

CITY OF ISHPEMING

RECREATION PLAN

2024-2028





**City of Ishpeming
Resolution #1-2024
Adoption of Parks and Recreation Plan 2024-2028**

*Marquette County
January 10, 2024*

WHEREAS, the City Council is made up of representatives from the City of Ishpeming, and

WHEREAS, the City of Ishpeming's Recreation Commission began the process of developing a community recreation and natural resource conservation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, residents of the City of Ishpeming were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least 30 days, and

WHEREAS, After the 30-day public review and comment period, a public hearing was held on January 10th, 2024 at the Ishpeming City Hall, 100 East Division Street, Ishpeming by the Ishpeming City Council to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions and discuss all aspects of the City of Ishpeming's Parks and Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Ishpeming City Council voted to adopt said City of Ishpeming Parks and Recreation Plan for 2024 through 2028.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Ishpeming City Council hereby adopts the City of Ishpeming Parks and Recreation Plan.

Upon a roll call the vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mayor Jason Chapman, Councilmembers Lindsay Bean, Elizabeth Firby, Renelle Halverson, and Pat Scanlon (5)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: None (0)

I, the undersigned, being duly qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Ishpeming, do hereby certify the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Ishpeming City Council and the City of Ishpeming, County of Marquette, Michigan at a regular City Council Meeting held on Wednesday, January 10th, 2024, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Cathy Smith, Ishpeming City Clerk

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INTRODUCTION

5-YEAR RECREATION PLAN

Every 5 years communities throughout Michigan update their recreation plans to ensure qualification for annual Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) funding opportunities.

The 5-year recreation plan must adhere to a format defined by the MDNR and outline priority goals, objectives, and projects with the potential to be completed within the 5-year window and beyond.

This document synthesizes data on natural resources, community demographics, existing recreation assets, operational management, citizen input, and community partnerships to generate an all-inclusive map for recreation in the community. It describes community values, highlights common goals and objectives, and outlines strategies to achieve these goals.

Looking beyond the 5-year window, this document will serve as a road map for future endeavors improving parks for decades to come. The 2024-2028 Recreation Plan will assist city officials in determining priority projects to nurture an already expansive parks system. It will outline strategies for making parks accessible to all and provide park designs that allow future generations to grow and prosper within.

FOUR KEY FOCUS AREAS:

- Ishpeming as a Recreation Destination
- Supporting Healthy, Active Lifestyles
- Meeting Increased Demand for Trails
- Improving Outdated Infrastructure



The National Parks and Recreation Association 2022 Agency Performance Review summarizes what many of us, as Michiganders have realized: “Two years into the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, one thing is clear: parks and recreation is essential.” Park visitation increased dramatically during the pandemic, with the promise of access to fresh air and room to run, play, and gather. Park and recreation resources offered within the City of Ishpeming provided residents with the opportunity to pursue the recreation or leisure activity of their choosing (see page 33 Community Survey Results). The parks and trails within the city continue to offer rewarding recreation opportunities while promoting a love for one’s community, as well as better physical and mental health. The priorities outlined in this plan will provide increased access to recreational amenities while ensuring there are a variety of opportunities for current and future generations.

Crunching the numbers, the parks and recreation industry is an avenue for community development and growth as well. As noted in a June 2023 speech by Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist II, “The outdoor recreation sector was worth \$10.8 billion to the state’s economy in 2021, providing more than 100,000 direct jobs.” The City of Ishpeming already hosts a variety of recreation oriented events, services, and shops, but the potential for additional job opportunities and community development is extensive. By promoting the spectacular natural resources this city has to offer and generating a plan for sustainable recreation design, the promise of a truly resilient community can be realized.

Introduction

The City of Ishpeming is a 9.38 square mile parcel of land located in the central portion of Marquette County, within the Marquette Iron Range of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. It is located adjacent to the west of the City of Negaunee, and about 14 miles west of the City of Marquette.



PLANNING PROCESS

RECREATION PLAN



2 COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

CITY OF ISHPEMING

The City of Ishpeming is a mining town with an extensive history of recreation. Known as the “birthplace for organized skiing,” one of the nation’s first ski clubs was formed in Ishpeming in 1887. Since then the city has produced many famous ski jumpers, practicing on its renowned Suicide Hill. The National Ski Association was formed in Ishpeming in 1904 and the city hosts the National Ski Hall of Fame.

While the community is inseparable from its history of mining on the Iron Range, its distinction as a skiing destination is also deeply ingrained in community culture. The city continues to host Northern Michigan University ski competitions as well as the Junior National Qualifier and annual ski jumping tournament. In more recent history, the city has embraced many other forms of recreation most notably, mountain biking. It has the potential for a tremendous future in recreation with its unique combination of rugged terrain, rich natural resources, and four seasons of varied activities.



US SKI AND SNOWBOARD HALL OF FAME

The Iron Range is geographically isolated and largely undeveloped wilderness. Most local development occurred due to the wealth underground. The early mining activities lead to the establishment of numerous operational mines within the city limits. The city’s homes and businesses literally grew up around the mines. Some of these historic sites have been preserved or are being preserved for future generations to learn about the early life of miners and their families. Today, there are no active mines within the city’s corporate limits; however, the Tilden Mine (Iron) is located south of the city in Tilden Township and the Eagle Mine (Copper and Nickel) is located north of the city in Powell Township. Mining still has a significant impact on the city’s economy, but not as much as it once did.

In recent decades, recreation and tourism have become a key economic driver within the city. The service and retail trade sectors benefit from money spent by visitors in the area. Agritourism is also making headway within the community with the establishment of Partridge Creek Farm and other local farms. Partridge Creek Farm hosts a successful farm to school program, introducing students to the practice of growing your own food and eating healthier. Ishpeming’s future is bright as the city continues to create and sustain a vibrant community that preserves and appreciates its amazing history and abundant natural resources.

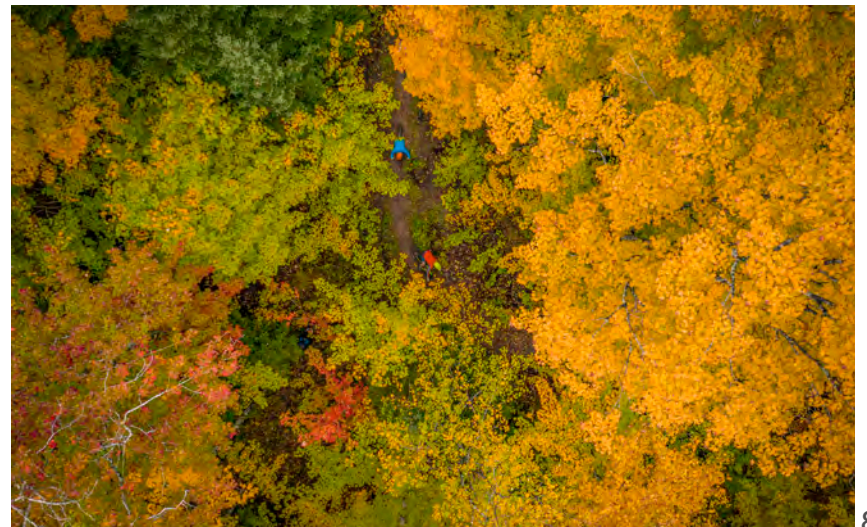


PHOTO COURTESY: AARON PETERSON STUDIOS

CITY DATA AS IT RELATES TO RECREATION

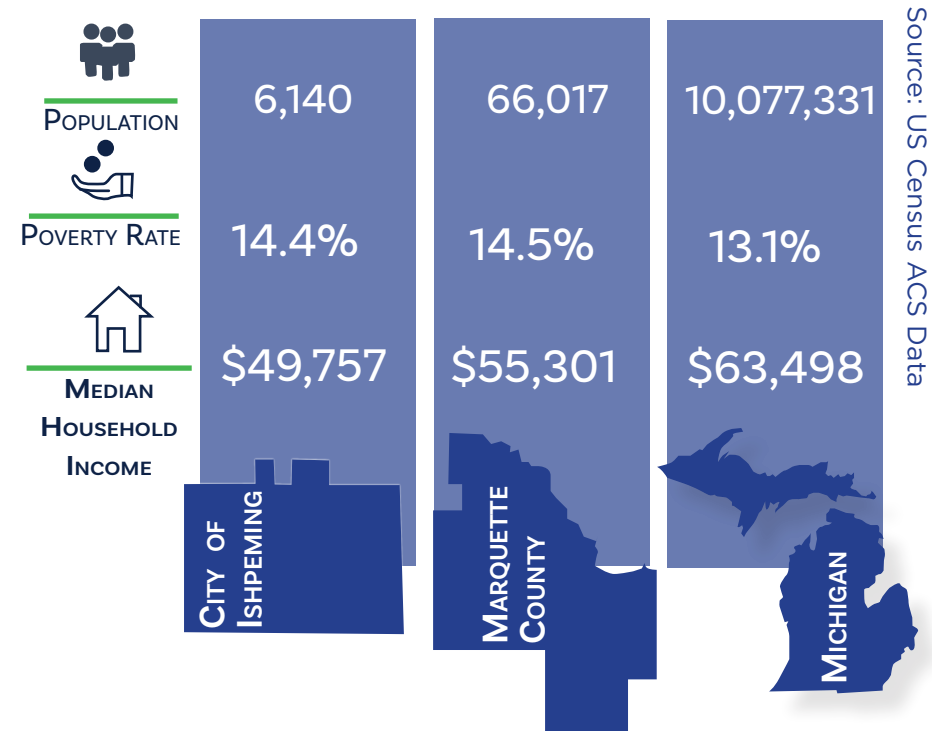
Assessing the number of people in the community and their demographic characteristics helps planners and policy makers to determine the needs of the community. For recreation planning, population data is useful when applying recreation standards to a community.

While the population in the State of Michigan increased in the last thirty years, Marquette County has experienced a slow decline in population as well as the City of Ishpeming. Population trends are shown in the adjacent table.

Understanding the composition of the population by age will help leaders plan for the types of recreation and facilities that will maximize opportunity for as many residents as possible. In the pie charts shown below, the City of Ishpeming's age demographics are unique in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, illustrating a slight increase in 0-25 year olds. This shift affirms the draw the community provides to young families through hosting affordable housing options, employment and education opportunities, and an abundance of recreational access.

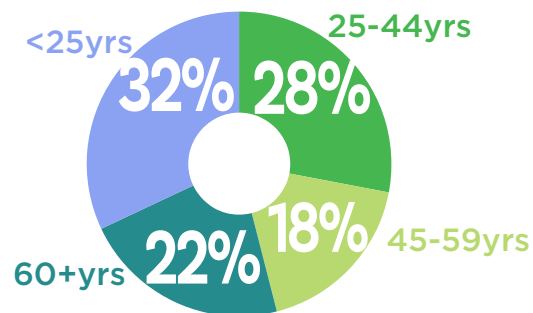
To ensure aging populations and younger generations continue to have access to recreation opportunities the city must continue to develop accessible facilities that can be enjoyed year round.

	YEAR	1990	2000	2010	2020	PERCENT CHANGE 1990-2020
CITY OF ISHPERING:	POPULATION	7,200	6,686	6,500	6,140	-14.7%
MARQUETTE COUNTY:	POPULATION	70,887	64,634	67,178	66,017	-6.8%
STATE OF MICHIGAN	POPULATION	9,262,044	---	---	10,077,331	+8%



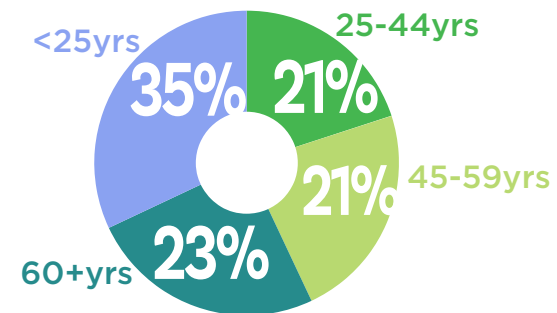
AGE | 2000

Source: US Census ACS Data



AGE | 2023

Source: US Census ACS Data



3 ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

City of Ishpeming Budget + Spending

In recent years the city has dedicated an average of \$443,872 annually for parks and recreation operations, maintenance, and capital investment. Figures fluctuated with the influx of grant funds to complete capital improvement and new park construction endeavors. This plan will serve as a first step toward meeting requirements to apply for MDNR grants. By augmenting existing budgets with grant and other outside funding sources the city will have the ability to provide needed improvements and upgrades.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Revenues	\$57,102	\$48,271	\$38,628	\$27,557	\$32,753	\$27,250
Grants Revenues		\$300,000			\$100,000	\$179,000
Operations + Maintenance	\$226,244	\$169,481	\$168,560	\$237,166	\$226,542	\$224,600
Capital Outlay	\$47,740	\$586,800	\$54,500	\$78,600	\$428,000	\$215,000
Total Expenditures	\$273,984	\$756,281	\$223,060	\$315,766	\$654,542	\$439,600

A few recent recreation projects include:

2019 - the Construction of the Lake Bancroft Pavilion

2022 - Construction of the Brasswire Campground

Proposed in 2023 - Teal Lake Boat Launch, Lake Bancroft Playground, and Al Quaal Improvements

2023 Sources of Operating Expenditures:

General Tax Support	\$197,350	
Park + Rec Fees	\$27,250	
Public Improvement Fund Support	\$140,000	Al Quaal Improvements
Grants	\$100,000	Boat Launch MDNR Rec Passport Grant
Donations/Fund Raising	\$134,500	Playground Funds from Kiwanis Club

The yellow panel on the left reflects the most recent (2022) data gathered by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) noting average spending, employee numbers, park type and quantity and other recreation related features within park systems throughout the United States.

2022 KEY FINDINGS

The National Recreation And Park Association [NRPA] has assembled a 2022 Agency Performance Review featuring park metrics throughout the nation. The goal of this document is to help local park systems identify the optimal mix of facilities and programming for their community. Key 2022 findings are listed below:





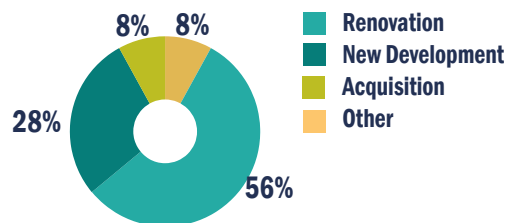
NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION

OPERATING EXPENDITURES PER ACRE The median level of operating expenditures is \$7,823 per acre of park and non-park sites managed by the agency.

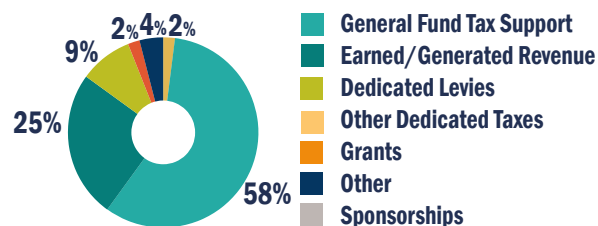
OPERATING EXPENDITURES PER FTE The typical park and recreation agency spends \$102,530 in annual operating expenditures for each employee.

DISTRIBUTION OF OPERATING EXPENDITURES At the typical park and recreation agency, staffing costs account for 54% of the operating budget.

Targets for Capital Expenditures

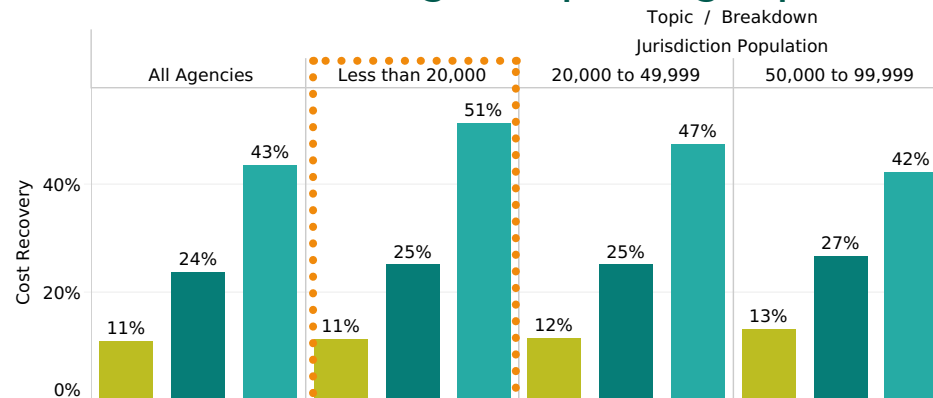


Sources of Operating Expenditures

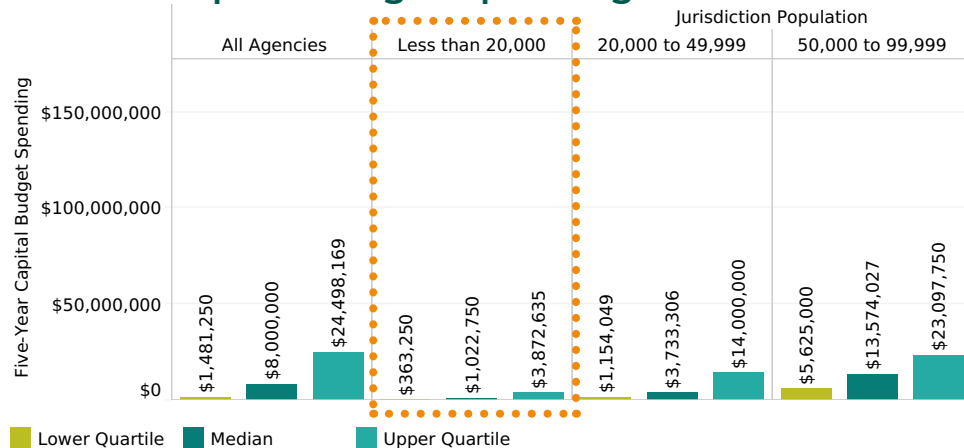


*FINDINGS FROM THE 2022 NRPA AGENCY PERFORMANCE REVIEW USES SURVEY DATA GATHERED FROM 2019-2021 BY NRPA PARK METRICS

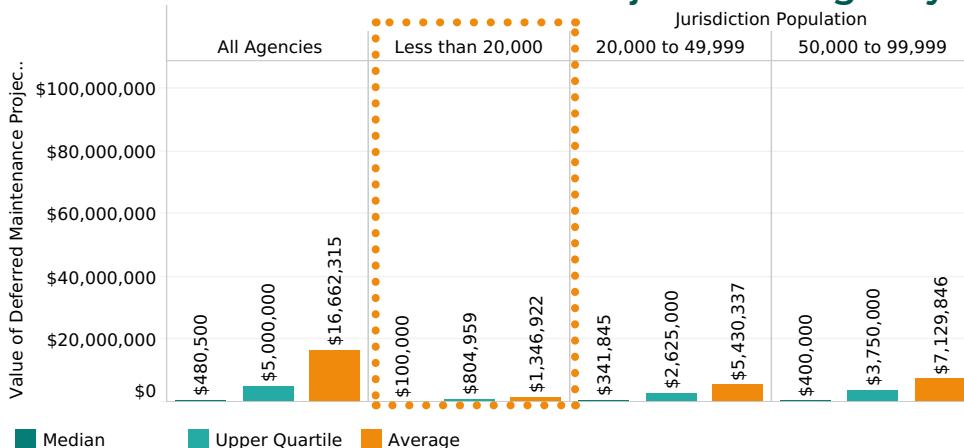
Revenues as a Percentage of Operating Expenditures



Five-Year Capital Budget Spending



Value of Deferred Maintenance Projects Per Agency



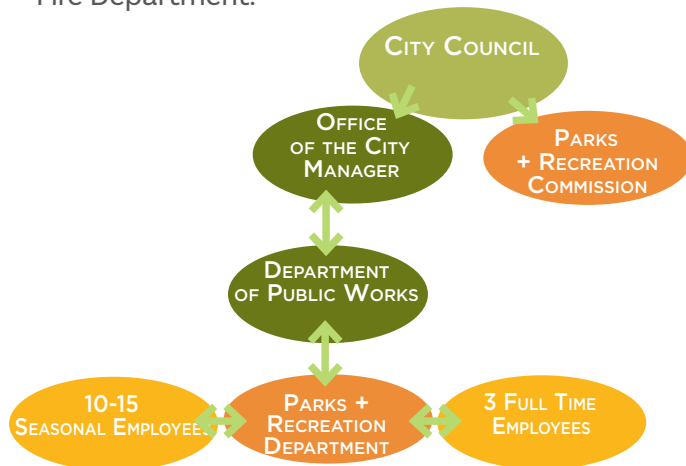
PEOPLE + FUNDING

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Under 1917 Public Act 156, the City of Ishpeming has appointed a Parks and Recreation Commission. The Parks and Recreation Commission is a 9-person advisory group which includes representatives from Ishpeming City Council, Ishpeming High School, and other community members. The Commission meets on a regular basis to formulate initiatives for the city's recreational programs and park system, to provide oversight for these areas, and to review and recommend changes to this plan. In addition, we share all our plans with our neighbors in the City of Negaunee, Ishpeming Township, and Negaunee Township. In 2007, the City of Ishpeming and City of Negaunee created a shared use plan for about 300 acres north of Teal Lake and within the city limits of Negaunee. Presently this parcel of land is used for cross country ski trails, hiking trails, and as a nature preserve.

Other City organizations that have a significant role in Parks and Recreation include the Department of Public Works, Police Department, Zoning Board of Appeals, Downtown Development Authority, Neighborhood Improvement Committee, Cemetery Board, and Library Board.

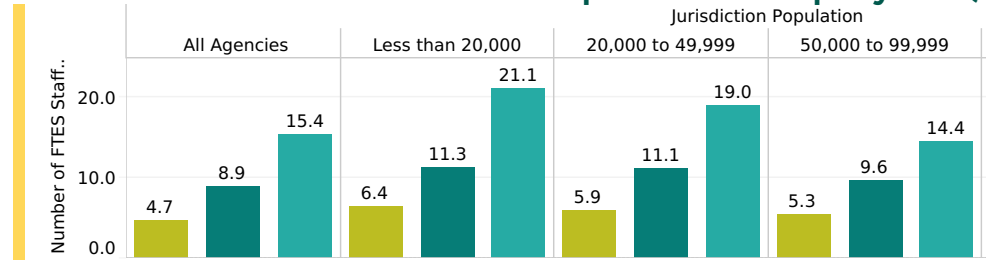
The city currently employs approximately 40 full-time equivalent employees. Departments include City Hall, Carnegie Public Library, 24/7 Police Department, Public Works Department, and a Volunteer Fire Department.



Key Responsibilities of Parks + Recreation

NRPA NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION	Jurisdiction Population			
	All Agencies	Less than 20,000	20,000 to 49,999	50,000 to 99,999
Operate and maintain park sites	98%	98%	97%	99%
Operate and maintain indoor facilities	91%	85%	90%	95%
Conduct jurisdiction wide special events	81%	75%	83%	82%
Operate and maintain non-park sites	69%	62%	69%	67%
Operate, maintain, or contract outdoor swim facilities/water parks	67%	51%	65%	70%
Operate, maintain, or contract racquet sport activities/courts/facilities	63%	58%	56%	73%
Administer or manage tournament/event quality outdoor sports complexes	56%	35%	53%	64%
Administer community gardens	45%	32%	50%	47%
Manage large performance outdoor amphitheaters	37%	21%	32%	43%
Operate, maintain, or contract tourism attractions	36%	25%	31%	30%
Operate, maintain, or contract golf courses	36%	13%	28%	36%
Operate, maintain, or contract indoor swim facilities/water parks	32%	19%	32%	40%
Maintain or manage beaches (inclusive of all waterbody types)	22%	15%	21%	21%
Administer or manage farmer's markets	21%	16%	24%	26%
Maintain, manage or lease indoor performing arts center	20%	10%	18%	25%
Administer or manage tournament/event quality indoor sports complexes	20%	12%	19%	22%
Operate, maintain, or contract campgrounds	18%	12%	8%	7%
Operate, maintain or contract marinas	11%	7%	6%	8%
Administer or manage professional or college-type stadium/arena/racetrack	9%	2%	5%	9%
Manage or maintain fairgrounds	6%	5%	3%	5%

Park + Recreation Full-Time Equivalent Employees (FTEs)



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Lower Quartile
Median
Upper Quartile

VOLUNTEERS + PARTNERSHIPS

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS

Volunteers are critical for recreational programs in the city. Ishpeming hosts numerous recreational events supported by volunteers for: mountain biking, cross-country skiing, basketball, and running. League sports, such as little league teams and the American Legion baseball team, enjoy the support of dedicated volunteers.

The City has had a long and successful relationship with community and school organizations. Community organizations supporting recreation include the Downtown Development Authority (ODA), the Ishpeming Business Association, Kiwanis, the Ishpeming Ski Club and various organizations that support recreational activities and youth sports. Ishpeming schools athletic department, booster club, coaches, officials, and athletes are key players in the continued development of

recreational facilities within the city. The city receives support from corporate and individual donations to promote recreational activities and projects as well. Examples include: The development of mountain biking trails within and around the city in partnership with the Range Area Mountain Bike Association, the Iron Ore Heritage Trail Association with development of a multi-use trail system and associated amenities, and the Moose Country Snowmobile Club that maintains the trails throughout the city.

A list of recreation organizations associated with the city are listed in the chart on this page.

ORGANIZATION	RECREATION TYPE
UP Disk Golf Association	Disc Golf
Range Area Mountain Bike Assoc. (RAMBA)	Mountain biking, Running, XC Skiing, Hiking Snowshoeing
Iron Ore Heritage Trail Assoc. (IOHT)	Biking, Running, XC Skiing, Hiking, Snowshoeing
Greater Ishpeming Commission on Aging	Senior oriented recreation and leisure
Upper Peninsula Luge Club	Sledding
Little Bella's	Mountain biking
Ishpeming Ski Club	Skiing
NICE Community Schools	Gus Macker Tournament
Ishpeming Little League	Little League Baseball
906 Adventure Team	Mountain biking



IMAGE SOURCE: [HTTPS://THEPOLARROLL.COM/POLAR-ROLL2023/](https://thepolarroll.com/polar-roll2023/)

4 THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

LANDSCAPE TYPOLOGIES

The natural features that make up the City of Ishpeming's landscape are defined by rugged terrain and inland lakes. Each landscape hosts its own list of potential recreational opportunities.

The city's landscape can be broken into a series of categories, known as landscape typologies. These include virgin growth forest, deciduous forest, woody wetlands, maintained turf, mixed forest, inland lakes, and hardscape.

The layers of geology, soils, topography, hydrology and existing development are analyzed in the pages that follow. Finding the right balance of development and preservation of natural resources within a community is key to maintaining a long lasting beautiful place for generations to explore and appreciate.



VIRGIN GROWTH FOREST



DECIDUOUS FOREST



WOODY WETLANDS



MAINTAINED TURF



HARDSCAPE



INLAND LAKES



MIXED FOREST

Geology and soils provide the foundation for all forms of life and its related activities. Generating an understanding of these baseline layers is critical to developing a well rounded and feasible vision for future development and preservation measures.

The City of Ishpeming has a developed core featuring hardscaped surfaces with natural surface trails weaving throughout. Beyond it's urban center the original landscape typologies are more apparent with a mix of inland lakes, woody wetlands, deciduous and mixed forests, and pockets of herbaceous landcover. The wetland areas feature peaty soils high in organic matter. They serve as nature's sponge soaking up harmful chemicals and pollutants and reducing erosion by slowing the rate of runoff. As illustrated in the diagram above, they improve water quality by filtering and recharging groundwater reservoirs. They also provide abundant habitat for wildlife. It is necessary to preserve these natural filters as much as possible so we can continue to source clean drinking water and keep our waterbodies free from contaminants.

1 Vanlier, K. E. (1963). Ground Water in Menominee County. Geological Survey. <https://doi.org/https://www.michigan.gov/-/media/Project/Websites/egle/Documents/Programs/OGMD/Catalog/09/GIMDL-WI021.PDF?rev=abc510020ff14000800bd065616d42ce>

The diagram illustrates a cross-section of a wetland landscape. On the left, a stream flows into a wetland area. A blue arrow labeled 'Groundwater flow' points from the stream into the wetland. Another blue arrow labeled 'Dissipated stream energy' points to the point of entry. A brown arrow labeled 'Groundwater infiltration' points down into the wetland floor. A blue arrow labeled 'Bacteria break down contaminants' points to the wetland floor. A blue arrow labeled 'Saturated peat stores water' points to the wetland floor. A blue arrow labeled 'Slow release of stored water' points from the wetland floor to a 'Stream' on the right. A blue arrow labeled 'Cleaner water outflow' points to the stream. A blue arrow labeled 'Provides critical wildlife habitat' points to the wetland area. A blue arrow labeled 'Contaminants and sediments are filtered' points to the wetland area. A yellow sponge is shown in the bottom left corner, representing the water storage capacity of the wetland.

Groundwater flow

Dissipated stream energy

Groundwater infiltration

Bacteria break down contaminants

Saturated peat stores water

Slow release of stored water

Cleaner water outflow

Provides critical wildlife habitat

Contaminants and sediments are filtered

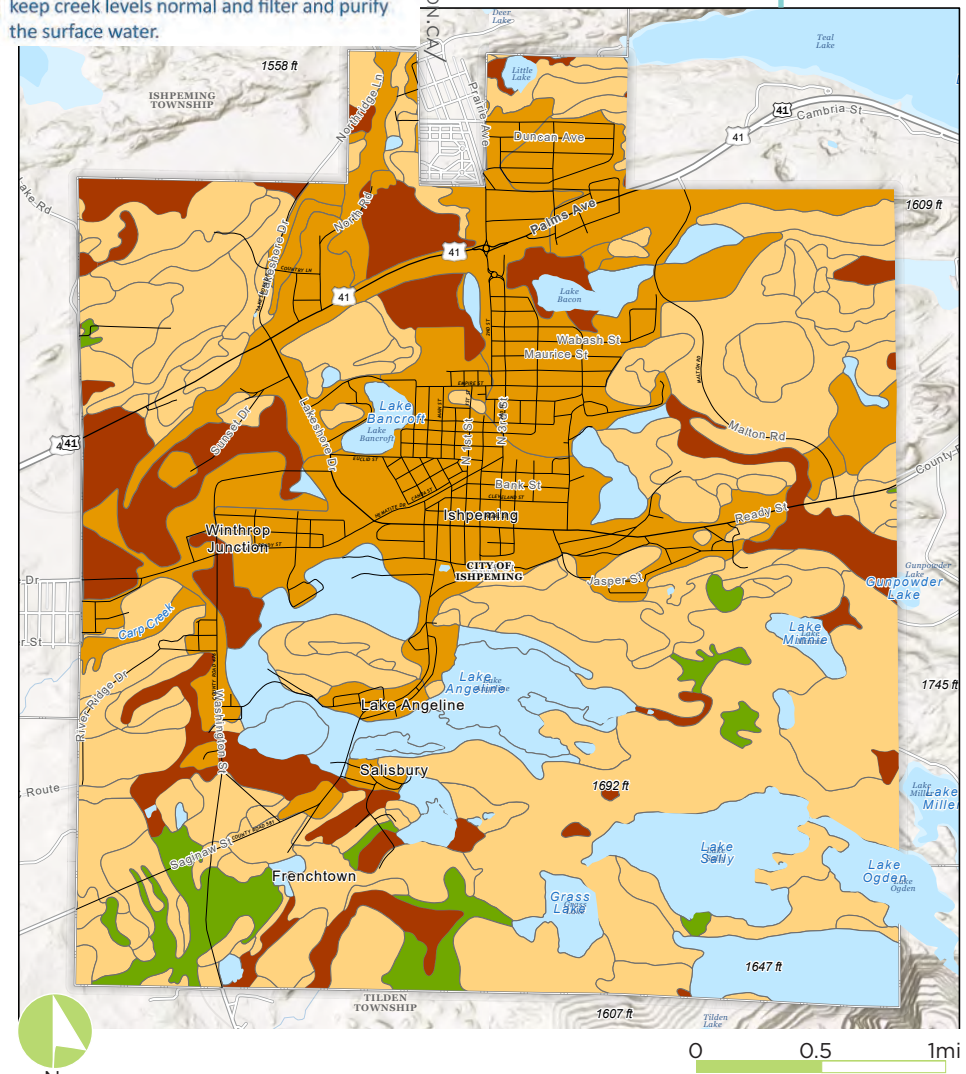
Stream

Wetlands prevent flooding by holding water much like a sponge. By doing so, wetlands help keep creek levels normal and filter and purify the surface water.

<https://www.kettlecreekconservation.org/>

SOIL ORDERS

- WATER
- ENTISOLS
- HISTOSOLS
- INCEPTISOLS
- SPODOSOLS



TOPOGRAPHY

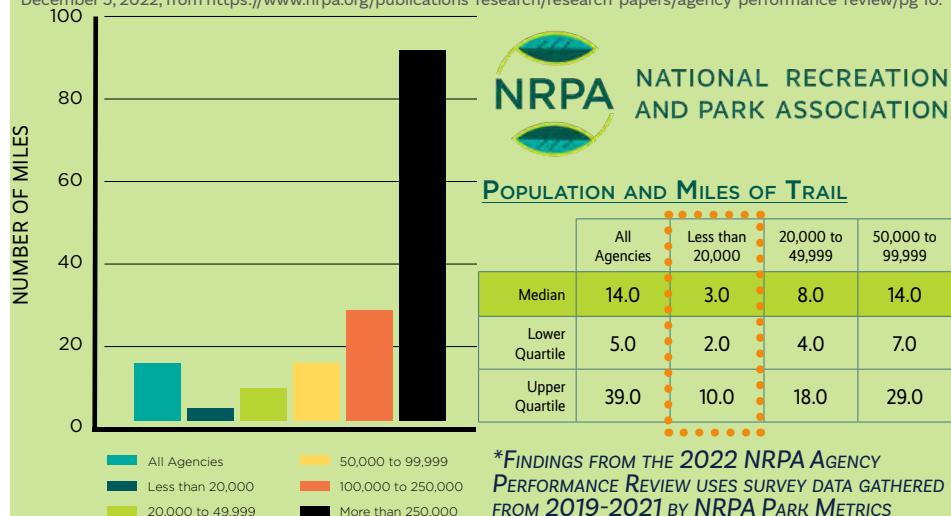
The terrain within the City of Ishpeming is varied with many steep sections and rocky outcrops. Jasper Knob, southeast of downtown, is the world's largest gemstone of jaspilite made up of fine bands of jasper (quartz) and hematite. Brasswire hill was the site of ski jumping tournaments in 1901, taking advantage of the steep terrain. Today, local clubs flock to this landscape for a variety of recreational activities. Mountain biking, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, hiking and motor sports trails crisscross the community. The city recognizes its unique asset in its topography and hosts a multitude of sporting events and races boosting the economy and bringing people to local shops and restaurants.

TRAILS

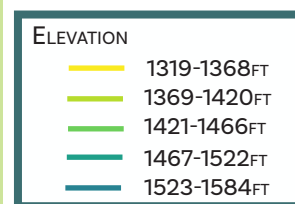
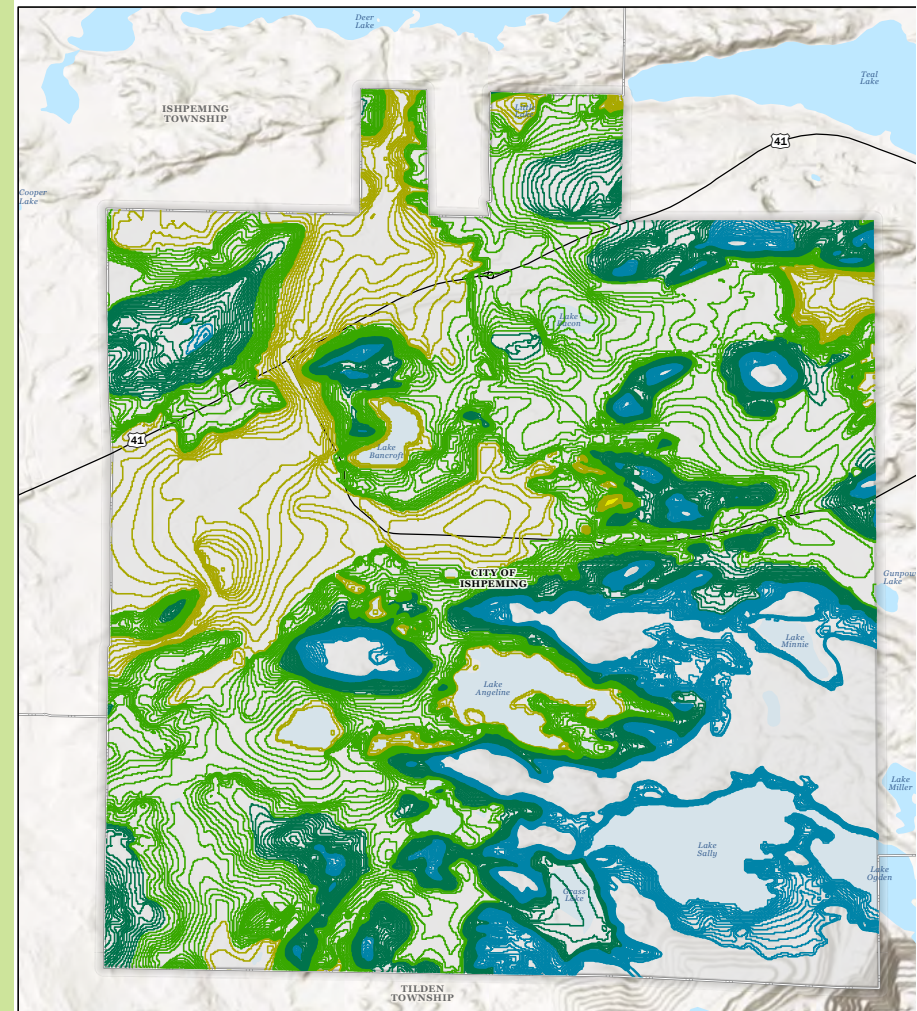
Exposed bedrock and rolling hills define much of the city's trails as perfectly showcased within Al Quaal's ski trails and the Range Area Mountain Bike Association's (RAMBA) trail network. The paved Iron Ore Heritage Trail runs through the center of the city providing a smoothly graded accessible for trail connecting multiple communities and amenities.

The NRPA 2022 data revealed an average of 3 miles of trail for communities with populations less than 20,000.³ Ishpeming has significantly more miles of trails for its rather small population feeding into the greater region's recreation economy and network. The region has established itself as a premier destination for recreation.

3 NRPA Agency Performance Review, field report: Research. National Recreation and Park Association. (n.d.). Retrieved December 5, 2022, from <https://www.nrpa.org/publications-research/research-papers/agency-performance-review/pg 10>.



TOPOGRAPHY



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WILDLIFE

The Information for Planning and Consultation site hosted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service notes the potential existence of several threatened and endangered species within the Upper Peninsula. There are wetlands and forested areas within the city that provide habitat for a variety of wildlife. Whitetail deer and the occasional bear, moose, or wolf are some of the larger mammals found in the city. A variety of smaller mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and insect species also live within the city. Measures taken to preserve habitat and accommodate these species are critical to maintaining their existence. It is critical communities consider both these threatened and endangered species as well as more common animals when planning for development.

Source: <https://ipac.ecosphere.fws.gov/>

THREATENED



NORTHERN LONG-EARED BAT

PROPOSED
ENDANGERED



TRICOLORED BAT

THREATENED



CANADA LYNX

CANDIDATE

ENDANGERED



GRAY WOLF

THREATENED



MONARCH BUTTERFLY



RED KNOT

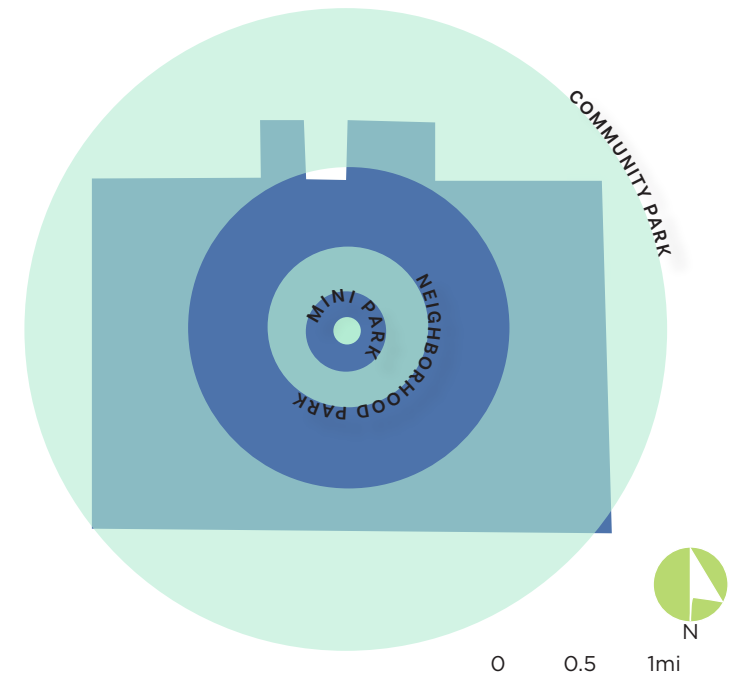
5 RECREATION INVENTORY

STANDARDS FOR RECREATION

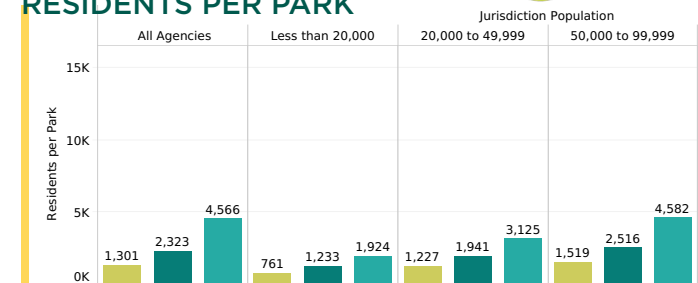
The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) has developed a scale to help measure an existing recreation system's park facilities and provide a baseline standard for equitable park access within a community.

A typical park and recreation system offers one park for every 2,323 residents served, with 10.4 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. Due to its lower density population Michigan's Upper Peninsula trends toward having a higher acreage of parkland per resident. Here is a chart illustrating the different open space typologies defined by NRPA and the desired minimum amount of park space per community.

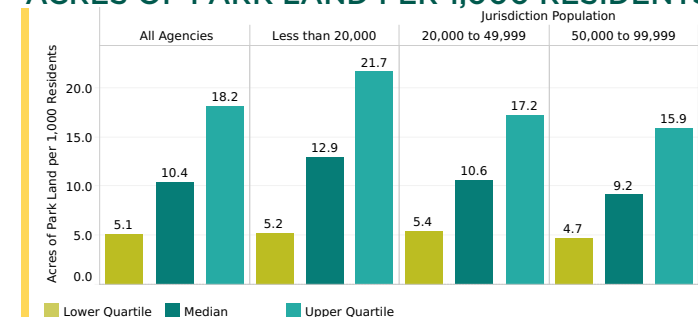
PARK TYPE	SERVICE AREA (RADIUS)	SIZE (ACRES)	ACRES/1,000 POP	PARKS (ACRES)	USES
Mini-Park	<1/4mi	1 or less	0.25 to 0.5	0.5 to 1 Currently: 3.33	Specialized facility serving a concentrated or limited population
Neighborhood Park	1/4 to 1/2mi	15+	1 to 2	2 to 4 Currently: 16	Hosts intense recreation activities: Play, sports fields/courts, picnicking etc.
Community Park	1 to 2mi	25+	8 to 10	16 to 20 Currently: 20	Diverse environmental quality; may include sports complexes or more natural forms of outdoor recreation
Regional Park	1 hr drive	200+	5 to 10	10 to 20 Currently: Over 476	Area of natural quality for outdoor recreation; boating, swimming, camping, trail use etc.
School Park				Currently: --	Park associated with an educational institution



RESIDENTS PER PARK



ACRES OF PARK LAND PER 1,000 RESIDENTS



RECREATION INVENTORY PROGRAMMING

As illustrated in the list of special events below and organizations that function within the community, it is evident the City of Ishpeming has a robust recreation programming component. The city takes measures to promote and support recreational and community events and activities and plans to continue this as community members are consistently eager for more.

Recreation opportunities at city parks are listed in the chart on the following page. Hiking and biking trails are a feature of many parks and there were requests for additional trail development to increase access to these opportunities. It is also evident winter recreation is important to our community. Potential opportunities for activities and program development are listed in Chapter 10, the Action Plan.

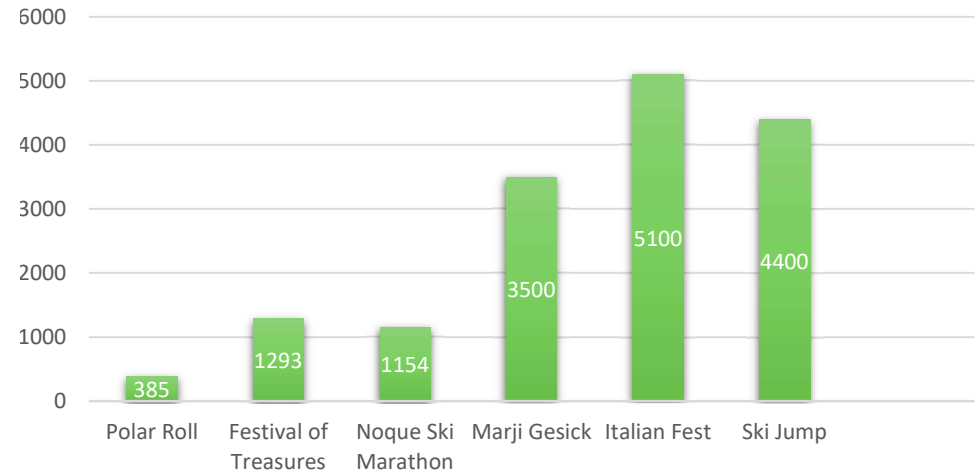
SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Christmas Parade and/or Sleigh Rides/Santa Visits
- Marquette Marathon
- Iron Range Roll
- Marji Gesick
- Fat-ish Fatbike Race and/or 906 Polar Roll
- Noque Ski Marathon, Wildcat Invitational, and/or Ishpeming Ski Club Jr. National Qualifier
- IBA Concert Series
- Gus Macker
- Festival of Treasures, 4th of July, or Labor Day Festivities
- Pasquali's Car Show and/or Buzz the Gut
- Italian Fest
- Ore to Shore
- Neighborhood Nite Out and/or Ladies Night Out
- Ishpeming High School Home Coming Parade
- GINCC Arts and Crafts Show
- Ishpeturkey Trot

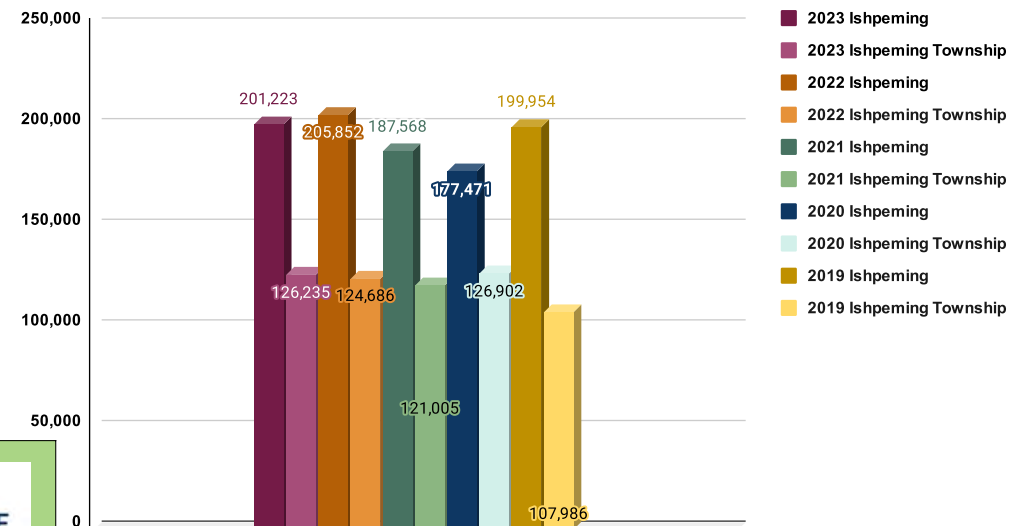


Travel Marquette graciously provided data reflecting the number of visitors who came to the city when various community events were hosted. Appendix B features the compilation of this data. Below is a chart showing the number of visitors to various City of Ishpeming events in 2023 and below that at chart of overall visitors numbers to the city over the past five years.





















City of Ishpeming | 2023 Event Visitation



Ishpeming & Ishpeming Township Yearly Visitors





































Data Prepared by Travel Marquette
 Data Verified by Placer.ai
 Participant Data provided by Event Organizers

	Boat Facilities
	Playground
	Picnic Area
	Hockey + Ice Skating
	Hiking + Walking
	Mountain Biking
	Fishing
	Swimming
	Paddling
	Biking
	Ball Sports
	Sledding
	Sightseeing + Wildlife Viewing
	Camping
	Disk Golf
	Cross-Country Skiing
	Snowshoeing
	Arts + Culture
	Skate Park
	Community Class Space

PARK/FACILITY

ACTIVITY

AL QUAAL	        
LAKE BANCROFT PARK	    
MARQUETTE STREET PLAYLOT	 
BARNUM (7TH ADDITION PLAYLOT)	  
LAKE ANGELINE PLAYLOT	 
BRUCE ASGAARD PARK	  
SALISBURY PLAYLOT	 
PALMS AREA PLAYLOT	  
MATHER 'A' BALLFIELD	
HOLMES PLAYLOT	  
SECOND STREET PLAYLOT	 
POWER OF 10 POCKET PARK	
RAMBA TRAILHEAD	    
BRASSWIRE CAMPGROUND	
CITY PLAYGROUND	   
JUNIPER STREET PLAYLOT	

ACCESSIBILITY

The facilities were evaluated for accessibility via site visits by CUPPAD on June 28th, 2022. Tools utilized in conducting the assessments included the ADA Checklist found at ADAChecklist.org and the 2010 Standards for Accessible Design. Each facility was graded according to the scale featured above with more detailed descriptions of the facility's accessibility features and shortfalls in Appendix C. The recommended accessibility improvements were integrated into the action plan and priority project lists for the county.

As new recreational facilities are planned and developed, the City of Ishpeming pledges to incorporate the principles of Universal Design into future projects.

DNR ACCESSIBILITY GRADING SYSTEM

1. None of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines
2. Some of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines
3. Most facilities meet accessibility guidelines
4. The entire park meets accessibility guidelines
5. The entire park was developed using the principles of universal design

RECREATION SITES WITHIN THE CITY OF ISHPEMING

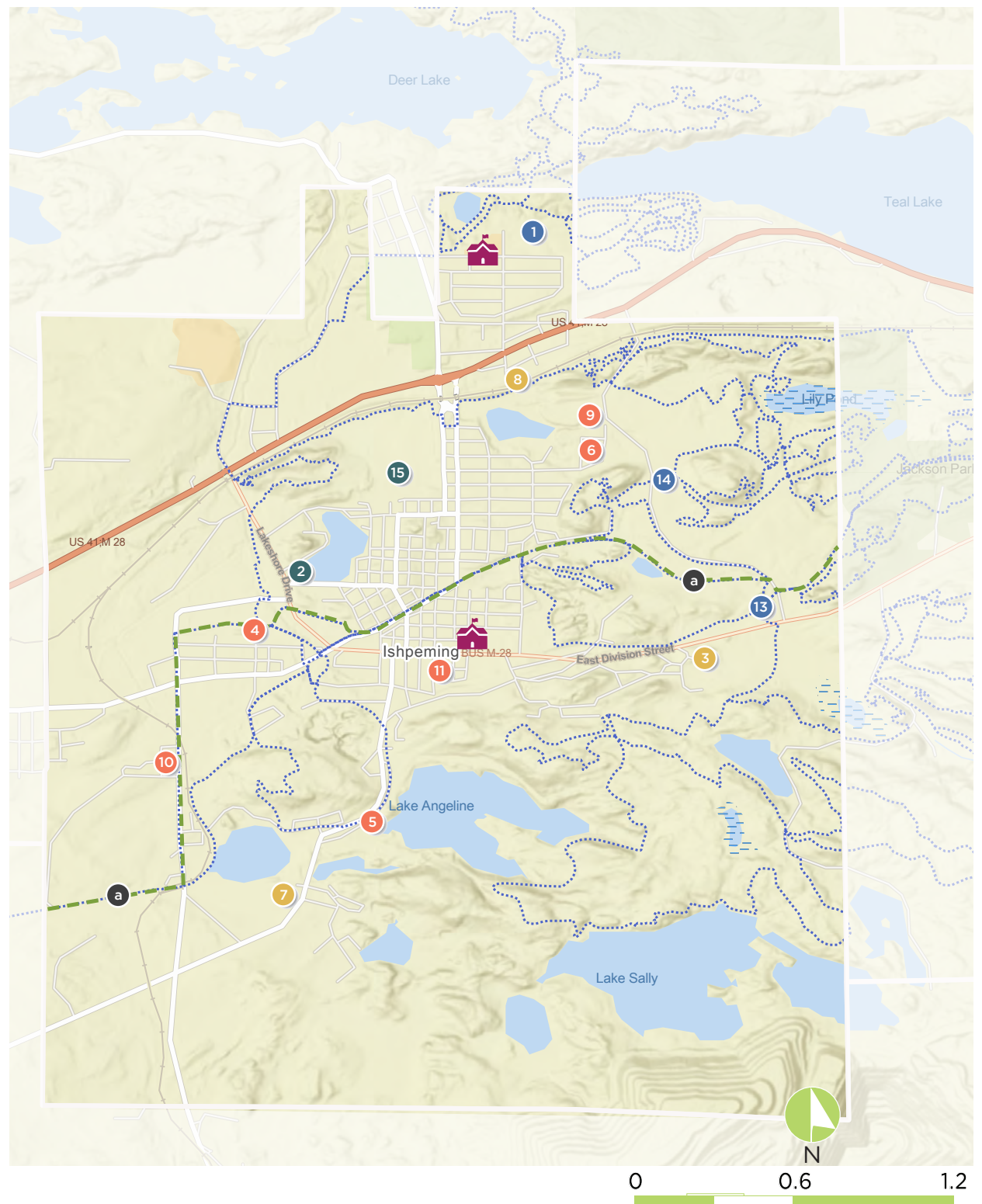
- MINI-PARK
- NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
- COMMUNITY PARK
- REGIONAL PARK
- PRIVATE PARK
- SCHOOL PARK
- REGIONAL TRAIL

REGIONAL TRAILS

- a Iron Ore Heritage Trail

PARKS OWNED/MANAGED BY OTHERS

- 1 Al Quaal
- 2 Lake Bancroft Park
- 3 Marquette Street Playlot
- 4 Barnum (7th addition) Playlot
- 5 Lake Angeline Playlot
- 6 Bruce Asgaard Park
- 7 Salisbury Playlot
- 8 Juniper Street Playlot
- 9 Mather "A" Ballfield
- 10 Holmes Playlot
- 11 Second Street Playlot
- 12 Power of Ten Pocket Park
- 13 RAMBA Trailhead
- 14 Brasswire Campground
- 15 City Playground



CITY OF ISHPeming PARKS

1

AL QUAAL

460 ACRES

This regional recreation site is located in the northern portion of the City, along Popular Street. It is the largest single recreation area within the City's corporate limit. The land that currently makes up this recreational area was leased by the City in 1939 and purchased in 1999.

Al Quaal is also known as the Winter Sports Area. Primary winter activities include cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, sledding, and snow biking. This area is used for high school, college, regional, and Olympic level cross-country ski events. It is an FIS certified and homologated cross country ski stadium.

It has hosted numerous cross-country ski events, including: Michigan High School State Championships, Masters Cross-country Ski Championship, Annual Noquemanon Ski Marathon (regional event), Central Collegiate Midwest Regionals and Conference Championships, Midwest Junior Olympic Qualifying Races, Midwest Junior Olympic Combined Nordic Qualifying Races, U.S. Super Tour

The site is used year round, with tennis, basketball, baseball, horseshoes, volleyball, mountain biking, hiking, swimming picnicking, boating, and fishing, occurring in the summer months and skiing, tobogganing, ice fishing, snowmobiling, and snowbiking occurring in winter months.

Al Quaal has also hosted the World Championship Snow Bike Race. Facilities at this site include:

Accessibility: 2	• Ball Diamond	• Playlot at Birchview School	• Flagpole
	• Restroom Building	• Mountain Bike Trail	• Pavilion
	• Ski Ticket & Patrol Shelter	• Fitness Trail	• Disc Golf Course
	• Tube Slide	• Paved Roads	• Snowshoeing Trail
	• Picnic Area	• 30 KM of Cross-Country Trails	• Mountain Bike Trail System
	• 3 Picnic Grills	• Downhill Ski Slopes	(into area No1th of Teal Lake)
	• Gym Set	• Ski Warming Shelter	• Clubhouse (Restrooms,
	• Backstop	• Ski Tow Buildings	Concession Area, and Kitchen
	• 6 Horseshoe Courts	• Two Tennis Courts	Facilities)
	• Tube Slide with tow system	• 40 Picnic Tables	• Sledding Areas
	• Snowboarding	• Seven Swing Sets	• Deer Lake Trails
	• Lighted Sledding Area	• Two Merry-go-Rounds	(w/Ishpeming Twp.)
	• Teal Lake - Log Cabin	• Two Slides	• Lighted Areas (Horseshoes,
			Volleyball, Cross-Country Skiing)

DNR Grant History:

1979, Project No. 26-01052

1990, Project No. TF90-242

1991, Project No. TF91-080

1994, Project No. TF94-054

1995, Project No. TF95-316

1997, Project No. TF97-228

1993, Project No. TF93-033

1992, Project No. TF92-065

2021. Project No. RP21-0090

(not yet completed)



2

4 ACRES

LAKE BANCROFT PARK

This three acre parcel is a community park located between Cliff Street, Euclid Street, and the west shore of Lake Bancroft. This property was originally developed by a local Jaycee group. Surrounding bluffs, the historic Cliff's Shaft Mine Museum, and Lake Bancroft makes this setting one of the most attractive areas in the City. Accessibility: 3 Facilities at the recreational site include:

- Park Signage and Identification
- Jogging/Walking Area
- Eight Picnic Grills
- Flagpole and Marker
- Paved Walking Path
- Paved Parking Area
- 16 Picnic Tables + Lights
- State Historical Marker
- Rustic Sign
- Gazebo
- Restrooms
- Pavilion with restrooms
- Updated accessible playground with accessible parking

DNR Grant History:

1979: Project No. 26-00787

2017: Project No. 17-0216



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ACRES

MARQUETTE STREET PLAYLOT

A mini recreation site that is located in the east central portion of the City, south of Business M-28. The open field and sparse play area leave much room for potential improvement.

Facilities at this site include:

- Accessibility: 1
- Three belt swings
 - Slide
 - Open field



4

11 ACRES

BARNUM (7TH ADDITION) PLAYLOT

This 11 acre site is largely unused. An old basketball court, slide, swings and merry-go-round are the only improvements the site has seen. The park is also difficult to find due to it being located down a two track alleyway adjacent to residences. Accessibility: 1



5

1 ACRE

LAKE ANGELINE PLAYLOT

This neighborhood park is located on a one acre parcel of land along Lower Pine Street, just west of Lake Angeline. The boulevard at the site was formerly an old trolley route. The park has the following facilities:

Accessibility: 1

- Three belt swings
- Merry-go-round
- Slide
- Picnic Table



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1 ACRE

BRUCE ASGAARD PARK

This one acre neighborhood recreation site is located along Wabash Street, just south of Mather "A" Ball field. It was renamed from the Wabash Heights Playlot to the "Bruce Asgaard Park" in 2016.

Facilities at this site include:

Accessibility: 1

- Buck-a-bout
- Merry-go-round
- Basketball court
- Picnic table
- Volleyball court
- Slide
- Three belt swings



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1 ACRE

SALISBURY PLAYLOT

This mini park is a one acre parcel of land located in southern portion of the City, west of South Pine Street featuring belt swings, a slide, and a mowed lawn area. There is much room for potential improvement at this site.

Accessibility: 1



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1 ACRE

JUNIPER PLAYLOT

This neighborhood park is a one acre parcel of land located in the northern portion of the City. It is accessible at the southern end of Hickory Street. Facilities at this park include:

Accessibility: 1

- Three belt swings
- Merry-go-round
- Basketball court
- Slide



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1 ACRE

MATHER 'A' BALLFIELD

This neighborhood recreation site is located at the inactive Mather "A" mine site in the northwestern portion of the city. The site was acquired in 1984 by the city as an additional auxiliary ball field to compliment expansion of recreation leagues. It was built by the Cleveland Cliffs Iron Company (CCI) originally to service their employee softball league. Because of scheduling and maintenance problems, CCI requested the City take over this area. The ball field is now used on a daily basis during the summer months because of the current demand for ball field facilities. Facilities at this site include:

Accessibility: 2

- Backstop
- Benches
- Port-a-john (seasonal)
- ADA Parking
- Bleachers
- Paved barrier poles



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1 ACRE

HOLMES PLAYLOT

This one acre neighborhood park is located in the western portion of the city between D Street and E Street, off of Washington Street.

Facilities at this site include:

Accessibility: 1

- Jungle gym
- Picnic tables
- Four swings
- Basketball court

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1 ACRE

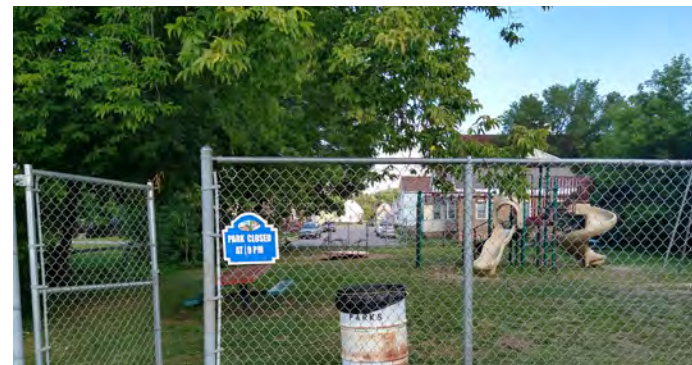
SECOND STREET PLAYLOT

This neighborhood park occupies a 1 acre parcel of land located in the central portion of the City, on South Second St., west of East Superior.

Facilities include:

Accessibility: 1

- Swing set
- Picnic table
- Merry-go-round
- Fence



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1 ACRE

POWER OF TEN POCKET PARK

The "Power of Ten Pocket Park" was added to the city's park system in 2017. It has ten features: public art, Jasperlite Boulders (mining heritage), split rail fence (lumbering heritage), Little Free library, bike rack, picnic table, park bench, Iron Ore Heritage Trail interpretive sign, raised bed flower garden, and kiosk. This pocket park was made possible by a grant from CUPPAD.

Accessibility: 3



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-- ACRES

RAMBA TRAILHEAD

This trailhead is located at the intersection of Malton Road and Division Street. It serves as an entry point to the RAMBA trail network as well as the Iron Ore Heritage Trail. The graveled lot also hosts bike racks, picnic tables, a wooden pump track, paved and natural surface trails, a kiosk with a map, a port-a-john and seating on site.

Accessibility: 2

DNR Grant History:

2014: Project No. 14-0265



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16
ACRES

BRASSWIRE CAMPGROUND

This campground is slated to open within the summer of 2023. It contains a stretch of virgin growth forest and the city intends to provide trail access and interpretive elements to this area. The campground contains 40 drive up rustic sites; 2 ADA vault toilets; 2 pump wells; 2 equestrian trailer sites for parking; 3 hammock friendly sites; 1 family site; 10 walk in sites. Day use access is also provided.



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CITY PLAYGROUND

16

ACRES

This Community Park is located along West Empire Street in the north central portion of the city. About 16 acres of the total acreage is undeveloped. The remaining area provides various types of recreational activities. Facilities at the park include:

Accessibility: 2

- Two Lighted Ball Diamonds*
- Two Lighted Basketball Courts
- Warming Shelter & Restrooms*
- Stadium (2,600 seating)*
- Paved Track*
- Lighted Football Area*
- Storage Building & Restrooms*
- Pavilion/Concession Area*
- Parking and Entrance*
- Renovated Hardball Field
- Four Unlighted Ball Diamonds
- Seven Lighted Tennis Courts
- Restroom/Locker Room*
- Blacktop Roads
- Twelve Sets of Bleachers*
- Three Paved Field Event Areas
- Concession Area*
- Softball Field
- Four Swing Sets
- Three little league baseball fields
- Four Teeter Totters
- Slide
- Climber
- 16 Benches
- Four Picnic Tables
- Two Flagpoles
- Merry-go-Round
- Two Bike Racks

*Note: Items marked with an * are on property owned by the City and leased by the School District



DNR Grant History:

1972, Project No. 26-00339

1976, Project No. 26-00762

1980, Project No. 26-01104 T1

1989, Project No. BF89-521

1989, Project No. BF89-66



PARKS OWNED/MANAGED BY OTHERS

Additional Local and Regional Parks not Owned/Managed by the City

Suicide Ski Center

This ski center is on Suicide Bowl road south of M-28. The site is owned by CCI and leased to the Ishpeming Ski Club. The site hosts a 90 meter ski jump and cross country ski trails.

Iron Ore Heritage Trail

This **Regional Park** runs through the City of Ishpeming on its 47 mile journey through the northern U.P. It is a destination for all those who recreate in Michigan's upper peninsula creating connections to communities and parks alike. The entire trail is open to hikers and mountain bikers.

River Rock Lanes

This privately owned facility offers 16 bowling lanes and 6 billiards tables and is located at 1011 North Road in Ishpeming.

St. Johns Church

This privately owned facility offers an indoor gymnasium as is located on South Pine Street in Ishpeming.

906 Cross Fit

This privately owned facility offers an indoor strength and fitness center and is located on Lakeshore Drive in Ishpeming.

Cross Bridge Church

This privately owned facility offers an indoor gymnasium and is located on Third Street in Ishpeming.

Heritage Hills

This privately owned facility offers a riding stable and horse trails on Malton Road in Ishpeming.

Wawonowin Country Club

This privately owned facility offers an 18 hole golf course on Co rd 478 in Champion.

St. Joseph's Church

This privately owned facility offers an indoor gymnasium as is located on Prairie Ave. in Ishpeming.

Strength and Fitness

This privately owned facility offers an indoor strength and fitness center and is located on South Main Street in Ishpeming.

Ishpeming Township Parks

Ishpeming Township Park

This seven acre park hosts a softball diamond, little league diamond, tennis courts, pavilion, tot lot, restrooms, concessions, playground, horseshoe court, shuffleboard, volleyball court, basketball court, picnic table and grills.

Negaunee Township Parks

Negaunee Township Park

71-acres with basketball court, pavilion, warming building, concessions, playground area, little league field, Babe Ruth baseball field, softball field, tennis court, cross-country ski trail, picnic tables, and snowmobile trail access.

Michigan Mining Museum

30-acres with exhibits of early iron ore mining artifacts, audio-visual programs, and outdoor interpretive paths.

McClure Storage Basin Access Site

Hard-surface launch ramp, toilets and parking area. Site is 1.03 acres.

Hoist Basin Access Site

Hard-surface launch ramp, toilets and parking area. Site is 1.82 acres.

City of Negaunee Parks

Iron Town Field

This **Neighborhood Park** is located on Prince Street east of Camelot Drive. It is owned by the Cleveland Cliffs, Inc. (CCI) and leased to the City. The site includes a baseball field, concession stand, rest room and storage building.

Miners Park

This **Community Park** is located on the north side of Hwy 41 between Maas and Maple Streets. It hosts the largest play structure in the community, a picnic pavilion that is frequently rented, illuminated basketball courts, horseshoe courts, a volleyball court, historical marker and rest rooms. Several parents have expressed the need for a fence as the playground is adjacent to Hwy 41.

Lincoln Street Park

This **Mini Park** is located east of Healy Street and north of Lincoln Street. It is owned by the City and has a basketball court and a picnic table.

Teal Lake Beach

This **Community Park** is located on the Eastern shore of Teal Lake along Croix Street. The City plans to extend the current storm water culverts that run to the beach into the water and rehab the existing timber retaining wall. Many survey respondents commented on water quality issues and excessive goose poop at this site. The site is owned by the City and features several picnic tables and a swimming area.

Teal Lake Boat Launch

Teal Lake Boat Launch is a facet of the Teal Lake Beach Park. The facility was installed in 1995 with partial funding from a DNR Trust Fund Grant. The site includes a paved boat launch and accessible fishing dock.

Breitung Park

This **Neighborhood Park** is located on Pioneer Ave. near the fire station in downtown Negaunee. It is owned by the City and contains a band shell with grassy area and benches.

Veteran's Park

This **Mini Park** is located in front of the City Hall in Downtown Negaunee. The park has benches, a concrete pathway, a fountain, and a memorial.

Copper St/Partridge Creek Park

This **Mini Park** is located on the corner of Copper and Division Streets. It hosts a basketball court and grassy area.

Ann Street Park

This **Mini Park** is located on Ann Street in downtown Negaunee. It hosts a basketball court, sand volleyball, and swing set.

Bartle Park

This **Mini Park** is located at the corner of Cyr and Lombard Streets. The park features an open grassy area with a gazebo.

Sunset Drive Park

This **Neighborhood Park** is located on Sunset Drive in the Northeast corner of the City. It hosts a basketball court, grassy field, playground equipment, and picnic area.

Negaunee Ice Arena

This **Community Park** is located on Rail Street, south of downtown Negaunee. Negaunee features a full sized arena, new locker rooms and rest rooms as of 2021, a lobby, kitchen, concession area, two offices, meeting room and large parking lot.

Buffalo Road Park

This **Neighborhood Park** is on the southern edge of the City's property at New Buffalo Road. It is owned by CCI and leased to the City. It contains a swing set, basketball court, and picnic area/table.

Chiri Park

This **Mini Park** is located at the corner of Iron and Silver Street in Downtown Negaunee. It hosts a grassy area with a bench.

Old Town Recreation Area

This **Regional Park** serves as the community gateway to the Iron Ore Heritage Trail. It hosts a trailhead to the RAMBA mountain biking trail network, a volunteer built disk golf course, and several interpretive stops showcasing the rich history of the region.

Community Play Field

The Community Play Field is a 5 ½ acre park that is located. The park is owned by CCI and leased to the schools. The park includes an 1,800 person capacity stadium, track, practice fields, rest rooms, lockers, weight lifting room, and concession building. The facility also has an adjacent wrestling and weight-lifting room, lavatory facilities and locker room. The site received an upgrade with the construction of a year round indoor recreation facility.

LaCombe Field

This **Community Park** is located on Baldwin Street between Water Street and Mitchell Avenue. It features a lighted softball field, batting cages, press box, rest room and storage facility, and an open area used for football/soccer practice. New, high school student built dugouts and an accessible sidewalk are currently proposed improvements for the site. It is owned by (CCI) and leased to the City.

Ericson Parkway

This **Mini Park** is located between Iron and Jackson Streets. It is owned by CCI and leased to the City. It features a winding concrete path with picnic table.

Negaunee Middle School

The Middle School is located on Case Street Between Pioneer Street and Teal Lake Avenue. It is owned by the school district. The school has a gym, outdoor basketball court, and hard surface play area.

Negaunee High School

The High School is located on Arch Street. It hosts a 50x75' indoor pool, auditorium, 75x42' gym, and 8 outdoor tennis courts.

Negaunee Luge

The luge is located on Lucy Hill at 230 E County Road. The property is owned by CCI and leased from the City. It includes warming shacks, a maintenance building, starting house, equipment rental and a parking lot.

Lakeview Elementary

This school is located on Teal Lake Avenue. It is owned by the school district.

The school features playground equipment, 2 tennis courts, 1 basketball court, and open field, and a gym.

Bernie Rivers Memorial Field

This **Community Park** is located on Prince Street, east of Vine Street. It contains a baseball field, lighted horseshoe courts, a basketball court, playground, portable rest room, pavilion, concessions and storage building. It is owned by CCI and leased to the City.

Jackson Mine Park + Senior Center Park

This **Community Park** is located on Tobin Street in downtown Negaunee. It is owned by the City and part of the larger Old Town recreation area. Recent updates include lighting along the Iron Ore Heritage Trail to Ishpeming, a new pavilion with rest rooms, a new parking area and a soon to be new playground.

Richmond Township Parks

Richmond Township Park

This park hosts a horseshoe court, basketball court, tennis courts, baseball field, playground, picnic area, pavilion and restrooms.

Tilden Township Parks

Recreation Complex

This six acre site with tennis courts, baseball field, horseshoe courts, basketball court, playground area, pit toilets, parking, picnic area, and pavilion.

Sands Township Parks

Blueberry Ridge

This DNR owned trail system is utilized year-round with groomed ski trails, mountain biking, hiking and foraging.

Marquette County Fairgrounds

This 60-acre site hosts an exhibition building, American Legion building, 4-H building, two cattle sow rings, a poultry and small animal building, a large livestock building, an office building, a barrier free restroom/utility building, two storage structures, parking, outdoor speakers, 1/2 mile race track, mud drag strip, paved go-cart track, large carnival area, outside horse stall, two outdoor pavilions, and portable bleachers.

TRAILS



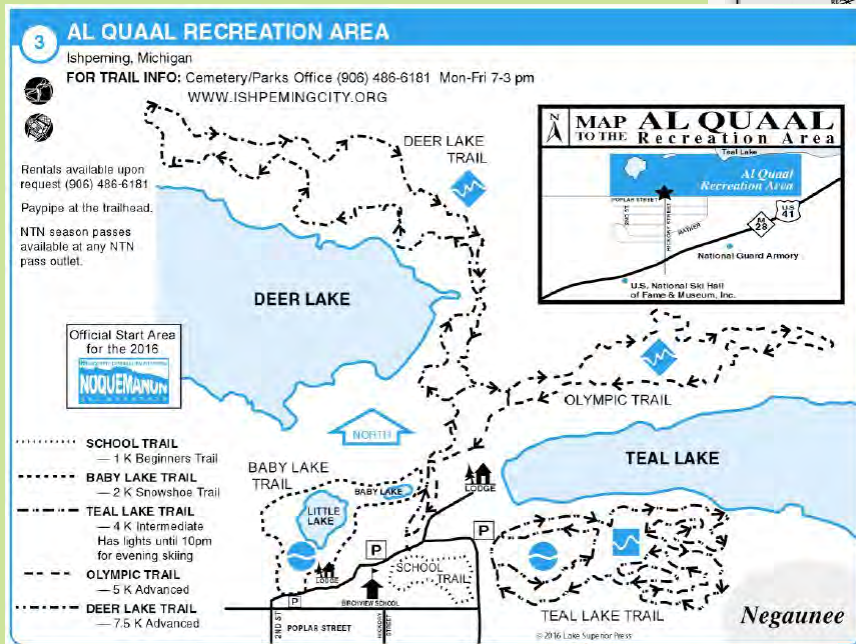
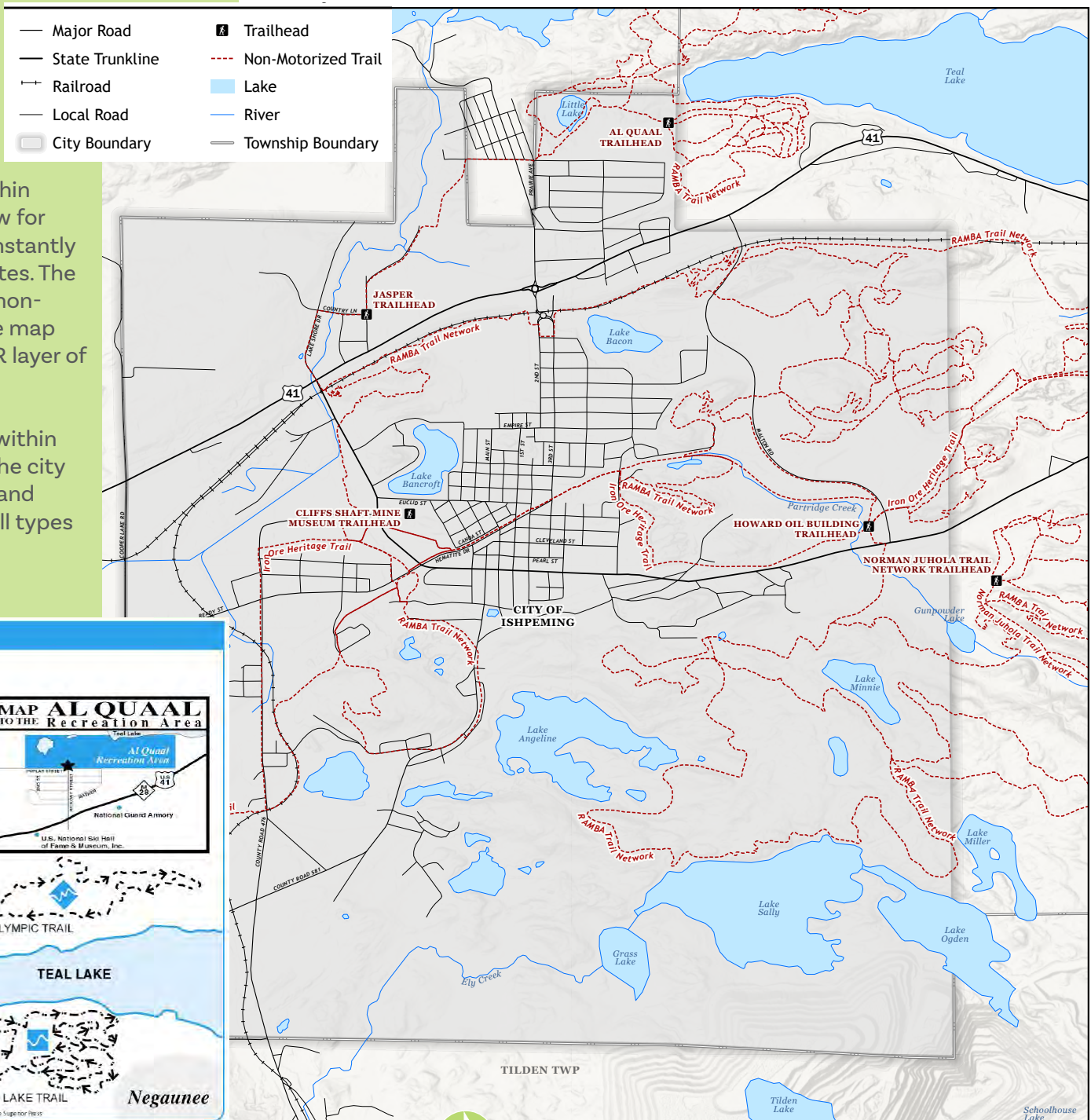
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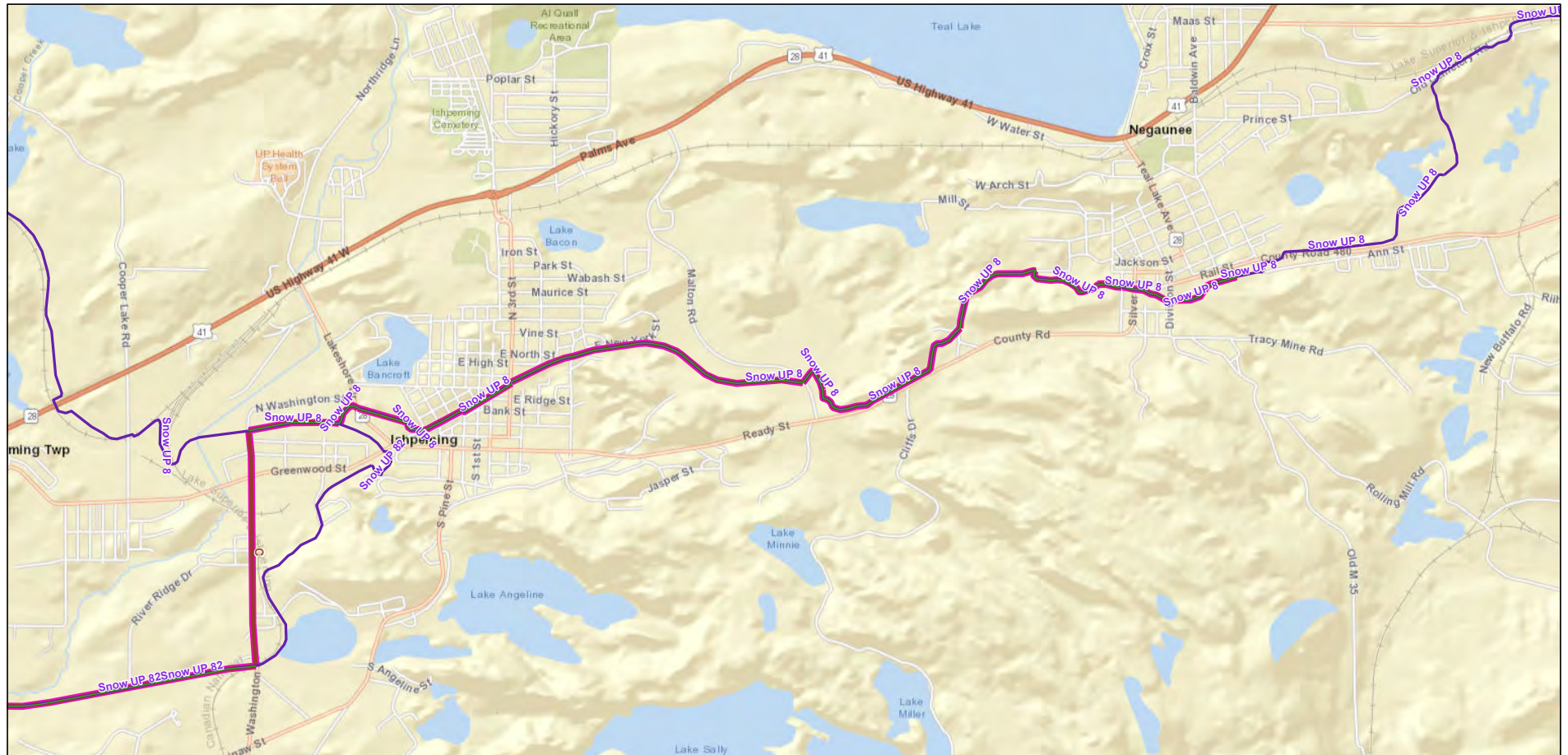
TRAILS

Trails for both motorized and silent sport users weave throughout the cityscape connecting to adjacent communities and wilderness. Trails within and around Ishpeming are a major draw for both residents and visitors and are constantly receiving updates, additions and reroutes. The map to the right captures the current non-motorized trails within the city and the map on the following page features the DNR layer of ORV and Snowmobile trails.

As a vital part of the recreation scene within the City of Ishpeming it is imperative the city prioritize the continued improvement and sustainable development of trails for all types of users.

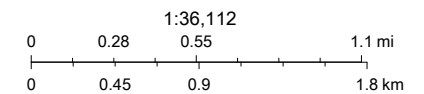


MOTORIZED TRAILS | MDNR



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- Snowmobile & ORV Seasonal Use
- DNR snowmobile trail (Season: December 1 to March 1)
- DNR ORV route (72" width)
- Special designation ORV route



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COMMENTS + ISSUE SCOPING

A parks and recreation survey was launched in September of 2022. The survey was shared via multiple methods including print outs around the city, paper copies stationed at several community locales and online. 455 completed surveys were received.

The feedback garnered was extremely informative and helped in generating recreation values, goals and priority improvements for the community. The pie charts on the right illustrate the age distribution of survey participants and the county in general. A relatively diverse mix of age groups were captured in the surveys submitted and nearly all of the responses came from nearby and local year-round residents.

At the public hearing two comments were received, one noting an appreciation for additional improvements to be made at Al Quaal and the desire to see additional recreation programming as well. Each of these concepts are presented as

priorities in the action plan as well as the other speaker's comment verifying the desire for the community to apply for a grant to improve the tennis courts.

The colorful bubbles within this chapter feature written responses received.

They highlight specific reactions community members had including:

"I LOVE HOW THE CITY OF ISHPERING IS TRYING HARD TO KEEP UP WITH TRAILS, ETC. THE LIGHTING PROJECT ALONG THE IRON ORE HERITAGE TRAIL WAS MUCH NEEDED SO TRAIL USERS FEEL SAFE IN THE WINTERTIME WHEN IT GETS DARK EARLY."

-LOCAL RESIDENT

"AL QUAAL IS A WONDERFUL PLACE, BUT NEEDS UPDATED EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN, PICNIC SPOTS, INCLUDING BETTER COOKING FACILITIES."

-SURVEY PARTICIPANT

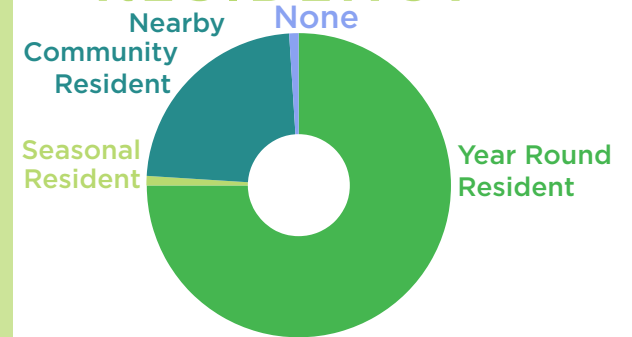
"SAFER WAY FOR KIDS TO GET FROM THEIR HOMES TO THE IOHT. MANY OF THE SIDEWALKS AND ROADS ARE IN BAD SHAPE SO IT'S HARD TO RIDE TO THE IOHT WITH YOUNGER KIDS. A WELL MARKED EASY MOUNTAIN BIKE LOOP WOULD BE GREAT."

-SURVEY PARTICIPANT

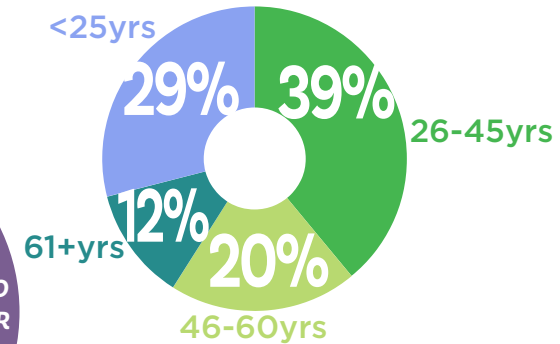
"I'D LIKE TO SEE MORE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE CITY, SCHOOL, AND PRIVATE LAND OWNERS TO PROVIDE PLACES TO HIKE, BIKE, SKI, ETC. WE ARE DOING WELL... ALWAYS WAYS TO IMPROVE, AND PROGRESS, HOWEVER."

-SURVEY PARTICIPANT

RESIDENCY

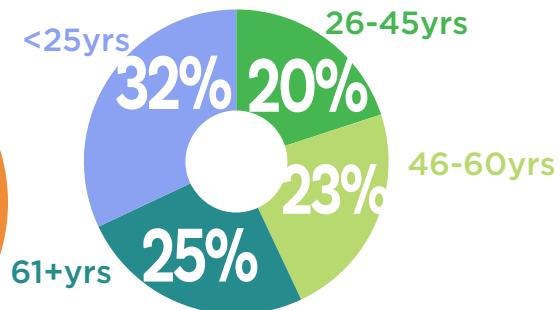


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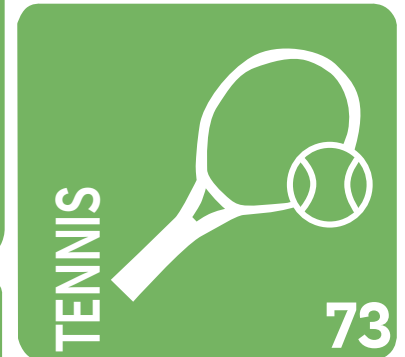
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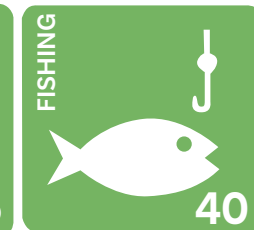
COMMENTS + ISSUE SCOPING

SURVEY RESULTS

Survey participants were asked to list the recreational activities they participated in within the past two years. Top ranked activities included walking/hiking, biking, sledding, skiing/snowshoeing, and playing tennis. With many miles of hard surface and mountain bike trails winding throughout the community it was not surprising this was a frequent mention. The number of people noting sledding and tennis as recreation activities was not expected. Many of the responses to the next questions in the survey, including what one would like to change regarding recreation within the community featured a request for the sledding hill at Al Quaal to reopen and the tennis courts to be updated. The desire of respondents to see improvements and more access to these sites indicates two strong candidates for future action items.



LESS FREQUENT MENTIONS:
13 - HUNTING
12- DOG PARK
11 - MUSIC + EVENTS
10 - PICKLEBALL
8 - ORV/SxS
8 - VOLLEYBALL



* NUMBERS INDICATE THE NUMBER OF TIMES MENTIONED IN THE SURVEY RESPONSES

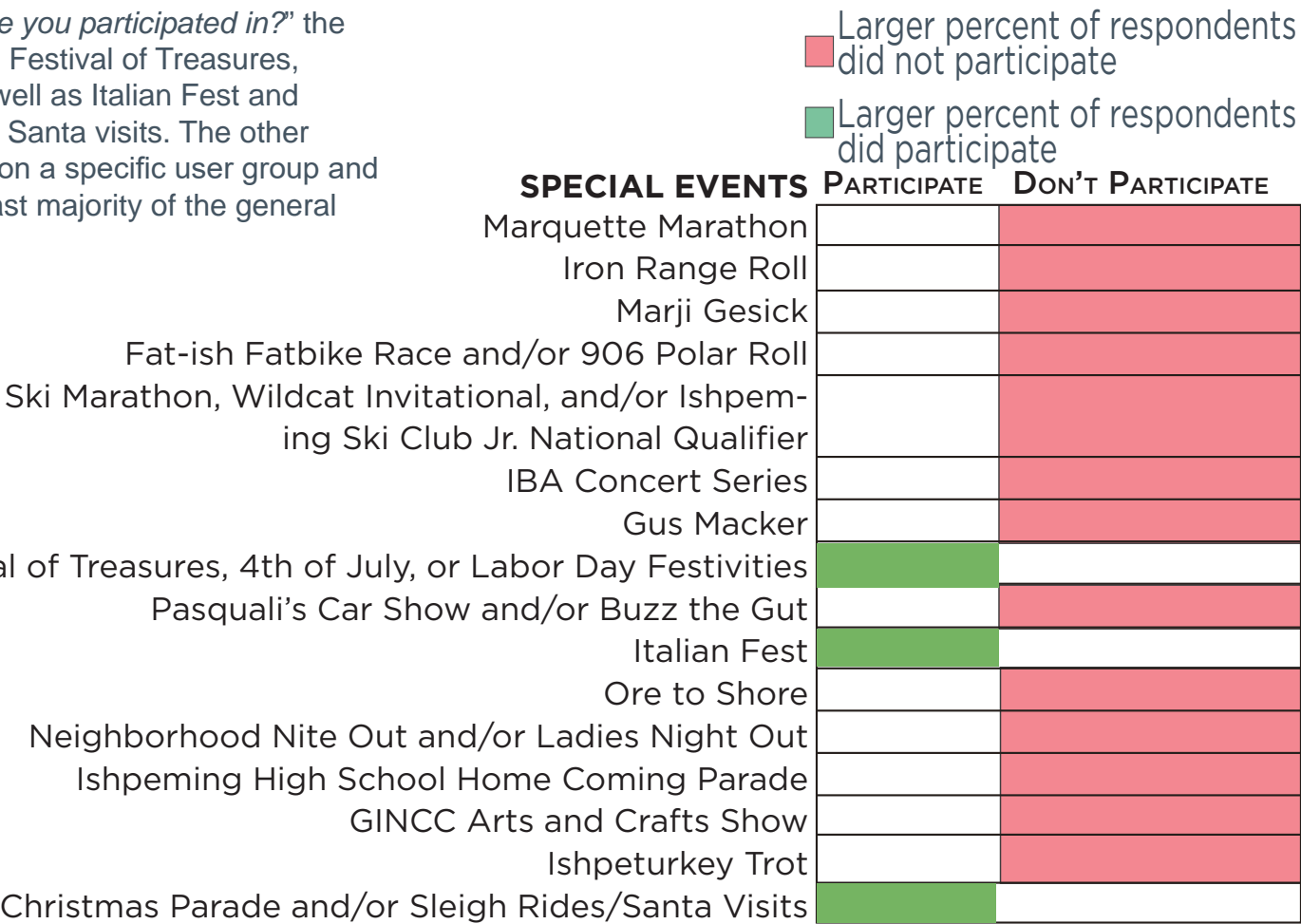
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SURVEY RESULTS

In an effort to develop a sense of site use, respondents were asked how often they visited each park and if they attended community events. Al Quaal received the greatest frequency of visitors with the trails, Teal Lake, special events in the park, and the tubing hill serving as the key attractions. As the only regional park within the system, Al Quaal serves not only as a daily site for recreation and play but a destination for events.

When asked “*What special events have you participated in?*” the most frequently visited events included Festival of Treasures, 4th of July, or Labor Day festivities as well as Italian Fest and the Christmas parade, sleigh rides and Santa visits. The other community events mentioned focused on a specific user group and do attract large audiences, but not a vast majority of the general public.

Participants were then asked two key questions that helped define parks and recreation goals and priority projects for the community moving forward. When asked “*What do you VALUE about the City of Ishpeming’s recreation opportunities?*” respondent’s most frequently mentioned recreation facilities including trails, Al Quaal, and tennis courts. Ease of access and quality of opportunities available were other frequent mentions. Community values generated from these responses are featured on the following page.



Facilities*
(168)

***Facilities Mentioned:**

Trails: 83
Al Quaal: 50
Tennis: 23
Iron Ore Heritage Trail: 23
RAMBA: 8
Teal Lake: 7
Football: 13

Lake⁽¹⁸⁾
Access⁽¹²⁵⁾

Beautiful⁽¹⁵⁾ Opportunities⁽³³⁾

Quality⁽¹²⁰⁾ Nothing⁽⁸⁾

Affordable/Free⁽⁴⁾

***THE LARGER THE FONT THE MORE FREQUENTLY NOTED TERM**
(NUMBER SIGNIFIES NUMBER OF SURVEY PARTICIPANTS WHO MENTIONED THIS VALUE)

COMMUNITY VALUES

- We value having access to a variety of recreation facilities; specifically trails
- We value having an abundance of recreation opportunities including community events, races, and year round activities
- We value the quality of recreation resources offered by the community and the region

VALUES

"IT GETS BETTER AND CONTINUES TO BRING CHILDREN OUT OF THEIR HOMES TO SEE WHAT THE CITY HAS TO OFFER."

-LOCAL RESIDENT

"A PLETHORA OF OUTDOOR TRAILS, SPACE AND SEASONAL WEATHER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT ALL."

-LOCAL RESIDENT

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VALUES, GOALS + OBJECTIVES

STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN

Michigan's Statewide Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) serves as the backbone for recreation planning within the state. Every five years new surveys are administered, sites studied and outdoor recreation habits mapped. Through developing a clear understanding of how people recreate within Michigan we can help define how to provide additional access and amenities for those utilizing the parks within our communities.

The main objectives outlined in the current SCORP plan:

- Foster stewardship and conservation
- Improve collaboration between stakeholders
- Raise awareness of outdoor recreation opportunities
- Improve recreational access for all
- Provide quality experiences
- Enhance health benefits
- Enhance prosperity via supporting economic prosperity, talent retention and high quality of life

RECREATION TRENDS

Nationally, many of the more traditional recreation activities, such as camping and fishing, have seen a slight decrease while nature based and backcountry activities are on the rise. Some of these trending activities include:

- Hiking
- Cross-country skiing
- Backpacking
- BMX/Mountain biking
- Kayaking
- Stand-up Paddling

Many passive recreation activities are also very popular, as noted in the SCORP surveys including relaxing, walking, picnicking, and unstructured play.

SCORP GOAL

Protect and manage Michigan's diverse and abundant natural and cultural assets to provide relevant, quality experiences that meet the fun, relaxation, and health needs of Michigan's residents and visitors and support economic prosperity.

-SCORP 2018-2022

VALUES + GOALS

The values generated in the previous chapter helped define parks and recreation goals for the community. These values again were:

- **We value having access to a variety of recreation facilities; specifically trails**
- **We value having an abundance of recreation opportunities including community events, races, and year round activities**
- **We value the quality of recreation resources offered by the community and the region**

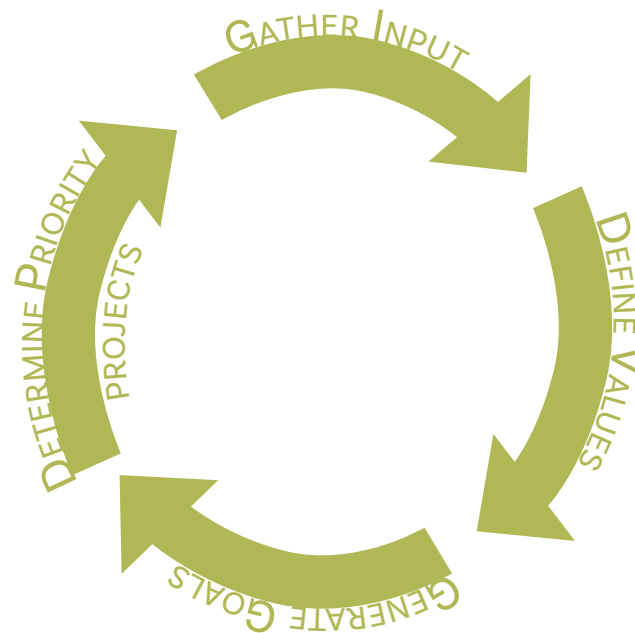
Community members were then asked what they would like to see change regarding recreation within the City of Ishpeming. A summary of the proposed changes is featured on the last two pages of this chapter. Combining these perspectives of community recreation values with desired improvements allowed the planning team to formulate a series of parks and recreation goals for the City of Ishpeming. These include:

Goal 1: Continue to maintain a diverse pallet of recreation opportunities while better utilizing existing park properties.

Goal 2: Create park spaces, events and signage that are easy to located, accessible for all, and reflect a sense of community.

Goal 3: Update well-loved facilities that are outdated or have fallen into disrepair.

The next step was to generate a series of objectives and action items that would help guide the community through the five year planning window and beyond. The following page features a diagram of the City of Ishpeming's recreation values, goals and objectives illustrating the cyclical nature of this process.



RECREATION VALUES

We VALUE having access to a variety of recreation facilities; specifically trails

We VALUE having an abundance of recreation opportunities including community events, races, and year round activities

We VALUE the quality of recreation resources offered by the community and the region

RECREATION GOALS

1. Continue to maintain a diverse palette of recreation opportunities while better utilizing existing park properties.
2. Create park spaces, events and signage that are easy to locate, accessible for all, and reflect a sense of community.
3. Update well-loved facilities that are outdated or have fallen into disrepair.

RECREATION OBJECTIVES

- Continue to collaborate with local community clubs and volunteers to develop and maintain recreation facilities and trails. Ensure there are clear agreements between parties as to what may or may not be developed, the process for how it can be completed, what approval mechanisms are in place and what the expectations are for continued maintenance.
- Partner with neighboring communities to capitalize on funding opportunities and the potential to link recreational resource.
- Maintain and enhance existing facilities: Identify priority facility upgrades that help reduce the need for additional maintenance and provide access for all.
- Maximize efficient use of funds through obtaining grant dollars for project match and donated funds, materials, and labor whenever possible.

CITY OF ISHPEMING

SURVEY RESULTS

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO **CHANGE** ABOUT THE CITY OF ISHPEMING'S RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES?

"HAVE BETTER ATV TRAIL MARKERS/MAPS AND IMPROVE/ADD TRAILS. SAME FOR HIKING TRAILS. NEED BALANCE WITH BIKING TRAILS THEY ARE TAKING OVER EVERYTHING & MAKING IT HARD TO KNOW WHERE TO GO WHEN ON ATVS OR OTHER OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES."

-SURVEY PARTICIPANT

NOTHING

MORE TRAILS

- BEGINNER TRAILS
- MAINTENANCE
- CONNECTIONS
- SAFETY
- SIGNAGE



33

RESURFACE TENNIS COURTS

90



23

IMPROVE WATERFRONT AREAS

- NICER BEACH
- BETTER UTILIZE LAKES
- CLEAN UP GOOSE POOP



10

DISK GOLF UPGRADE



4

UPDATE + ADD PLAYGROUNDS



30

7

UPGRADE/ADD RESTROOMS



ADD A DOG PARK



36

ADD A DOWNTOWN GATHERING SPACE



10

OPEN TUBING HILL



36

"THE BASEBALL FIELD NEEDS A LOT OF WORK, THE VOLLEYBALL COURT NEEDS TO BE BROUGHT BACK, THE STAGE NEEDS A ROOF AND THE WEEKLY CONCERTS COULD BE HERE IN THE SUMMER, THE PLAYGROUNDS NEEDS TO BE UPDATED, TRAILS NEED TO BE MAINTAINED, DOG LEASH LAWS NEED TO BE ENFORCED AND MONITORED, GARBAGE NEEDS TO BE EMPTIED ON A DAILY BASIS (SPRING, SUMMER AND FALL), ROADS NEEDS TO BE IMPROVED IN THE AL QUAAL, A DOCK ON ISHPEMING'S SIDE IN AL QUAAL. THE CITY OF ISHPEMING COULD LOOK AT PARKS AND RECREATION IN AREA'S OF WISCONSIN LIKE RHINELANDER, EAGLE RIVER, MINOCQUA. THESE COMMUNITY'S DO AN EXCELLENT JOB WITH THEIR PARKS AND RECREATION."

-SURVEY PARTICIPANT

ADD A SKATE PARK/ PUMP TRACK



15

MORE SAFETY MEASURES



5

"MAKE THE TUBING HILL OPEN ALL WINTER! DEVELOP SOME INDOOR THINGS, A TRAMPOLINE PARK OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT FOR FAMILIES WOULD BE AWESOME."

-SURVEY PARTICIPANT

*NUMBERS SIGNIFY THE QUANTITY OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS WHO MENTIONED THIS POTENTIAL CHANGE.

"I THINK WE COULD DO MORE TO THE AL QUAAL RECREATION AREA."
-SURVEY PARTICIPANT

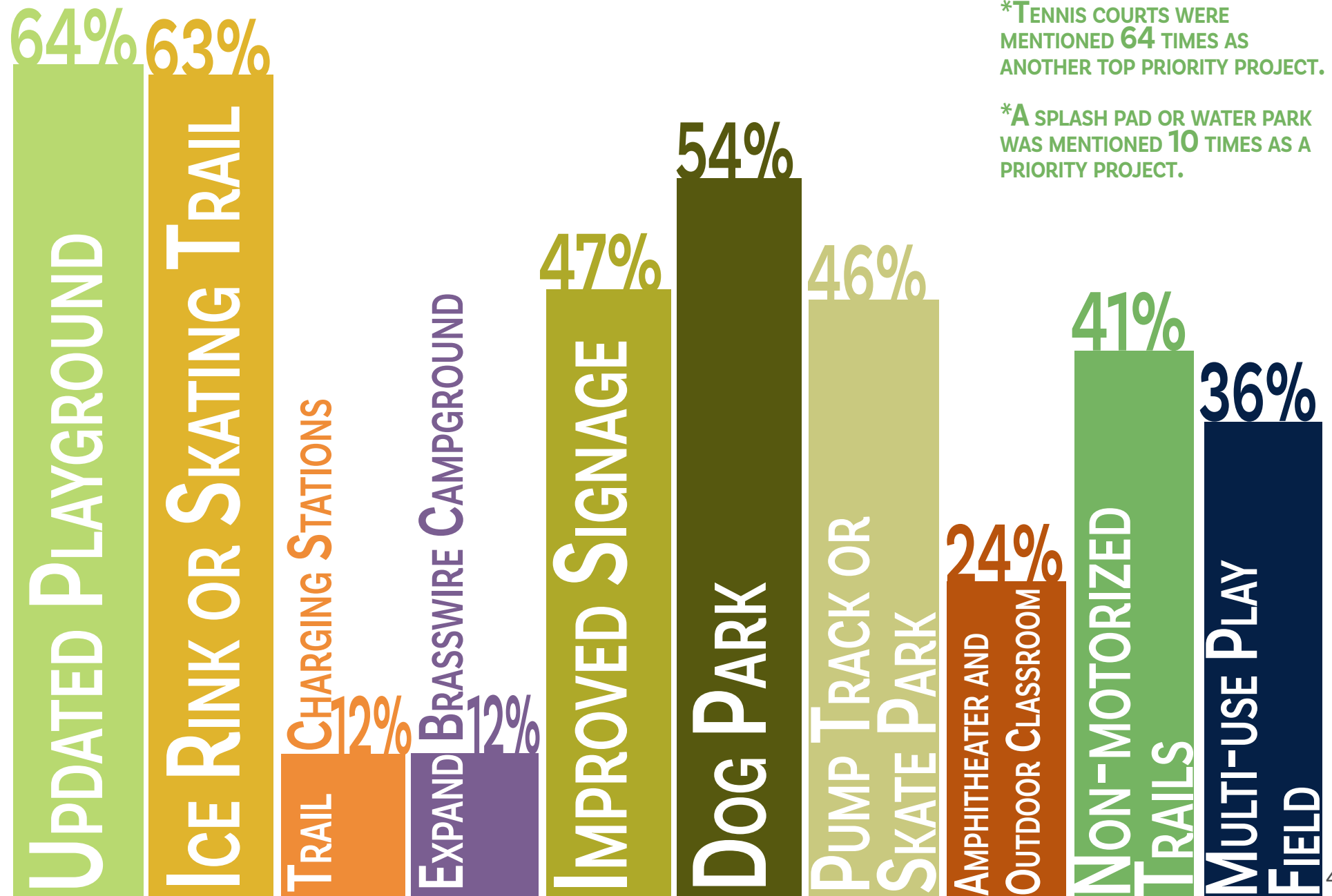


"MOST OF THE PLACES ARE STARTING TO GET 'RUN DOWN' GETTING A LOT OF CRACKS IN THE CONCRETE, WHICH MAKES IT HARD TO PLAY SPORTS OR EVEN JUST PLAY AROUND."
-LOCAL RESIDENT

"MORE MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS FOR AN ACTUAL BEGINNER LEVEL. ALL TRAILS IN THE AREA ARE GREAT TO HAVE. MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS LABELED BEGINNER IN THIS AREA SEEM TO ACTUALLY BE AT THE INTERMEDIATE LEVEL. IT WOULD BE GREAT TO ACTUALLY HAVE BEGINNER LEVEL TRAILS FOR ALL AGES AND SKILL LEVELS TO ENJOY MOUNTAIN BIKING."
-SURVEY PARTICIPANT

"THE SWIMMING COULD BE BETTER. IF I EVER WANT TO SWIM AT TEAL LAKE I ALWAYS GO TO THE NEGAUNEE SIDE. THE ISHPERING BEACH TENDS TO HAVE TRASH, IS VERY SHADED, AND THE SHORELINE IS MUCKY."
-SURVEY PARTICIPANT

PLEASE SELECT THE PARKS AND RECREATION PROJECTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN WITHIN THE CITY OF ISHPERING.



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ACTION PLAN PRIORITY PROJECTS

The City of Ishpeming has prepared plans for and completed several park improvement projects. The Cities of Ishpeming and Negaunee were awarded a joint grant to install accessible kayak launches at either end of Teal Lake. An outdoor skating rink, recently installed, has proven to be a well-loved community improvement. Brasswire Campground, is a new rustic campground located along Malton Road. Additional future planned community improvements include a future dog park, skate park/pump track, and an outdoor classroom/band stand area.

This Action Plan on the following pages attempts to channel the many ideas provided via community input, recreation board and staff feedback and develop a list of park and recreation improvements within the coming years. By no means is this a comprehensive list as interests, demographics, and the environment are constantly evolving. The City will continue to revisit its recreation plan within the future and amend this list as needed.

GOAL #1

Continue to maintain a diverse palette of recreation opportunities while better utilizing existing park properties.

TRAILS

- Identify and develop plans for connecting trails in key locations.; this includes creating neighborhood trail/bikeway connections to the Iron Ore Heritage Trail.
- Ensure a variety of trail types and designs for all ability levels are available within a reasonable distance from all city neighborhoods.
- Provide skill building areas for trail users; including kid, family friendly, and multi-generational trail opportunities.
- Prioritize maintaining existing trails and protecting adjacent natural resources over developing new trails.

NEW IMPROVEMENTS

- Create a park within the downtown core that provides a new form of recreation access serving younger and older generations alike; this could include a skate park or pump track, updated playground and seating/gathering space.
- Create an outdoor classroom/amphitheater space at Al Quaal to function as a community event space and accessible classroom for the schools and community programs/clubs to utilize.
- Consider adding recreation improvements to the old landfill site; these could include dog off leash trails, walking trails, or beginner level bike and ski trails.
- Add more winter recreation opportunities wherever possible including additional skating rinks or trails, ski and snowshoe trails and snowmobile trails/trailheads. When the opportunity presents itself consider electrifying trailheads and corridors to support the use of electric recreation equipment.

GOAL #2

Create park spaces, events and signage that are easy to locate, accessible for all, and reflect a sense of community.

COMPREHENSIVE SIGNAGE AND MAPPING PLAN

AL QUAAL

TRAILS

- Identify any user or traffic conflicts along existing trail corridors and correct them.
- Provide additional trailheads and parking if needed.
- Notify trail users of proper trail etiquette and clearly mark user types allowed on trails.

- Develop a signage and mapping design plan that creates a cohesive look throughout the community. Showcase historic nodes as well as park regions within the greater community. Highlight natural features and interpretive opportunities.

- Continue to promote Al Quaal as a regional recreation destination. Create a comprehensive park master site plan that features existing park amenities, circulation and condition of features as well as provides an overlay of proposed improvements.
- Re-open the tubing hill and seek funding for alternate methods of operating that require fewer staff members be on site if possible.
- Update existing lodges or build a new community recreation facility.
- Provide universal accessibility updates throughout the park with an accessible pathway system linking the various activity nodes.
- Determine if the exercise loop is well-used and update as needed so the equipment is safe to use and functions properly.
- Update playground equipment and introduce accessible amenities including water bottle filling stations, restrooms and picnic areas.
- Provide improved access to Teal Lake.
- Improve existing ski area.

GOAL #3

Update well-loved facilities that are outdated or have fallen into disrepair.

TRAILS

- Complete an assessment of existing trails and identify trails in need of re-routes, decommissioning, or maintenance.
- Identify best management practices for trail design and development and create a template for future trail design/build projects.

MAINTENANCE

- Ensure all enhancement and park improvement projects utilize durable, high-quality materials and minimize the need for continuous maintenance.

SPORT COURTS

- Rehabilitate and redesign tennis facilities including the potential to utilize some courts for both pickleball and tennis.

PLAY LOTS

- Update play lots that have received little attention in recent decades. Consider re-purposing some for other community recreation functions such as converting one to a dog park and adding volleyball court, additional outdoor skating rink or trail, or a multi-use play field to others.

CITY OF ISHPEMING APPENDIX A



**City of Ishpeming
Resolution #1-2024
Adoption of Parks and Recreation Plan 2024-2028**

*Marquette County
January 10, 2024*

WHEREAS, the City Council is made up of representatives from the City of Ishpeming, and

WHEREAS, the City of Ishpeming's Recreation Commission began the process of developing a community recreation and natural resource conservation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, residents of the City of Ishpeming were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least 30 days, and

WHEREAS, After the 30-day public review and comment period, a public hearing was held on January 10th, 2024 at the Ishpeming City Hall, 100 East Division Street, Ishpeming by the Ishpeming City Council to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions and discuss all aspects of the City of Ishpeming's Parks and Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Ishpeming City Council voted to adopt said City of Ishpeming Parks and Recreation Plan for 2024 through 2028.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Ishpeming City Council hereby adopts the City of Ishpeming Parks and Recreation Plan.

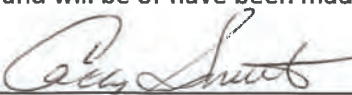
Upon a roll call the vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mayor Jason Chapman, Councilmembers Lindsay Bean, Elizabeth Firby, Renelle Halverson, and Pat Scanlon (5)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: None (0)

I, the undersigned, being duly qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Ishpeming, do hereby certify the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Ishpeming City Council and the City of Ishpeming, County of Marquette, Michigan at a regular City Council Meeting held on Wednesday, January 10th, 2024, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.


Cathy Smith, Ishpeming City Clerk

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In the matter of: City of Ishpeming
Parks and Recreation Commission
Draft of 5-Year Recreation Plan
Public Review Period and Hearing
January 10, 2024

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~~being duly sworn~~, says that she is

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annexed hereto is a printed copy of a
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dates, to-wit

November 18, 2023



ANN TROUTMAN

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of November, 2023.


HOLLY GASMAN
Notary Public for MARQUETTE County, Michigan
Acting in the County of Marquette
My commission expires: May 25, 2025

State/Nation



Rep. George Santos, R-N.Y., watches as Republicans try to elect Rep. Mike Johnson, R-La., to be the new House speaker, at the Capitol in Washington on Oct. 25. (AP photo)

Ethics chairman launches a new bid to expel George Santos after a withering report on his conduct

By KEVIN FREKING
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The chairman of the Santos announced he would not seek reelection.

"The evidence uncovered in the Ethics Committee's Investigative Subcommittee investigation is more than sufficient to warrant punishment and the most appropriate punishment, is expulsion," said Rep. Michael Guest, R-Miss.

The Ethics Committee referred its findings to the Justice Department, serving up new evidence that could potentially play into the federal charges against Santos. Lawmakers opted to do their work without going through a lengthy formal process that would be used to make a recommendation to the House on the appropriate form of punishment.

Guest emphasized in his statement that he was filing the expulsion resolution separate from the committee process and was doing so in his personal capacity as a member of the House. Several other members of the Ethics panel have also come out in favor of expulsion now that the investigation is complete.

Expulsion from the House requires a two-thirds vote, a high bar. It's the sternest form of punishment available

to the House and has occurred just five times in the history of the chamber — three times during the in Atlantic City and the Hamptons and to pay for a Botox treatment at a local spa.

The panel also described Santos as uncooperative with their investigation, declining to voluntarily testify or provide a statement under oath.

The findings by the investigative panel may be the least of Santos' worries. The congressman faces a 23-count federal indictment that alleges he stole the identities of campaign donors and then used their credit cards to make tens of thousands of dollars in unauthorized charges. Federal prosecutors say Santos, who has pleaded not guilty, wired some of the money to his personal bank account and used the rest to pad his campaign coffers.

Santos, who represents parts of Queens and Long Island, is also accused of falsely reporting to the Federal Election Commission that he had loaned his campaign \$500,000 when he actually hadn't given anything and had less than \$8,000 in the bank. The fake loan was an attempt to convince Republican Party officials that he was a serious candidate, worth their financial support, the indictment says.

Flu is soaring in seven US states and rising in others, health officials say

By MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

NEW YORK — The U.S. flu season is underway, with at least seven states reporting high levels of illnesses and cases rising in other parts of the country, health officials say.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention posted new flu data on Friday, showing very high activity last week in Louisiana, and high activity in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, New Mexico and South Carolina. It was also high in the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, the U.S. territory where health officials declared an influenza epidemic earlier this month.

"We're off to the races," said Dr. William Schaffner, a Vanderbilt University infectious diseases expert.

Traditionally the winter sometimes muddies the picture.

Alicia Budd, who leads the CDC's flu surveillance team, said several indicators are showing "continued increases" in flu.



President Joe Biden speaks while sitting next to other leaders during the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation conference Thursday in San Francisco. (AP Photo)

Biden signs a bill averting a government shutdown for now, with Israel and Ukraine aid still stalled

SAN FRANCISCO — Biden was hosting the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit.

News of the signing came late at night. The president signed the bill at the Legion of Honor Museum.

City of Ishpeming | Draft of 5-year Recreation Plan Public Review Period and Hearing

The Ishpeming Parks and Recreation Commission has prepared a draft of a 5-Year Recreation Plan. This plan, generated to allow the community to apply for Michigan DNR grant funding, lists potential future projects for city parks. A digital copy of the plan is available for review at: <https://ishpemingcity.org/>

A paper copy of the draft plan is available for review on site at the Ishpeming City Hall (100 E Division St, Ishpeming), the Ishpeming Senior Center (121 Greenwood Street, Ishpeming) and the Ishpeming Carnegie Library (317 N Main St, Ishpeming). Comments will be accepted through January 9th, 2024.

A public hearing to receive comments on the 5-year Recreation Plan will be hosted by the Ishpeming City Council on January 10th, 2024, at 6PM at the council chambers in Ishpeming City Hall (100 E Division St, Ishpeming, MI 49849).

Please submit comments to Julia Cogger at jcogger@cuppapad.org or by mail to: CUPPAD, c/o City of Ishpeming Recreation Plan, 2950 College Ave, Escanaba, MI 49829



Van Riper State Park Bidding for Beach Store Concession Operator

Make the outdoors your office! The Department of Natural Resources is seeking a qualified vendor to provide to operate the beach store at Van Riper State Park. The qualified vendor will be required to provide all equipment, personnel, and products.

Obtain a bid packet at www.michigan.gov/StateParkConcessions. Contact 906-339-4461 for additional information. Bids are due January 3, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

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The regular meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, in the Ishpeming City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Jason Chapman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Jason Chapman, Council Members Lindsay Bean, Elizabeth Firby, Renelle Halverson, and Pat Scanlon (5). Also present was City Manager Craig Cugini and City Attorney Caroline Bridges.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Public comment was offered through Zoom and in person.

Claudia Demarest, 821 Maurice Street, talked about compliance with the City Charter, the Open Meetings Act, and the Freedom of Information Act; the December 6th closed session was broadcast over channel 189 which was a violation; questioned why the Parks and Recreation Plan 2024-2028 was not presented to the Parks Commission before the public hearing and adoption of the Plan.

Jeff DeGabriele, no address provided, cited some of the articles in the constitution; questioned the parking of the City Mayor's vehicle on City property; reviewed his past sworn statements submitted for Misconduct in Office; and questioned some of the advice of the City Attorney.

Oscar Forsman, 575 Mather Avenue, read the draft of the 2024-2028 Draft of the Parks and Recreation Plan, he agreed with the current partnerships with the School which encouraged the students to invest in the community; and he very much enjoyed all that Al Quaal had to offer to City residents.

Todd Kauppinen, 409 S. Third Street, advised he has been monitoring water pooling on the other side of the abandon railroad tracks by his house and given the previous history of the sink hole he expressed his concerned with the water in that area; he asked if the City could evaluate the situation.

Raymond Olds, 1169 Ninth Street, stated he had talked to several residents that were upset with tickets issued for the parking ban when there was no snow; and reminded Councilmembers and staff to speak into the microphones so people watching on Channel 189 and You-Tube could hear.

Mike Tonkin, 612 N. Third Street, thanked DPW for plowing the alley behind his residence; questioned the time limits for public comment on the proposed agenda received by Council; and noted Council should receive packets by Friday per the Council Rules.

May Tsupros, Partridge Creek Farm, thank Council and staff for doing a good job. She provided an update on the Partridge Creek Farm development near the High School and further noted some of the food grown at the site would be provided to the school; and the school was planning to start a Healthy Cooking Program. She added Partridge Creek Farm applied for and received approval for a bee hive at the Middle School Garden and also developed a safety program for the bee hive. Partridge Creek Farm looked forward to the continued partnership with the City.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Halverson, seconded by Mayor Chapman and carried unanimously to remove item 6b from the consent agenda for discussion prior to the Monthly Financial Statements and remove from the agenda item 14a First Reading of Proposed Rezoning due to the Planning Commission taking no action and approve the agenda as amended.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon seconded by Councilmember Firby and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda as amended.

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting (December 6th and 20th, Closed Session December 6th)
- b. Approval of Disbursements (*moved to be discussed before Monthly Financial Statements*)
- c. Confirm 2024 Publishing Source – The Mining Journal

- d. Confirm 2024 Depositories – Nicolet/TruNorth/First Bank/Comerica/Charles Schwab/Edward D. Jones
- e. Confirm Payment to UPSET for 2024 - \$10,000
- f. Confirm Payment to Commission on Aging for 2024 - \$9,000
- g. Appoint Cathy Miron to a vacancy on the Commission on Aging: Term Expiring:9/2025
- h. Declare 209 Library Books as surplus

7a. Approval of Disbursements

After some brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, seconded by Councilmember Firby and carried unanimously to approve the disbursements as presented.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

Finance Director Grant Getschow reviewed the unaudited balance sheet including the General Fund, Major and Local Street, Water, Sewer, and Garbage fund for the period ending December 2023.

Councilmember Halverson questioned if the renewal fees for the two marijuana establishments have been paid; staff advised they had been paid for both establishments. She also questioned the budget for the Brasswire Campground.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon , seconded by Councilmember Firby and carried unanimously to approve the unaudited monthly financial statement report as presented.

ISHPEMING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPORT ON BLOOD DRIVE

Jaylan Wiley and Jackson Foster, Ishpeming High School Students, reported on the Blood Drive that was held on Thursday December 4th noting many community members participated along with several City employees and High School Students. The competition was between Ishpeming and Negaunee and Ishpeming won the competition. They thanked all who donated.

PUBLIC HEARING: CITY OF ISHPEMING PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN 2024-2028

There was discussion related to the Parks and Recreation Commission not reviewing and providing a recommendation on the Plan to Council before holding a public hearing and before consideration of a resolution of adoption by Council. Manager Cugini advised there was a very tight timeline for approval of the Plan and for the City to be eligible to apply for Michigan Trust Fund Grants and/or Passport Grants in 2024; the Plan would need to be submitted to the DNR by February 1st. He added the School would like to apply for another recreation grant for the Tennis Courts in 2024 and if the Plan is not approved the grant could not be submitted in the 2024 grant cycle.

Julia Cogger, CUPPAD, advised the 2024-2028 Parks and Recreation Plan is required by the DNR for the City to apply for funding. She reviewed the focus points for the development of the plan; recreation inventory programming; accessibility; and special events held in the city. She noted 450 surveys were received which was a large community input. She reviewed the list of projects in the Plan and advised not all the project would be completed within the 5-year period, however, when applying for grants, the DNR would check if the project was listed in the City's Recreation Plan.

Manager Cugini explained this Recreation Plan was in alignment with the Master Plan; the ad was in the Mining Journal; the draft Plan was on the City's website; and this was the final public hearing before adoption of the Plan.

Mayor Chapman opened the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Ann Old, 1169 Ninth Street, questioned if the Plan was adopted would a grant for the Tennis Courts be applied for; Manager Cugini advised the Plan must be adopted to apply for the DNR grant for the Tennis Courts.

Councilmember Bean would have preferred to have a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission; however, adoption of the Plan was necessary to apply for grants.

Mayor Chapman closed the public hearing at 7:18 p.m.

a. Adopt Resolution #1-2024: Adoption of Parks and Recreation Plan 2024-2028

Mayor Chapman read the Resolution into the record.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, seconded by Councilmember Bean and carried unanimously to adopted Resolution #1-2024, Adoption of the Parks and Recreation Plan 2024-2028.

2024 CITY HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

Ryan Whitley, 44 North, provided a presentation on the current plan renewal rates and the two other Plans, Blue Care Network HRA and HSA plans, which were reviewed by the Health Insurance Committee. He also provided the renewal rates for the dental and vision coverage.

Manager Cugini gave a brief summary of discussions at the Health Insurance Committee meetings. The Committee, which included members of the AFSCME Chapters and Police Officers Association of Michigan would like to renew with the current plan and continue discussions related to the health savings account for possible future consideration.

A motion was made by Mayor Chapman seconded by Councilmember Bean and carried unanimously to approve the renewal of the current plan with MPEC for health insurance coverage from February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025.

PROPOSED WAGE INCREASE FOR PRECINCT INSPECTORS

City Clerk Cathy Smith reviewed the wages for precinct inspectors at surrounding municipalities. She added providing equitable pay for their dedication in carrying out their duties with integrity and commitment is essential for successful elections and would also help to retain the City's experienced precinct workers and to recruit new workers.

A motion was made by Mayor Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Bean to approve the increase to the Precinct Inspector wages to \$15.00/hour and the Precinct Inspector Chair to \$16.00/hour beginning in 2024. Ayes: Mayor Jason Chapman, Councilmembers Lindsay Bean, Elizabeth Firby, and Pat Scanlon (4). Nays: Councilmember Renelle Halverson (1). Motion passed 4-1.

It was the consensus of Council to have a 5-minute recess at 7:42 p.m. Council returned from recess at 7:47 p.m.

ADOPT NEW POLICY #419: APPLYING FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Manager Cugini advised this was a required policy towards becoming Redevelop Ready Community certified.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bean, seconded by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve Policy 419, Applying for Boards and Commissions as presented.

REVIEW/CONFIRM POLICY 601: COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE POLICY

There was discussion related to the proposed agenda which included the number of public comment items, the length of public comment, and adding Unfinished Business and New Business items.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, seconded by Mayor Chapman and carried unanimously to have the first Public Comment (5 minutes per person) with the person having the option to speak under public comment or reserve time under an agenda item and the second Public Comment (3 minutes per person) for general comments.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bean, seconded by Councilmember Firby and carried unanimously to add New Business and Unfinished Business to the agenda and if there were late additions to the agenda it would be added at the beginning of the meeting under approval of the agenda.

A motion was made by Mayor Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to move the public comment after roll call on the special meeting agendas with a time limit of 4 minutes per person.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

First Reading of Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment: Rezoning from General Commercial to Deferred Development –
This item was removed from the agenda.

First Reading of Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment: Increase Diversity in Multiple Residential District (RRC requirements)

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, seconded by Councilmember Bean and carried unanimously to approve the text amendment for increasing diversity in Multiple Residential District (RRC requirements) as an emergency reading.

DECLARE DPW VEHICLES SURPLUS

1998 Chevy S-10 (2WD)\$1000

2010 Chevy Tahoe (4WD)\$500

2002 Chevy 1500 (4WD)\$500

General Foreman Bill Anderson explained the condition of each vehicles. Manager Cugini advised the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority would like to purchase the two trucks (1998 and 2002) for a total of \$1,500 to be used only on the Landfill site.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bean, seconded by Councilmember Halverson and carried unanimously to declare all three vehicles as surplus.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bean, seconded by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to sell the 1998 Chevy S-10 and 2002 Chevy 1500 to the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority for the minimum bids amounts of \$1,000 and \$500, respectively, for a total of \$1,500.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Public comment was offered on zoom and in person.

Claudia Demarest, 821 Maurice Street, questioned why the Parks and Recreation Commission did not have an opportunity to review the draft Recreation Plan as there were quorums at the August and October meetings.

Anne Olds, 1169 Ninth Street, does not like to attend meetings at night so she listens at home, however, it is not the same as attending in person because she misses some of the information discussed; but she attends the Mayor's coffee hours and commended the Mayor for having them.

Raymond Olds, 1169 Ninth Street, was concerned with one of the Precincts being at Birchview School.

Dave Kangas, Mayor of Negaunee, explained with leadership comes decisions, and sometimes hard decisions have to be made, but they are necessary and should always be in the best interest of the City.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Bean attended the Planning Commission meeting on Monday and the text amendment to increase diversity in the Multi Residential District which was and RRC requirement was approved; she requested work on the Short-Term Rentals Ordinance continue; and suggested the Planning Commission continue discussions to amend the Marijuana Ordinance to allow additional cannabis licenses in the City.

Councilmember Halverson attended the Housing Commission meeting and reported the Commission was looking into increasing rental rates; their 2024 health care was renewed; and they also discussed window replacements.

Councilmember Firby asked if the ice rink was going to be at the Lake Bancroft Pavilion area for the winter again; and explained she worked during the time that the coffee hours were held and was not able to attend.

Councilmember Scanlon would like to see work done on the tennis courts and would like to pursue grant funding; and he would like to get a closeout report within the next few month with regards to the Brasswire Campground.

Mayor Chapman noted it was National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day and thanked all of the City law enforcement officers; wished everyone a Happy New year; the next coffee hour would be on January 26th at 1:00 p.m.; and he was still working with ABC-10 highlighting Ishpeming.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Cugini advised the City was not awarded the Neighborhood Enhancement Grant; the winter parking ban was not a winter plowing ban; the fire department was recently awarded a grant; and an application was completed for the Distressed Communities Grant for a new fire truck.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:09 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon seconded by Councilmember Firby and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith
City Clerk

CITY OF ISHPEMING

COMMUNITY SURVEY



Your Voice Matters!

QR Code Survey
Link:



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<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CP9B3GT>

Paper copies can be picked up and dropped off at:

Ishpeming Senior Center
121 Greenwood St
Ishpeming, MI 49849

Ishpeming City Hall
100 E. Division St
Ishpeming, MI 49849

We will be accepting survey responses until October 20th, 2022.

Thank you!

City of Ishpeming | Recreation Plan Survey

August, 2022

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If you prefer paper format, please mail your completed paper survey to or hand in at the Ishpeming City Hall (100 E Division St):

CUPPAD

Ishpeming Rec Plan
2950 College Ave
Escanaba, MI 49829

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Thank you!

Please circle one of the answers below.

1. Please select what best describes your residency:

- a. Year round resident
- b. Seasonal resident
- c. Nearby community resident (Live outside city limits)
- d. None of the above

2. Are you?

- a. Less than 25yrs old
- b. 26-45yrs old
- c. 46-60yrs old
- d. 61 and over

3. In the past two years, what recreational activities have you or a member of your household participated in?

4. What do you VALUE about the City of Ishpeming's recreation opportunities?

5. What would you like to CHANGE about the City of Ishpeming's recreation opportunities?

6. Are there any City owned parks or properties that could be better utilized as a recreational asset? If so, what areas and what would your preferred program be for the site?

7. What should be a priority when addressing the City's recreation opportunities?

(1: Highest, 2: Moderate, 3: Lowest)

- ☐ Maintenance and continuous improvement of facilities and parks
- ☐ Ensuring recreational facilities are accessible to all residents
- ☐ Development of amenities such as restrooms, night lighting, and utilities
- ☐ Creation of new recreation amenity such as a dog park, skate park/pump track, or interpretive trails
- ☐ Other (please specify)

8. In the past two years, how often have you or a member of your household visited the facilities below?
(Please check a box for each facility)

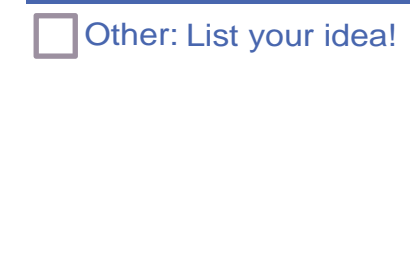
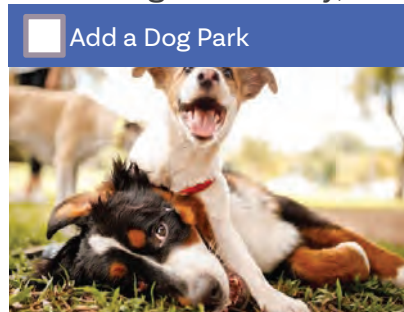
	No Visits	1-2 PER YEAR	3-6 PER YEAR	MONTHLY	WEEKLY OR MORE
CITY PLAYGROUND					
AL QUAAL					
TRAILS					
TEAL LAKE					
DISC GOLF					
BAND STAND					
SPECIAL EVENTS					
TUBING HILL/SLEDDING					
LODGE OR PAVILION RENTAL					
HORSESHOES					
OTHER					
LAKE BANCROFT PARK					
MARQUETTE STREET PLAYLOT					
BARNUM (7TH ADDITION) PLAYLOT					
LAKE ANGELINE PLAYLOT					
BRUCE ASGAARD PARK					
SALISBURY PLAYLOT					
PALMS AREA PLAYLOT					
MATHER "A" BALLFIELD					
HOLMES PLAYLOT					
SECOND STREET PLAYLOT					
POWER OF TEN POCKET PARK					
OTHER NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS (SNOWSHOEING, HORSEBACK, ETC.)					
RAMBA MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL NETWORK					
IRON ORE HERITAGE LEASED/MAINTAINED TRAILS					
BRASSWIRE CAMPGROUND					
LAKE BANCROFT PAVILION					

9. What special events have you participated in?

SPECIAL EVENTS	PARTICIPATE	DON'T PARTICIPATE
MARQUETTE MARATHON		
IRON RANGE ROLL		
MARJI GESICK		
FAT-ISH FATBIKE RACE AND/OR 906 POLAR ROLL		
NOQUE SKI MARATHON, WILDCAT INVITATIONAL SKI RACE, AND/OR ISHPEMING SKI CLUB JR. NATIONAL QUALIFIER		
IBA CONCERT SERIES		
GUS MACKER		
FESTIVAL OF TREASURES, 4TH OF JULY, AND/OR LABOR DAY FESTIVITIES		
PASQUALI'S CAR SHOW AND/OR BUZZ THE GUT		
ITALIAN FEST		
ORE TO SHORE		
NEIGHBORHOOD NITE OUT AND/OR LADIES NIGHT OUT		
IHS HOMECOMING PARADE		
GINCC ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW		
ISHPETURKEY TROT		
CHRISTMAS PARADE AND/OR SLEIGH RIDES/SANTA VISITS		

10. Please rank your top priority parks and recreation projects within the City:

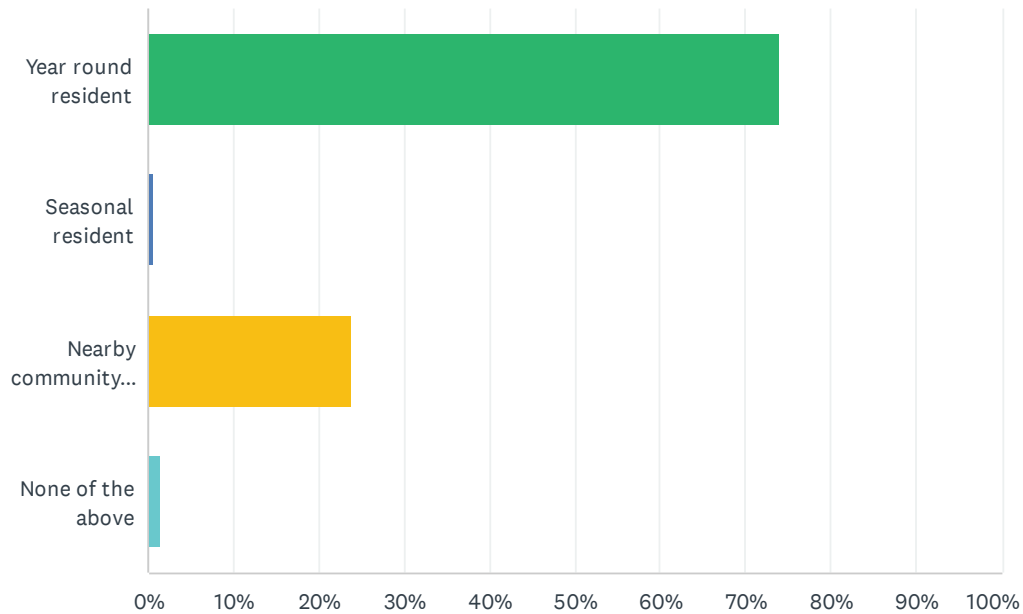
Scale 1= Highest Priority, 8= Lowest Priority



11. Would you like to be contacted regarding upcoming public meetings, planning document reviews, or workshops? (Please provide email address or mailing address depending on your preference)

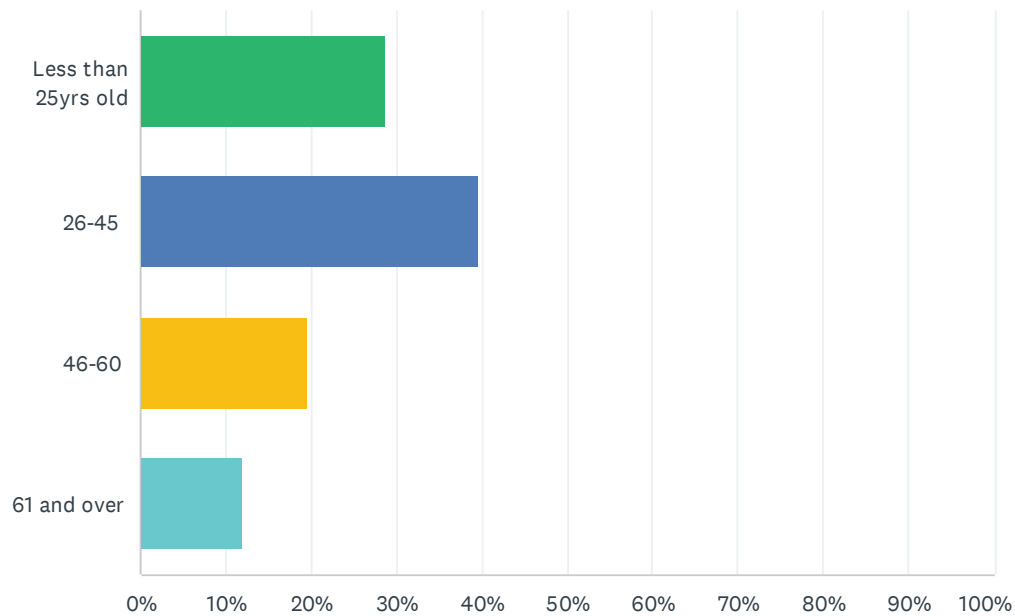
Q1 Please select what best describes your residency:

Answered: 445 Skipped: 7



Q2 Are you:

Answered: 449 Skipped: 3



3. In the past two years, what recreational activities have you or a member of your household participated in?

Hockey tennis pickle ball road Tube slide Al trail running Fix tennis courts going parks
country skiing snowshoeing dog paddle boarding bike riding baseball softball Tubing hill
pickle ball skiing snowshoeing ice skating basketball courts fishing boating baseball
ride SNOW atv golf etc snowmobiling Ore Heritage Trail running trails Al Quaal
heritage trail playing parks Al Quaal Hunting fishing disc golf
skating sledding fishing winter Hiking biking snowboarding
swimming riding cross country skiing Al Quaal
snowshoeing football basketball Mountain biking
tennis courts sledding volleyball biking IOHT hiking
games walking basketball football Tennis dog walking trails
snowshoeing cross country park Track kayaking around skiing
fishing camping playgrounds tube slide football baseball football tubing
downhill skiing softball Iron Ore Heritage camping boating basketball canoeing
playing working hiking swimming paths USE Fishing hunting walking trails
snowshoeing camping None boating kayaking snow shoeing softball fields biking running
football field tennis basketball biking frisbee golf Al qual biking Iron Ore XC skiing
Mountain biking running going tennis court RAMBA

4. What do you VALUE about the City of Ishpeming's recreation opportunities?

options helps Accessibility wish courts ishpeming make know basketball courts etc
something free USE RAMBA skiing heritage trail Al people Iron Ore Heritage
outdoor Ease access fun tubing hill play location trails Al Quaal friends
great availability kids home go football field beautiful trail systems
hiking gives access quality value fixed area Clean
opportunities enjoy good time Al Quaal Easy access
park need trails close home things lakes lot community
many proximity places nothing love maintained variety
Al Quall city outdoor opportunities outside cross country skiing
playgrounds space biking nature tennis courts ability nice
Ramba trails close year round activities Love Al Quaal Heritage Trail
Ore Heritage Trail recreation please Teal Lake Bringing IOHT walking S really
Al Qual able Fix tennis courts much town looks families stuff new around

5. What would you like to CHANGE about the City of Ishpeming's recreation opportunities?

going way one side downtown Upkeep recreation tube slide open well skate park children
kids play maybe adults maintained great city wish opportunities look think available
basketball courts mountain bike trails really playground equipment
tennis courts need repair winter run Ishpeming old nothing lot
things streets play place kids clean Update around
playgrounds nice trails New tennis courts Al Quaal
love see park ice rink tennis courts ski trails
better tennis court need hours area tubing dog park
sidewalks see skiing Add many Fix tennis courts s make want
fix change improve biking trails tubing hill Add dog park activities open
events take upgrade groomed roads facilities use fun equipment offer indoor
volleyball court high school ski hill know courts need redone dogs Tennis buildings always
enjoy SAFE stuff Lighted

Q6 Are there any City owned parks or properties that could be better utilized as a recreational asset? If so, what areas and what would your preferred program be for the site?

Answered: 368 Skipped: 84

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	N/a	10/21/2022 6:22 PM
2	I am not sure.	10/19/2022 1:10 PM
3	Keep all parks but update them with. Keep the Merry go rounds	10/18/2022 10:52 AM
4	The tilden park for the children, many small trails around town and al qual	10/17/2022 5:39 PM
5	Ishpeming playground tennis court appearance.	10/17/2022 2:04 PM
6	not off hand	10/17/2022 12:02 AM
7	Tube slide!	10/16/2022 10:07 AM
8	Developing the beach at Al Quaal. Al Quaal is an amazing asset that seems to be underused and under appreciated. I don't have the answer, but maybe a brainstorming session to increase usage while protecting the natural beauty of the area.	10/15/2022 10:33 AM
9	The tennis courts	10/15/2022 10:22 AM
10	Al Qual, fix up the west end of Teal lake. Put some kind of water slide down one of those old ski hills in the summer month. Get a food truck out there that sells burgers and brats	10/15/2022 9:25 AM
11	I don't know right now	10/14/2022 9:49 PM
12	Al Quaal is a wonderful place, but needs updated equipment for children, picnic spots, including better cooking facilities.	10/14/2022 8:55 PM
13	Al Quaal is in desperate need of updated play equipment (exactly that same as 50+ years ago!) and more added.	10/14/2022 4:03 PM
14	It would be nice if there was a decent beach at Al Qual.	10/14/2022 1:58 PM
15	Tennis courts	10/14/2022 12:22 PM
16	Ice rink at AL Quaal	10/14/2022 12:21 PM
17	Not sure what area but a dog park near al qual would be nice. Everyone runs their dogs there any way	10/14/2022 12:07 PM
18	Al Quaal, the beach is in shambles, could use a complete renovation. The ishpeing playgrounds, tennis courts are in shambles.	10/14/2022 12:07 PM
19	Ishpeming playground needs to update equipment. Most things are broken or just out dated	10/14/2022 11:57 AM
20	Need a dog park somewhere.	10/12/2022 1:56 PM
21	Can't think of any	10/12/2022 9:47 AM
22	not sure	10/12/2022 8:13 AM
23	The ishpeing township fire hall park could be added to. It's a huge spot and not much going on. Also, a little park at the baseball feild would be awesome!	10/11/2022 5:56 AM
24	Bring back the toboggan slide or something similar in to that	10/10/2022 9:57 PM
25	The Lake Bancroft area would make a great fit strip location for adults.	10/9/2022 7:26 AM
26	Al Quaal feels under-utilized. Also, the Hill street area has so much potential for more	10/5/2022 11:06 AM

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recreation. Finally, the Ishpeming ski jump hill should be utilized more. Maybe those trails could become a dog park hiking trail system in the summer?

27	Al quaal. Maybe condense playground equipment to one area and designate others for different activities	10/3/2022 11:17 PM
28	N/a	10/3/2022 12:36 PM
29	N/A	10/3/2022 9:06 AM
30	See previous	9/30/2022 6:40 PM
31	The tube hill/skill hill Al quaal as a whole.	9/30/2022 11:36 AM
32	Among the best cross country ski trails in the country-we don't advertise	9/30/2022 10:36 AM
33	I think more people would play tennis in the city instead of going to WW like many residents do because of the quality (or lack thereof) of our courts.	9/30/2022 10:31 AM
34	There is a park off of west Division st. That is missing the baseball field that was removed when they ran the negaunee waste water tie through that area. And the other equipment on site is very outdated and just a place for hoodlums to hang out.	9/30/2022 7:19 AM
35	Al Quaal and the playground area by the football field	9/30/2022 6:53 AM
36	Would be nice to see a beach volleyball court back at Al Quaal or even at Lake Bancroft. Even higher on the wish list would be an indoor space to walk in the winter, play tennis or pickleball, basketball court, etc. The school gyms are way too booked up to allow for public use. Winters are too long to not have an indoor facility.	9/30/2022 6:29 AM
37	Lake Bancroft and Al Quaal. More summer activities for the kids	9/29/2022 10:53 PM
38	Al Quaal - the playground equipment is outdated and somewhat unsafe (in my opinion). The trails are poorly marked. Several downed trees on trails. XC ski trails and tube slide is unreliably groomed or open. I enjoy hiking here with my kids, but people walk with dogs off of the leash here too often and I've had bad experiences with trying to protect my three little girls from aggressive dogs. Perhaps more signage and public education would help get ball rolling on a change of attitude towards leashing dogs on these public trails. Would be super cool to have a nice outdoor ice rink here too!	9/29/2022 9:33 PM
39	I think there is a great opportunity for growth near the HOB trailhead. So much land that could house a pavilion or local business (bar/grill). A place for people to hang out and spend time after a ride.	9/29/2022 7:17 PM
40	Mather a field	9/29/2022 5:39 PM
41	Would love to see more sledding at AL Quaal, but y'all do a fantastic job	9/29/2022 11:20 AM
42	More accessible tent camping and overlooks for mtn bikes. Old lots turned to skateboard features or community bbq spaces	9/29/2022 10:33 AM
43	Better tennis courts at the ishpeming play grounds	9/29/2022 7:06 AM
44	Sorry, unknown	9/28/2022 9:33 PM
45	Would be nice to have a nice beach on the Ishpeming side of Teal Lake	9/28/2022 4:48 PM
46	We go to the Ely township park because of their new playground equipment.	9/28/2022 11:19 AM
47	Al quaal	9/28/2022 9:52 AM
48	Al Quaal. Professionally built bike/hike trails.	9/28/2022 12:17 AM
49	No	9/27/2022 8:01 PM
50	The kids park on empire and tennis courts really neglected.	9/27/2022 8:01 PM
51	Al quaal has so many options as I stated in last question.	9/27/2022 6:52 PM
52	Not sure	9/27/2022 5:47 PM
53	Al quaal volleyball league	9/27/2022 3:07 PM

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54	The Ishpeming Tennis Court could use some work	9/27/2022 2:22 PM
55	I'm not sure	9/27/2022 2:10 PM
56	the courts and the football field.	9/27/2022 2:09 PM
57	nothing	9/27/2022 2:05 PM
58	None that I can think of.	9/27/2022 2:04 PM
59	A better tennis court so the teams around the county can play without not wanting to play there because it can be dangerous.	9/27/2022 2:03 PM
60	Not that I know of.	9/27/2022 2:03 PM
61	yes by yooperlite nursing home their should be a park there.	9/27/2022 2:02 PM
62	the basketball courts they could be better if they where fixed up and got new hoops	9/27/2022 2:01 PM
63	playgrounds	9/27/2022 2:01 PM
64	None come to mind.	9/27/2022 2:00 PM
65	dont know	9/27/2022 1:58 PM
66	No	9/27/2022 1:58 PM
67	lake bancroft into dog park	9/27/2022 1:57 PM
68	parks	9/27/2022 1:57 PM
69	Al Quaal. A small fair.	9/27/2022 1:56 PM
70	probaly the park by the football feilds	9/27/2022 1:56 PM
71	The park by the football feild could definitley be updated its really bad	9/27/2022 1:55 PM
72	N/A	9/27/2022 1:55 PM
73	tennis courts	9/27/2022 1:54 PM
74	The Playground By The Football field Should Be Re-Painted Again Because I've Seen Inappropriate Things That Are Written And Carved In There That I Think Are Not Appropriate To Little Kids	9/27/2022 1:17 PM
75	Outdoor music park and venue.	9/27/2022 1:16 PM
76	None that I can think of	9/27/2022 1:13 PM
77	the tennis courts near the ishpeming football field	9/27/2022 1:09 PM
78	nothing	9/27/2022 1:09 PM
79	A lot of people go out to suicide hill to climb and it would be wonderful if the roads were better maintained and maybe more land was utilized for other activities.	9/27/2022 1:08 PM
80	The park over by the Ishpeming football field should have a soccer field and there should be more trash and recylcling bins there.	9/27/2022 1:06 PM
81	i dont have any	9/27/2022 1:06 PM
82	ishpeming park	9/27/2022 1:04 PM
83	not that I can think of	9/27/2022 1:02 PM
84	I don't know	9/27/2022 1:02 PM
85	I would really like for more, courts	9/27/2022 1:02 PM
86	i don't know	9/27/2022 1:02 PM
87	biking trails	9/27/2022 12:57 PM
88	Between Venice and Congress large skating park for holidays and green benched area in summer	9/27/2022 12:51 PM

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89	Very happy about the upcoming camping area	9/27/2022 12:45 PM
90	--	9/27/2022 12:04 PM
91	none at the moment	9/27/2022 11:58 AM
92	No keep the parks but you can take some of the run down old buildings that don't really get used.	9/27/2022 11:41 AM
93	someplace down town, it would be lovely for a skate park.	9/27/2022 11:41 AM
94	the tennis court	9/27/2022 11:40 AM
95	the old grocery store by the oasis maybe into a skate park or roller rink	9/27/2022 11:40 AM
96	There are areas that I can't think of. But it would be nice to have a Rollerskating rink again somewhere.	9/27/2022 11:37 AM
97	none that i can think of or use	9/27/2022 11:37 AM
98	I think the tennis courts could be redone and used more often	9/27/2022 11:36 AM
99	I don't know	9/27/2022 11:35 AM
100	the football field park	9/27/2022 11:35 AM
101	none	9/27/2022 11:34 AM
102	the old oasis gas station	9/27/2022 11:34 AM
103	yes the building behind the subway and gas station	9/27/2022 11:34 AM
104	I don't know.	9/27/2022 11:33 AM
105	no	9/27/2022 11:32 AM
106	Again, the tennis courts need to be fixed up a bit at the playground, maybe some other places.	9/27/2022 10:52 AM
107	i don't have anything that i think would be better as a recreational asset.	9/27/2022 10:48 AM
108	no, i don't think so	9/27/2022 10:48 AM
109	the parks	9/27/2022 10:45 AM
110	The building on 111 W Division St with the painting on it, I think should be turned into a Pre-school.	9/27/2022 10:45 AM
111	all i want is a volleyball net somewhere man	9/27/2022 10:45 AM
112	i think that the tennis courts could be renovated	9/27/2022 10:44 AM
113	I don't know any owned properties in Ishpeming.	9/27/2022 10:44 AM
114	to me its fine	9/27/2022 10:43 AM
115	the football field parks, they need new equipment its old and rusted and it could hurt kids	9/27/2022 10:43 AM
116	yes, the ishpeing playground near oak/high street. A lot of things there need repairing.	9/27/2022 10:42 AM
117	The playgrounds	9/27/2022 10:42 AM
118	no	9/27/2022 10:41 AM
119	i don't know any off the top of my head	9/27/2022 10:39 AM
120	make a dog park in utilized space	9/27/2022 10:38 AM
121	the ishpeing tennis courts	9/27/2022 10:38 AM
122	Parks	9/27/2022 10:03 AM
123	I don't know	9/27/2022 9:57 AM
124	i don't know	9/27/2022 9:57 AM

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125	the park by salvation army its old and there some rust which could be dangerous so i think we should re do it	9/27/2022 9:57 AM
126	tennis courts near the football field. Redo them because there are cracks with plants growing in between and that could be a problem for the players.	9/27/2022 9:57 AM
127	the cleveland cliffs property would be good for kids	9/27/2022 9:57 AM
128	The softball fields next to the picnic tables by Birchview Elementary	9/27/2022 9:56 AM
129	there arent any i can think of	9/27/2022 9:55 AM
130	michigan	9/27/2022 9:54 AM
131	the old cleveland cliffs property it could be a park or a fun place for kids.	9/27/2022 9:53 AM
132	No	9/27/2022 9:53 AM
133	dog park	9/27/2022 9:52 AM
134	the tennis court	9/27/2022 9:52 AM
135	no they cant be beter i think that we should put something new into the comunity make something out of it if we want this place to be more known we cant just make peole come here we got to give it to em	9/27/2022 9:51 AM
136	i feel like we need more sort of fun yet easy to access things just to help the community a little bit	9/27/2022 9:51 AM
137	nofing	9/27/2022 9:51 AM
138	birchview hoops the rim is bent and there are many kids out at the school that want to play basketball but can't	9/27/2022 9:50 AM
139	The tennis courts, And the sidewalks, And try not to do the road like when its a really bussy time becasue that blocks off the roads so then there barley anywhere to get to your own house.	9/27/2022 9:50 AM
140	dog parks	9/27/2022 9:50 AM
141	I think the new camp on Malton road should have a park or area for dogs of some sort.	9/27/2022 9:49 AM
142	Not that i know of	9/27/2022 9:47 AM
143	none	9/27/2022 9:46 AM
144	basket ball quarts and football and tenis and golf or anything would help	9/27/2022 9:44 AM
145	The North side of Teal Lake is underdeveloped for trails. We could work with Negaunee to develop a connection around the lake for hiking, biking, and even skiing.	9/27/2022 9:36 AM
146	getting nicer stuff and park equipment at Al Quaal	9/27/2022 9:16 AM
147	yes	9/27/2022 9:13 AM
148	The Al Quall park near Birchview could use a lot of work. The slide is falling apart and I want the kids to have fun.	9/27/2022 9:10 AM
149	Tennis and basketball field upgrade.	9/27/2022 9:02 AM
150	the park by the football field	9/27/2022 9:01 AM
151	in quaal by in the bug open feald	9/27/2022 9:01 AM
152	The park on south second street needs to be redone.	9/27/2022 9:00 AM
153	Maybe,on a hiking path,there could be a disc golf course as an optional activity.	9/27/2022 9:00 AM
154	the playground at the football field	9/27/2022 9:00 AM
155	some of the big random fields could be made into stuff like more trees, more housing, or a dog park.	9/27/2022 9:00 AM
156	I would like there to be dog parks with fencing around it so that your dog can run free.	9/27/2022 8:59 AM

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157	dog park	9/27/2022 8:59 AM
158	add a playground by the high school.	9/27/2022 8:59 AM
159	the tennis courts and playgrounds	9/27/2022 8:58 AM
160	the tennis courts and basketball courts.	9/27/2022 8:58 AM
161	the tennis court and the playground	9/27/2022 8:58 AM
162	birchview tennis court	9/27/2022 8:58 AM
163	i think the parks can be remodled	9/27/2022 8:56 AM
164	the tenes corts	9/27/2022 8:56 AM
165	no	9/27/2022 8:56 AM
166	parks	9/27/2022 8:55 AM
167	trailhead pavllion with bathrooms at baseball field	9/27/2022 8:46 AM
168	Overall, make a bigger park so they can all be used by everyone.	9/27/2022 8:41 AM
169	Tennis courts	9/27/2022 8:39 AM
170	Al Quaal should have new playground equipment put in for all the kids to enjoy.. We got this big park that once was very much used by the public fir picnicking etc & now it just sits there hardly used ! All the townships around us & cities have big beautiful playgrounds & we have nothing !!	9/27/2022 12:54 AM
171	Maybe lighting on al qual trails for night time snow shoe. Restrooms near trails	9/26/2022 8:55 PM
172	I don't know	9/26/2022 5:44 PM
173	The tennis courts! We need to have those redone! Especially for the Ishpeming tennis teams!	9/26/2022 4:30 PM
174	No	9/26/2022 4:26 PM
175	None at this time	9/26/2022 3:54 PM
176	Ski hill!	9/26/2022 1:56 PM
177	Al Quaal could use more hiking/biking trails	9/26/2022 12:57 PM
178	No critiques	9/26/2022 10:25 AM
179	I would like to see a snow biking trail maintained at Al Quall each winter	9/26/2022 10:12 AM
180	Live music at least one night a week where we can take our lawn chairs and listen. Since our outdoor weather does not last long, what indoor facility could we use for the same thing? But it needs to be advertised. And people need to feel safe along with their vehicles outside.	9/26/2022 9:59 AM
181	YES, a city fruit and nut plantings similar to what partridge creek did	9/26/2022 9:13 AM
182	We need better tennis courts.	9/26/2022 9:11 AM
183	Not sure	9/26/2022 8:49 AM
184	Cedar beach. This could be a fantastic city beach. The beach need to be cleaned up and the road access improved.	9/26/2022 3:02 AM
185	More green spaces, trees, perennial flower gardens & water features, natural etc. for the elderly, & general public. Several places this could be done. Would give the elderly & community more to do, enjoy & be proud of. Utilize some of the parking lots and old looking buildings down town. Trees along the sidewalks in front of stores, w/benches. Etc. Create down town more like a park setting w/shopping, dining & a gathering experience people can be proud of. instead of the run down paved look it currently has. I have been to several cities that have done this and it helped their economy greatly & overall well being as a community.	9/25/2022 11:52 PM
186	Preserve what you have while building on top of it to keep people interested in coming back	9/25/2022 10:32 PM
187	Anything new!	9/25/2022 10:13 PM

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188	Ice rink at al quaal, toboggan run open again, kayaks launch at lake Bancroft, improvement of beach at teal lake for swimming and kayaking.	9/25/2022 9:16 PM
189	Lake Bancroft, Malton Rd corridor.	9/25/2022 7:47 PM
190	Al Quaal is underutilized! Camping, events, and fixing the beach would be game-changers!	9/25/2022 7:30 PM
191	Na	9/25/2022 7:15 PM
192	Not sure.	9/25/2022 6:22 PM
193	Unsure	9/25/2022 6:13 PM
194	Teal lake. Build beach up Disability kayak dock	9/25/2022 5:25 PM
195	Dog park, tennis courts	9/25/2022 5:15 PM
196	Add a dog park	9/25/2022 4:53 PM
197	Dog park at back side of playgrounds.	9/25/2022 4:33 PM
198	Playground tennis courts need upgrade	9/25/2022 2:23 PM
199	Park behind W Division could benefit from a lighted court for pickleball	9/25/2022 1:51 PM
200	N/a	9/25/2022 10:43 AM
201	Tennis courts need to be repaired. Driving to the other districts to play, is embarrassing.	9/25/2022 10:03 AM
202	Al Quaal has so many opportunities. Ice rink could be added. Maybe a concession stand in one of the buildings for the skiers and sledgers with hot chocolate and snacks.	9/25/2022 9:51 AM
203	Yes, the mining pavilion should be open and heated for the ice skate rink. We skated several times last year, but there was no place to warm up or put on skates. The city of marquette has heated space next it it's ice rink. Also one if snow and the rink was abandoned for the season : (9/25/2022 9:32 AM
204	Alqual	9/25/2022 8:07 AM
205	No	9/25/2022 12:51 AM
206	Groom Al Quaal more often and post about it when you do. I never know when it is going to be groomed so I hardly go there. Instead I travel to over trails that I know have been groomed.	9/24/2022 11:29 PM
207	Snow shoe rentals at alqual for trails, guided trails?	9/24/2022 10:33 PM
208	Al Quaal, i feel like it has so much more potential	9/24/2022 10:11 PM
209	Al Quaal. Skiing could so-exist with the tube slide. It's tough for parents to get kids to Marquette	9/24/2022 9:54 PM
210	I feel Al quaal is so under utilized as an area for the entire family. Sure there is hiking, biking, and winter sports areas available. However, an updated park equipment, band shell, amphitheater, fishing dock, swimming area, soccer fields could add to this area and become utilize by members of the community and tourists and be able to host more community events that can be enjoyed by the whole family.	9/24/2022 9:33 PM
211	Don't know	9/24/2022 9:08 PM
212	Al Quaal. Kids park that isn't deadly, so families can play safely there.	9/24/2022 8:59 PM
213	?	9/24/2022 7:04 PM
214	I am happy with the offerings of activities I enjoy.	9/24/2022 6:32 PM
215	Lake Bancroft playground, fountain lights back in the lake	9/24/2022 6:26 PM
216	I would like to see Al Quaal utilized more. It's a beautiful park that could easily host different festivals	9/24/2022 4:45 PM
217	Unknown	9/24/2022 4:35 PM
218	Downtown parks are looking old.. more stuff at al quaal by the metal slides	9/24/2022 4:03 PM

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219	The bathrooms at the lake have not been taken care of	9/24/2022 4:02 PM
220	Al Quaal xc skiing and biking	9/24/2022 3:39 PM
221	More Ethnic festivals	9/24/2022 2:32 PM
222	Al Quaal. Updated playground equipment. Look at Gladstone Van Cleve park. It's beautiful. Something like that could be done to Al Quaal. Enforce the leash law!!	9/24/2022 2:25 PM
223	n/a	9/24/2022 12:23 PM
224	Resurface the tennis courts	9/24/2022 11:56 AM
225	Lake Bancroft my kids and I walk and they always request a playground there	9/24/2022 11:08 AM
226	The playground and a nice area for kids to hang out	9/24/2022 10:44 AM
227	Al Quaal	9/24/2022 10:31 AM
228	The Ishpeming play grounds could be used more.	9/24/2022 9:02 AM
229	Al quaal summer use	9/24/2022 9:02 AM
230	Teal Lake	9/24/2022 8:53 AM
231	Tilden township has two really nice updated playgrounds. It would be awesome to update any of ours.	9/24/2022 8:52 AM
232	The ishpeing play grounds or al quaal	9/24/2022 6:49 AM
233	Fix the dog park on 7th or make a fenced dog park	9/24/2022 6:39 AM
234	Trails for walking and biking should be developed mor in Al Quaal	9/24/2022 5:47 AM
235	Al Qual Sliding Hill open more	9/24/2022 3:35 AM
236	Better playground equipment at Al Quaal	9/24/2022 12:58 AM
237	Fix the tennis courts.	9/23/2022 11:53 PM
238	I think I have already covered that with my answers about Al Quall.	9/23/2022 10:56 PM
239	Updated football field park. Lots of empty lots could have pocket parks	9/23/2022 10:51 PM
240	Splash pad at Al Qual. The downtown park by the football field needs to be updated. We should have more parks.	9/23/2022 10:36 PM
241	I loved the idea of having a dog park nearby, no preference on location;	9/23/2022 10:24 PM
242	See previous.	9/23/2022 8:38 PM
243	Al Qual and hill st. Trails. Cedar Beach/suicide area	9/23/2022 7:42 PM
244	The park by the football field could be amazing if the tennis and basketball courts were properly paved	9/23/2022 5:13 PM
245	A public pool or splash pad area at AL Quaal Park.	9/23/2022 4:00 PM
246	Splash pad, climbing wall, movie theater	9/23/2022 3:31 PM
247	Na	9/23/2022 1:42 PM
248	All season Outdoor recreation	9/23/2022 1:08 PM
249	Not sure	9/23/2022 12:42 PM
250	Al Quaal. Alllow new trail development	9/23/2022 12:17 PM
251	I've heard there are playgrounds in ishpeing, but can't find any further info other than they are closed. A newer playground, a splash pad for the summer.	9/23/2022 11:44 AM
252	Lake Bancroft park with horseshoes and a childrens play area	9/23/2022 11:41 AM
253	N/A	9/23/2022 11:39 AM

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254	More lines in the panorama and flannel shirt zones	9/23/2022 11:34 AM
255	I think upgrades could be made to Al Qual	9/23/2022 10:06 AM
256	I don't know what land you have but how about a shooting range?	9/23/2022 8:34 AM
257	Playgrounds could update tennis courts	9/23/2022 8:08 AM
258	Lake bancroft	9/23/2022 7:01 AM
259	There should be a place for teenagers to gather, hopefully the will treat it well	9/23/2022 6:06 AM
260	Lake Bancroft would be a nice place for a little beach or splash pad considering there is a pavilion and a park going in.	9/23/2022 2:13 AM
261	—	9/23/2022 1:13 AM
262	Al Quaal, 100%. Bring in outdoor concerts there! Upgrade park equipment	9/22/2022 11:08 PM
263	Don't love the current new campground, but maybe with updates it will grow on me.	9/22/2022 10:58 PM
264	Al Quaal.	9/22/2022 8:32 PM
265	New tennis courts Lake Bancroft open to kayaking with a kayak launch/landing and dock Better Public restroom area at Ishpeming playgrounds Lighted walking/hiking/snowshoeing trails at Al Quaal	9/22/2022 7:14 PM
266	Parking lot off 7th street for the bike path needs to be redone and better lit at night. Bike trails should also have lighting and emergency stations.	9/22/2022 7:11 PM
267	Tennis courts	9/22/2022 7:06 PM
268	Playgrounds	9/22/2022 6:57 PM
269	Opening the road between Malton and the Wabash Street area. It would be much easier to do activities on Malton that way.	9/22/2022 6:53 PM
270	Tennis/ Basketball court needs to be improved at Birchview. And tennis courts at the playgrounds need improvement	9/22/2022 6:04 PM
271	That old church by superior st, that neighborhood is pretty run down but a little park there might help kids in the area	9/22/2022 5:44 PM
272	Playgrounds fix the park	9/22/2022 4:47 PM
273	Across from the Salisbury Location.	9/22/2022 4:29 PM
274	All Playgrounds	9/22/2022 4:11 PM
275	do not know enough about the properties, but Yes	9/22/2022 3:36 PM
276	more uses for Al Quaal	9/22/2022 3:25 PM
277	The tennis courts	9/22/2022 2:47 PM
278	Some of the area east of Malton road near the new campground could be turned into parks such as dog parks or dark sky parks.	9/22/2022 1:48 PM
279	Tennis courts	9/22/2022 1:36 PM
280	Al quaal could be better utilized for adding more things or programs for kids! And the softball field up there could be redone so it can be utilized as there are not enough fields for all the leagues and teams around!	9/22/2022 1:29 PM
281	Looking forward to the playground at lake Bancroft. More additions like that help kids get outside!	9/22/2022 1:25 PM
282	?	9/22/2022 12:56 PM
283	Al Quaal	9/22/2022 12:36 PM
284	I'd like to see a fishing pier added off the west end of Teal Lake for easy access for kids and senior citizens especially.	9/22/2022 12:27 PM

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285	Winter skiing at Al Quall.	9/22/2022 12:14 PM
286	New playground equipment for young children	9/22/2022 12:11 PM
287	Lake Bacon could have a Rec area	9/22/2022 12:04 PM
288	Can't answer because we just moved here.	9/22/2022 12:02 PM
289	Lake Bancroft	9/22/2022 11:41 AM
290	Al Quaal is underutilized. More city-sponsored community events and programs that utilize this space. At the very minimum, update the playground equipment and fix the courts around the city.	9/22/2022 11:16 AM
291	Not aware of this	9/22/2022 10:53 AM
292	skating rinks outside in various location	9/22/2022 10:09 AM
293	Fix tennis courts	9/22/2022 10:07 AM
294	Our play grounds are not kept up very well, we usually drive to Negaunee or Ishpeming Township to go to play grounds.	9/22/2022 10:06 AM
295	The property on the corner of division and jasper where Dr Glenn Seaborg had his house (now torn down) would be a nice fenced in area or further up jasper road by the new water pumping station area	9/22/2022 9:59 AM
296	A skate park or pump track would be a great addition somewhere at Al Quaal.	9/22/2022 9:51 AM
297	Lake Bancroft would be a good site for more recreation opportunities	9/22/2022 9:47 AM
298	Alqual could be used for craft shows in summer or movies, expand the beach and nice kayak dock. Maybe rentals can target tourists or college students	9/22/2022 9:39 AM
299	I think Al Quaal could be utilized a little more, the sledding was awesome. Also, a farmers market downtown	9/22/2022 9:36 AM
300	?	9/22/2022 9:21 AM
301	Can't think of any	9/22/2022 9:18 AM
302	Make Al qual an area where people can camp. Just like republic did. Gives money back to the city! Now that's smart.	9/22/2022 9:14 AM
303	Na	9/22/2022 9:02 AM
304	Playground near the football fields needs major updating or at least fixing broken pieces. Lake Bancroft park could be a more usable space if it was better maintained (ie goose poop everywhere and grass never mowed) as well as adding play equipment or something for kids	9/22/2022 8:59 AM
305	None	9/22/2022 8:58 AM
306	Tube slide and ski trails on heritage groomed better and upkeep. Keep walkers off	9/22/2022 8:48 AM
307	Al Quaal	9/22/2022 8:41 AM
308	nA	9/22/2022 8:40 AM
309	Kids programs at Al Quaal.	9/22/2022 8:37 AM
310	Al Quaal! Use the tube hill, keep the ski trails groomed, get the singletrack back into riding condition. It's currently barely passable in some sections.	9/22/2022 8:34 AM
311	Not sure	9/22/2022 8:34 AM
312	Ishpeming football fields	9/22/2022 8:25 AM
313	Not that I can think of	9/22/2022 8:24 AM
314	Downtown site of old Senior Center	9/22/2022 8:12 AM
315	It would be great to have a dog park, it would also be nice to see the playground at al qual better utilized and updated.	9/22/2022 8:12 AM

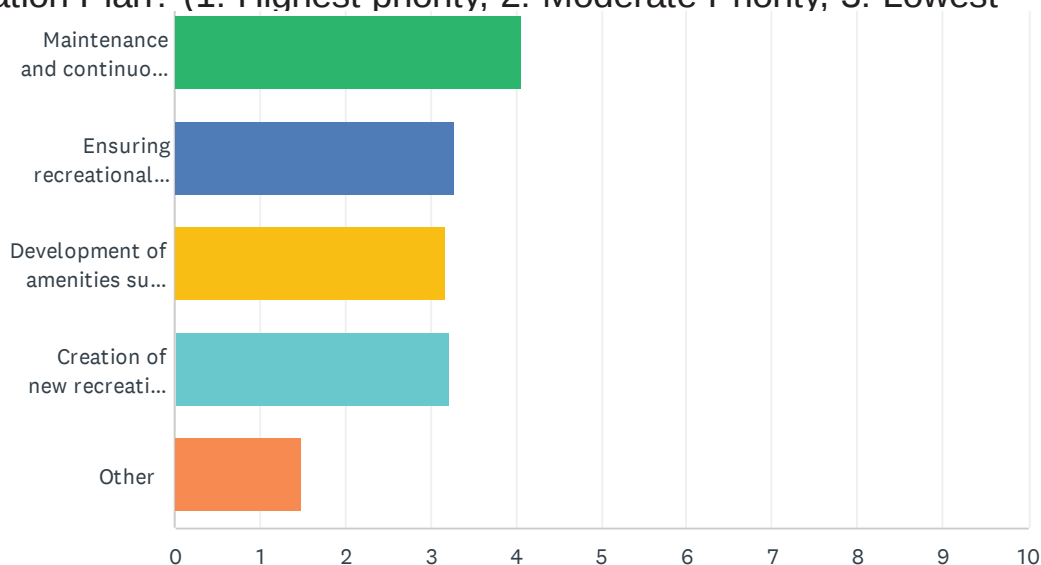
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316	The beach at Al Qual	9/22/2022 8:02 AM
317	Just fix what we have already	9/22/2022 7:57 AM
318	Better maintain previous recreational areas	9/22/2022 7:57 AM
319	Fix the tennis courts	9/22/2022 7:27 AM
320	Tennis courts need work	9/22/2022 7:19 AM
321	Tennis courts need work Indoor walking path for winter somewhere?	9/22/2022 7:18 AM
322	Al Quaal is highly underutilized by residents. Pickleball is huge & growing. Resurface all tennis courts with pickleball lines added.	9/22/2022 7:14 AM
323	Not sure	9/22/2022 7:13 AM
324	Ishpeming playground need new tennis courts	9/22/2022 7:08 AM
325	Fix the tennis courts	9/22/2022 6:34 AM
326	Update park at Al Qual	9/22/2022 6:22 AM
327	Fix the tennis courts	9/22/2022 5:14 AM
328	Overnight camping at Al Quaal	9/22/2022 4:21 AM
329	Please fix the tennis courts	9/21/2022 11:45 PM
330	Al Quaal - staff the park during the winter. Offer day passes or pay by the car load to use the tube slide, sledding hill, ski & snowshoe trails, make your ice rink there and have a building open for warming and concession. Kids could be busy all day and the city benefit monetarily.	9/21/2022 11:29 PM
331	Would like to see the Ishpeming Playgrounds tennis courts redone as was once planned and funded and have accessible restrooms and drinking water available.	9/21/2022 11:09 PM
332	Tennis courts at the playgrounds—please update and resurface.	9/21/2022 10:38 PM
333	Fix the tennis courts	9/21/2022 10:28 PM
334	Unsure	9/21/2022 10:23 PM
335	No	9/21/2022 10:22 PM
336	None	9/21/2022 10:21 PM
337	Fix the tennis courts	9/21/2022 10:17 PM
338	Lake Bancroft area	9/21/2022 10:17 PM
339	Al Quaal has more than enough room for a skatepark by the horse shoe pits that aren't used, Down town would be more applicable.	9/21/2022 10:15 PM
340	Space for a farmer's market - seems successful and a good draw in Negaunee and Marquette	9/21/2022 10:13 PM
341	Please have a good look at the tennis courts. Thank you!	9/21/2022 10:10 PM
342	The tennis courts at the high school are basically unusable. They need to be resurfaced	9/21/2022 10:07 PM
343	Better tennis courts for competitive and leisurely play	9/21/2022 10:01 PM
344	Improve Al quaal, add a chalet, cut the trees on the ski hill, fix the tow rope	9/21/2022 9:45 PM
345	I love to see all the community gardens. Al Quaal is amazing. The beach at Al Quaal, I believe is on the agenda for improvement and I thoroughly support this. I have not seen the new campground, but plan to get out there to see it.	9/21/2022 9:44 PM
346	Just south of Division St. on 2nd St. is a small park. It needs updated equipment for the kids who live in town and don't have access to transportation.	9/21/2022 9:44 PM
347	Not sure	9/21/2022 9:41 PM
348	None that come to mind	9/21/2022 9:39 PM
349	Fixing the tennis courts at the football field	9/21/2022 9:37 PM

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350	Al Quaal could use some updating, Lake Bancroft could use a park	9/21/2022 9:27 PM
351	Al qual could use a new play ground for kids. A skate park in down town Ishpeming.	9/21/2022 9:21 PM
352	New tennis courts Lake Bancroft	9/21/2022 9:20 PM
353	Updating tennis courts	9/21/2022 9:16 PM
354	N/A	9/21/2022 9:11 PM
355	New tennis courts by the playgrounds. Our high school teams are improving and I'd love to see a middle school program be started as well	9/21/2022 9:03 PM
356	Indoor ice skating at Al Quaal.	9/21/2022 8:54 PM
357	The playground tennis courts could use repair	9/21/2022 7:08 PM
358	Na	9/21/2022 6:57 PM
359	Al quall recreation area needs to be utilized more like a. Oat ramp and get the tube slide up again	9/21/2022 5:12 PM
360	Work on building up mountain bike trails in Al Quaal	9/21/2022 5:03 PM
361	Creating a dog park in town, maybe at Lake Bancroft or near Minning Pavilion.	9/21/2022 4:29 PM
362	Ski hall of fame , needs to create more outreach opportunities for families and vistors. ie: cross country sking , snow shoe,	9/21/2022 4:24 PM
363	Na	9/21/2022 4:13 PM
364	Al Quaal is good, but could be improved with an ice rink, and lantern lit snowshoe hikes.	9/21/2022 3:46 PM
365	Al Quaal ski grooming- easier to find posted volunteer opportunities to help maintain/groom. Have tubing/tow rope utilized more.	9/21/2022 3:39 PM
366	Yes, the city-owned park between 3rd and 2nd streets (south of the high school) is in dire need of new equipment and clean-up!	9/21/2022 1:12 PM
367	The old ski hill	9/21/2022 12:14 PM
368	Keep developing the RAMBA trailhead area. Skills park is nice and dirt jumps would be great.	9/21/2022 11:28 AM

Q7 What should be a priority when addressing the City of Ishpeming's Recreation Plan? (1: Highest priority, 2: Moderate Priority, 3: Lowest



Q8 If you listed other in question 8 please provide your priority when addressing the City of Ishpeming's recreation opportunities.

Q9 In the past two years, how often have you or a member of your household visited the facilities listed below?

Answered: 447 Skipped: 5

	NO VISITS	1-2 PER YEAR	3-6 PER YEAR	MONTHLY	WEEKLY OR MORE	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
City Playground	26.61% 116	18.58% 81	16.06% 70	17.20% 75	22.02% 96	436
Al Quaal: Trails	10.25% 45	21.41% 94	28.02% 123	20.73% 91	20.05% 88	439
Al Quaal: Teal Lake	9.45% 41	29.49% 128	26.96% 117	20.05% 87	14.98% 65	434
Al Quaal: Disc Golf	72.21% 317	14.12% 62	7.06% 31	3.87% 17	2.73% 12	439
Al Quaal: Band Stand	64.92% 285	29.38% 129	4.33% 19	0.91% 4	0.68% 3	439
Al Quaal: Special Events	22.35% 99	51.69% 229	21.67% 96	4.06% 18	1.13% 5	443
Al Quaal: Tubing/Sledding Hill	25.17% 111	43.31% 191	24.04% 106	4.99% 22	3.85% 17	441
Al Quaal: Lodge or Pavilion Rental	51.60% 226	41.78% 183	5.94% 26	0.68% 3	0.91% 4	438
Al Quaal: Horseshoes	92.45% 404	4.12% 18	2.06% 9	0.92% 4	0.46% 2	437
Al Quaal: Other	45.53% 173	17.37% 66	15.26% 58	10.26% 39	11.84% 45	380
Lake Bancroft Park	32.80% 144	36.22% 159	16.17% 71	8.66% 38	6.83% 30	439
Marquette Street Playlot	88.89% 384	7.87% 34	2.31% 10	0.69% 3	0.93% 4	432
Barnum (7th Addition) Playlot	92.40% 401	4.15% 18	1.84% 8	0.92% 4	0.69% 3	434
Lake Angeline Playlot	84.79% 368	9.68% 42	3.46% 15	1.38% 6	0.92% 4	434
Bruce Asgaard Park	87.35% 373	6.32% 27	3.51% 15	1.17% 5	1.87% 8	427
Salisbury Playlot	88.99% 380	6.79% 29	2.11% 9	0.70% 3	1.41% 6	427
Palms Area Playlot	93.47% 401	3.96% 17	1.17% 5	0.70% 3	0.70% 3	429
Mather "A" Ballfield	67.68% 289	18.50% 79	9.37% 40	2.81% 12	2.58% 11	427
Holmes Playlot	95.51% 404	3.31% 14	0.95% 4	0.24% 1	0.24% 1	423
Second Street Playlot	83.26% 358	8.60% 37	3.02% 13	1.86% 8	3.49% 15	430
Power of Ten Pocket Park	92.51% 395	5.39% 23	1.87% 8	0.70% 3	0.23% 1	427
RAMBA Mountain Bike Trail Network	43.32% 188	16.13% 70	14.29% 62	12.44% 54	14.52% 63	434
Brasswire Campground	93.62% 396	4.26% 18	0.71% 3	0.95% 4	0.95% 4	423

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Other Non-motorized Trails (Snowshoeing, horseback, etc.)	32.40% 139	20.05% 86	22.38% 96	13.52% 58	12.59% 54	429
Lake Bancroft Pavilion	47.43% 203	34.81% 149	11.21% 48	6.07% 26	2.34% 10	428

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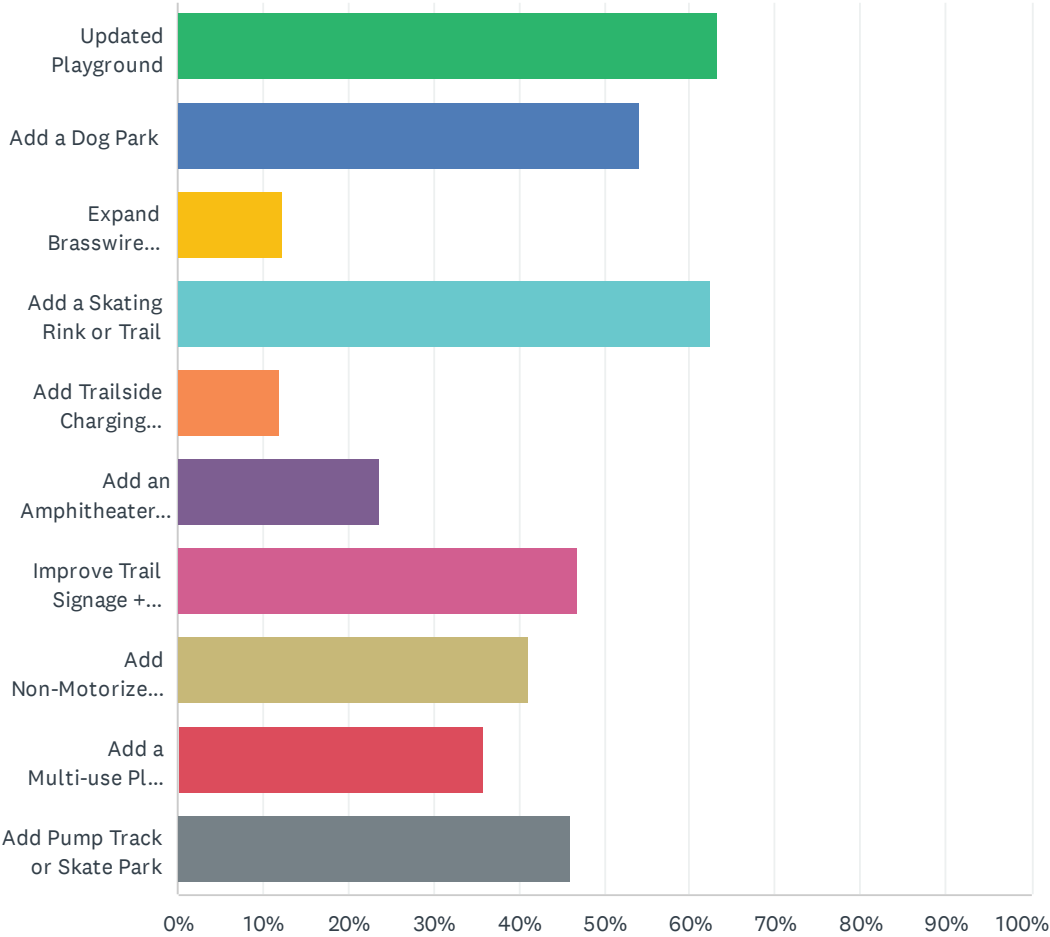
Q10 What special events have you participated in?

Answered: 442 Skipped: 10

	PARTICIPATE	DON'T PARTICIPATE	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Marquette Marathon	7.08% 30	93.16% 395	424
Iron Range Roll	14.89% 63	85.11% 360	423
Marji Gesick	11.43% 48	88.57% 372	420
Fat-ish Fatbike Race and/or 906 Polar Roll	11.58% 49	88.42% 374	423
Noque Ski Marathon, Wildcat Invitational Ski Race and/or Ishpeming Ski Club Jr. National Qualifier	11.88% 50	88.12% 371	421
IBA Concert Series	22.46% 95	77.54% 328	423
Gus Macker	35.78% 151	64.45% 272	422
Festival of Treasures, 4th of July, and/or Labor Day Festivities	77.29% 337	23.39% 102	436
Pasquali's Car Show and/or Buzz the Gut	45.05% 191	55.42% 235	424
Italian Fest	59.49% 257	40.97% 177	432
Ore to Shore	24.46% 102	75.54% 315	417
Neighborhood Nite Out and/or Ladies Night Out	38.41% 164	61.59% 263	427
IHS Homecoming Parade	46.95% 200	53.05% 226	426
GINCC Arts and Crafts Show	28.61% 119	71.39% 297	416
Ishpeturkey Trot	23.39% 98	76.61% 321	419
Christmas Parade and/or Sleigh Rides/Santa Visits	66.74% 289	33.49% 145	433

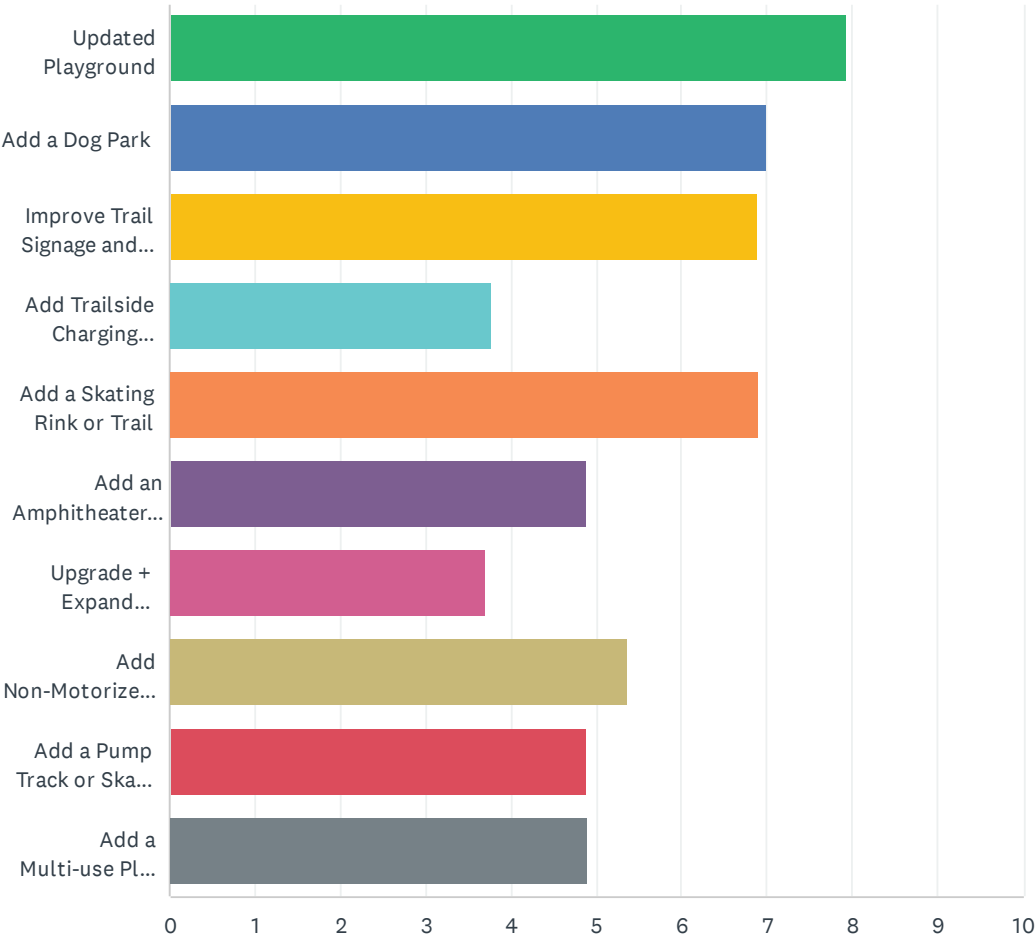
Q11 Please select the parks and recreation projects you would like to see within the City of Ishpeming.

Answered: 437 Skipped: 15



Q12 Please rank your top priority parks and recreation projects within the City of Ishpeming: Scale 1=Highest Priority, 8=Lowest Priority

Answered: 436 Skipped: 16



Q13 If there is another priority project please list it here.

Answered: 215 Skipped: 237

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	N/a	10/21/2022 6:22 PM
2	Bus lot for school buses. Covered parking minimal	10/18/2022 10:52 AM
3	Tennis Court	10/15/2022 10:22 AM
4	Improve the west end of Teal lake, develop more local fishing opportunities by fixing Lake Bancroft enough whereas it will accommodate fish	10/15/2022 9:25 AM
5	.	10/14/2022 9:49 PM
6	Deer Lake trail maintenance.....mowing and grooming in season	10/14/2022 8:55 PM
7	Fix the tennis courts	10/14/2022 12:22 PM
8	No	10/14/2022 12:21 PM
9	Tennis courts need updating badly	10/14/2022 12:07 PM
10	N/A	10/14/2022 11:57 AM
11	N/a	10/9/2022 7:26 AM
12	Can you support community partners in doing some of this work? For example Partridge Creek Farm wants to add an outdoor classroom/ amphitheater to their new Intergenerational farm— can you just support them to help fund the building of this?	10/5/2022 11:06 AM
13	N/a	10/3/2022 12:36 PM
14	Maintain, improve existing facilities before adding more-Ishpeming has limited funds, use wisely	9/30/2022 10:36 AM
15	Tennis courts	9/30/2022 10:31 AM
16	Tennis courts.	9/30/2022 7:19 AM
17	Tennis/pickleball courts!!!	9/30/2022 6:53 AM
18	Tennis court makeover!!!!!!!!!!!! Including indoor facility	9/30/2022 6:29 AM
19	Update the tennis courts at the playgrounds	9/29/2022 10:53 PM
20	No	9/29/2022 5:39 PM
21	Ensure enough funding for sledding at AL Quaal	9/29/2022 11:20 AM
22	Community bbq space	9/29/2022 10:33 AM
23	Ishpeming playgrounds tennis courts	9/29/2022 7:06 AM
24	N/A	9/28/2022 9:33 PM
25	A Jesse Perry memorial park	9/28/2022 5:10 PM
26	Complete the Al Quaal disc golf course, build a nice hockey rink, upgrade playgrounds with lighting	9/28/2022 4:48 PM
27	Basketball courts at Al quaal. Baseball field upgrades.	9/27/2022 6:52 PM
28	Longer hours for tubing and keep the price low so families can utilize it	9/27/2022 6:09 PM
29	Update playgrounds!	9/27/2022 4:09 PM
30	2 sand volleyball courts for league play	9/27/2022 3:07 PM

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31	nope	9/27/2022 2:10 PM
32	update tennis courts	9/27/2022 2:09 PM
33	nothing	9/27/2022 2:05 PM
34	None	9/27/2022 2:04 PM
35	nope	9/27/2022 2:03 PM
36	none	9/27/2022 2:02 PM
37	update basketball courts	9/27/2022 2:01 PM
38	nothing	9/27/2022 2:01 PM
39	outdoor vollyball net in sand	9/27/2022 1:58 PM
40	No	9/27/2022 1:58 PM
41	no	9/27/2022 1:57 PM
42	Sand volleyball pit	9/27/2022 1:55 PM
43	N/A	9/27/2022 1:55 PM
44	Animal Shelter/UPAWS	9/27/2022 1:17 PM
45	None, but having gone through this list I didn't realize there were so many different parks around. Granted I've been gone for a few years but there were some that I had never heard of. Might be an opportunity to spread the word about more of the parks around town	9/27/2022 1:13 PM
46	no	9/27/2022 1:09 PM
47	no	9/27/2022 1:06 PM
48	none	9/27/2022 1:06 PM
49	i dont have one	9/27/2022 1:04 PM
50	Ok	9/27/2022 1:02 PM
51	add a volleyball court	9/27/2022 1:02 PM
52	dog park!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	9/27/2022 1:02 PM
53	Help the homeless	9/27/2022 12:57 PM
54	More interpretive exhibits educating about native culture and land acknowledgment signs.	9/27/2022 12:05 PM
55	--	9/27/2022 12:04 PM
56	A water park	9/27/2022 11:41 AM
57	we need things to do, so many people including kids, we need it	9/27/2022 11:41 AM
58	roller rink	9/27/2022 11:40 AM
59	more bathroom stalls at the football feild	9/27/2022 11:36 AM
60	none	9/27/2022 11:34 AM
61	I don't have one	9/27/2022 10:54 AM
62	None.	9/27/2022 10:52 AM
63	no	9/27/2022 10:48 AM
64	.	9/27/2022 10:45 AM
65	None	9/27/2022 10:45 AM
66	ROLLER SKATING RINK PLEASE	9/27/2022 10:45 AM
67	tennis court	9/27/2022 10:44 AM

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68	add outside playground for middle and high school	9/27/2022 10:44 AM
69	nope	9/27/2022 10:43 AM
70	no	9/27/2022 10:43 AM
71	no	9/27/2022 10:42 AM
72	none	9/27/2022 10:42 AM
73	nope	9/27/2022 10:41 AM
74	No	9/27/2022 10:38 AM
75	I can't think of anything now	9/27/2022 10:03 AM
76	nope	9/27/2022 9:57 AM
77	water park	9/27/2022 9:57 AM
78	nope everything there	9/27/2022 9:57 AM
79	trails	9/27/2022 9:57 AM
80	Update Public Restrooms	9/27/2022 9:56 AM
81	tennis courts	9/27/2022 9:55 AM
82	water park	9/27/2022 9:54 AM
83	more trails	9/27/2022 9:53 AM
84	No	9/27/2022 9:53 AM
85	nofing	9/27/2022 9:51 AM
86	skate park pls	9/27/2022 9:50 AM
87	nope	9/27/2022 9:50 AM
88	none	9/27/2022 9:46 AM
89	i really dont know	9/27/2022 9:44 AM
90	play ground or dog park	9/27/2022 9:13 AM
91	idk	9/27/2022 9:01 AM
92	skate park	9/27/2022 9:00 AM
93	Flea markets every few months in the spring, summer, and fall.	9/27/2022 8:59 AM
94	feild goal	9/27/2022 8:59 AM
95	better tennis courts.	9/27/2022 8:59 AM
96	dog park, mapping on trails, skate/bike park	9/27/2022 8:58 AM
97	get a playground for the ishpeming middle school with a field	9/27/2022 8:58 AM
98	petstore	9/27/2022 8:58 AM
99	no	9/27/2022 8:56 AM
100	no	9/27/2022 8:56 AM
101	Splash pad at al qual?	9/26/2022 8:55 PM
102	Tennis courts!!	9/26/2022 4:30 PM
103	No	9/26/2022 3:54 PM
104	I have lived here for 16 years and I have not heard of all the city parks mentioned in 10 above. Maybe send or post on city website a detail of each of these sites, what they are used for, when they can be used, etc. and if there is an event going on, make sure there is a calendar of	9/26/2022 9:59 AM

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events updated early & continuously and have the ability for us to sign up for notification of what is happening so we can add to our calendars..

105	more community orchard parks	9/26/2022 9:13 AM
106	Fix the Ishpeming Tennis Courts	9/26/2022 9:11 AM
107	No	9/26/2022 8:49 AM
108	Downtown Green spaces: create downtown w/park like setting. Improve atv signage & add/improve trails. 🚶🏻‍♂️	9/25/2022 11:52 PM
109	FIX THE DOWNTOWN TENNIS COURTS	9/25/2022 9:16 PM
110	No. I think that's about it. Thanks!	9/25/2022 7:30 PM
111	Na	9/25/2022 7:15 PM
112	Large fishing pier. Restaurant/bar on the water.	9/25/2022 6:22 PM
113	Tennis courts	9/25/2022 5:15 PM
114	Tennis courts at the playgrounds are in dire need of updating. It should have been on the list of priorities and will be a shame if missed in looking at the data rankings. I would have given it priority of 1. Lights from Ishpeming to Negaunee on the heritage trail or fixing the lights on the teal lake loop would be a great winter amenity. There are very few lighted ski loops in the county. Both of these projects have been in trust fund grant apps and even if unsuccessful, they should remain on the list of priorities.	9/25/2022 4:33 PM
115	Have the tubing hill up and running/operating	9/25/2022 4:00 PM
116	Upgrade tennis courts at playground	9/25/2022 2:23 PM
117	Upgrade park behind W Division	9/25/2022 1:51 PM
118	Fix the roads	9/25/2022 11:06 AM
119	N/a	9/25/2022 10:43 AM
120	The tennis courts need to be fixed	9/25/2022 10:03 AM
121	Tennis courts	9/25/2022 9:32 AM
122	Ishpeming tennis courts need help	9/25/2022 9:01 AM
123	No	9/25/2022 12:51 AM
124	Updated lake access. Pier/dock. Kayak launch.	9/24/2022 9:33 PM
125	Not sure where this comment fits, but I applaud the work Partridge Creek Farm is doing with the community garden spaces around town. I consider that "recreational activities".	9/24/2022 6:32 PM
126	Tennis Courts on Empire St.	9/24/2022 5:49 PM
127	NA	9/24/2022 3:39 PM
128	bmx park/skate park and updated playgrounds, stop tending to the mountain bikers so much and start tending to the actual residents in this town	9/24/2022 12:23 PM
129	The tennis courts are in dire need of resurfacing.	9/24/2022 11:56 AM
130	Fix the tennis courts	9/24/2022 11:17 AM
131	Downhill skiing, snowboarding	9/24/2022 11:08 AM
132	Fix the roads and sidewalks within the city. Update water system to reduce monthly utilities for your residents. Making our city affordable will increase population and make ishpeing a nice, safe place to live again	9/24/2022 10:44 AM
133	No	9/24/2022 9:02 AM
134	Workout jungle gym	9/24/2022 6:49 AM
135	Please cut the grass along the paved trail on Milton Road.	9/24/2022 5:47 AM

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136	Na	9/24/2022 3:35 AM
137	Fix tennis courts	9/23/2022 11:53 PM
138	How about fixing Third Street.	9/23/2022 10:56 PM
139	Splash pad	9/23/2022 10:36 PM
140	None	9/23/2022 10:24 PM
141	Malton rd concert area.	9/23/2022 7:42 PM
142	No	9/23/2022 5:13 PM
143	Public pool and/or splash pad.	9/23/2022 4:00 PM
144	Atv trails	9/23/2022 1:42 PM
145	Na	9/23/2022 12:42 PM
146	N/A	9/23/2022 11:39 AM
147	Cedar beach- fix the road and make the beach nice again	9/23/2022 8:34 AM
148	Tube slide open more	9/23/2022 8:34 AM
149	More lighted trails	9/23/2022 8:08 AM
150	Improve Ishpeming tennis courts soo our school district can play home games without injury!	9/23/2022 7:36 AM
151	Indoor park for winter	9/23/2022 7:01 AM
152	Splash pad	9/23/2022 2:13 AM
153	—	9/23/2022 1:13 AM
154	New tennis courts	9/22/2022 7:14 PM
155	Playgrounds Tennis courts	9/22/2022 7:06 PM
156	I think some of these things might be nice depending on where you put them. An amphitheater at AlQual? No. An amphitheater on Malton Road? Great idea — develop a currently undeveloped area. Utilize the camping facility you are currently building there. And there is a lot of undeveloped, treeless land a little removed from residential areas.	9/22/2022 6:53 PM
157	Tennis courts	9/22/2022 4:47 PM
158	Handicap accessible trails	9/22/2022 4:11 PM
159	The tennis courts please!!	9/22/2022 2:47 PM
160	Dark Sky Park	9/22/2022 1:48 PM
161	Fix tennis courts	9/22/2022 1:36 PM
162	Indoor Rec center for year round use	9/22/2022 1:29 PM
163	Fishing pier on Teal Lake!	9/22/2022 12:27 PM
164	Fix tennis courts	9/22/2022 10:07 AM
165	Continue to take down blight in the neighborhood and please update the tennis courts/playground equipment next to the football field. The tennis courts would be a great asset even for the residents in the neighborhood and the school district.	9/22/2022 9:36 AM
166	3rd street road paving	9/22/2022 9:34 AM
167	No	9/22/2022 9:21 AM
168	None	9/22/2022 9:18 AM
169	Restrooms	9/22/2022 9:16 AM
170	Update parks and keep the city looking nice like it use to be. Winter roads have gotten worse in the last 2 years, let them plow	9/22/2022 9:05 AM

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171	None	9/22/2022 9:02 AM
172	N/A	9/22/2022 8:58 AM
173	Miniature golf course	9/22/2022 8:41 AM
174	Winter indoor walking	9/22/2022 8:34 AM
175	Tennis courts	9/22/2022 8:25 AM
176	Dog park would be great and more trails	9/22/2022 8:24 AM
177	Add Historical Places and Interpretive Trails	9/22/2022 8:12 AM
178	Fix Ishpeming tennis courts	9/22/2022 7:57 AM
179	Resurface tennis courts	9/22/2022 7:34 AM
180	Fix tennis courts	9/22/2022 7:27 AM
181	Update tennis courts	9/22/2022 7:19 AM
182	Tennis court and Bruce Asgaard park improvements	9/22/2022 7:18 AM
183	Did not rank prior item projects because I don't think anything should be done until those tennis courts are taken care of	9/22/2022 7:14 AM
184	No	9/22/2022 7:13 AM
185	Please fix the ishpeping playground tennis courts so the kids can play on there own coirt	9/22/2022 7:08 AM
186	Fix the tennis courts	9/22/2022 6:34 AM
187	Tennis courts	9/22/2022 5:14 AM
188	Please repair the tennis courts so the kids can safely utilize them	9/22/2022 12:29 AM
189	The tennis courts please	9/21/2022 11:45 PM
190	Tennis courts at the Ishpeming Playgrounds so we can safely play and proudly host!	9/21/2022 11:09 PM
191	Update/resurface tennis courts at playgrounds.	9/21/2022 10:38 PM
192	Fix the tennis courts	9/21/2022 10:28 PM
193	Tennis courts!	9/21/2022 10:23 PM
194	TENNIS COURTS	9/21/2022 10:22 PM
195	Fix the tennis courts	9/21/2022 10:17 PM
196	Tennis courts! And any other improvements/upgrades at the playgrounds: bathrooms, fencing, the playground itself, softball fields, etc.	9/21/2022 10:13 PM
197	Tennis courts!	9/21/2022 10:10 PM
198	Resurfacing the ishpeping high school tennis courts!	9/21/2022 10:07 PM
199	Tennis courts	9/21/2022 10:01 PM
200	Again, the tennis courts near the football field are in dire need of being redone.	9/21/2022 9:56 PM
201	Please fix tennis courts. My children are now 26 and 28 and when they played tennis the courts were awful and nothing has been done since then. Twisted ankles falling over heaves in courts etc. it's time to fix them	9/21/2022 9:53 PM
202	How about city buses going to all local schools? If children get sick at school and the parent doesn't drive, it makes it independently difficult to go get the sick kid and bring them home.	9/21/2022 9:44 PM
203	Fix tennis courts please	9/21/2022 9:41 PM
204	N/A	9/21/2022 9:39 PM
205	Tennis courts	9/21/2022 9:37 PM

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206	Tennis courts	9/21/2022 9:21 PM
207	Update tennis courts	9/21/2022 9:20 PM
208	Fix tennis courts	9/21/2022 9:16 PM
209	N/A	9/21/2022 9:11 PM
210	Tennis courts	9/21/2022 9:03 PM
211	Na	9/21/2022 6:57 PM
212	Kayak launch and boat ramp on teal	9/21/2022 5:12 PM
213	None	9/21/2022 4:29 PM
214	utilize and incorporate the ski hall of fame with Ishpeming activities.	9/21/2022 4:24 PM
215	Velosolutions Pump track	9/21/2022 4:13 PM

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Q14 Would you like to be contacted regarding upcoming public meetings or workshops? (Please provide email address or mailing address depending on your preference)

Answered: 199 Skipped: 253

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APPENDIX B | VISITATION DATA



Data Prepared by Travel Marquette
Data Verified by Placer.ai

Location	Data Parameters	Visits	Visitor Frequency	Visitors	Year Over Year (YoY)	Median Stay	Average Stay
Ishpeming*	January 1 - September 30, 2023	1,700,000	8.42	202,200	N/A Yet	1.7 Hours	5.66 Hours
Ishpeming Township*		858,400	6.8	126,900	N/A Yet	1.52 Hours	4.88 Hours
Ishpeming	January 1 - December 31, 2022	2,100,000	10.3	203,200	8.32%	1.93 Hours	5.96 Hours
Ishpeming Township		1,100,000	9.14	124,200	2.64%	2.3 Hours	5.91 Hours
Ishpeming	January 1 - December 31, 2021	2,000,000	10.7	187,600	5.81%	1.66 Hours	5.6 Hours
Ishpeming Township		1,000,000	8.49	121,000	-4.65%	1.98 Hours	5.98 Hours
Ishpeming	January 1 - December 31, 2020	1,600,000	9.18	177,300	-11.31%	1.56 Hours	5.22 Hours
Ishpeming Township		816,000	6.43	126,900	17.61%	1.93 Hours	6.73 Hours
Ishpeming	January 1 - December 31, 2019	2,200,000	10.78	199,900	3.25%	1.76 Hours	5.8 Hours
Ishpeming Township		934,100	8.65	107,900	-0.28%	1.55 Hours	5.85 Hours

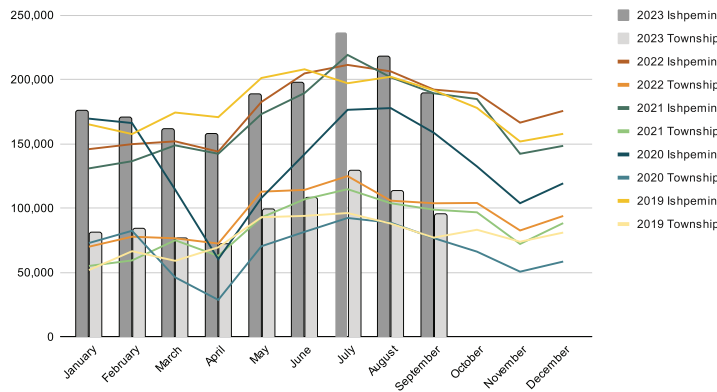
*October - December has yet to occur. Visitors #'s projected to increase from 2022 for Ishpeming. Ishpeming Township already has more visitors than 2022 without October - December.

Overall Marquette County Visitation Trend 2023: Less trips (frequency), but Marquette County is experiencing more visitors.

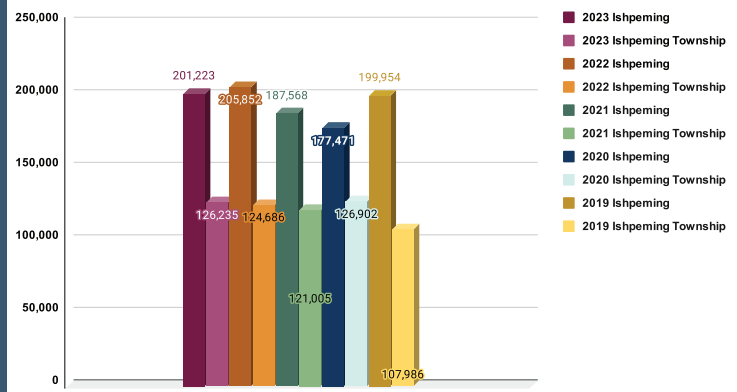
Busiest Day per Year					
Ishpeming	Saturday, July 1, 2023 15,720 Visits	Saturday, July 2, 2022 13,010 Visits	Saturday, July 3, 2021 12,430 Visits	Saturday, February 15, 2020 8,6100 Visits	Saturday, September 21, 2019 14,980 Visits
Ishpeming Township	Saturday February 18, 2023 6,560 Visits	Saturday October 8, 2022 7,540 Visits	Saturday July 3 2021 5,530 Visits	Sunday February 9, 2020 6,880 Visits	Saturday February 16, 2019 6,260 Visits

Monthly Visits	Ishpeming	Ishpeming Township	Ishpeming	Ishpeming Township	Ishpeming	Ishpeming Township	Ishpeming	Ishpeming Township	Ishpeming	Ishpeming Township
Month	2023	2023	2022	2022	2021	2021	2020	2020	2019	2019
January	175,780	80,960	145,910	70,090	130,950	55,140	169,600	72,960	165,130	51,930
February	170,270	84,110	149,790	77,870	136,550	59,430	166,180	82,460	157,630	66,590
March	161,110	76,390	151,960	76,630	148,840	75,110	114,450	46,290	174,360	59,130
April	157,370	72,000	144,000	72,550	142,310	62,950	60,410	28,780	170,760	69,620
May	188,830	99,130	182,560	112,860	173,160	92,800	107,970	70,440	201,200	92,970
June	197,400	108,030	204,760	114,230	189,480	106,920	142,000	81,630	207,960	94,040
July	236,290	128,900	211,350	124,950	219,120	114,780	176,470	92,420	197,110	96,250
August	218,110	113,260	206,320	105,860	201,700	103,890	177,800	88,760	202,150	88,070
September	189,140	95,620	192,180	103,840	189,290	98,860	158,620	76,760	191,620	77,180
October			189,310	104,090	184,820	96,810	132,470	66,250	177,940	83,250
November			166,500	82,690	142,300	72,230	103,890	50,680	151,830	73,980
December			175,640	93,970	148,460	88,410	119,320	58,550	157,810	81,070
Frequency	8.42	6.8	10.3	9.14	10.7	8.49	9.18	6.43	10.78	8.65
Visitors	201,223	126,235	205,852	124,686	187,568	121,005	177,471	126,902	199,954	107,986
Grand Total Ishpeming & Ishpeming Township	327,459		330,538		308,573		304,373		307,940	

Ishpeming & Ishpeming Township Visitors by Month



Ishpeming & Ishpeming Township Yearly Visitors



Ishpeming Visitor Frequency - January 1 - September 30 2023			
Visits	# of Visitors Per Visit	Visits	# of Visitors Per Visit
1 Visit	91,600	8 Visits	2,800
2 Visits	32,000	9 Visits	2,200
3 Visits	16,300	10 - 14 Visits	7,700
4 Visits	11,700	15 - 19 Visits	4,600
5 Visits	6,800	20 - 29 Visits	5,000
6 Visits	4,000	30 + Visits	13,500
7 Visits	3,800		

Ishpeming 2023

Visitors by Origin	
Alaska	216
Alabama	194
Arkansas	100
Arizona	526
California	959
Colorado	581
Connecticut	65
Washington D. C.	66
Florida	1,105
Georgia	439
Hawaii	29
Iowa	717
Idaho	20
Illinois	4,816
Indiana	1,925
Kansas	285
Kentucky	217
Louisiana	99
Massachusetts	294
Maryland	184
Maine	71
Michigan	148,459
Michigan L.P.	47,592
Michigan U.P.	47,781
Michigan Marquette County	53,086
Minnesota	7,724
Missouri	535
Mississippi	80
Montana	115
North Carolina	806
North Dakota	434
Nebraska	67
New Hampshire	124
New Jersey	155
New Mexico	72
Nevada	124
New York	778
Ohio	2,490
Oklahoma	106
Oregon	118
Pennsylvania	923
Rhode Island	41
South Carolina	286
South Dakota	129
Tennessee	412
Texas	793
Utah	157
Virginia	602
Vermont	68
Washington	392
Wisconsin	20,540
West Virginia	16
Wyoming	134
Location N/A	2,614
Grand Total Visitors	350,661

Ishpeming Only 2023

Top 5 Visiting States	
Michigan Lower Peninsula	47,592
Wisconsin	20,540
Minnesota	7,724
Illinois	4,816
Ohio	2,490

Unique Visitors 2023 Ishpeming Only	
Visitors outside of the UP & Marquette County	101,335
Visitors Outside of Marquette County	149,116

Ishpeming Only 2022

Top 5 Visiting States	
Michigan Lower Peninsula	48,166
Wisconsin	19,070
Minnesota	7,156
Illinois	5,119
Ohio	2,988

Unique Visitors 2022 Ishpeming Only	
Visitors outside of the UP & Marquette County	102,938
Visitors Outside of Marquette County	153,536

Ishpeming 2022		Ishpeming Township 2022
Visitors by Origin		
Alaska	129	64
Alabama	194	92
Arkansas	234	124
Arizona	691	541
California	1,225	541
Colorado	685	461
Connecticut	87	72
Delaware	114	20
Florida	1,466	1,259
Georgia	385	158
Hawaii	33	0
Iowa	682	464
Idaho	117	47
Illinois	5,119	3,329
Indiana	2,147	1,357
Kansas	256	180
Kentucky	274	279
Louisiana	178	46
Massachusetts	157	153
Maryland	309	116
Maine	0	110
Michigan	148,364	90,559
Michigan L.P.	48,166	29,816
Michigan U.P.	50,598	25,589
Michigan Marquette County	49,600	35,154
Minnesota	7,156	4,365
Missouri	738	593
Mississippi	91	25
Montana	324	113
North Carolina	689	568
North Dakota	1,013	125
Nebraska	88	147
New Hampshire	41	0
New Jersey	36	36
New Mexico	146	250
Nevada	198	109
New York	722	320
Ohio	2,988	1,724
Oklahoma	186	79
Oregon	115	94
Pennsylvania	952	425
Rhode Island	0	0
South Carolina	275	77
South Dakota	232	128
Tennessee	407	290
Texas	1,047	688
Utah	105	99
Virginia	782	292
Vermont	0	63
Washington	450	407
Wisconsin	19,070	11,497
West Virginia	91	105
Wyoming	40	111
Location N/A	2,308	1,541
Grand Total Visitors	351,500	214,802
Grand Total Visitors: Ishpeming & Ishpeming Township		566,302

Ishpeming & Ishpeming Township Annual Household Income

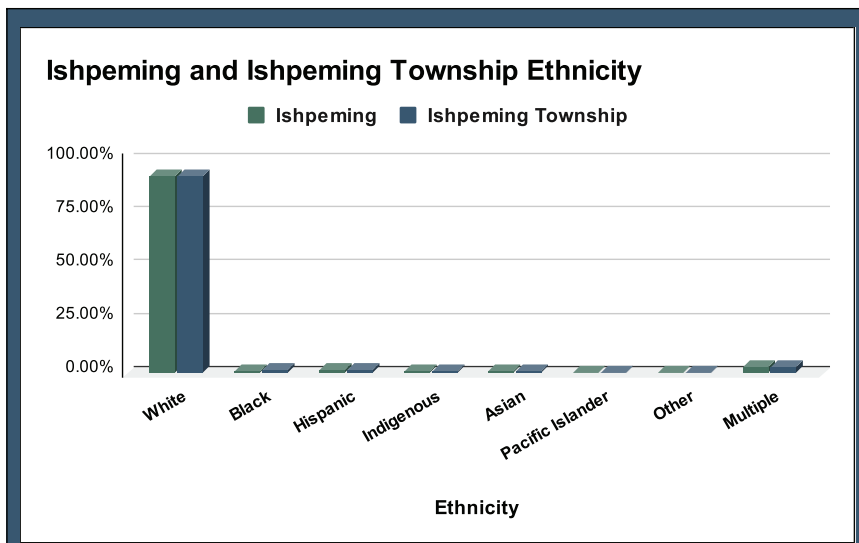


	<\$15K	\$15K - \$24.99K	\$25K - \$49.99K	\$50K - \$99.99K	\$100K - \$149.99K	\$150K +
Ishpeming	10.10%	10.20%	23.70%	35.80%	14.20%	5.90%
Michigan	11%	9.60%	23.30%	31%	14.20%	10.90%
United States	10.30%	8.90%	21.20%	29.90%	15.10%	14.40%
	Total % Under \$50,000		44.10%	Total % Over \$50,000		55.90%

	<\$15K	\$15K - \$24.99K	\$25K - \$49.99K	\$50K - \$99.99K	\$100K - \$149.99K	\$150K +
Ishpeming Township	11.10%	10.20%	27.80%	34.60%	11.50%	4.80%
Michigan	11%	9.60%	23.30%	31%	14.20%	10.90%
United States	10.30%	8.90%	21.20%	29.90%	15.10%	14.40%
	Total % Under \$50,000		49.10%	Total % Over \$50,000		50.90%

People living in Ishpeming Township average slightly less annual household income than Ishpeming proper.

Ishpeming & Ishpeming Township - Ethnicity Breakdown		
Ethnicity	Ishpeming	Ishpeming Township
White	92.10%	92.40%
Black	1.20%	1.80%
Hispanic	1.50%	1.60%
Indigenous	1.00%	0.80%
Asian	1.00%	0.70%
Pacific Islander	0.00%	0.00%
Other	0.00%	0.00%
Multiple Ethnicities	3.10%	2.60%

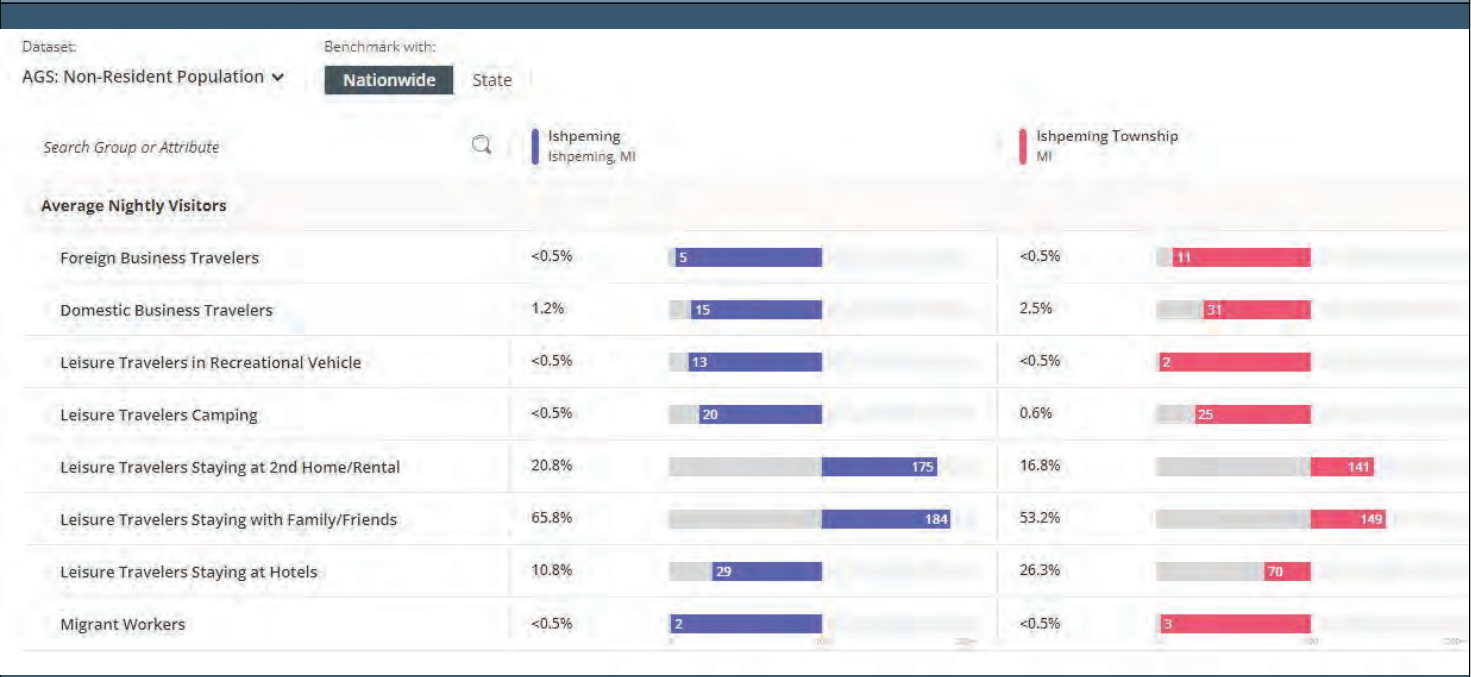


Ishpeming Population Overview based upon 70% of visits & residents

Household Size Breakdown		Ishpeming	Ishpeming Township
Average Persons Per Household		2.55	2.47
Household Size:	2	52.40%	50.50%
	3	20.50%	20.40%
	4	15.30%	18.80%
	5	7.60%	7%
	6	3.10%	2.40%
	7+	1%	1%
Housing Units		Ishpeming	Ishpeming Township
Occupied Housing Units		80.40%	79.60%
Rental Housing Units		23.30%	27.10%
Owned Housing Units		76.70%	72.90%
Single Unit Housing		80.10%	76.20%
Multi-Unit Housing		14.10%	19.40%
Boat, RV, Van, Etc.		<0.5%	<0.5%
Mobile Home		5.80%	4.40%
Vacant Housing Units		19.60%	20.40%
Vacant Housing Units for Seasonal, Recreational, or Occasional Use		69.60%	64.90%
Vacant Housing - For Sale Only		3%	2.10%
Vacant Housing - Rented not Occupied		1.80%	2.30%
Vacant Housing - For Rent		5.70%	7.90%

Over Index compared to the state level
Under Index compared to the state of Michigan
Under Index compared to the state of Michigan

2023 Non-Resident Overnight Stay



Domestic & Foreign Business Travelers are extremely under index compared to other cities and towns in the United States.

Travelers camping and traveling in a recreational vehicle are extremely under index compared at a National Level.

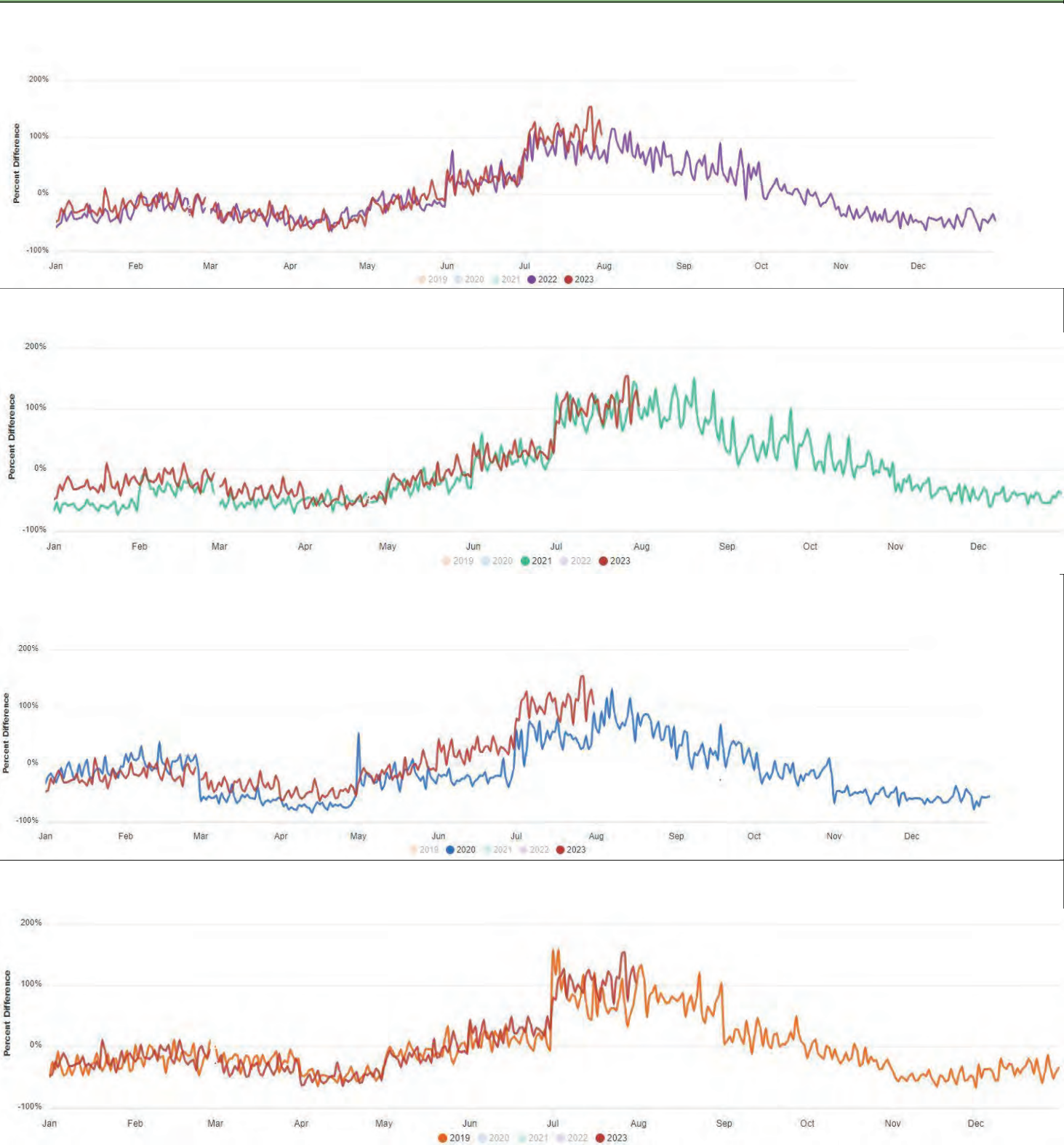
Overnight stays at a second home, rental property, and with friends & family is extremely over index compared to the United States.

Hotel stays are extremely under index for Ishpeming and slightly under index for Ishpeming Township compared at a National Level.

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YoY Non-Resident Spending - Ishpeming		
Zipcode	YoY	Compare Year
49849	5.10%	2023 vs. 2022
49849	1.70%	2022 vs. 2021

Ishpeming Spend Data - Year over Year Difference



Money spent in Ishpeming increases in the summer months of July & August.



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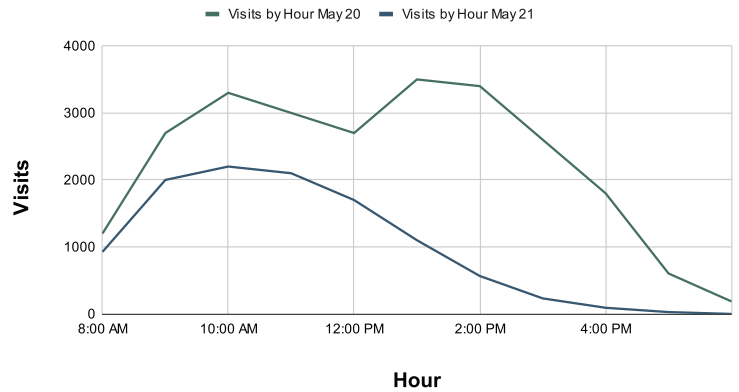
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Event	Event Date	Time	Visits	Visit Frequency	Event Attendance (Visitors)	Event Attendance - In County	Event Attendance - Upper Peninsula (Not including MQT County)	Event Attendance - Out of Town (Not including UP)	Average Length of Stay (Dwell Time)
Gus Macker 3 V 3 Basketball Tournament 2023	May 19	4 PM - 7 PM (registration)			67 Teams of 3 - 201 Participants				
	May 20	8 AM - 6 PM (Tournament Start - Tournament End)	5,900	1.00	5,900	4,302	1,408	211	102 minutes Aprx. 1.45 Hours
	May 21	8 AM -	3,900	1.00	3,900	2,758	1,018	172	98 minutes Aprx 1.40 Hours

Hour	Visits by Hour May 20
8:00 AM	1,200
9:00 AM	2,700
10:00 AM	3,300
11:00 AM	3,000
12:00 PM	2,700
1:00 PM	3,500
2:00 PM	3,400
3:00 PM	2,600
4:00 PM	1,800
5:00 PM	604
6:00 PM	187

Hour	Visits by Hour May 21
8:00 AM	927
9:00 AM	2,000
10:00 AM	2,200
11:00 AM	2,100
12:00 PM	1,700
1:00 PM	1,100
2:00 PM	566
3:00 PM	232
4:00 PM	92
5:00 PM	28
6:00 PM	0

Visits by Hour May 20 & May 21



Event	Event Date	Time	Visits	Visit Frequency	Event Attendance (Visitors)	Event Attendance - In County	Event Attendance - Upper Peninsula (Not including MQT County)	Event Attendance - Out of Town (Not including UP)	Average Length of Stay (Dwell Time)
Gus Macker 3 V 3 Basketball Tournament 2022	June 24	4 PM - 7 PM (registration)	676		115 Teams of 3 - 345 Participants				
	June 25	8 AM - 6 PM (Tournament Start - Tournament End)	5,320		3,389				
	June 26	8 AM - 4 PM	3,690	1.57	2,350	4,457	1,466	384	2 Hours

Point of Interest Location - Gus Macker 2022	Prior to Gus Macker Visits	Post Gus Macker Visits
Makers Marketplace	234	184
Quality Inn Marquette	166	79
Walmart	116	60
Northern Michigan University	114	
Ishpeming Playgrounds	107	109
Jack's Tee Pee Bar	100	179
Superior Dome	97	46
Kohl's	82	
Country Village RV Park	80	84
Gitche Gumee RV Park and Campground	75	
Main Street Antique Mall	72	
Jerzi's 41 Bar and Grill - Champion	62	404
Magnuson Hotel Country Inn	61	33
ThriftISH	60	
Oasis Grill	60	
The Good Life Ishpeming	60	
Buck's Restaurant	59	99
Paradise Bar	58	59
Zephyr Fuel	50	
Rainbow Bar	50	102
Dollar General	45	46
Meyer Yamaha LLC	45	
Target	45	26
McDonald's - Ishpeming	42	183
Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Marquette	40	
Cognition Brewing Company	35	173
Pictured Rocks Cruises - Munising	33	
Pine Grove Bar - Republic	30	
Border Grill - Negaunee	26	153
Buffalo Wild Wings		215
T.J. Maxx		164
SUBWAY		144
Berry Events Center		126
Applebee's		122
West End Ski & Trail LLC		115
Meijer		109
Cedar Beach - Ishpeming		61
Teal Lake Beach		61
MSHS Tennis Courts		60
Teal Lake Lodge		60
Super One Foods		60
Taco Bell - Ishpeming		54
Congress Pizza		53
Holiday Station Store		53
Brogie's Tavern		53
Shiras Planetarium		53
Sherri's Restaurant		51
Dairy Queen Restaurant		47
Walmart		46
Country Village Vacation Homes		43
Imperial Motel		42
The Vierling Restaurant and Marquette Harbor Brewery		20

Point of Interest Location - Gus Macker 2023	Prior to Gus Macker Visits	Post Gus Macker Visits
Cognition Brewing Company (Closed)	486	483
Makers Marketplace	281	203
Rainbow Bar	146	33
Hampton Inn Marquette		
Waterfront	128	63
Magnuson Hotel Country Inn	120	119
Holiday Inn Marquette	105	148
Menards	99	63
Buck's Restaurant	77	240
Oasis gas - Ishpeming	72	
McDonald's - Ishpeming	69	317
Straight Line Archery	63	
Wood Jewelers	48	
Walmart	47	108
Republic Twp	44	
Taco Bell - Ishpeming	44	38
T.J. Maxx	44	98
Rapid River Mini Mart - Rapid River	42	
Meyer Yamaha LLC	38	
Holiday Inn Express	38	38
Super One Foods - Negaunee	38	
Inspired Art and Gifts at Earthly Treasures UP	37	
West End Ski & Trail LLC	37	
Meijer	37	73
Sunnyside Park	36	
Team Wireless, Verizon Authorized Retailer	36	36
Dunham's Sports	35	37
Jack's Tee Pee Bar - Ishpeming	34	76
Appliance & Furniture RentAll	27	N/A
Congress Pizza	26	113
Target		145
Paradise Bar		133
Lowe's		132
Negaunee Township Ballfield		111
Sherri's Restaurant		107
Country Village RV Park		85
Sawyer International Airport		74
SUBWAY		64
Sweet T Photography		63
Taco Bell - Marquette		62
Dairy Queen Restaurant		61
Jubilee Foods Fuel		48
Baraga Drive In - Baraga		47
Oasis Grill - Ishpeming		44
Cricket Wireless Authorized Retailer		43
Days Inn Marquette		42
Fortune Pond - Crystal Falls		41
Tino's Bar & Pizza		39
Chappers Pub (Closed)		38
Cascade - Palmer		38
Kone Korner		38
Country Village Ace Hardware		38
PetSmart		36
Da Yoopers Tourist Trap		36
Dollar General		36
Marquette Baseball Complex		35
Ellwood A Mattson Lower Harbor Park		34
Border Grill - Negaunee		31
Midtown Bakery & Cafe - Negaunee		31
Bob's Big Boy		26
Beauty Boutique		26
Jimmy John's		6



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Event	Location	Date	Visits	Visitor Frequency	Visitors	YoY - Visitors	Unique Visitors	Average Stay	Data Parameters
Ishpeming Ski Club - Ski Jump 2023	Ski Jump - Ishpeming/Negaunee Border, Shuttle Location - Negaunee High School	January 20	1,200	1.15	1,043	36.17%	Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Colorado, & Michigan Downstate	2.48 Hours	January 20 & 21
		January 21	3,200	1.15	2,783	263.12%			
		January 20 & 21, 2023	5,100	1.15	4,400	474.41% Growth for 2 Night Event The one weekend in 2023 had more visitors than Suicide Hill saw over the entirety of 2022 (2,300 Visitors)			
Ski Jump 2022	Ski Jump - Ishpeming/Negaunee Border	January 18	1,410	1.84	766	N/A - Previous Year Canceled	Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, & Wisconsin - Visitor Locations for all of 2022	2 Hours	Entirety of 2022 - Week of Event - January 17 - 23
Ski Jump 2021	Canceled								
Ski Jump 2020	Ski Jump - Ishpeming/Negaunee Border	January 21	2,020	3.38	598	5.03%	Michigan Downstate, New York, Wisconsin, Utah, Minnesota, Texas - Visitor Locations for entirety of 2020	1.52 Hours	Entirety of 2020 - Week of Event - January 20 - 26
Ski Jump 2019	Ski Jump - Ishpeming/Negaunee Border	January 22	1,900	3.34	569	Previous year data N/A	Michigan Downstate, Wisconsin, Colorado, Minnesota, Texas - Visitor Locations for entirety of 2019	1.56 Hours	Entirety of 2019 - Week of Event - January 21 - 27

Location	2023 Event Attendees
Marquette County	3,019
U.P.	250
Outside the U.P.	1,067



Point of Interest Location 2023	Visits Prior to Ski Jump	Visits Post Ski Jump	
Jasper Ridge Inn	4%	200	1%
Jerzi's 41 Bar and Grill	2.70%	135	
Northern Michigan University	3.50%	174	7.70%
Buck's Restaurant	2.10%	107	
Holiday Station Store	1.60%	77	
Bob's Big Boy	1.60%	77	
Landmark Inn	1.50%	72	
Thunder Bay Inn	1.40%	69	
Holiday Inn Marquette	1.30%	65	0.90%
Huron Mountain Bakery - Ishpeming	1.10%	53	
Lawry's Pasties - Ishpeming	1.10%	53	0.80%
Imperial Motel	1%	48	0.70%
Comfort Suites	1%	48	
Congress Pizza			3%
Jack's Tee Pee Bar			2.90%
Mather Inn			2.30%
Breakers Roadhouse			1.90%
Cognition Brewing Company Building (Not in business)			1.60%
Tino's Bar & Pizza			1.10%
Culver's			1.10%
Holiday Station Store			1%
Midtown Bakery & Cafe			1%
McDonald's - Ishpeming			0.90%
Cafe Bistro			0.90%
Cedar Beach - Ishpeming			0.90%
Econo Lodge Lakeside			0.90%



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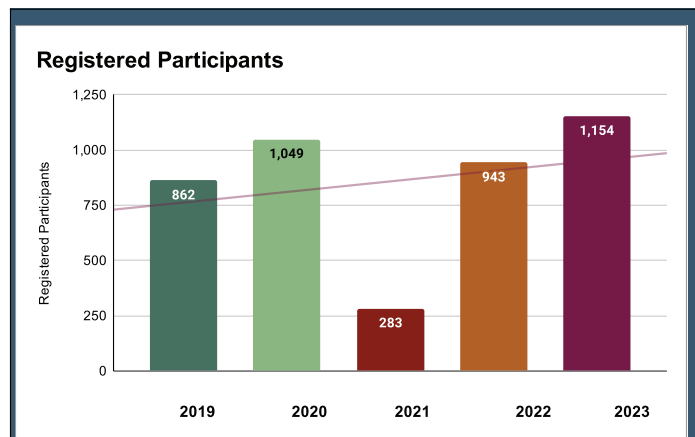
Event	Race Start Location	Date	Registered Participants	Participation YoY	Visitors - AI Quaal	Race End Location	Visitors - Superior Dome
Noquemanon Ski Marathon 2023	AI Quaal Recreation Area - Ishpeming	January 28	1,154	20.40%	Saturday - 537	Superior Dome - Marquette	Saturday - 2,600
Noquemanon Ski Marathon 2022	AI Quaal Recreation Area - Ishpeming	January 22	943	233.22%	Week of Event - 693	Superior Dome - Marquette	Week of Event - 1,472
Noquemanon Ski Marathon 2021	Virtual Race	2021	283	-73.02%	N/A	Virtual	N/A
Noquemanon Ski Marathon 2020	AI Quaal Recreation Area - Ishpeming	January 25	1,049	21.69%	Week of Event - 1,856	Superior Dome - Marquette	Event Weekend - 3,462
Noquemanon Ski Marathon 2019	AI Quaal Recreation Area - Ishpeming	January 26	862	-19.51%	Week of Event - 525	Superior Dome - Marquette	Week of Event - 2,500

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Race	50K Classic	50K Freestyle	50K Team Relay	50K Classic Tour	24K Classic	24K Freestyle	12K Classic	12K Freestyle	15 Mile Snowshoe	Adaptive Ski
Participants per Race	165	304	33	22	207	275	66	60	12	10

Total Race Participants 1154

Point of Interest Location 2023	Prior to AI Quaal	Post AI Quaal
Northern Michigan University	143	
Staybridge Suites Marquette	92	
Lake Superior	81	
Taco Bell - Ishpeming	78	
McCarty Cove	69	
Physical Education Instructional Facility	69	
Starbucks	56	
Meijer	56	
Superior Dome	55	
Berry Events Center	45	
Superior Dome - Race Finish Location		730
Ellwood A Mattson Lower Harbor Park		179
Northern Michigan University		121
Walmart		116
Lake Superior		68
Lowe's		66
Thai House		58
Forestville		51
Rare Earth Goods - Ishpeming		48
McDonald's - Marquette		45
Physical Education Instructional Facility		38
Marquette Mountain		33





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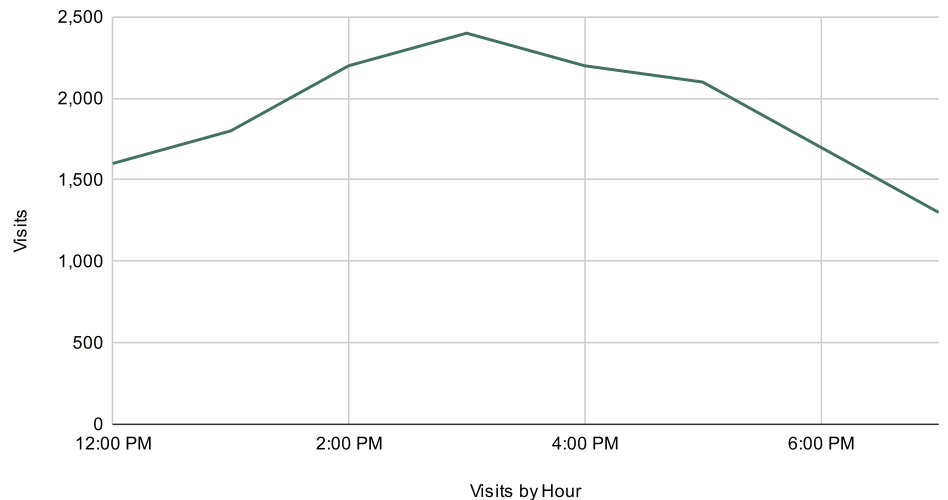
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Event	Location	Data Range	Visits	Visitor Frequency	Visitors	Average Stay
Italian Fest 2023	Al Quaal Recreation Area	July 29, Noon - 8pm	5,100	1.00	5,100	2.12 Hours
Italian Fest 2022	Al Quaal Recreation Area	July 30, Noon - 8 pm	3,100	1.00	3,100	1.91 Hours
Italian Fest 2021	Al Quaal Recreation Area	Canceled				
Italian Fest 2020	Al Quaal Recreation Area	Canceled				
Italian Fest 2019	Al Quaal Recreation Area	July 27, Noon - 8 pm	3,600	1.00	3,600	3.05 Hours

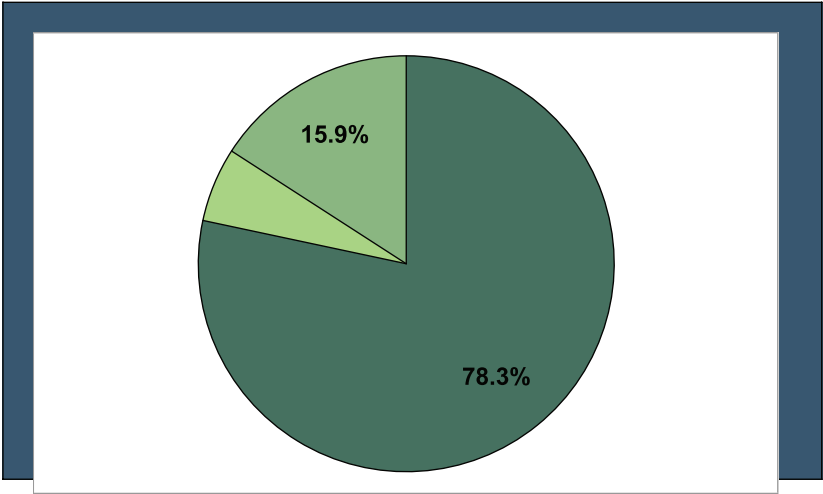
Visits by Hour	Visits
12:00 PM	1,600
1:00 PM	1,800
2:00 PM	2,200
3:00 PM	2,400
4:00 PM	2,200
5:00 PM	2,100
6:00 PM	1,700
7:00 PM	1,300

Visits by Hour



Visitor Origin - Italian Fest 2023		
City	State	Visitors
Ishpeming	MI	2506
Marquette	MI	789
Negaunee	MI	279
Champion	MI	155
Hartsdale	NY	150
Gwinn	MI	116
Howell	MI	81
Houghton	MI	72
Madison	WI	69
Milwaukee	WI	68
Dodgeville	MI	67
Michigamme	MI	62
Manhattan Beach	CA	62
Republic	MI	49
Clio	MI	49
Eldred	PA	45
Lanse	MI	41
Rumely	MI	40
Crystal Falls	MI	39
Chagrin Falls	OH	36
Iron Mountain	MI	33
Peshtigo	WI	33
Bartlett	IL	31
De Pere	WI	29
Allegan	MI	28
Farmingdale	NJ	27
Flushing	MI	26
Webberville	MI	25
South Lyon	MI	24
Concord	NC	19

Marquette County Visitors	3,956	78.34%
U.P. Visitors Outside of Marquette County	292	5.78%
Unique Visitors	802	15.88%



Point of Interest Location	Visits Prior to Italian Fest	Visits Post Italian Fest
Little Caesars Pizza - Ishpeming	172	51
Shiras Park (OutBack Art Fair)	142	N/A
Meijer - Escanaba	91	N/A
Landmark Inn	71	91
Holiday Station Store - Ishpeming	69	63
Target	69	N/A
Holiday Inn Marquette	66	N/A
Teal Lake Beach	58	N/A
Paradise Bar	58	N/A
Tilden Township Ball Field	58	N/A
Jackson Mine	55	N/A
Holiday Station Store - Negaunee	55	N/A
Richard M Jopling American Legion Junior Auxiliary Unit 44	55	N/A
Third Coast Pizzeria	54	N/A
Crock and Rocker - Michigamme	36	N/A
Ellwood A Mattson Lower Harbor Park (Art on the Rocks)		169
Walmart		123
Mama Mias Italian Restaurant		113
Jasper Ridge Brewery & Restaurant		111
Dollar General - Ishpeming		103
Ore Dock Brewing Co.		89
Congress Pizza		65
906 Factory Wraps		61
Straight Line Archery		59
Teal Lake		51
River Rock Lanes and Banquet Center		51
Michaels		51
Lakeview Arena		49
Pasquali's		49
Jerzi's 41 Bar and Grill		49
La Catrina Cocina Mexicana		49
Yoop-Phoria		48
Jack's Tee Pee Bar		33
Da Yoopers Tourist Trap		32
Krist Oil		29
Harbor Freight Tools		29



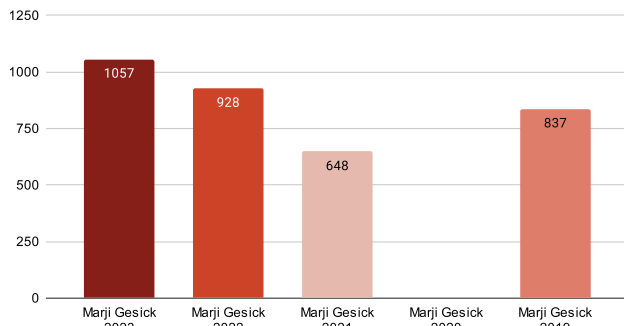
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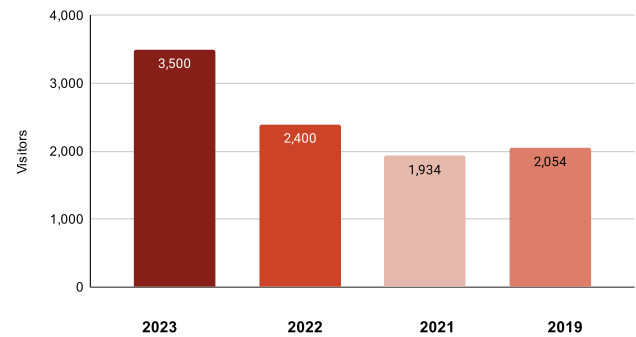
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Event	Event Date	Event Location	Registered Participants	Unique Visitors	Data Source	Notes
Marji Gesick 2023	September 15, 16, & 17		1057	Michigan Downstate, Virginia, Iowa, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Colorado, Ohio, Wyoming, Washington, Maryland, Arizona, Washington DC, Indiana, New York, Georgia, Utah, Tennessee, North Carolina, Connecticut, California, Missouri, South Carolina, Texas, Kansas...Australia, Canada - Ontario, Canada - Nova Scotia	Data provided by Event Organizer	Increase in participation from other states outside the Midwest & many Canadian participants
Marji Gesick 2022	September 16, 17, & 18		928	Michigan Downstate, Minnesota, Virginia, Wisconsin, Alaska, Pennsylvania, Illinois, North Carolina, Ohio, Iowa, Colorado, New York, Indiana, Idaho, Georgia, Maryland, Kansas, Tennessee, Massachusetts, Arizona, New Jersey, South Carolina, California, Missouri, Washington D.C., Arkansas, Washington, Florida & Texas.... Canada - Quebec, Canada - Ontario.	Data provided by Event Organizer	Starting to see an increase in number of participants outside Michigan & Midwest
Marji Gesick 2021	September 17, 18, & 19		648	Michigan Downstate, Minnesota, Illinois, New Hampshire, Wisconsin, Georgia, Maryland, New York, Indiana, Ohio, Wyoming, Colorado, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Texas, Nebraska, Arizona, Tennessee, Utah, Iowa, Arkansas, New Mexico, & Connecticut.	Data provided by Event Organizer	No participation from outside the US - Borders closed due to COVID
Marji Gesick 2020	N/A		N/A - Canceled			
Marji Gesick 2019	September 20, 21, & 22	Downtown Ishpeming - Start & Finish, race throughout Marquette County	837	Michigan Downstate, Wisconsin, Indiana, Minnesota, Maryland, Virginia, Illinois, Iowa, California, Ohio, Alaska, Colorado, Texas, New York, Mississippi, Massachusetts, Arizona, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Nebraska, North Carolina ...Canada - Quebec, Canada - Ontario, Canada - New Brunswick, United Kingdom,	Data provided by Event Organizer	Folks mainly from the Midwest, then Canada, with outliers from around the country & globe

Marji Gesick Participants



Marji Gesick Visitors



Event	Event Date	Visits	Visitors	Frequency	Data Parameters & Source
Marji Gesick 2023	September 15, 16, & 17	3,750	3,500	1.08	Event Weekend - placer.ai
Marji Gesick 2022	September 16, 17, & 18	2,700	2,400	1.11	Event Weekend - placer.ai
Marji Gesick 2021	September 17, 18, & 19	2,050	1,934	1.06	Week of Event - placer.ai
Marji Gesick 2020	N/A				
Marji Gesick 2019	September 20, 21, & 22	2,465	2,054	1.2	Event Weekend - placer.ai

Point of Interest Location - Marji 2023	Prior to Marji	Post Marji
Paradise Bar	206	
Wilderness Sports, Inc	153	
Old Towne Negaunee Heritage Trail	138	65
Cedar Beach	132	
Buck's Restaurant	121	47
Brentwood Motor Inn	105	54
Congress Pizza	78	177
The Royal Pub	69	
Dave's Barber Shop	61	45
Negaunee Football Field	55	
Maple Ridge Resort - Michigamme	53	23
Little Caesars Pizza - Ishpeming	52	
Border Grill - Negaunee	47	
Union Station Depot - Negaunee	47	
Island Resort and Casino - Harris	47	
Hampton Inn Marquette Waterfront	47	91
Ishpeming Football Field	47	
Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library	47	
Cognition Brewing Company (not in business in 2023 Ishpeming)	45	
Senior Citizens Center - Ishpeming	44	
Main Street Antique Mall	41	
Vango's	39	
Jack's Tee Pee Bar	36	77
Building at 110 S Main St	26	
Rare Earth Goods - Ishpeming	20	
Magnuson Hotel Country Inn	20	100
Blackrocks Brewery		131
Staybridge Suites Marquette		122
Jasper Ridge Inn - Ishpeming		94
Holiday Inn Express		90
Iron Ore Heritage Trail - Negaunee		84
Negaunee Senior Center		79
Campfire Coffee - Negaunee		77
Days Inn Marquette		77
Melo Cannabis Dispensary - Ishpeming		50
Ojibwa Casino Marquette		47
Barrs Bar - Negaunee		45
Goodwill		41
Hiawatha National Forest - Munising		40
McDonald's - Ishpeming		38
Cliffs Shaft Museum - Ishpeming		38
Applebee's		36
Target		31
Country Village Vacation Homes - Ishpeming		30
My Place Hotels		25



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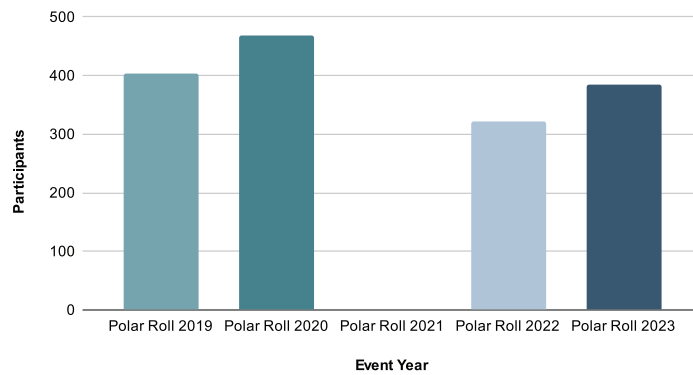
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Event	Location	Date	Participants	Mass Start 30 Mile	Mass Start 15 Mile	Mass Start 30 Mile Snowshoe	Mass Start 15 Mile Snowshoe	Mass Start 15 Mile Off Course	Double Trouble
Polar Roll 2023	RAMBA Trails & Al Quaal Recreation Area	February 18	385	271	102	2	10	N/A	N/A
Polar Roll 2022	RAMBA Trails & Al Quaal Recreation Area	February 12	322	249	11	6	3	43	10
Polar Roll 2021	Virtual								
Polar Roll 2020	RAMBA Trails & Al Quaal Recreation Area	February 15	469	281	153	17	18	N/A	N/A
Polar Roll 2019	RAMBA Trails & Al Quaal Recreation Area	February 16	404	251	129	10	14	N/A	N/A

10K snowshoe
instead of 15
mile in 2019

Polar Roll Participants



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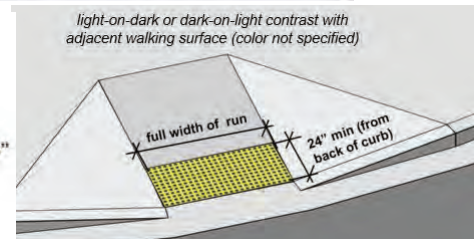
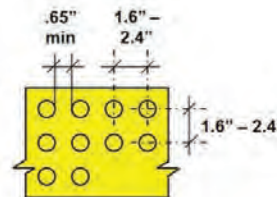
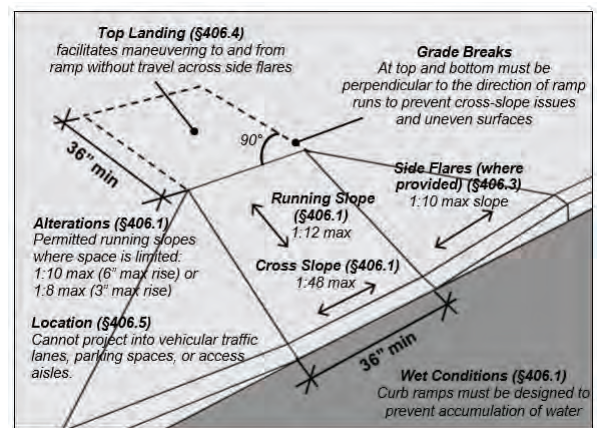
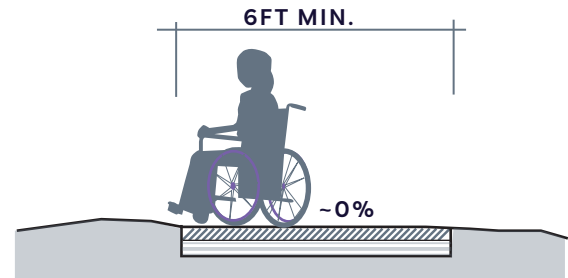
APPENDIX C

GUIDELINES FOR DESIGNING ADA COMPLIANT AND UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE PARKS

Michigan DNR Guidelines

ACCESSIBLE TRAILS

- WALKWAYS WITHIN A SITE** - minimum 6 foot width and slopes under 2%
- MULTI-USE TRAIL** - 8 feet, with slopes under 2%, wider width so two people can walk side by side or people can pass
- REGIONAL TRAIL SYSTEM** - at least 10 feet wide, with 1-foot buffers on either side, with slopes under 2%
- SURFACE TREATMENT** - unitary surface (ex. concrete, boardwalk or asphalt, crushed aggregate/screenings that have been "stabilized" or natural soils enhanced with soil stabilizers)
- TRANSITIONS** - plates between trail and pedestrian bridges, decks, etc.
- INTERSECTIONS** - contrasting color treatment and textured surface treatments such as brushed concrete at intersections or interpretive stations to cue people who have vision impairments that there is something to pay attention to at that spot
- Close to level cross slopes (side to side) and very gentle running slopes, no steep sections, larger (greater than 60"X60") level areas at all turns and intersections
- Thoughtfully laid out on the site to maximize the experience with minimal difficulty
- AMENITIES** - All should be accessible including: benches, restrooms (port-a-johns), drinking fountains, etc.



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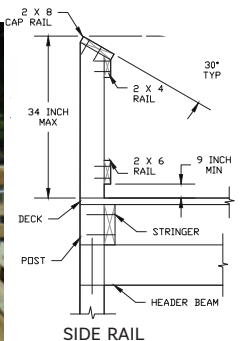
- BEACH**
- Routes over the beach and into the water, can be portable/temporary matting if it needs to be taken in and out for beach cleaning/ dragging or in the off season
 - Wide enough for side by side walking/passing
 - At beach route end have an accessible area at the waters edge large enough to park multiple chairs while the owners are in the water
 - With a transfer system at the waters edge so people can get down to the ground level and into the water.



TRANSFER STATION

FISHING DOCK + VIEWING DECK

- More than 25% of the rails are lowered in various locations or no rails at all with only an edge treatment to prevent roll off
- Sitting benches (all with backs and arm rests) scattered about so anglers can choose to sit or stand to fish
- Tackle box stands next to one bench end (not both) leaving one end clear space for sitting side by side with someone in a wheelchair
- A variety of fish landing cutaways strategically placed
- A variety of accessible opportunities—over-water fishing, shore fishing, in-water fishing, etc.
- Transition plates between access route and deck/pier



- CAMPING**
- Accessible surface on all sites, including rustic sites
 - Larger spaces to accommodate side lifts on campers and vehicles
 - Accessible tables, grills (15 " minimum, 34 " maximum height), and fire rings on all sites
 - Centrally located restrooms on easy routes from each site



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SKIING + SLEDDING HILL

- Accessible route to top (no steps), possibly using a “magic carpet” lift
- Level surface for sled mounting at hill top
- If staffed, provide ATV transport or have policy that allows personal ATV use
- Transfer at hill bottom to help transfer down to sled and back up into chair/walker



<https://www.movingmountainsap.org/>

SPORT COURTS + FIELDS

- Routes to both sides of all fields and courts, not just end zones
- Accessible seating spaces both ground level and elevated if risers/bleachers are provided
- Accessible seating spaces scattered throughout all viewing areas and levels with companion seating on both sides of the space
- All lowered service windows at all concession areas
- Wider gate openings into court areas (tennis, bocce, basketball) and skate parks to accommodate wider sports wheelchairs
- Routes to both horseshoe pits and along both sides of the route between pits
- Level routes onto bocce courts with sitting benches at both ends



MAGIC CARPET LIFT



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- PLAYGROUNDS**
- Has both ramp and transfer access to all play components
 - Ramps to every “getting on spot” or “sit/stand & do it spot” of every play component
 - Transfer system from the ground up to the main deck located near the exits of slides and climbers furthest from the ramp onto the structure
 - Only unitary safety surface such as poured-in-place or rubber tiles NOT any loose fill materials likes shredded rubber, wood chips, engineered wood fiber, or any other non-unitary surface material
 - On deck transfer platform at the entry point of every slide
 - On deck transfer platform with one open transfer side and one side with transfer steps to every entry/exit point of every climber, so kids climbing up can get down to the deck to move to another component, as they may have left an assistive device at the ground
 - A good variety of things to manipulate that make noise or music, have high contrast/bright colors, games that two kids can play (to foster social interaction), Braille and sign language panels to teach awareness, easy to operate with just one hand with a whole fist (does not require tight/pinch/grasp/wrist twist to operate)
 - Different high contrast colors for decks versus transfers so kids with low vision can perceive a change in level
 - Play panels are located at heights so they can be used from a seated position or standing

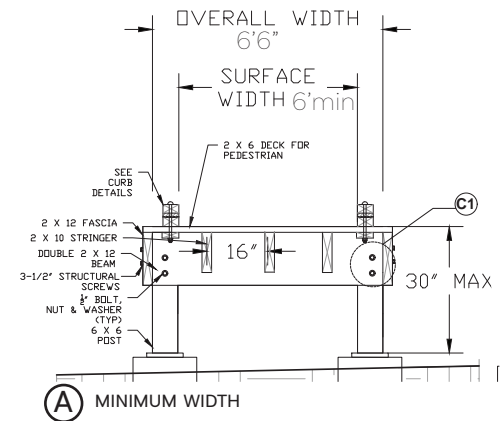


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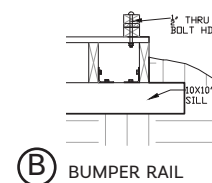
BOARDWALKS

- (A) -6 foot minimum width so two people can walk side by side or people can pass
- (B) -EDGE TREATMENT to prevent roll/step off
- (C) -SIDE RAILS - more than 25% must be lowered for easy viewing in various places along the boardwalk
- INTERPRETIVE INFORMATION - in a variety of alternative formats such as auditory, large print, Braille, pictures, etc.



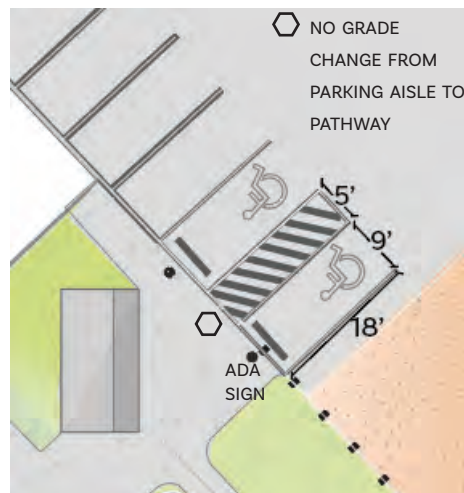
NATURE CENTER

- INTERPRETIVE INFORMATION - in a variety of alternative formats such as auditory, large print, Braille, pictures, etc.
- TECHNOLOGY - Creative use such as mp3 players for auditory descriptions (this gives the info. directly to the individual) closed loop assistive listening devices and closed circuit captioning of all interpretive presentations
- All displays at lowered heights for sitting or standing viewing
- All operating mechanisms that are operable with one hand and do not require tight/pinch/grasp/wrist twist to operate



PARKING

- More than minimum number of accessible spots
- Each connected directly to an accessible route to the park elements and NOT into the traffic flow
- Thoughtfully located nearest the activity entrance, which might require multiple lots (some near the beach, some near the playground, some near the bathhouse, etc.)



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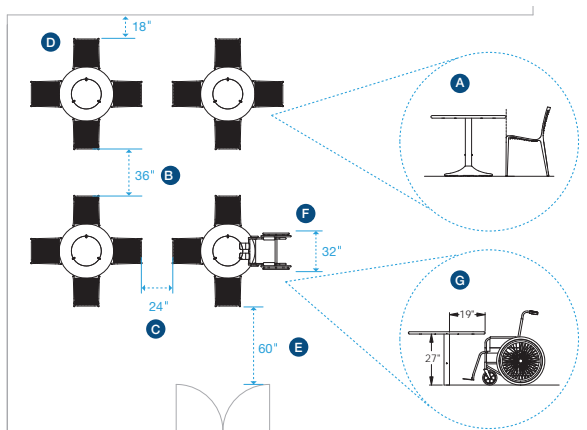
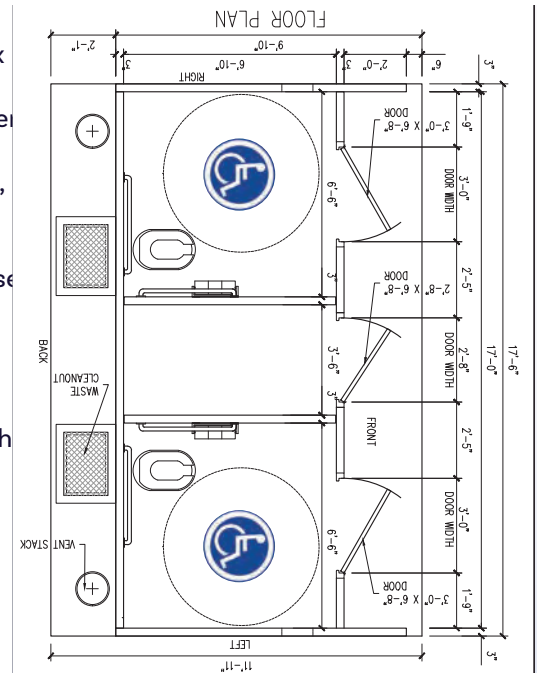
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RESTROOMS

- More than the minimum number of accessible units
- Multiple unisex/single user toilet rooms/units so opposite sex care givers can assist; also good for parents of young children of the opposite sex so kids aren't sent alone into the multi-user restroom
- Thoughtfully located near areas of activity such as play areas, beaches, fishing piers, etc.
- Accessible door pulls and water faucet handles
- All accessible port-a-johns, again big enough for individual use or care giver/parental assistance.

PICNIC AREAS + ELEMENTS

- All tables, grills, fire rings, water pumps, etc. are accessible
- All located on accessible routes
- Level routes onto pavilions with no changes of level from path to pavilion surface
- Wider routes and clear space with firm surface around all elements so someone with mobility limits can easily move around the element (table, grill, etc.)
- A variety of table styles, some with clear sitting space on the side, some with extended table tops on the end
- Some fixed tables to ensure they remain accessible (not moved off into a grassy or sandy area, etc.)
- Clear space all around each element so people can approach and use the grill, fire ring, etc. from the front, back and either side
- Grills you can lower/raise the cooking surface with one hand
- Raised fire building surfaces so you can place wood without leaning too far over from a standing or seated position



A. Distances referenced here assume the front edge of a chair lines up with the edge of a table top.

B. Allow a minimum of 36" between seat backs to permit wheelchair access between tables.

C. Allow a minimum of 24" between seat backs to provide a walkway between tables.

D. Allow a minimum of 18" between a seat back and a wall or edge to permit access to all seats.

E. Allow a minimum of 60" between a seat back and a site's entrance to allow for easy egress.

F. Please refer to ADA guidelines and local codes to determine the number of wheelchair accessible seating spaces needed in a seating group. It is recommended that a minimum of 32" in width be provided to accommodate a wheelchair at a table.

G. The minimum height and depth clearances necessary to accommodate a wheelchair at a table are 27" and 19", respectively.

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AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)

Quick reference of minimum requirements for accessible spaces. The 2010 American with Disabilities Act Standards for Accessible Design Guidelines provide a comprehensive resource. https://www.ada.gov/2010ADASTstandards_index.htm

- Clear width is 36" min for most accessible routes
- Surfaces: 1/4" max change, slopes less than 5%, firm and stable
- Head Clearance: 80" high and as wide as the route
- Clear Space: min 30" wide by 48" deep located at element
- Viewing: clear from 32"-51" height
- Maneuvering space: 60"x60" min and level, at entries and places for change of direction
- Transferable height: 17"-19" with transfer supports
- Knee Clearance: 27" high by 30" wide by 25" deep
- Table tops, counters, and rail heights: max 34" high
- Reach range: 48" max height forward and 15" min low side
- Operation: operating mechanism that is operable with one hand and does not require tight pinch/grasp/wrist twist to open

The following page features a closer look at the City of Ishpeming's parks. These sites have been assigned an accessible rating derived from this scale.

The Michigan DNR Rating Chart is as Follows:

- 1 | NONE OF THE FACILITIES MEET ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES**
- 2 | SOME OF THE FACILITIES MEET ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES**
- 3 | MOST OF THE FACILITIES MEET ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES**
- 4 | THE ENTIRE PARK AREAS MEET ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES**
- 5 | THE ENTIRE PARK WAS DEVELOPED USING UNIVERSAL DESIGN PRINCIPLES**

The parks were assessed on August 2nd, 2023 with the City of Ishpeming Parks Foreman and Julia Cogger with CUPPAD. Terrence Van Doren of Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority was in attendance as well to discuss how to bring the city's playgrounds into safety compliance.

In general, nearly all of the sites assessed require ADA striped and signed parking spaces and accessible hard surface routes from parking to the various site amenities. The vast majority of playground features are deemed inaccessible and will need to receive adequate, accessible safety surfacing to bring them into compliance. Other, more simple improvements include relocating garbage receptacles and benches onto accessible surfaces to meet ADA accessibility requirements. The new playground and pavilion at Lake Bancroft Park are the perfect example of a universally accessible site.

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AL QUAAL ACCESSIBILITY RATING: 2



Al Quaal is an expansive property with a vast array of recreational features. Although restroom and pavilion structures are accessible, the other amenities on site are not. A winding paved park road allows users of all ability levels to access the majority of the park, but no ADA parking spaces are striped and labeled with the international symbol of accessibility at the informal lots along the roadway. The play equipment lacks safety surfacing and is situated in turf areas with no ADA access. The trails are designed for a variety of users in all seasons, but none are equipped with proper grade or surface to accommodate those with mobility issues. Picnic areas, the exercise loop, and disk golf course are all positioned on turf as well, preventing those with mobility issues from accessing them.

The site would benefit immensely from a comprehensive park plan highlighting circulation between, consolidation of, and access to the various amenities the park has to offer. Upgrading existing playground areas, the exercise loop, and disc golf course as well as integrating accessible pathways within the park would be appreciated by all who come to experience this community treasure.



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LAKE BANCROFT PARK ACCESSIBILITY RATING: 3



Lake Bancroft Park is really divided into two separate areas:

1. The waterfront park with a paver walking path, picnic spots and a restroom. The pathway and restroom meet accessibility requirements. The picnic area requires at least one accessible table to be mounted on a hardened, accessible surface with a 3' space around it for maneuvering. The parking area requires a sign with the universal symbol for accessibility and striping of at least one spot. Each of these endeavors could quite reasonably be implemented by the city.



2. The Cliff Shafts Mining Museum parking area featuring the ADA accessible Mining Heritage Pavilion and the new ADA accessible play area. There is also accessible parking and picnic tables, meeting all requirements.

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MARQUETTE STREET PLAYLOT ACCESSIBILITY RATING: 1



The Marquette Street Playlot is a small open space featuring a few swings and a slide with no safety surface. The city realizes the need to update the equipment and add and accessible parking space and pathway.

BARNUM (7TH ADDITION) PLAYLOT ACCESSIBILITY RATING: 1



The Barnum (7th Addition) Playlot is a small hidden pocket within the city featuring a basketball court and a couple play equipment items. The park is accessed via an alleyway and somewhat hard to find. There are currently no accessible features. The park would benefit from better marking, perhaps a new, accessible function or updates to the existing infrastructure.

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LAKE ANGELINE PLAYLOT ACCESSIBILITY RATING: 1



This playlot features some aged play equipment and picnic area. To meet accessibility requirements it would need to receive updates to the playground equipment, an accessible trail connecting the disparate elements and accessible parking and picnic space.

BRUCE ASGAARD PARK ACCESSIBILITY RATING: 1



Bruce Asgaard Park is another small, hidden park within the city. Positioned amid the backyards of homes on Wabash and 9th Streets with no entrance signage, the park feels more like an extension of the neighbor's backyard's versus a public park space. The park does not host any accessible features with dated playground equipment and no safety surfacing, a basketball court and grassy area. The park would benefit from a sign at the entrance, updated equipment, accessible parking and pathway and perhaps an all seasons skating rink and multi-use field or updated basketball court.

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SALISBURY PLAYLOT ACCESSIBILITY RATING: 1



This playlot features some aged play equipment. To meet accessibility requirements it would need to receive updates to the playground equipment, an accessible trail connecting the disparate elements and accessible parking and picnic space. With so many aged playlots featuring minimal amenities it was discussed that sites, such as this one could perhaps be re purposed or sold allowing the city to focus its energy and funds on fewer properties.

JUNIPER STREET PLAYLOT ACCESSIBILITY RATING: 1

Juniper Street Playlot is another little hidden park at the south end of Hickory Street situated along an alleyway. The park features a few items of outdated play equipment without safety surfacing or accessible pathways. It also hosts a basketball court. Accessibility upgrades would need to include adding an accessible play feature with accessible safety surfacing, a hardened access path, and signed and striped accessible parking space and access to the other disparate elements including the basketball court and grill.

MATHER 'A' BALLFIELD ACCESSIBILITY RATING: 2



Mather 'A' Ballfield has the potential to meet accessibility standards with a few updates. The parking area is paved, but requires at least one striped and signed ADA parking space. The port-a-jon could be moved onto the paving area and replaced with an accessible unit, ensuring there is no lip upon entry and is properly signed with the universal symbol of accessibility. The bleachers once had a compacted gravel path and seating area, but this needs to be top dressed and re compacted.

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HOLMES PLAYLOT ACCESSIBILITY RATING: 1



The Holmes Playlot has a slight increase in elevation from the street to the play area. The addition of an ADA parking space and hardened surface accessible path would need to be made, connecting each of the separate elements. The play structures at this site are of a more recent vintage and one features a transfer platform. With accessible surfacing and pathway, this site could be brought up to accessibility requirements.

SECOND STREET PLAYLOT ACCESSIBILITY RATING: 1



The Second Street Playlot also features slightly more recent playground structures and a transfer platform. The existing picnic table is also designed to be accessible. As with the other facilities an ADA parking space, accessible safety surfacing and an accessible connector path are needed to bring this park up to ADA standards.

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POWER OF TEN POCKET PARK ACCESSIBILITY RATING: 3



This pocket park was clearly designed to be ADA accessible. The compacted gravel trail, access ramp to the pavilion each meet accessibility standards. The site does require some maintenance as weeds are growing through much of the pathway. Also, a 30x48" accessible surface adjacent to each bench should be provided as well as locating the garbage receptacle on a hardened surface.

RAMBA TRAILHEAD ACCESSIBILITY RATING: 2



This site features appropriate compacted gravel and paved surfaces for accessibility but require some key upgrades and repositioning of site amenities to meet ADA requirements. The paved Iron Ore Heritage Trail is a perfect example of an accessible recreation corridor. The Port-John is not accessible and would need to be replaced with an accessible unit sited on the accessible surface. An ADA parking space would need to be provided as well as a picnic table and garbage receptacles located with an ADA accessible approach on a hardened surface.

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CITY PLAYGROUND ACCESSIBILITY RATING: 2



City Playground is an expansive site with a wide variety of recreation amenities. The site features a variety of city managed and some school district managed facilities. The parking at the south end of the park does have an adequate number of signed and striped ADA parking spaces. The south end also features a play area in need of accessible paths linking features and accessible safety surfacing. Some of the structures do have a transfer platform. The tennis courts and basketball courts have mowed turf and parking around them, preventing those with mobility issues from spectating or accessing the courts. The restroom at the south end is not accessible. The pavilion could be, but requires an accessible pathway to it.



Pavilion



Tennis Courts



South Restroom

The north end of the park hosts baseball and little league fields. Port-a-Johns and parking areas situated intermittently along the gravel road that connects the north entrance of the park to the south entrance. The Port-a-Johns are not ADA compliant and no ADA accessible parking spaces are signed or striped. Seating at the fields consists of bleachers stationed on mowed turf, with no hardened surface, at grade seating areas for those with mobility issues.



Port-a-Johns Along Park Roadway



Parking Area

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APPENDIX D

Previously Awarded DNR Grants

CITY PLAYGROUND

1972, Project No. 26-00339

1976, Project No. 26-00762

1980, Project No. 26-01104 TI

1989, Project No. BF89-52 | 1989, Project No. BF89-66

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1979, Project No. 26-01052;

1990, Project No. TF90-242;

1991, Project No. TF91-080;

1994, Project No. TF94-054;

1995, Project No. TF95-316;

1997, Project No. TF97-228

1993, Project No. TF93-033 and TF92-065 (both withdrawn)

2021. Project No. RP21-0090 (not yet completed)

LAKE BANCROFT PARK

1976, Project No. 26-00787

2017, Project No. 17-0216

MALTON ROAD NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL

DNRTF TF14-0265