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1. BUENA VISTA YESTERDAY: HISTORY AND PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

The following sections correspond to historic natural, topographical and environmental conditions of the Township and should be used to gain an understanding of foundations on which the township grew.

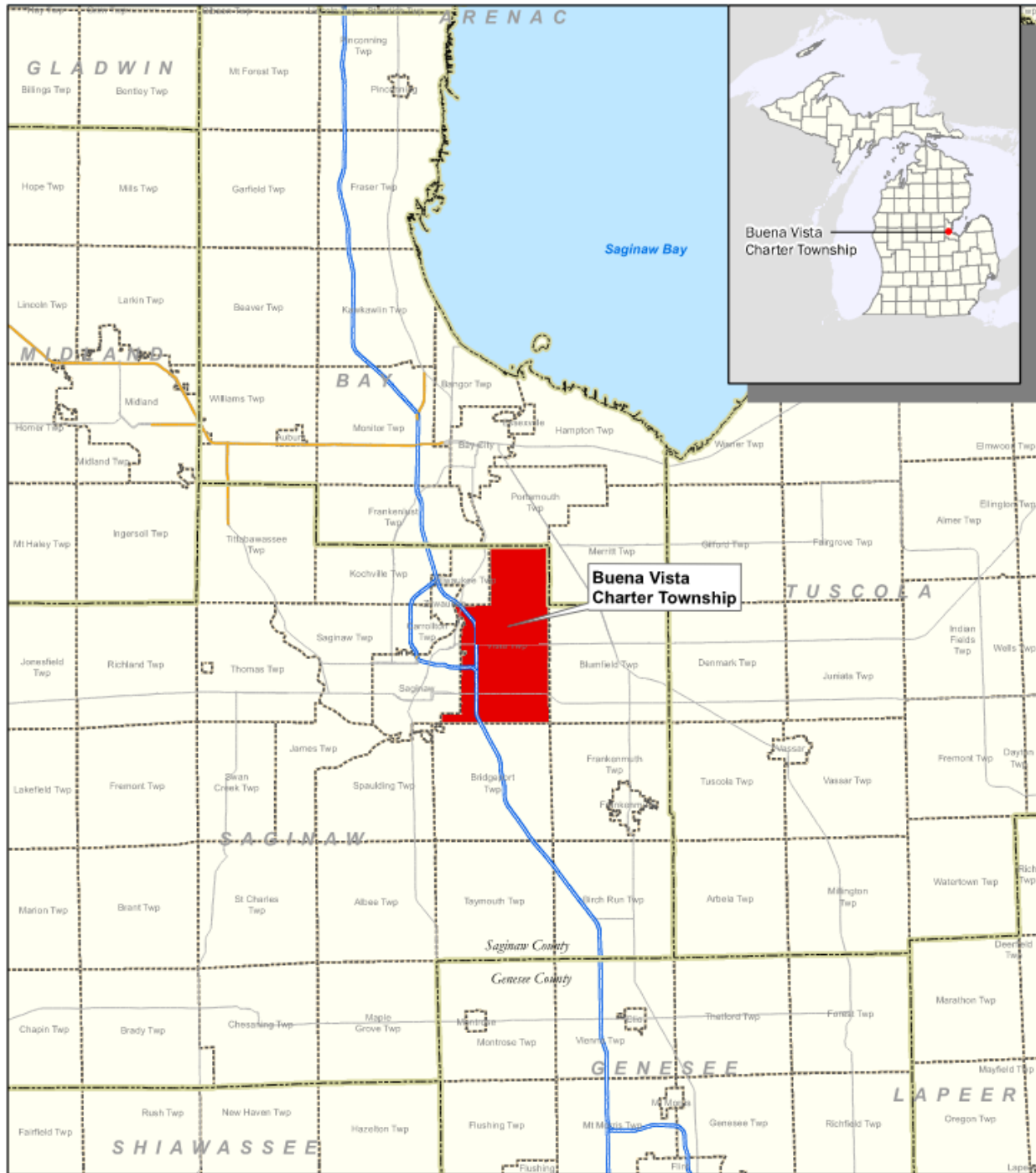
A. REGIONAL CONTEXT

Located in Saginaw County, Michigan, Buena Vista Charter Township (7,560 residents) is located directly east of the City of Saginaw (43,477 residents). Buena Vista Charter Township is located in the central portion of Michigan's lower peninsula (**Map 1**), in the Great Lakes Bay Region (Saginaw, Bay and Midland Counties). Saginaw County, with a population of approximately 188,330 residents, is the eleventh largest county in the state by population.

Along with its rich farmland and bustling industry, Buena Vista also has strong regional access. This includes a Great Lakes aggregate and asphalt terminal for shipping on the Saginaw River just south of the 1-75 Zilwaukee Bridge, a general aviation airport near Nexteer Steering Systems; rail lines that travel east into Michigan's "Thumb" and south towards Detroit, and highways that include Interstate 75, Michigan Highway 46 (Holland Ave.), and Michigan Highway 81 (E. Washington Rd.). These three highways link the Township to Saginaw (adjacent to the west), Bay City (18 miles), Midland (30 miles), Flint (25 miles), Ann Arbor (84 miles), Lansing (86 miles), Detroit (100 miles), and the Mackinac Bridge (198 miles).

B. HISTORY OF BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP

Upon reading the Township's name, Buena Vista, translates to "good view" in Spanish. Originally, that "good view" could be thought of as the collection of attractive natural features that populate the Township; great stands of both conifer and deciduous trees, water lapping onto the banks of the Saginaw River and Cheboyganing Creek, and the sounds of wildlife coming from a veritable cornucopia of plants in the wetlands along the shores of the river and streams. Many of those conditions have changed dramatically since Buena Vista Charter Township was settled.



MAP 1 Regional Location

Buena Vista Charter Township
Saginaw County, Michigan

LEGEND

- | | |
|----------------|------------------------------|
| Interstates | County Boundaries |
| US Highways | Surrounding Municipalities |
| State Highways | Buena Vista Charter Township |



BUENA VISTA
CHARTER TOWNSHIP



Data Source: Michigan Center for Geographic Information,
Versions 8a and 17a

September 14, 2018

The western portion of Buena Vista Township was ceded for the new Village of East Saginaw. The land was cleared of its dramatic wooded lands and became a major agricultural center. In 1980, the City of Saginaw significantly increased in size, partially through the municipal consolidation of the cities of East Saginaw and Saginaw (the City of Saginaw being on the west side of the Saginaw River) to form the present-day city of Saginaw. Buena Vista evolved into a suburb of the Saginaw metropolis. Residential growth and some limited commercial growth continued eastward from Saginaw until the 1950s. Much of this growth was attributed to the growth of General Motors in the 1920s and 1940s. During that time, Township demographics changed as General Motors foundries attracted more African-American workers.

Upon the opening of I-75 in 1961, Buena Vista saw increases in traffic, which influenced land uses adjoining its primary interchange and community gateway of Holland Ave. (M-46). Industrial expansion accelerated west of the freeway while General Motors started its Saginaw Steering Gear headquarters and industrial complex east of the Holland Ave. (M-46)/I-75 interchange. Industrial development also increased east of the I-75/Washington Rd. (M-81) interchange. Opening in 1966, the Fort Saginaw Mall on Holland Ave. (M-46) became a major retail center, creating competition for Green Acres Plaza located in Saginaw Township, the region's only other large retail center at the time. By 1972, Fashion Square Mall (on the northern end of Saginaw Township) opened and also added to the region's shopping capacity.

Additional commercial growth continued near the Fort Saginaw Mall area, but residential growth slowed as regional growth favored the townships to the north and west of Saginaw, west of the Saginaw River. As a result, the Fort Saginaw Mall closed and eventually became blighted. In an effort to eliminate the blight and promote redevelopment of the Fort Saginaw Mall site, the Township acquired the site in 2008 and demolished the mall in 2009. Since then, the Township has undertaken a redevelopment program for the site now known as the "Buena Vista Town Center," including the construction of a Town Green. Additionally, the Township has marketed the site for redevelopment, including conducting a market analysis of retail leakage/surplus and producing conceptual drawings of the Town Center.



*Left: Photograph of seating area, Buena Vista Town Green;
Right: Plan view of Town Green conceptual plan.*



2. BUENA VISTA TODAY: COMMUNITY PROFILE AND EXISTING CONDITIONS

The following sections correspond to existing conditions, trends and factors that make the township what it is today.

A. DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

The U.S. Census Bureau, within the U.S. Department of Commerce, is the source of the demographic data cited in this section. Every ten years, the U.S. Census Bureau conducts a census of population for the United States, and the thousands of political subdivisions within it. The data in this section is from the 2010 Census, 2020 Census, 2020-2022 American Community Survey (a statistically accurate survey product of the U.S. Census Bureau) and ESRI, private data provider that summarizes census data.

POPULATION

The population in Buena Vista was estimated at 7,560 in 2022 – a 1.4% decrease from 7,664 in 2020. The rate of population loss within Buena Vista is less than the City of Saginaw, but greater than Saginaw County and the State of Michigan as a whole. Saginaw Charter Township saw a decrease in population of 1.1 percent. While Buena Vista is not the only community that has reported population losses over the last few decades, these decreases are known to be an indicator of more significant social and/or economic challenges. Some of these reasons may include: lack of efficient, adequate, or new community services; community perception and desirability; and availability of opportunities in other cities. This presents an opportunity for Buena Vista to closely examine the kinds of services and amenities that both existing and potential future residents will require.

Table 1: Population Change, 2010 - 2022

Community	2010 Population	2020 Population	Percent Change 2010-2020	2022 ACS 5-Year Population Estimate	Percent Change 2020-2022
Buena Vista Charter Township	8,676	7,664	-11.7%	7,560	-1.4%
Bridgeport Charter Township	10,514	10,102	-3.9%	9,949	-1.5%
Saginaw Charter Township	40,840	41,679	+2.1%	41,213	-1.1%
City of Saginaw	51,508	44,202	-14.2%	43,477	-1.7%
Saginaw County	200,169	190,128	-5.1%	188,330	-1.0%
State of Michigan	9,883,640	10,077,331	+2.1%	10,034,113	-0.4%

Source : 2010 and 2020 U.S. Census, 2022 ACS

RACE & ETHNICITY

The population of Buena Vista is racially and ethnically diverse. In 2020, 32.1% of the total population reported being white, 61.1% reported being black, and 6.4% reported being two or more races. Of the 7,664 persons living in Buena Vista, 8.6% reported being Hispanic or Latino. Persons identifying as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race. This mix of races and ethnicities is an asset for Buena Vista, as diverse communities are often attractive to prospective residents and businesses.

Table 2: Population by Race & Ethnicity, 2010 - 2020

Population by Race & Ethnicity	2010 Census	Percent Change 2010-2020	2020 Census	Percent of Population
Total	8,676	-11.71%	7,664	100%
Population Reporting One Race	8,395	-14.54%	7,175	93.6%
White	2,730	-14.51%	2,334	32.1%
Black	5,299	-14.53%	4,529	61.1%
American Indian	55	+5.17%	58	0.1%
Asian	26	-46.15%	14	0.0%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0	0%	0	0.0%
Some Other Race	283	-15.21%	240	0.3%
Population Reporting Two or More Races	281	+57.46%	489	6.4%
Total Hispanic/Latino Population	803	-17.68%	661	8.6%

Source: 2010 and 2020 U.S. Census

AGE STRUCTURE

The median age of Buena Vista Township residents remained exactly at 36.5 years between 2010 and 2021. While the median age of Buena Vista Township residents was lower than the statewide median age of 40.3 years, it was also lower than the countywide median age of 39.8 years. Buena Vista's relatively low median age can be attributed to factors such as a turnover in housing occupancy and the presence of young families.

With demographics that skew towards younger age groups, the Township should promote services that cater to younger demographics. Such services include Safe Routes to School, public parks, youth recreation, entertainment, career training, employment, and daycare.

Table 3: Age Structure of Buena Vista Township, 2010-2021

Age Group	2010	2020 ACS Estimate	2021 ACS Estimate
Under 5 Years (Preschool and Younger)	595 (6.9%)	625 (7.7%)	584 (7.5%)
5 to 19 Years (School Age)	2,105 (24.6%)	1,607 (19.7%)	1,634 (21.5%)
20 to 44 Years (College, Career & Family Forming)	2,475 (28.5%)	2,409 (29.4%)	2,265 (29.1%)
45 to 64 Years (Empty Nesters)	2,208 (25.4%)	1,884 (23.1%)	1,771 (22.9%)
65 years and older (Seniors & Retirees)	1,293 (14.9%)	1,646 (20.1%)	1,470 (19.0%)
Total Population	8,676 (100.0%)	8,171 (100.0%)	7,724 (100.0%)
Median Age	36.5 Years	39.8 Years	36.5 Years

Source: 2010 U.S. Census and 2020 ACS, 2021 ACS

PARKS AND RECREATION FOR INCLUSION

The number of residents living with disabilities will impact the design and accommodations made for them within the Township's Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and on future improvements to Township facilities. The Census Bureau reports that approximately 20.4 percent of residents have a disability of some sort in Buena Vista.

Planning for parks and recreation could result in positive health outcomes for a population that experiences difficulties on a day-to-day basis. Accommodations could include ramps or pavement improvements in order to ease accessibility concerns for those who suffer from ambulatory difficulties, or installing audible and visually assisted cross walks that assist those who may be visually or hearing impaired.

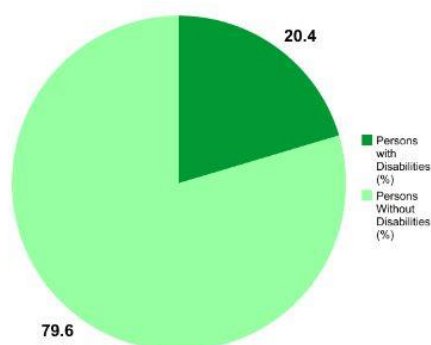


Figure 1: Disability Population Percentage

Source: 2022 ACS

To improve access to health and wellness activities in parks for individuals of all abilities over the next five years, the Parks and Recreation Board has committed to removing barriers, both physical and theoretical, so that all people have an equal opportunity to enjoy the benefits of parks and recreation in Buena Vista Township. These efforts emphasize reaching the most vulnerable individuals and families to strive for greater inclusion. To help achieve this goal, the Community Development Fellow held a Town Hall discussion in January 2024 with members of the community, a number of whom identified as disabled, to gain greater insight on how Buena Vista Township facilities can be better accommodating for differently-abled persons. Those responses inform the following recommendations presented to foster inclusion for individuals with physical and/or cognitive disabilities of all ages:

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Incorporate specialized programming and activities for children of different abilities
2. Coordinate separate events and specialized activities (i.e. mild sensory activities) specifically for children with disabilities.
3. Make ADA recommended accommodations to recreation facilities
4. Install creative features for children with wheelchairs or walkers
5. Design playground features to include play for all children
6. Increase bathroom sizes at the Community Center
7. Install handrails in bathrooms for individuals in need of additional support with maneuvering

INCLUSIVE PLAY

For children with and without disabilities, the community playground can facilitate a positive environment for physical activity and inclusion.



The ADA Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG), signed into law in 2010, detail enforceable standards for physical accessibility. However, these standards do not include elements designed for children with Down syndrome, sensory disorders, and visual and hearing impairments.

New attention has been focused on inclusive playgrounds and universal design that can serve a diverse population, including children with physical, cognitive, emotional and sensory disabilities.

The following elements are considered essential activities for inclusive play:

- Sensory play
- Music
- Swinging
- Spinning
- Sliding
- Socialization/imaginative
- Safety, comfort and access

Sources: United States Access Board, Landscape Structures; InclusivePlaygrounds.org

B. EXISTING LAND USES

The land use patterns in Buena Vista Charter Township have been shaped by decades of growth. The region was rich in forests which were cut due for the timber trade and sent to market via the Saginaw River. The formation of local government allowed for drainage system development and land management. With the land cleared of forests and drainage systems developed, the land was converted to farmland given its fertile soil and the availability of water from the Saginaw River. As the Saginaw region grew in population, residential patterns and housing types that prevailed in Saginaw expanded into the Township. Industrial growth in the Township was due to General Motors and its automotive partners decision to construct the General Motors Steering Division in the heart of the Township. Commercial development was built on the fringe of the eastern Metropolitan Saginaw area to service the residents and industrial workers. Once I-75 was completed and the interchanges were constructed to service Saginaw and its industrial development, the area began to attract businesses that catered to highway travelers or required proximity to national markets. However, as metropolitan growth favored western Metropolitan Saginaw versus eastern Metropolitan Saginaw, Buena Vista saw a decrease in commercial development when compared to other suburban Saginaw communities.

Existing land uses are summarized in **Table 4**, below.

Table 4: Existing Land Uses

Land Use	Acres	Percent
Agriculture	16,066.96	72.40%
Commercial	1,251.91	5.64%
Industrial	1614.03	7.27%
Manufactured Housing Park	176.74	0.80%
Multi-Family Residential	54.80	0.25%
Residential	1743.78	7.86%
Public/Institutional	1284.26	5.79%
TOTAL	22,192.47	100.00%

Source : McKenna, 2017

The changes in land use in Buena Vista Charter Township were originally associated with expansion of Saginaw's patterned growth into the western portion of the Township and the conversion of woodlands into agriculture. The 1950s and 1960s witnessed the construction of I-75 freeway and development of the former General Motors Saginaw Steering Gear complex (now Nexteer Automotive) changed both the location and character of the community. The freeway became dominant and commercial and industrial projects resulted in more development than found residential areas.

AGRICULTURE

The most extensive land use in the Township is agriculture, with 16,067 acres (72.4%) dedicated to agricultural use. The agricultural areas are primarily in the eastern two-thirds of the Township. Township farmland has rich loam soils and is very productive. According to the 2007 Census of Agriculture, the principal agricultural crops were sugar beets, corn, soybeans, dry beans and wheat. As a soil-rich part of the County, Buena Vista Charter Township is among the top agricultural crop areas in the state of Michigan and the nation. In fact, in 2012 Saginaw County ranked 9th of Michigan's 83 counties in the total value of agricultural products sold (over \$243 million). This represents significant jump from 2007, when Saginaw County ranked 13th of Michigan's 83 counties in the total value of agricultural products sold (at over \$142 million). Additionally, Saginaw County ranked very high in acres of corn (1st), soybeans (2nd), wheat (4th), and dry edible beans (2nd). This production is partially due to the abundance of prime farmland soils and the tax incentives offered by P.A. 116.

SINGLE-FAMILY AND TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL

Single- and two-family housing development is primarily located west of I-75 and adjacent to the City of Saginaw. These residential uses consist of 1,751 acres or 7.9% of the total land in the Township. Historically, much of the housing built in the Township was an extension of housing development within the City of Saginaw, built from 1910 until 1939. Many of the lots are relatively small, with approximately 40-55 feet of frontage and about 6,000 square feet in area.

East of the Buena Vista's shared border with the City of Saginaw, housing is constructed in a manner where lot sizes increase the further east the homes are built. Residential development directly west of I-75 has public sanitary sewers and public water supply. While some residential uses are added annually, residential growth is slow in Buena Vista Charter Township when compared to other parts of Saginaw County and the State. Recent residential growth has been mostly in the form multi-family developments. Non-farmstead residential development located within the agricultural areas of the township is generally newer.

Many of the residential neighborhoods located on the eastern side of the Township do not contain legacy commercial uses. This is fortunate for master plan and zoning ordinance management because there are few non-conforming commercial uses that need to be brought into compliance. There are also a number of vacant lots and housing units that need to be renovated in the neighborhoods in the western portion of the Township. The Township should consider infill redevelopment within existing residential neighborhoods as market forces demand.

MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL

The Township's multi-family housing is normally found in larger complexes. There are four (4) significant multi-family complexes in the Township,

There are also a number of multi-family units scattered in smaller, converted, former single-family houses.

MANUFACTURED HOME PARKS

There are two major manufactured home parks in the Township. Saginaw Villas on the east side of Dixie Highway (East Genesee) just south of Hess Road. Robin Glen Mobile Home Community is located on M- 81 (East Washington Road) at Portsmouth Road. Robin Glen does not have public sanitary sewers, and instead has independent lagoons.

COMMERCIAL LAND USES

Commercial land uses are dominant along Dixie Highway south of Hess Avenue, along Holland Avenue (M-46) and South Outer Drive near I-75, scattered along the east side of South and North Outer Drive between M-46 and M-81; at the I-75 exit at M-81 both east and west of the freeway; and at a few other scattered parcels in the township. Commercial land uses total 1,252 acres or 5.6% of the Township's land area. In decades past, the Township was a major center for regional commercial retail activity along with State St. (M- 58) in Saginaw Township. The development of Fashion Square Mall and the surrounding office buildings, motels and big box retail along Bay Road (M-84) has eclipsed the Township's role as a major retail destination. However, the Township has acted proactively by acquiring the Fort Saginaw Mall site in 2008, demolishing the mall in 2009, and marketing the property for redevelopment.

INDUSTRIAL LAND USES

There are two major areas of industrial development in the Township. One is on Holland Road (M-46) east of the I-75 freeway including the Nexteer Steering Systems complex and Morley Industrial Park and the other industrial area is on East Washington Road (M-81) and Wolf Road at I-75. The industrial area located along Wolf Road contains individual lots and an industrial park for a large number of smaller industrial operations. Also, worth noting is a large industrial area located directly west of the Township in the City of Saginaw, north of East Washington Road and adjacent to the CSX Tracks near the City of Saginaw. Industrial uses total 6.9% of the Township, or 1,521 acres.

PUBLIC/QUASI-PUBLIC/INSTITUTIONAL USES

This category includes Buena Vista Township Buildings, former Buena Vista School District Facilities, Harry W. Browne Airport (Operated by Saginaw County), recreation facilities, transportation (including roads and rights-of-way), utilities, and religious and institutional uses for the 1,378 acres covering 6.2% of the Township. Medical care is not, however, a significant part of this category and may represent a deficiency for that use.

C. PARKS ANALYSIS AND PLAN

For any community to provide recreation for its residents, it is important to understand the needs of the residents as well as determine what recreation exists now, and what can be projected based on age, population, density, and surrounding recreational opportunities. This portion of the Plan addresses the growing need to provide quality recreational opportunities to the residents of Buena Vista. While the jurisdiction of this Plan is for Buena Vista Township, the Plan also reviews existing recreational facilities outside the jurisdiction of Buena Vista Township.

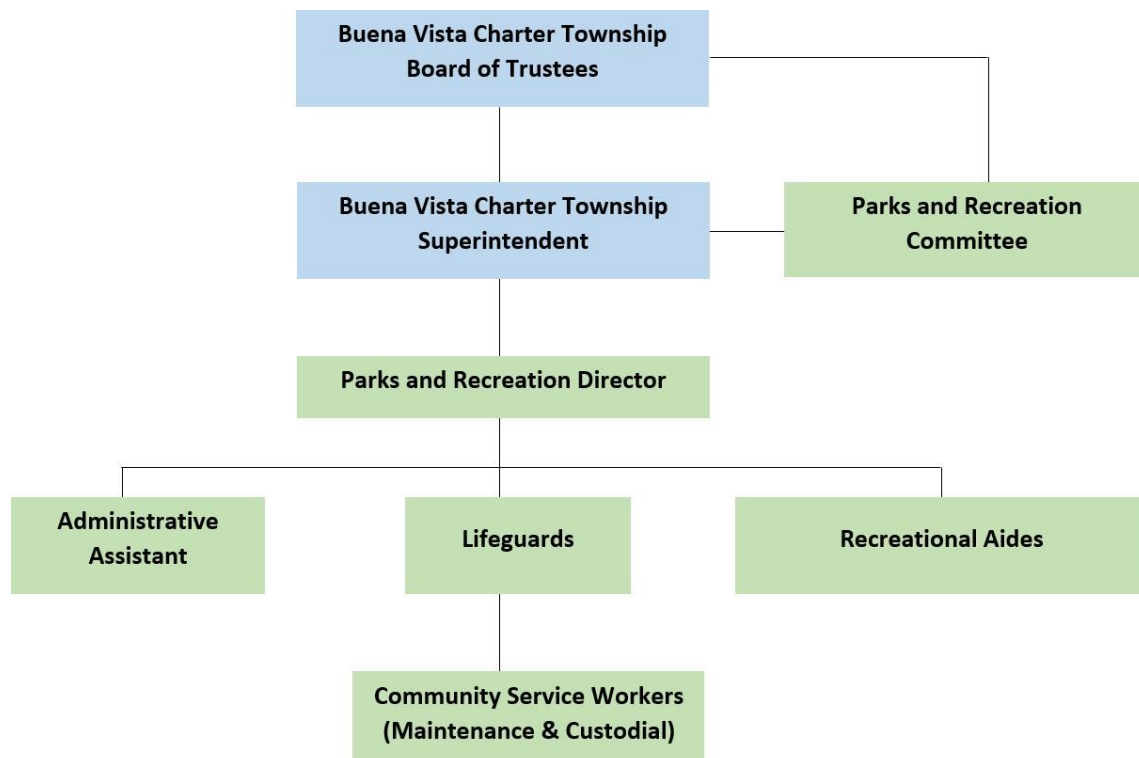
This Plan has been developed in accordance with the guidelines for community recreation plans published by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). A five-year MDNR-approved Recreation Plan is necessary to pursue grants administered by the MDNR.

Each year the Parks and Recreation Department also manages a Meet Up & Eat Up Program at the BV Community Center from June – August for kids 5 – 18 years of age. This program provides a nutritious breakfast, lunch and a snack to the kids four days a week.

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE AND FUNDING

PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF

The Parks and Recreation Department employs a Director, Administrative Assistant, 4 Part-Time Clerks, 2 Lifeguards (part-time), and a part-time custodian. Community service workers fulfill custodial services at the facilities. An overall organizational chart is shown below:



ACTIVITIES

The Parks and Recreation Department runs a successful basketball program that uses approximately 30 volunteer coaches in the various league skill levels. Every summer, Buena Vista Charter Township holds its annual Twilight Movie Night on the Town Green on South Outer Drive. Hundreds come each year to watch a movie projected on a large screen and enjoy food and drinks sold by local vendors and food trucks.

PARKS AND RECREATION FUNDING

The Buena Vista Parks and Recreation Department is funded through a township recreation millage. The one mill level IS expected to provide \$176,855 for Fiscal Year 2023, which ends December 31, 2023.

Table 5: Parks and Recreation Budgeted Revenues, FY 2023

Revenues	Budget	YTD (12/2023)
Property Tax Revenue (Millage)	\$176,855.00	\$227,832.56
Transfers from Township General Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00
Totals	\$176,855.00	\$227,832.56

Source : Buena Vista Charter Township 2023

Table 6: Parks and Recreation Budgeted Expenditures, FY 2023

Expenditures	Budget	YTD (12/2023)
Salaries and Benefits		
<i>Salaries and Wages</i>	\$129,600.00	\$110,087.43
<i>Employee Benefits</i>	\$47,510.00	\$36,008.89
Operations		
<i>Misc. Operating Supplies</i>	\$7,000.00	\$8,516.60
<i>Operating Equipment Maintenance</i>	\$4,000.00	\$3,949.59
<i>Gas</i>	\$45,000.00	\$28,388.40
<i>Water</i>	\$4,500.00	\$2,853.04
<i>Sewer</i>	\$8,000.00	\$5,900.37
Maintenance		
<i>Building Repair and Maintenance</i>	\$12,000.00	\$29,675.99
Totals	\$257,610.00	\$225,380.31

Source : Buena Vista Charter Township 2023

PARKS AND RECREATION GRANT HISTORY

According to the MDNR, Buena Vista Charter Township has been the recipient of two recreation grants in the past. These grants are described in detail in **Table 7** below:

Table 7: Parks and Recreation Grant History

Project Title	Project Year (Project No.)	Grant Source	Grant Amount	Description	Project Closed?
Kueffner Park	1977 (26-01023 D2)	Land and Water Conservation Fund	\$54,353.54	2 tennis courts, basketball court, picnic area, 2 horseshoe courts, shuffleboard, lighting, boundary fencing, parking lot, entrance drive, and LWCF sign.	Yes
Lions Park	1989 (BF89-393)	Bond Fund	\$150,000	Community Center, warming shelter/restroom, tennis, basketball, ice rink, fitness trail, and mini-golf	Yes

Source : Buena Vista Charter Township 2023

The Post-Completion Self-Certification Reports in the Appendix include details about changes to these parks since the grant projects were closed.

PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES INVENTORY

BUENA VISTA PARKS

Buena Vista owns and operates 2 parks and a community center.

The Buena Vista Community Center, located at 1942 S. Outer Drive, contains a multipurpose gym with a walking track, a weight room, a fitness room, a swimming pool and whirlpool, locker rooms, and a multi-purpose meeting room available for rent. While there is a membership fee to access the community center, Township residents receive a discount. Additional discounts are available for youth, senior citizens, active military personnel, and college students. The Community Center offers class activities such as water aerobics, ballroom dancing, aerobics, and Zumba.

Lions Park, located adjacent to the Buena Vista Community Center, contains a baseball diamond, permanent restroom facilities, a picnic pavilion, a basketball court, covered picnic tables, a tennis court, and playground equipment.

Kueffner Park, located on the west side of N. Towerline Rd. and north of Janes Rd., contains a pond, concession stand/restroom facility building, a picnic pavilion, 2 baseball diamonds, 2 tennis courts, and a basketball court. The park used to have 2 shuffleboard courts, but these courts were repurposed to an eating/sitting area, with 4 picnic tables and 4 benches.

Town Green, located at 3235 E. Holland Rd. (the Buena Vista Town Center site, former Ft. Saginaw Mall), contains site furniture, landscaping, and unprogrammed gathering space. The open space contains walking paths and is the site of ceremonial gatherings such as the holiday tree lighting ceremony. Town Green is located across from Township Hall, adding to a “civic campus” feel at this prominent site.

OTHER RECREATIONAL FACILITIES LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP

The Soap Box Derby Complex, located adjacent to Lions Park and the Buena Vista Community Center, is operated by the Buena Vista Lions Club. The facility was constructed in 1977 and it hosts several Soap Box Derby events each year. In 2004, the complex was renovated to include lighting on the track and indoor plumbing to the soap box derby building. In conjunction with the Buena Vista Community Center, a walking track was added adjacent to the Soapbox Derby Complex.

Brunkow Elementary School, located at 3000 S. 24th St., is closed but still houses the Saginaw I.S.D. Head Start program.

Saginaw I.S.D. Head Start, located at 3200 Perkins St. The recreational facilities consist of playground equipment.

Doerr Child Development Center, located at 3270 Perkins.

Harger Line Rail Trail, formerly the Harger Line Railway, was abandoned as a rail line and subsequently acquired by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) in separate phases from 2005-2007. Michigan Public Act 296 of 1976 mandates that MDOT is offered the first opportunity to purchase an abandoned rail line and maintain it as a transportation corridor. In total, MDOT acquired a 9.5-mile stretch of land, which runs through Buena Vista, Blumfield, and Denmark Townships. In 2008, MDOT paved the

trail, rehabilitated the bridge deck, placed signage, added pavement markings, constructed park benches, and made other aesthetic improvements. The \$1.9 million project was funded using federal transportation enhancement funds, which cannot be used for street or roadway improvements.

The former Buena Vista High School is currently under renovation and refurbishment. It is planned that this building will become the new place of operations for the Buena Vista Charter Township government, and all services and offices at 1160 South Outer Drive will be relocated within this location. At this site is also the Buena Vista Farmers Market, opened in September of 2022. Located within the former JROTC building, the Buena Vista Farmers Market has a new kitchen, numerous tables and chairs, and is available for rental for large gatherings such as graduation parties, reunions, wedding receptions, etc.

REGIONAL RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Crow Island State Game Area is a MDNR Game Area that encompasses 3,638 acres and includes portions of Saginaw and Bay Counties along the lower Saginaw River. A small part of the Game Area lies within Buena Vista Township. The Crow Island State Game Area is presently a complex of wetlands, diked croplands and agricultural uplands that provide habitat for a wide variety of migratory birds, as well as associated invertebrate and mammalian wildlife. The Game Area provides public hunting, trapping, and limited fishing opportunities, and is capable of providing additional recreational opportunities.

Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge is managed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and is located about 2 miles southeast of Buena Vista Township. The Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1953 and contains 9,706 acres of marsh, bottomland hardwood forest, and grasslands. It was authorized by the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission under the Migratory Bird Conservation Act “...for use as an inviolate sanctuary, or for any other management purpose, for migratory birds.” Additional purposes designated under the Refuge Recreation Act are “...incidental fish and wildlife-oriented recreational development, the protection of natural resources, and the conservation of endangered and threatened species.” The refuge’s mission is to preserve and manage an undeveloped expanse of floodplain forest, marshes, rivers, and associated habitat within an agricultural and urban landscape through habitat management, encouraging public stewardship, educational programs, and private land activities. The Refuge offers hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, interpretation, and environmental education opportunities.

Quanicassee Wildlife Area is a MDNR Game Area that encompasses 1,922 acres (mostly wetlands) and includes portions of Bay and Tuscola Counties along the shore of Lake Huron. The Wildlife Area is located about 7.5 miles north of Buena Vista Township, and provides hunting and fishing opportunities.

Saginaw Valley Rail Trail covers 9.55 miles of abandoned rail corridor in Saginaw County, stretching from the Village of St. Charles to Stroebel Rd. in James Township which is about 5 miles west of Buena Vista Township. The Rail Trail incorporates a number of natural features including: seven (7) bridges over various rivers and creeks, the Shiawassee State Game Area, and many wetland areas. It also offers an equestrian trail, trail shelters, restroom facilities at the Van Wormer parking lot, viewing platforms and benches.

Table 8: Township Parks and Recreational Facilities Inventory

Park/Facility Name	Acres	Accessibility	Baseball/Softball	Basketball Courts	Tennis Court	Shuffleboard	Boat Launch	Camping	Playground Equipment	Open Playfield	Nature/Cross Country Ski Trails	Shelter/Pavilion	Fishing	Picnic Tables	Indoor Pool	Beach/Swimming	Weight/Fitness Room	Community Activities Room	Whirlpool	Restrooms	Additional Amenities
Buena Vista Twp. Parks and Facilities																					
Lions Park	23	2	1	1	1				X	X		4		X						X	Walking path
Community Center	-	4		X											X		X	X	X	X	Indoors
Kueffner Park	18	2	2	1	2	*			X	X		2	X	X							Pond
Town Green	3	4								X				X							Walking path
County Parks																					
Imerman Park	102		X		X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X						X	
Price Nature Center	186										X	X		X						X	
Ringwood Forest	160								X		X	X		X						X	
Saginaw Valley Rail-Trail											X			X							9.55-mile trail
Veterans Memorial Park	12						X						X	X						X	
William H. Haithco Rec. Area	78								X			X	X	X		X				X	
Public Schools																					
Former Brunkow Elementary School	11			X					X	X											
Saginaw ISD Head Start	7								X												
Doerr Child Dvpt. Center	6								X												
Other Recreation in Buena Vista Twp.																					
Soap Box Derby Park												X		X							Soap Box Derby Hill
Harger Line Rail Trail											X										9.5-mile trail
Regional Recreation Facilities																					
Bay City State Rec. Area	2,100						X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X				X	Nature Center and hunting
Crow Island State Game Area	3,638													X							Hunting & trapping
Quanicassee Wildlife Area	1,922												X								Hunting & trapping
Shiawassee Nat'l Wildlife Refuge	9,706						X				X		X							X	Hunting

Source : Buena Vista Charter Township 2018

* The shuffleboard courts have been repurposed to an eating/sitting area, with 4 picnic tables and 4 benches.

BARRIER FREE ACCESSIBILITY OF TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

The passage of the American Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) requires all areas of public service, including parks and other recreation facilities, to have barrier-free accessibility. An evaluation of community parks and recreation facilities has been conducted as part of the inventory. In accordance with the MDNR standards, facilities were evaluated to determine if a person with any of the following criteria can safely and independently access and use the park or facility:

- Has limited sight or is blind
- Uses a wheelchair
- Has a hearing impairment or is deaf
- Uses a walking aid
- Has a mental impairment

A five-point evaluation system was used to rank each facility's accessibility. The system is described below and the accessibility rankings can be found in **Table 9** – Accessibility of Township Recreation Facilities.

Level 1. The park is not accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. The site includes little paved areas and the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are not easily accessible.

Level 2. The park is somewhat accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Either the parking area or pathways are paved, but not both. Many of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are not easily accessible.

Level 3. The park is mostly accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Most of the parking areas and pathways are paved, and some of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are accessible but may not be completely barrier-free.

Level 4. The park is completely accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Parking areas and pathways are paved, and most of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are easily accessible.

Level 5. The entire park was developed or renovated using the principles of universal design, a design approach which enables all environments to be usable by everyone, to the greatest extent possible, regardless of age, ability, or situation.

Table 9: Accessibility of Township Recreation Facilities

Accessibility Ranking	
Lions Park	2
Community Center	4
Kueffner Park	2
Town Green	4

Source : McKenna 2018

COMPARISON TO STATE AND NATIONAL STANDARDS

As required by the MDNR, Buena Vista Township's park land and recreation facilities were compared to the minimum guidelines set forth by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA, 1983). Although the NRPA's guidelines were set over 30 years ago, the MDNR still recommends their use as standards to establish minimum community needs in terms of land area and number of facilities.

Caution must be exercised in the interpretation of these results given that these guidelines were set over three decades ago and may not represent current popular activities and trends. Each community, based on its own particular resources and resident preferences and demands, are encouraged to establish its needs and requirements so that the plan best suits the community's desires for recreation. Recreation needs are often better documented through public input rather than relying only on the national guidelines. The NRPA guidelines and the MDNR standards were considered in the development of the Action Plan but not weighted heavily. **Table 10** and the following discussion compares the amount of park land as it relates to the conditions of the Township and the MDNR standards based on the Buena Vista Township 2022 American Community Survey estimated population of 7,560. Park classifications used by the MDNR are defined as follows:

- **Mini-Park.** Mini-parks are typically specialized facilities that serve a concentrated or limited population or specific group such as small children or senior citizens. As such, mini-parks are ideally located within a neighborhood or in close proximity to apartment complexes, townhouses, or housing for the elderly. The service area of a mini-park is a one-quarter (1/4) mile radius and the typical mini-park size is 2,500 sq. ft. to 1 acre in size.
- **Neighborhood Park.** Neighborhood parks remain the basic unit of the park system and serve as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Neighborhood parks focus more on informal active and passive recreation, such as field games, court games, playground equipment, picnicking, etc. The service area of a neighborhood park is a one-quarter (1/4) to one-half (1/2) mile radius and the typical neighborhood park size is 5-10 acres. Buena Vista's local schools are classified as neighborhood parks and provide the recommended acreage of this type of park. However, with the closing of the Buena Vista School District, as well as the fact that these neighborhood parks are not managed by Buena Vista Township, efforts should be made to create more of this park type if the need arises.
- **Community Park.** Community parks serve a broader population than a neighborhood park. The focus of a community park is on meeting community-based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces. The service area of a community park is a one-half (1/2) to 3-mile radius and the typical community park size is 30-50 acres. The community parks operated by Buena Vista Township are the Community Center, Lions Park, and Kueffner Park.
- **Regional Park.** Regional facilities offer a variety of active and passive recreational opportunities that help meet the need for local parks and balance the deficiencies in facilities. Regional parks are typically located on sites with unique natural features that are particularly suited for outdoor recreation, such as viewing and studying nature, wildlife habitats, conservation, swimming, picnicking, hiking, fishing, boating, camping, and trail use. A 204.54-acre portion of the 3,638-acre Crow Island State Game Area is

located in Buena Vista Township. Other significant regional parks located outside of Buena Vista Township include the Bay City State Recreation Area, Quanicassee Wildlife Area, Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge, and several parks operated by Saginaw County.

- **School Park.** School properties can fulfill the requirements for other classes of parks such as neighborhood, community, sports complex, and special use. The service area and size of a school park varies based on location of the school and community facilities and needs. As previously stated, with the closing of the Buena Vista School District, the future of the school parks is in doubt. With the purchase of the former Buena Vista High School, BV has changed a portion of the former school into a Farmer's Market. Future plans include renovation of the outdoor area to be user friendly and recreational grounds for the public. Buena Vista will continue to monitor the outcomes of these parks and determine if additional neighborhood parks are needed.

Table 10: MDNR Public Park Land Acreage Analysis

Park Classifications	NRPA Guideline Minimum Acres ¹	Recommended Acreage for Buena Vista Twp. ²	Public Buena Vista Twp. Parks	Public Regional Parks	Public School Parks	Other ³	Buena Vista Twp. Total	Surplus (Deficiency)
Mini-Parks	0.25	1.89	0	0	0	Unknown	0	(1.89)
Neighborhood Parks ⁴	1.0	7.56	0	0	23.49	-	23.49	15.93
Community Parks ⁵	5	37.80	44	0	0	-	37.80	6.20
Subtotal	-	47.25	44	0.0	23.49	Unknown	61.29	-
Regional Parks	10	83.43	0	204.54 ⁶	0	-	204.54	121.11
Total	-	130.68	44	204.54	23.49	Unknown	265.83	141.35

Source : Buena Vista Charter Township 2023

¹ Per 1,000 Residents.

² Based on Buena Vista Township 2022 ACS count of 7,560.

³ Other includes existing playgrounds in neighborhoods.

⁴ School facilities classified as neighborhood parks: Brunkow Elementary School, Doerr Child Development Center, and Saginaw ISD Head Start

⁵ The Town Green is classified as a Community Park because of its function (rather than size of three acres)

⁶ 204.54 acres of the 3,638-acre Crow Island State Game Area is located in Buena Vista Township

Although the overall amount of park land in the Township is sufficient by national guidelines, it is important to consider the Township's goals, type of parks, their location, and their disbursement throughout the Township. According to the above guidelines, Buena Vista Township demonstrates a surplus, but there may be a need for additional parks in the Township. For instance, the Township doesn't currently own or operate any mini-parks or neighborhood parks, although some subdivisions may have designated park areas that partially fulfill this need. When evaluating parks and recreation service areas it is important to closely consider where the residents in the Township live. The MDNR establishes a recommended service area for each park classification to determine the areas in Buena Vista that are lacking easy access to parks and facilities. The service area boundary for each type of park is as follows:

- **Neighborhood Parks** 0.25 – 0.5 miles

- Community Parks 0.5 – 3.0 miles
- Regional Parks 30-minute driving time

For the purposes of measuring the service area, a radius of one-half (1/2) mile was used for neighborhood parks and three (3) miles for community parks. It should be noted that a majority of the Township is served by at least one type of park; however, many of these areas were formerly operated by the Buena Vista School District. The closing of the School District in 2013 has led to removal of approximately 21.4 acres of neighborhood parks in the township, which should be addressed as opportunities arise for future neighborhood park development.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PARKS PLANNING AND PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

The Buena Vista Township Parks and Recreation Plan was developed with input from the community at large via an Open House during a Township public event, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and a public hearing held by the Township Board of Trustees. Major steps in the development of the Parks and Recreation Plan were as follows:

- **Kick-off Meeting** between the Township Manager, Director of Parks and Recreation, and the Community Development Fellow from the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM) to discuss current parks and recreation facilities and future recreation needs and opportunities.
- **Site Visit** by the Community Development Fellow and the Director of Parks and Recreation to inventory existing facilities and determine changes since the last Parks and Recreation Plan was adopted.
- **Public Participation** via an Online Poll made available to residents from November 13, 2023 to December 5, 2023 via scannable QR code at the entrances of the Community Center and Township Office, and a post made on the Township's Facebook page. On December 12, 2023, an additional survey was created by Progressive AE and shared via the same sources and made available through January 11, 2024.
- **Discussion with Residents** during a Farmer's Market Open House on September 7, 2022.
- **A Town Hall Meeting with Residents** on January 11, 2024.
- **Initial Draft of the Plan Issued** on December 11, 2023, which was followed by a published notice of the 30-day review and comment period.
- **Public Comments received** during the 30-day review and comment period.
- **Meeting of the Township Board of Trustees**, held on December 18, 2023, to review the Introduction to the draft Parks and Recreation Plan and make revisions.
- **Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission**, held on January 11, 2024, to review the Parks and Recreation Plan and make revisions.
- **Meeting of the Township Board of Trustees**, held on January 22, 2024, to hold a public hearing on the Parks and Recreation Plan and to adopt the Plan.

The Open House, Town Hall Meeting including Individuals with Disabilities, and the Public Hearing were three forms of public input held by Buena Vista Township.

A summary of the public input can be found in the **Appendix** of this document.

PARKS AND RECREATION GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goal: Provide additional recreational opportunities as community preferences change in order to meet demand.

Objectives:

1. Continue to provide annual funding for the maintenance of township parks facilities.
2. Provide annual funding in the capital improvements plan for the expansion and modification of parks and recreation facilities.
3. Seek funding opportunities through federal, state, local, and private grant opportunities to maintain and expand public parks and recreational facilities.
4. Provide public and private funding sources to community festivals and events.
5. Make concerted efforts towards sustainability whenever the opportunities present themselves.
6. Work towards an increased presence of green spaces within the community. Planting trees in public parks and the creation of a community garden are projects to be pursued.
7. Utilize the floodplain and other natural lands to provide for compatible recreational resources such as trails and greenways
8. Annually prepare a report on the parks and recreation tasks and programs undertaken in the prior year.

Benchmarks:

- Number of preventative maintenance actions.
- Annual surveys to gauge resident opinions on current and future recreational offerings.
- Number of community beautification projects..
- Number of members and users at township community center and parks.
- New or expanded recreation programs and community activities.
- Number and value of sponsorships of community festivals, events and recreational amenities.

PARKS AND RECREATION ACTION PLAN

By using the comprehensive planning process of trend identification, public meetings, and site visits, Buena Vista Township has effectively established a framework for the Action Plan. The Action Plan describes recommendations for improvements and enhancements of the Buena Vista parks and recreation facilities and programming, as well as identifies the tools needed for implementation of the plan components.

Table 10: Township Parks and Recreation Action Plan

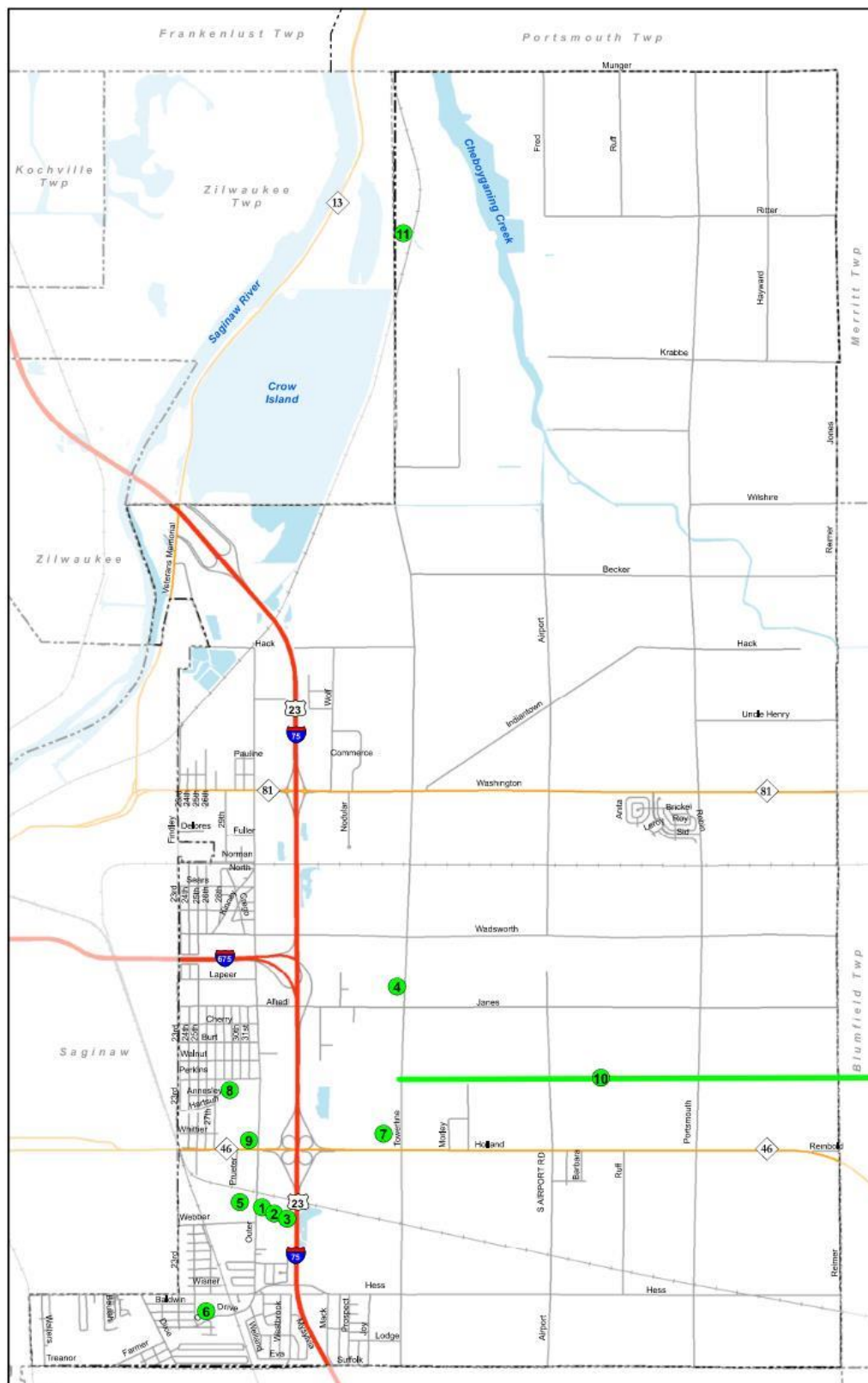
Location	Project	Level of Priority	Probable Cost	Funding Source(s)	Rationale
1. Community Center	Building Addition	High	\$500,000	G, T, D, and/or M	To allow expanded programs and indoor recreation.
2. Community Center	Pool Renovation	High	\$300,000	G, T, D, and/or M	To extend the length of the pool from <i>69 ft. x 30 ft.</i> to <i>75 ft. x 30 ft</i> and to repair/replace 9/12 deteriorated structural beams during this process. Construction expected to be completed by end of 2018.
3. Kueffner Park	Rehabilitate Facilities	High	\$50,000	G, T, D, and/or M	To rehabilitate tennis courts, resurface and improve equipment at basketball courts, and upgrade / maintain baseball diamonds
4. Lions Park	Paved Trail	High	\$125,000	G, T, D, and/or M	To construct an ADA-compliant paved trail around the existing playground.
5. Community Center	Site Improvements	Medium	\$500,000	G, T, D, and/or M	To resurface and restripe the parking lot and replace the signage
6. Harger Line Trail	Extend Paved Trail	Medium	\$250,000	G, T, D, and/or M	To extend the paved portion of the Harger Line from the trailhead at N. Towerline Road along Holland Ave. (M- 46) to existing trails in the City of Saginaw, including ADA improvements
7. Trail Planning and Implementation	Non-Motorized Trail Plan	Medium	\$25,000	G, T, D, and/or M	Prepare and begin implementation of a Non-Motorized Trail Network Plan
8. Location(s) Unknown	Land Acquisition(s)	Medium	Unknown	G, T, D, and/or M	To provide neighborhood and pocket parks in underserved areas.

G=Grants

T=Township Funds

D=Donations (monetary and in-kind)

M=Recreation Millage



MAP 2 Parks and Recreation Facilities

Buena Vista Charter Township
Saginaw County, Michigan

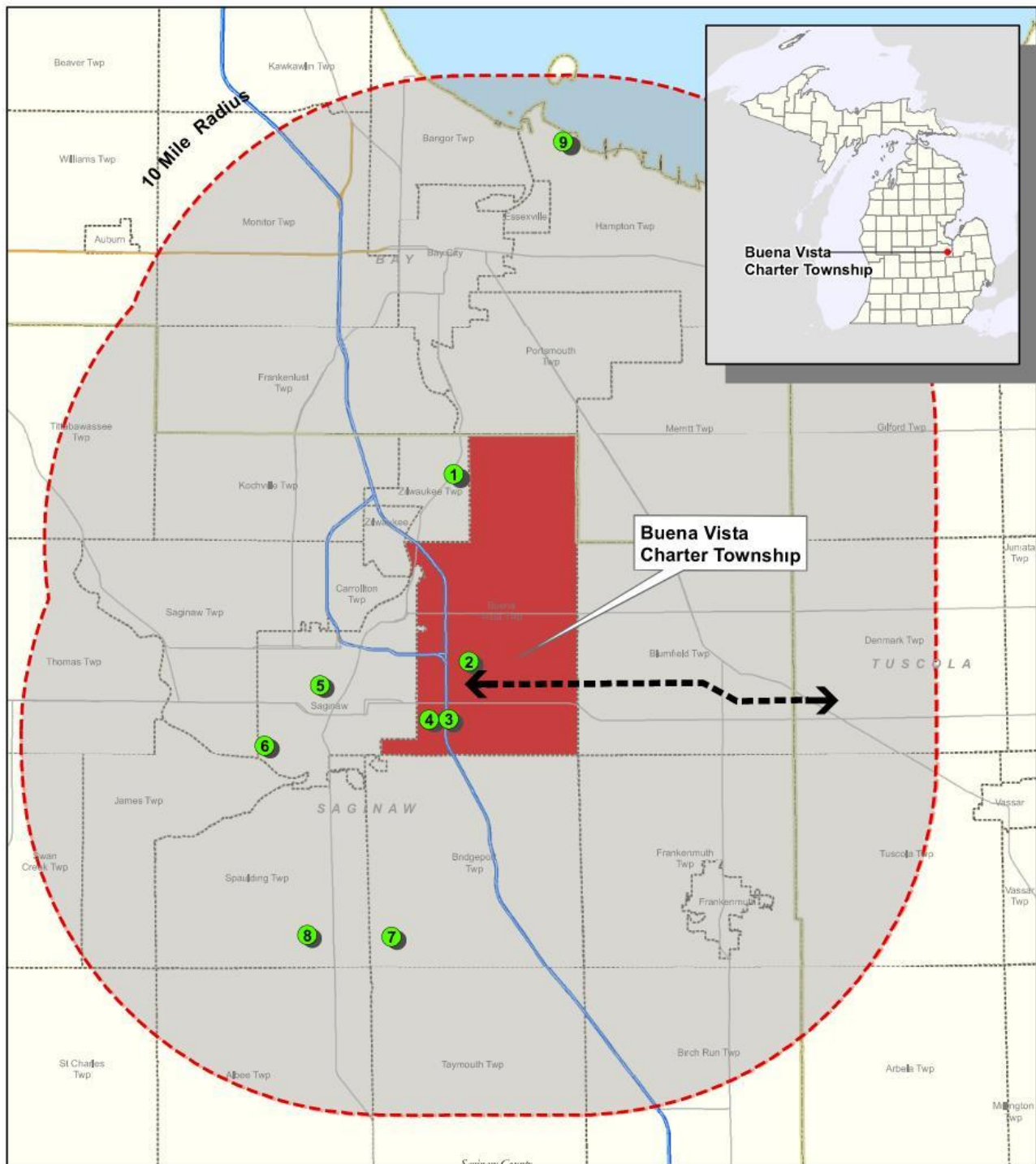
- Parks and Recreation Facilities
- 1 Community Center
- 2 Lions Park
- 3 Soap Box Derby Complex
- 4 Kueffner Park
- 5 The Phoenix Science & Technology Center
- 6 Brunkhow Elementary School
- 7 Buena Vista High School
- 8 Doerr Child Development Center
- 9 Town Center
- 10 Hanger Line Rail Trail
- 11 Crow Island State Game Area

- LEGEND**
- ▬ Municipal Boundary
 - Interstates
 - US Highways
 - Railroad
 - Water Bodies



Base Map Source: Michigan Center for Geographic Information, Version 12a. Data Source: Saginaw County GIS, 2012. McKenna 2014, 2018.

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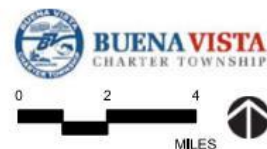
MAP 3
Existing Regional Recreation Facilities
 Buena Vista Charter Township
 Saginaw County, Michigan

EXISTING REGIONAL RECREATION FACILITIES

- 1 Crow Island State Game Area
- 2 Kueffner Park
- 3 Lions Park & Soup Box Derby Complex
- 4 Buena Vista Community Center
- 5 Ojibway Island
- 6 Greenpoint Nature Center
- 7 Price Nature Center
- 8 Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge
- 9 Quincassee Wildlife Area

LEGEND

- Interstates
- US Highways
- State Highways
- 10 mile Radius
- County Boundaries
- Surrounding Municipalities
- Buena Vista Charter Township
- Harger Trail



Data Source: Michigan Center for Geographic Information, Versions 8a and 17a. McKenna 2014.

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3. APPENDIX

A. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

From November 13, 2023 to December 5, 2023, Buena Vista Charter Township (BV) released a survey to the public by placing scannable QR codes at the entrances at Community Center and the Township Office as well as publishing a post on the Township's Facebook page. The survey was designed to be quick and easy to complete, while also giving respondents ample opportunity to make suggestions and provide clear feedback on the current state of parks and facilities in the township. Individuals were encouraged to provide ideas regarding improvements to parks and recreation in Buena Vista Charter Township.

1. Are you a resident of Buena Vista Charter Township?
2. If so, for how long?
3. What parks/facilities have you visited in the last year?
4. How often have you visited parks/facilities in Buena Vista in the last year?
5. How could BV get you and your family to visit parks and participate in recreation programming more often?
6. What improvements would you like to see to the parks/facilities in Buena Vista?
7. What new equipment/amenities would you like to see in the parks/facilities in Buena Vista?
8. On a scale of 1 to 10, 1 being the worst and 10 being the best, how would you rate the maintenance of the parks/facilities in Buena Vista?
9. Would you like to see more tree planting and/or other similar beautification projects in Buena Vista?
10. If yes, what other beautification projects would you like to see?

24 individuals completed the survey. Below is a detailed summary of the data that was collected, including the written input submitted by the participants.

A second survey was released on December 12, 2023 and was made available until January 11, 2024.

RESPONDENTS BACKGROUND AND PARK VISITS

When asked, "Are you a resident of Buena Vista Charter Township?", the following responses were provided:

- Yes – 16 / 67%
- No – 8 / 33%

24 participants indicated whether or not they were a resident of Buena Vista Charter Township by choosing one of the aforementioned options on the survey.

When asked in conjunction to the previous question, "If so, for how long?", the following responses were provided:

- Under 1 Year – 0 / 0%

- 1-5 Years – 1 / 6%
- 5-10 Years – 3 / 19%
- 10-20 Years – 4 / 25%
- 20-30 Years – 2 / 12%
- 30+ Years – 6 / 38%

16 participants indicated for how long they have lived in Buena Vista Charter Township by choosing one of the aforementioned options on the survey. Respondents who are not residents of Buena Vista Charter Township were able to skip the question.

When asked, “What parks/facilities have you visited in the last year?”, the following responses were provided:

- Community Center – 21 / 88%
- Lions Park – 13 / 55%
- Kueffner Park – 5 / 21%
- Town Green – 9 / 38%
- Harger Trail – 4 / 17%

24 participants indicated each of the parks they’d visited in the last year by choosing each of the aforementioned options on the survey.

When asked, “How often have you visited the parks/facilities in Buena Vista in the last year?”, the following responses were provided:

- 1 – 3 / 12%
- 2 – 4 / 18%
- 3 – 1 / 4%
- 4 – 3 / 12%
- 5 – 1 / 4%
- 6+ – 12 / 50%

24 participants indicated how often they have visited the parks/facilities in Buena Vista in the last year by choosing one of the aforementioned options on the survey.

COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION

When asked, “Would you like to see more tree planting and/or other similar beautification projects in Buena Vista?”, the following responses were provided:

- Yes – 18 / 75%
- No – 6 / 25%

24 participants indicated whether or not they would like to see more tree planting or other similar beautification projects in Buena Vista by choosing one of the aforementioned options on the survey.

When asked in conjunction to the previous question, “If yes, what other beautification projects would you like to see?”, the following responses were provided (in no particular order):

Flowers and decorations for holidays
Blight removal. Residents held to maintenance standards with grass mowing and weeds
Maintaining flowers, shrubs, and grass
Trees, for sure. And would love a dog walk.
Ponds, more picnic tables, chairs
The trash that is being dumped
Water fountain
A walking trail by Save-A-Lot
More flowers and modern signage
Updating outdoor buildings at the parks
Flowers
During the Christmas season a large Christmas tree at Point JC
The park pond cleaned and opened up so the park can be fully enjoyed
Flowers
More landscaping to include a variation of blooms and trees.
More flowers
Flower vases along Holland Road and along Outer Drive in the summer

17 participants provided their input by writing their response in a text box on the survey.

PARKS AND FACILITIES

When asked “What improvements would you like to see to the parks/facilities in Buena Vista?”, the following responses were provided (in no particular order):

Have not visited all facilities. No suggestions.
More for our youth and disabled community
Better maintenance at Keuffner
Trees and Flowers
More senior activities
Kitchen in the community center needs deep cleaning
Keeping the parks clean and well maintained
Better park equipment

More events
Better up keep on grounds
Open back up Kueffner Park
Kueffner's pond needs to be drained and refilled with water
Please more shaded areas and flat concrete for recreation near nature spots
Everything
N/A
Unlock the gates at Kueffner Park and let people use the park
More exercise programs for seniors and families

17 participants provided their input by writing their response in a text box on the survey.

When asked "What new equipment/amenities would you like to see in the parks/facilities in Buena Vista?", the following responses were provided (in no particular order):

Bathrooms available during daytime hours
None
Pool, driving school, after-school programs
Not necessarily new equipment, just maintained basketball and baseball areas
More walking trails, basketball courts
Walking trail with mile marker
Fitness Classes
Play ground
Updated workout equipment in the community center
Community sports leagues
Disc golf
Volleyball net, tennis courts, baseball fields
Trash cans/pet bags, the park opened up with tennis courts again and basketball with the pavilion in use please
New benches and basketball rims up
Outside treadmill, area to stretch

15 participants provided their input by writing their response in a text box on the survey.

When asked "On a scale to 1 to 10, 1 being the worst and 10 being the best, how would you rate the maintenance of the parks/facilities in Buena Vista?", the following responses were provided:

- 1 – 0 / 0%
- 2 – 1 / 4%
- 3 – 5 / 22%
- 4 – 0 / 0%
- 5 – 5 / 22%
- 6 – 3 / 13%

- 7 – 5 / 22%
- 8 – 3 / 13%
- 9 – 1 / 4%
- 10 – 0 / 0%

24 participants indicated how they viewed the current state of the maintenance of the parks/facilities in Buena Vista by choosing one of the aforementioned options on the survey.

MORE PARTICIPATION

When asked “How could BV get you and your family to visit parks and participate in recreation programming more often?”, the following responses were provided (in no particular order):

Make aware of events through means other than social media
 More programs for kids and extended hours
 Have regular hours for Kueffner Park. It’s always padlocked
 Free events
 Offer more family friendly events
 More music events
 New amenities
 Activities
 More updated equipment inside and outside of the community center
 More community events
 More public events
 Lower rental rates
 I would love a pavilion with a flat surface for dancing, skating, giant chessboard
 By getting equipment for the kids and swimming pools
 More marketing of programs
 More activities
 Intramural Sports
 Make announcements and a newsletter

18 participants provided their input by writing their response in a text box on the survey.

FEEDBACK THEMES

Below are initial ideas on the themes that emerged from the Parks and Recreation Survey:

People with disabilities, Seniors, and Children – Three specific demographic groups were oft-mentioned: people with disabilities, seniors, and children. In addition to being the most vulnerable groups of any population, people with disabilities, seniors, and children are frequent users of parks and recreation programs. Equipment that is inclusive to these groups should be acquired and maintained.

Community Center – In addition to being the most-visited site or building in the Buena Vista parks and

recreation system, the Community Center is the place where many of the activities desired by participants would take place (such as senior programs, yoga, swimming lessons, and so on). The multi-use building is an asset to the Township's programs.

Kueffner Park – This is the only park in Buena Vista east of I-75. Due to a lack of funding for maintenance, much of the park has fallen into a state of disrepair. Participants highlighted their wish for the park to be revitalized and repaired. Specifically; for the parks' pond to be cleaned, a new playground and other equipment to be installed, and other facilities at the park to be restored. It should also be noted that more trees for increased shade at the park should be considered.

Lions Park – This park is located next to the Community Center, and thus sees a lot of use, particularly during the summer months. It's location near Buena Vista's residential neighborhoods means that it is within walking distance for much of the population. The maintenance of this park, specifically as a place outdoor community gathering, should be prioritized. Additions to this park, such as an ADA-compliant permeable trail, new basketball and tennis courts, new benches and picnic tables, should all be pursued.

Events – Participants desired more community events, specifically those that are free and inclusive to the community at large.

Community Beautification – Participants have indicated that community beautification projects increasing green spaces in the township are more than welcome. Projects such as a community flower garden and planting trees at community parks and facilities seem to be a great start.

B. PUBLIC NOTICES

- Affidavit of publication for the 30-Day Public Review, document posted on the Township website on December 5, 2023.
- Affidavit of publication and public hearing notice in the January 5, 2024 edition of The Saginaw News.

C. MINUTES

- Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes, January 11, 2024, for recommendation of Plan adoption.

D. RESOLUTION

- Resolution of adoption of the Buena Vista Charter Township Parks & Recreation Plan by the Township Board of Trustees on January 22, 2024.

E. LETTERS OF TRANSMITTAL

- Saginaw County Metropolitan Planning Commission, dated.
- East Michigan Council of Governments (EMCOG), dated.

F. MDNR CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST

- Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plan Certification Checklist.

G. RECREATION GRANT HISTORY

- Recreation Grant History (2 grants).

H. PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

- Kueffner Park Post-Completion Self-Certification Report
- Lions Park Post-Completion Self-Certification Report

I. MSU EXTENSION MICHIGAN NATURAL FEATURES INVENTORY (MNFI) COUNTY ELEMENT DATA

- Saginaw County list
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**BUENA VISTA CHARTER
TOWNSHIP, SAGINAW
COUNTY, MICHIGAN HAS
SCHEDULED A
30 DAY PUBLIC REVIEW
PERIOD FOR ITS PARKS AND
RECREATION MASTER
PLAN**

**30 Day Public Review Period:
Monday, December 11, 2023 –
Thursday, January 11, 2024**

Notice is given to any and all interested parties that the draft 2024 Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the Charter Township of Buena Vista, Saginaw County, Michigan will be available for review and comment for 30 days beginning Monday, December 11, 2023 on the Township's website homepage.

The draft plan can be accessed on the following website: bvct.org/ParksRecPlan.

The Charter Township of Buena Vista is preparing this five-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan in accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements. When completed, the plan will serve as a guide for the acquisition and development of community recreation facilities and programs over the next five (5) years.

All interested parties may submit comments in person or in writing by mail to Buena Vista Charter Township Administration Building, located at 1160 S. Outer Drive, MI during regular business hours.

Please contact the Buena Vista Charter Township Administration Building at (989) 754-6536 with questions or comments or for alternate accommodations.

**Publication Date:
December 7, 2023**



Saginaw News

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Nancy Block being duly sworn, deposes that he/she is principal clerk of MLive Media Group; that Saginaw News is a public newspaper published in the city of Saginaw, with general circulation in Saginaw county, and this notice is an accurate and true copy of this notice as printed in said newspaper, was printed and published in the regular edition and issue of said newspaper on the following date(s):

Saginaw News 01/05/2024

Nancy Block

Principal Clerk of the Publisher

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of January 2024

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Notary Public

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BUENA VISTA CHARTER
TOWNSHIP, SAGINAW
COUNTY, MICHIGAN
HAS SCHEDULED A
PUBLIC HEARING
THURSDAY,
JANUARY 11, 2024
6:00PM
BV COMMUNITY CENTER
1940 S. OUTER DRIVE
SAGINAW, MI 48601

Notice is given to any and all interested parties that the Buena Vista Charter Township Parks and Recreation will hold a public hearing on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at the Buena Vista Community Center, to hear comments on the 2024 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Charter Township of Buena Vista, Saginaw County, Michigan is preparing this five year Parks and Rec Master Plan in accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements. When completed, the plan will serve as a guide for the acquisition and development of community recreation facilities and programs over the next five (5) years. The draft plan can be accessed on the following website:
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Buena Vista Parks and Recreation Master Plan

January 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes

- I. The meeting was called to order 6:03pm by Commissioner Cheryl Payton.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call:

Lorane Dorsey	Present
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Latasha Lawson	Present
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Kelly Coleman	Absent
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Cheryl Payton	Present
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Motion made by Commissioner Payton to open the Public Hearing and it was
Seconded by Commissioner Dorsey at 6:07pm.

One public comment was made: A resident wanted to know how to get a copy
of the Master Plan for the Parks and Recreation.

Motion made by Commissioner Payton to close the Public Hearing at 6:18pm. The
motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawson.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Commissioner Payton motion to close the Parks and
Recreation meeting and second by Commissioner Lawson. Meeting adjourned at
6:20pm.

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION
2024 Parks and Recreation Master Plan
For the Charter Township of Buena Vista
Saginaw County, Michigan
Township Board of Trustees

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Buena Vista has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation needs and desires of its residents during a five-year period covering the years 2024 through 2028; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Buena Vista began the process of developing a parks and recreation master plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities; and

WHEREAS, residents of the Charter Township of Buena Vista 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 parks and recreation 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, a public hearing was held on January 11, 2024 in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Buena Vista Community Center to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the 2024 Parks and Recreation Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Buena Vista has developed the plan as a guideline for improving parks and recreation within the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Charter Township of Buena Vista Board of Trustees hereby adopts the 2024 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

VOTE: Yeas:
 Nays:
 Absent:

I, Alethea Nichols-Taylor, Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Charter Township of Buena Vista Board of Trustees at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the 22nd day of January, 2024.





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January 23, 2024

Saginaw County Board of Commissioners
111 S. Michigan Ave
Saginaw, MI 48602

Subject: Charter Township of Buena Vista 2024-2028 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Buena Vista Charter Township, I am pleased to enclose a copy of the **Buena Vista Charter Charter Township 2024 - 2028 Parks and Recreation Master Plan**. This plan will also be submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for certification and the East Michigan Council of Governments to ensure cooperation and coordination of recreation planning efforts.

This plan was adopted by the Buena Vista Charter Township Board of Trustees on January 22, 2024. A certified resolution of the adoption is included in the plan.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact us at (989) 754-6536 x 2304.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joseph Lobodzinski
Community Development Fellow for Buena Vista Charter Township
Community Economic Development Association of Michigan

Enclosure



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January 23, 2024

Sue Fortune, Executive Director
East Michigan Council of Governments (EMCOG)
3144 Davenport Ave., Suite 200
Saginaw, MI 48602

Subject: Charter Township of Buena Vista 2024-2028 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Dear Ms. Fortune,

On behalf of Buena Vista Charter Township, I am pleased to enclose a copy of the **Buena Vista Charter Charter Township 2024 - 2028 Parks and Recreation Master Plan**. This plan will also be submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for certification and the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners to ensure cooperation and coordination of recreation planning efforts.

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**COMMUNITY PARK AND RECREATION PLAN****CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST
AMENDMENT**

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

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

All community recreation plan amendments are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park and Recreation Plans* provided by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Plan amendments must be submitted in MiRecGrants **with** a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan. Amendments may be submitted at any time of the year, but no later than February 1 of the year the local unit of government is applying for grants.

PLAN AMENDMENT FORMAT**Plan amendments:**

1. Must only include revised or additional pages to the approved recreation plan, with an explanation of where the new pages fit within the original plan. If the amendment is to be inserted into the existing plan, it must be similar in format to the approved plan and indicate the location for insertion.
2. For multi-jurisdictional plans, the plan must only be approved by the unit of government that the change affects.

Name of Plan: Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2024-2028	Date Current Plan Expires: December 2023	
List the community names (including school districts) that are covered under the plan and have passed a resolution adopting the plan amendment.	County	Month and year plan amendment adopted by the community's governing body.
Charter Township of Buena Vista	Saginaw	January 2024

PLAN AMENDMENT ELEMENT

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

☒ **DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS**☒ **DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS**

- ☒ Description of the method(s) used to solicit public input before or during preparation of the plan amendment, including a copy of the survey or meeting agenda and a summary of the responses received.
- ☒ Copy of the Notice of the Availability of the Draft Plan Amendment for Public Review and Comment.

Date of the Notice December 5, 2023

Type of Notice Newspaper

Plan Location Township Website

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least Two Weeks) 30 Days

- ☒ Copy of the Notice for the Public Meeting Held after the two-week public review period and before the plan amendment adoption by the Governing Body(ies).

Date of Notice January 3, 2024

Name of Newspaper The Saginaw Newspaper

Date of Meeting January 11, 2024

- ☒ Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting (public hearing and meeting where the plan was adopted).



Recreation Grant History

Applicant

Buena Vista Township

Project No. 26-01023 D2

Project Year: 1977

Project Title: Buena Vista Kueffner Park

Project Status: Closed

Grant Amount: \$54,353.54

Project Description: 2 tennis courts, basketball court, picnic area, 2 horseshoe courts, shuffleboard, lighting, boundary fencing, parking lot, entrance drive, LWCF sign

Project No. BF89-393

Project Year: 1989

Project Title: Buena Vista Lions Park

Project Status: Closed

Grant Amount: \$150,000.00

Element

community center
warming shed w/restrooms
ice rink
picnic pavilions
fitness trail
18 hole mini golf

Element

utilities
tennis court
basketball courts
contingencies

Project Description: Community center, warming shelter/restroom, tennis, basketball, ice rink, fitness trail, mini-golf.

**PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT**

*This information required under authority of Part 19, PA 451 of 1994, as amended;
the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Stat. 897 (1964); and Part 715, of PA 451 of 1994, as amended.*

GRANT TYPE: ☐ MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND ☐ CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE
(Please select one) ☒ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Charter Township of Buena Vista

PROJECT NUMBER: 1977 (26-01023 D2)

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Buena Vista Kueffner Park

PROJECT SCOPE: Multiple improvements to Kueffner Park

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
Charter Township of Buena Vista	Torrie L. Lee	Twp. Superintendent
Address	Telephone	
1160 S. Outer Drive	989-754-6536	
City, State, ZIP	Email	
Saginaw, MI 48601	Superintendent@bvct.org	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?

If yes, please describe change(s).

☒ Yes ☐ No

The shuffleboard courts have been repurposed to an eating/seating area with 4 picnic tables and 4 benches. The repurposing was done to meet the demands of park patrons.

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?

If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Repairs and maintenance take place as needed.

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Fees are charged for private use only.

See enclosed fee schedule

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

M F, 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM; SAT 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM; Closed on Sunday and Saturday

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.

Torrie L. Lee
Please print

Torrie L. Lee
Grantee Authorized Signature

1/3/24
Date

Joseph G. Lobodzinski
Please print

[Signature]
Witness Signature

1/3/24
Date

Send completed report to:

POST COMPLETION GRANT INSPECTION REPORTS
GRANTS MANAGEMENT
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PO BOX 30425
LANSING MI 48909-7925



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GRANTEE: Charter Township of Buena Vista

PROJECT NUMBER: 1989 (BF89-393)

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Buena Vista Lions Park

PROJECT SCOPE: Community Center and recreational improvements

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee) Charter Township of Buena Vista	Contact Person Torrie L. Lee	Title Twp. Superintendent
Address 1160 S. Outer Drive	Telephone 989-754-6536	
City, State, ZIP Saginaw, MI 48601	Email Superintendent@bvtc.org	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?

If yes, please describe change(s).

☒ Yes ☐ No

Although there is not an ice rink at Lions Park, there is a pool in the Community Center.

A playground has since been added to the Lions Park.

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

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☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

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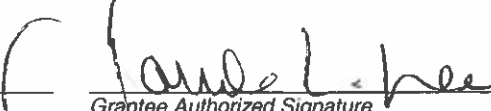

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<u>Joseph G. Lobodzinski</u> Please print	<u></u> Witness Signature	<u>1/3/24</u> Date

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BUENA VISTA

Community Center

**SOAP BOX DERBY TRACK
LIONS PARK**



BUENA VISTA CHARTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER

Memberships, Building & Park Rental Rates **(989) 752-1655**

Building Hours

Monday-Thursday 7:00am - 7:00pm

Friday 7:00am - 1:00pm

Saturday 9:00am-1:00pm * Closed Sunday

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP 18-54 YRS

RESIDENT- \$100 W/ ID

NON-RESIDENT -\$150

10/12 (8 -54 YRS)

RESIDENT \$100/\$10 A MONTH FOR 10 MONTHS

NON-RESIDENT \$144/ \$12 A MONTH FOR 12 MONTHS

YOUTH MEMBERSHIP

AGE 6-13- \$15

AGE 14-17- \$30

SENIOR CITIZEN

RESIDENT- \$ 40 W/ ID

NON-RESIDENT- \$75

CLERGY

\$50 W/ID

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP

\$40

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIPS

- **B.V. TOWNSHIP- \$60 W/ ID**
- **NEXTEER EMPLOYEES- \$125 W/ ID**
- **SCHOOL EMPLOYEES- \$75**
- **MILITARY- W/ ID**
ACTIVE \$50
VETERAN \$40

BUILDING RENTALS:

FIRST \$100 OF RENTAL RATE REQUIRED TO HOLD DATES

MUST BE PAID IN FULL 14 DAYS BEFORE EVENT

ALL SET-UPS DAY BEFORE EVENT ADDITIONAL \$100

-MPR ½ ROOM	\$375	CAPACITY 80
-MPR FULL ROOM	\$650	CAPACITY 160
-COLLEGE ROOM	\$75 PER HOUR	CAPACITY 55
-GYM-SPORTS ONLY	\$75 PER HOUR (INCLUDES SCOREBOARD)	

*** SPECIAL EVENTS**

\$100 PER HOUR PLUS \$100 DEPOSIT (SMALL EVENTS)

(ALL PRO/LARGE EVENTS FOR HRS. & RATES SEE DIRECTOR)

-SECURITY:

2 POLICE OFFICERS @ \$45 PER HR PER OFFICER (MIN 2 HRS.)

2 SECURITY @ \$180 FOR 4HRS./\$22.50 PER SECURITY OFFICER PER HR

**-FUNERAL REPAST \$400 (PAID IN FULL WHEN
BOOKING THE ROOM) 4 HRS MAX (1PM - 5PM)**

PARK RENTALS -SUNDAY-SATURDAY

REGULAR RATE \$275 (\$100 TO HOLD DATE/subtracted from total rental rate)

SPECIAL EVENTS (SEE THE DIRECTOR FOR RATES)

NO HOLIDAY RENTALS

**DEPOSIT AND ANY MONEY PAID IS REFUNDABLE IF CANCELLED 14 DAYS
PRIOR TO RENTAL**

AFTER 14 DAYS REFUND MINUS 50%

NO REFUNDS OR TRANSFERS ON MEMEBRSHIPS

\$60 FEE CHARGED FOR ALL RETURNED CHECKS

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Saginaw County

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Species

Scientific Name	Common Name	Federal Status	State Status	Global Rank	State Rank	Occurrences in County	Last Observed in County
Alasmidonta marginata	Elktoe		SC	G4	S3?	4	2011
Alasmidonta viridis	Slippershell		I	G4G5	S2S3	2	2011
Ammodramus savannarum	Grasshopper sparrow		SC	G5	S4	1	2005
Bombus affinis	Rusty-patched bumble bee	LE	E	G2	SH	1	1969
Bombus auricomus	Black and gold bumble bee		SC	G5	S2	2	2019
Botaurus lentiginosus	American bittern		SC	G5	S3	2	2018
Cambarunio iris	Rainbow		SC	GNR	S3	8	2011
Centronyx henslowii	Henslow's sparrow		E	G4	S3	1	2007
Chlidonias niger	Black tern		I	G4G5	S2	1	2003
Circus hudsonius	Northern harrier		SC	G5	S4	1	2005
Cistothorus palustris	Marsh wren		SC	G5	S3	3	2003
Clemmys guttata	Spotted turtle		I	G5	S2	2	2006
Elliptio complanata	Eastern elliptio		SC	G5	S2	1	2008
Emydoidea blandingii	Blanding's turtle		SC	G4	S2S3	4	2021
Epioblasma triquetra	Snuffbox	LE	E	G2G3	S1S2	3	1965
Falco peregrinus	Peregrine falcon		I	G4	S3	1	2013
Faxonius immunis	Calico crayfish		SC	G5	S4	4	2015
Galearis spectabilis	Showy orchis		I	G5	S2	1	1893
Gallinula galeata	Common gallinule		I	G5	S3	2	2018
Glyptemys insculpta	Wood turtle		I	G3	S2	1	1978
Haliaeetus leucocephalus	Bald eagle		SC	G5	S4	31	2021
Isotria verticillata	Whorled pogonia		I	G5	S2	2	1991
Jeffersonia diphylla	Twinleaf		SC	G5	S3	2	1968
Lasmigona compressa	Creek heelsplitter		SC	G5	S3	3	2011
Lasmigona costata	Flutedshell		SC	G5	SNR	6	2011
Ligumia recta	Black sandshell		I	G4G5	S1?	3	2008
Lithobates palustris	Pickerel frog		SC	G5	S3S4	1	2013
Moxostoma duquesnei	Black redhorse		SC	G5	S2	3	2019

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Notropis texanus	Weed shiner		X	G5	S1	2	1941
Nycticorax nycticorax	Black-crowned night-heron		SC	G5	S3	1	2018
Obliquaria reflexa	Threehorn wartyback		E	G5	S1	3	2008
Obovaria olivaria	Hickorynut		E	G4	S1	2	2008
Pantherophis gloydi	Eastern fox snake		J	G3	S2	12	2021
Pantherophis spiloides	Gray rat snake		SC	G4G5	S2S3	1	1995
Percina copelandi	Channel darter		E	G4	S1	1	1941
Percina shumardi	River darter		E	G5	S1	1	1941
Platanthera leucophaea	Prairie white-fringed orchid	L.T.	E	G2G3	S1	2	2020
Pleurobema sinuata	Round pigtoe		SC	G4G5	S3	3	2011
Potamilus alatus	Pink heelsplitter		SC	G5	SNR	5	2011
Potamilus ohioensis	Pink papershell		X	G5	SNR	6	2010
Protonotaria citrea	Prothonotary warbler		SC	G5	S3	1	2003
Ptychobranhus fasciolaris	Kidney shell		SC	G4G5	S2	8	2011
Pycnanthemum pilosum	Hairy mountain mint		J	G5T5	S2	1	1952
Rallus elegans	King rail		E	G4	S2	1	1990
Sagittunio nasutus	Eastern pondmussel		E	G4	S2	6	2010
Scirpus georgianus	Georgia bulrush		SC	G5	SNR	1	1986
Sistrurus catenatus	Eastern massasauga	L.T.	J	G3	S3	4	2009
Thamnophis butleri	Butler's garter snake		SC	G4	S4	1	2018
Toxolasma parvum	Lilliput		E	G5	S1	2	2010
Truncilla truncata	Deertoe		SC	G5	S2S3	7	2011
Utterbackia imbecillis	Paper pondshell		SC	G5	S2S3	4	2019
Venustaconcha ellipsiformis	Ellipse		SC	G4	S3	7	2011
Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus	Yellow-headed blackbird		SC	G5	S2	1	2003

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Mesic Southern Forest	G2G3	S3	1	1984

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Accipiter gentilis	Northern goshawk		I.	G5	S3	1	2002
Alasmidonta marginata	Elktoe		SC	G4	S3?	1	1908
Alasmidonta viridis	Slippershell		I.	G4G5	S2S3	1	Historical
Arnoglossum plantagineum	Prairie indian plantain		SC	G4G5	S3	2	1898
Asclepias hirtella	Tall green milkweed		I.	G5	S2	3	2017
Asio otus	Long-eared owl		E	G5	S1	1	1999
Astragalus neglectus	Cooper's milk vetch		SC	G4	S3	1	1979
Beckmannia syzigachne	Slough grass		I.	G5	S2	1	1950
Bombus borealis	Northern amber bumble bee		SC	G4G5	S3	3	2016
Bombus pensylvanicus	American bumble bee		E	G3G4	S1	1	1946
Bombus terricola	Yellow banded bumble bee		SC	G3G4	S2S3	1	1940
Botaurus lentiginosus	American bittern		SC	G5	S3	3	2019
Callophrys irus	Frosted elfin		I.	G3	S2S3	1	1964
Carex lupuliformis	False hop sedge		I.	G4	S2	1	2000
Centronyx henslowii	Henslow's sparrow		E	G4	S3	1	2007
Charadrius melodus	Piping plover	LE	E	G3	S2	1	2010
Chlidonias niger	Black tern		I.	G4G5	S2	1	2000
Cincinnati cincinnatiensis	Campeloma spire snail		SC	G5	S3	1	1926
Circus hudsonius	Northern harrier		SC	G5	S4	1	2000
Cistothorus palustris	Marsh wren		SC	G5	S3	5	2019
Cyclonaias tuberculata	Purple wartyback		I.	G5	S2	1	1908
Emydoidea blandingii	Blanding's turtle		SC	G4	S2S3	7	2021
Epioblasma rangiana	Northern riffleshell	LE	E	G1	S1	1	
Erynnis persius persius	Persius dusky wing		I.	G5T1T3	S3	1	1963
Eucosma bipunctella	Two-spotted Eucosma		SC	GNR	SNR	1	1966
Falco peregrinus	Peregrine falcon		I.	G4	S3	1	2020

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<i>Faxonius immunis</i>	Calico crayfish		SC	G5	S4	1	2015
<i>Galearis spectabilis</i>	Showy orchis		I.	G5	S2	1	1893
<i>Gallinula galeata</i>	Common gallinule		I.	G5	S3	4	2019
<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Bald eagle		SC	G5	S4	16	2021
<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	Caspian tern		I.	G5	S2	1	2019
<i>Ixobrychus exilis</i>	Least bittern		I.	G4G5	S3	2	2007
<i>Ligumia recta</i>	Black sandshell		I.	G4G5	S1?	4	1944
<i>Lycopus virginicus</i>	Virginia water-horehound		SC	G5	S2	2	2019
<i>Moxostoma carinatum</i>	River redhorse		I.	G4	S2	1	2019
<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	Black-crowned night-heron		SC	G5	S3	4	2019
<i>Platanthera ciliaris</i>	Orange- or yellow-fringed orchid		E	G5	S1S2	1	1896
<i>Platanthera leucophaea</i>	Prairie white-fringed orchid	I.T.	E	G2G3	S1	4	2017
<i>Potamilus alatus</i>	Pink heelsplitter		SC	G5	SNR	2	2019
<i>Potamilus ohioensis</i>	Pink papershell		X	G5	SNR	1	2019
<i>Rallus elegans</i>	King rail		E	G4	S2	1	1999
<i>Sagittunio nasutus</i>	Eastern pondmussel		E	G4	S2	5	1926
<i>Sander canadensis</i>	Sauger		E	G5	S1	1	1926
<i>Silene virginica</i>	Fire pink		E	G5	S1	1	1939
<i>Smilax herbacea</i>	Smooth carrion-flower		SC	G5	S3	1	1979
<i>Sterna forsteri</i>	Forster's tern		I.	G5	S2	3	1999
<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Common tern		I.	G5	S2	3	2008
<i>Trichophorum clintonii</i>	Clinton's bulrush		SC	G4	S3	1	1900
<i>Utterbackia imbecillis</i>	Paper pondshell		SC	G5	S2S3	1	2019
<i>Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus</i>	Yellow-headed blackbird		SC	G5	S2	3	2019

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Great Lakes Marsh	G2	S3	2	1988
Lakeplain Oak Openings	G2?	S1	1	2009
Lakeplain Wet Prairie	G2	S1	4	2015
Lakeplain Wet-mesic Prairie	G1?	S1	1	1994
Southern Hardwood Swamp	G3	S3	1	2009