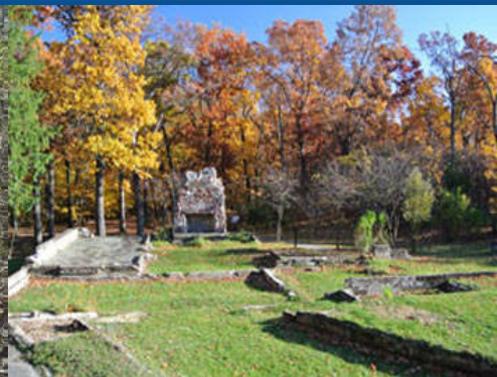
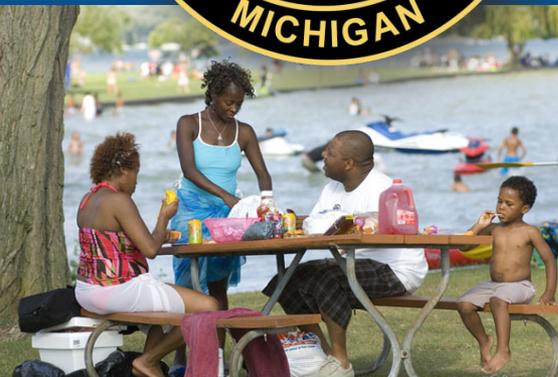




Highland Recreation Area Management Plan Phase 2

Stakeholder Workshop

August 16, 2016





What is “Management Planning”?

- Identify **Core Values** and **Guiding Principals**
- Define a **Purpose** and **Significance** of the park that establishes the park’s **Identity**
- Establishes a 20-year **Management Zone Plan** that provides specific guidance for stewardship, development, public use and park management
- Develops 10-year **Action Goals** that address the desired future condition supported by the management zones



Planning Process

Phase 1 *(Completed in 2011)*

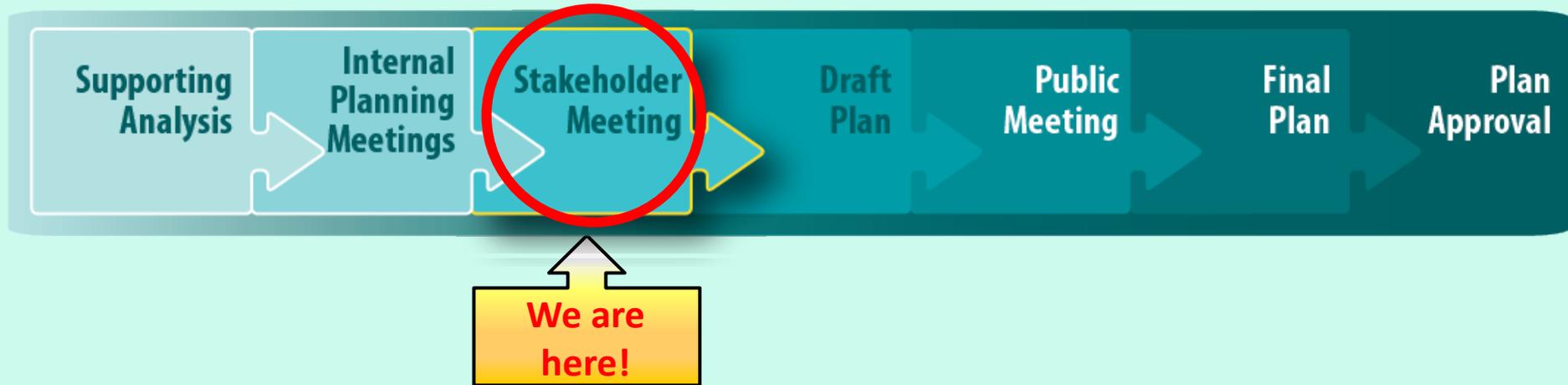
- Developed 'Supporting Analysis'
- Developed Purpose and Significance
- Developed Management Zone Plan

Phase 2 – *In Progress*

- Develop 10-Year Action Goals covering the needs of all areas within the park



Phase 2 Planning Process





Mission Statements

DNR Mission Statement

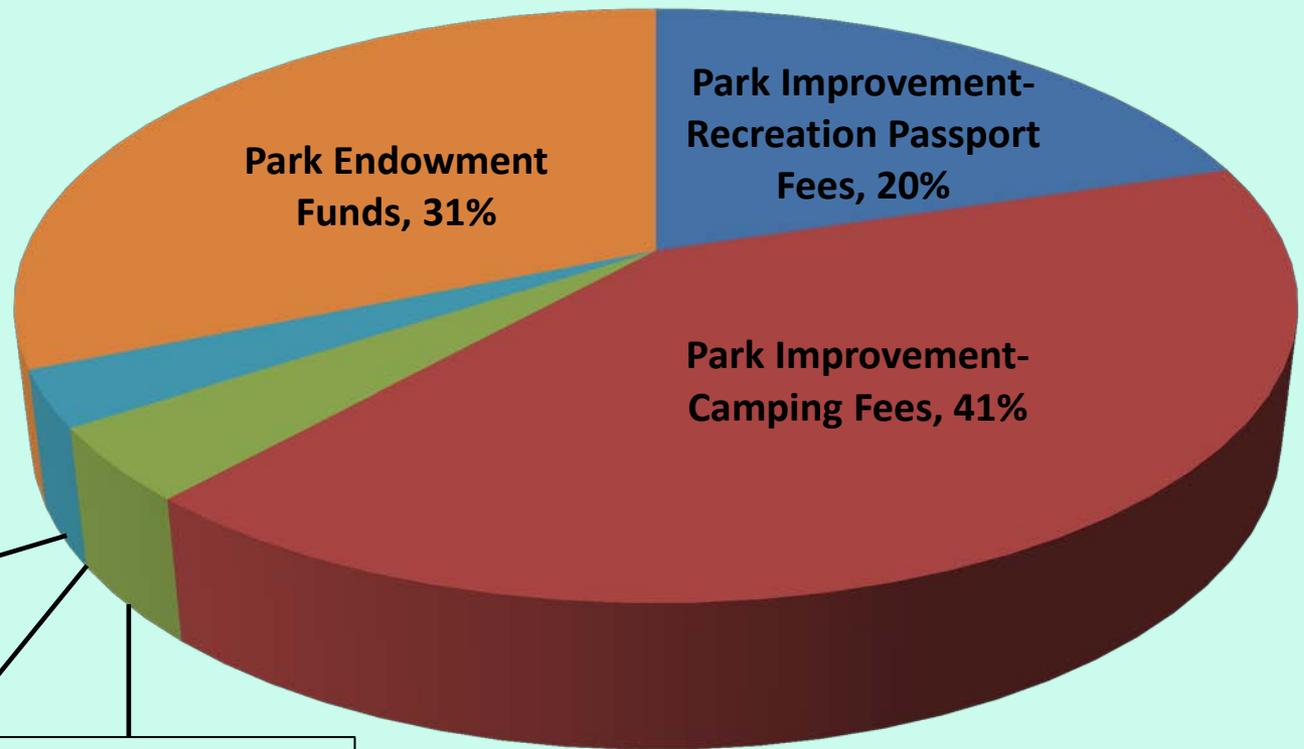
“The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is committed to the conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment of the state’s natural and cultural resources for current and future generations.”

PRD Mission Statement

“The Parks and Recreation Division’s Mission is to acquire, protect, and preserve the natural and cultural features of Michigan’s unique resources, and to provide access to land and water based public recreation and educational opportunities.”



2016 Parks and Recreation Division Operating Funding Breakdown



Park Improvement-Miscellaneous (Concessions, Use Permits Prod. Sales, etc.), 3%

Park Improvement-Common Cash, 0%

Park Improvement-Non-resident Motor Vehicle Permits, 4%



Park Background

- 5,900 acres in size with a main entrance from M-59 on the south side.
- Officially designated in 1943, incorporating the Dodge #10 Unit and the Edsel Ford Estate.
- Home to diverse ecosystems, cultural resources and recreational opportunities.
- The park offers hunting, fishing, rustic camping, mountain biking, wildlife viewing, cultural resource interpretation, horseback riding, field dog trial competition, hiking, cross-country skiing, swimming, and a model airplane field to a large Southeast Michigan population.



Significance Statements

- Provides large tracts of **unfragmented** natural resource **ecosystems**
- **Haven Hill wetlands and forest complex** which is a National Natural Landmark and a State Natural Area
- **Edsel Ford Estate** resources including the gatehouse, lodge foundation and sheep barn
- Offers prime location for the protection of **threatened and endangered species**
- Home to **variety of wildlife**, providing great opportunities for viewing

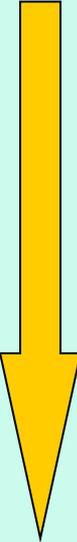
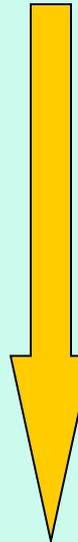


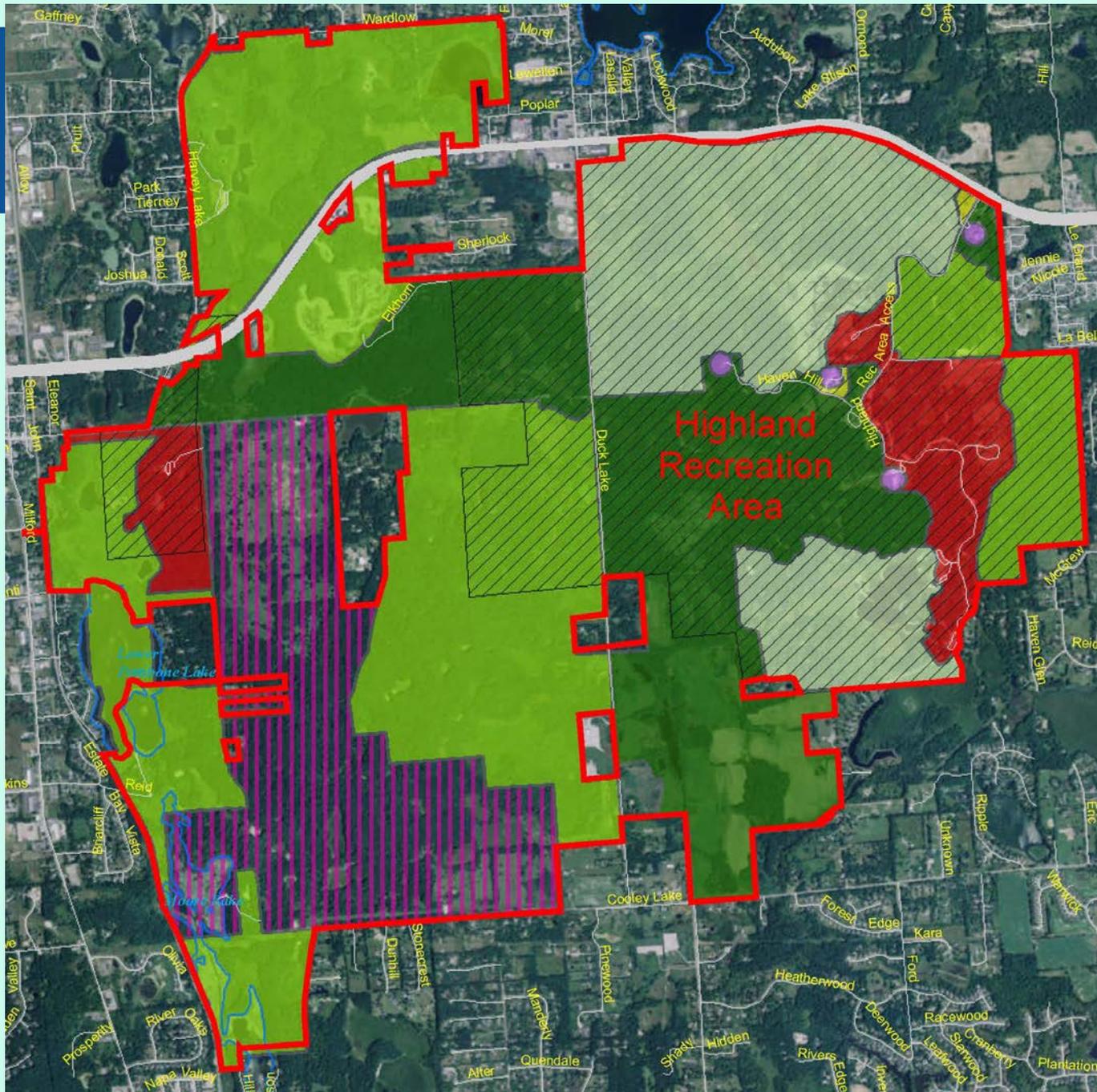
Significance Statements

- Affords **year round park activities** to a large population in **Southeast Michigan**
- Serves as an important **regional hub for green infrastructure**, linking trails and greenspace throughout the region
- Supplies **public access** to large area for **hunting**
- **Field Trial** area for training and competition of dog breeds
- Adds more than \$2.5 million to the **local economy** in direct spending



Management Zones

<u>Management Zone</u>	<u>Resource Condition</u>	<u>Visitor Experience</u>	<u>Development</u>
(1)Ecologically Sensitive	Pristine	Restricted	None
(2)Primitive			
(3)Backcountry			
(4)Cultural Landscape			
(5)Education			
(6)Scenic			
(7)Natural Resource Recreation			
(8)Developed Recreation			
(9)Visitor Services			



Management Zone Map



Legend

-  Highway
-  Roads
-  Park Boundary
-  Backcountry
-  Cultural Landscape
-  Developed Recreation
-  Field Trial
-  History Education
-  Natural Resource Recreation
-  Primitive
-  Administrative Services



Workshop Exercise





Guidelines and Housekeeping

Silence cell phones

No wrong answers

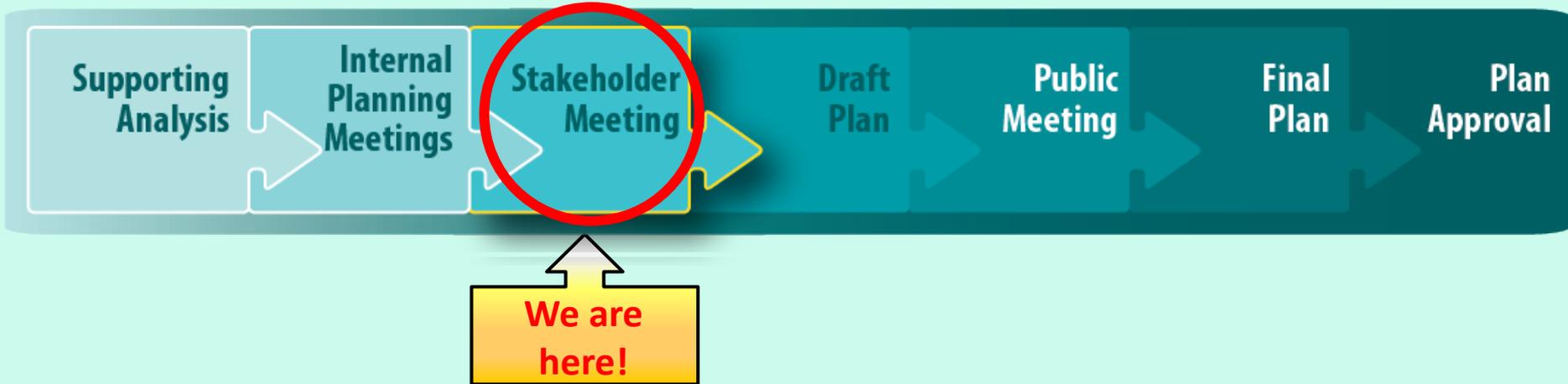
Don't judge

Be mindful of time





Phase 2 Planning Process





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