Operating Expense	7,809	5,000	5,000	5,000
727.002 Operating Supplies - Fuel	28,212	60,000	60,000	60,000
727.003 Operating Supplies - Other	2,261	2,000	2,000	2,000
728.000 Bad Debt	0	0	0	0
780.001 Equipment Maint. & Supplies	5,075	3,500	3,500	3,500
806.000 Administration	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
910.000 Insurance	538	3,000	3,000	3,000
920.000 Gas	546	500	500	500
922.000 Water	5,690	3,500	3,500	3,500
925.000 Electric	12,936	6,000	6,000	6,000
927.000 Utilities - Phone	197	1,200	1,200	1,200
931.000 Contractual Repairs & Maint.	1,570	0	0	0
954.000 Sales Tax	1,627	5,300	5,300	5,300
955.000 Bank Charges	1,886	0	4,000	4,000
968.000 Depreciation	20,945	0	0	0
970.000 Capital Outlay - Over \$2,000	6,655	6,000	15,000	15,000
977.000 Capital Outlay - Under \$2,000	0	0	0	0
981.000 Computer Hardware & Software	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$124,379</b>	<b>\$127,517</b>	<b>\$140,300</b>	<b>\$140,300</b>
<b>TOTAL MARINA FUND</b>	<b>-\$12,512</b>	<b>\$21,483</b>	<b>\$8,700</b>	<b>\$8,700</b>
Beginning Cash	\$25,140	\$33,573	\$55,056	\$55,056
Projected Ending Cash	\$33,573	\$55,056	\$63,756	\$63,756

Enterprise Funds

Boat Ramp



The boat ramp fund accounts for the activities of the First Street Boat launch. It operates as a stand-alone enterprise. As one of the premier fisheries in the United States, our ramps receive a lot of activity. The City recently completed a grant from the State of Michigan for the rehabilitation of some launch ramps and the construction of a handicap accessible pier. In addition, the Army Corps of Engineers recently completed a wave study to determine an action plan to control nearby erosion.

508 Boat Ramp Fund

	2005 Actual	2006 Budget	2007 Request	2007 Adopted
569.001 State Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
642.000 Charge For Sales	41,348	41,000	41,000	41,000
664.000 Interest Income	1,810	1,200	1,200	1,200
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$43,158</b>	<b>\$42,200</b>	<b>\$42,200</b>	<b>\$42,200</b>
702.000 Salaries	\$11,483	\$13,000	\$18,900	\$18,900
704.000 Overtime	0	0	0	0
712.001 Costs - Social Security	745	806	1,172	1,172
712.002 Costs - Medicare	174	189	274	274
712.007 Costs - FUTA	66	58	10	10
712.009 Costs - Workers Compensation	200	260	412	412
727.001 Office/Operating Expense	1,078	500	500	500
780.001 Equipment Maint. & Supplies	5,689	10,500	10,400	10,400
801.000 Professional Services	33,324	0	0	0
806.000 Administration	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
922.000 Water	81	1,000	200	200
925.000 Electric	186	500	400	400
927.000 Utilities - Phone	0	0	0	0
970.000 Capital Outlay - Over \$2,000	0	13,000	0	0
977.000 Capital Outlay - Under \$2,000	0	0	500	500
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$55,025</b>	<b>\$41,813</b>	<b>\$34,768</b>	<b>\$34,768</b>
<b>TOTAL BOAT RAMP FUND</b>	<b>\$5,261</b>	<b>\$387</b>	<b>\$7,432</b>	<b>\$7,432</b>
Beginning Cash	\$87,703	\$8,451	\$8,838	\$8,838
Projected Ending Cash	\$8,451	\$8,838	\$16,270	\$16,270

Special Revenue Funds

Riverwalk Maintenance



This fund was established by a \$100,000 allotment from the DDA several years ago. Its purpose is to allow for a reserve to maintain and/or repair the Riverwalk as needed. Administration has elected to use this fund for major repairs, as routine maintenance is handled out of the general fund. To this end, approximately \$20,000 was spent last year to paint some hand rails and replace some decking. No major repairs are anticipated in this year's budget.

213 Riverwalk Maintenance Fund

	2005 Actual	2006 Bud\Proj	2007 Request	2007 Adopted
664.000 Interest Income	\$2,471	\$3,500	\$4,000	\$4,000
672.000 Operating Transfer In	0	0	0	0
672.004 Transfer from General Fund	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$2,471</b>	<b>\$3,500</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>
727.001 Office/Operating Expense	0	0	0	0
780.001 Equipment Maint. & Supplies	0	0	0	0
790.000 Repair & Maint. Supplies Misc.	0	3,500	3,500	3,500
931.000 Contractual Repairs & Maint.	0	0	0	8,000
970.000 Capital Outlay	0	20,000	0	0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$23,500</b>	<b>\$3,500</b>	<b>\$11,500</b>
<b>TOTAL RIVERWALK MAINTENANCE FUND</b>	<b>\$2,471</b>	<b>-\$20,000</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>-\$7,500</b>
Beginning Fund Balance	\$121,021	\$123,492	\$103,492	\$103,492
Projected Ending Fund Balance	\$123,492	\$103,492	\$103,992	\$95,992

Special Revenue Funds

Local Revenue Sharing Grant

This fund accounts for grants received from the Local Revenue Sharing Board. This three member board (which has a City representative) distributes money to local units of government as prescribed in a compact with the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, under which they operate their casino. The mechanism for receiving this money is to apply to the board for grants. The board evaluates these grants and distributes money twice per year. The City has seen a steady decline in the amount of grant dollars received over the past few years. This trend is expected to continue as the tribe expands its non-gaming facilities, and a greater portion of the available grant money must be paid out as payments in lieu of taxes. Grants are typically expended within one year of receipt.

275 Local Revenue Sharing Board Fund	2005 Actual	2006 Budget	2007 Request	2007 Adopted
570.017 2004 Cycle 2 Fire	1,300	0	0	0
570.018 2004 Cycle 2 Ramsdell	10,000	0	0	0
570.019 2005 Cycle 1 Police Surveillance	8,500	0	0	0
570.020 2005 Cycle 1 Police Chaplain	10,000	0	0	0
570.021 2005 Cycle 1 Police Surveillance	6,675	0	0	0
570.022 2005 Cycle 1 Handicap Decking	22,000	0	0	0
570.023 2005 Cycle 1 Skate Park	50,000	0	0	0
664.000 Interest Income	186	0	0	0
672.000 Operating Transfer In	0	0	0	0
694.000 Contribution from Other Funds	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$108,661</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
710.009 2003 Cycle 1 Zoning Ordinance	\$19,924	\$0	\$0	\$0
710.015 2004 Cycle 1 - Bullet Vests	4,718	0	0	0
710.016 2004 Cycle 1 - Fire Light/Generators	6,314	0	0	0
710.017 2004 Cycle 2 - Fire Resc Equip	1,341	0	0	0
710.018 2004 Cycle 2 - Ramsdell Lights	10,000	0	0	0
710.019 2005 Cycle 1 Police Surveillance	0	0	0	0
710.020 2005 Cycle 1 Police Chaplain	606	0	0	0
710.021 2005 Cycle 1 Fire Hose	1,669	0	0	0
710.022 2005 Cycle 1 Handicap Decking	0	0	0	0
710.023 2005 Cycle 1 Skate Park	10,523	0	0	0
972.000 Operating Transfer Out	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$55,095</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>TOTAL LOCAL REVENUE SHARING FUND</b>	<b>\$53,566</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Beginning Fund Balance	\$34,191	\$87,757	\$87,757	\$87,757
Projected Ending Fund Balance	\$87,757	\$87,757	\$87,757	\$87,757

Capital Project Funds

Capital Improvement Fund

This is a new fund that was created as a result of Council discussions in 2005 on the proposed budget. The purpose of this fund is to set aside money for capital improvements throughout the City. See the Capital Improvement Fund Issue Page for further details.



430 Capital Improvement Fund	2005 Actual	2006 Budget/ Projected	2007 Request	2007 Adopted
664.000 Interest Income	n/a	\$0	\$0	\$0
672.000 Operating Transfer In		340,000	120,000	100,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	n/a	<b>\$340,000</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
801.000 Professional Services	n/a	\$0	\$0	\$0
970.000 Capital Outlay - Over \$3,000		8,500	192,500	192,500
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	n/a	<b>\$8,500</b>	<b>\$192,500</b>	<b>\$192,500</b>
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT</b>	n/a	<b>\$331,500</b>	<b>-\$72,500</b>	<b>-\$92,500</b>
Beginning Fund Balance	n/a	\$0	\$331,500	\$313,500
Projected Ending Fund Balance		\$331,500	\$259,000	\$243,000

## City of Manistee Parks System

The following is a summary of rules designed to ensure everybody's enjoyment of the Manistee Parks System. A full set of the detailed rules is available at City Hall.

- All parks are open from 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. unless otherwise posted. Longer hours are available for pier and beach fishing, in season. Quiet hours are between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. except during special events. Please be considerate of the people around you and keep all noise and music volumes low.
- Picnicking in City Parks is on a first come, first serve basis. Reservations are not available. Overnight camping is not allowed in any City Park. Public and private campgrounds are available close to the City.
- Fires are only permitted in picnic grills. Please be careful with fire and hot ashes.
- People of legal age may consume alcoholic beverages in City Parks and on the beaches in a responsible manner. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the Riverwalk or outside of designated park boundaries. Disorderly conduct will result in immediate eviction.
- No glass containers of any kind are allowed on the beaches, in the parks or on the Riverwalk. Broken glass is a safety hazard.
- Please take the time to properly dispose of litter or trash. Each of us has a responsibility to help keep our parks clean.
- Commercial activities in City Parks are not allowed unless specifically authorized by the City. The sale of food, beverages, merchandise or solicitation or hand bill distribution is not allowed except as specifically approved by the City.
- Fishing is available from the beaches

(except within designated swimming areas), the piers and the Riverwalk. State license and regulations apply. Please use available fish cleaning stations.

- Due to boat traffic and strong current, swimming is not permitted in the Manistee River between Lake Michigan and Manistee Lake. Diving or jumping from the piers is not safe and is not allowed.
- A no wake zone exists in the river between Manistee Lake and the end of the piers. Please be considerate.
- The riverwalk is for pedestrian use only. Rollerblades, rollerskates, skateboards and bicycles are not allowed there or on the piers.
- Dogs and other pets are not permitted in picnic areas, buildings, on the beaches, Riverwalk or other posted areas. Dogs and other pets may be at other park properties when on a leash and under immediate control. The pet owner is responsible to clean up after the pet in all public areas.

*Enjoy the Manistee Parks System and  
allow everybody else the same  
opportunity by acting responsibly.  
Thank you.*

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### Phone Numbers:

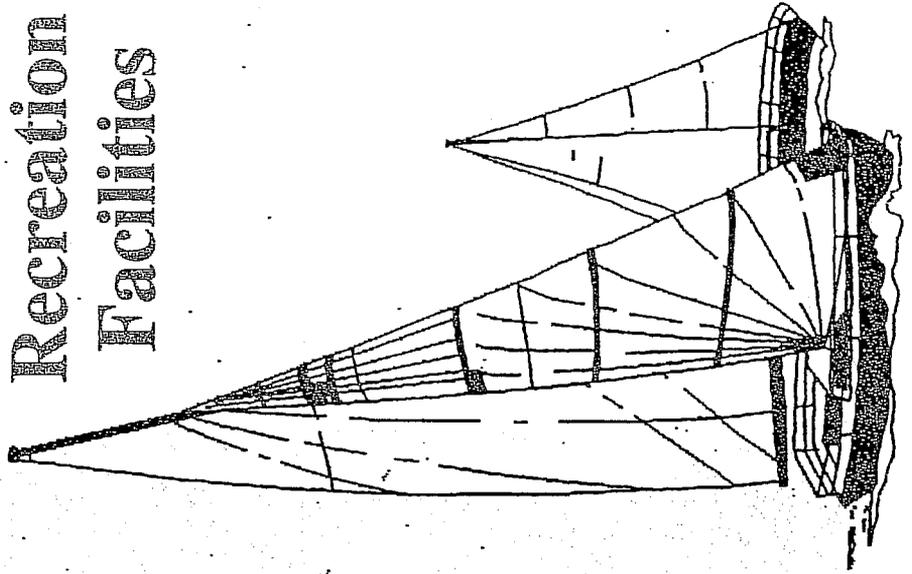
City Hall	(231) 723-2558
Parks Department	(231) 723-4051
Municipal Marina	(231) 723-1552

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Manistee's drawbridges are tended seasonally for freighters and pleasure craft.

# A City of Manistee LOOK

## Guide to Parks & Recreation Facilities





facility is on U.S. 31 north of Consumers Energy. Located on Manistee Lake this facility has a launching ramp and parking. No fish cleaning is allowed on this site.

(2) City Marina - This beautiful facility is located on the Manistee River adjacent to the Riverwalk and the Downtown Business District. The Marina is open May - September for boaters.

(3) Douglas Park/First Street Beach - This recreation spot provides an assortment of recreational options for people of all ages. Fishing is available on both the stub pier and the south pier. A wonderful spot to enjoy a sunset.

(4) Duffy Park - Located on Monroe Street east of Washington Street this park is the home of "Shorty Mucha Field."

(5) Fifth Avenue Beach - Located on Beautiful Lake Michigan. The pier is the site of Manistee's magnificent Lighthouse and historic catwalk. The public beach is located next to the U.S. Coast Guard Station.

(6) First Street Beach Boat Launch - Located adjacent to Douglas Park this boat launch facility has 8 launching ramps. A fish cleaning station is located in the parking area for the lucky angler.

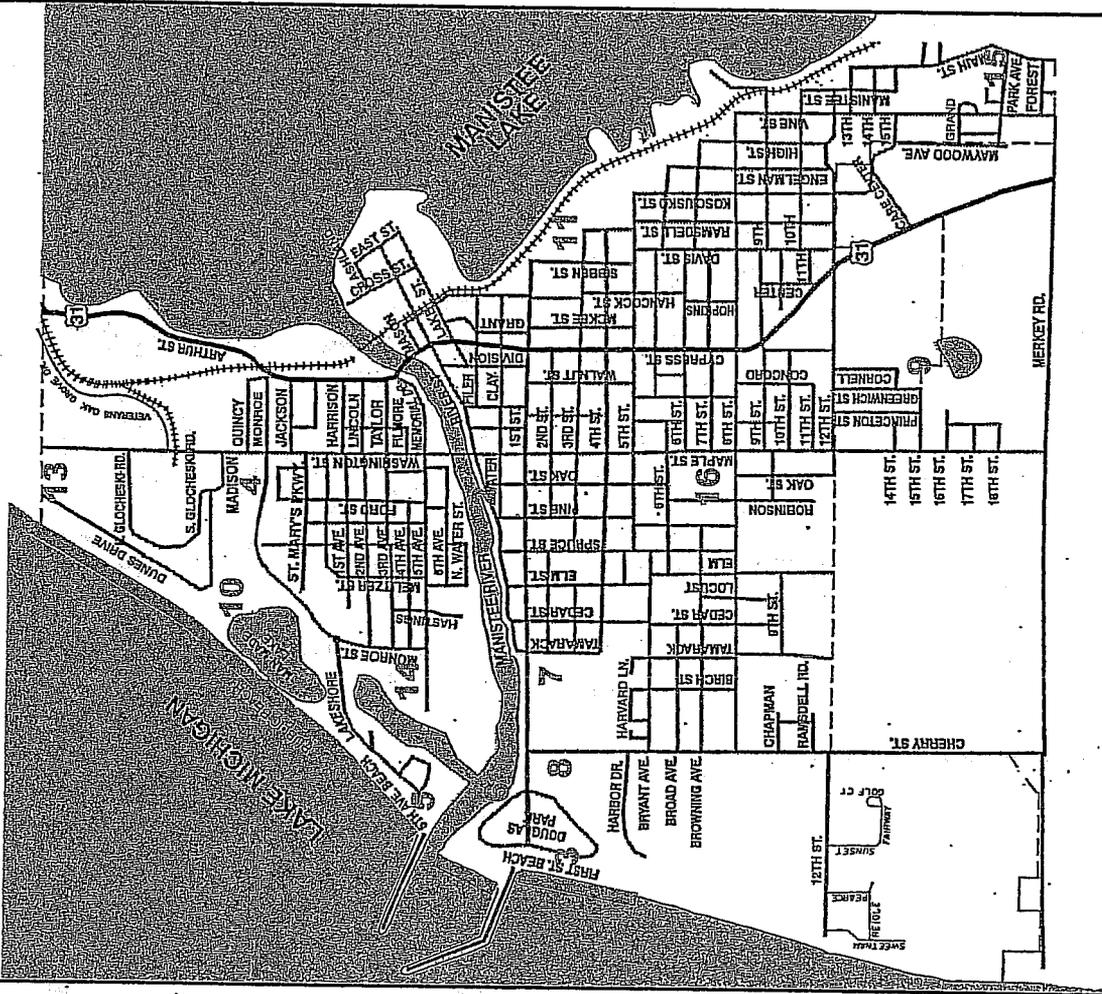
(7) Hamlin Field - The Manistee Kiwanis have worked hard maintaining a place for young baseball players to play. Located on First Street next to the Manistee Armory in back of the parking lot.

(8) Lighthouse Park - This "Imagination Station" constructed by volunteers in 1995 has captured the heart of the community. Located on Cherry Street just south of the ball fields this playground and picnic area is a wonderful place to spend the day with the family.

(9) Mack Park - Mack Park provides a baseball field that has become the home of T-Ball games for the City. This neighborhood park also provides a playground with basketball hoops for area children.

(10) Man-Made Lake - A paved parking lot provides access to Man-Made Lake and Lake Michigan.

# Your Guide to the City of Manistee Parks & Recreation Facilities



through the generosity of Morton International. This park is located on Third Street and provides a place for area children to play.

(12) Ninth Street Launching Ramp - This launch ramp is located at the east end of Ninth Street on Manistee Lake. There is limited parking at this location and no fish cleaning is allowed on site.

(13) Public Access Lake Michigan - The public can access Lake Michigan at the North City Limits. This access point is adjacent to residential property and people are asked to be considerate of the property owners.

(14) Red Szymarek Park - This wooded park is the site of the annual Forest Festival Arts & Crafts Show held during the 4th of July. The rest of the year provides a peaceful site for picnics with a small play area for children.

(15) Reitz Park - The baseball field in this park is the home of the Manistee Saint's Baseball team. This park is a wonderful place to bring the whole family.

(16) Sands Park - Located on the corner of Maple and Eighth Street this is also the location of the Teen Center. The Teen Center provides a recreation facility for the young adult with video games, snack bar and more. In the winter time the baseball field is transformed into an ice-skating rink and the Teen Center into a warming shelter for the skaters.

- Basketball Courts
- Baseball Fields
- Fishing
- Fishing from Shore
- Lifeguard on Duty (July - Aug)
- Picnic Areas
- Playgrounds
- Public Restrooms
- Tennis Courts
- Volleyball Nets
- Bathroom
- Boatlaunch
- Concessions
- Public Bench
- Skateboard



## Draft of the City of Manistee Non-Motorized Transportation Plan, April 27, 2006

### **Mission Statement:**

The City of Manistee Non-Motorized Transportation Committee will work to provide safe, scenic routes throughout the City that encourages non-motorized transportation use for fitness, transportation and tourism while enhancing the City's attributes and appeal and connecting the city to surrounding communities.

### **Overview:**

The City of Manistee Master Plan establishes that there historically and currently is an interest in non-motorized facilities within the City of Manistee. Established non-motorized facilities are those improvements and provisions made to enhance bicycling and walking such as bike lanes, bike racks, etc. Creating a transportation environment that encourages bike usage, walking and the combined use of aforementioned and public motorized transportation ( dial-a-ride ) will assist in providing for the following:

- Increased safety for pedestrians and cyclists;
- Other transportation opportunities;
- Possible increase in funding attractiveness;
- Alternatives for maintaining a healthy lifestyle;
- Environmental stewardship;
- Increased awareness for community sustainability;
- Connectivity, the linkage between various destination points in the community and surrounding communities;
- City enhancement

### **Definitions:**

For the purpose of this plan, bike lanes, bike routes, bike paths are based upon the "Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities" prepared by the AASHTO Task Force and published by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and are as follows:

- Bike Lane: A portion of a roadway which has been designated by striping, signing and/or pavement markings for the preferential or exclusive use for bicyclist.
- Bike Route: A segment of a system of designated bike ways that have appropriate directional and informational markers.
- Bike Path: A bike lane physically separated from motorized vehicular traffic.
- Bike Way: A generic term for any road, street, path or way which in some manner is specifically designated for bicycle travel, regardless of whether such facilities are designated for the exclusive use of bicycles or are to be shared with other transportation modes.

## Action Plan:

### Goal:

Create a transportation environment that encourages non-motorized alternatives throughout the city of Manistee and increase connectivity to routes outside the city limits.

### Objectives:

#### 1. Develop a Non-Motorized Transportation Committee

- Convene a group of volunteers to develop and coordinate the implementation of the goals and objectives of the City of Manistee Non-Motorized Transportation Plan. The City Manager will appoint a liaison to act as staff to the commission.

#### 2. Increase Awareness

- Bike/Hike to Work/School day or week

The City of Manistee will sponsor a day or week each year to promote non-motorized transportation. Various activities during this time will be designed to encourage bicycling and walking and generate enthusiasm. This day or week will focus on safety as well and community involvement.

- Promotion of State Wide Non-motorized Events

The City of Manistee will assist in promoting various annual tours and races of non-motorized nature. Notices will be posted in appropriate publications and locations.

#### 3. Develop designated bike lanes within City limits.

- Bicycle Route Map

The City of Manistee will develop a map that delineates the location of bike lanes and routes within the city limits that will showcase the City's attributes, increase City appeal and provide safe, scenic routes that encourage non-motorized use. The map will be distributed in a brochure form as well as be distributed to surrounding communities and similar state wide organizations. The map will be designed with the foresight of connecting to such facilities outside the city limits. **See Appendix A.**

- Non-Motorized Facilities Map

The City of Manistee will develop a map that illustrates all non-motorized facilities including but not limited to bike lanes and routes and pathways, walking routes and pathways (the riverwalk) and the skate park.

- Visual indicators of Non-motorize facilities

The City of Manistee will assist in securing signs, paint, stencils, pavement preparation for paint application and other necessary tool needed to apply visual cues regarding the location of the bike lanes. This information will also be illustrated on the bicycle route map and the non-motorized transportation facilities map. Signs will be designed and erected along non-motorized routes and pathways that indicate the presence of such facilities as well as guide users to points of interest.

#### 4. Provide non-motorized storage facilities

- Bicycle Racks and Benches

The City of Manistee will assist in securing permanent bike racks for various

points of interest along the routes and pathways. Additional racks and benches may be purchased by privately owned entities by either donations that commemorate an individual and are shown their respect through a mounted memorial plaque located on or near the rack or bench. The committee will provide recommended locations to the city for 30 bike racks and for a number of benches.

The City will provide and strategically place portable racks and benches during city events.

- **Dial a Ride**

The City of Manistee will work with Dial-a-Ride and other systems of public transportation to provide a means of storage and transport of bicycles and other modes of non-motorized transportation.

5. Work with adjacent municipalities and the State of Michigan to connect and lengthen the City of Manistee's non-motorized routes and pathways.

- Identify non-motorized facilities outside and adjacent to City of Manistee's limits.
- Develop a draft of a map that highlights where existing and planned routes and pathways inside the City limits can be joined to such facilities outside of the City limits.
- Communicate with surrounding communities and the State of Michigan to develop an ongoing creative, cooperative relationship that results in specific, doable action plans.
- Support the development of a non-motorized facility plan for Manistee County and the State of Michigan.
- **Develop Bike way on Washington Ave., a key component for connectivity.**

6. Maintain Non-motorized Transportation Facilities

- Maintaining the facilities of this committee is an important component to this plan. Yearly inspection of pavement surface, integrity visual indicators, racks and benches is essential to a healthy system. Volunteer crews will be incorporated to achieve this objective. Funding for maintenance should be a component of the City's yearly budget.

7. Emphasize Non-motorized Transportation facilities when designing construction/reconstruction projects.

- As a matter of public policy, the City of Manistee will consider non-motorized transportation amenities when undertaking road construction or reconstruction projects. The City of Manistee will do to the best of their ability, influence County and State road projects to consider the inclusion of non-motorized facilities.
- Manistee City Planning Commission will consider non-motorized facilities when working on zoning, special use permits, and new projects that occur within the City.
- The City of Manistee shall make every effort to keep this commission abreast of new construction and opportunities that could include non-motorized transportation facilities.

8. Goals

- The Non-Motorized Transportation Committee will set a goal setting meeting every August to review the past and present year's progress and set forth goals for the following year. These goals should be presented to the City of Manistee's City Council and Planning Commission and include objectives and action plans.



## COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND GREENWAY PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST

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

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

All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans* provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). To be eligible for grant consideration, plans must be submitted to the DNR prior to the grant application deadline with a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan.

### PLAN INFORMATION

Name of Plan: <b>Parks and Recreation Plan 2007 - 2012</b>		
List the community names (including school districts) covered by the plan	County	Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body
<b>City of Manistee</b>	<b>Manistee</b>	<b>February 2007</b>

### PLAN CONTENT

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please check each box to certify that the listed information is included in the final plan.

**1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION**

**2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE**

- Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s)
- Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart
- Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation
- Programming
- Current Funding Sources
- Role of Volunteers
- Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations
- Regional Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only**
- Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of Participating Communities
- Articles of Incorporation

**3. RECREATION INVENTORY**

- Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory
- Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities
- Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required)
- Accessibility Assessment
- Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities

**4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)**

**5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS**

6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

Description of the Method(s) Used to Solicit Public Input Before or During Preparation of the Plan, Including a Copy of the Survey or Meeting Agenda and a Summary of the Responses Received

Copy of the Notice of the Availability of the Draft Plan for Public Review and Comment

Date of the Notice January 18, 2007

Type of Notice Advertisement in Newspaper

Plan Location City Hall, County Library, City Web Page

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) \_\_\_\_\_

Copy of the Notice for the Public Meeting Held after the One Month Public Review Period and Before the Plan's Adoption by the Governing Body(ies)

Date of Notice January 18, 2007

Name of Newspaper Manistee News Advocate

Date of Meeting February 20, 2007

Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

8. ACTION PROGRAM

**PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION**

Plans must be adopted by the highest level *governing body* (i.e., city council, county commission, township board). If planning is the responsibility of a Planning Commission, Park and Recreation Commission, Recreation Advisory Board or other local Board or Commission, the plan should also include a resolution from the Board or Commission recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body.

The local unit of government must submit the final plan to both the County and Regional Planning Agency for their information. Documentation that this was done must be submitted with the plan to the DNR.

Items 1, 3 and 4 below are required and must be included in the plan.

**APPROVAL DOCUMENTATION:** For multi-jurisdictional plans, each local unit of government must pass a resolution adopting the plan. Prepare and attach a separate page for each unit of government included in the plan.

1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: February 20, 2007

2. Official resolution of the Parks and Planning Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: January 11 & February 1,

3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: February 22, 2007

4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: February 22, 2007

**OVERALL CERTIFICATION**

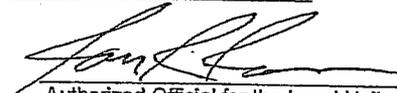
**NOTE:** For multi-jurisdictional plans, Overall Certification must include the signature of each local unit of government. Prepare and attach a separate signature page for each unit of government included in the plan.

*I hereby certify that the recreation plan for*

City of Manistee  
(Local Unit of Government)

*includes the required content, as indicated*

*above and as set forth by the DNR.*



Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government

2/22/07

Date

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

GRANTS MANAGEMENT  
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL  
RESOURCES  
PO BOX 30425  
LANSING, MI 48909-7925

**DNR USE ONLY - APPROVAL**

The recreation plan is approved by the DNR and the community (ies) covered by the plan, as listed on page 1 of this checklist is/are eligible to apply for recreation grants through

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

By:

Grants Management

Date



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70 Maple Street

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231.398.2801

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231.398.2802

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70 Maple Street  
231.723.2533  
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50 Ninth St.  
231.723.1553

February 22, 2007

Linda Hegstrom  
Grants Management  
Michigan Department of Natural Resources  
P.O. Box 30425  
Lansing, MI 48909-7925

Dear Ms. Hegstrom:

Enclosed is a copy of the City of Manistee's Parks and Recreation Plan for 2007 - 2012.  
We would appreciate your approval.

If you have any questions, please call me at 231.398.2805. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

CITY OF MANISTEE

Jon R. Rose  
Community Development Director

JRR:djb

Enclosure

