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Algonac State Park

PHASE 2 - LONG-RANGE ACTION GOALS

Long-range action plan providing specific action goals focused on the natural resources, historic-cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and the education-interpretation opportunities of each zone established in the “General Management Plan” for…

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INTRODUCTION

This is “Phase 2”, the 10-year ‘Action Goals’ phase of planning for Algonac State Park. In this phase, the first action is to re-evaluate the General Management Plan to assure that no conditions have changed that would cause a change in that overall guiding document. Having recently adopted the General Management Plan for this park, it stands as written.

The second phase of management planning for Algonac State Park establishes long-range action goals for each of the management zones defined in the “General Management Plan” (GMP). For each management zone in the plan, action goals are recommended that address the following categories:

- Natural Resources
- Historic/Cultural Resources
- Recreation Opportunities
- Education/Interpretation Opportunities
- Management Focus
- Visitor Experience
- Development

One action item that is common to all management zones of the park is that Stewardship will develop a new/updated “Stewardship Plan”. This new plan will be a five-year implementation action plan structured to reflect the defined management zones and objectives of the GMP. It will fall into sync with the Phase 3 (5-year Implementation Plan) of the Management Plan.

☐ Develop a new/updated “Stewardship Plan”.

TARGET DATE: 4/15/2013

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Stewardship Ecologist

LEAD STAFF: Glenn Palmgren

In addition to implementing the new Stewardship Plan, the following long-range action goals are proposed for each Management Zone of the park, as follows:

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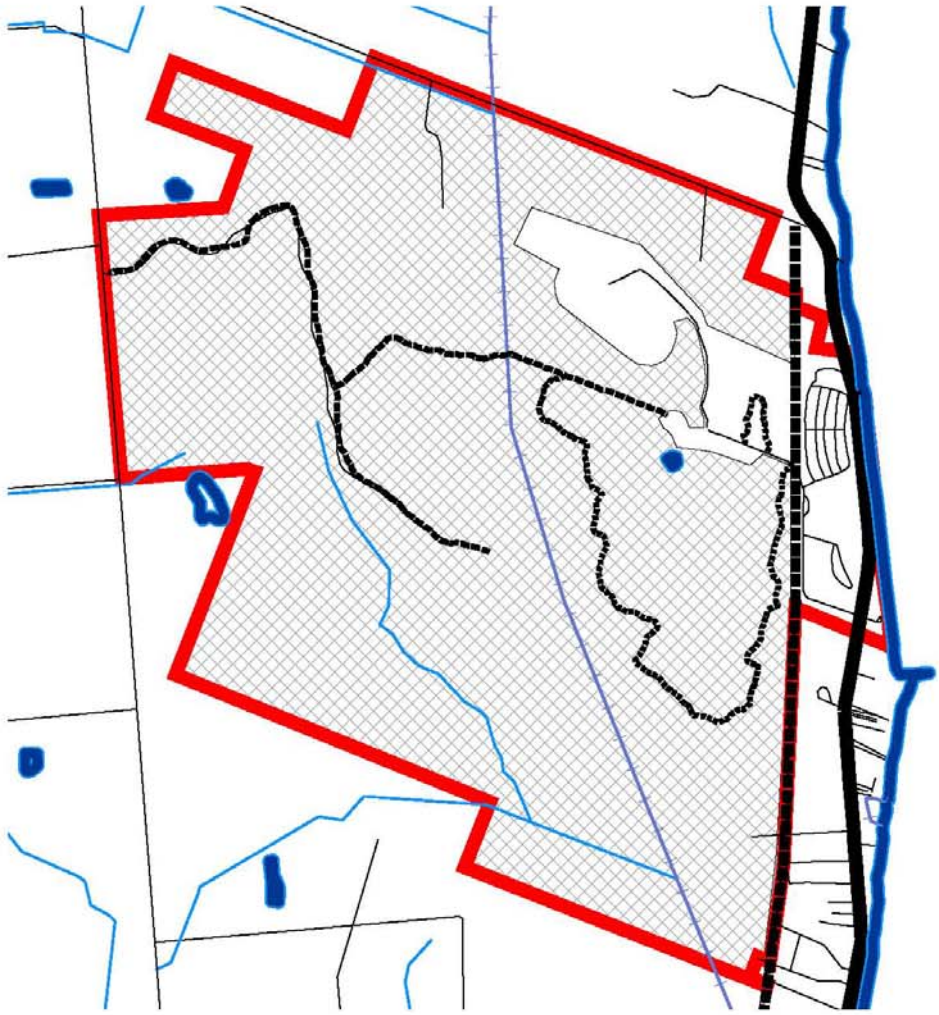
PRIMITIVE ZONE



LEGEND:

- Algonac_Property_Line
- Primitive Zone
- Marine City Drain
- M-29
- Local Road
- St. Clair River

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PRIMITIVE ZONE – The purpose of this zone designation is to preserve and re-establish the lakeplain prairie and oak savannah communities, and the Great Lakes Marsh, all of which are of global significance. Based on recommendations of the Phase 1 – General Management Plan for Algonac SP, the DNR initiated action in October of 2007 to expand the "Natural Area" designation at Algonac to include all of this zone. On March 5, 2008, rule R322.73.1 was added to the Michigan Administrative Code, expanding the dedicated Natural Area from 370 acres to 1,244 acres.

The following action goals will be attained:

- **Natural Resources** - (Note…the new/updated Stewardship Plan will be written to reflect the specific management requirements of the "Natural Area Act" designation of this entire zone.)

  - □ With dedication of this zone as a "Natural Area" (effective March 5, 2008), eliminate the multiple separate NRC designations found in this zone.

    TARGET DATE: 7/1/2009

    RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Stewardship Ecologist

    LEAD STAFF: Glenn Palmgren

  - □ Implement the specific provisions of the (new/updated) Stewardship Plan.

    TARGET DATE: Ongoing

    RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Stewardship Unit Manager and the Park Manager

    LEAD STAFF: Ray Fahlsing and Steve Pondo

  - □ Burn 20% to 25% of the zone per year.

    TARGET DATE: Ongoing

    RESPONSIBLE POSITION: FMFM Fire Officer or Stewardship Ecologist

    LEAD STAFF: Earl Cole or Glen Palmgren

  - □ Restore the Great Lakes Marsh hydrology at the south end of the zone.

    TARGET DATE: Ongoing

    RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Stewardship Unit Manager

    LEAD STAFF: Ray Fahlsing

- **Historic/Cultural Resources**

  - □ Review all proposed earthwork activities for potential impact on historic/cultural resources. (Known archeological sites exist primarily along the sand ridges on the west end of the park, the likelihood exists that others could be found in this zone.)

    TARGET DATE: Ongoing

    RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Cultural Resource Specialist and Park Manager

    LEAD STAFF: Lisa Gamero and Steve Pondo

- **Recreational Opportunities**

  - □ Expand the "Lakeplain Prairie Trail" to cross the Marine City Drain to make it into a 'loop' trail.

    TARGET DATE: 2018

    RESPONSIBLE POSITION: District Planner

    LEAD STAFF: Kriss Bennett

  - □ Improve hunter access to this zone at the Marsh Road access lot.

    TARGET DATE: 2018

    RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Park Manager

    LEAD STAFF: Steve Pondo

  - □ With designation of this entire zone as a "Natural Area", no snowmobile, ATV, ORV, equestrian or mountain bike use will be allowed. (Note…mechanized access is allowed for law enforcement, fire management, emergency access, and zone restoration work.) A 'Land Use Order' or other legal mechanism needs to be enacted to secure law enforcement authority. (Note…we need this for all zones)

    TARGET DATE: 2009

    RESPONSIBLE POSITION: District Supervisor

    LEAD STAFF: Luba Sitar

- **Education/Interpretation (E/I) Opportunities** - develop and provide information on the following:

  ☐ The 'Natural Area Act' and designation of this zone.

  TARGET DATE: 2018

  RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Office of Communications with assistance from Stewardship Program

  LEAD STAFF: Janet Canode

  ☐ Oak Savannahs, Lakeplain Prairies, and Great Lakes Marsh and the rarity of this eco-system.

  TARGET DATE: 2018

  RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Office of Communications with assistance from Stewardship Program

  LEAD STAFF: Janet Canode

  ☐ The management techniques used to re-establish and maintain the system (ie. controlled burning).

  TARGET DATE: 2018

  RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Office of Communications with assistance from Stewardship Program

  LEAD STAFF: Janet Canode

  ☐ Invasive species impacts to the park, and control measures available/used.

  TARGET DATE: 2018

  RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Office of Communications with assistance from Stewardship Program

  LEAD STAFF: Janet Canode

  ☐ Rare and endangered species.

  TARGET DATE: 2018

  RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Office of Communications with assistance from Stewardship Program

  LEAD STAFF: Janet Canode

  ☐ Herons and heron rookeries.

  TARGET DATE: 2018

  RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Office of Communications with assistance from Stewardship Program

  LEAD STAFF: Janet Canode

- ☐ Cultural resources

TARGET DATE: 2018

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Office of Communications with assistance from Stewardship Program

LEAD STAFF: Janet Canode

- **Management Focus**

  - ☐ Implement the Stewardship Plan for restoration.

TARGET DATE: Ongoing

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Stewardship Unit Manager and the Park Manager

LEAD STAFF: Ray Fahlsing and Steve Pondo

  - ☐ Promote volunteer partnerships to meet the resource goals.

TARGET DATE: Ongoing

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Stewardship Program

LEAD STAFF: Laurel Malvitz

  - ☐ Maintain a visitor experience that reflects a high degree of 'natural' feel, a significant sense of solitude, and a lack of man-made improvements.

TARGET DATE: Ongoing

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Park Manager

LEAD STAFF: Steve Pondo

  - ☐ Target the training of "Outdoor Explorers" to meet the above cited specific E/I needs for this zone.

TARGET DATE: Ongoing

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Office of Communications

LEAD STAFF: Janet Canode

  - ☐ Meet the management requirements of the zone as directed under the 'Natural Areas Act'.

TARGET DATE: Ongoing

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Park Manager

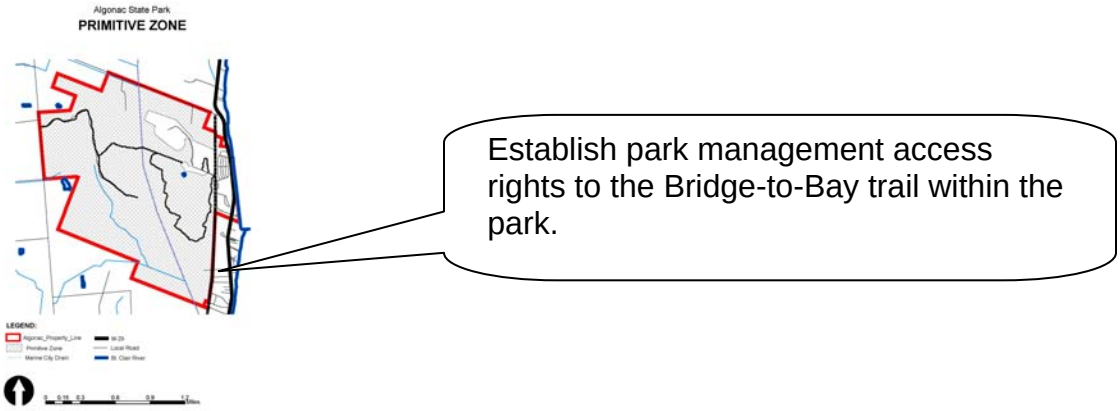
LEAD STAFF: Steve Pondo

☐ Address park management access rights to the Bridge-to-Bay Trail <u>within the park boundaries</u> for purposes of staff access to the Primitive Zone for fire control and zone maintenance.

TARGET DATE: 2012

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Park Manager

LEAD STAFF: Steve Pondo



☐ Update the "Wildfire Management Plan"

TARGET DATE: Review annually and update as needed

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Park Manager

LEAD STAFF: Steve Pondo

☐ Prepare an "Emergency Access Plan"

TARGET DATE: 2009

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Park Manager

LEAD STAFF: Steve Pondo

- **<u>Development</u>**

☐ Build the connector trail section to cross the Marine City Drain and make the "Lakeplain Prairie Trail" a loop trail.

TARGET DATE: 2018

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Park Manager

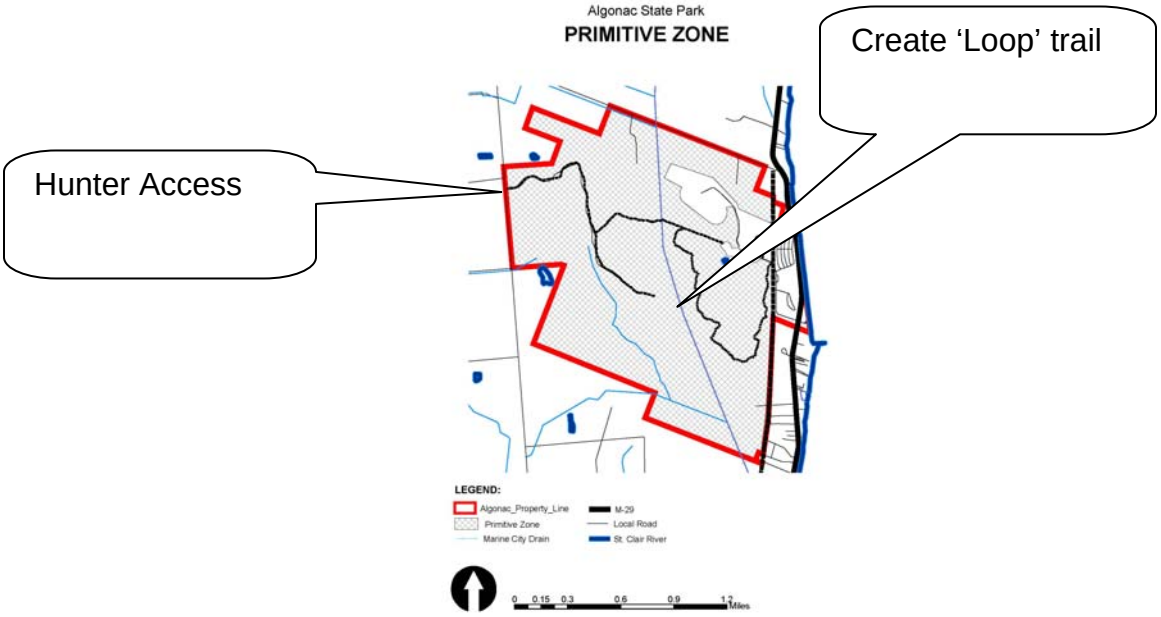
LEAD STAFF: Steve Pondo

☐ Develop a formalized parking area at the existing Marsh Road access point to the zone for improved hunter access, law enforcement access, and emergency access.

TARGET DATE: 2018

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: District Planner and Park Manager

LEAD STAFF: Kriss Bennett and Steve Pondo



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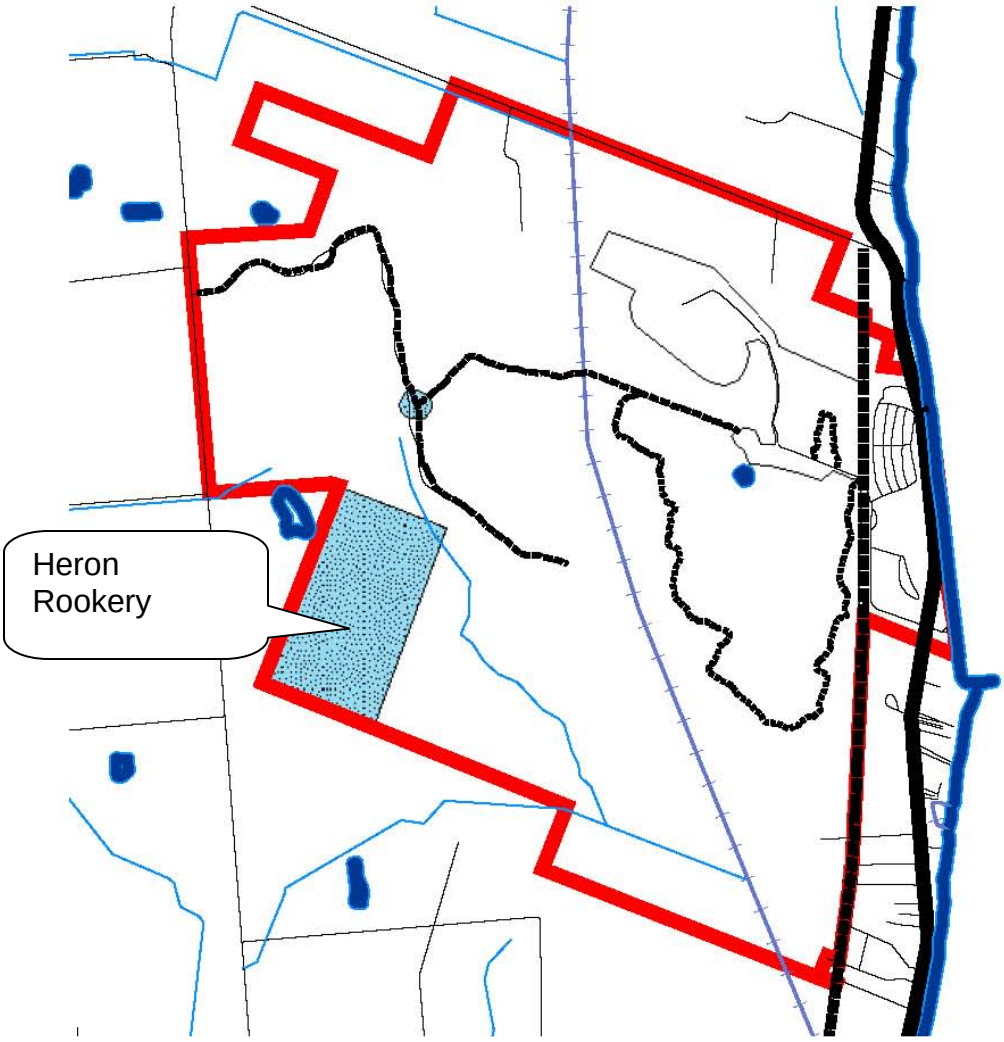
ECOLOGICALLY SENSITIVE ZONE

(Seasonal Heron Rookery)



LEGEND:

- Algonac_Property_Line
- Ecologically Sensitive Zone
- Marine City Drain
- M-29
- Local Road
- St. Clair River

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ECOLOGICALLY SENSITIVE ZONE - This zone has a seasonal designation of April 1 to September 15. The zone is defined by the location of nesting herons, which may change nest locations over time. Additionally, this zone is a sub-set of the Primitive Zone, and the requirements of the Primitive Zone apply. Exceptions or modifications to those requirements are:

- **Natural Resources**

  ☐ No vegetative management that would disturb historically active nesting trees will be allowed at any time of the year.

  TARGET DATE: Ongoing

  RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Park Manager and Stewardship Unit Manager

  LEAD STAFF: Steve Pondo and Ray Fahlsing

  ☐ During the zone season, vegetative management practices will not conflict with the purpose of the zone (protection of the rookery(s) from disturbance)

  TARGET DATE: Ongoing

  RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Park Manager and Stewardship Unit Manager

  LEAD STAFF: Steve Pondo and Ray Fahlsing

- **Recreational Opportunities**

  ☐ During the zone season, recreational activities will not be allowed in the zone. During hunting season (September 15 to April 1) there are no restrictions on access.

  TARGET DATE: Ongoing

  RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Park Manager

  LEAD STAFF: Steve Pondo

- **Education/Interpretation Opportunities**

  ☐ Provide information on herons and heron rookeries at appropriate locations away from the protected zone.

  TARGET DATE: Ongoing

  RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Explorer Guide and Office of Communications

  LEAD STAFF: Karen Gourlay and Janet Canode

☐ Allow heron research with oversight by PRD-Stewardship.

TARGET DATE: Ongoing

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Stewardship Unit Manager

LEAD STAFF: Ray Fahlsing

- **Management Focus**

☐ Determine nesting activity and define (with marker posts or other means) a 450' protective buffer annually.

TARGET DATE: Annually by April 1

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Park Manager

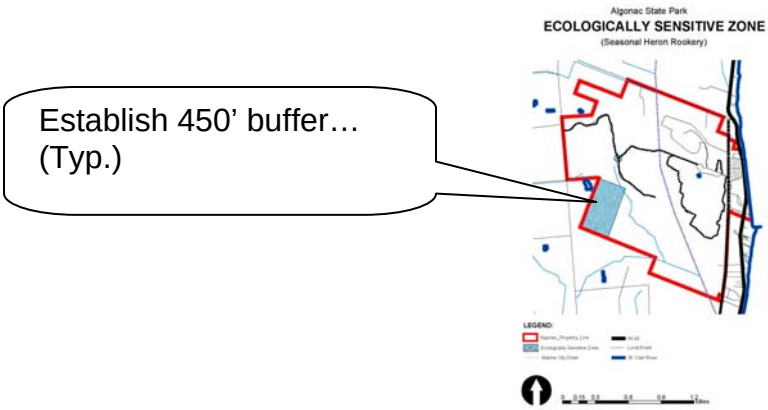
LEAD STAFF: Steve Pondo

☐ Control the scheduling of work and park use activities do as not to cause disturbance to the zone.

TARGET DATE: April 1 to September 15 annually

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Park Manager

LEAD STAFF: Steve Pondo



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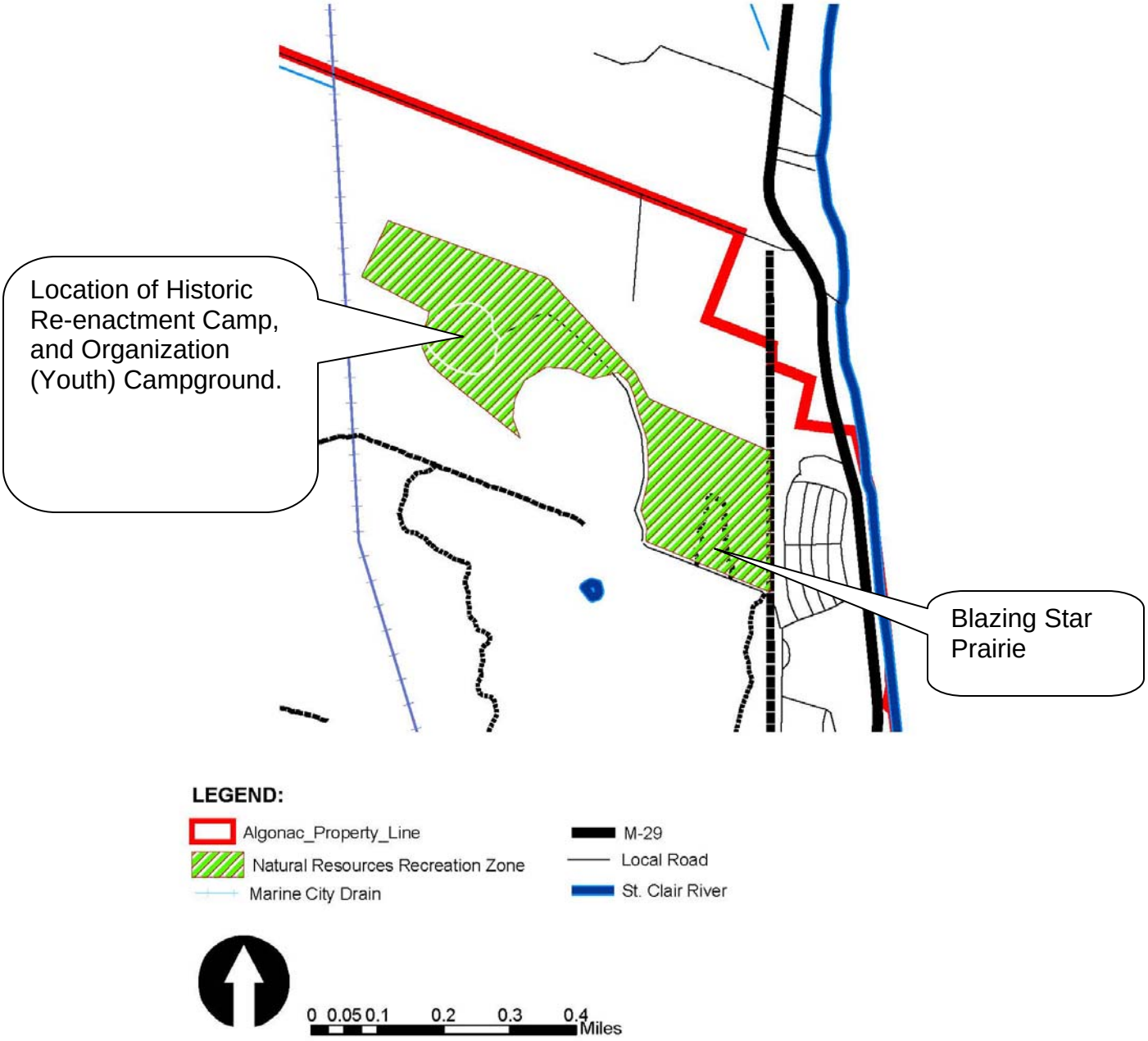
NATURAL RESOURCE RECREATION ZONE



NATURAL RESOURCE RECREATION ZONE – The purpose of this designation is to recognize the more intensive public use of the area for general recreational purposes and special events (ie. Historic Re-enactment). There are scattered occurrences of Endangered, Threatened, or Special Concern species in this area. The following action goals will be attained:

- **Natural Resources**

  ☐ Protect 'protected' plants that may be impacted by public use (ie. Historic Re-enactments).

  TARGET DATE: Ongoing

  RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Park Manager

  LEAD STAFF: Steve Pondo

  ☐ Submit for a variance to allow for mowing of 'protected' plants in the active use area of this zone. (NOTE…mowing during a prescribed time-period will not be injurious to the plants, and with the degree of plant management throughout the park, it is felt that we should be able to acquire a variance to allow for that form of maintenance/management)

  TARGET DATE: 2009

  RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Stewardship Unit Manager

  LEAD STAFF: Ray Fahlsing

  ☐ Expand the 'Blazing Star Prairie' out to road/parking edges and trail on all four sides.

  TARGET DATE: 2012

  RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Stewardship Unit Manager

  LEAD STAFF: Ray Fahlsing

- **Historic/Cultural Resources**

  ☐ Review all proposed earthwork activities for potential impact on historic/cultural resources. (Known archeological sites exist primarily along the sand ridges on the west end of the park, there is a possibility that others could be found in this zone.)

  TARGET DATE: Ongoing

  RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Cultural Resource Specialist and Park Manager

  LEAD STAFF: Lisa Gamero and Steve Pondo

- **Recreational Opportunities**

  ☐ Prohibit 'All Terrain Vehicle' (ATV), 'Off Road Vehicle' (ORV), and snowmobile use.

  TARGET DATE: 2008

  RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Park Manager

  LEAD STAFF: Steve Pondo

- **Education/Interpretation Opportunities**

  ☐ Provide information on the 'Blazing Star Prairie' and the global significance of this park's ecosystem.

  TARGET DATE: 2012

  RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Stewardship Ecologist and Office of Communications

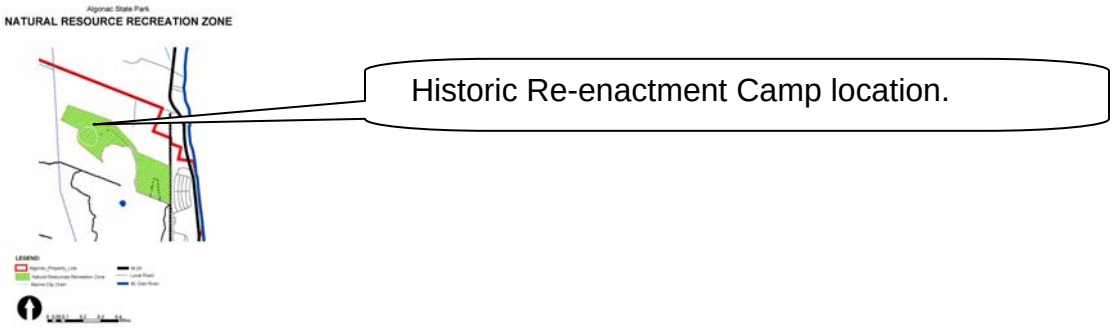
  LEAD STAFF: Glenn Palmgren and Janet Canode

  ☐ Provide information on the Historic Re-enactment Camp and the general historical significance of the area.

  TARGET DATE: Ongoing

  RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Cultural Resource Specialist and Office of Communications

  LEAD STAFF: Lisa Gamero and Janet Canode



- **Management Focus**

  ☐ Promote the educational/interpretive opportunities in the zone.

  TARGET DATE: Ongoing

  RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Park Manager

  LEAD STAFF: Steve Pondo

- ☐ Protect the protected plants.

TARGET DATE: Ongoing

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Park Manager

LEAD STAFF: Steve Pondo

- **Development**

  - Develop 'UNIVERSAL ACCESS' accessible trail through the Blazing Star Prairie, and develop 'UNIVERSAL ACCESS' parking on the north side of the road.

TARGET DATE: 2012

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: District Planner and Park Manager

LEAD STAFF: Kriss Bennett and Steve Pondo

  - Develop rustic overnight accommodations (cabins)

TARGET DATE: 2018

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Park Manager

LEAD STAFF: Steve Pondo

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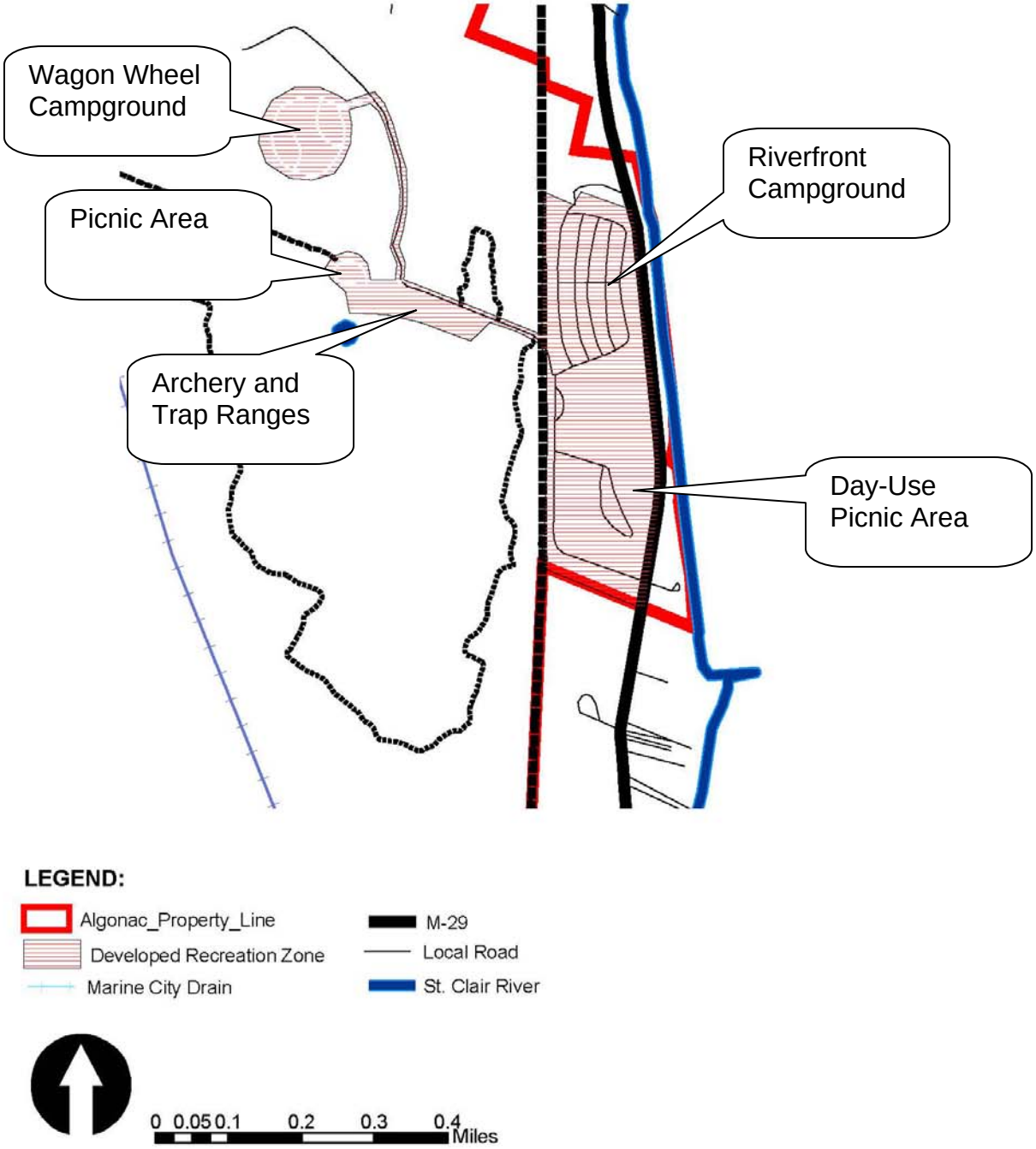
DEVELOPED RECREATION ZONE



DEVELOPED RECREATION ZONE - This zone includes the 'Riverfront Campground' and the Day-Use Picnic Area, as well as the modern 'Wagon Wheel Campground', a picnic area, and the Archery and Trap Ranges.

- **Natural Resources**

  ☐ Remove all hazard trees including diseased or failing ash.

  TARGET DATE: Ongoing with formal inspection annually by April 1

  RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Park Manager

  LEAD STAFF: Steve Pondo

  ☐ Develop an ash and other hazard tree replacement plan.

  TARGET DATE: 2009

  RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Park Manager and District Planner

  LEAD STAFF: Kriss Bennett and Steve Pondo

- **Historic/Cultural Resources**

  ☐ Review all proposed earthwork activities for potential impact on historic/cultural resources. (a known archeological site exists within the Day-Use area of this zone, and the likelihood exists that others could be found)

  TARGET DATE: Ongoing

  RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Cultural Resource Specialist and Park Manager

  LEAD STAFF: Lisa Gamero and Steve Pondo

- **Recreational Opportunities**

  ☐ Provide 'Universal Access' playgrounds for children.

  TARGET DATE: 2018

  RESPONSIBLE POSITION: District Planner

  LEAD STAFF: Kriss Bennett

  ☐ No snowmobile, ATV or ORV use will be allowed.

  TARGET DATE: 2018

  RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Park Manager

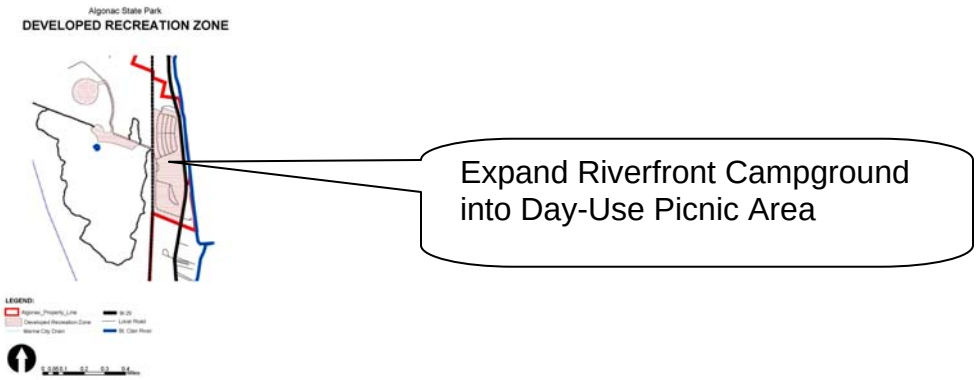
  LEAD STAFF: Steve Pondo

☐ Expand the Riverfront Campground into the Day-Use Area.

TARGET DATE: 2018

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Park Manager and District Planner

LEAD STAFF: Kriss Bennett and Steve Pondo



- **Education/Interpretation Opportunities** - Develop and provide information on the following:

☐ The 'Natural Area Act' and designation of the Primitive Zone as a "Natural Area".

TARGET DATE: 2018

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Office of Communications with assistance from Stewardship Program

LEAD STAFF: Janet Canode

☐ Oak Savannahs, Lakeplain Prairies, and Great Lakes Marsh and the rarity of this eco-system.

TARGET DATE: 2018

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Office of Communications with assistance from Stewardship Program

LEAD STAFF: Janet Canode

☐ The management techniques used to re-establish and maintain the system (ie. controlled burning).

TARGET DATE: 2018

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Office of Communications with assistance from Stewardship Program

LEAD STAFF: Janet Canode

☐ Invasive species impact and control measures.

TARGET DATE: 2018

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Office of Communications with assistance from Stewardship Program

LEAD STAFF: Janet Canode

☐ Rare and endangered species.

TARGET DATE: 2018

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Office of Communications with assistance from Stewardship Program

LEAD STAFF: Janet Canode

☐ Herons and heron rookeries.

TARGET DATE: 2018

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Office of Communications with assistance from Stewardship Program

LEAD STAFF: Janet Canode

☐ Great Lakes shipping and boating…specifically target the marine educational opportunities through the State Park Explorer Program.

TARGET DATE: 2018

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Office of Communications with assistance from Stewardship Program

LEAD STAFF: Janet Canode

☐ Provide information on the Historic Re-enactment Camp and the general historical significance of the area.

TARGET DATE: 2018

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Office of Communications with assistance from Stewardship Program

LEAD STAFF: Janet Canode

- **Management Focus**

☐ Promote the educational/interpretive opportunities in the zone.

TARGET DATE: Ongoing

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Park Manager

LEAD STAFF: Steve Pondo

- ☐ Make accessible ('Universal Access') the various recreational components of the zone.

  TARGET DATE: 2018

  RESPONSIBLE POSITION: District Planner

  LEAD STAFF: Kriss Bennett

- ☐ Develop and implement better control of the trap range to manage use and reduce conflict (noise) with campers. Plan and develop universal access for both archery and trap ranges.

  TARGET DATE: 2010

  RESPONSIBLE POSITION: District Planner and Park Manager

  LEAD STAFF: Kriss Bennett and Steve Pondo

- **Development**

  - ☐ Upgrade electrical service in the Wagon Wheel Campground.

    TARGET DATE: 2012

    RESPONSIBLE POSITION: District Planner and Park Manager

    LEAD STAFF: Kriss Bennett and Steve Pondo

  - ☐ Re-pave park system roads and parking areas.

    TARGET DATE: 2012

    RESPONSIBLE POSITION: District Planner and Park Manager

    LEAD STAFF: Kriss Bennett and Steve Pondo

  - ☐ Develop 'Universal Access' camping pads in both modern campgrounds.

    TARGET DATE: 2012

    RESPONSIBLE POSITION: District Planner and Park Manager

    LEAD STAFF: Kriss Bennett and Steve Pondo

☐ Address 'Universal Access' improvements in the Day-Use area, such as parking, routes of access, and access to restrooms, water, shelter, and picnic tables/grills.

TARGET DATE: 2018

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: District Planner

LEAD STAFF: Kriss Bennett

☐ Upgrade remaining toilet buildings.

TARGET DATE: 2012

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: District Planner and Park Manager

LEAD STAFF: Kriss Bennett and Steve Pondo

☐ Expand the Dump Station capacity and improve vehicle circulation.

TARGET DATE: 2012

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: District Planner and Park Manager

LEAD STAFF: Kriss Bennett and Steve Pondo

☐ Expand the Riverfront Campground into the existing Day-use area.

TARGET DATE: 2012

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: District Planner and Park Manager

LEAD STAFF: Kriss Bennett and Steve Pondo

☐ Construct a new Contact Station and utilities to it.

TARGET DATE: 2012

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: District Planner and Park Manager

LEAD STAFF: Kriss Bennett and Steve Pondo

☐ Develop an amphitheater or facilities for educational purposes.

TARGET DATE: 2012

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: District Planner and Park Manager

LEAD STAFF: Kriss Bennett and Steve Pondo

☐ Develop parking lot(s) for visitors of the campground(s) users.

TARGET DATE: 2012

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Park Manager

LEAD STAFF: Steve Pondo

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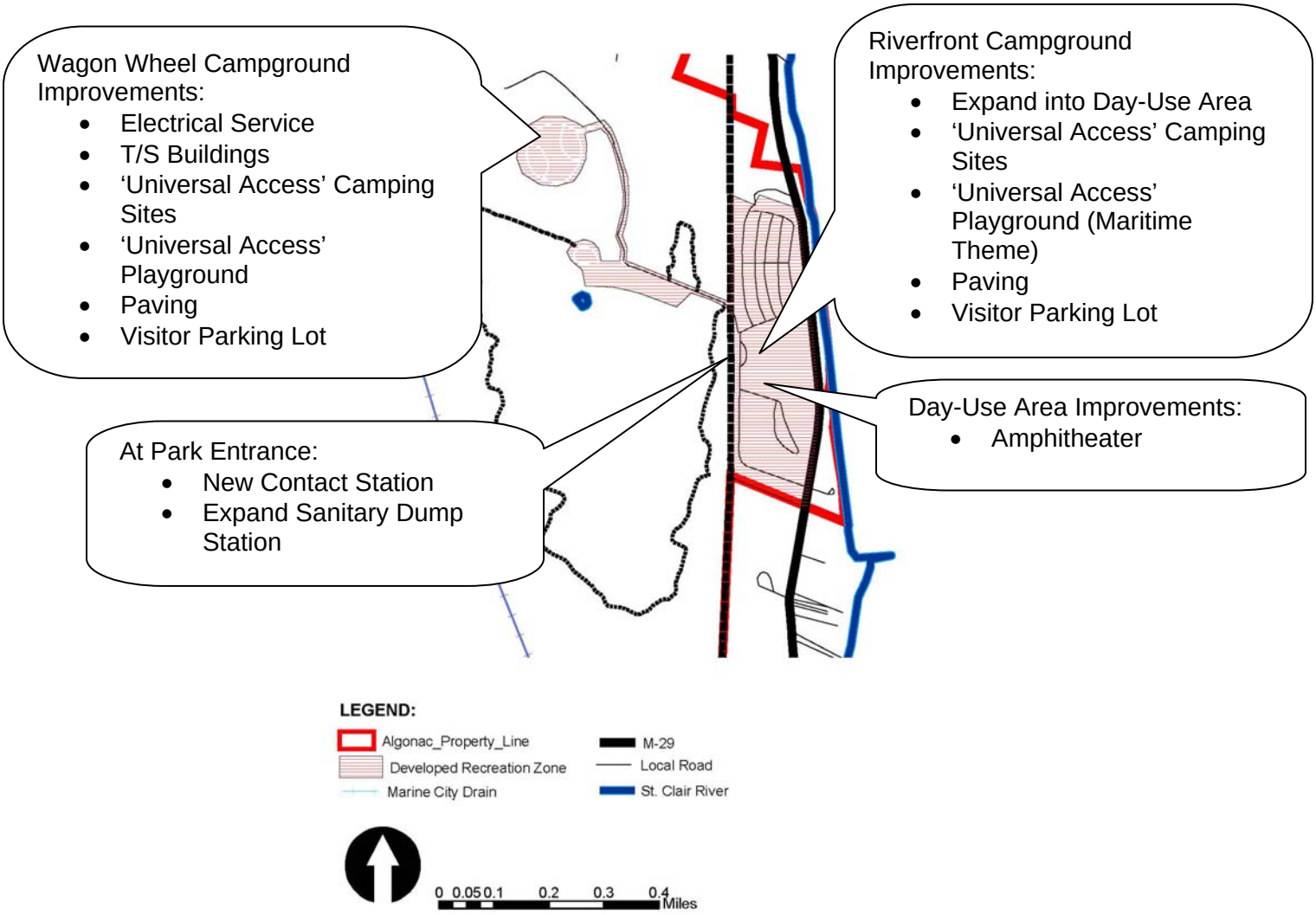
DEVELOPED RECREATION ZONE



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SCENIC ZONE

(St. Clair River frontage)

LEGEND:

Algonac_Property_Line

Scenic Zone

Marine City Drain

M-29

Local Road

St. Clair River

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SCENIC ZONE - This zone is comprised of the shoreline frontage of the park on the St. Clair River where viewing of Great Lakes freighters and other watercraft is extremely popular.

- **Natural Resources**

  ☐ Retain the purpose of the zone (for viewing opportunities) in designation and installation of any plant materials. The views must not be compromised.

  TARGET DATE: Ongoing

  RESPONSIBLE POSITION: District Planner and Park Manager

  LEAD STAFF: Kriss Bennett and Steve Pondo

- **Historic/Cultural Resources**

  ☐ Review all proposed earthwork activities for potential impact on historic/cultural resources. (Archeological remnants may exist along the shoreline and in the river shore margin.)

  TARGET DATE: Ongoing

  RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Cultural Resource Specialist and Park Manager

  LEAD STAFF: Lisa Gamero and Steve Pondo

- **Recreational Opportunities** - Conduct a feasibility study to explore the following:

  ☐ Viewing opportunity improvements.

  TARGET DATE: 2018

  RESPONSIBLE POSITION: District Planner

  LEAD STAFF: Kriss Bennett

  ☐ Fishing access (pier/dock/platform)

  TARGET DATE: 2018

  RESPONSIBLE POSITION: District Planner

  LEAD STAFF: Kriss Bennett

  ☐ Pedestrian walkway

  TARGET DATE: 2018

  RESPONSIBLE POSITION: District Planner

  LEAD STAFF: Kriss Bennett

- ☐ Swimming/'Beach' access (currently taking place at former boat launch site).

  TARGET DATE: 2018

  RESPONSIBLE POSITION: District Planner

  LEAD STAFF: Kriss Bennett

- ☐ Safe access across highway.

  TARGET DATE: 2018

  RESPONSIBLE POSITION: District Planner

  LEAD STAFF: Kriss Bennett

- ☐ Parking access.

  TARGET DATE: 2018

  RESPONSIBLE POSITION: District Planner

  LEAD STAFF: Kriss Bennett

- ☐ Boating Access Site.

  TARGET DATE: 2018

  RESPONSIBLE POSITION: District Planner

  LEAD STAFF: Kriss Bennett

- **Education/Interpretation Opportunities** - Develop and provide information on the following:

  - ☐ Invasive species (Great Lakes) impact and control measures.

    TARGET DATE: 2018

    RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Office of Communications with assistance from Stewardship Program

    LEAD STAFF: Janet Canode

  - ☐ Rare and endangered species.

    TARGET DATE: 2018

    RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Office of Communications with assistance from Stewardship Program

    LEAD STAFF: Janet Canode

- ☐ Great Lakes shipping and boating.

TARGET DATE: 2018

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Office of Communications with assistance from Stewardship Program

LEAD STAFF: Janet Canode

- ☐ Fishing and hunting impacts in the area.

TARGET DATE: 2018

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Office of Communications with assistance from Stewardship Program

LEAD STAFF: Janet Canode

- ☐ The general historical significance of the area.

TARGET DATE: 2018

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Office of Communications with assistance from Stewardship Program

LEAD STAFF: Janet Canode

- **Management Focus**

  - ☐ Address public safety with the busy traffic on M-29.

TARGET DATE: 2018

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: District Planner and Park Manager

LEAD STAFF: Kriss Bennett and Steve Pondo

  - ☐ Maintain the views of the water and shipping/boating activity.

TARGET DATE: Ongoing

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Park Manager

LEAD STAFF: Steve Pondo

- **Development**

  - ☐ This will be guided by the recommendations of the feasibility study as outlined in the Recreation Opportunities section above.

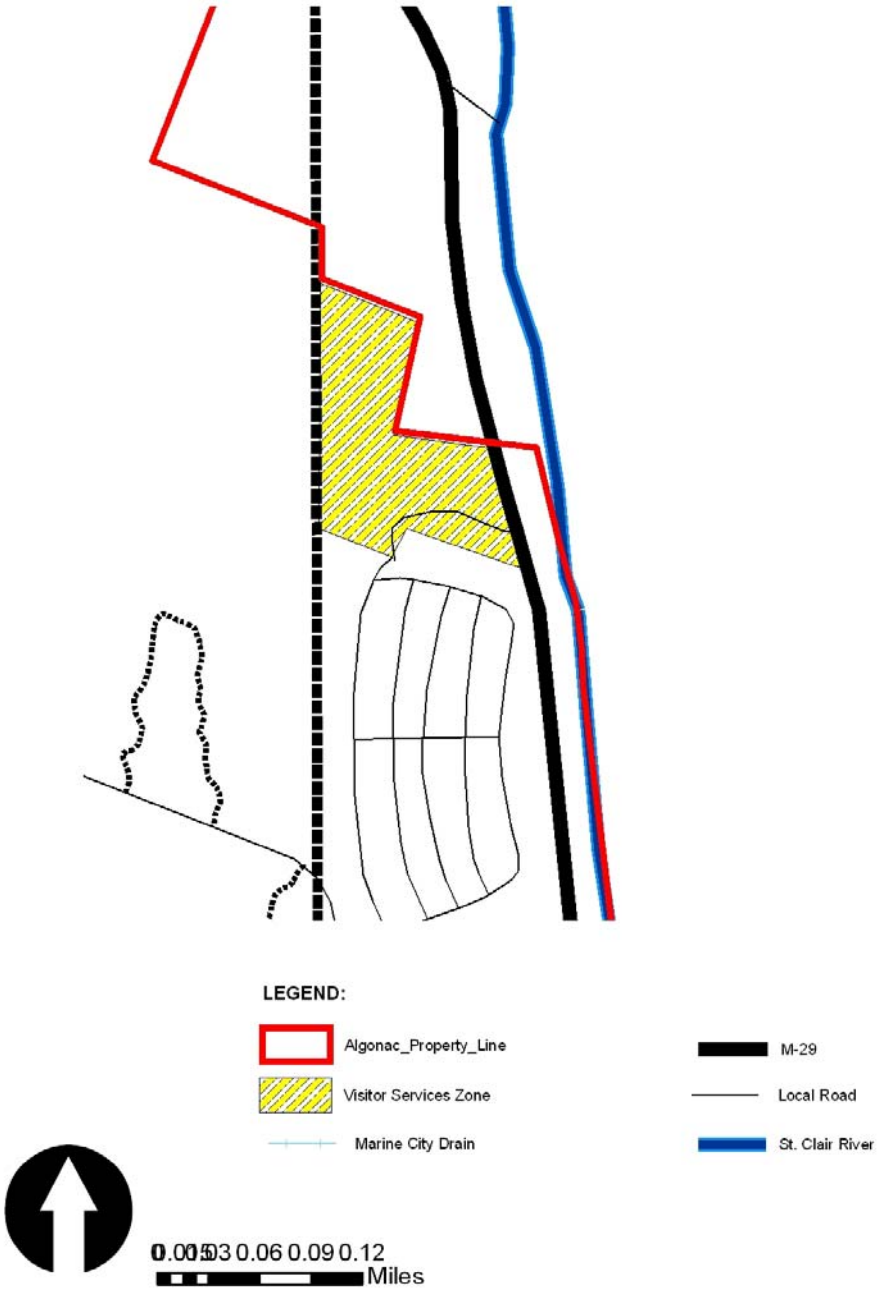
TARGET DATE: 2018

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: District Planner and Park Manager

LEAD STAFF: Kriss Bennett and Steve Pondo

Algonac State Park

VISITOR SERVICES ZONE



VISITOR SERVICES ZONE - The zone encompasses the developed areas required for program administration and operations. Typically it will include offices, contact stations, maintenance facilities and all related land base required to conduct the business of running a state park or recreation area. At Algonac, a holding of undeveloped land immediately north of the current shop area has been included in this zone for purposes of future expansion.

- **Natural Resources**

  ☐ Except for protected plants, the natural resources can be modified to support the needs for administration of the park.

  TARGET DATE: Ongoing

  RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Park Manager

  LEAD STAFF: Steve Pondo

- **Historic/Cultural Resources**

  ☐ If any activity in this zone requires earthwork, it must first be reviewed and approved by Stewardship. Known archeological sites exist adjacent to the park manager's residence. Others could be found in this zone.

  TARGET DATE: Ongoing

  RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Cultural Resource Specialist and Park Manager

  LEAD STAFF: Lisa Gamero and Steve Pondo

- **Recreational Opportunities**

  ☐ Potential for rental of manager's former residence (assess).

  TARGET DATE: 2018

  RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Park Manager

  LEAD STAFF: Steve Pondo

- **Education/Interpretation Opportunities**

  ☐ Educational materials will be made available in the office 'public space', and office staff will assist with verbal information and directions to other places for information in the park.

  TARGET DATE: Ongoing

  RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Park Manager

  LEAD STAFF: Steve Pondo

- **Management Focus**

  - ☐ Provide 'UNIVERSAL ACCESS' access to the office from the campground and office parking lot.

    TARGET DATE: 2012

    RESPONSIBLE POSITION: District Planner and Park Manager

    LEAD STAFF: Kriss Bennett and Steve Pondo

  - ☐ Provide 'UNIVERSAL ACCESS' access within the public space of the office.

    TARGET DATE: 2012

    RESPONSIBLE POSITION: District Planner and Park Manager

    LEAD STAFF: Kriss Bennett and Steve Pondo

  - ☐ Move/consolidate materials stored on the west side of trail (service area) to a secured location on the east side of the trail (same side as the office/shop)

    TARGET DATE: 2012

    RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Park Manager

    LEAD STAFF: Steve Pondo

  - ☐ Hire positions to implement and maintain Stewardship restoration efforts.

    TARGET DATE: Ongoing as funding allows

    RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Stewardship Unit Manager and Park Manager

    LEAD STAFF: Ray Fahlsing and Steve Pondo

  - ☐ Expand administrative support.

    TARGET DATE: 2012

    RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Park Manager

    LEAD STAFF: Steve Pondo

  - ☐ Hire positions for management of winter camping at Algonac SP and for effecting 'off-season' BAS and park repairs. This staff would also assist in the management of Wetzel Recreation Area (Satellite Park).

    TARGET DATE: 2012

    RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Park Manager

    LEAD STAFF: Park Manager

Development

☐ Relocate the service area to the east side of the trail (into the zone), into a new fenced-in service yard north of the current HQ.

TARGET DATE: 2012

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Park Manager

LEAD STAFF: Steve Pondo

☐ Construct new HQ offices and shop with dedicated space for:
- Stewardship
- Law (if LED administrative use of the park HQ continues)

TARGET DATE: 2012

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Park Manager

LEAD STAFF: Steve Pondo

☐ Implement all needed improvements for 'UNIVERSAL ACCESS' access.

TARGET DATE: 2018

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: District Planner and Park Manager

LEAD STAFF: Kriss Bennett and Steve Pondo

☐ Implement recommendations for the manager's former residence.

TARGET DATE: 2012

RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Park Manager

LEAD STAFF: Steve Pondo