PHASE 2 – LONG RANGE ACTION GOALS PLAN

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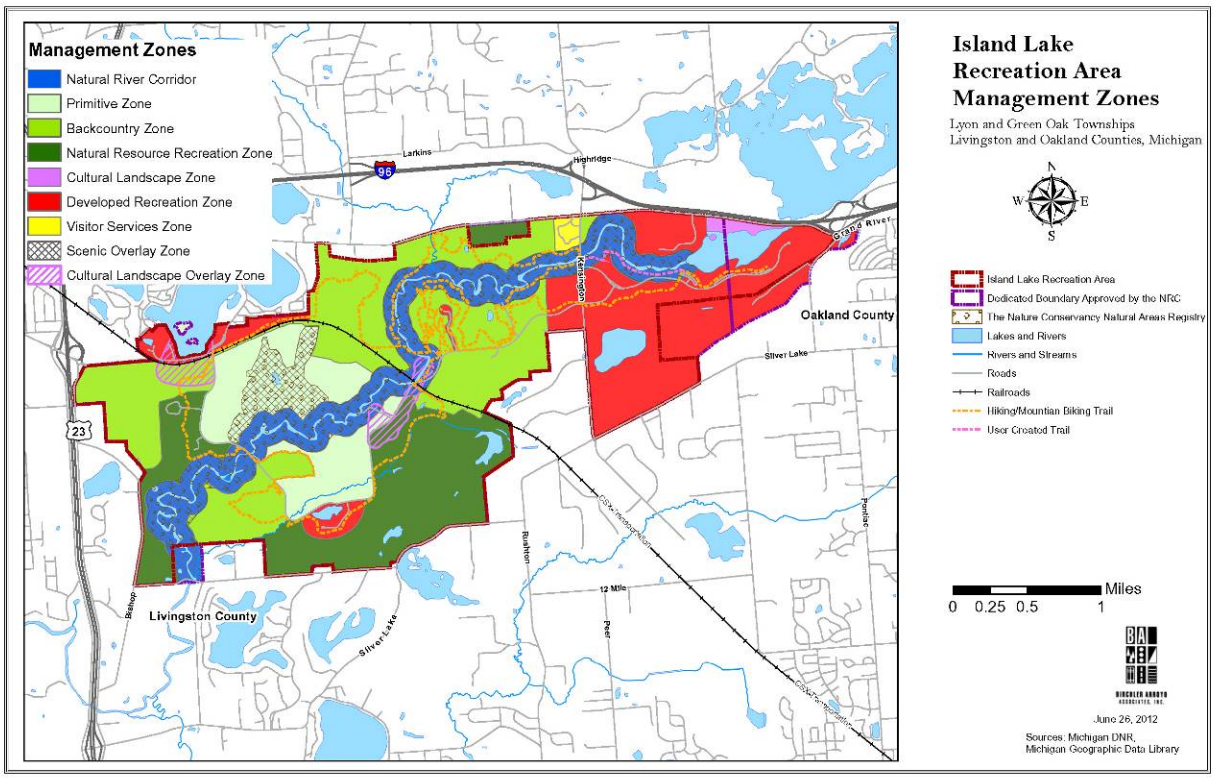

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ISLAND LAKE RECREATION AREA – LONG-RANGE ACTION GOALS PLAN

INTRODUCTION

A General Management Plan (GMP) develops as a result of a series of planning steps. Each step builds upon the previous, and action decisions focus on the mission of the Parks & Recreation Division (PRD), and the specific Purpose and Significance of the park. Phase I GMP is the first of four phases of planning. This document, Phase 2 Action Plan, is directed by the Phase 1 plan and identifies goals to be attained over the next ten years.

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 the overall guiding document. Having recently adopted the General Management Plan for this recreation area in 2012, it stands as written.

The second phase of management planning for Island Lake Recreation Area (ILRA) establishes long-range action goals for each of the management zones defined in the General Management Plan. 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
- Development

Phase 1 Stakeholder Open House

BACKGROUND OF ISLAND LAKE RECREATION AREA & OVERVIEW OF PHASE 1

Island Lake Recreation Area, with 4,000 acres is located primarily in Livingston County, Michigan. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Parks & Recreation Division completed the Phase I General Management Plan process for Island Lake Recreation Area in 2012. The endeavor represents a new planning philosophy of the PRD. Management Planning, a comprehensive, resource-based process is the PRD's adaptation of National Park Service planning methodology. Through the planning process, the Planning Team (made up of Natural Resource Department staff, government officials, stakeholders and the public) developed the Core Values for Island Lake Recreation Area. Island Lake Recreation Area was determined to be significant for the following reasons:

1. Established in 1944, this park contains about 4,000 acres and provides a wide variety of recreational opportunities.
2. The Huron River, which is a significant natural and cultural resources corridor, runs through the park. The park's portion of the Huron River is managed as a Designated State Natural River.
3. There are 18 miles of marked, designated use trails in the park for land-based recreation and fitness activities and regional events. Land and water trails connect this park to Kensington Metropark to the north, as well as provide links and potential

links to a regional park system, which includes three State Recreation Areas, two Huron Clinton Metroparks, and numerous local parks.

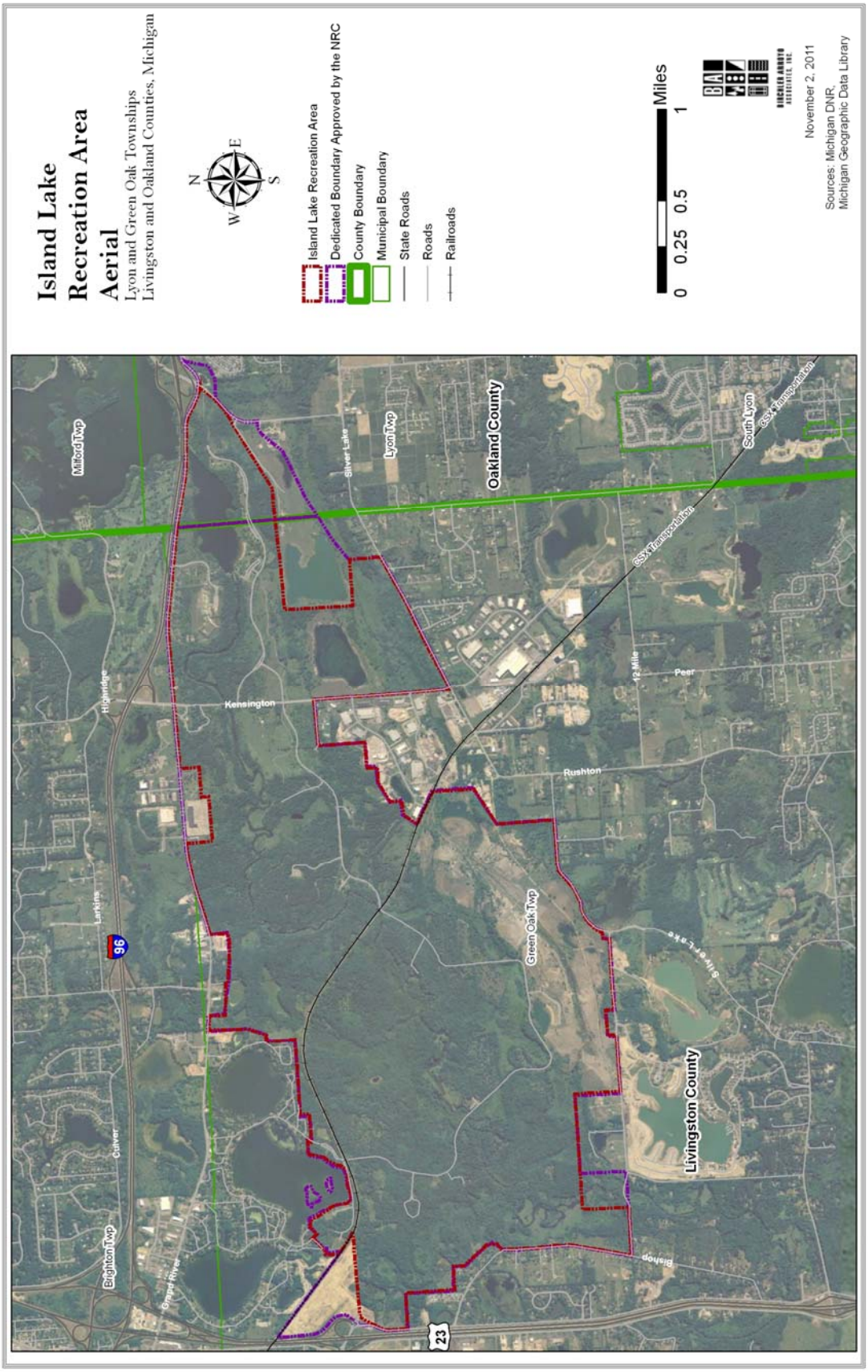
4. The size and location of the park allow it to be used by local schools and municipalities for recreation programs, as well as by visitors from Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw and Livingston Counties.
5. The park offers educational and interpretive activities through summer day camps, Explorer Guides' programs, and urban outreach programs.
6. The park is historically and culturally significant as the first Dodge Park and as a location for a Spanish-American War encampment. The park contains scattered prehistoric sites, old farmsteads and graveyards. The park is located along land and water transportation routes for Native Americans and early settlers.
7. The park includes a modern shooting range that offers expanded opportunities for educational and recreational purposes.
8. The park has an undeveloped and natural feel, with its hardwoods and unique wetlands. A few areas of oak savannas remain that are being conserved and could be expanded.
9. There is a strong stewardship ethic at Island Lake Recreation Area, carried out by volunteers, the Michigan Civilian Conservation Corps (MCCC) and The Nature Conservancy.

Considering the identity and significance of Island Lake Recreation Area, the Planning Team, with stakeholder and public input, established appropriate Management Zones and the extent of influence on the property. From a palette of nine standard zones, eight were applied to Island Lake Recreation Area as well as a Natural River Corridor. While the full descriptions of these zones are included in the Phase 1 document, a condensed review of the Management Zones follows:

- ❑ Natural River Corridor comprises 745 acres (17.1%) of Island Lake Recreation Area. The Natural River Corridor is a non-standard zone that has been established to focus on the specific management requirements of the Huron River. In general, the 400 foot wide river corridor will be managed in a natural condition, with specific limitation on man-made intrusions and specific goals of maintaining natural vegetative cover and high water quality.
- ❑ Primitive Zone comprises 519 acres (11.9%) of Island Lake Recreation Area. Only foot traffic would be allowed in this zone to ensure that the natural features are not damaged or compromised by recreation. This zone preserves and protects the unique resources found in the western portion of this park.
- ❑ Backcountry Zone comprises 1,156 acres (26.6%) of Island Lake Recreation Area. The zone allows for a slightly higher level of use than the Primitive Zone, but still preserves the natural resources.
- ❑ Cultural Landscape Zone and Overlay combined comprise 200 acres (4.7%) of Island Lake Recreation Area. In the Cultural Landscape Zone, preservation of the historical and cultural resources is the primary management focus. The Cultural Landscape Overlay allows the uses in the underlying zone but addresses the cultural and historical resources found within the park. The former Spanish-

American War Encampment and other important historical features are included in this zone.

- Scenic Overlay Zone comprises 836 acres (19.2%) of Island Lake Recreation Area. This zone allows the uses in the underlying zone but places a management priority on maintaining the scenic views. The zone encompasses the area managed as a Natural Area in the central-western area of the park.
- Natural Resource Recreation Zone comprises 811 acres (18.7%) of Island lake Recreation Area and allows for active recreation with medium to high density of use conducted in a natural setting.
- Developed Recreation Zone comprises 991 acres (22.8%) of Island Lake Recreation Area. Land in this zone is mainly comprised of the park campground, day-use beach, and associated parking areas. The three most developed areas within the park are Kent Lake day use and beach area, Island Lake day use area, and Spring Mill Pond day use and beach area.
- Visitor Services Zone comprises 25 acres (0.6%) of Island Lake Recreation Area and encompasses the developed areas required for program administration and operations. It includes offices, contact stations, maintenance facilities and all related land required to conduct the business of running a recreation area. The Visitor Services zone in Island Lake Recreation Area includes the existing park office and maintenance facilities.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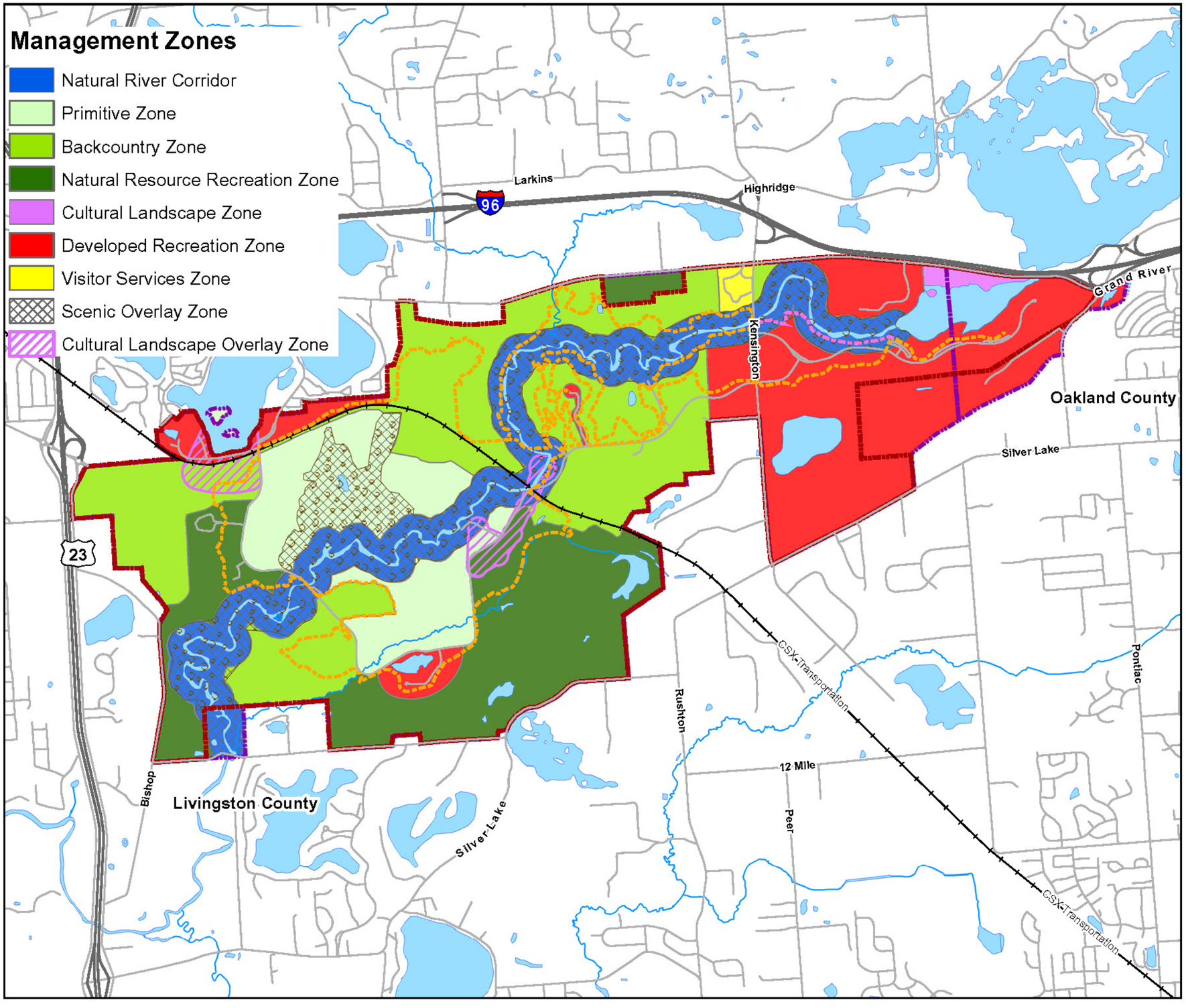

Island Lake Recreation Area Management Zones

Lyon and Green Oak Townships
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- Island Lake Recreation Area
- Dedicated Boundary Approved by the NRC
- The Nature Conservancy Natural Areas Registry
- Lakes and Rivers
- Rivers and Streams
- Roads
- Railroads
- Hiking/Mountian Biking Trail
- User Created Trail

Note: The Dedicated Boundary Approved by the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) encompasses properties that are potential future land acquisitions as they become available and as funds become available.

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Critical to the Management Planning process is the identification and delineation of "Management Zones". These are physical sections within the Recreation Area that have defined characteristics and qualities, for which there are related user expectations, management guidance, and defined levels of development. Phase 1 of the General Management Plan for Island Lake developed the Management Zone Map. Phase 2 looks at each management zone and identifies 10-year Action Goals that the Planning Team believes are necessary to guide management and development within the zones in order to achieve the desired user experience.

General Action Goals (Applies to the whole park)

Many of the 10-Year Action Goals for Island Lake are general in nature and apply within all of the management zones. These often deal with park-wide issues, such as invasive species control, universal access, developing Stewardship, Wildfire and Emergency plans, or marketing the park's many recreational opportunities to a wider audience of potential users. Many of the overall maintenance and operational issues of operating a state park also result in the need for actions across all zone boundaries, such as law enforcement.

Natural Resources

Action Goal	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position	Appropriate Zone(s)
1. Review/Update Stewardship Plan	5 years	Stewardship, Huron River Watershed Council, Park Manager	Stewardship Ecologist	All Applicable Zones
2. Implement Stewardship Plan for the park	On-going	Stewardship, Volunteers, Park Manager	Stewardship Restoration Specialist	All Applicable Zones
3. Update Natural Features Inventory	On-going	Stewardship, and Volunteers	Stewardship	All Applicable Zones
4. Survey and manage the aquatic system within the recreation area to identify resources and access opportunities	On-going	Fisheries, Stewardship, Regional Planner and Park Manager	Fisheries and Stewardship	All Applicable Zones
5. Review survey of EMR* habitat and follow EMR management guidelines (in All Applicable Zones where CCAA** applies)	On-going	Stewardship, Wildlife, Park Manager	Stewardship, Park Manager	All Applicable Zones With EMR Habitat
6. Preserve the quality of the known exemplary natural communities	On-going	Stewardship, Wildlife, Park Manager	Stewardship	All Applicable Zones
7. Continue oak barrens restoration	On-going	Stewardship, Forest Resources	Stewardship	All Applicable Zones
8. Implement invasive species control (land and water)	On-going	Park Manager, Stewardship, Fisheries	Park Manager	All Applicable Zones
9. Preserve/protect the native vegetation communities and habitat for species of special concern, appropriate to the zone	On-going	Stewardship, Wildlife, Park Manager	Stewardship	All Applicable Zones

*Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake; **Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances

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Historic/Cultural Resources				
Action Goal	**Target Completion Date**	**Program Input From**	**Responsible Program Position**	**Appropriate Zone(s)**
1. Complete the cultural resources survey of the park for interpretation, protection and preservation	5 years	Stewardship, SHPO	Cultural Resource Analyst	All Applicable Zones
2. Develop and conduct monitoring program for archeological resources	On-going	Park Manager and Stewardship	Cultural Resource Analyst, Office of State Archaeologist	All Applicable Zones
3. Protect archaeological/ cultural resources identified by inventory	On-going	Stewardship, SHPO, Park Manager, Regional Planner	Cultural Resource Analyst and Park Manager	All Applicable Zones
4. Review all proposed earthwork activities for potential impact on historic/cultural resources	On-going	Stewardship and Regional Planner	Cultural Resource Analyst and Office of State Archaeologist	All Applicable Zones

Recreation Opportunities				
Action Goal	**Target Completion Date**	**Program Input From**	**Responsible Program Position**	**Appropriate Zone(s)**
1. Maintain park open to hunting	On-going	PRD and Wildlife Division	Park Manager	All Applicable Zones Where Hunting Permitted
2. Identify opportunities to improve connectivity within and beyond park boundaries and develop trail routes that support the mutual goals of PRD and the local partners	2 Years	Park Manager, Regional Planner, Local Recreation Partners	Regional Planner	All Applicable Zones
3. Consider ecotourism opportunities	On-going	Park Manager, Marketing and Outreach	Park Manager	All Applicable Zones
4. Identify water trail connections	2 Years	Park Manager, Regional Planner, Local Recreation Partners	Regional Planner	All Applicable Zones
5. Coordinate Recreation Area programs with County and Local Recreation Partners activities	On-going	Park Manager, Marketing and Outreach, Recreation Programmer	Park Manager	All Applicable Zones
6. Develop ADA hunting opportunities	5 Years	Wildlife, Park Manager, Regional Planner	Park Manager	All Applicable Zones
7. Identify opportunities for additional hiking trail loops	2 Years	Park Manager, Regional Planner	Park Manager	All Applicable Zones
8. Feasibility and needs study of hosting large recreational events	2 Years	Park Manager, Regional Planner, Recreation Programmer	Park Manager	All Applicable Zones
9. Maintain and enhance opportunities for birding hunting/fishing/ gathering/trapping appropriate to the zone.	On-going	Stewardship, Wildlife, Park Manager	Park Manager, Stewardship	All Applicable Zones

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Education/Interpretation Opportunities				
Action Goal	**Target Completion Date**	**Program Input From**	**Responsible Program Position**	**Appropriate Zone(s)**
1. Develop specific interpretation and education opportunities	On-going	Park Manager, Stewardship, Marketing and Outreach	Marketing and Outreach	All Applicable Zones
2. Coordinate Recreation Area programs with County and Local Recreation Partners activities	On-going	Park Manager, Marketing and Outreach, Recreation Programmer	Park Manager	All Applicable Zones
3. Utilize variety of traditional and new media, including audio and visual technologies, podcasts, and emerging technologies for interpretation	On-going	Park Manager, Marketing and Outreach	Park Manager, Marketing and Outreach	All Applicable zones
4. Develop interpretive message about Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake	1-2 Years	Park Manager, Marketing and Outreach, Stewardship	Park Manager, Marketing and Outreach	All Applicable zones
5. Develop/install kiosks and displays appropriate to the zone	5 Years	Park Manager, Marketing and Outreach	Park Manager	All Applicable Zones

Management Focus				
Action Goal	**Target Completion Date**	**Program Input From**	**Responsible Program Position**	**Appropriate Zone(s)**
1. Land acquisition within NRC Dedicated Boundary	On-going	Park Manager, Lands Manager, Stewardship	Lands Manager	All Applicable Zones
2. Modify NRC Dedicated Boundary per the Phase 1 plan recommendation	2 Years	Lands Manager, Park Manager, DNR Land Liaisons	Lands Manager	All Applicable Zones
3. Wildfire Plan and Emergency Plan	Completed With Annual Update	Park Manager and Stewardship	Park Manager	All Applicable Zones
4. Explore and develop revenue generating opportunities that are sustainable	On-going	Park Manager, Marketing and Outreach	Park Manager	All Applicable Zones
5. Dedicate staffing and budget resources to address goals (including partnerships and volunteers as appropriate)	On-going	Park Manager, District Supervisor	Park Manager, District Supervisor	All Applicable Zones
6. Promote volunteer partnerships to meet resource goals	On-going	Stewardship Volunteer Coordinator, Park Manager, Recreation Programmer	Park Manager	All Applicable Zones
7. Develop a marketing plan for this park	5 Years	Park Manager, Recreation Programmer, Marketing and Outreach	Park Manager	All Applicable Zones
8. Establish a co-management agreement between PRD and Marketing & Outreach for the shooting range	(Lease expires in 2029)	PRD Management, Marketing and Outreach, Park Manager, Regional Planner	Park Manager	

9. Review all concession contracts	On-going Annually	Park Manager, Contracts and Lease Coordinator	Park Manager	
10. Establish a memorandum of understanding with Kensington Metropark regarding dam	1 Year	Park Manager, Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority	Park Manager	
11. Address user conflicts	On-going	Park Manager, Regional Planner	Park Manager	All Applicable Zones
12. Promote volunteer partnerships to meet resource goals	On-going	Park Manager, Stewardship Volunteer Coordinator	Park Manager, Stewardship	All Applicable Zones
13. Study addition of designated bike lanes along park road system to ensure improved separation and safety	1-2 Years	Park Manager, Regional Planner	Park Manager	All Applicable Zones
14. Evaluate and assess the role ILRA can play as a connector in the equestrian trail network and recommend long and short-range actions	5 Years	Park Manager, Stewardship, User Groups, and Regional Planner	Park Manager	All Applicable Zones

Development

Action Goal	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position	Appropriate Zone(s)
1. Conduct parking assessment to improve parking/access within ILRA	2 Years	Park Manager and Regional Planner	Regional Planner	All Applicable Zones
2. Develop a needs assessment for potential west entrance off Bishop Road	5 Years	Park Manager, Regional Planner	Regional Planner	All Applicable Zones
3. Implement one-way, opposite direction hiking and biking trail signage at all appropriate locations along trail system	On-going	Park Manager	Park Manager	All Applicable Zones
4. Evaluate appropriate zone for dog park and partner with user group(s) to identify appropriate location within that zone	2 Years	Park Manager, Regional Planner, Stewardship, User Group(s)	Park Manager, User Group(s)	All Applicable Zones
5. Partner with user group(s) to implement development and stewardship of a dog park	2-5 Years	Park Manager, Regional Planner, Stewardship, User Group(s)	Park Manager, User Group(s)	All Applicable Zones
6. Improve accessibility when installing new playground equipment and making updates at swimming beaches	On-Going	Park Manager, Regional Planner	Park Manager	All Applicable Zones

Natural River Corridor

The entire length of the Huron River through Island Lake is a designated Natural River Corridor. This is a special zone designation and the 10-year Action Goals below are intended to preserve the natural condition of the river corridor, while affording appropriate access for low intensity, dispersed recreation uses.

Natural Resources

Action Goal	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
1. Preserve/protect the native vegetation communities and habitat for species of special concern	On-going	Stewardship, Wildlife, Park Manager, Fisheries, Regional Planner	Stewardship

Historic/Cultural Resources

Action Goal	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
1. See General Action Goals			

Recreation Opportunities

Action Goal	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
1. Make rustic canoe camp site compliant with Natural River Corridor designation	On-going	Park Manager	Park Manager
2. Conduct feasibility study to identify opportunities to increase access to the river on west side of park	3 years	Park Manager, Regional Planner, Stewardship, Huron Clinton Watershed Council, Fisheries	Park Manager

Education/Interpretation Opportunities

Action Goal	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
1. Develop interpretive messages for access points and river corridor	5 Years	Stewardship, Marketing and Outreach, Park Manager	Park Manager and Marketing and Outreach
2. Coordinate interpretation activities with Recreation Partners and canoe concessionaire	5 Years	Stewardship, Marketing and Outreach, Park Manager	Stewardship and Park Manager

Management Focus

Action Goal	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
1. Meet the management requirements of the Natural River Corridor designation	On-going	Park Manager and Regional Planner	Park Manager
2. Study options for separating or otherwise protecting pedestrian and bicycle traffic from vehicular traffic on State Park Road at the railroad trestle	1 Year	Park Manager, Regional Planner, Stewardship, Fisheries	Park Manager
3. Improve accessibility in the Natural River Corridor, consistent with the designation	On-going	Park Manager and Regional Planner	Park Manager

Development

Action Goal	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
1. Implement interpretive messages at access points to the river corridor	5 Years	Stewardship, Marketing and Outreach, Park Manager	Park Manager and Marketing and Outreach

Primitive Zone

The Primitive zone emphasizes the natural resources. It is managed to allow only dispersed, low frequency and low impact recreational use in the zone. Maintaining a high quality natural resource condition dictates the extent to which recreational improvements or uses are allowed. For this reason, native species and natural processes take precedence over visitor accommodation. The Action Goals for this zone are included in the General Action Goals for the park and relate primarily to preserving and protecting the natural communities and habitats. No new development is proposed.

Action Goal	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
1. See General Action Goals			

Backcountry Zone

The character of the Backcountry zone is intended to be natural, with minimal evidence of human impact. While the Primitive Zone is highly restrictive for recreational use and human impact, Backcountry allows for increased activity, including bicycle use, and slight modifications of the landscape (trail development) to accommodate that use where it is consistent with protection of the resource. Tolerance for natural resource impacts is low in the Backcountry zone and the 10-year Action Goals for this zone focus primarily on improving existing facilities rather than new development.

Natural Resources

Action Goal	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
1. See General Action Goals			

Historic/Cultural Resources

Action Goal	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
1. Develop a comprehensive Phase 2 study regarding Spanish-American War Encampment resources	5 Years	Stewardship, Cultural Resource Analyst, SHPO	Stewardship

Recreation Opportunities

Action Goal	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
1. Identify opportunities for backcountry camping accommodations	1 Year	Park Manager, Stewardship, Regional Planner	Park Manager
2. GPS all trails and assess for incorporation into designated trail system	5 Years	Park Manager, Regional Planner, Stewardship	Regional Planner

Education/Interpretation Opportunities

Action Goal	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
1. See General Action Goals			

Management Focus

Action Goal	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
1. See General Action Goals			

Development

Action Goal	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
1. Upgrade and/or re-route trails to accommodate use compatible with natural character of zone	On-going	Park Manager, User Groups, Recreation Partners, Stewardship, Regional Planner	Park Manager, Regional Planner
2. Improve ADA accessibility compatible with the natural character of the zone	On-going	Regional Planner, Park Manager, Stewardship	Park Manager, Regional Planner
3. Use parking assessment to improve parking/access to the zone	7 Years	Park Manager, Regional Planner	Park Manager, Regional Planner

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Natural Resource Recreation Zone

Active recreation, at medium to high density of use, conducted in a natural setting is the hallmark of the Natural Resource Recreation zone. There is still an emphasis on resource quality over recreation, but in this zone, higher levels of use are allowed. Vegetation may be managed to facilitate recreational use and maintaining an aesthetically appealing landscape, as well as to address such things as hazard trees, and to manage pests and disease. The 10-year Action Goals are intended to promote moderate to high levels of recreation compatible with natural character of the zone. Action goals for this zone focus primarily on the reclamation of the mining area. Specific outdoor activities are yet to be determined for this area but could allow moderate to high levels of recreation activity compatible with the natural resources of the zone.

Natural Resources

Action Goal	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
1. Complete reclamation of the Spring Mill aggregate mine per reclamation plan	10 Years	Stewardship, Land Manager, DNR Minerals	Stewardship

Historic/Cultural Resources

Action Goal	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
1. See General Action Goals			

Recreation Opportunities

Action Goal	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
1. Create an assessment team and identify potential recreational uses of the mining restoration area	1 Year	Park Manager, Regional Planner, Stewardship, Recreation Partners	Regional Planner
2. Develop a hiking-only trail in the zone.	1 year	Park Manager, Regional Planner, Stewardship	Park Manager
3. Conduct feasibility study to identify opportunities to increase access to the river on west side of park	3 years	Park Manager, Regional Planner, Stewardship, Huron Clinton Watershed Council, Fisheries	Park Manager

Education/Interpretation Opportunities in Natural Resource Recreation Zone

Action Goal	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
1. See General Action Goals			

Management Focus

Action Goal	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
1. Develop reclamation plan for Spring Mill aggregate mine	1 Year	Stewardship, Land Manager, DNR Minerals	Stewardship

Development

Action Goal	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
1. See General Action Goals			

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Developed Recreation Zone

Active recreation with high density of use, conducted in areas not designated for natural resource significance, is characteristic of the Developed Recreation Zone. In this zone, recreation dominates with natural resource attributes enhanced where possible. The 10-year Action Goals direct management decisions and development projects designed to expand and enhance visitor activities within this zone.

Natural Resources

Action Goal	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program-Position
1. See General Action Goals			

Historic/Cultural Resources

Action Goal	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
1. See General Action Goals			

Recreation Opportunities

Action Goal	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
1. Develop a feasibility study and needs assessment that identifies types and locations for alternative overnight accommodations consistent with the character of ILRA.	2 years	Planner/District Supervisor, Park Manager, Regional Planner, Stewardship	Regional Planner Park Manager
2. Explore feasibility, associated ADA requirements, and funding sources for constructing an observation tower on south side of Trout Lake	5 Years	Regional Planner, Park Manager, Audubon Group	Regional Planner, Park Manager
3. Conduct assessment of suitable locations for alternative overnight accommodations	3-5 Years	Park Manager, Regional Planner, Stewardship	Regional Planner, Park Manager

Education/Interpretation Opportunities

Action Goal	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
1. See General Action Goals			

Management Focus

Action Goal	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
1. Complete an assessment of Boat Access Sites (BAS) to identify needed improvements	On-going	Park Manager, Regional Planner, BAS Program Manager, Fisheries	Park Manager
2. Complete assessment of mining areas	On-going	Park Manager, Regional Planner	Park Manager, Regional Planner

Development

Action Goal	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
1. Develop a feasibility study to add a yurt around the lower Huron River fishing location	6 months	Regional Planner, Fisheries, Park Manager, Ecologist, SHPO	Regional Planner Park Manager
2. Develop a paved bike trail along the Spring Mill Pond Road to address safety issues	2 years	Park Manager, Regional Planner	Regional Planner Park Manager

3. Develop a cross country ski trail	3 years	Park Manager, Regional Planner	Regional Planner Park Manager
4. Evaluate the addition of a “water play zone” at Spring Mill Pond	5 years	Park Manager, Stewardship, Regional Planner	Regional Planner Park Manager
5. Construct an archery range in the Island Lake Unit	1 year	Park Manager, Regional Planner	Regional Planner Park Manager
6. Add parking to the Spring Mill pond area and Kent Lake	5 years	Park Manager, Regional Planner	Regional Planner Park Manager
7. Add additional toilet facilities in the Spring Mill Pond area	5 years	Park Manager, Regional Planner	Regional Planner Park Manager
8. Add two new modern cabins	2 years	Park Manager, Stewardship, Regional Planner	Regional Planner Park Manager
9. Construct a shelter to host education programs and store equipment	2 years	Park Manager, Stewardship, Regional Planner	Regional Planner Park Manager

Visitor Services Zone

This zone encompasses the developed areas required for program administration and operations. It includes the headquarters offices and maintenance facilities with the associated land required to conduct the business of running Island Lake Recreation Area.

Natural Resources			
Action Goal	**Target Completion Date**	**Program Input From**	**Responsible Program Position**
1. See General Action Goals			

Historic/Cultural Resources			
Action Goal	**Target Completion Date**	**Program Input From**	**Responsible Program Position**
1. See General Action Goals			

Recreation Opportunities			
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1. See General Action Goals			

Education/Interpretation Opportunities			
Action Goal	**Target Completion Date**	**Program Input From**	**Responsible Program Position**
1. See General Action Goals			

Management Focus			
Action Goal	**Target Completion Date**	**Program Input From**	**Responsible Program Position**
1. Development of a management plan for interpretation and programming	3 Years	Stewardship, Marketing & Outreach Park Manager	Marketing & Outreach
2. Conduct a feasibility study for a new headquarters and storage building	3 Years	Regional Planner Park Manager	Regional Planner Park Manager

Development			
Action Goal	**Target Completion Date**	**Program Input From**	**Responsible Program Position**
1. Add a new headquarters and storage building	7 Years	Regional Planner Park Manager	Regional Planner Park Manager

Cultural Landscape Overlay Zone

The Cultural Landscape Overlay zone addresses the overall setting in which is found not only historic structures, but also non-structural evidence of the traditions, beliefs, practices, life ways, arts, crafts and social institutions of any community. Examples at Island Lake include the former Spanish-American War Encampment.

Action Goal	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
1. Follow underlying zone recommendations and general recommendations			

Scenic Overlay Zone

The Scenic Overlay zone recognizes that there are aesthetic qualities to be preserved and protected at Island Lake Recreation Area. The Scenic Overlay Zone has been used along the entire length of the Huron River within the Recreation Area, which is a Designated State Natural River. The 10-year Action Goals permit only moderate levels of recreation, along with compatible development to support visitor access with the purpose of enjoying the scenic views.

Natural Resources

Action Goal	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
1. Follow underlying zone recommendations and general recommendations			

Historic/Cultural Resources

Action Goal	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
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Recreation Opportunities

Action Goal	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
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Education/Interpretation Opportunities

Action Goal	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
1. Follow underlying zone recommendations and general recommendations			

Management Focus

Action Goal	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
1. Follow underlying zone recommendations and general recommendations			
2. Vegetative management to maintain or enhance the viewscapes	On-going	Park Manager, Stewardship	Park Manager

Development

Action Goal	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
1. Follow underlying zone recommendations and general recommendations			

Appendix A –Summary of Public Input

Public Participation

The Department of Natural Resources Parks & Recreation Division (DNR-PRD) emphasizes that comments on the general management plans are accepted at any time during the process. Two structured approaches to gathering public input are included in the general management plan process. Additionally, an on-site park user questionnaire was employed to solicit public input. The participation initiatives are summarized below, and the results are presented in this Appendix.

- **December 17, 2012 Stakeholder and Recreation Partner Workshop**

  The purpose of the workshop was to obtain comments on the draft Long-Range Action Goals Plan for Island Lake Recreation Area. With assistance from the Planning Team, approximately 50 people and/or organizations were identified as stakeholders. Invitations to the Stakeholder Workshop were sent by email and via post. Approximately 15 people attended the workshop.

  There were three opportunities to provide comments:

  1) Sticky Note Prioritization Activity – use sticky dots to identify action steps that they would like the DNR to prioritize
  2) Additional Comments Sheet – provide additional comments/recommendations
  3) Group Discussion – share ideas with other stakeholders in a group setting

- **March 13, 2013 Public Input Open House**

  A public input open house was held to allow the public the opportunity to express their comments about the park. The above noted people were again contacted regarding the public input workshops by mail and email. A notice was published in the local paper. Stakeholders and others were encouraged to share this information with interested members of the general public. Approximately 30 people attended.

  There were two opportunities to provide comments:

  1) Sticky Note Prioritization Activity – see above
  2) Additional Comments Sheet – see above

- **July 8, 2013 through August 3, 2013 Park User Questionnaire**

  In order to extend the public outreach to a wider cross-section of park users, an on-site questionnaire was conducted at Island Lake Recreation Area. Between July 8 and August 3, 2013, park staff asked visitors five questions about their visit to the park. A total of 408 responses were collected at variable times throughout the day and throughout the week. Although the data gathered captured a wide demographic, it reflects summer use only and accounts for approximately 0.4% of all visitors to the park between the July 8 and August 3 timeframe. The questionnaire results helped to confirm the Action Goals developed for the park and provided additional information for park management staff.

DNR Stakeholder/Recreation Partner Workshop
Island Lake Recreation Area

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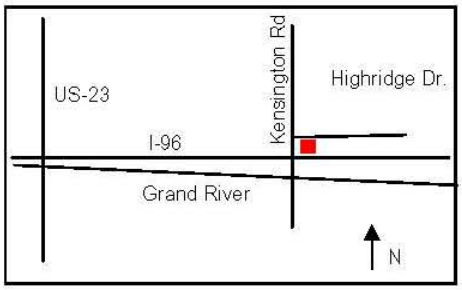
You and/or your group have been identified as a stakeholder or recreation partner, with active interests in this park. Using a workshop format, the DNR will share its proposed 10-year action goals for the recreation area. You or an alternate representative are invited to join us and share your ideas and recommendation with the Planning Team.

Due to space limitations of our meeting location, we ask that each stakeholder or recreation partner group limit itself to not more than 2 representatives. There will be a Public Input Open House in January or February of 2013 where everyone is welcome!

Monday, December 17, 2012
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Huron-Clinton Metroparks Administrative Office
13000 Highridge Drive
Brighton, MI 48114



DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Phase 2 Stakeholder/Recreation Partner Workshop
Island Lake Recreation Area
December 17, 2012
HCMA Conference Room

1. **Introductions at 6:00 p.m.**

2. **Brief Presentation of Management Planning Process and Status (15 minutes)**

   a. Review Phase 1 Management Zone Maps

   b. Action Goal Development – Draft 10-year strategies to address Management Zone Map

   c. Island Lake Planning Team Draft Action Goals organized by:

   - ❑ General Action Goals
   - ❑ Natural River Corridor
   - ❑ Primitive Zone
   - ❑ Backcountry Zone
   - ❑ Cultural Landscape Zone
   - ❑ Natural Resource Recreation Zone
   - ❑ Developed Recreation Zone
   - ❑ Visitor Service Zone
   - ❑ Scenic Overlay
   - ❑ Cultural Landscape Overlay

   d. Priority Exercise explained
   e. Action Goals input sheets described
   f. Questions and Answers

3. **Open House (1 hour 25 minutes)**
   a. You are invited to visit each of the stations and talk to Planning Team members
   b. Color dots are available for you to identify your priority actions (please limit yourself to 10 dots)
   c. Action Goal input sheets are available for you to contribute additional suggested actions goals

4. **Reconvene at 7:40 p.m. -Share ideas with Planning Team and other stakeholders/recreation partners**
   a. ILRA needs year-round restrooms at key locations (unheated buildings make this a challenge)
   b. South side of Trout Lake between T.L and Levy's lake is a good location for an observation tower
   c. Need safe trail around RR trestle (perhaps an elevated path connected to bridge piers); will require fisheries (Natural River) approval/support; safety basis (bridge is already a visual intrusion)
   d. Can EMR wait 5 years for an interpretive panel/message?

e. Birders would like additional hiking-only trails – not opposed to mountain bikes but just need a few more areas of solitude
f. Hiking and biking should be one-way, opposite direction (safety)
g. West entrance is a good idea – but comes with cost of manned booth
h. Cycling on park road is very dangerous (need bike lanes)
i. The Draft Goals are very well-rounded!!
j. Audubon wish list – prohibit hunting!
k. MMBA – believes it is only fair to let hunters have the park during their short seasons
l. Passport Program is at 27.3% for 2012 – there is no longer an in-state day pass. Park mgmt sells the passport to those without one.

5. **Adjournment at 8:00 p.m.**

Draft Action Goal	Target Date
Natural Resources	
1. Review/Update Stewardship Plan	5 Years
2. Implement Stewardship Plan for the park	On-going
3. Implement the specific provisions of the Biodiversity Stewardship Plan (BSP)	On Hold
4. Update Natural Features Inventory	On-going
5. Survey and manage the aquatic system within the recreation area to identify resources and access opportunities	On-going
6. Review survey of Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake habitat and follow EMR management guidelines (in All Applicable Zones where Candidate Conservation Agreement w/Assurances applies)	On-going
7. Preserve the quality of the known exemplary natural communities **1**	On-going
8. Continue oak barrens restoration	On-going
9. Implement invasive species control (land and water) **1**	On-going
10. Preserve/protect the native vegetation communities and habitat for species of special concern, appropriate to the zone **1**	On-going
Historic/Cultural Resources	
1. Complete the cultural resources survey of the park for interpretation, protection and preservation	5 Years
2. Develop and conduct monitoring program for archeological resources	On-going
3. Protect archaeological/cultural resources identified by inventory	On-going
4. Review all proposed earthwork activities for potential impact on historic/cultural resources	On-going
Recreation Opportunities	
1. Maintain park open to hunting	On-going
2. Identify opportunities to improve connectivity within and beyond park boundaries/units and develop trail routes that support the mutual goals of PRD and the local partners **2**	2 Years
3. Consider ecotourism opportunities	On-going
4. Identify water trail connections	2 Years
5. Coordinate Recreation Area programs with County and Local Recreation Partners activities	On-going
6. Develop ADA hunting opportunities	5 Years
7. Identify opportunities for additional hiking trail loops **3**	2 Years
8. Feasibility and needs study of hosting large recreational events	2 Years
9. Maintain and enhance opportunities for birding/hunting/fishing/ gathering/trapping appropriate to the zone **1**	On-going
Education Opportunities	
1. Develop specific interpretation and education opportunities	On-going
2. Coordinate Recreation Area programs with County and Local Recreation Partners activities **2**	On-going
3. Utilize variety of old and new media, including audio and visual technologies, podcasts, and emerging technologies for interpretation	On-going
4. Develop interpretive message for Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake **1**	5 Years
5. Develop/install kiosks and displays appropriate to the zone	5 Years
Management Focus	
1. Land acquisition within dedicated boundary	On-going
2. Modify NRC boundary per the Phase 1 plan recommendation	2 Years
3. Wildfire Plan and Emergency Plan	Completed With Annual Update
4. Explore and develop revenue generating opportunities that are sustainable	On-going
5. Dedicate staffing and budget resources to address goals (including partnerships and volunteers as appropriate)	On-going
6. Promote volunteer partnerships to meet resource goals	On-going
7. Develop a marketing plan for this park	5 Years
8. Establish a co-management agreement between PRD and Marketing & Outreach for the shooting range	(Lease expires in 2029)
9. Review all concession contracts	Annually
10. Establish a memorandum of understanding with Kensington Metropark regarding dam	1 Year
11. Address user conflicts	On-going
12. Promote volunteer partnerships to meet resource goals	On-going
Development	
1. Conduct parking assessment to improve parking/access within ILRA	2 Years
2. Develop a needs assessment for potential west entrance (Old Road Bed)	5 Years

Natural River Corridor	
Draft Action Goal	**Target Date**
Natural Resources in Primitive Zone	
1. Preserve/protect the native vegetation communities and habitat for species of special concern	On-going
Historic/Cultural Resources in Primitive Zone	
1. See General Action Goals	
Recreation Opportunities in Primitive Zone	
1. Make rustic canoe camp site compliant with Natural River Corridor designation **1**	On-going
2. Conduct feasibility study to identify opportunities to increase access to the river on west side of park	3 Years
Education Opportunities in Primitive Zone	
1. Develop interpretive messages for access points and river corridor	5 Years
2. Coordinate interpretation activities with Recreation Partners and canoe concessionaire	5 Years
Management Focus in Primitive Zone	
1. Meet the management requirements of the Natural River Corridor designation	On-going
Development in Primitive Zone	
1. Implement interpretive messages at access points to the river corridor	5 Years

Primitive Zone	
Draft Action Goal	**Target Date**
Natural Resources in Primitive Zone	
1. See General Action Goals	
Historic/Cultural Resources in Primitive Zone	
1. See General Action Goals	
Recreation Opportunities in Primitive Zone	
1. See General Action Goals	
Education Opportunities in Primitive Zone	
1. See General Action Goals	
Management Focus in Primitive Zone	
1. See General Action Goals	
Development in Primitive Zone	
1. See General Action Goals	

Cultural Landscape Overlay Zone
Draft Action Goal
Natural Resources in Cultural Landscape Overlay Zone
1. Follow underlying zone recommendations and/or general recommendations
Historic/Cultural Resources in Cultural Landscape Overlay Zone
1. Follow underlying zone recommendations and/or general recommendations
Recreation Opportunities in Cultural Landscape Overlay Zone
1. Follow underlying zone recommendations and/or general recommendations
Education Opportunities in Cultural Landscape Overlay Zone
1. Follow underlying zone recommendations and/or general recommendations
Management Focus in Cultural Landscape Overlay Zone
1. Follow underlying zone recommendations and/or general recommendations
Development in Cultural Landscape Overlay Zone
1. Follow underlying zone recommendations and/or general recommendations

Backcountry Zone	
Draft Action Goal	**Target Date**
Natural Resources in Backcountry Zone	
1. See General Action Goals	
Historic/Cultural Resources in Backcountry Zone	
1. Develop a comprehensive Phase 2 study regarding Spanish-American War Encampment resources **1**	5 Years
Recreation Opportunities in Backcountry Zone	
1. Identify expansion opportunities for rustic camping accommodations	1 Year
2. GPS all trails and assess for incorporation into designated trail system **1**	5 Years
Education Opportunities in Backcountry Zone	
1. See General Action Goals	
Management Focus in Backcountry Zone	
1. See General Action Goals	
Development in Backcountry Zone	
1. Limit upgrade and/or re-route of trails to accommodate use compatible with natural character of zone	On-going
2. Improve ADA accessibility compatible with the natural character of the zone **1**	On-going
3. Use parking assessment to improve parking/access to the zone	7 Years

Natural Resource Recreation Zone	
Draft Action Goal	**Target Date**
Natural Resources in Natural Resource Recreation Zone	
1. Complete restoration of the Spring Mill aggregate mine per Stewardship Plan	10 Years
Historic/Cultural Resources in Natural Resource Recreation Zone	
1. See General Action Goals	
Recreation Opportunities in Natural Resource Recreation Zone	
1. Create an assessment team and identify potential recreational uses of the mining restoration area	1 Year
2. Develop a hiking-only trail in the zone **2**	1 Year
3. Conduct feasibility study to identify opportunities to increase access to the river on west side of park	3 Years
Education Opportunities in Natural Resource Recreation Zone	
1. See General Action Goals	
Management Focus in Natural Resource Recreation Zone	
1. Develop restoration lease/plan	2 Years
2. Assess and address safety issues regarding the mine area	1 Year
Development in Natural Resource Recreation Zone	
1. See General Action Goals	

Developed Recreation Zone	
Draft Action Goal	**Target Date**
Natural Resources in Developed Recreation Zone	
1. See General Action Goals	
Historic/Cultural Resources in Developed Recreation Zone	
1. See General Action Goals	
Recreation Opportunities in Developed Recreation Zone	
1. Assess suitability of Trout Lake for swimming	3 Years
2. Develop a feasibility/needs assessment of overnight accommodation in Trout Lake area as appropriate	3 Years
Education Opportunities in Developed Recreation Zone	
1. See General Action Goals	
Management in Developed Recreation Zone	
1. Complete an assessment of Boat Access Sites (BAS) to identify needed improvements	On-going
2. Complete assessment of mining areas	On-going
Development in Developed Recreation Zone	
1. Develop a feasibility/needs to add a modern campground **1**	1 Year
2. Develop a feasibility study to add a yurt around the lower Huron River fishing location	6 Months
3. Develop a paved bike trail along the Spring Mill Lake Road to address safety issues **1**	2 Years
4. Develop a cross country ski trail	3 Years
5. Evaluate the addition of a "water play zone" at Spring Mill Pond	1 Year
6. Construct an archery range in the Island Lake Unit	1 Year
7. Add parking to the Spring Mill pond area and Kent Lake	5 Years
8. Add additional toilet facilities in the Spring Mill pond area	5 Years
9. Add two new modern cabins	2 Years
10. Construct a shelter to host education programs and store equipment **1**	2 Years

Visitor Services Zone	
Draft Action Goal	**Target Date**
Natural Resources in Visitor Service Zone	
1. See General Action Goals	
Historic/Cultural Resources in Visitor Service Zone	
1. See General Action Goals	
Recreation Opportunities in Visitor Service Zone	
1. See General Action Goals	
Education Opportunities in Visitor Service Zone	
1. See General Action Goals	
Management Focus in Visitor Service Zone	
1. Development of a management plan for interpretation and programming	3 Years
2. Create a feasibility study for a new headquarters and storage building	3 Years
Development in Visitor Service Zone	
1. Add a new headquarters and storage building **1**	7 Years

ISLAND LAKE RECREATION AREA
10-YEAR ACTION GOALS

ADDITIONAL ACTION GOALS TO CONSIDER:

Action Goal	Management Zone
Construct observation/education tower over Trout Lake marsh	
Need at least 2 year-round restroom	
Need more hiking-only trails	
Prioritize areas with invasives – some may be insurmountable so concentrate on areas with highest existing quality	
State parks can create camping so metroparks don't need them	
Kensington has a waterspray so state parks don't need them	
Address road crossing safety on state park under railroad tracks/bridge. Bike traffic needs to cross perpendicular to the road and have a small pathway alongside the road. Currently bikes cross diagonally at the bottom of the hill where the road curves. Very dangerous!!	Natural River Corridor

Welcome – Please Sign In!

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Island Lake Recreation Area
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Public invited to March 13 open house to discuss next phase of proposed management plan for Island Lake Recreation Area

Contact: Debbie Jensen, 517-335-4832 or Ed Golder, 517-335-3014

Agency: Natural Resources

Feb. 26, 2013

The Department of Natural Resources today announced it will hold an open house on Wednesday, March 13, inviting the public to provide input on the proposed Phase 2 General Management Plan for Island Lake Recreation Area in Livingston and Oakland counties. The open house will run from 6 to 8 p.m. at Kent Lake Elementary School (cafeteria), located at 30181 Kent Lake Road, in South Lyon.

According to Ron Olson, chief of the DNR's Parks and Recreation Division, these general management plans help staff update previous plans and create a long-term vision for the future. The Phase 1 plan was approved in January 2013. The Phase 2 plan (currently under consultation) considers long-range action goals for the recreation area.

Island Lake Recreation Area provides more than 4,000 acres of public recreational property in Livingston and Oakland counties. The park is home to diverse natural and cultural resources, and has potential for the establishment of the largest oak barrens restoration in Michigan and, possibly, the Midwest. It includes Kent Lake (which connects to Kensington Metropark), Island Lake, Trout Lake, Spring Mill Pond, several lesser ponds, the Huron River (a state-designated Natural River) and a broad spectrum of recreation opportunities.

Along with one of the finest shooting ranges in the state, Island Lake Recreation Area also offers rustic camping, fishing, hunting and trapping, birding, and more than 18 miles of trails for hiking and mountain bike use. The park is linked to Kensington Metropark by both Kent Lake and the Huron Valley Trail.

"Island Lake Recreation Area is one of the most visited parks in southeastern Michigan," said Olson. "As we move forward with the plan for its future, it's important that we hear from the people who enjoy the recreation opportunities available at Island Lake. This open house is a great time to share ideas and learn about the plan."

The DNR's planning consultant, Birchler Arroyo Associates, will host the open house and DNR staff will be available to participate in presenting an overview of the planning process and to address questions from the public about the park and planning efforts already under way.

For more information about this open house or the proposed plan, or for persons needing accommodations to attend this open house, contact Debbie Jensen, DNR park management plan administrator, at 517-335-4832 (TTY/TDD711 Michigan Relay Center for the hearing impaired) at least five business days before the open house.

The Recreation Passport is an easy, affordable way for residents to enjoy and support outdoor recreation opportunities in Michigan. By checking "YES" for the $11 Recreation Passport ($5 for motorcycles) when renewing a license plate through the Secretary of State (by mail, kiosk, online atwww.expresssos.com or at branch offices), Michigan motorists get access to state parks, recreation areas, state forest campgrounds, nonmotorized state trailhead parking and state boat launches. In addition, Recreation Passport holders can enjoy real savings at businesses and retailers that participate in the Passport Perks discount program. The Recreation Passport is valid until the next license plate renewal date. Nonresidents can purchase the Recreation Passport ($30.50 annual; $8.40 daily) at any state park or recreation area or through the Michigan e-Store at www.michigan.gov/estore.

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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. For more information, go to www.michigan.gov/dnr.

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The meeting is open to the public so please spread the word!

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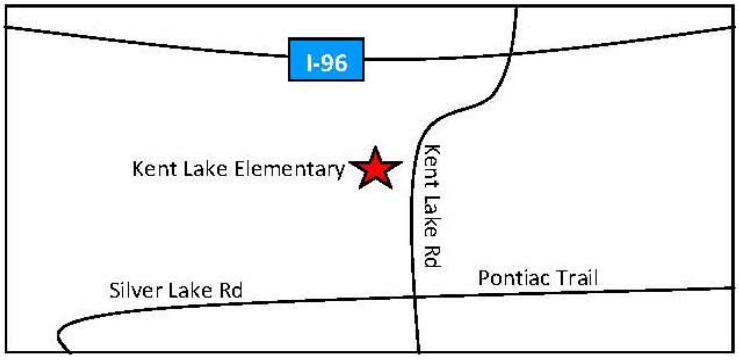
South Lyon, MI 48178



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More information is available at:
www.clearzoning.com
http://www.birchlerarroyo.com/Clients/DNR-RD.htm
www.michigan.gov/parkmanagementplans

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Natural Resources	
1. Review/Update Stewardship Plan	5 Years
2. Implement Stewardship Plan for the park **2**	On-going
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7. Preserve the quality of the known exemplary natural communities **2**	On-going
8. Continue oak barrens restoration **4**	On-going
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4. Review all proposed earthwork activities for potential impact on historic/cultural resources	On-going
Recreation Opportunities	
1. Maintain park open to hunting **3**	On-going
2. Identify opportunities to improve connectivity within and beyond park boundaries/units and develop trail routes that support the mutual goals of PRD and the local partners **9**	2 Years
3. Consider ecotourism opportunities	On-going
4. Identify water trail connections	2 Years
5. Coordinate Recreation Area programs with County and Local Recreation Partners activities	On-going
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4. Explore and develop revenue generating opportunities that are sustainable **1**	On-going
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7. Develop a marketing plan for this park	5 Years
8. Establish a co-management agreement between PRD and Marketing & Outreach for the shooting range **1**	(Lease expires in 2029)
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12. Establish a memorandum of understanding with Kensington Metropark regarding dam **1**	1 Year
13. Address user conflicts **2**	On-going
12. Promote volunteer partnerships to meet resource goals **2**	On-going
13. Study addition of designated bike lanes along park road system to ensure improved separation and safety **4**	1-2 Years

Development	
1. Conduct parking assessment to improve parking/access within ILRA **1**	2 Years
2. Develop a needs assessment for potential west entrance off Bishop Road **2**	5 Years
3. Implement one-way, opposite direction hiking and biking trail signage at all appropriate locations **6**	On-going

Natural River Corridor

Draft Action Goal	Target Date
Natural Resources in Primitive Zone	
1. Preserve/protect the native vegetation communities and habitat for species of special concern **6**	On-going
Historic/Cultural Resources in Primitive Zone	
1. See General Action Goals	
Recreation Opportunities in Primitive Zone	
1. Make rustic canoe camp site compliant with Natural River Corridor designation **1**	On-going
2. Conduct feasibility study to identify opportunities to increase access to the river on west side of park **1**	3 Years
Education Opportunities in Primitive Zone	
1. Develop interpretive messages for access points and river corridor **2**	5 Years
2. Coordinate interpretation activities with Recreation Partners and canoe concessionaire **2**	5 Years
Management Focus in Primitive Zone	
1. Meet the management requirements of the Natural River Corridor designation **1**	On-going
2. Study options for separating or otherwise protecting pedestrian and bicycle traffic from vehicular traffic on State Park Road at the railroad trestle **14**	1 Year
Development in Primitive Zone	
1. Implement interpretive messages at access points to the river corridor **2**	5 Years

Primitive Zone

Draft Action Goal	Target Date
1. See General Action Goals **1**	

Backcountry Zone

Draft Action Goal	Target Date
Natural Resources in Backcountry Zone	
1. See General Action Goals **1**	
Historic/Cultural Resources in Backcountry Zone	
1. Develop a comprehensive Phase 2 study regarding Spanish-American War Encampment resources **3**	5 Years
Recreation Opportunities in Backcountry Zone	
1. Identify expansion opportunities for rustic camping accommodations **3**	1 Year
2. GPS all trails and assess for incorporation into designated trail system **8**	5 Years
Education Opportunities in Backcountry Zone	
1. See General Action Goals	
Management Focus in Backcountry Zone	
1. See General Action Goals **1**	
Development in Backcountry Zone	
1. Limit upgrade and/or re-route of trails to accommodate use compatible with natural character of zone **10**	On-going
2. Improve ADA accessibility compatible with the natural character of the zone **2**	On-going
3. Use parking assessment to improve parking/access to the zone **1**	7 Years

Natural Resource Recreation Zone	
Draft Action Goal	**Target Date**
Natural Resources in Natural Resource Recreation Zone	
1. Complete reclamation of the Spring Mill aggregate mine per reclamation plan **6**	10 Years
Historic/Cultural Resources in Natural Resource Recreation Zone	
1. See General Action Goals	
Recreation Opportunities in Natural Resource Recreation Zone	
4. Create an assessment team and identify potential recreational uses of the mining restoration area **5**	1 Year
4. Develop a hiking-only trail in the zone **11**	1 Year
5. Conduct feasibility study to identify opportunities to increase access to the river on west side of park	3 Years
Education Opportunities in Natural Resource Recreation Zone	
1. See General Action Goals	
Management Focus in Natural Resource Recreation Zone	
1. Develop reclamation plan for Spring Mill aggregate mine **6**	1 Year
Development in Natural Resource Recreation Zone	
1. See General Action Goals	

Developed Recreation Zone	
Draft Action Goal	**Target Date**
Natural Resources in Developed Recreation Zone	
1. See General Action Goals	
Historic/Cultural Resources in Developed Recreation Zone	
1. See General Action Goals	
Recreation Opportunities in Developed Recreation Zone	
1. Assess suitability of Trout Lake for swimming **7**	3 Years
2. Develop a feasibility/needs assessment of overnight accommodation in Trout Lake area as appropriate **3**	3 Years
3. Explore feasibility, associated ADA requirements, and funding sources for constructing an observation tower on south side of Trout Lake **2**	5 Years
4. Develop a feasibility study for alternative overnight accommodations **1**	1 Year
5. Conduct assessment of suitable locations for alternative overnight accommodations	3-5 Years
Education Opportunities in Developed Recreation Zone	
1. See General Action Goals	
Management in Developed Recreation Zone	
1. Complete an assessment of Boat Access Sites (BAS) to identify needed improvements **1**	On-going
2. Complete assessment of mining areas **1**	On-going
Development in Developed Recreation Zone	
1. Develop a feasibility study to add a yurt around the lower Huron River fishing location **1**	6 Months
2. Develop a paved bike trail along the Spring Mill Lake Road to address safety issues **8**	2 Years
3. Develop a cross country ski trail **9**	3 Years
4. Evaluate the addition of a “water play zone” at Spring Mill Pond	5 Years
5. Construct an archery range in the Island Lake Unit **4**	1 Year
6. Add parking to the Spring Mill pond area and Kent Lake **4**	5 Years
7. Add additional toilet facilities in the Spring Mill pond area **4**	5 Years
8. Add two new modern cabins **4**	2 Years
9. Construct a shelter to host education programs and store equipment **1**	2 Years

Visitor Services Zone	
Draft Action Goal	**Target Date**
Natural Resources in Visitor Service Zone	
1. See General Action Goals	
Historic/Cultural Resources in Visitor Service Zone	
1. See General Action Goals	
Recreation Opportunities in Visitor Service Zone	
1. See General Action Goals	
Education Opportunities in Visitor Service Zone	
1. See General Action Goals **1**	
Management Focus in Visitor Service Zone	
1. Development of a management plan for interpretation and programming **1**	3 Years
2. Create a feasibility study for a new headquarters and storage building **1**	3 Years
Development in Visitor Service Zone	
1. Add a new headquarters and storage building **1**	7 Years

Cultural Landscape Overlay Zone
Draft Action Goal
1. Follow underlying zone recommendations and/or general recommendations

Scenic Overlay Zone	
Draft Action Goal	**Target Date**
Natural Resources in Backcountry Zone	
1. Follow underlying zone recommendations and general recommendations	
Historic/Cultural Resources in Backcountry Zone	
1. Follow underlying zone recommendations and general recommendations	
Recreation Opportunities in Backcountry Zone	
1. Follow underlying zone recommendations and general recommendations	
Education Opportunities in Backcountry Zone	
1. Follow underlying zone recommendations and general recommendations	
Management Focus in Backcountry Zone	
1. Follow underlying zone recommendations and general recommendations	
2. Vegetative management to maintain or enhance the viewscapes	On-going
Development in Backcountry Zone	
1. Follow underlying zone recommendations and general recommendations	

ISLAND LAKE RECREATION AREA
10-YEAR ACTION GOALS

ADDITIONAL ACTION GOALS TO CONSIDER:

Action Goal	Management Zone
• Equestrian trails to link with Kensington Metro Parks and Proud Lake with no staging areas • A trail riding group would maintain and develop the trails • My contact info is Cindy Godair (248) 672-0154 cindykester@hotmail.com • I belong to Proud Lake Trail Riders – Treasurer (Michigan Trail Riders Association) • We would like a shared access point with other trail groups to go beyond the railroad tracks	Developed Recreation, Backcountry & NRR
• Equestrian usage with no staging area and an equine group would maintain the trails • Shared access point at railroad with bikers • Tommyelkins@comcast.net (Proud Lake Trail Rider – Board Member)	
• Prohibit snow mobile use in the park • Install outhouse at Trout Lake – at least 2 on opposite sides of the lake • Consider limiting or eliminating hunting in the park • Additional signage near trailhead bathrooms regarding trail rules (more likely to be read than @ trailhead)	NRR, Backcountry Developed Recreation NRR, Backcountry Backcountry
• Model aviation field; possibly multi-use model area supporting airplanes, cars, boats • Area needed is 2-3 acres for the flying field proper and 8-10 acres fly over space; fly over space can be shared (it is a safety buffer in case of crashes) • Roger Wilfong – aroger@umich.edu	Mine site south side of park
• Equestrian usage and trail with no staging area. Trail group would maintain. • Shared railroad crossing with bikers • Sherry White (248) 444-3048	Enter from Kensington under expressway Enter Developed Recreation Zone, continue into Backcountry Zone and eventually into NRR Zone
• Add more, and better, restrooms and access to drinking water • Add more hiking and biking trail access points to connections outside the park	All with hiking, biking, and parking
• More wheelchair accessibility for picnics, fishing and nature observation	Developed Areas
• I am not so much interested in any specific goal as in preserving the natural and undeveloped feel of the park. I go to ILRA instead of Kensington because I want to get lost in nature as much as possible even though I am in southeast MI. Therefore, I have no interest in developing Trout Lake. I prefer to swim there as it is now – not a developed beach or cabin site	

• Sondra Willobee (South Lyon)	
• I oppose adding more or easier access to Trout Lake. There are already too many people using the lake who do not respect it	Developed Recreation Area
• Set up and make new trails for O.R.V riding (dirt bikes, ATVs) • Add modern bathrooms to trailhead parking lot • Add more fishing accommodations for recreational use • Allow automatic fire arm use in shooting ranges • Add zombie run for community running (5k, 8k, 10k or walk)	
• I strongly oppose the addition of an observation area and overnight accommodations at Trout Lake. This is a pristine area and creating more traffic and potential "eye sores" would destroy the "up north" and natural feel of the lake. There are already too many people using the lake who do not respect it. • Please feel free to call me if you wish to discuss this; Mike Case (248-924-8558)	Developed Recreation
• Layout and develop trail connection to US-23/Lee Road • The improvement of Fieldcrest, engineering for trail up Fieldcrest from 9 Mile to Lee is underway • Negotiations to acquire easements from Lakelands Trail to US-23 along M-36 are proceeding rapidly • Trail along Whitmore Lake Road south to WA. Lake Trail is in near future	
• Build a restroom area near Trout Lake that blends in with the environment. Currently, Trout Lake users are forced to use the bushes and trees around the Lake.	Developed Recreation
• Want the observation tour – south or east side; don't want overnight accommodation at the same place	Developed Recreation
• Develop better crossing of bike and hike trail at railroad crossing at Spring Mill Road	Natural River Corridor
• Investigate improved trail crossings at area where maintain bike trails cross main road • Put in railroad track crossing on mountain bike trail rather than jumping the road and going under bridge. Would improve safety for both bikes and vehicles. • Similar to #2 Primitive Zone under Natural River Corridor	Backcountry Natural River Corridor
• Have available space on public notice boards (kiosks) for user groups to post their information.	

From: Tislerics, Ati [mailto:atisleri@med.umich.edu]
Sent: Saturday, March 23, 2013 11:24 AM
To: Jensen, Deborah (DNR); dave@clearzoning.com
Subject: comments on Island Lake long-range action goals

Dear Ms. Jensen/Mr. Birchler,

I appreciated the opportunity to particpate in the public open house for Island Lake Recreation Area last week. I found the system for providing input to be somewhat limiting, so I wish to provide some additional comments.

Though I live about 30 minutes away, I use the park once or twice a month, in all seasons and in a variety of ways (mostly road biking and hiking, so far). I feel Island Lake works quite well the way it is. I have experienced little conflict with other types of users, and I even feel the invasive species are not as bad as most other parks I visit. I feel the DNR is doing a good job at Island Lake and would recommend no significant changes.

I feel that the greatest value of ILRA lies in the simple fact that it is a large, contiguous parcel of relatively undeveloped land in an area that is otherwise seeing rapid development. Therefore, protecting and preserving the natural amenities of the park should be the highest priority. In particular:

- Vigorous efforts should be made to acquire any remaining undeveloped adjacent parcels.
- The western section designated Natural Resource Recreation should be re-zoned to create a larger contiguous Backcountry area (excluding small areas around the group campground and cabins if necessary).
- Motorized recreation is incompatible with protecting the park's natural amenities. I believe ATVs, motorcycles, etc. are already prohibited; snowmobiles should be as well.
- Significant additional infrastructure (parking areas, additional entrance(s), etc.) would damage the quality of the resource, not to mention complicating administration, checking for permits, etc. in the case of an additional entrance.

Investing in additional infrastructure to cope with peak demand that only occurs a few days of the year doesn't make economic sense, either. Visitors who can't be accommodated at ILRA should be directed to other area parks.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to be involved in this process.

From: Jensen, Deborah (DNR) [mailto:JensenD1@michigan.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2013 9:12 AM
Subject: RE: comments on Island Lake long-range action goals

Ati,

Thank you for your interest and thoughtful comments. Our planning team was very pleased with the turnout and comments received at the input meeting and will be reviewing them over the next few weeks with a view to finalizing the plan.

You say you found the system for providing input "somewhat limiting". Do you have suggestions for how this could be more engaging? It is always difficult to predict how many participants will attend such meetings and while some appreciate an open floor discussion others may feel intimidated and prefer to talk on a more one-to-one basis or submit their comments in writing.

Thank you again for your interest.

Debbie Jensen
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From: Tislerics, Ati [mailto:atisleri@med.umich.edu]
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2013 1:23 PM
To: Jensen, Deborah (DNR)
Cc: dave@clearzoning.com; Jemerson, Murdock (DNR); Bennett, Kristen (DNR); Floyd, Karis (DNR)
Subject: RE: comments on Island Lake long-range action goals

Dear Ms. Jensen,

I don't remember if you were at the meeting; if you were, I'm sorry I didn't meet you. The primary means of providing feedback was by placing colored dots on poster boards to indicate which of the predetermined goals should be the highest priorities. So, for example, there wasn't really an effective way to indicate opposition to any of the items. One attendee attempted to do so by writing "no" on some of his stickers, and something like this may be worth considering – maybe "plus" and "minus" would make more sense. Now that I think about it, there probably were half-sheets available on which additional priorities could be listed, which is probably enough for most people; I preferred to have a bit more time to organize my thoughts. I wouldn't suggest an open floor discussion – I think those tend to be hijacked by a few outspoken people with specific complaints.

Regards,
Ati Tislerics

Welcome – Please Sign In!

DNR Public Input Workshop
Island Lake Recreation Area
March 13, 2013

Name	Affiliation	Address	Phone #	Email Address
Rhonda Fackert				
Jim Fackert	Lakeland and Go Trails Committee			
Tammy Zielinski	Proud Lake Trail Rider			
Mark Dombrowski	MCMBA			
Don Beagle	User			
Crystal Keller				
Steve Steinberg	MCMBA			
Roger Wilfong				
Mike Casey	User			
Dave Kintz	User			
Garrett Eglitis				
Hanna Eglitis	DNR			
Karen Gourlay	DNR			
Sherry White	NTWRHA; MHC			
Cindy Godair	Proud Lake Trail; Michigan Trail Riders			

Name	Affiliation	Address	Phone #	Email Address
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Lane Hotchkiss	Friends			
Jamie Metheringham	PRD/ILRA			
Jean Steinberg	MCMBA; IMBA Bike Patrol			
David Pearson				
James Rabaut	Friends of Island Lake			
Ati Tislerics	SOLAR			
Jennifer Tislerics	SOLAR			
Kathleen Hansen	Huron Valley Audubon			
Loren Konkus	MCMBA			
Mike Walker	User			
Glenn Palmgren	DNR/PRD			
Sandra Willobee	Sierra Club Member			
Karis Floyd	DNR			
Mike Cutsinge	DNR			

Island Lake Phase 2 General Management Plan
Park User Questionnaire
July 15, 2013 through August 3, 2013

A park user questionnaire was conducted at Island Lake Recreation Area between July 15 and August 3, 2013. Park staff asked visitors five questions about their visit to the park. A total of 408 responses were collected at variable times throughout the day and throughout the week. During the week, visitors were questioned at the park contact station: at busier times on the weekend, visitors were questioned at key locations within the park. Although the data gathered captured a wide demographic, it reflects summer use only and accounts for approximately 0.4% of the estimated visitors to the park between the July 15 and August 3 timeframe.

Summary

Of the 408 responses, most people visited the park for the beach areas. The majority of park visitors polled were from the immediate Brighton area with others coming from the Metro-Detroit region. It is also interesting to note that a portion of the users were first time visitors, while others had been coming to the park for many years and considered it a tradition. In general the most favorable aspect of the park was its beaches, trails and general cleanliness.

Visitors were also asked what changes they would like to see at the park. The majority of respondents like the park the way it is and sited no desired changes. A wide range of other suggestions for improvements were recorded, including bike trail on the road, more trails and bathroom improvements.

The following pages show the results of the questionnaire in more detail.

2. **What is your primary reason for visiting Island Lake Recreation Area today?**

	Response Percent	Response Count
Cabin/Group Camp	0.2%	1
Beach (unspecified)	**29.6%**	**120**
Beach (Kent Lake)	4.0%	16
Beach (Spring Mill Pond)	11.6%	47
Biking	9.9%	40
Mountain Biking	7.4%	30
Canoe/Kayaking	4.7%	19
Fishing	5.2%	21
Hiking	1.5%	6
Picnicking	8.9%	36
Birding/wildlife watching	0.7%	3
Special Program/Event	1.5%	6
Other (please specify)	14.8%	60
	answered question	**405**
	skipped question	**3**

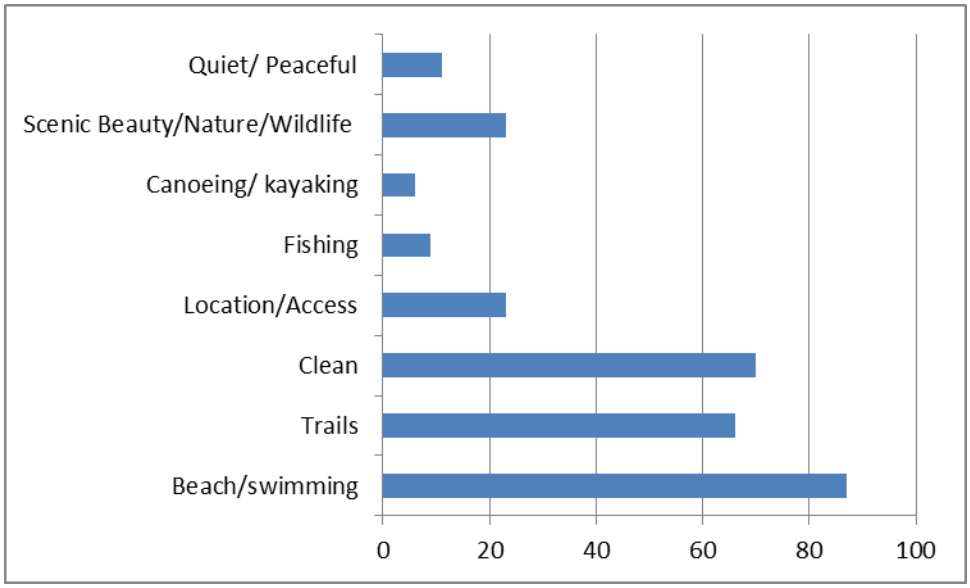
OTHER responses (60 responses)

- Swimming/Beach (14)
- Family Reunion (12)
- Running (6)
- Dog Walking (5)
- Scuba Diving (2)
- Walking (2)
- Shooting Range (2)
- Cabin (2)
- Drive (1)
- Paddle Boarding (1)
- Motorcycle (1)
- Corporate Outing (1)
- Team Sports (1)

3. Where do you live? (400 responses)

- Brighton (66)
- South Lyon (42)
- Livonia (20)
- Milford (17)
- Howell (16)
- Novi (15)
- Redford (13)
- New Hudson (12)
- Detroit (10)
- Ann Arbor (10)
- Canton (10)
- Westland (10)
- Dearborn (8)
- Farmington Hills (7)
- Garden City (7)
- Fowlerville (5)
- Hartland (5)
- Plymouth (5)
- Commerce Twp. (5)
- Northville (4)
- Fenton (4)
- Wixom (4)
- Wayne (4)
- Dearborn Heights (4)
- Royal Oak (3)
- West Bloomfield (3)
- Sault Ste Marie (3)
- Allen Park (3)
- Illinois (2)
- Ferndale (2)
- Troy (2)
- Lansing (2)
- Highland (2)
- Hamburg (2)
- St. Clair Shores (2)
- Ohio (2)
- Plainfield, IL (2)
- Southgate (2)
- Farmington (2)
- Windsor (2)
- White Lake (2)
- Anchorage (1)
- Birmingham (1)
- Buffalo, NY (1)
- Cohactah Twp. (1)
- Dallas, TX (1)
- Davisbury (1)
- Demotte, IN (1)
- DeWitt (1)
- Taylor (1)
- Tecumseh (1)
- Toledo (1)
- Flat Rock (1)
- Green Oak Twp. (1)
- Holly (1)
- Lincoln Park (1)
- Linden (1)
- L.A. (1)
- Louisville (1)
- Melvindale (1)
- River Rouge (1)
- Romulus (1)
- Webberville (1)
- Wiliamston (1)
- Milan (1)
- Haslett (1)
- Saline (1)
- Okemos (1)
- Inkster (1)
- Riverview (1)
- Pleasant Ridge (1)
- Rochester Hills (1)
- Southfield (1)
- Traverse City (1)
- Walled Lake (1)
- Warren (1)
- Waterford (1)
- West Bloomfield (1)
- Whitmore Lake (1)
- Wixom (1)
- Wolverine Lake (1)
- East Pointe (1)
- Grand Blanc (1)
- Ypsilanti (1)
- Woodhaven (1)

4. What do you like the most about the park? (372 responses)



Other Responses

- Lake (21)
- Spring Mill Pond (13)
- Everything (10)
- Access (4)
- Low Traffic (5)
- Picnic Areas (2)
- Water (9)
- Staff (6)
- River (5)
- Roads (3)
- Running (2)
- Cabins (2)
- Volleyball Court (2)
- Playground (2)
- Hunting (2)
- Basketball Court (1)

5. Are there any changes you would like to see? (201 responses)

- No Changes (52)
- More Garbage Cans (12)
- More Trails (8)
- Bike Lane on road (8)
- More shade (8)
- Concessions (8)
- Alcohol (8)
- Bathroom improvements (7)
- More Parking (4)
- Day pass (4)
- No bikes on roads (4)
- Repave bike path (4)
- More programs/events (3)
- Dog Park (3)
- More enforcement (2)
- Road to Trout Lake (2)
- Designated Smoking areas (2)
- More fishing access (2)
- Paddleboard rentals (2)
- Archery Range (1)
- Better Picnic Tables (1)
- Boat Launch (1)
- Camping (1)
- Disc Golf Course (1)
- Foot Sprayer at beach (1)
- Goose Poop (1)
- Fish interpretation for lakes (1)
- More bike trails (1)
- More cabins (1)
- Tube Rentals (1)
- Playground (1)

Appendix B –Summary of Team Meetings

The following provides an overview of the Planning Team meetings:

Overview of Planning Team Meetings

- **Team Meeting #1 (October 25, 2012)** – Located at the DNR Southfield Operations Center, the meeting was an opportunity for Planning Team members to provide initial input for the Phase 2 Long-Range Action Goals Plan.
- **Team Meeting #2 (November 30, 2012)** – Located at the DNR Southfield Operations Center, the meeting provided an opportunity for the Planning Team to engage in on-going discussion regarding the Long-Range Action Goals Plan.
- **Team Meeting #3, Go-To-Meeting (January 28, 2013)** – The Planning Team reviewed the input received from the December 17, 2012 Stakeholder/Recreation Partner Workshop.
- **Team Meeting #4, Go-To-Meeting (April 2, 2013)** – The Planning Team reviewed input received from the March 13, 2013 Public Input Workshop.

Phase 2 Kick-Off Meeting
Island Lake Recreation Area
October 25, 2012
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

1) ILRA Meeting Attendees: Karis Floyd; Jamie Metheringham; Paul Curtis; Lisa Gamero; Karen Gourlay; Ray Fahlsing; Kris Bennett; Murdock Jemmerson; Jeff Braunscheidel; David Birchler; Susie Roble
2) The purpose of the meeting was to have the planning team provide input for the Phase 2 Long-Range Action Goals Plan.
3) Phase 1 review is not necessary; the just completed Legal Mandates are still valid. Phase 1 is awaiting approval.
4) DB gave a brief overview of Phase 1, the management zones, and the legal parameters memo.
5) The team reviewed action strategies by zone

   Lisa has an inventory of all known archaeological sites

   Ecotourism potential related to Huron River

   What new cabins at Trout Lake (Developed Rec. Zone)

   Added Natural River Corridor as a "zone"

   PRD can take advantage of concessionaires to assist with interpretive activities
6) The park managers provided their "wish list" of actions they'd like prioritized at each respective park.

   Modern camping

   Hiking-only area and trails

   Expanded parking at Spring Mill Pond and Island Lake

   West Entrance – need/feasibility

   Dog park

   Study feasibility of promo as an "events park"

   Market shooting range events – new co-management agreement

   Need emergency entrance to Trout Lake off Kensington Road

   Aggregate mining/land trade strategy-plan
7) Karis is working with Brighton Historical Society to develop interpretive panels – may require State Office review
8) PRD is nearing an RFP for aggregate mining restoration at Spring Mill Pond

Phase 2 Team Meeting #2
Island Lake Recreation Area
November 30, 2012
1:00 – 4:00 PM

1) ILRA Meeting Attendees: Paul Curtis; Debbie Jensen Lisa Gamero; Karen Gourlay; Ray Fahlsing; Kris Bennett; Karis Floyd; David Birchler; Susie Roble

2) On-going discussion regarding Phase 2 Long-Range Action Plan Goals
   a. Remove mining artifacts

   b. Ask contractor(s) to prepare 3 options
      i. Minimal removal
      ii. Moderate removal
      iii. Maximum removal

   c. Prepare and release RFP

   d. If concept is too controversial, Department may have to restore in-house

3) Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake (EMR); Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA)

4) Discussion Regarding Stakeholders/Partners Workshop
   a. Need workshop-style location (HCMA) or smaller space at Lyon Oaks Park
   b. Target date – 3rd week in December (Dec. 17th)

Review of Stakeholder Input
Island Lake Recreation Area
GoToMeeting
January 28, 2013 – 9 AM – 10:30 AM

Attendees: Debbie Jensen, Karen Gourlay, Ray Fahlsing, Glenn Palmgren, Jeff Braunscheidel, Lisa Gamero, Murdoch Jemmerson, Karis Flyod, David Birchler, Susie Roble

Debbie will be presenting Phase 2 PW Plans to the parks council before seeking their approval; she would like us to send over the powerpoint presentation.

<u>Feedback from Stakeholders</u>

- Adding more year-round modern restrooms
    - Karis – with reduction in use during winter months, it's not economical to put in additional restrooms due to staffing and cost to heat
    - There are 17 port-a-johns available during winter months at key locations
    - All modern restrooms are shut down only during the coldest winter months; buildings are re-opened in March if temps are consistently over 40 degrees
    - Planning Team concurred that park manager is doing everything possible regarding restrooms
- Observation Tower on south side of Trout Lake
    - Karis – good grant project opportunity; work in partnership with Audubon group to seek grant assistance
    - Bird watching has increased at ILRA
    - Lisa – ADA requirements might become and issue with a tower; Debbie – there are alternative options for people who are unable to access the tower
    - Planning Team concurred to add GOAL under Developed Recreation Zone/Recreation Opportunities (#3); time frame = 5 years; regional planner, park manager, and Audubon group
- Camping opportunities that incorporate a yurt or cabin – the Planning Team concurred to add goal to Developed Recreation Zone/Rec. Opportunities (#4)
- Safe trail around railroad trestle
    - Karis – it would be nice to re-route trail so bikes don't have to come out at the road; this would be more feasible than building a bridge; but River makes this not feasible
    - Dave suggested the addition of an on-demand biker/pedestrian activated signal at the cross (this would be far less expensive than a bridge or an under-river tunnel); we need to study various options.
    - Planning Team concurred to add goal to Natural River Corridor/Management Focus (time frame = 1 year; input from regional planner, park manager, fisheries, stewardship) to study options available and recommend action to separate or otherwise protect bike and pedestrian traffic from vehicular traffic
- EMR interpretive panels
    - Change timeframe from 5 years to 1-2 years
- Additional hiking-only trails

    - This is an existing goal under Natural Resource Recreation Zone/Rec. Opportunities (#2)
- Biking trails one-direction
    - Karis – this is already in the works; within a year or two proper signage will be in place
    - ADD Goal under General Action Goals/Development (#3) – implement one-way, opposite direction hike/bike trail signs
- West Entrance
    - Karis – entry would be used for heavy weekends and holiday only; this will relieve traffic issues and backups on Kensington Rd, and limit the added cost of manning a second entrance booth
    - This goals is currently under General Action Goals/Development (add Bishop Rd to goal)
- Designated Bike Lanes on State Park Way (main park road)
    - Triathletes use roads because the terrain is more challenging
    - Further study needs regarding the addition of bike lanes
    - Pursue Director's order for bikers to use bike lanes (except on race days)
    - Karis – races held during the week (2 x per month) beginning in May through September
    - ADD goal under General Action Goals (Management Focus)
- Water play zone – change timeframe to 5 years. This is a good opportunity for attracting more families to Spring Mill Pond. Increasing use by families will exert peer pressure to reduce alcohol violations.

A doodle poll for the public input meeting will be sent out; the meeting will be sometime between mid-Feb and mid-March

Public Input Review Go-To-Meeting
Island Lake Recreation Area
April 2, 2013
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

1. Meeting Attendees – Murdock Jemerson, Karis Floyd, Debbie Jensen, Lisa Gamero, Kriss Bennet, Karen Gourlay, Glenn Palmgren, David Birchler, Susie Roble

2. Review of Priority Activity

3. Additional Action Goals
    a. Model aviation is already a recreational opportunity at the park; Boy Scouts fly model airplanes

    b. Dog parks – Add as general action goal regarding partnering with a stakeholder group to plan an appropriate area and develop a management strategy

    c. Equestrian Use
        i. Would duplicate use at Kensington, Proud Lake, Brighton
        ii. Tunnel to Kensington would not be a safe connection
        iii. Serving as a connector trail would be a possible role
    d. Add a General Goal to evaluate whether ILRA could serve as a connector between other area equestrian trail networks; 3-5 year target completion date

    e. Trout Lake was set aside in zone plan for developed activities, whereas the mine reclamation area was better positioned for natural activities. Illegal activities at Trout Lake suggest it would be easier to manage developed activities in a concentrated area.

4. Accessibility issues – currently limited, especially swimming and playground equipment
    a. Add “on-going” goals to improve accessibility: within the Natural River Corridor; when installing new playground equipment; when making improvements at swimming beaches (mobi-mats at Dodge 4 and Metamora)

5. Developed Recreation Zone
    a. Overnight accommodations not strongly needed