

RECREATION INVENTORY

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ST. CLAIR COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION PROPERTY

OVERVIEW

St. Clair County currently owns nine properties devoted to parks and recreation activities that total 1,060.5 acres. These are:

- Goodells County Park 405 acres
- Columbus County Park 411 acres
- Fort Gratiot County Park 30 acres
- Woodsong County Park 33 acres
- Fort Gratiot Light Station 5 acres
- Blue Water River Walk County Park 6.5 acres
- North Channel County Park 10 acres
- Marine City Dredge Cut Access 34 acres
- Wadhams to Avoca Trail 160 acres (12 miles long)

For the purposes of comparing the County’s Parks and Recreation property inventory with the recommended standards, it is also valuable to mention the St. Clair County Regional Educational Service Agency’s 111-acre Pine River Nature Center, which is adjacent to Goodells County Park. By adding that acreage to the parks and trails inventory above, PARC property totals 1,171.5 acres.

GOODELLS COUNTY PARK

On January 1, 1996, the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners gave the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission responsibility for maintenance, development, and operation of the County-owned Goodells County Park. At that time, the property was commonly known as “the poor farm” or “the fairgrounds” because of its previous uses as a residence for indigent senior citizens, as well as the ongoing site of the 4-H County Fair.

Facilities at the park include the Visitors Center, two playgrounds, river and fishing access, a seasonal ice skating rink, trails, four picnic shelters, a community center, historic buildings, a BMX track, a radio-controlled model airplane airfield and truck track, a butterfly garden, five special events buildings, the “Splashpad,” equestrian facilities, and areas for outdoor events.

The "Splashpad" has 11 spray features that include two water cannons, five dumping buckets, ground geysers, and a rainbow water tunnel. The “Splashpad” is open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. from Memorial Day to





Labor Day and admission is free. In February 2006, the County received a Facility Design Award from the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association (MRPA) for the Goodells County Park Splashpad. This award recognized the Splashpad as the first water play facility in the state that uses and recycles water that is supplied by a well rather than a municipal water system.

The Historic Village at Goodells County Park contains the Lynn Township Schoolhouse (1885), and the C.C Peck and Company bank (1908). Visitors will also see the Columbus Bible Church (1860), the Murphy/Ryan farmhouse (1872) and the Mudge Log Cabin (1863). The latest addition to the Historic Village is the Columbus Bible Church. The Church was moved to the park and restored, complete with its twelve-foot tall windows and spectacular bell tower.

Goodells County Park is not just facilities and infrastructure. It is also a place where the community meets for many annual events, such as the St. Clair County 4-H Fair, dog shows, auctions, sewing bees, the Blue Water Humane Society Vaccination Clinic, regional cross country meets, Can-Am BMX bike racing, the Earth Fair, and Earthkeepers. The facilities are used throughout the year by dozens of organizations and families alike. On any given day at the park, one may see a wedding, family reunion, birthday party or day camp. The St. Clair County Farm Museum stores and demonstrates antique farm equipment at the park. The property is an essential part of the history and the future of St. Clair County.

COLUMBUS COUNTY PARK

Through five separate transactions, the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) owns 411 acres of property in Columbus Township. PARC used a \$65,800 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) grant in 2016, to secure the final 26 acres. In 2007, PARC used a \$1.4 million MNRTF grant to secure 291 acres for the park. Phase 1 construction at Columbus County Park was completed in early 2010.

Facilities at the park include mountain biking trails, walking trails, horse trails, fishing access, and permit-only hunting. The Belle River runs through the park, totaling 1.6 miles of frontage. A historic gambrel roof barn is located at Columbus County Park near Bauman Road and is used for maintenance and storage. The barn was restored by Columbus Township. In the winter, visitors can enjoy winter sports such as sledding and cross country skiing. In September 2021, the Will Bendik Memorial Disc Golf Course opened at the park.

Construction of an energy efficient park Lodge with modern restroom facilities, a picnic pavilion, offices and storage rooms was completed in 2012. The Lodge uses geothermal technology for heating and cooling as a result of funding from the Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant (EECBG) program.

Activities at the park include picnics, weddings, educational programs, and meetings.

FORT GRATIOT COUNTY PARK

Fort Gratiot County Park is located in the northeast part of St. Clair County, just off M-25 on Metcalf Road. This 30-acre park offers breathtaking views of Lake Huron and 852 feet of shoreline and beach. It also includes picnic areas, restrooms, a children’s playground, and paved walking trails.

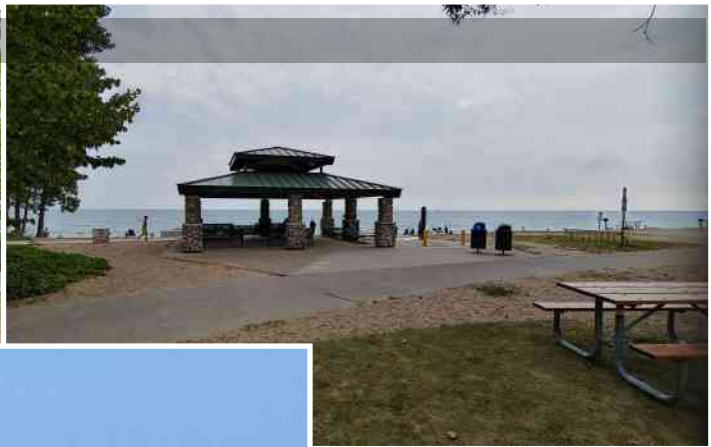
In Fall 2005, the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission purchased 16 acres of property from Citizens First Bank for \$3.1 million using a \$2.2 million grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, administered by the Department of Natural Resources. PARC also purchased a beach easement from an adjacent property owner to move forward with the development of Fort Gratiot County Park.

PARC formally approved an updated Fort Gratiot County Park Master Plan that incorporated the use of the adjacent 14 acres leased from the Great Lakes Water Authority.

Phase 1 of the park’s development began in 2006 and included the installation of water and sewer lines, underground electrical lines, roads, paved trails, and parking areas.

Fort Gratiot County Park is also home to the 1971 Tunnel Explosion Memorial which commemorates the construction accident that took the lives of 22 men working on the water intake tunnel located beneath the park. The 1971 Water Tunnel Explosion committee raised funds for the memorial which was erected in 2007. The Michigan Historic Commission dedicated a State Historical Marker at the site to mark the 40th anniversary of the tragedy.

Other improvements at the park include ADA-accessible restrooms and a playscape in 2007, as well as an overflow parking area in 2008. In early 2009, two picnic pavilions were completed and additional sections of boardwalk were installed on the beach. An information kiosk was built, as well as a vending machine shelter and a beach gateway pavilion. All park improvements and equipment were funded by the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation millage.





WOODSONG COUNTY PARK

In 2008, St. Clair County purchased the 33-acre Camp Woodsong site from the Michigan Waterways Council of the Girl Scouts of America. The property is located off of Abbottsford Road, at the east end of Rynn Road, in Clyde Township.

St. Clair County purchased the property for \$400,000 using a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant. Under the grant, the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund reimbursed St. Clair County for 64% of the purchase price and eligible costs. St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Millage funds were used to fund the balance of the purchase costs.

Woodsong is a passive park with rustic trails that traverse along scenic, steep slopes that travel down to 2,800 ft of Black River shoreline. The park is the ideal place to nature watch. The rustic trails follow the natural terrain. Additionally, The Clinton River Area Mountain Bike Association (CRAMBA) continues to rapidly develop mountain bike trails at Woodsong County Park. These trails are a combination of two track and single track that follow the steep ridges next to the Black River. At present, about three miles of designated mountain bike trails are completed, with a goal of completing an additional mile when fully built out.

In 2017 a canoe and kayak launch was added, using a \$50,000 grant from EGLE. While the launch itself is fully accessible, it is important to note that steep trail leading from the parking lot to the launch is not ADA accessible. Future plans include trail improvements to make the trail easier to use.

Woodsong County Park provides opportunities for nature study, hiking, biking, and water activities, such as canoeing, kayaking, and fishing on the Black River.

FORT GRATIOT LIGHT STATION

The Fort Gratiot Light Station is the oldest lighthouse in Michigan. As the shipping needs on the Great Lakes increased in the 1820's, so did the need for a navigational aid at the mouth of the St. Clair River. In August of 1825, the first lighthouse in Michigan was built at Port Huron. The original tower was located near the base of the present day second span of the Blue Water Bridge. It was 32 feet high above ground level, 18 feet in diameter at the base, and tapered to nine feet across at the top. The original tower did not last long, as poor construction and September storms would lead to its demise when it crumbled in November of 1828.

In the 1850's, the Lighthouse Board began a series of reforms that would affect the Fort Gratiot Light Station. The first such change was the addition of a Fresnel lens. From the 1860's to the 1930's, the property expanded with the addition of the Keeper's Duplex (1874), the Fog Signal Building (1900), the Single Keeper's Dwelling (1932), the Coast Guard Station (1932) and the Equipment Building (1938).

When most of the Great Lakes lights were automated in the 1930's, the need for light keepers faded into the sunset. The Coast Guard maintained the Fort Gratiot Light Station from the 1930's until they moved next door into the new station that was built in 2004.

The property was officially transferred to St. Clair County in 2010. Restoration of the lighthouse was completed in 2013, and other property repairs and additions have been made using Michigan Coastal Management Program grant funding. The restoration of the tower was made possible by the "Save America's Treasures" grant program and a match from the City of Port Huron. The tower reopened for tours in the summer of 2012. The Port Huron Museum serves as a partner in leading tours of the site, programming, and private reservations. Friends of the Fort Gratiot Light Station raises funds for building restoration projects and provides volunteers.

NORTH CHANNEL COUNTY PARK

In December 2020, St. Clair County was awarded funding from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for an acquisition grant to purchase four parcels of land on the North Channel of the St. Clair River in Clay Township. The





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four parcels, totaling approximately 10 acres, are located between the Algonac Harbour Club and the MDNR Boat Launch on M-29. The \$1,425,300 grant is being matched with \$500,800 from the County Parks and Recreation Millage. The project was a partnership with Six Rivers Land Conservancy, Clay Township and the City of Algonac. The new County Park will be developed in phases and will include a swimming beach, a kayak launch, shoreline fishing, walking trails, pavilions, a children’s playground and a paved parking lot. It will also be one of the designated locations along the new St. Clair-Macomb Birding Trail, created in 2021. PARC will begin developing the property in early 2022. Public input sessions will be held to allow residents to provide feedback on park amenities and design. See the site rendering for the new park on Page 39.

PINE RIVER NATURE CENTER

The St. Clair County Regional Educational Service Agency’s Pine River Nature Center is an educational facility whose mission is to promote the awareness, understanding and stewardship of the Blue Water Area's natural and cultural heritage. The center provides programs for local schools to enhance their science and mathematics curricula with outdoor-based field studies correlated with the Michigan Curriculum Framework and offers outdoor recreation and environmental education opportunities for area residents.

The Pine River Nature Center opened to the public in the May of 2003. The Nature Center sits on 111 acres of property, with over 4,800 feet of the Pine River meandering through it. Since opening, over 21,900 students from around St. Clair County have visited the center for programs. Activities and events at the center include the following:








- Opportunities to hike over two miles of trails (open daily from dawn to dark).
- Browse the indoor displays and live animals.
- Read about nature or do research in the library.
- Attend public programs, including star gazing parties and nature walks.
- Volunteer to help with special events and school programs.
- Adopt-a-Trail.
- Visit the universally-accessible (ADA) tree house.



St. Clair County Parks & Recreation

Legend

Facility

-  Trail Head
-  park
-  Greenways
-  Interstate
-  Local Highways and Ramps
-  CSS Minor Civil Division
-  Major Watercourses



TRAILS AND GREENWAYS

Greenways are corridors of land recognized for their ability to connect people and places together. According to the EPA, greenways promote outdoor recreation, catalyze economic development, increase adjacent property values, celebrate historical and cultural assets, promote conservation and environmental education and improve quality of life.

Greenways have multiple purposes, but from a recreation perspective they have two major functions:

1. To link and facilitate hiking and biking access between residential areas and parks.
2. To provide opportunities for the linear forms of outdoor recreation (i.e. hiking, jogging, bicycling, equestrian riding, and walking) in which many St. Clair County residents engage today. These recreation activities require the development of trails along the greenways.

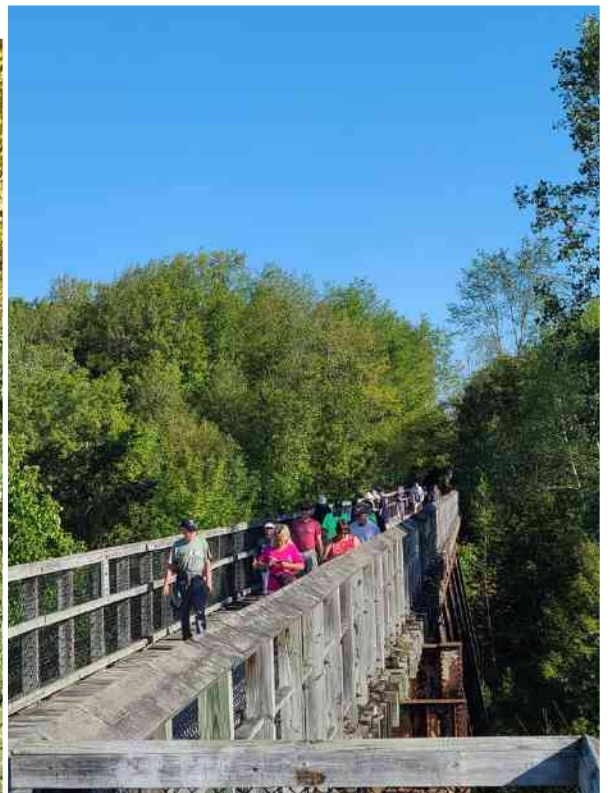
There are two primary trail systems within St. Clair County: the Wadhams to Avoca Trail and the Bridge to Bay Trail.

Wadhams to Avoca Trail

In 1999, PARC purchased the surface rights to 9.82 miles (100 acres) of right-of-way from CSX Railroad and began developing it as the Wadhams to Avoca Trail. In 2001 and 2004, PARC purchased two additional properties totaling 17.65 acres adjacent to the trail north of Imlay City Road for a trailhead and parking. In 2003, PARC purchased the surface rights to an additional two and a half miles of CSX Railroad right-of-way totaling 17.66 acres from Wadhams Road to Griswold Road. The trail is over 12.4 miles long and contains 160 acres.

To date, the 640-foot Mill Creek Trestle has been decked and railed for pedestrians and bike riders. Three acres of land southeast of the Trestle was purchased to create a horse crossing at Mill Creek.

At the south end of the trail in Kimball Township, over five miles of trail have been paved starting at McLain Road running southeast to Griswold Road. The paved section of the trail passes through a developing residential area and is heavily used by residents.



Bridge to Bay Trail



The Bridge to Bay Trail is a diverse trail system of boardwalks, riverwalks, rail trails and bike paths that extends along 50 miles of shoreline across St. Clair County, Michigan. Experience picturesque views, charming towns, parks and beaches, freighter watching and the blue waters of Lake Huron, the St. Clair River and Lake St. Clair.

Learn More at www.bridgetobaytrail.org

Legend



Amenities



Amenities subject to seasonal availability and to change.



Michigan's Thumb Coast



BRIDGE TO BAY TRAIL



In a joint effort with the St. Clair County Road Commission, a hybrid pedestrian signal was installed in 2010 where the trail crosses Wadhams Road. It was the first time this type of signal has been used for a trail crossing in Michigan. The signal prompts flashing lights to stop traffic when a pedestrian wishes to cross the road.

Designated parking areas are located at the Wadhams Road, Imlay City Road, Lapeer Road and Avoca Road trailheads. The non-motorized trail is open to walkers, bicyclists and equestrians.

It is a priority of PARC and its community partners to extend the Wadhams to Avoca Trail to the City of Yale, as well as exploring opportunities to extend the trail beyond St. Clair County into Sanilac County.

Bridge to Bay Trail

The St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) is working in conjunction with 13 local units of government, Friends of the St. Clair River, the Metropolitan Planning Commission and the St. Clair County Community Foundation to develop a 54-mile paved trail from Lakeport State Park to New Baltimore. A regional trails governing board helps to plan and promote the trail, while each local unit of government is responsible for constructing their section of the trail. Even though PARC plays an instrumental coordinating role in the development of the Bridge to Bay Trail, the property that makes up that trail is owned by various municipalities and townships. Most trail construction projects are funded by grants. PARC usually helps to fund the local match required for trail construction grants.

The Bridge to Bay Trail extends from St. Clair County's northern border, under the Blue Water Bridges; through Port Huron, Marysville, St. Clair, Marine City, and Algonac; and past state and municipal parks, museums, gazebos, and lighthouses. Sometimes the trail is within reach of the water's edge and sometimes a few miles inland. It connects communities together for walkers, joggers, strollers, and bicyclists of all ages. The trail varies from a ten-foot wide separated paved pathway in the right of way along a road, or a five-foot wide dedicated bike lane.



BRIDGE TO BAY TRAIL IN PORT HURON

Community partners have a primary goal of connecting the Bridge to Bay Trail to the Wadhams to Avoca Trail within St. Clair County, the Macomb Orchard Trail in Richmond (Macomb County), and the St. Clair Parkway Trail in Lambton, Ontario, Canada via ferry. As of 2021, roughly 26 miles of the 54-mile Bridge to Bay Trail is complete.

Funding for the Bridge to Bay Trail comes from the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Millage, local government funds, and state and federal grants, and philanthropic grants. Grant money for the trail has been provided by the United States government through federal transportation grants, and by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), and the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF).

Blue Water River Walk and Blue Water River Walk County Park

Blue Water River Walk County Park is a former railroad switch yard that has been partially restored to a coastal wetland. The wetlands feature three ponds, marshland and native plants. The habitat is home to amphibians, such as frogs and toads, and is a popular nesting and feeding spot for migratory birds. A boardwalk allows park visitors to get close to the wetland habitat without disturbing the natural features and interpretive signs help explain how the wetlands work. Just north of the wetlands is a picnic pavilion, a shade trellis, walkways, landscaping, an artificial lawn activity area, picnic tables, grills and benches. Future developments will include a children's playground, restrooms and a second pavilion.

Traveling through the park is the Blue Water River Walk. The River Walk is a paved pathway that begins at Desmond Landing to the north and travels southwest to 10th Street. The Blue Water River Walk is part of the Bridge to Bay Trail System. The Blue Water River Walk is owned by the Community Foundation of St. Clair County. St. Clair County Parks leases and maintains the grounds.

The St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission purchased 4.85 acres of land using two MNRTF grants and received a \$1,039,500 grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to develop a 2.75-acre wetland on the very southern end of the river walk.

The Great Lake-to-Lake Trail, Route #1

The Great Lake-to-Lake Trails Route #1 is a 275-mile shared use trail across Michigan's southern Lower Peninsula that links Lakes Michigan and Huron while featuring pastoral farms and woodlots mingled with small towns and major cities. The linear destination trail connects visitors to nature while fostering healthy, sustainable and prosperous communities from South Haven to Port Huron. Route #1 is one of five Great Lake-to-Lake Trails that the Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance (MTGA) intends to develop.

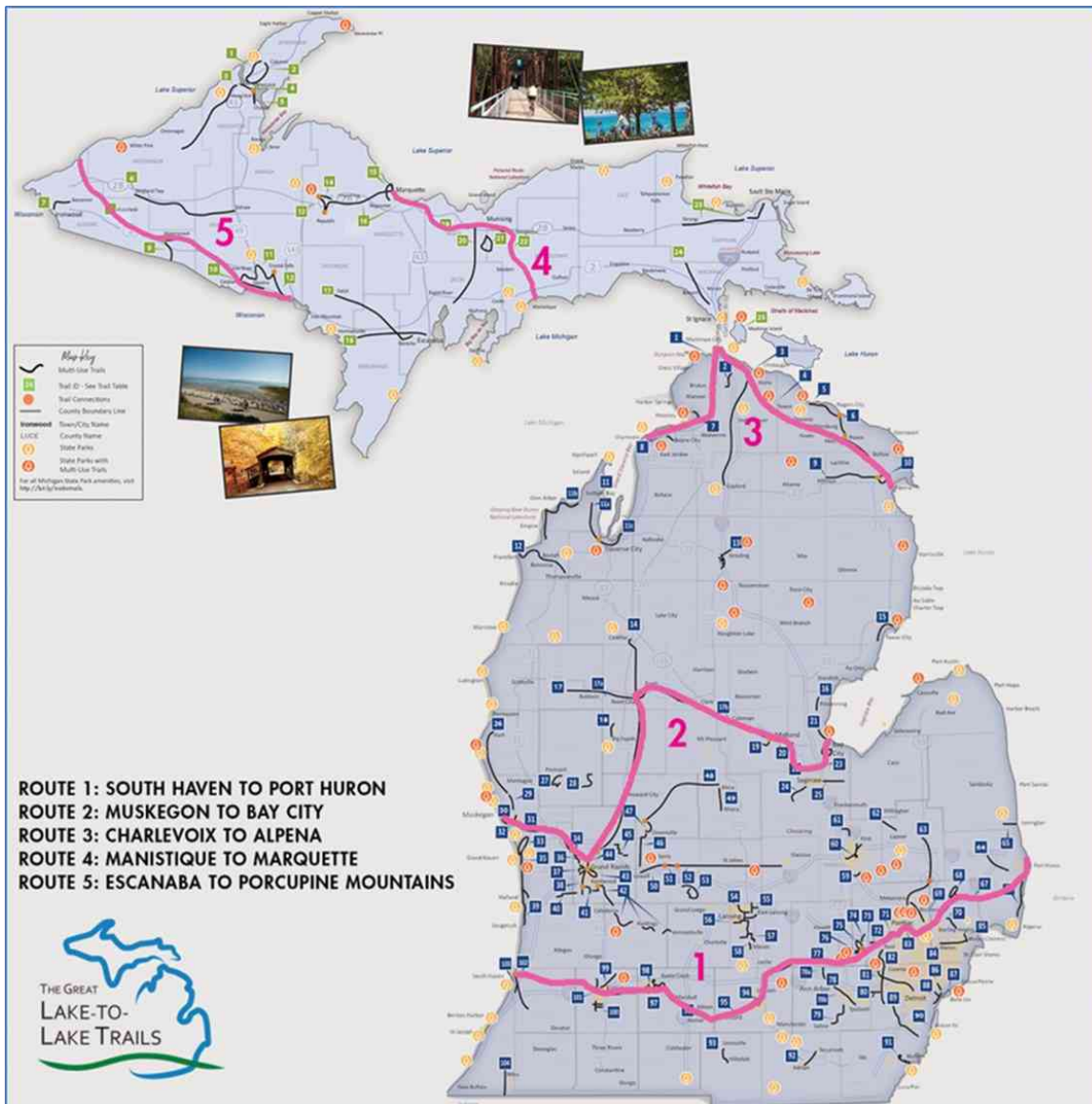
The Great Lake-to-Lake Trail offers Michigan's trail users a unique opportunity to experience quiet rural pathways and urban excursions as it winds its way across the southern lower portion of Michigan from shore to shore. The MTGA began the Great Lake-to-Lake Trails Project in 2009 with a grant from the Kresge Foundation to accelerate the development of cross-state trails while enhancing tourism and economic development opportunities.

Great Lakes Way

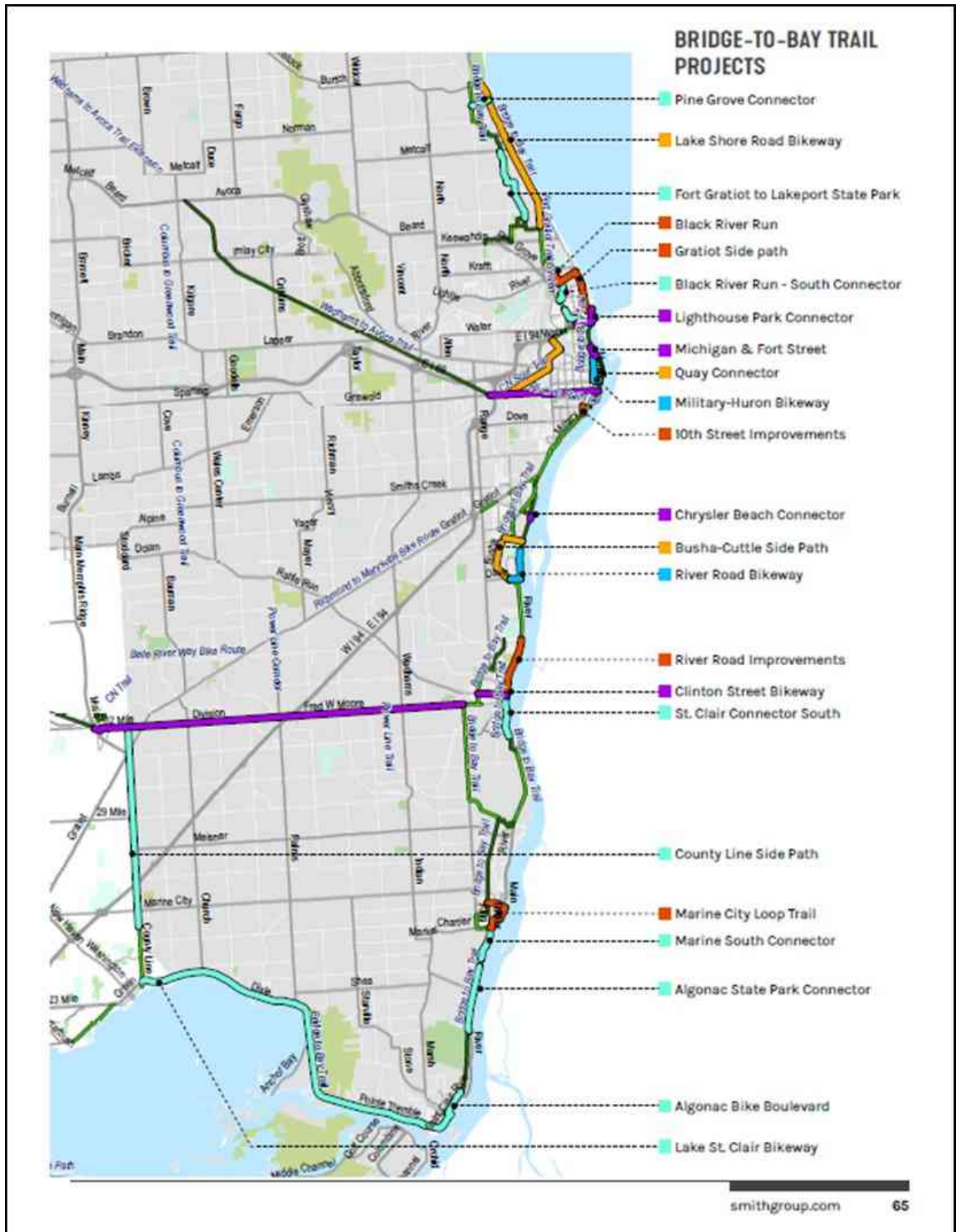
The purpose of the Great Lakes Way is to build upon the groundwork laid by so many others to strengthen and define the greenways and blueways of the Huron-Erie corridor and ensure that people of all ages, backgrounds, ethnicities and interests feel welcomed and share in its benefits. The Great Lakes Way is a regional trail that builds upon existing assets and mapping and ensuring broad equity.

Creation of the Great Lakes Way brings together the collective assets of Monroe, Wayne, Macomb, and St. Clair counties. By designating these greenways and blueways as the Great Lakes Way, the region can focus on the important linkages still to be developed, while delivering a clear brand and message that will be recognizable to its residents. The goal is to link residents and visitors to the impressive collective of natural, educational, and

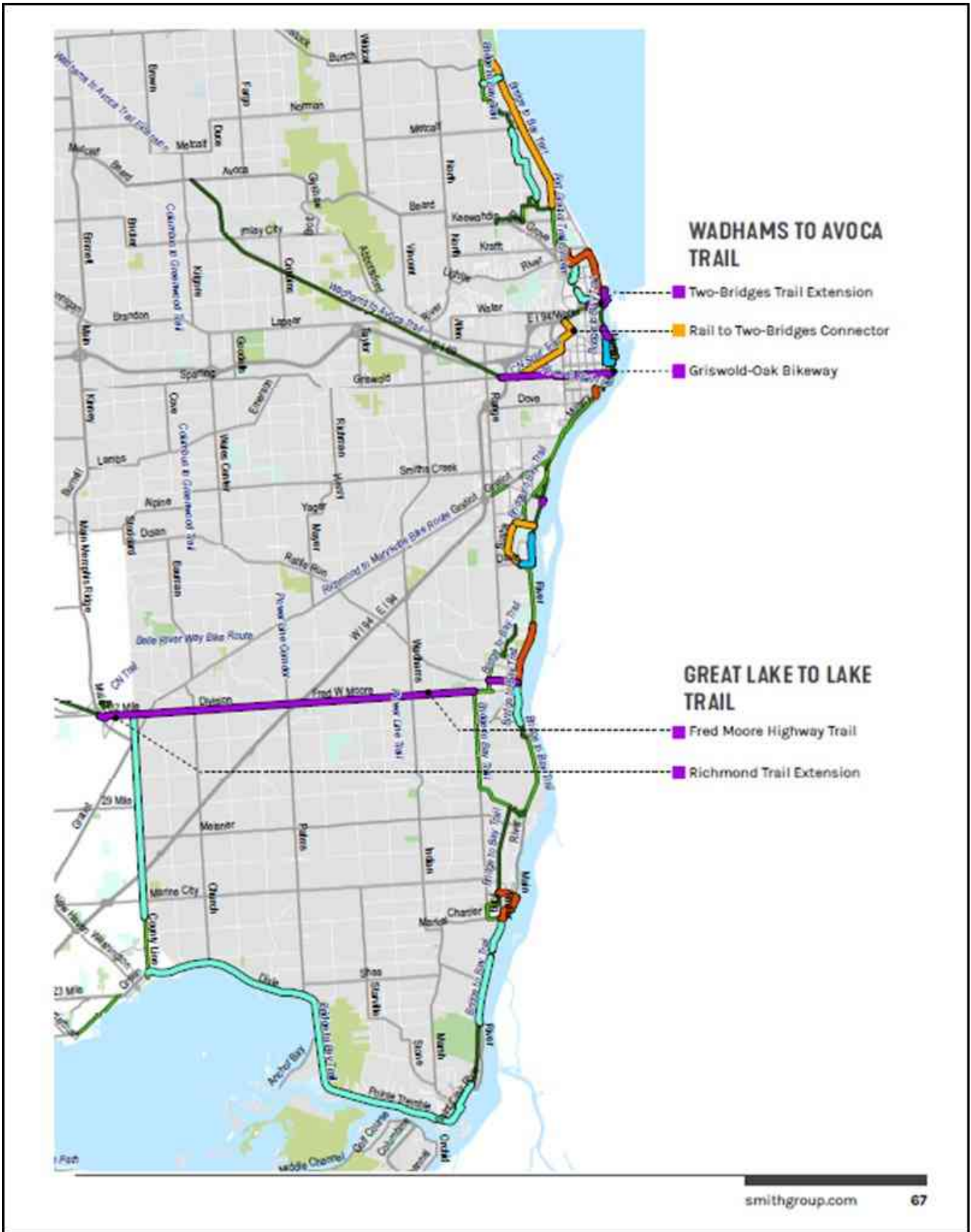
The Great Lake-to-Lake Trail, Route #1



St. Clair County Trails Plan - Bridge to Bay Trail



St. Clair County Trails Plan - Wadhams to Avoca Trail



recreational assets throughout the region. More information about the Great Lakes Way can be found online at <https://cfsem.org/initiative/greatlakesway/>.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY TRAILS PLAN

In 2019, St. Clair County, in conjunction with the St. Clair County Community Foundation, Friends of the St. Clair River, and local community partners updated the countywide trails plan to assess the overall county and its major destinations, inventory the existing trail systems, and understand community desires. These activities supported the adoption of an implementation-focused plan that clearly identifies opportunities, needs, and priorities for future trail and bikeway projects.

Ultimately, the planning process was a chance to step back and take stock of current facilities and position county government, local municipal partners, and other agencies to pursue and implement the next wave of trail projects across St. Clair County. A major goal of the plan is to connect community assets, downtowns, and recreation facilities.

The Parks and Recreation Commission supports the goals, priorities, and implementation strategies of the St. Clair County Trails Plan and incorporates those goals and priorities into this plan by reference.

THE BLUEWAYS OF ST. CLAIR

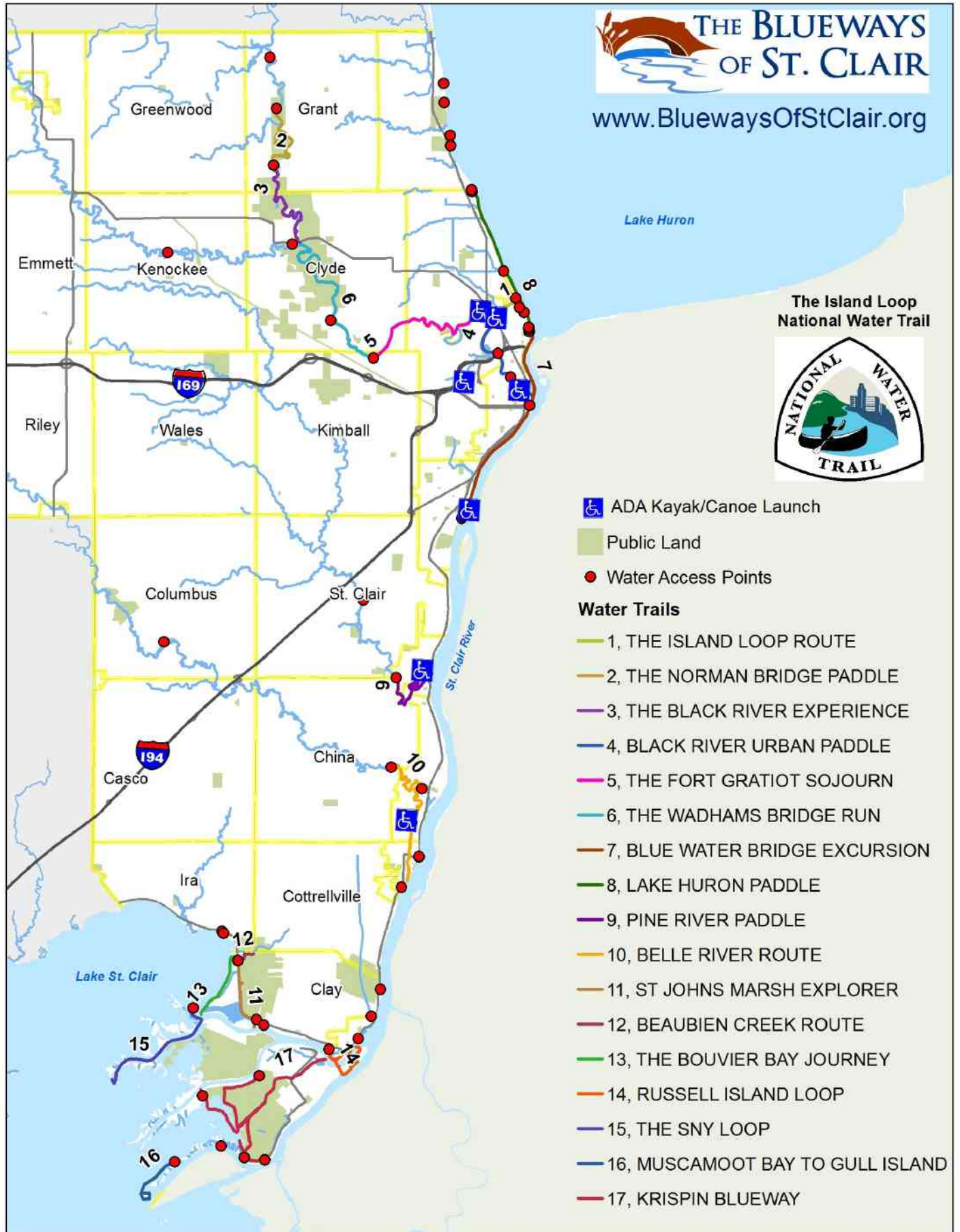
One of the goals included in the 2007-2011 Master Recreation Plan was to explore developing a system of water trails in St. Clair County. The St. Clair County Metropolitan Planning Commission, in partnership with PARC, applied for and was granted a Michigan Coastal Management Grant to create The Blueways of St. Clair water trail system for St. Clair County.

Research began in 2009 to find all the public access points along waterways in the county. Next, public input was gathered for popular paddling routes and put-ins. An interactive website was built up with paddling routes,





www.BluewaysOfStClair.org



The Island Loop National Water Trail



ADA Kayak/Canoe Launch

Public Land

Water Access Points

Water Trails

- 1, THE ISLAND LOOP ROUTE
- 2, THE NORMAN BRIDGE PADDLE
- 3, THE BLACK RIVER EXPERIENCE
- 4, BLACK RIVER URBAN PADDLE
- 5, THE FORT GRATIOT SOJOURN
- 6, THE WADHAMS BRIDGE RUN
- 7, BLUE WATER BRIDGE EXCURSION
- 8, LAKE HURON PADDLE
- 9, PINE RIVER PADDLE
- 10, BELLE RIVER ROUTE
- 11, ST JOHNS MARSH EXPLORER
- 12, BEAUBIEN CREEK ROUTE
- 13, THE BOUVIER BAY JOURNEY
- 14, RUSSELL ISLAND LOOP
- 15, THE SNY LOOP
- 16, MUSCAMOOT BAY TO GULL ISLAND
- 17, KRISPIN BLUEWAY

St. Clair County Public Water Access (mainland only)

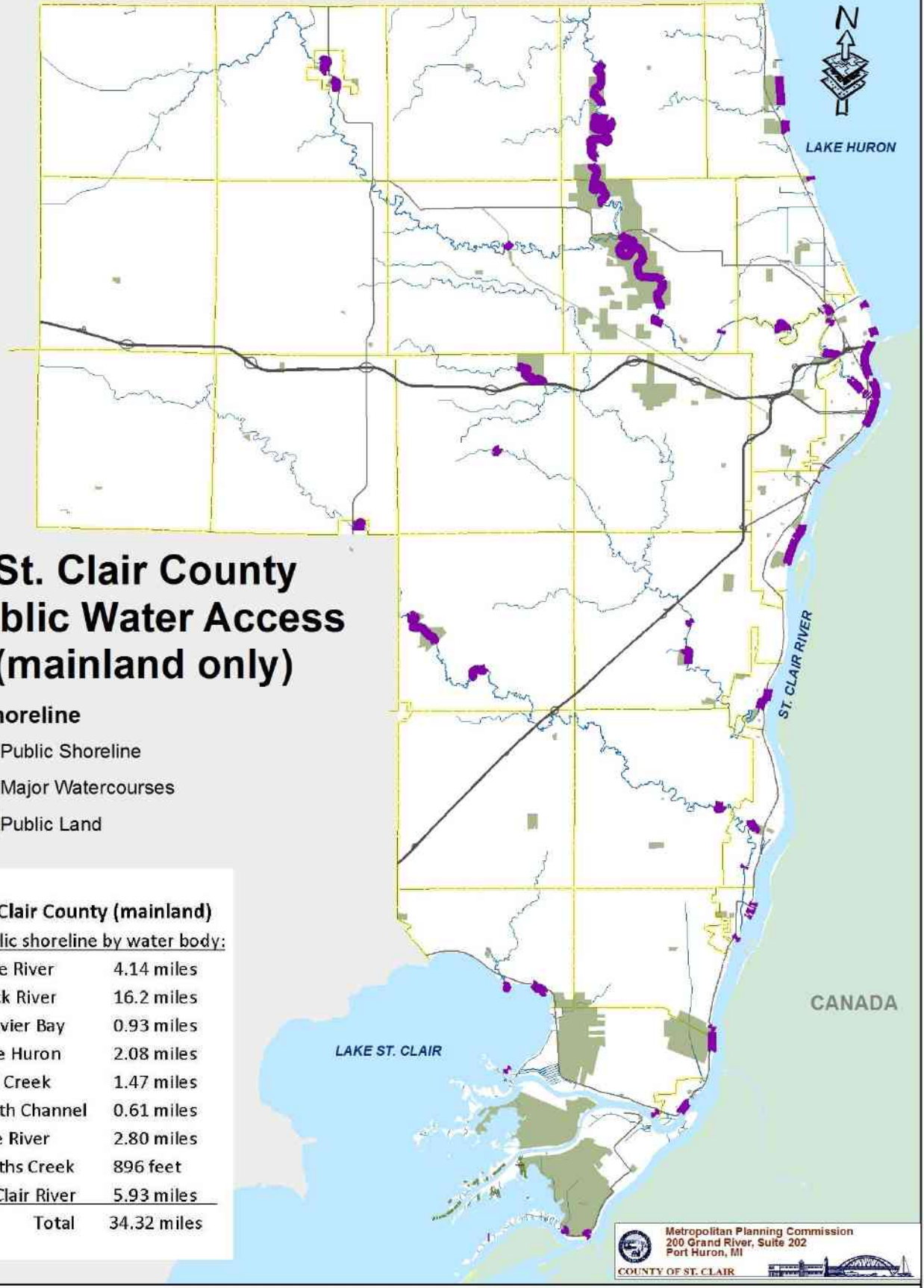
Shoreline

-  Public Shoreline
-  Major Watercourses
-  Public Land

St. Clair County (mainland)

Public shoreline by water body:

Belle River	4.14 miles
Black River	16.2 miles
Bouvier Bay	0.93 miles
Lake Huron	2.08 miles
Mill Creek	1.47 miles
North Channel	0.61 miles
Pine River	2.80 miles
Smiths Creek	896 feet
St. Clair River	5.93 miles
Total	34.32 miles



access pictures, information on restaurants, motels, museums and other points of interest. The website provides information on the major rivers in the County, including the Black River, Belle River, Pine River, Lake Huron, St. Clair River, and the St. Clair River delta, which is the largest freshwater delta in North America.

The Blueways website lists 17 different paddling routes, totaling 151 miles, in nine unique bodies of water and lots of valuable information related to paddling and shoreline recreation. Check out St. Clair County's Blueways website at www.BluewaysOfStClair.org.

Island Loop National Water Trail

The 10.2-mile Island Loop National Water Trail was the first national water trail to be designated in Michigan and the 14th in the United States. The trail makes a loop from the Black River, to the Black River Canal, to Lake Huron, into the St. Clair River and back to the Black River. It also passes the oldest lighthouse in Michigan, the Thomas Edison Museum, the Huron Lightship Museum, and the Acheson Maritime Center. It also navigates between the United States and Canada for 2.5 miles and meanders through Fort Gratiot Township, Port Huron Township, and the City of Port Huron.

RECREATION STANDARDS

Two recreation standards are applicable to parks and recreation facilities within St. Clair County:

1. Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines, developed by the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA), which relate to park acreage requirements.
2. Michigan Recreation Opportunity Standards, developed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, which relate to a variety of park facilities and features as well as acreage requirements.

National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Standards

National Recreation and Park Association's Open Space Guidelines and Standards, known as the NRPA Standards, are used by many state, regional, and county parks and recreation agencies throughout the United States to aid in the development of master recreation plans.

The sections of the NRPA Standards that are relevant to properly assessing the amount of parks and recreation acreage and facilities in St. Clair County are:

- Mini-Parks, Neighborhood Parks, and Community Parks
- Regional Park
- Regional Park Reserves

All three of these types of parks and recreation facilities can be found within St. Clair County, and all are included in the recreation inventory on the previous pages and defined in the following text.

Mini, Neighborhood, and Community Parks

Mini, neighborhood, and community parks are small parks, designed to satisfy the recreational needs of a local community within a service radius of up to two miles.

These parks are under the ownership of, and considered the responsibility of, local units of government. While these properties are listed in the recreation inventory matrix on pages 53-61 and a share of the County's Parks and Recreation Millage is distributed to the local units of government, plans for mini, neighborhood, and community parks lie outside the realm of this countywide Master Recreation Plan.

Regional Parks

Regional parks are culturally significant, ecologically significant and/or large parks (over 200 acres) that typically

result from the need to protect a cultural, natural, or historical resource of regional significance, or to provide a new regional attraction. They are designed to serve several communities within a service radius of up to one hour's driving time. Regional parks within St. Clair County are the primary subject of this Master Recreation Plan.

Regional Park Reserves

Regional park reserves are parks of 1,000 acres or more, designed to serve several communities within a service radius of up to one hour's driving time.

All regional park reserves in St. Clair County are Michigan State Parks and Michigan State Game Areas. These are the responsibility of, and managed by, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Parks and Recreation Division and Wildlife Division.

Though many St. Clair County residents use these state-owned facilities, the one-hour service radius of these properties also serve residents in all or part of Macomb, Oakland, Wayne, Lapeer, Genesee, Sanilac, Tuscola, and Huron counties as well as international visitors from Canada.

The Michigan State Parks within St. Clair County attract campers, bird watchers, boaters, and anglers. The vast majority of State Game Area property in the county is dedicated for wild game management and hunting purposes.

Since these regional park reserves are state-owned property and are the responsibility of state government, plans for how these properties are used and managed are not included in this Master Recreation Plan.

St. Clair County's Regional Parks

The purpose of the "Regional Park" category in the NRPA Standards is to help identify whether a certain geographic area or unit of government – in this case, St. Clair County – possesses sufficient park acreage to satisfy the recreational needs of its citizens. Both the 405-acre Goodells County Park and the 411-acre Columbus County Park specifically fit the NRPA standard for a regional park.



Due to its adjacent location to Goodells County Park, the County Parks and Recreation Commission has also listed RESA’s 111-acre Pine River Nature Center as part of the County’s required total parks and recreation acreage.

Fort Gratiot County Park (30 acres), Woodsong County Park (33 acres), and the Wetlands County Park (five acres) are considered regional parks due to their significant frontage along important bodies of water. Woodsong’s location along 2,800 feet of Black River shoreline and the existence of threatened flora are two factors that make it very valuable. The shores of Lake Huron and the State Historical site at Fort Gratiot County Park classify it as a Regional Park. Wetlands County Park provides access to the St. Clair River.

Finally, the park at Fort Gratiot Light Station (five acres) is a regional park due to its historic significance in the Great Lakes system.

The Wadhams to Avoca Trail is technically classified as a linear park. However, since the County Parks and Recreation Commission has acquired trailhead property and intends to acquire more land for that purpose, the total trail acreage (currently 160 acres) is included within the county’s regional parks inventory.

The total acreage for these properties currently stands at 1,171.5 acres.

The acreage devoted to the Bridge to Bay Trail is not included because that land is owned by the various local units of government through which the trail passes.

Park Acres Needed

The recognized NRPA Standard for Regional Parks is at least five to ten acres for every 1,000 persons in the service area. Based on St. Clair County’s current and projected population, Table 3-1 shows how much additional park acreage the County should acquire to meet current and future standards. It is the policy of the Parks and Recreation Commission to meet the higher acreage standard - ten acres of regional park space per 1,000 people.

Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Standards

In addition to the NRPA Standards, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) has identified 30 Michigan Recreation Opportunity Standards.

TABLE 3-1: ST. CLAIR COUNTY, REGIONAL PARK NEEDS - ACREAGE		
REGIONAL PARK NEEDS: CURRENT POPULATION (BASED ON 2020 CENSUS) - 160,383		
5 acres per 1,000 people	Current Acreage	Acres Needed
802	1,171.5	+369.5 over
10 acres per 1,000 people	Current Acreage	Acres Needed
1,604	1,171.5	-432.5 deficit
REGIONAL PARK NEEDS: PROJECTED POPULATION (2040 SEMCOG FORECAST) - 166,922		
5 acres per 1,000 people	Current Acreage	Acres Needed
835	1,171.5	+336 over
10 acres per 1,000 people	Current Acreage	Acres Needed
1,669	1,171.5	-497.5 deficit

Like the NRPA Standards, these MDNR standards identify acres required for parks and recreation purposes. They also identify the number of units, such as boat launch sites or feet of fishing access, needed to serve the population within a defined area.

The MDNR Standards also recognize that no one agency, such as a county parks and recreation commission or department, is responsible for meeting all of the recreational standards in a given region. Therefore, the MDNR suggests that facilities managed by state and county governments, as well as those owned and managed by cities, townships, and villages, be included in a comprehensive inventory and be measured against the numerical standard.

Of the 30 standards identified by the NRPA and MDNR, 16 are considered to be “resource-based” facilities as opposed to “activity-based” facilities. Resource-based facilities are more likely to be used by all citizens throughout a county or region. Swimming beaches and nature trails are examples of resource-based facilities. Tennis courts and ball diamonds are examples of activity-based facilities; these are more likely to be used by residents within a community, neighborhood, or locale.

Subjective Interpretation of Standards

Recreation standards are often used to test the validity of information gained from surveys and through direct citizen input. Therefore, planners in Michigan have historically used numerical standards as a means of determining the number of park acres and/or facilities needed to serve a given population. These standards were originally expressed only in terms of open space, but later were expanded to include a list of basic park amenities.

The strength of the standards approach to planning has been that these formulas are officially accepted by most state and federal plan review agencies.

However, even though recreation planning standards are generally constructive, they must also be used intelligently in concert with other information because they tend to either understate or overstate actual citizen needs due to regional interests, demographics, citizen mobility, unique natural areas, and the impact of tourism. Recognizing the value of public opinion, standards, and intelligent analysis, the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission has relied on both quantitative data as well as public comments, citizen surveys, input from numerous government officials and on subjective and objective interpretation of all data sources.

This balance of subjective and objective interpretation is the basis for all St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission decisions and actions.

BARRIER-FREE ENDEAVORS/ACCESSIBILITY

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) reports that over 53 million Americans – one out of every five adults – are disabled. While these numbers are broad estimates, it is clear that the number of people nationwide who have disabilities is large and is growing significantly as the American population continues to age. The incidence of disability rises sharply as individuals reach their sixth and seventh decade of life. In St. Clair County, 12.6% of the total population (US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2015-2019) under age 65 has a disability.

PARC is dedicated to providing positive recreational opportunities for all citizens. With that dedication comes recognition of the importance of providing for the special needs of disabled members of the community.

To that end, PARC has removed barriers from existing facilities.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), PARC is working to ensure that all future



parks and recreation projects adhere to specifications for access, inclusion, emotional well-being, and physical fitness that provide increased independence and improved quality of life for disabled individuals.

Each PARC facility was compared to the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design and given a ranking from 1-5, where:

- 1 = none of the site elements meet 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design
- 2 = some site elements meet 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design
- 3 = most site elements meet 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design
- 4 = all site elements meet 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design, and
- 5 = the facility meets the Principals of Universal Design

Goodells County Park | Accessibility Ranking: 4

Access issues have been addressed for each activity area. Both the Community Center and the Visitor’s Center have paved sidewalks and pathways for easy entrance and egress as well as convenient parking areas with a more-than-adequate number of handicapped-accessible parking spaces. These buildings also have electrically-operated handicapped-accessible doors, proper signage for direction and location, and completely accessible bathroom and shower facilities.

Paved pathways connect these buildings to other park areas, including the children’s playground, the historic village, exhibit barns, Farm Museum, and picnic pavilions. PARC has also provided handicapped and wheelchair access to the Special Events Arena. All historic buildings are barrier free with earth ramps to create "at-grade" entrances.

There are paved handicapped parking spaces in the north gravel parking lot, as well as the east gravel lot. The Splashpad is also barrier-free, so that all residents and visitors can enjoy it during the summertime. Additionally, the main play structures at Goodells County Park are handicapped-accessible.

Columbus County Park | Accessibility Ranking: 3

Currently, there are handicapped-accessible parking spaces. The park Lodge includes an ADA-accessible family restroom and an elevator shaft, in the event that the basement will include a public use in the future. The park also features playground with a fully handicapped-accessible play structure.

Fort Gratiot County Park | Accessibility Ranking: 4

Accessible parking has been addressed by dedicating handicapped parking spaces by the beach area and near both pavilions. The main picnic shelter is equipped with an ADA-accessible family restroom. Clear signage has been put in place to assist with wayfinding.

A boardwalk leading to the beach provides access to the water. A transfer bench is located near the water's edge, and a beach wheelchair is available for use for free. PARC's accessible beach wheelchair is equipped with large, wide wheels which can roll across the sand without sinking.

Woodsong County Park | Accessibility Ranking: 2

At this time, there is a temporary parking lot providing access to the park. The park currently is a passive park with rustic trails and mountain bike trails. In 2017, an ADA-accessible canoe and kayak launch was installed at Woodsong, though the steep trail leading from the parking lot to the launch is not ADA-accessible.

North Channel County Park | Accessibility Ranking: 1

This park is currently undeveloped. Plans for North Channel County Park include an ADA-accessible canoe and kayak launch, an ADA-accessible boardwalk, and ADA-accessible paths throughout the park. Additional amenities will include accessible parking and restroom facilities. See the design plan on Page 39.

Fort Gratiot Light Station | Accessibility Ranking: 4

The Fort Gratiot Light Station includes handicapped parking spaces. PARC also used Michigan Coastal Management Grant funds in 2012 to build interpretive signage and accessible walkways near the Light Station. Barrier-free restrooms have been constructed in the Fog Signal building and the equipment building.

Trails | Accessibility Ranking: 3

Barrier-free access is an important component of the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission trails projects as well.

For both the Bridge to Bay Trail and the Wadhams to Avoca Trail, PARC has specified and is working toward:

- Adequate accessible parking spots and restrooms at trailheads.
- Adequate, legible signage for ease of understanding by people with visual or cognitive impairments .
- Proper substrate and finished trail surface for ease of wheelchair and ambulatory mobility.

Currently, there are handicapped parking spaces at every trailhead parking lot along the Wadhams to Avoca Trail. Accessible vault toilets are located at the Avoca, Imlay City and Lapeer Road trailheads.

Trails are built to the dimensions specified by the Americans with Disabilities Act to allow trail access for wheelchairs, while preventing passage by motorized vehicles. All bollards at road crossings are placed according to the standard.

People with disabilities encountering barriers to their enjoyment of any St. Clair County park are encouraged to contact PARC regarding the issue and are invited to make suggestions to reduce or eliminate the barrier.

PARKS AND RECREATION PROPERTY HELD BY MUNICIPALITIES, TOWNSHIPS, STATE AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS

OVERVIEW

The matrix that appears on the following pages show an inventory of municipal and township recreational facilities within St. Clair County. The Metropolitan Planning Commission conducted this inventory to determine the number of parks and recreation facilities and their acreage and features. The inventory was developed through the examination of community recreation plans and through discussion with local government officials.

MPC staff examined information about playgrounds, ball fields, soccer fields, basketball courts, outdoor and indoor swimming pools, access to ponds, rivers and lakes, marinas, boat ramps, fishing access (other than by boat), ice skating, camping, trails, golf courses, picnic shelters or pavilions, community centers, hunting access, and any other special facilities.

In addition to these items, several communities indicated the existence and availability of tennis courts, volleyball courts, boardwalks, park benches, viewing vistas, landscaped areas, concession stands, track and football fields, indoor tracks, golf ranges, and golf domes. Some facilities are lighted for use at night.

The inventory also shows that several communities own vacant park land that is planned for recreational development at some point in the future. Some of this vacant land is wetland and is, therefore, not intended for development of any kind.

School facilities are not included even though all or most of those have playgrounds that are open to the public.

City of Algonac		
Park	Acres	Amenities
Smith Field	2.0	Skate Park
Riverfront Park	5.0	River access, boat launch, fishing access, picnic areas, restrooms, freighter watching, gazebo rental, life jacket loaner station, blooming gardens
Water Tower Park	1.0	Playground
Scout & Columbia St. Park	0.25	Playground
Lions Field	10.0	Playground, soccer fields, basketball/volleyball courts, swimming pool, trails, tennis courts, picnic areas, community center, restrooms
Village of Capac		
Park	Acres	Amenities
Capac Lions Park	6.0	Playground, ballfields, picnic areas, restrooms
Marine City		
Park	Acres	Amenities
Marine City Beach	1.20	Bathing beach, river access, playground, fishing access, restrooms, pavilion, freighter watching
Broadway Park	0.75	River access, fishing access, battleship gun deck display, freighter watching
Lighthouse Park	1.0	Volleyball courts, river access, fishing access, Peche Island Lighthouse, freighter watching
Civic Women's Club River Park	0.5	River access, fishing access, picnic area, freighter watching
Drake Memorial Park	0.75	River access, fishing access, freighter watching
Nautical Mile Park	1.2	River access, fishing access, picnic areas, freighter watching
Tot Lot	0.5	Playground
King Road Park	14.0	Playground, ballfields, picnic areas, restrooms, basketball/volleyball courts, ice skating, sledding hill, drinking fountain
Ward Cottrell Park	5.5	Ballfields, tennis courts, playground, running track
St. Clair Park	0.5	River access, fishing access, freighter watching
Water Works Park	1.63	Playground, river access, fishing access, picnic areas freighter watching
Village of Emmett		
Park	Acres	Amenities
Emmett Village Park	10	
City of Marysville		
Park	Acres	Amenities
Marysville City Park	58	Playgrounds, soccer fields, basketball courts, trails, tennis courts, picnic areas, restrooms, amphitheater, picnic shelters, ballfields, sledding hill, freighter watching
Marysville Boardwalk	1.4	River access, boat ramp, bathing beach, fishing access, trail, freighter watching

City of Marysville (continued)

Park	Acres	Amenities
Morton Park	10	Playground, soccer field, ice skating, inline skating, picnic table/areas, restrooms, picnic shelters, skate park, parking area, trails/walking track
Mermaid Park	0.7	River access, fishing access, freighter watching
4th Street Park	35	Trails
Chrysler Beach	2	Playground, bathing beach, river access, fish cleaning station, concessions, restrooms, charging stations, fishing pier, gazebo, trail, picnic areas, ADA accessible, boat launch, kayak launch
Ravenswood Road Park	39	Ice skating, trails
Washington Road Park	5.4	Native trees
Huron Road Park	1.4	Ice skating
New Hampshire/6th Street Park	1	Ice skating
Delaware Road Park	0.3	Ice skating
Connecticut Road Park	0.3	Ice skating
Municipal Golf Course	152.7	Golf course, restrooms, freighter watching

City of Memphis

Park	Acres	Amenities
Musial Road Park	5	Playground, river access, fishing access, trails, picnic area, water fountain

City of St. Clair

Park	Acres	Amenities
Greig Park	36.5	Imagination Station (play Structure), sand volleyball, Roller Hockey Rink, Basketball Courts, Picnic Shelter, Pathways, Nature Interpretive Trail, Modular Skate Bike Park, BMX Pump Track, Portable Restroom, Artwork
Klecha Park	4.9	3 Ball Fields, Playground, Restrooms, Picnic Pavilion, Paved Pathway
Palmer/Oakland Access	0.1	St. Clair River Access, Park Bench, Freight Watching
Palmer Park	5.9	World's Longest Freshwater Boardwalk, Paved Pathway, Art Sculptures, Seating Area, Freight Watching, Downtown Access
Patrick Sinclair Park	0.6	River access, fishing access, marina
Harbor Walk	0.52	River access, fishing access, boardwalk, boat slips, freighter watching
Diamond Pointe Park	0.7	Landscaped Area, Art Sculpture
Community Center		
Outdoor Community Pool	0.7	Outdoor pool
Legacy Park	52	9 Ball Fields, 4 Picnic Shelters, Concession/Fieldhouse, Permanent Restrooms, Pine River Access, 26 Acres Undeveloped
Pine River Access	1.2	Undeveloped, Pine River Access
Pine Shores Golf Course	51	Nine Hole Golf Course, Clubhouse Facility

City of St. Clair (continued)		
Park	Acres	Amenities
Rotary Centennial Park	0.3	Boardwalk, Boat Mooring on Pine River, Pine River Access, Picnic Tables & Grills, ADA - Accessible Fishing Pier, Art
St. Clair Harbor	6.2	120 Boat Slips, Boat Launcher, ADA Accessible Canoe/Kayak Launch, Canoe/Kayak Rentals, Camping, Fish Cleaning Station, Restrooms, Picnic Shelter, Water, Electric, Pumpout Station
City of Port Huron		
Park	Acres	Amenities
Lakeside Park	17.7	Courtesy Toy Box, Beach Volleyball Court, Handicapped Accessible Swing, Bathrooms
Lighthouse Park	7.9	Parking Lots, Bath House, Seawall Fence, Jetties, Hot Coal Bins
Blue Water Bridge Park	3.7	River access, fishing access, trails, freighter watching
Thomas Edison Park	9	River access, fishing access, trail, freighter watching
Pine Grove Park	13.7	Playground, ballfields, river access, fishing access, trails, picnic areas, restrooms, concessions, pavilion, freighter
Lincoln Avenue Turnout	0.5	River access, fishing access, freighter watching
Kiefer Park	0.9	St. Clair River Habitat Restoration Display, Bridge to Bay Trail Sign and Pathway Electrical Box, Wooden Benches with
Kind Park		Surrounding Fence, Baby Swings, Lighted Areas, Fire Hydrant
Municipal Office Grounds	1.8	River access, fishing access, trail, freighter watching
Wastewater Treatment Plant	1.1	River access, fishing access, trail, freighter watching
Lincoln Park Turnout	0.6	River access, fishing access, trail, freighter watching
Fort Street Dock	0.8	River access, marina, fishing access, trail, restrooms
Quay Street Dock	1	River access, marina, fishing access, restrooms, ADA accessible kayak launch
Southside Dock & Park	1.25	River access, fishing access
River Street Dock	9.1	River access, marina, fishing access, restrooms
12th Street Dock	1.8	River access, boat ramps, fishing access, restrooms
Riverside Boat Ramp	5.7	River access, boat ramps, fishing access, restrooms
Sanborn Park	41.7	Playground, ballfield, basketball court, swimming pool, trails, tennis courts, restrooms
International Flag Plaza		Parking Lots, Memorialized Bricks, Memorial Benches, Propeller Display, Blue Water Maiden, 43rd Parallel Exhibit
Palmer Park	7.8	Playground, ice skating, trails, community center, sledding, restrooms
Gratiot Park	1.8	Basketball Court, Lighted Areas, Baby Swings, Bus Stop Shelter
Mansfield Park	0.8	Playground

City of Port Huron (continued)		
Park	Acres	Amenities
Mansfield Park	0.8	Playground
Optimist Park	3.2	Playground, ballfields, basketball court, ice skating, picnic areas
White Park	3.4	Playground, ballfields, basketball courts, ice skating
20th & Court Street Park	2.5	Swimming pool, restrooms
11th & Division Tot Park	1	Lighted Areas, Baby Swings, Baby Slide
19th & Division Tot Park	0.5	Baby Swings, Tot Lot
Knox Field	6.5	Parking Lots, Basketball Court, Track, 2 Baseball fields with Bleachers and Dugouts, Splash Pad, Pavilion, Baby Swing
Lincoln Park	9.8	Playground, ballfields, basketball courts, ice skating, picnic areas, freighter watching
16th & Dove Park	14.5	Parking Lots, Tennis Court, 2 Baseball Fields with Bleachers and Dugouts, Pickleball Court, Handicap Accessible Swing, Basketball Court
Haynes Park	1.17	Basketball Court - 1 hoop, 4 Hoop Basketball Pole, Surrounding Fence
12th & Jenks Tot Park	0.44	Playground
Heritage Park on the Quay	0.21	Information Board, Memorial Plaques, Dog and Boy Reading Bench, Water Front, Cement Steps - Art
Flag Plaza Park	1.2	River access, fishing access, freighter watching
McMorran Place		Special events, performances, concessions, restrooms
Renaissance Tot Park	0.47	Playground
City of Yale		
Park	Acres	Amenities
Yale City Park	16	Playground, ballfields, river access, fishing access, picnic areas, special facilities, restrooms
Berlin Township		
Park	Acres	Amenities
Berlin Township Memorial Park	11	Playground, soccer fields, basketball courts, ice skating, trails, picnic areas, community center, special facilities
Brockway Township		
Park	Acres	Amenities
Brockway Township Park	38	Playground, ballfields, basketball courts, lake access, bathing beach, fishing access, skate park, restrooms
Burtchville Township		
Park	Acres	Amenities
Burtchville Township Park	18	Playground, ballfields, basketball courts, lake access, bathing beach, fishing access, skate park, trails, tennis courts, picnic areas, restrooms, freighter watching
Casco Township		
Park	Acres	Amenities
Belle River Park	20	undeveloped
Casco Township Park	97	undeveloped

Clay Township		
Park	Acres	Amenities
Pearl Beach Pier	0.5	River access, fishing access, fishing pier
Clay Township Hall Park	6.6	Playground, basketball courts, ice skating/inline skating, trails, picnic areas, volleyball court, splash pad, pavilion, concessions, horse shoe pits, "little libraries," restrooms
China Township		
Park	Acres	Amenities
Indian Trial Road Site	62	Playground, ballfields, soccer fields, restrooms
Neiman Park	3.5	Playground, ballfields, soccer fields, basketball courts, picnic areas, community center, horseshoe pits, restrooms
King Road/Belle River Site	14	Playground, river access, fishing access, trails, picnic areas, fire pit, restrooms
Recor Road Site	5.3	Undeveloped
Clyde Township		
Park	Acres	Amenities
Bills Bearss Park	20	Playground, ballfields, soccer fields, tennis courts, picnic areas, pavilion, basketball court, concessions, restrooms
Firefighters Park	1	Playground, Ball diamond, basketball court, picnic facilities, ice skating
Clyde Township Hall Park	1	Playground, tennis courts, picnic areas, pavilion, restrooms
Jake Simpson Wilderness Park	17	Basketball courts, inline skating, playground, pickleball court
Riverfront Park	1.8	undeveloped
Columbus Township		
Park	Acres	Amenities
Belle River Roadside Park	23	River access, fishing access, picnic areas
Cottrellville Township		
Park	Acres	Amenities
Cottrellville Township Park	17	Playground, ballfields, soccer fields, basketball/volleyball courts, picnic areas, restrooms, freighter watching
Riverside Park	2.8	River access, fishing access
East China Township		
Park	Acres	Amenities
East China Park	81	Playground, ballfields, soccer fields, basketball courts, river access, fishing access, ice skating/inline skating, trails, tennis courts, pickleball, picnic areas, dog park, restrooms, pavilions, freighter watching
River Park	0.2	Playground, river access, fishing access, picnic areas

East China Township (continued)		
Park	Acres	Amenities
Manor Park	1.6	Playground
Springborn Park	0.2	River access, fishing access, picnic tables, ADA-Accessible Kayak launch
Township Hall Site	13	
Emmett Township		
Park	Acres	Amenities
Emmett Township Park	3	Playground, basketball courts
Fort Gratiot Township		
Park	Acres	Amenities
North River Road Park	7	Playground, ballfields, basketball courts, river access, fishing access, tennis courts, picnic areas, ADA-accessible kayak launch, restrooms
Robert E. Crawford Ball Fields	18	Playground, ballfields, restrooms
McIntyre Park, Fort Gratiot Canine Commons	9	River Access, fishing access, trails, dog park
Keewahdin Road Beach	0.25	Lake access, fishing access, freighter watching
Fort Gratiot Pond	40	Playground, pond access, fishing access, trails, picnic areas, covered fishing dock
Kettlewell Pond		Pond access, fishing access, paved trails, large observation dock
Grant Township		
Park	Acres	Amenities
Township Park	10	Playground, ballfields, soccer fields, basketball courts, trails, tennis courts, picnic areas, shuffleboard court, pavilion, restrooms
Greenwood Township		
Park	Acres	Amenities
Greenwood Township Park	24.8	Playground, ballfields, basketball courts, trails, tennis courts, picnic areas, special facilities, restrooms
Ira Township		
Park	Acres	Amenities
Ira Township Municipal Park	33	Playground, basketball courts, lake access, fishing access, ice skating/inline skating, trails, picnic areas, disc golf, gaga ball pits, restrooms
Water Works Park	25	Lake access, fishing access, trails
Kenockee Township		
Park	Acres	Amenities
Township Hall Park	16.4	Playground, ballfields, basketball courts, trails, picnic areas, sledding hill

Kimball Township		
Park	Acres	Amenities
Township Park #1 - Sutherland	46	Playground, ballfields, basketball courts, pond access, fishing access, bathing beach, trails, tennis courts, picnic areas, restrooms
Township Park #2 - Smiths Creek Park	3	Playground, basketball courts, ice skating, trails, picnic areas
Lynn Township		
Park	Acres	Amenities
Ohmer Township Park	4	Playground, picnic shelter area
Mussey Township		
Park	Acres	Amenities
Capac Schools Property	12	Playground, ballfields, soccer fields, trails, pavilion restrooms
Port Huron Township		
Park	Acres	Amenities
Township Park #1 - Lions Club	10	Playground, river access, boat ramps, fishing access, picnic areas, sledding hill, restrooms
Township Park #2 - Port Huron Township RV Campground	18.4	Playground, basketball courts, river access, fishing access, ice skating/inline skating, camping, picnic areas, restrooms
Township Park #3 - Memorial Park	58	Playground, ballfields, soccer fields, basketball courts, river access, fishing access, camping, picnic areas, restrooms
Township Park #4 - 40th Street Pond	65	Playground, pond access, ADA - accessible fishing piers, trails, picnic areas, restrooms, ADA - accessible kayak launch, boat launch
Township Park #5	56	undeveloped
Township Park #6 - Hoover School	1.5	Playground, basketball courts, picnic areas, restrooms
Baker's Field Park	61.5	River access, boat ramps, fishing pier access, trails, pavilion, restrooms, ADA - accessible kayak launch, tennis courts, pickleball court
Michigan Road Little League Park	10.6	Playground, ballfields, soccer fields, river access, restrooms, concessions
Water Street Property	32.6	undeveloped
Riley Township		
Park	Acres	Amenities
Riley Township Park	19	Playground, ballfields, soccer fields, basketball courts, trails, picnic areas
Egling Road Pond	20	Pond access, fishing access, trails

St. Clair Township

Park	Acres	Amenities
Fred Meiselbach Township Park	5	Playground, ballfields, basketball courts, river access, fishing access, picnic areas, pavilion, restrooms

Wales Township

Park	Acres	Amenities
Township Park	26.7	Playground, picnic shelter area, restrooms, water pump

