



Mullet Lake South Property General Management Plan

Property Information and
Planning Process



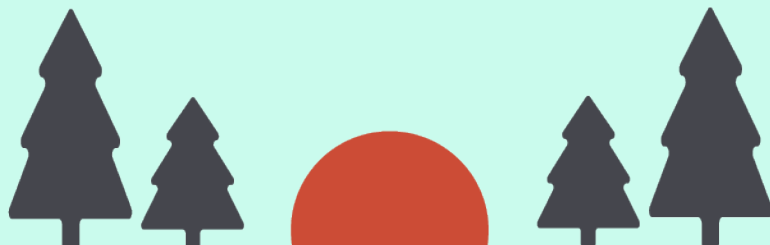
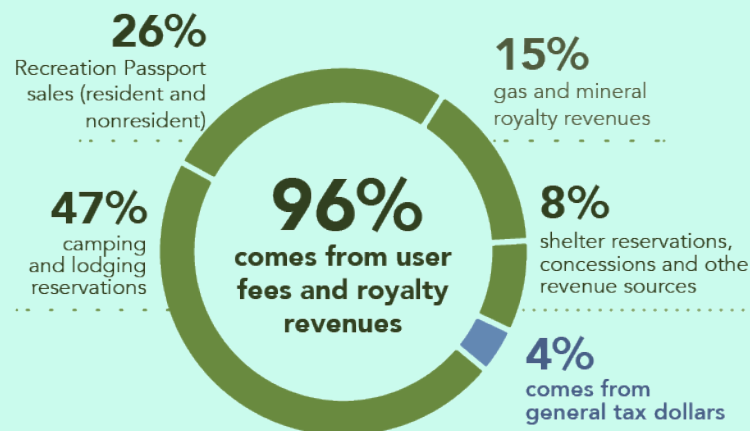


Michigan State Parks FACTS

In Michigan, you're never more than a half-hour away from a state park, state forest campground or state trail system.



state parks funding



**OUTDOOR
INDUSTRY
ASSOCIATION**

outdoorindustry.org/state/michigan

2017 National
Recreation Economy
Report - Michigan



63%

of Michigan residents
participate in outdoor
recreation each year.

\$26.6 BILLION

generated by outdoor recreation
consumer spending in Michigan.

\$7.5 BILLION

in wages and salaries.
\$2.1 billion in state/local tax revenue.

**232,000
direct jobs**

generated by
outdoor recreation
in Michigan.



Michigan State Parks FACTS

35 MILLION

ANNUAL VISITORS
2020-21

103 
state parks

140 
state forest
campgrounds

1,000+
miles of trails in
state parks

200+
concessionaires
operating in state
parks

1,300+
state-sponsored
boating access
sites

300,000+
acres of land in
state parks



**1 MILLION average
camp nights**

Aggregate of total nights reserved for one night during
a calendar year in Michigan state parks.





General Management Plans

1. Identify Core Values & Guiding Resources

- DNR & PRD Mission Statements
- Legal Mandates that impact land use

2. Identify State Park Purpose & Significance

3. Allocate 20-Year Management Zones

Defined expectations for resource protection, development and park use

4. Outline 10-Year Action Goals

- General Action Goals
- Specific Management Zone Goals

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 & 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.



Management Plan Process

Supporting
Analysis



DNR
Planning Team
Meetings



Public and
Stakeholder
Input



General Management
Plan





Planning Process

Spring 2020



Feb. 2022



Summer 2022



Fall 2022



**Supporting
Analysis**

**Internal
Planning
Meetings**

**Stakeholder
Meeting**

**Draft
Plan**

**Public
Meeting**

**Final
Plan**

**Plan
Approval**



Property Background

- 147-acres acquired in 2013 with assistance from the Little Traverse Conservancy
- Acquired using a grant from the MNRTF to support the North Central State Trail that runs through the property along the lakeshore
- Accessed off Straits Highway just over 1 mile south of Topinabee
- Currently undeveloped, with an informal/unsigned trail loop
- Property features mixed coniferous and deciduous woodland, wetlands and a small pond, with 1,500 feet of frontage on Mullett Lake



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES



Mullett Lake South Property - Park Boundary



Updated: 02/07/2020



Significance Statements

■ **Location/Access:**

- On the 17,000-acre Mullett Lake
- Accessible from NCST, road and the water

■ **Mullett Lake/Waterways:**

- 38-mile Inland Waterway
- 1,200 feet of undeveloped lakeshore
- Opportunities for public access, stewardship & recreation

■ **History:**

- Inland Waterway used as transportation route for thousands of years
- Evidence of early Native American heritage sites along the route
- Former Michigan Central Railroad



Significance Statements

■ Linear Trail:

- 75-mile NCST
- Multi-use
- Access to an extensive trail network

■ Natural Resources:

- Quality forest cover types
- Habitat for a variety of plant and animal species
- Opportunities for natural resource- and wildlife-based recreation and education opportunities
- Ancient beach ridge from historic shoreline of Mullett Lake

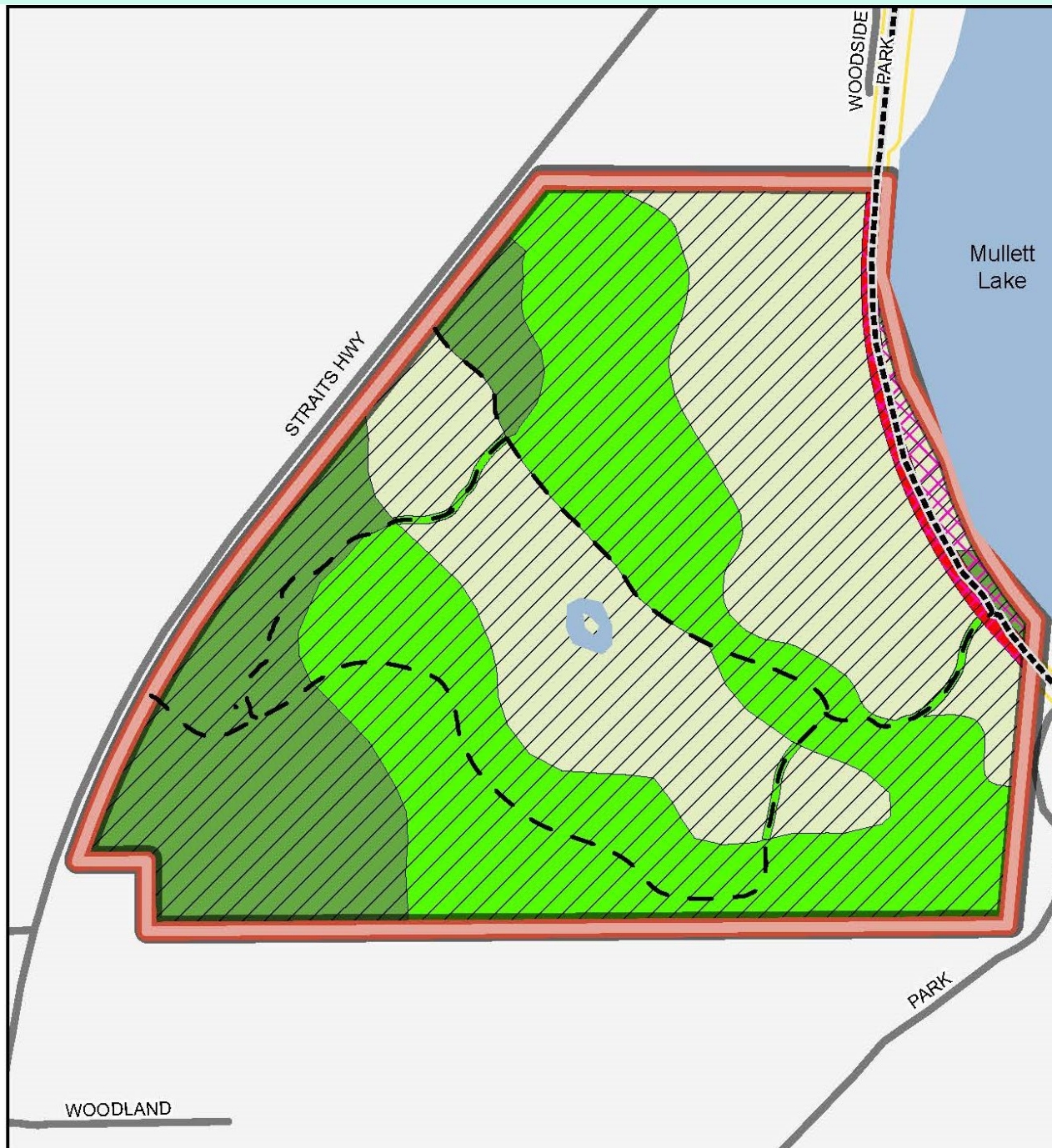




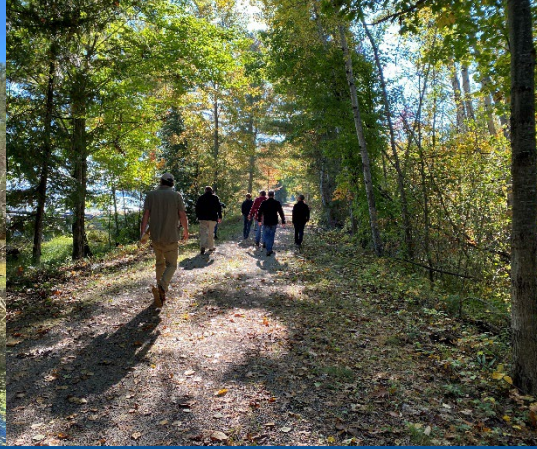
Management Zones

Management Zone Progression			
Management Zone	Resource Condition	Visitor Experience	Development Level
Ecologically Sensitive	Pristine	Restricted	None
Primitive			
Backcountry			
Cultural Landscape			
History Education			
Scenic			
Natural Resource Recreation			
Developed Recreation	Active Management	Significant Use	Extensive Development
Administrative Services			

Draft Management Zones



- Boundary
- Road
- Designated Rail Trail
- Hiking Trails (undesigned)
- Lakes and Rivers
- Developed Recreation Zone
- Natural Resource Recreation Zone
- Backcountry Zone
- Primitive Zone
- Cultural Landscape Overlay
- Scenic Overlay



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