

# Fayette Historic State Park General Management Plan

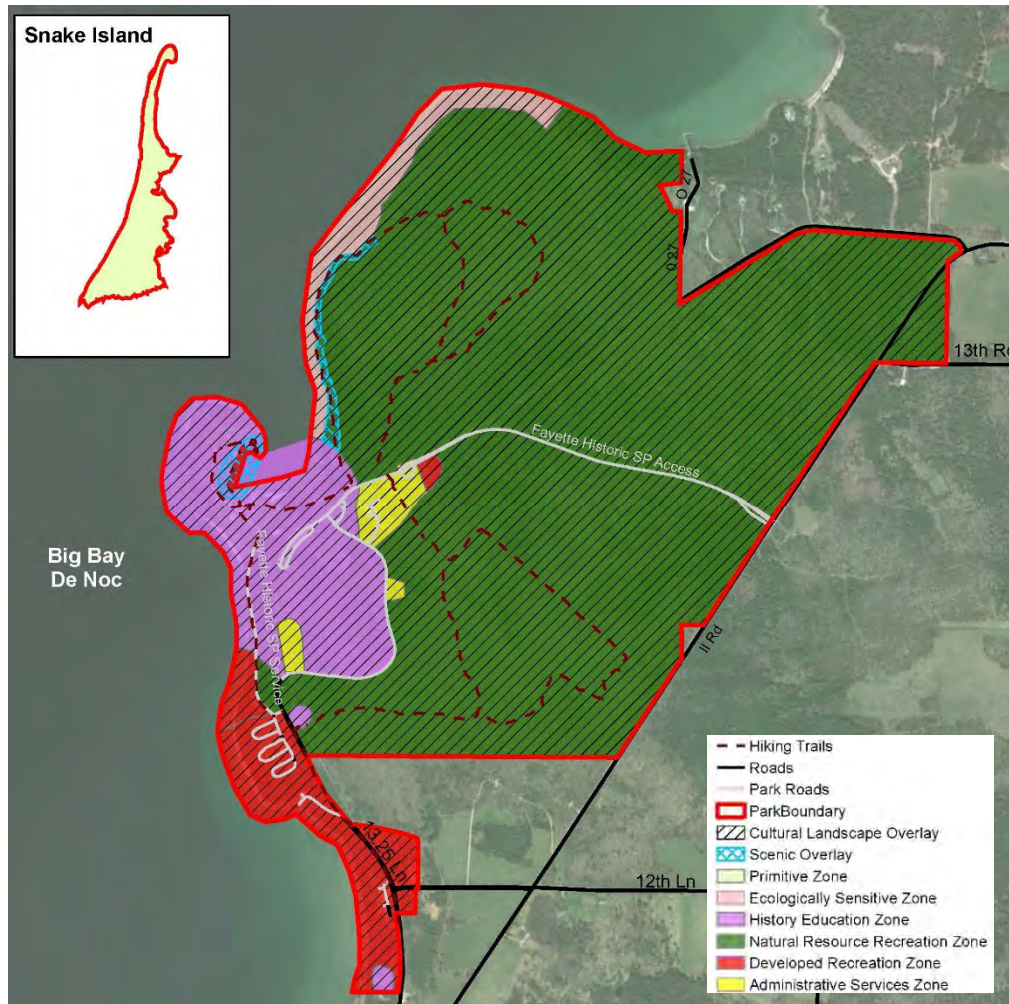


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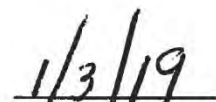
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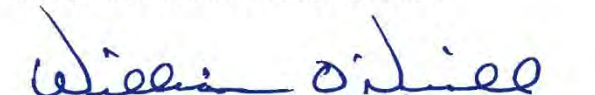


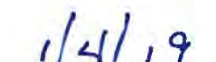
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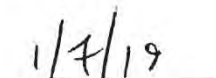
  
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**FAYETTE HISTORIC STATE PARK  
GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN  
PLAN APPROVAL RECOMMENDATIONS:**

PRD – SECTION CHIEFS:

Date: 8/13/2018

DNR – RESOURCE MANAGEMENT BUREAU:

Date: 9/10/2018

MSPAC – STEWARDSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE:

Date: 9/26/2018

NRC – MICHIGAN STATE PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Date: 12/17/2018



# Resolution

## **RESOLUTION NO. 12-2018-07**

**MICHIGAN STATE PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MSPAC)**

### **RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE “FAYETTE HISTORIC STATE PARK GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN”**

**ADOPTED: December 13, 2018**

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources’ (DNR) Parks and Recreation Division, has completed the General Management Plan for Fayette Historic State Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the planning process reflects balancing of natural resource protection values, historic and cultural resource values, recreation and education opportunities, including various DNR programs and events; and

**WHEREAS**, the planning process included multiple stakeholder, constituent, and public input; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Management Plan represents sound guidance for future planning that is consistent with the missions of the DNR, the Parks and Recreation Division; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Management Plan is in alignment with the recommendations of the Michigan State Parks and Outdoor Recreation Blue Ribbon Panel report submitted to Governor Rick Snyder; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Management Plan has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Parks and Recreation Division, and the MSPAC Stewardship Subcommittee.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan State Parks Advisory Committee recommends to the DNR approval of Fayette Historic State Park General Management Plan; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Michigan State Parks Advisory Committee further recommends that the DNR, Parks and Recreation Chief and the Director approve the Fayette Historic State Park General Management Plan.

Submitted by: MSPAC Stewardship Subcommittee

**Motioned by: Committee member, Chris Tracy**  
**Seconded by: Committee member, Mike McDonald**

<b>Yeas:</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Nays:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Abstained:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Absent:</b>	<b>3</b>

*This Resolution was adopted by the Michigan State Parks Advisory Committee at their regular meeting on December 13, 2018 as Resolution No. 12-2018-07.*

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# Executive Summary

Fayette Historic State Park (FHSP) is located in Delta County in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The park sits on the Garden Peninsula on the east shore of Big Bay de Noc, which opens into Green Bay on Lake Michigan.

Fayette is a relatively small park of approximately 724 acres, but preserves an important part of Michigan's history, featuring over 20 preserved historic buildings that once comprised a bustling iron smelting industrial complex and community. The historic townsite provides opportunities for visitors to learn about this part of Michigan's history through self-exploration or guided tours and information from the A. Gene Gazlay Visitor Center. The state park also features a modern campground, harbor, boat launch, swimming beach and five miles of trails for hiking, biking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.



*Fayette historic townsite and harbor*

Fayette HSP became a state park in 1959 after the Mead Paper Company exchanged the property for other state land more suited to their business. Shortly after, a small campground was developed and a park manager assigned. In 1974, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Michigan History Center joined together to conduct an archaeological/cultural resources study and entered into a Memorandum of Understanding for the purpose of stabilizing, renovating, and interpreting the unique historic and cultural resources of this park.

The purpose of this General Management Plan (GMP) is to guide the future long-term management of Fayette Historic State Park. This plan updates and replaces the Phase 1 GMP for Fayette HSP, which was approved in 2010. Overall, the GMP seeks to uphold the Parks and Recreation Division's Mission Statement: *"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."* The plan defines the following for the park:

- Purpose and significance that captures the unique identity of Fayette Historic State Park
- 20-year Management Zone Plan reflecting the resource protection goals and level of development appropriate for each area of the park
- 10-year Action Goals that address the desired future condition within the park as a whole and each of the designated management zones

The Parks and Recreation Division (PRD) of the DNR oversaw the planning process, using the Phase 1 GMP as the foundation for this new plan. The plan was developed with significant and valuable input from the planning team, which included representatives from all DNR resource divisions, the Michigan History Center and the State Archaeologist, stakeholders, and the public. Furthermore, several existing planning documents were used as guiding references. Other plans referenced include the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, Michigan State Parks Outdoor Recreation Blue Ribbon Panel

Report and the Managed Public Land Strategy. (See Chapter 1 for additional information on guiding references).

The Supporting Analysis, included as Appendix A of this document, provides significant background information to inform this planning initiative. It includes a comprehensive review of the park setting, area demographics, history, land ownership, legal mandates, and cultural, natural and recreation resources.

### Significance of Fayette Historic State Park

Each GMP developed by the PRD is built upon the park's unique significant features that make it distinct from other parks in the state's system. Fayette Historic State Park was determined significant due to the following features and opportunities.

#### **Iron Production History**

- Fayette's historic townsite is a leading example of a charcoal iron-smelting town in the post-Civil War era. Fayette played a prominent role in the iron production industry that began in Michigan's Upper Peninsula in the 1840s. From 1867 to 1891, the blast furnaces at Fayette produced 229,288 tons of charcoal iron, making Fayette the second-largest charcoal iron smelting operation in Michigan during the 1800s.
- Most of the iron at Fayette was converted to steel and used in the production of railroad rails. In this fashion, Fayette played a role in the development of the American steel industry and contributed to the industrial revolution of the late nineteenth century.

#### **Historic Townsite**

- Fayette Historic State Park is extraordinary for the range of cultural resources present in the park, with twenty remarkably well preserved historic structures in the townsite. The historic structures, artifacts, and interpretation in Fayette's historic townsite illustrates the realities of living and working in the nineteenth-century iron smelting company town.
- Period rooms, interactive exhibits and outdoor signs with historic images allow visitors to visualize 19<sup>th</sup> century Fayette. Fayette's A. Gene Gazlay Visitor Center orients guests with a panoramic townsite model and is a staging location for walking tours in the historic townsite.

#### **Archaeology**

- Archaeological evidence demonstrates that Native Americans lived on the shores of Snail Shell Harbor hundreds of years before Fayette was established.
- Substantial archaeological remnants of the townsite are present, relating to both the iron smelting period and later years when Fayette was a base for commercial fishermen and a popular tourist destination in the early twentieth century.
- The archaeological significance of Fayette Historic State Park influences the way the park is interpreted, developed and managed.

#### **Limestone and Dolomite Cliffs**

- Exposed limestone and dolomite cliffs are a prominent feature of the park and provide a scenic backdrop to the



*Dolomite cliffs*

Fayette townsite and Snail Shell Harbor. These cliffs are part of the Niagara Escarpment that stretches in an arc from northeastern Wisconsin, through Michigan's Upper Peninsula and Ontario, Canada, to western New York State, where the Niagara River cascades over the escarpment at Niagara Falls.

- The white cliffs provide habitat for old growth cedar which are some of the oldest trees in Michigan (more than 1,400 years old), the rare slender cliff-brake fern, and three rare land snails.

#### **Snail Shell Harbor**

- Snail Shell Harbor is a natural, deep-water harbor that is historically significant as a shipping port during the iron-smelting era and provides a unique destination for recreational boaters and a harbor of refuge.

#### **Recreation Opportunities**

- In addition to the historic townsite, the park also provides recreation opportunities for camping, boating, swimming, picnicking, hiking, hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities on an isolated peninsula in Lake Michigan.
- The park provides access to Big Bay de Noc for recreational boating and fishing.

#### **Research Opportunities**

- Fayette Historic State Park offers unique opportunities for research and education including the study of Native American and Euro-American cultural resources, the historic Fayette townsite, and the ecological and geological resources associated with the limestone cliffs.

#### **Snake Island**

- Snake Island is a designated Important Bird Area by the National Audubon Society.
- The island has large nesting colonies of birds.

### **Management Zones**

A key goal in the development of this General Management Plan is to provide access and to improve recreation opportunities at Fayette Historic State Park, while simultaneously protecting the park's resources. The planning team, with stakeholder and public input, reviewed the management zone plan for the park from the 2010 Phase 1 GMP and updated the plan to reflect current and future land use. From a palette of nine standard zones, four zones and three overlay zones were applied to Fayette Historic State Park. The Management Zone Map and a thorough review of each management zone are found in Chapter 4 of this plan. A condensed description of each management zone is as follows:

- **Ecologically Sensitive Zone** – Totalling approximately 21 acres (3%), this designation protects three globally significant land snails and ancient cedar trees found on the limestone cliffs along Lake Michigan. Public entry into this location is restricted to protect the resources.
- **Primitive Zone** - This zone is approximately 12 acres of the park, covering the entirety of Snake Island, which is a designated Important Bird Area by the National Audubon Society. No development is proposed in this zone, which only permits foot traffic.

- **Natural Resource Recreation Zone** – The Natural Resource Recreation Zone applies to the majority of the park land, approximately 585 acres (77%). This land is characterized by fairly flat terrain, with moderate slopes and change in elevation as it approaches the west. The land cover is characterized by scattered woods and open areas. In this zone, more active recreation may take place with trail use and hunting.
- **History Education Zone** – This 93-acre (13%) zone designation applies to the entire historic townsite, Snail Shell Harbor, and two smaller areas encompassing the Catholic cemetery and church site. The historic townsite of Fayette is cooperatively managed with the Michigan History Center, which provides interpretation and educational programming. The emphasis in this zone is education, with the cultural resources protected and interpreted for visitor understanding.
- **Developed Recreation Zone** – This 46-acre zone (6%) is located primarily in the southern portion of the park. It incorporates the modern campground, day-use area, boat launch, mooring dock in Snail Shell Harbor, as well as the park lodge. Active recreation with a high density of use is typical of the Developed Recreation Zone.
- **Administrative Services Zone** – This zone is located just outside the townsite and includes the park headquarters, maintenance/shop building, contact station, dump station, septic field and storage area. It totals just over 11 acres (1.5%) of the park land.
- **Cultural Landscape Overlay** – The entire mainland park falls within this zone designation (711 acres). The Cultural Landscape Overlay is established to recognize the historic impact of the entire property as part of the Fayette townsite and environment and to protect any above ground or below ground cultural resources.
- **Scenic Overlay** – Two areas in the park are designated as Scenic Overlay. One is the top of the limestone cliffs (along the trail), which offers sweeping panoramic views of the townsite and Lake Michigan, and the second is the view of these same cliffs from the townsite. The zone represents approximately 8 acres (1%) of the park.

## **10-Year Action Goals**

The General Management Plan looks at the park as a whole and each management zone, and identifies 10-Year Action Goals that the planning team believes are necessary to guide management and development in order to achieve the desired user experience and resource protection. Action goals are considered for each of six key considerations: natural resources, historic and cultural resources, recreation opportunities, education and interpretation opportunities, management and development.

The action goals are detailed in Chapter 5 of this plan. Natural resource goals focus on the protection of land for hunting opportunities and the maintenance of scenic views. Recreation opportunities identified include the exploration of alternative lodging. Historic and cultural resource goals include continued improvements to the structures and interpretative displays at the historic townsite. Other general action goals have been identified that include improving roadways and circulation at the park and promoting Fayette Historic State Park to attract new visitors.

# 1. Core Values & Guiding References

Throughout the planning process, the core values of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) were the foundation of the planning team's decisions. These include the mission statement of the DNR, the five goals of the DNR, and the DNR Parks & Recreation Division (PRD) mission statement. These values set the protection of natural and cultural resources and the provision of recreational and educational opportunities at the forefront of the plan.

## 1.1 Mission Statements and 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 and Recreation Division's mission is to acquire, protect, and preserve the natural and cultural features of Michigan's unique resources, and to provide access to land and water based public recreation and educational opportunities.

### **Five Goals and the DNR**

1. Protect the natural and cultural resources
2. Ensure sustainable recreation use and enjoyment
3. Enable strong and natural resource-based economies
4. Improve and build strong relationships and partnerships
5. Foster effective business practices and good governance



*Blacksmith working at the historic townsite*

“ One may lack words to express the impact of beauty but no one who has felt it remains untouched. It is renewal, enlargement, intensification. The parks preserve it permanently in the inheritance of the American citizens”

Bernard DeVoto



## **1.2 Guiding References**

The general management planning process is guided and shaped by several resources developed to provide recommendations for managing Michigan's parks and recreation system. In particular, these resources have helped shape the 10-Year Action Goals established in this plan.

### **Michigan State Parks & Outdoor Recreation Blue Ribbon Panel Report (2012)**

The Blue Ribbon Panel's report to Governor Snyder identifies a number of recommendations for system-wide changes to programs, management, infrastructure type, and investment strategies that set up the visionary framework for the next 30-50 years of park and outdoor recreation management in Michigan. Several of the recommendations included in the report include:

- Identify and protect important natural, cultural, historic, and prehistoric resources
- Diversify funding
- Prioritize development of statewide and regional systems of connected trail networks
- Connections between communities and their recreational assets to strengthen regional identities
- Integrate tourism and economic development marketing
- Prioritize investment in parks and recreation



### **Michigan Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) (2018-2022)**

SCORP is a five-year strategic plan that shapes investment by the state and local communities in priority outdoor recreation infrastructure and programming. The Plan's overarching goal is to "Protect and manage Michigan's diverse and abundant natural and cultural assets to provide relevant, quality experiences that meet the fun, relaxation, and health needs of Michigan's residents and visitors, and support economic prosperity" by meeting the following objectives:

- Foster stewardship and conservation
- Improve collaboration
- Raise awareness
- Improve recreational access
- Provide quality experiences
- Enhance health benefits
- Enhance prosperity

### **Michigan Comprehensive Trail Plan (2013 - 2018)**

The Trail Plan, developed by an 11-member committee appointed by Governor Snyder, includes eight priority recommendations with associated key actions that should be implemented to assist in achieving the vision of establishing a high quality, nationally-recognized, state-wide trail system. The eight recommendations are as follows:

- Trails are maintained to ensure a sustainable and quality trail system
- Expand trails and trail experiences and opportunities to ensure accessibility to trail systems, outdoor recreation opportunities and natural and cultural resources



- The Michigan Snowmobile and Trails Advisory Council leads the effort to maintain and enhance Michigan's reputation as the trail state
- Link trails, trail users and adjoining towns to create memorable trail experiences and enhance economic prosperity
- Develop, enhance and celebrate partnerships and collaborations
- Implement a marketing plan including an electronic portal that allows citizens and visitors to be aware of all trails and related amenities
- Develop funding sources and mechanisms for trail maintenance, acquisition and development
- Ensure that the state's trail system compliments other plans and planning efforts

### **Managed Public Land Strategy (2013)**

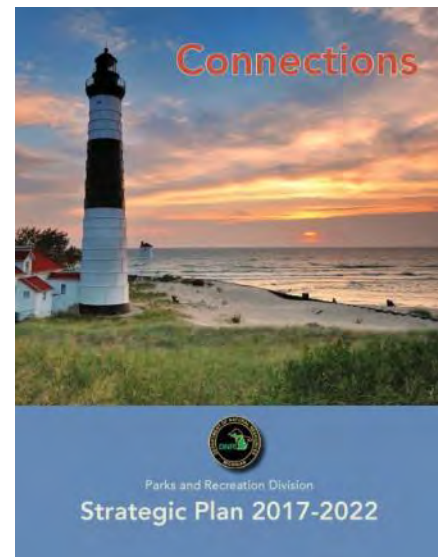
The DNR-Managed Public Land Strategy provides a framework for the continued conservation, use and management of public lands to provide an enhanced quality of life for Michigan residents, create jobs and protect the essence of Michigan, its woods, waters, wildlife and other natural and cultural assets. The Strategy identifies three broad goals with desired outcomes, metrics, and measurable objectives identified for each goal. These goals are to:

- Provide quality outdoor public recreation opportunities
- Foster regional economic prosperity
- Protect natural and cultural resources for future generations

### **PRD Strategic Plan 2017-2022: Connections**

The PRD Strategic Plan is the overarching document that guides the Parks and Recreation Division in carrying out its mission. This plan establishes long-range goals, objectives, and strategies for Michigan's state parks and recreation system for the 5-year period beginning in 2017. The plan identifies the most important issues facing the PRD and helps to define where resources should be focused for maximum benefit to carry the state park and recreation system beyond its centennial milestone in 2019. The goals identified in the plan are:

- Be exemplary stewards of Michigan's natural and cultural resources.
- Provide users with quality outdoor recreation experiences in balance with resource protection.
- Continue to advance Michigan as the "Trail State."
- Provide a relevant gateway to connect people to nature and Michigan's cultural heritage, and foster understanding and support for PRD's mission among future generations.
- Improve and maintain strong public, stakeholder and department communication, relationships and partnerships.
- Engage in strategies to increase community and state economic prosperity.
- Sustainably support PRD programs, operations and facilities.
- Foster and adopt effective and safe business practices.



### 1.3 Summary of Legal Mandates

For all park general management plans, legal mandates are identified that serve to further guide the development of the plan, park management and park operations. For our planning purposes, the term “Legal Mandates” refers to not only state law, but also the administrative tools of “Policy” and “Directive” of the Natural Resource Commission, the Department, and the Parks & Recreation Division. There are several general and site specific legal mandates applicable to Fayette Historic State Park listed in Appendix A: Supporting Analysis.

The legal mandates that most directly impact planning and management at Fayette Historic State Park focus on the following areas:

- Identification of the duties of the DNR in reinforcing its core values concerning preservation, protection and management.
- Protection of threatened and endangered species
- Preservation of cultural or historic resources
- Water treatment
- Hunting area control
- Requirement for a Recreation Passport for entry into the park
- Campgrounds, swimming areas and swimmers’ itch



*Aerial view of the historic townsite and harbor*



*Brick kiln*

## 2. Plan Process Overview

### 2.1 Planning Objectives

Park planning is not a new concept. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has developed master plans in the past for many of Michigan's state parks. Most of these plans are now 20-40 years old and do not reflect today's realities or desires of recreational users. Furthermore, past plans put a strong emphasis on development and did not often include stewardship of natural and cultural features or opportunities for education and interpretation.

Fayette Historic State Park was established in 1959 with a focus on preserving the historic townsite. A masterplan for the park was approved in 1964 with the design summary stated as follows: "The design of this master plan is predicated on the preservation of the historically significant resources of the area, yet provides opportunities for the public to appreciate the historic, scenic and recreational values contained therein...." This plan was largely implemented with the exception of a second campground between the existing campground and the park headquarters.

General management planning sets out a framework for protecting park resources while providing for meaningful visitor experiences. The long-range vision and management objectives for the park are derived from applicable legal directives, the purpose of the park, and the park's significant natural and cultural resources.

The objective of the General Management Plan (GMP) is to bring together Parks and Recreation Division (PRD) staff, staff from other DNR divisions, stakeholders, and the public into a planning process that defines and clarifies the unique "Purpose and Significance" of Fayette Historic State Park. Collectively, those attributes will be reinforced in the planning and management decisions that impact the park through the implementation of the Management Zone Plan and Action Goals.

A 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 and Recreation Division (PRD) and the specific **Purpose and Significance** of the park. The GMP is a long-term plan, presenting a **20-Year Management Zone Plan** used to guide park planning decisions and a **10-Year Action Goals Plan** that establishes specific action strategies within each management zone. The **Implementation Strategy** provides guidance for implementing the action goals, tracking progress and maintaining the plan so that it remains relevant in the long-term and aligns with statewide planning documents, initiatives and funding processes.

The Phase 1 GMP for Fayette Historic State Park was approved in 2010. This new plan will replace and expand upon this previous planning effort.

## 2.2 Planning Process

The planning process for the Phase 1 General Management Plan for Fayette Historic State Park began in 2003 and the plan was approved in 2010. The Phase 1 GMP established the purpose and significance of Fayette HSP and the 20-year Management Zones. The planning team set out to build upon the Phase 1 GMP by developing 10-year Action Goals for the park as part of the Phase 2 GMP planning process. However, upon further research, several changes have occurred since 2010 that necessitated a new GMP that encompassed both phase 1 and phase 2 components. The most notable changes are the addition of a modern toilet/shower building at the campground, harbor renovation and addition of a modern lodge. The Fayette Historic State Park planning team met periodically over a 13-month period to develop the GMP.

Extensive stakeholder and public input was sought throughout the planning process to ensure the plan was in line with park users' needs and desires.

- A public-facing website was maintained throughout the duration of the planning process. This website was updated with general information about the park and park maps, results of the public input survey, and the draft of the GMP. The website included contact information so that the public could contact the planning team at any time with questions, concerns, and input.
- A stakeholder input workshop was held on September 14, 2017, at the Garden Township Hall. Over 50 representatives of area businesses, local governments, non-profit organizations and recreation groups were invited to the meeting. Participants were asked to identify Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats relating to Fayette Historic State Park. This gave the planning team a baseline of information from which to begin their planning process.
- An online survey was also developed to solicit input from the public on their use of the park and future desires. This online approach provides a convenient way for those who have access to the internet to provide feedback and accurately transfers all responses for analysis. However, it is not designed to be scientifically representative of park use or users, as respondents self-select.
- The planning team reached out to tribal governments in the region with a letter notifying them of the General Management Plan process and time-line and inviting them to meet with the DNR to discuss the park or the planning process.
- A final public meeting was held on May 22, 2018 to present the draft plan for public comment. The draft plan was also made available for review on the department's website, and the public was invited to email, call or mail questions or comments concerning this initiative. The planning team discussed input received and refined the plan as appropriate.

Full reports for each of the outreach methods described above are included in Appendix B of this plan.

## 2.3 Planning Team

The Fayette Historic State Park GMP would not exist without the valuable input and expertise provided by all members of the planning team.

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Michigan History Center	Historian	Troy Henderson
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Forest Resources	Forester	Tori Irving
Fisheries	Fisheries Biologist	Darren Kramer
Office of Minerals Management	Geologist	Peter Rose
Wildlife	Wildlife Biologist	Chad Fedewa
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*Planning team members tour the park*



## 2.4 Summary of Public Input Survey

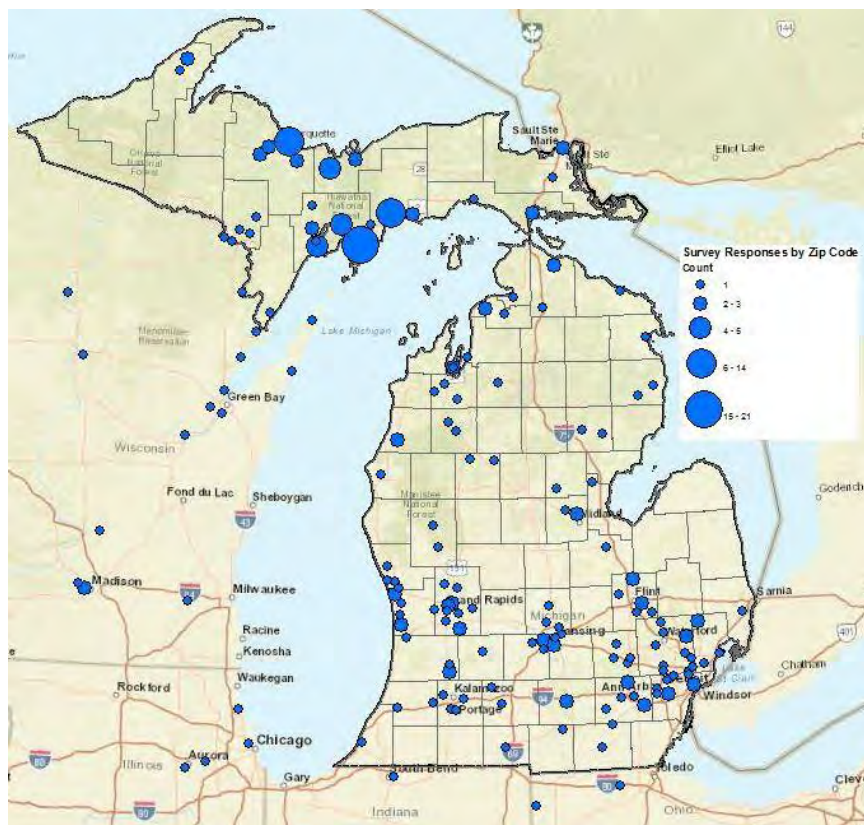
The DNR recognizes that public input is a critical component of park planning, so a variety of methods are used to solicit input from a range of users and interested parties. The online survey is one of these methods. The survey was advertised through a DNR press release that was sent directly to 11,794 recipients registered to receive boating or statewide DNR news, or Alger, Delta, Menominee or Schoolcraft County area news. It was also sent to 1,976 recipients registered through the online system for overnight accommodation at Fayette Historic State Park in the previous twelve-month period. In addition, the press release was run in the local media. The survey was available from August 7 through September 11, 2017.

In total, 274 individuals responded to the survey. Of those, only five had never visited the park and only completed the portion of the survey designated for non-visitors. Below is a summary of the survey results. The full survey report is provided in Appendix B.

### **About You**

In order to get an understanding of who was completing the survey, a series of demographic questions were asked. The large majority of respondents (83%) were over the age of 35, with almost equal representation in each of the older age brackets provided. Only 5% of the respondents were under the age of 25.

Respondents were asked to provide the zip code of their primary residence. The map below shows that the park has a wide draw across the state of Michigan as well as neighboring states, but is also popular among local residents.



*Zip Code Map of Survey Respondents*

## Your Visit

The survey responses show that Fayette Historic State Park has many repeat visitors, with 40% of respondents reporting that they have visited more than ten times. However, the next largest response group showed 25% has only visited once. The overwhelming majority of visitors come in the summer months (72%), although the fall and spring are also popular times to visit and 15.5% of respondents reported visiting year-round.

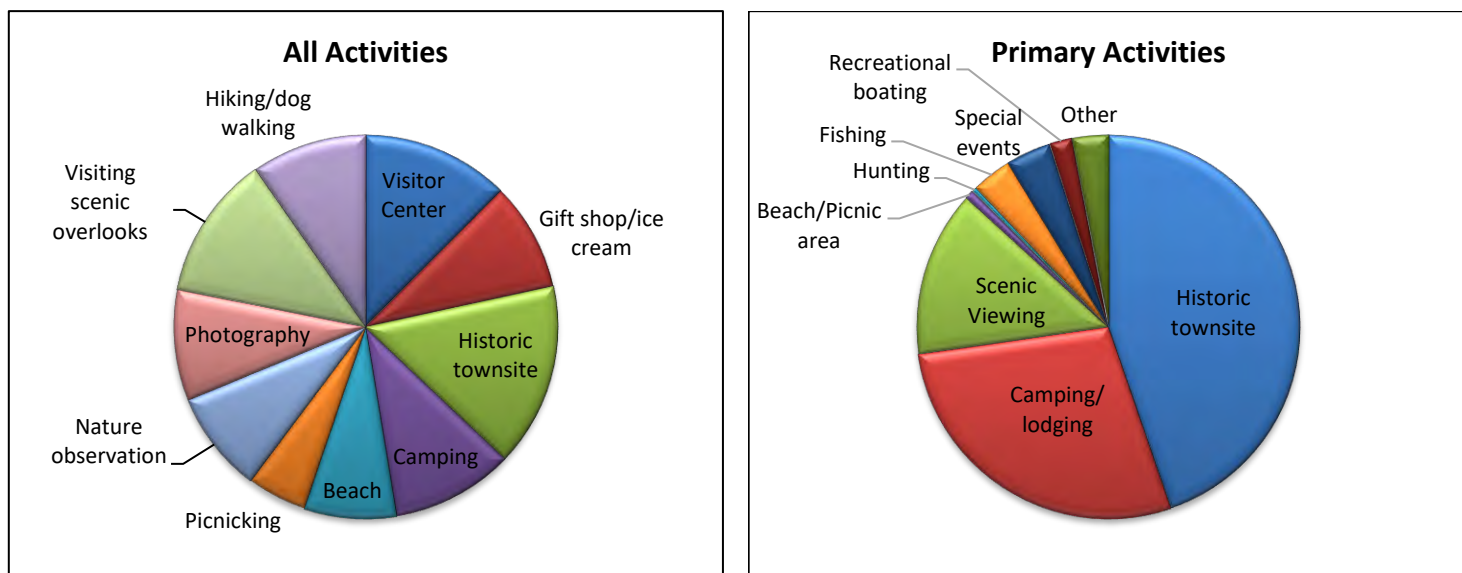
The survey also asked what limits users from visiting the park more often. The most common answer was that the park is too far to travel (44%), but other common answers included not having time and a preference to see new destinations. One-third of respondents answered that there were no factors limiting their visits. There were very few people who felt that the area amenities, park amenities or lack of information presented limits for visiting.

In an effort to discover potential opportunities for cross promotion with other area attractions, the survey asked respondents to identify if they also visited other attractions when visiting Fayette Historic State Park and to specify which attraction(s). A little over half of the visitors (54%) reported going to other attractions in the area, the most common being Kitch-iti-iki (also referred to as Palms Book State Park or Big Springs). Other sites included Portage Bay, area waterfalls, Indian Lake State Park, and the communities of Garden, Manistique and Escanaba. The word cloud below represents the primary attractions listed: the larger the word, the more times it was mentioned.





The planning team was particularly interested in knowing what visitors like to do while at Fayette Historic State Park. When asked to list all of the activities visitors participated in, it is clear that many visitors take advantage of the variety of park activities available (see “All Activities” chart below). When asked to choose their primary activity, the unique feature of the historic townsite was the most popular reason to visit, with camping/lodging and scenic viewing the next most popular reasons for visiting.



### **Overnight Accommodations**

When respondents were asked if they stay overnight at Fayette Historic State Park, over half answered yes, primarily at the campground. Those who used the overnight accommodations were asked to rate their overall satisfaction of the facilities, with 10 being most favorable and 1 being the least. The average rating was 7.73.

There have been recent improvements to Fayette Historic State Park and the planning team wanted to know how these changes might affect the visitor’s experience. When asked how updates to the campground (new restroom/shower building and dump station) might impact visitors, most respondents answered that this would improve the quality of their stay, cause them to camp more frequently or stay longer. In response to improvements to the harbor, including water, electrical hook-ups and reservable slips, 33% reported that they would improve the quality, frequency or length of stay.

### **Fishing and Hunting**

Twenty-two percent of park visitors completing the survey reported that they fish from Fayette Historic State Park. Of those that fish, most fish from shore or via motorized boat, and the most popular catches are yellow perch and smallmouth bass. Only 3% of respondents reported hunting or trapping at the park, although this does not necessarily reflect the use for all park visitors. For those that do hunt, the most common game of interest includes deer, small game species and upland birds.

## Historic Townsite

The historic townsite is the main attraction at Fayette, so when the survey asked the respondents if they have visited the historic townsite, it was no surprise that 97% answered “yes”. Expanding on that question, to get a feel for the user satisfaction with the historic townsite, respondents were asked how likely they would be to recommend it to a friend (10 being the highest value). The majority answered between 8 and 10, showing a very high rate of satisfaction among visitors.

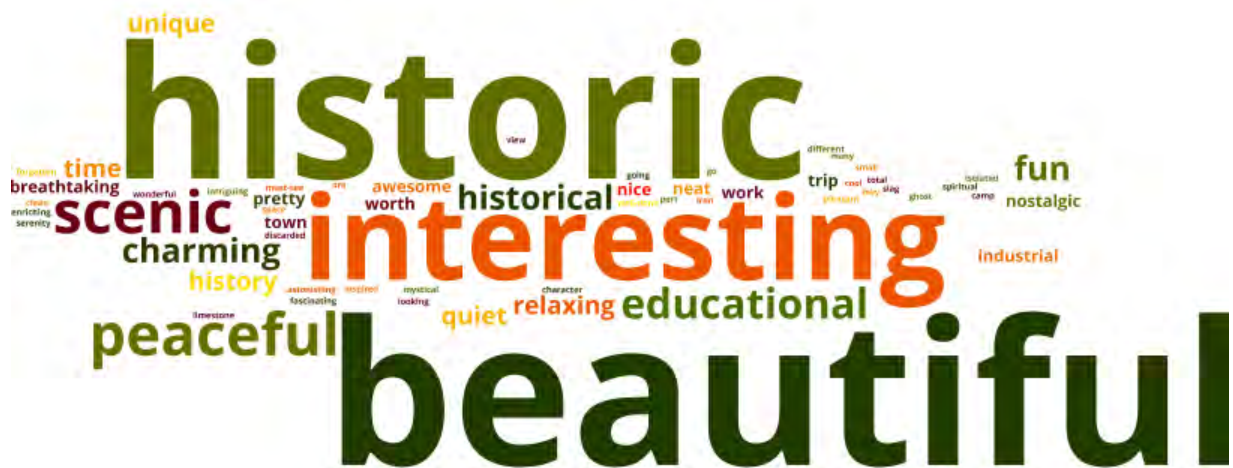
The respondents were asked to rank what aspects of the historic townsite they were most interested in. The top answer was 19<sup>th</sup>-century everyday town life, followed by historic architecture and recreated historic rooms. When asked if they participated in a guided tour, most respondents answered no (71%). However, most of those that did go on a tour gave a high overall rating for their experience.

**Those that have never visited**

The planning team wanted to ask those who took the survey that had never visited the park a few questions to understand why they have not visited and what they might be interested in. There were 5 respondents who had never visited the park. When asked what kept them from visiting, most said they wanted to visit, but have not done so due to time restraints or have plans to visit in the near future. A lack of information was also cited as a reason for not visiting. All respondents answered positively to the updates to the campground area and positively or no change to the upgrades to the harbor. Of the townsite, the recreated historic rooms, 19<sup>th</sup>-century everyday town life and interpretive exhibits are the top 3 attractions that these 5 respondents would be most interested in seeing.

## Overall Satisfaction

When asked to describe Fayette Historic State Park in three words, respondents described it as historic, beautiful, interesting, peaceful, scenic and educational, among many other positive adjectives that can be seen in the word cloud below. The more times the word was used the larger it appears.



## **Future Changes**

When asked what changes respondents would recommend, or what additional comments they had, many were happy with the way the park is, but there were some common themes among the suggestions made for improvements. The largest sentiment was to keep restoring the buildings of the townsite and allow more access to some of the closed buildings, in particular the hotel. There were many people who stated they wanted a location for fishing, in the dock area or another location, in particular for children to access while camping at the park. Accessibility to the townsite and park as a whole was another common issue among respondents. Many brought up the difficulty of getting to the townsite for those who have difficulty walking or using a wheelchair. There were a variety of comments on the campground, indicating users would like more space and privacy between sites, a separate tent/rustic campground area, more campsites with full hookups, more and better maintenance of the sites. Some mentioned the desire for more re-enactments or costumed presenters, while others enjoy the peace and quiet of self-exploration. The general comments collected had similar themes to the suggested improvement responses, along with positive thoughts and memories about Fayette Historic State Park.



*Park visitors study the Fayette Historic Townsite map*

# 3. Purpose & Significance

There are over 100 parks in Michigan's state park system and each park has its own unique and defining characteristics. This chapter describes what makes Fayette Historic State Park a significant asset to the state's park system.

## 3.1 Park Purpose

Park purpose statements are based on park legislation, legislative history, special designations and Department of Natural Resources (DNR) policies. These statements reaffirm the reasons for which Fayette Historic State Park was identified as part of the state park system.

The park was approved for purchase under authority of Sec. 3, Act 17, Public Acts of 1921, as amended:

- "For restoration of the townsite and the iron and charcoal kilns to preserve them and to provide a scenic and historic feature for the visitors to the Upper Peninsula." (Dedication and naming of Fayette Lands, Department of Conservation August 20, 1959).
- To preserve and protect the park's historic/cultural resources for current and future generations
- To preserve and protect the park's unique natural resources for current and future generations
- To provide opportunities for educational and recreational uses and experiences that are compatible with the park's resources.

## 3.2 Statements of Significance

Park significance statements capture the essence of the park's importance to our state's natural and cultural heritage. These statements demonstrate the distinctiveness of Fayette Historic State Park. Understanding the park's significance helps managers make decisions that preserve those resources and values necessary to accomplish the park's purpose.

### **Iron Production History**

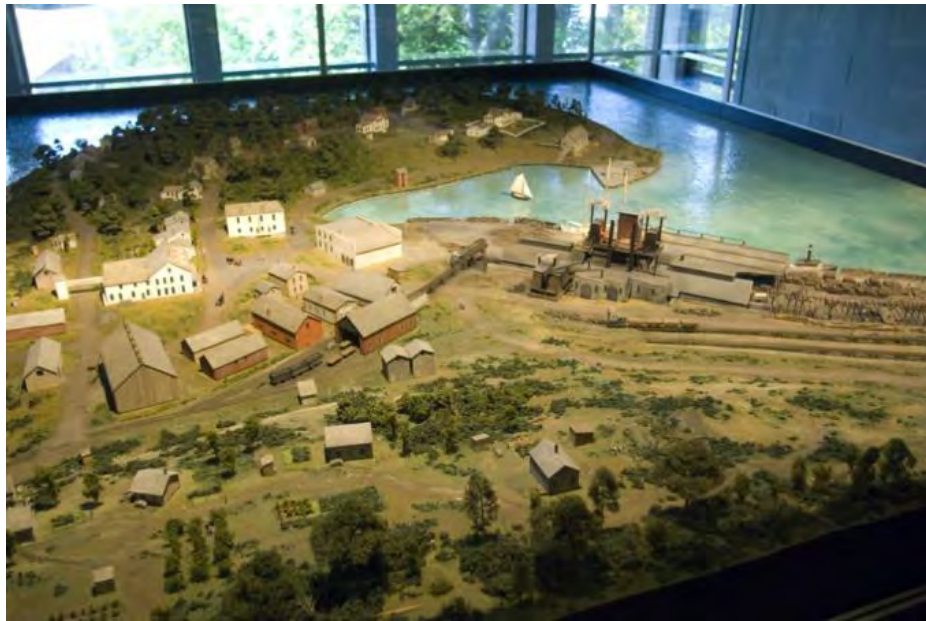
- Fayette's historic townsite is a leading example of a charcoal iron-smelting town in the post-Civil War era. Fayette played a prominent role in the iron production industry that began in Michigan's Upper Peninsula in the 1840s. From 1867 to 1891, the blast furnaces at Fayette produced 229,288 tons of charcoal iron, making Fayette the second-largest charcoal iron smelting operation in Michigan during the 1800s.
- Most of the iron at Fayette was converted to steel and used in the production of railroad rails. In this fashion, Fayette played a role in the development of the American steel industry and contributed to the industrial revolution of the late nineteenth century.

### **Historic Townsite**

- Fayette Historic State Park is extraordinary for the range of cultural resources present in the park, with twenty remarkably well preserved historic structures in the townsite. The historic structures, artifacts, and interpretation in Fayette's historic townsite illustrates the realities of living and working in the nineteenth-century iron smelting company town.



- Period rooms, interactive exhibits and outdoor signs with historic images allow visitors to visualize 19<sup>th</sup> century Fayette. Fayette's A. Gene Gazlay Visitor Center orients guests with a panoramic townsite model and is a staging location for walking tours in the historic townsite.



*The model townsite is the focal point of the visitor center*

### **Archaeology**

- Archaeological evidence demonstrates that Native Americans lived on the shores of Snail Shell Harbor hundreds of years before Fayette was established.
- Substantial archaeological remnants of the townsite are present, relating to both the iron smelting period and later years when Fayette was a base for commercial fishermen and a popular tourist destination in the early twentieth century.
- The archaeological significance of Fayette Historic State Park influences the way the park is interpreted, developed and managed.

### **Limestone and Dolomite Cliffs**

- Exposed limestone and dolomite cliffs are a prominent feature of the park and provide a scenic backdrop to the Fayette Townsite and Snail Shell Harbor. These cliffs are part of the Niagara Escarpment that stretches in an arc from northeastern Wisconsin, through Michigan's Upper Peninsula and Ontario, Canada to western New York State, where the Niagara River cascades over the escarpment at Niagara Falls.
- The white cliffs provide habitat for old growth cedar which are some of the oldest trees in Michigan (more than 1,400 years old), the rare slender cliff-brake fern, and three rare land snails.

### **Snail Shell Harbor**

- Snail Shell Harbor is a natural, deep-water harbor that is historically significant as a shipping port during the iron-smelting era and provides a unique destination for recreational boaters and a harbor of refuge.

### **Recreation Opportunities**

- In addition to the historic townsite, the park also provides recreation opportunities for camping, boating, swimming, picnicking, hiking, hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities on an isolated peninsula in Lake Michigan.
- The park provides access to Big Bay de Noc for recreational boating and fishing.

### **Research Opportunities**

- Fayette Historic State Park offers unique opportunities for research and education including the study of Native American and Euro-American cultural resources, the historic Fayette townsite, and the ecological and geological resources associated with the limestone cliffs.

### **Snake Island**

- Snake Island is a designated Important Bird Area by the National Audubon Society.
- The island has large nesting colonies of birds.

### **3.3 Public Affirmation of Fayette's Significance**

Stakeholder and public input assisted the planning team with affirming the significant features and opportunities at Fayette Historic State Park. The feedback from the online survey confirmed that the historic townsite, natural features, recreation opportunities and scenery are key aspects of the park. Select comments from survey respondents relating to those significant features are provided below.

*"Natural beauty and history, what could be better. It is a favorite spot"*

*"The overlook, the light up story telling replica in the visitor center and the town itself was amazing."*

*"We go all year long to wander about and watch nature, plants, changing shore line, historic buildings and photography."*

*"Beautiful campground. Loved the well-tended historic site."*

*"This is an important piece of Michigan's industrial and mining history that needs to be preserved for the future."*

*"Fayette is part of my family history. I would love to see it preserved so that my grandkids can enjoy it like I did. I loved being able to link the history of Fayette to my family history."*

### 3.4 Relationship to the Community

Fayette Historic State Park is located in the south-central area of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, which is characterized as a "rural region home to many vibrant small towns, diverse industries, and unique natural features" (*Upward 2025, A Framework for Prosperity, Central U.P. Regional Prosperity Council*). On the Garden Peninsula, the Village of Garden has an estimated 2014 population of 687, while Fairbanks Township, where Fayette HSP is located, has just 313 residents (source: U.S. Census Bureau). Fayette HSP attracted close to 60,000 visitors in 2016. With the park drawing visitors from across the state of Michigan and from neighboring states, the impact on the local economy is significant. Of those that visited Fayette as day-visitors, 25% of the survey respondents from the recently conducted public input survey reported staying overnight at a hotel, motel, rental property or Bed and Breakfast. Although the number of businesses on the peninsula is small, the park is likely vital to their success: their services add to the park visitors' overall experience. The nearby towns of Manistique and Escanaba are closely linked to the tourism industry. Seasonal events held at the park boost visitation. In addition to bringing visitors into the region, Fayette Historic State Park serves as an important recreational asset for local residents, providing access to the bay for water recreation opportunities, scenic viewscapes for photography and natural areas for hiking and hunting. It also serves as an educational resource for local schools and other groups.

One of the primary findings of the stakeholder and public outreach for this management plan was that Fayette HSP was still not well known and it was felt that more could be done to promote the site as a boost to the regional economy, which relies heavily on tourism and recreation. However, the quiet and peaceful atmosphere is what many come to enjoy, so promotion and efforts to increase visitor numbers must be sensitive to the park's purpose and significance.



*Events such as the Fall Fest and Fayette Heritage Day draw visitors to the park*



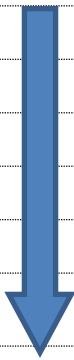
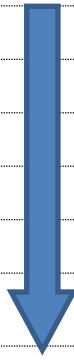
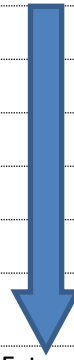


## 4. Management Zones

The 20-year Management Zone Plan was developed in keeping with the park's significance, identity, and purpose. The primary goal in the development of the management zones is to protect and enhance the park's natural and cultural resources while also supporting outdoor recreation opportunities at the park. From a palette of nine management zones, the planning team studied the park and applied zones that best fit each area of the park. Management zones describe a variety of activities that **may be** appropriate within the zone and address the desired future condition for the following categories:

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

The resource condition, visitor experience, and development level varies in each zone, as indicated in the figure below.

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			

Fayette Historic State Park was divided into the following six zones with two overlays:

- Ecologically Sensitive Zone
- Primitive Zone
- Natural Resource Recreation Zone
- History Education Zone
- Developed Recreation Zone
- Administrative Services Zone
- Cultural Landscape Overlay
- Scenic Overlay

During the planning process, the planning team evaluated the existing park boundary and the 2004 Natural Resources Commission (NRC) approved project boundary. A project boundary is a geographic area in which the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is seeking to acquire property that supports the mission of the DNR on a willing seller/willing buyer basis. For Fayette Historic State Park, the 2004 NRC project boundary proposed additional land to the south of the current state-owned land. The planning team reviewed this proposal and felt that this additional land, should it become available, would add value to the park, providing additional recreational land and enabling improved access to the park from the south and more comprehensive management of the day-use area. A small triangle west of County Road 483 is also proposed for acquisition via purchase or exchange to simplify the boundary in this area. In addition, the planning team recommended the disposal of a triangle-shaped parcel located northeast of the park and a parcel located south of 12th Lane. These parcels do not provide a significant benefit and are separated from the majority of the land by the county roads. The team also recommended removing the Fairbanks Township Cemetery from the proposed project boundary. Changes are illustrated on the Recommended Boundary Map which follows. Appropriate zoning for any additional land will be determined as it is acquired.

A Management Zone Map and detailed description of each management zone follows. The acreages given are approximate and only include the land currently within the existing park boundary.



*Historic townsite from Snail Shell Harbor*

# Fayette Historic State Park Recommended Boundary Map

- Park Boundary
- State Land Ownership
- 2004 NRC Approved Project Boundary \*
- Roads
- Park Roads

\*A project boundary is a geographic area in which the DNR is seeking to acquire property that supports the mission of the DNR on a willing seller/willing buyer basis.



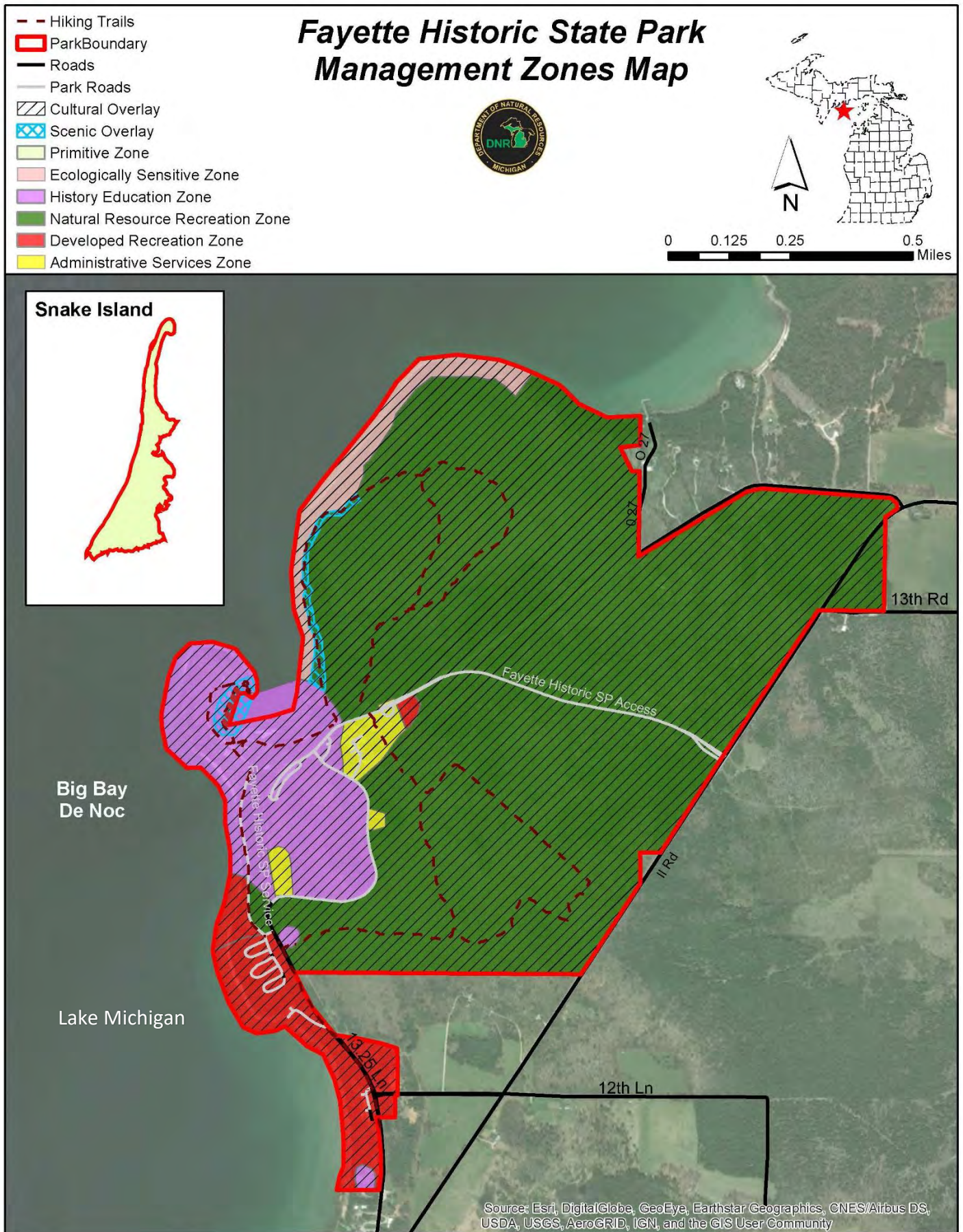
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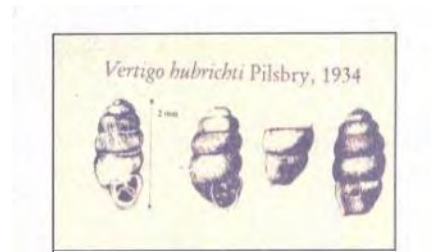




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#### **4.1 Ecologically Sensitive Zone**

Totalling approximately 21 acres (3%), this designation protects three species of globally significant land snails, and cedar trees found on the limestone cliffs along Lake Michigan that date to over 1,400 years of age. Public entry into this zone is prohibited by a Land Use Order of the Director to protect these resources.



*Rare land snails*

#### **Natural Resources**

Maintaining the integrity of the unique habitat of the limestone cliffs is the purpose of this designation.

#### **Historic/Cultural Resources**

There is evidence of prehistoric sites and Native American activities in the area. Any cultural resources within the zone will be protected.

#### **Recreation Opportunities**

Except for the existing trail at the top of the cliffs (outside of the zone), no active recreation opportunities will be allowed. Passive appreciation of the cliffs from afar is encouraged.

#### **Education Opportunities**

Interpretation of the limestone cliff environment and these unique resources can be presented through the use of kiosks at trailheads and interpretive signage along trails and at other locations. Active interpretation can be addressed in the A. Gene Gazlay Visitor Center.



*Ancient cedars on the limestone cliffs*

#### **Visitor Experience**

To protect the sensitive resources for passive appreciation, visitors are not allowed in this zone. Access may be permitted for ecological research and monitoring on a case by case basis through an issued permit. Visitors may observe the scenic views from the historic townsite and trails outside of the zone.

#### **Management Focus**

Management of this zone will be focused on maintaining the low-impact character of the zone, and most significantly, maintaining the integrity of the cliff environment by controlling human disturbances.

#### **Development**

Development within this zone is strictly prohibited, with the exception as an intervention for resource protection. Very little evidence of human activity must be maintained.



## **4.2 Primitive Zone**

The Primitive Zone comprises 12 acres of the park, and is applied exclusively to Snake Island, located approximately one half mile off the shores of the park in Big Bay de Noc. This zone reflects a desired condition that emphasizes natural resources, and is managed to only allow dispersed, low-frequency and low-impact recreational use. Attaining and maintaining a high-quality natural resource condition dictates the extent to which recreational improvements or uses are allowed. At Fayette Historic State Park, the Primitive Zone is used to protect the existing natural communities found on Snake Island. Snake Island is a designated Important Bird Area by the National Audubon Society due to large nesting colonies of birds.



*Snake Island*

### **Natural Resources**

Native species and natural processes take precedence over visitor accommodation in this zone. Native Michigan natural communities / ecosystem components and processes are maintained, restored, and protected; human-caused habitat fragmentation is eliminated. The Stewardship Plan will determine the appropriate habitat management for the park.

### **Historic/Cultural Resources**

There are no structures on the island. Although no cultural resources have been documented, there is evidence of prehistoric sites and Native American activities in the area.

### **Recreation Opportunities**

This zone allows dispersed, low density off-trail or trailed, self-reliant (no bicycle or equestrian use) outdoor activities (e.g., hiking, backpacking, cross-country skiing, hunting/trapping, fishing, nature observation).

### **Education Opportunities**

Education opportunities in this zone are primarily off-site.

### **Visitor Experience**

The visitor can expect a low frequency of encounters with other visitors. Visitors to this zone will be engaged in high solitude, off-trail, self-reliant outdoor activities. This zone requires a higher time commitment and high levels of challenge and adventure.

### **Management Focus**

The focus is to maintain the low-impact character of this zone, with an emphasis on natural resource quality.

### **Development**

This zone maintains a very low level of development. Site hardening (a boardwalk, for instance) is only allowed to protect sensitive resources. There should be little evidence of human activity in this zone. There is currently no development on this island and none is proposed.

### **4.3 Natural Resource Recreation Zone**

The Natural Resource Recreation Zone is approximately 585 acres (77%) of land, covering the majority of the upland area of the park. This land is characterized by fairly flat terrain, with moderate slopes and change in elevation to the west. Land cover within this zone is scattered woods and open areas. In the Natural Resource Recreation Zone there is still an emphasis on resource quality over recreation, but more active recreation may occur, with trail use, hunting, and snowmobile use in the winter.

#### **Natural Resources**

In general, the natural resources may be managed and modified to support visitor activities. The primary long-term goal for this zone is eco-system management that promotes the strengthening of native (natural) communities. Most of the mesic northern forest within Fayette HSP was cut at least once, and much was cleared for agriculture to support the town residents (this is evident along the entrance road into the park). Vegetation in this zone will be managed for the benefit of the mesic northern forest, as well as control of invasive species, disease, pests, and hazard tree removal.

#### **Historic/Cultural Resources**

This zone is within the Cultural Resources Overlay in recognition that the entire park was impacted by the historic townsite and related activities. Prehistoric sites and Native American activities have also been documented in the general area.

#### **Recreation Opportunities**

Moderate to high levels of recreation compatible with the natural character of the zone are allowed. The majority of this zone is open to hunting in accordance with state regulations. Most of the park's trail system is located in this zone and is available for hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling and snowshoeing.

#### **Education Opportunities**

The primary means of user access is by the various trails that extend throughout the zone. Informational kiosks at trailheads and along the trails at critical locations are appropriate. Potential themes for educational messages include the historic/cultural resources of the park and natural resource management.

#### **Visitor Experience**

The visitor can expect moderate to high level encounters with other park visitors any time of the year. The trails are a popular component and are used in all seasons.

#### **Management Focus**

The management focus of this zone will be on providing a high-quality recreational experience while continuing to protect the natural and cultural resources. Public safety, maintaining appropriate signage and accessibility will be the primary management objectives.

#### **Development**

Moderate levels of development of facilities for support of visitor activities are permitted in the Natural Resource Recreation Zone and may include parking areas, trails, rustic campsites or cabins. Maintaining the scenic views (highlighted by a Scenic Overlay Zone) and updating the interpretive signage are the primary actions proposed in this zone.

#### **4.4 History Education Zone**

The History Education Zone applies to the entire historic townsite, Snail Shell Harbor, and two smaller areas encompassing a cemetery and a church site, totaling approximately 93 acres (13%). The historic townsite of Fayette is remarkable for the range of cultural resources present and the opportunity to present the realities of living and working in the nineteenth-century iron smelting company town. The townsite and A. Gene Gazlay Visitor Center are cooperatively managed with the Michigan History Center, which provides interpretation and educational programming. The emphasis in this zone is education, with the cultural resources protected, restored and interpreted for visitor understanding.

##### **Natural Resources**

Natural resources that have been identified as important to the historic/cultural landscape are managed to perpetuate those qualities. This can include non-native species specific to the era and/or location. Vegetation may be managed to maintain an aesthetically appealing landscape appropriate to the era and to protect sensitive cultural resources.

##### **Historic/Cultural Resources**

Cultural and natural resources (including historic buildings, structures, and landscapes) may be restored to specific time period(s) if essential for the visitor understanding of historic period(s) OR rehabilitated to support visitor and staff activities for in-depth interpretation of historic period(s).

##### **Recreation Opportunities**

Visitors are primarily engaged in sightseeing and educational activities in a cultural setting. The recreation opportunities afforded in this zone will not interfere with the appreciation of the cultural landscape being preserved. This zone incorporates Snail Shell Harbor, although the boat dock is zoned Developed Recreation. Recreational diving is allowed in the harbor by permit only and removal of artifacts is strictly prohibited.

##### **Education Opportunities**

Structured interpretive/education activities related to the historic resources are encouraged and are available primarily at the A. Gene Gazlay Visitor Center, as well as through exhibits and interpretive signage in the townsite, printed media and tours.

##### **Visitor Experience**

High visitor encounters can be accommodated within this zone, with a moderate level of noise tolerance and high level of interaction with DNR staff. Visitors are engaged in structured interpretive/educational activities or self-exploration, related to the historic settlement of the townsite.

##### **Management Focus**

Management will focus on preserving the historic/cultural integrity of the zone, incorporating universal access where feasible, and implementing improvements to education and interpretive opportunities to maintain a quality visitor experience.

##### **Development**

Development activity will focus on any identified restoration/preservation needs, incorporating the principals of universal access (including Americans with Disability Act requirements) and meeting educational/interpretation needs. Developments necessary for visitor understanding and/or staff support will be compatible with the historic period or may be accommodated off-site.

#### 4.5 Developed Recreation Zone

This 46-acre zone (6%) is located primarily in the southern portion of the park. It incorporates the modern campground, day-use area, boat launch, mooring dock in Snail Shell Harbor and also the park lodge. Active recreation with a high density of use is typical of the Developed Recreation Zone.

##### **Natural Resources**

In this zone, active recreation dominates with natural resource attributes enhanced as possible. In general, this area is not designated for natural resource significance. However, some protected species are found in this zone, such as Pitcher's thistle in the location of the day-use beach. Vegetative management will address hazard trees, invasive species, pests and disease and will also be allowed for purposes of facilitating development and recreational use.

##### **Historic/Cultural Resources**

No historic structures are known within this zone. However, this zone is within the Cultural Landscape Overlay in recognition that the entire park was impacted by the historic townsite and related activities. Prehistoric sites and Native American activities have also been documented in the general area. The St. Peters Church site and Cemetery are adjacent to this zone, within the History Education Zone.

##### **Recreation Opportunities**

High levels of recreation in a highly structured environment can be expected in the Developed Recreation Zone. Modern camping, picnicking, boating, fishing, trail use, and general day-use activities are accommodated and encouraged. Hunting is allowed in a portion of this zone.

##### **Education Opportunities**

Interpretive/educational signage is encouraged at campgrounds, day-use facilities and the boat launch. In these heavily visited areas of the park, there is an opportunity to provide information on the entire park, recruiting interest in interpretive programming, the Visitors Center and townsite.

##### **Visitor Experience**

High visitor encounters can be accommodated and should be expected during the summer months. A high noise tolerance and high level of interaction with DNR staff is also characteristic of this zone.

##### **Management Focus**

Management focuses on maintaining and improving the infrastructure that serves the public uses of this zone and providing a high level of accessibility. The effective management of people, public safety and good hospitality practices are also key to providing positive visitor experiences.

##### **Development**

A high level of development of facilities for support of visitor activities is appropriate, such as modern restrooms, hard surfaced pathways and parking areas, picnic facilities, modern camping, cabins and lodges. Providing universal access should be the goal of all new development.



*New boat docks are a recent addition to the Developed Recreation Zone in Snail Shell Harbor*

#### **4.6 Administrative Services Zone**

This zone is located just outside the townsite and includes the park headquarters, workshop, contact station, dump station, septic field and storage area. It totals just over 11 acres (1.5%) of the park land. The zone encompasses the developed areas required for program administration and operations and includes a potential expansion area immediately north of the current headquarters/ shop area.

##### **Natural Resources**

In general, the natural resources can be managed and modified to support administration of the park.

##### **Historic/Cultural Resources**

There are no historic structures in this zone. However, this zone is within the Cultural Landscape Overlay in recognition that the entire park was impacted by the historic townsite and related activities. Prehistoric sites and Native American activities have also been documented in the general area.

##### **Recreation Opportunities**

None

##### **Education Opportunities**

Educational materials can be made available in the office 'public space', and office staff can provide verbal information. There is a great opportunity to direct visitors to other informational locations in the park.

##### **Visitor Experience**

Visitor access at the office is limited to business and informational purposes.

##### **Management Focus**

Management focus is on providing barrier-free public and employee access (meeting or exceeding ADA requirements) to the contact station and park headquarters. Safety and security are also a focus of management within this zone.

##### **Development**

High levels of development of facilities for support of administrative activities, with a high level of accessibility can be expected in this zone.



*Park entrance sign*

## **4.7 Cultural Landscape Overlay**

The Cultural Landscape Overlay recognizes cultural resources within Fayette HSP and encompasses the entire mainland area of the park, or approximately 711 acres. It is considered an “overlay” of all other zones in the park.

### **Natural Resources**

For natural resource management, the prescriptive description of the underlying zone will apply.

### **Historic/Cultural Resources**

Resources include historic buildings, structures and other landscape characteristics and features.

These resources will generally be preserved or rehabilitated for visitor understanding and/or compatible adaptive use. If any activity within this overlay requires earthwork, it must first be reviewed and approved by the Stewardship Unit of PRD. Cultural resources are known to exist throughout the park.



*Remains of the town store*

### **Recreation Opportunities**

Visitors may be engaged in recreation opportunities as allowed by the underlying zone designation. The recreation opportunities will not interfere with nor hinder the appreciation of the cultural landscape being preserved.

### **Education Opportunities**

Information regarding the key elements in this zone can be made available at the A. Gene Gazlay Visitor Center, the campground, and at other key locations where people gather. Specific features can be interpreted and the placement of informational kiosks or signs is appropriate if supported by the underlying zone. Additionally, electronic means of interpretation can be explored.

### **Visitor Experience**

The visitor experience, interaction with others, time commitment and level of activity will vary according to the underlying zone.

### **Management Focus**

Management focus will be on preserving the historic and cultural integrity of the zone.

### **Development**

The level and type of development will be consistent with the underlying zone. Non-historic development and activities that do not conflict with the cultural landscape may be allowed. All development within this zone shall be reviewed by the Stewardship Unit of PRD and the State Archaeologist.



## **4.8 Scenic Overlay**

The Scenic Overlay recognizes that there are aesthetic qualities to be preserved and protected in our state parks. Two areas in the park have the Scenic Overlay designation. One is the top of the limestone cliffs (along the trail), which offers panoramic views of the townsite and Lake Michigan, and the second is the view of these same cliffs from the townsite. The zone represents approximately 8 acres (1%) of the park.

### **Natural Resources**

The prescriptive description of the underlying zone will apply. In general, the natural resources can be modified to support visitor activities and enhance the views of the zone..

### **Historic/Cultural Resources**

The prescriptive description of the underlying zone will apply.

### **Recreation Opportunities**

The prescriptive description of the underlying zone will apply.

### **Education Opportunities**

There is a great opportunity for interpretive information at staging areas for the trails and along trails, as well as at key locations in the townsite.

### **Visitor Experience**

The scenic viewing within the park is a popular activity, and visitors will encounter others enjoying the views.

### **Management Focus**

Management must focus on maintaining the quality of the views, protecting the resource and visitor safety.

### **Development**

The prescriptive description of the underlying zone will apply. Any development in this zone must compliment the viewing opportunities and not detract or negatively impact the scenic qualities.



*Scenic views of the harbor from the historic townsite*

# 5. 10-Year Action Goals Plan

The planning team, with stakeholder and public input, has developed 10-Year Action Goals that it believes are necessary to guide management and development within the park in order to achieve the desired user experience. Action goals are recommended that address the following categories:

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

These goals apply either to the whole park (General Action Goals) or to specific locations within the park, as appropriate and according to the management zones. Refer to the zone descriptions in Chapter 4 for appropriate activities in each zone.

Fayette Historic State Park has significant cultural resources and sensitive natural communities. Several of the General Action Goals focus on protecting and enhancing these natural resources, including invasive species control and protecting historic viewsheds. The results of the public survey confirmed that continued maintenance and preservation of the historic structures is a high priority, along with updating the interpretive exhibits and making accessibility improvements. Action goals also address park visitors' desire for a shore fishing area at Snail Shell Harbor.

The stakeholder input identified the need for increased and more coordinated promotion of the park, through partnerships, signage, increased community involvement and exploring promotional programs such as "artist in residency".

Action goals also address improvements to existing or new recreation opportunities to enhance the visitors' experience and attract new park users. The Parks and Recreation Division (PRD) will evaluate the demand for campground expansion and/or alternative overnight accommodations such as tent-only sites or cabins/yurts. The park will also support local efforts to develop a snowmobile/ORV route to the park from Garden.

Management plans are based on known needs, funding realities and sound investment policies, but do not guarantee future PRD funding to achieve the actions identified. PRD will seek internal funding, alternative funding sources, partnerships and other potential mechanisms for implementing the desired future conditions defined in this plan. On an annual basis, PRD districts determine priorities for project planning and project capital outlay. Each district's top projects are then evaluated at a state-wide level for available funds.

The following 10-year action goals are ranked in terms of priority based on health, safety, and welfare, as well as ease of implementation (cost, ability to implement with own staff, partnerships, etc.). Priority Level 1 projects indicate those that should be addressed within the next 2 years. Priority Level 2 projects include those that should be addressed within 2-5 years. Priority Level 3 projects are desired, but can be tackled in the next 5-10 years, once funding has been identified.

## General Action Goals

Many of the 10-Year Action Goals for Fayette Historic State Park 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 running a state park also result in the need for actions across all zone boundaries, such as law enforcement.

Action Goals	Priority	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
<b>Natural Resources</b>			
Implement invasive species control, with a strong emphasis on early detection and rapid response	Ongoing	Park Supervisor Stewardship	Park Supervisor
Monitor roads, trails, and any new development sites for possible invasive species introductions	Ongoing	Park Supervisor Stewardship	Park Supervisor
Develop a Stewardship Plan for the park that identifies targets for conservation and related natural resources management strategies	1	Park Supervisor Stewardship	Stewardship Ecologist
<b>Recreation Opportunities</b>			
Support local efforts to develop a snowmobile/ORV route to the park from Garden	Ongoing	Trail Specialist Park Supervisor Local Partners	Trail Specialist
Explore "artist in residency" program at the park	2	Park Supervisor Friends Group Local Partners	Park Supervisor
<b>Historic/Cultural Resources</b>			
Continue monitoring archaeological and cultural resources	Ongoing	Park Supervisor Stewardship State Archaeologist	Cultural Resource Analyst
Review all proposed earthwork activities for potential impact on historic/cultural resources	Ongoing	Stewardship Regional Planner State Archaeologist	Cultural Resource Analyst
<b>Education/Interpretation Opportunities</b>			
Expand interpretation of Native American history at the park	1	History Center Tribal Government State Archaeologist	History Center

General Action Goals (continued)			
Action Goals	Priority	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
<b>Management</b>			
Partner with regional tourist organizations and local communities to cross-promote and increase community involvement	Ongoing	Park Supervisor Regional and Local Partners	Park Supervisor
Support local efforts to improve cell service on the Garden Peninsula while protecting views from townsite	Ongoing	Park Supervisor	Park Supervisor
Work to promote the park in a regional context with other DNR facilities (Portage Bay State Forest Campground, Palms Book and Indian Lake State Park)	Ongoing	Park Supervisor	Park Supervisor
Establish and maintain Friends Group(s) for the park and historic townsite	Ongoing	Park Supervisor History Center	Park Supervisor
Continue to explore land acquisition of properties within the Project Boundary with emphasis on inholdings	Ongoing	Park Supervisor Field Planner Land Liaison	Park Supervisor
Continue to complete and comply with annual safety inspections and plans	Ongoing	Park Supervisor	Park Supervisor
Improve and maintain roadways throughout park	Ongoing	Park Supervisor Field Planner District Supervisor	Field Planner
Evaluate and replace wayfinding signs throughout the park	1	Park Supervisor District Supervisor	Park Supervisor
Improve directional signs on US-2 and M-183	1	Park Supervisor District Supervisor MDOT	Park Supervisor
Work with Road Commission to abandon Delta County road 13.25 Lane at north and south end of the park	2	Park Supervisor Land Liaison DCRC	Park Supervisor

MDOT = Michigan Department of Transportation  
DCRC = Delta County Road Commission

### Ecologically Sensitive Zone

This zone emphasizes the natural resource protection of three rare land snails and old-growth cedar trees located on the dolomite cliffs at the park. The zone is managed for protection purposes for the highest quality natural resources with no human impact. For this reason, native species and natural processes take precedence over visitor accommodation. The following 10-Year Action Goals propose management to continue to protect the important habitat. Access to the cliff face is prohibited.

Action Goals	Priority	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
<b>Management Focus</b>			
Continue to manage natural resources for the protection of rare land snails and old-growth cedar trees	Ongoing	Park Supervisor Stewardship	Park Supervisor

### Primitive Zone

The Primitive Zone emphasizes the natural resources of Snake Island. It is managed to allow only dispersed, low frequency and low impact recreational use on the island. Maintaining a high quality natural resource condition dictates the extent to which recreational improvements or users are allowed. For this reason, native species and natural processes take precedence over visitor accommodation. The following 10-Year Action Goals propose protection of the important habitat. Only foot traffic is allowed in this zone.

Action Goals	Priority	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
<b>Management</b>			
Continue to protect colonial nesting birds and habitat	Ongoing	Park Supervisor USFWS Wildlife Division Stewardship	Stewardship
Continue to participate in the DNR's double-crested cormorant management efforts.	Ongoing	Park Supervisor USFWS Wildlife Division Stewardship	Stewardship

USFWS = United States Fish and Wildlife Service



## 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 recreation use and to maintain 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 the natural character of the zone. Much of the park's trail system is located in this zone.

Action Goals	Priority	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
<b>Education/Interpretation Opportunities</b>			
Update existing interpretive signs in collaboration with History Center	1	History Center Stewardship MOD	History Center
<b>Recreation Opportunities</b>			
Continue to maintain opportunities for hunting/trapping/gathering/birding	Ongoing	Stewardship Wildlife Park Supervisor	Park Supervisor
<b>Management</b>			
Selectively clear vegetation to maintain scenic views and scenic overlooks	Ongoing	Park Supervisor	Park Supervisor
Dispose of land on northeast corner of M-183 and 13th Road	2	Park Supervisor Land Liaison	Park Supervisor

MOD = Marketing and Outreach Division



*Woodland trails through the Natural Resource Recreation Zone*

## History Education Zone

**This zone encompasses cultural resources at the park for preservation, education and interpretation. This includes the historic townsite, visitor center, church site, cemetery, and Snail Shell Harbor. The management focus is to preserve the historic integrity of the zone elements and provide access for education and interpretation in partnership with the Michigan History Center.**

Action Goals	Priority	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
<b>Education/Interpretation Opportunities</b>			
Evaluate and explore alternative interpretive techniques for all ages including self-guided tours, reenactments, improved technology and other storytelling	Ongoing	Park Supervisor History Center	History Center
Develop and install a new interpretive exhibit in machine shop	1	History Center	History Center
Develop a downloadable interpretive GIS-based application for the historic townsite	3	Park Supervisor History Center Marketing & Outreach	History Center
<b>Recreation Opportunities</b>			
Perform a cost benefit analysis and feasibility study for providing alternative lodging at building 30/ 31	3	Park Supervisor District Supervisor Field Planner History Center Stewardship	Park Supervisor Field Planner
<b>Management</b>			
Manage vegetation to protect scenic vistas and building foundations	Ongoing	Park Supervisor State Archaeologist	Park Supervisor
Continue to maintain and preserve historic structures	Ongoing	Park Supervisor Stewardship History Center SHPO	Park Supervisor
Prepare a study evaluating the fire suppression system at the historic townsite	1	Park Supervisor District Supervisor Field Planner	Field Planner
Upgrade fire suppression system at historic townsite based on recommendations from evaluation study	TBD per study	Park Supervisor District Supervisor Field Planner	Field Planner
Develop and install wayfinding signs for barrier free access to the historic townsite	1	Park Supervisor Field Planner	Park Supervisor

History Education Zone (Continued)			
Action Goals	Priority	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
Evaluate the need for electrical distribution upgrades at the historic townsite and implement as needed	1	Park Supervisor District Supervisor Field Planner	Field Planner
Clear and perform a prescribed burn at the former baseball/race track area to maintain desired vegetation cover	2	Park Supervisor Stewardship History Center FRD	Stewardship
Complete a historic structures report for remaining buildings not included in the previous report	2	Park Supervisor History Center Stewardship SHPO	Stewardship
Apply to establish the townsite (currently listed on the National Registry of Historic Places) as a National Historic Landmark	2	History Center SHPO Stewardship	History Center
<b>Development</b>			
Update and prioritize recommendations from 1994 Hotel Architectural Analysis and Preservation Plan	1	Park Supervisor Field Planner History Center Stewardship	Field Planner
Construct barrier free access ramp to the town hall building	1	Park Supervisor District Supervisor Field Planner	Park Supervisor
Construct an outdoor seating area at the A. Gene Gazlay Visitor Center	1	Park Supervisor	Park Supervisor
Improve access to the Visitor Center from the parking lot using universal design principles where feasible	1	Park Supervisor District Supervisor Field Planner	Field Planner
Redesign and replace outdoor interpretive signs and improve accessibility to the new signs	2	History Center	History Center
Evaluate and recommend accessibility improvements from the A. Gene Gazlay Visitor Center to the historic townsite	2	Park Supervisor Field Planner History Center Stewardship	Field Planner
Improve surface, signage and pathways at the accessible parking area for the historic townsite	2	Park Supervisor Field Planner	Field Planner
Identify and develop an alternate shore fishing site to the boat dock facilities. (e.g. reconstruct the historic dock, renovate the old fishing dock)	3	Park Supervisor District Supervisor Field Planner SHPO Fisheries Division	Field Planner

SHPO = State Historic Preservation Office

TBD = To be determined

FRD = Forest Resources Division

## 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. This zone encompasses the day-use picnic area, swimming beach, campground, boating access site, and the dock facility in the harbor. The 10-Year Action Goals direct management decisions and development projects designed to promote and support these diverse visitor activities.**

Action Goals	Priority	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
<b>Recreation Opportunities</b>			
Evaluate opportunities and conduct a cost-benefit analysis for alternative lodging accommodations like cabins or yurts	2	Park Supervisor District Supervisor Field Planner	Park Supervisor Field Planner
Carry out a study to evaluate the demand for increased/ alternative camping opportunities in the region and the potential for Fayette HSP to support these needs	3	Park Supervisor District Supervisor Field Planner	Field Planner
Seek partnership funding opportunities to design and develop play opportunities	3	Park Supervisor Field Planner Friends Group	Park Supervisor
<b>Management</b>			
Dispose of land located on the southeast corner of 13.25 Lane and 12th Lane	2	Park Supervisor Field Planner	Field Planner
Following county road abandonment, secure appropriate access between the campground and day-use beach area	2	Park Supervisor Field Planner	Field Planner
<b>Development</b>			
Designate barrier-free campsites within campground and make improvements as necessary	1	Park Supervisor District Supervisor Field Planner	Field Planner
Develop walk-in, tent-only campsites	2	Park Supervisor Field Planner	Field Planner
Develop universally accessible shoreline overlook at day-use area and clear vegetation to improve visual access	3	Park Supervisor District Supervisor Field Planner	Field Planner

## Administrative 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 Fayette Historic State Park.**

Action Goals	Priority	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
Upgrade water treatment plant	2	Park Supervisor District Supervisor Field Planner	Field Planner
Develop cold storage facility	3	Park Supervisor District Supervisor Field Planner	Field Planner



*Volunteers help out at the park*



# 6. Implementation Strategy

This chapter of the general management plan (GMP) provides guidance for implementation of the action goals and maintaining the plan so it remains relevant in the long term. These guidelines will also help the park align the action goals with park, district and statewide annual funding processes and annual tasks outlined in the Parks and Recreation Division's Strategic Plan or other planning documents. Although the implementation of the GMP will require commitment from staff at every level, it will be the primary responsibility of the Unit Supervisor/Manager to oversee plan implementation.

A long-range plan such as this must maintain a degree of flexibility in order to be responsive to changing circumstances or opportunities that cannot be foreseen. It is recognized that some goals may be accomplished in a short time frame, while others may carry over through multiple years. It will be important to track progress so that the plan remains a relevant park management tool. The GMP will be reviewed every five years to ensure it remains viable.

## 6.1 Implementation Toolbox

The following is a list of items to consider when reviewing and prioritizing the implementation of action goals identified in the GMP.

### Coordination/ Communication

- Meet regularly with the Regional Field Planner and District Supervisor to coordinate and prioritize large capital projects for capital outlay requests.
- Maintain an open dialogue with local partners and stakeholders to coordinate community-related projects as identified in the action goals.
- Follow-up regularly on progress for action goals that are not the primary responsibility of the Unit Supervisor/Manager with the responsible program position.

### Funding

- Identify estimated cost for each capital improvement/infrastructure project, with assistance from Regional Field Planner or other planning and infrastructure section staff as needed.
- Identify potential funding sources for each project/task. Liaise with PRD grants coordinator as appropriate.
- Align potential funding sources with the annual "call for projects" in July for capital outlay funding requests.
- Review action goals list and determine which projects can be requested to receive District Small Project funding through the District Supervisor.

### Scheduling

- Further prioritize projects based on need, funding, staffing and other constraints and opportunities.
- Incorporate project/task assignments into annual staff performance objectives

## 6.2 Documentation of Changes

The Unit Supervisor/Manager should keep a record of any major changes to the park since approval of the GMP and note potential updates that may be required in the future. Documenting these changes will assist in the 5-year plan review or when the GMP is updated. Changes may include:

- New user requests or conflicts
- Emerging recreation, funding or partnership opportunities
- Changes in land management
- Land transactions or changes to the Approved Project Boundary
- Major infrastructure projects or removal of structures

Changes may be documented by marking up the park's copy of the GMP or maintaining a log that is kept with the GMP. In reviewing the action goals for changes, document goals that may become irrelevant or are no longer viable, as well as proposed new action goals, including justification.

The management zoning map should also be reviewed regularly. Any proposed changes to the map related to land acquisition or disposal, errors in the original zoning, or land management changes should be documented. Note that the park zoning is intended to be a long-term document: changes will only be considered with adequate justification and are subject to a formal review and approval process.

## 6.3 Documentation of Accomplishments

As action goals are completed, the Unit Supervisor/Manager should mark them as such in the park's copy of the GMP, including the completion date. This will also help to maintain a log of accomplishments for district and division-wide reporting purposes, including PRD's strategic plan.

## 6.4 Five-year Review Process

General management plans are reviewed every five years from the date of approval of either the phase 2 plan or the complete GMP. The planning team for the 5-year review is made up of the Park Management Plan Administrator, Unit Supervisor/Manager, Regional Field Planner and District Supervisor, with other team members included as may be necessary. A 5-Year Review Form will be used to record all changes to the plan within the past 5 years. Upon reviewing the GMP and the documented changes, the planning team will determine whether the changes warrant a complete update of the plan.

If there are no major changes required in either the zoning or the action goals, the planning team will complete the 5-Year Review Form and attach it as a supplement to the existing GMP. If zoning changes are needed, the GMP will be revised or updated following the established planning process led by the Park Management Plan Administrator. If changes to the action goals only are required, the phase 2 GMP planning process will be implemented.

# APPENDIX A

## Supporting Analysis

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## A.1 PARK OVERVIEW

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### Park Profile

Area: 724 acres

County: Delta

Township: Fairbanks

Latitude: 45.718574

Longitude: -86.649266

Address: 4785 Il Road  
Garden MI, 49835

Phone #: 906-644-2603



Fayette Historic State Park (FHSP) surrounds Snail Shell Harbor in Lake Michigan, on the southern shore of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The park features over 20 extant historic buildings that once comprised a bustling iron smelting industrial complex and community. The historic townsite provides opportunities for visitors to learn about this part of Michigan's history thorough self-exploration or guided tours and information from the A. Gene Gazlay Visitor Center. The state park also features a modern campground, harbor, boat launch, swimming beach and five miles of trails for hiking, biking and cross-country skiing. Located on Big Bay De Noc, Fayette offers water related recreational opportunities including fishing, boating and scuba diving during certain times by use permit. In addition to its rich cultural resources, the park features some rare natural resources and impressive views of the limestone cliffs that surround the harbor.



Aerial view of Fayette historic townsite and Snail Shell Harbor



### **Location & Community**

Fayette Historic State Park (FHSP) is located on the Garden Peninsula, south of US-2, which is one of the primary routes running east-west through Michigan's Upper Peninsula, from St. Ignace to Iron Mountain. The park is situated on Big Bay De Noc, which opens into Lake Michigan's Green Bay. "Noc" is believed to be derived from the Noquet Native American people who once lived along the shore,. The main entrance to FHSP is off State Highway M-183, which runs south from US-2 through the Garden Peninsula. After Fayette's park entrance, M-183 becomes County Road 483. 12<sup>th</sup> Lane provides access off CR 483 to the park's boat launch and beach area one-quarter mile south of the main entrance. Snake Island, located about one-half mile north of the park in Big Bay De Noc, is included within the park boundary.

This area of the Upper Peninsula, between Manistique (34 miles to the east) and Escanaba (56 miles to the west) is known for its attractive scenery, four seasons of outdoor recreation and numerous historical landmarks. On the Garden Peninsula, the closest community to the park is the Village of Garden, seven miles to the northeast, with a 2010 population of 221.



## A.2 DEMOGRAPHICS

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The U.S. Census Bureau recorded the 2010 population of Delta County at 37,069, with an estimated 2016 population of 36,202. This shows a small decline in population (-0.02%) compared to a slight population increase in the state of Michigan as a whole (0.04%) over the same period. The Village of Garden and Garden Township also show a population decline over the last 30 years, while Fairbanks Township shows more irregular fluctuation. Delta County has a low population density of 31.7 persons per square mile compared to 174.8 persons per square mile for the state of Michigan. The county is predominantly white (94.7%), but has an American Indian population of 2.4%, which is higher than the state average (0.6%). An estimated 14.2% of housing units in Delta County are for seasonal, recreational or occasional use.

Neighboring Schoolcraft County is even more sparsely populated, with a total 2010 population of 8,903, and a population density of just 7.2 persons per square mile.

### Population Trends, Selected Areas

Selected Areas	1980	1990	2000	2010	2014	% Change '80-'14
Garden Twp.	812	783	817	750	678	-16.5
Village of Garden	296	269	240	221	210	-29.0
Fairbanks Twp.	358	309	321	281	313	-12.6
Delta County	38,947	37,780	38,520	37,069	36,841	-5.4
Michigan	9,262,078	9,295,297	9,938,444	9,883,640	9,889,024	6.4

*Source: Adapted from Garden Peninsula Recreation Plan Draft, 2016; U.S. Bureau of the Census, Years*

## U.S. Census Bureau Population Data for Delta County

<b>Population</b>	<b>Delta Co.</b>	<b>Michigan</b>
Population estimates, July 1, 2016,	36,202	9,928,300
Population, percent change – April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2016	-0.02%	0.04%
Population, Census, April 1, 2010	37,069	9,883,640
Persons under 5 years, percent, April 1, 2010	5.4%	6%
Persons under 18 years, percent, April 1, 2010	20.9%	23.7%
Persons 65 years and over, percent, April 1, 2010	19.1%	13.8%
Female persons, percent, April 1, 2010	50.5%	50.9%
White alone, percent, April 1, 2010	94.7%	78.9%
Black or African American alone, percent, April 1, 2010	0.02%	14.2%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent, April 1, 2010	2.4%	0.6%
Two or More Races, percent, April 1, 2010	2.1%	2.3%
Hispanic or Latino, percent, April 1, 2010	0.9%	4.4%
Veterans, 2011-2015	3,899	626,722
Housing units, April 1, 2010	20,214	4,532,233
High school graduate or higher, % age 25 years+, 2011-2015	92.1%	89.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher, % age 25 years+, 2011-2015	18.9%	26.9%
With a disability, % age 65 years, 2011-2015	13.1%	10.3%
Mean travel time to work (minutes), 2011-2015	18.6	24.2
Per capita income in past 12 months, 2011-2015	23,061	26,607
<b>Geography</b>	<b>Delta Co.</b>	<b>Michigan</b>
Population per square mile, 2010	31.7	174.8
Land area in square miles, 2010	1171.1	56538.9

## A.3 REGIONAL RECREATION RESOURCES

The area surrounding Fayette Historic State Park provides a variety of recreation opportunities and preserved land.

### Federal Resources

The Hiawatha National Forest is located north of the Garden Peninsula in Delta and Alger counties and comprises nearly one million acres of land, including this west unit and an east unit in Mackinac and Chippewa counties. The National Forest land in Delta County offers a range of outdoor recreation opportunities including dispersed and rustic camping, cabins, hiking and cross-country ski trails, snowmobiling, fishing, hunting and wildlife observation.

The Bay de Noc – Grand Island National Recreation Trail is a 40-mile hiking trail that parallels the Whitefish River following the approximate location of an ancient Ojibwe Indian portage route between Lake Superior and Lake Michigan.



## **State Resources**

### *State Parks and Recreation Areas*

- Indian Lake State Park, approximately 20 miles northeast of Fayette, is located on Indian Lake, the fourth largest inland lake in the Upper Peninsula. The 8,400-acre park is composed of two units 3 miles apart, on the south and west lakeshore. Recreation opportunities include camping along the lake, paddling and boating, fishing, hunting and enjoying the beach.
- Palms Book State Park, located just north of Indian Lake, provides boating access and hunting. The park is best known for Kitch-iti-kipi, Michigan's largest freshwater spring, which can be accessed via a self-guided observation raft.
- Laughing Whitefish Falls Scenic Site comprises 960 acres and is located about 45 miles north of FHSP. The park provides opportunities for hiking and sightseeing.
- Wagner Falls Scenic Site, located approximately 50 miles north of Fayette, also offers opportunities for hiking and sightseeing on its 22 acres of land.

### *State Forest*

The region contains many acres of state forest land comprised of three Forest Management Units (FMUs). State forest land is co-managed by the DNR Forest Resources and Wildlife divisions for timber management and dispersed public recreational pursuits, such as hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing and dispersed camping. Campgrounds and trails within the state forest are managed by the Parks and Recreation Division.

- Shingleton FMU is about 380,000 acres of land stretching from the eastern UP into Delta County and the Garden Peninsula.
  - Portage Bay State Forest Campground is located about 7 miles east of FHSP and provides 23 rustic sites on Lake Michigan, a carry-down boat launch and 2.25 miles of hiking trails.
  - Indian Lake Pathway is located on the west side of Indian Lake and provides 8.5 miles of trail for hiking, biking and cross-country skiing.
- Escanaba FMU is approximately 142,000 acres in the northwest region of Delta County.
  - Days River and its nature trail are located on state forest land, providing 10 miles of hiking, biking, and interpretive trails.
  - Blueberry Ridge, Tyoga, and Cedar River are just a few other trails that have recreational opportunities.
  - This FMU also has 102 miles of groomed snowmobile trails, 78 miles of ORV trails and two multiuse trails.
- Gwinn FMU is composed of roughly 278,000 acres. Recreation opportunities include 3 multiuse pathways, seven state forest campgrounds, ORV trails, about 500 miles of groomed snowmobile trails, and scenic areas along the shoreline of Lake Superior.

### *State Fish Hatchery*

Thompson State Fish Hatchery is located 1.5 miles north of the intersection of US-2 and M-149, near the town of Thompson. The hatchery produces a variety of species including Chinook salmon, steelhead trout, and walleye. The hatchery has an interpretive area where visitors can learn about the importance of small tributaries to the Great Lakes, how watersheds work, and how a hatchery operates.

### **State and Regional Trails**

The area surrounding FHSP contains a number of different trail systems in addition to the pathways listed above on state forest land.

- The Moss Lake Motorcycle Trail (26 miles) is located about 15 miles north of FHSP.
- The Marquette-Manistique Route allows for ORV and ATV use. The trail runs north-south along Highway 94 until it reaches Munising, where the trail then heads east-west along Highway 28.
- The bicycle route of the Iron Belle Trail, a 791-mile linear trail from Belle Isle in Detroit to Ironwood in the Upper Peninsula, runs 11 miles north of the park along US-2.
- There are a number of snowmobile routes in the area surrounding the park. Route UP2 runs north of FHSP (about 10 miles); this route generally runs east to west across the Upper Peninsula. UP415 is the route that runs the closest to FHSP to the north, about 10 miles away. UP41 is to the northeast of the park and runs along the Marquette-Manistique ORV/ATV route.

### **Boating**

Recreational boating facilities and opportunities exist along the Big and Little Bay De Noc in Delta County. Over 200 miles of shoreline on Lake Michigan provides campgrounds, public access, recreational harbors, and picnic areas for guests. On the Garden Peninsula, the DNR manages boat access sites at Portage Bay (carry-in) and Garden Bay (paved launch suitable for all trailerable watercraft).

### **Municipal Parks and Recreation**

- Sac Bay County Park (65.85 acres) is located at the southern tip of the Garden Peninsula and provides a swimming beach, kayak/canoe access and playground and picnic facilities.
- Pioneer Trail County Park and Campground, OB Fuller Park and Rapid River Falls are other community parks operated by Delta County Parks in the Escanaba area.
- City of Manistique Lakeshore Campground offers over 50 modern and rustic campsites on Lake Michigan.
- Manistique Boardwalk and River Walk is a 1.83-mile trail, providing access to a fishing pier and the East Breakwater Light.
- Manistique Marina is located at the south end of Cedar Street, on the Manistique River. The Manistique Harbor remains open year-round and provides several boating slips with water and electrical hookups available for rent by the day, week, month, or season.



### **Private Recreational Areas**

The area features a number of private resorts, boat docks, campgrounds, hotels, outfitters, rentals and charter fishing opportunities. Bay Ridge RV Park and Campground provides 41 sites overlooking the Garden Bay, all with full service hookups. Other resorts are located at Garden Corners and Thompson.

### **Historic Resources**

- Garden Peninsula Historical Museum features a collection of Peninsula historic artifacts and specializes in genealogy.
- Nahma – location of a historic lumbering/saw mill community, established by the Bay de Noquet Company in 1881. The large brick and steel burner, used to dispose of waste from the saw mill, is an iconic landmark that remains today. The Nahma Township Historical Society operates a museum open on weekends during the summer.
- Seul Choix Point Light – located 11 miles east of Manistique, the lighthouse is owned by the Department of Natural Resources and operated by the Gulliver Historical Society. The 1895 lighthouse is open to the public during the summer. The historical society operates a small local museum at the site.
- Bishop Baraga Shrine – located near Indian Lake, the site commemorates the many missions founded by Baraga in northern Michigan. The shrine includes a chapel, Indian dwellings and buildings recreated in the early 1980's on the original mission's site based on historical information.
- Manistique East Breakwater Light – built in 1915 to mark the entrance to the Port of Manistique, the light became automated in 1969.



Seul Choix Point Lighthouse

## A.4 HISTORY OF FAYETTE HISTORIC STATE PARK

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### **History of the Area**

Archaeological evidence, including pictographs found on limestone cliffs, confirm prehistoric activity in the area that now includes Fayette Historic State Park. Indian inhabitants along Bay de Noc prior to 1500 may have been referred to as Noquet and later as Menominee. These Woodland Indians were eventually absorbed into the Ojibwa, additionally referred to as the Chippewa.

The Menominee first had contact with Europeans through French explorer Jean Nicolet around 1634. Jesuit missionaries settled the area in 1669, while explorers established trade with the Indians. After the French annexed the area in 1671, Indians were declared to be French citizens. Even though numerous peace treaties had been reached, tribes were being relocated to a reservation in Wisconsin by 1852.

The Garden Peninsula was surveyed by the General Land Office in 1850. Survey notes made reference to what is now known as Snail Shell Harbor as “deep water, good harbor for schooner”.

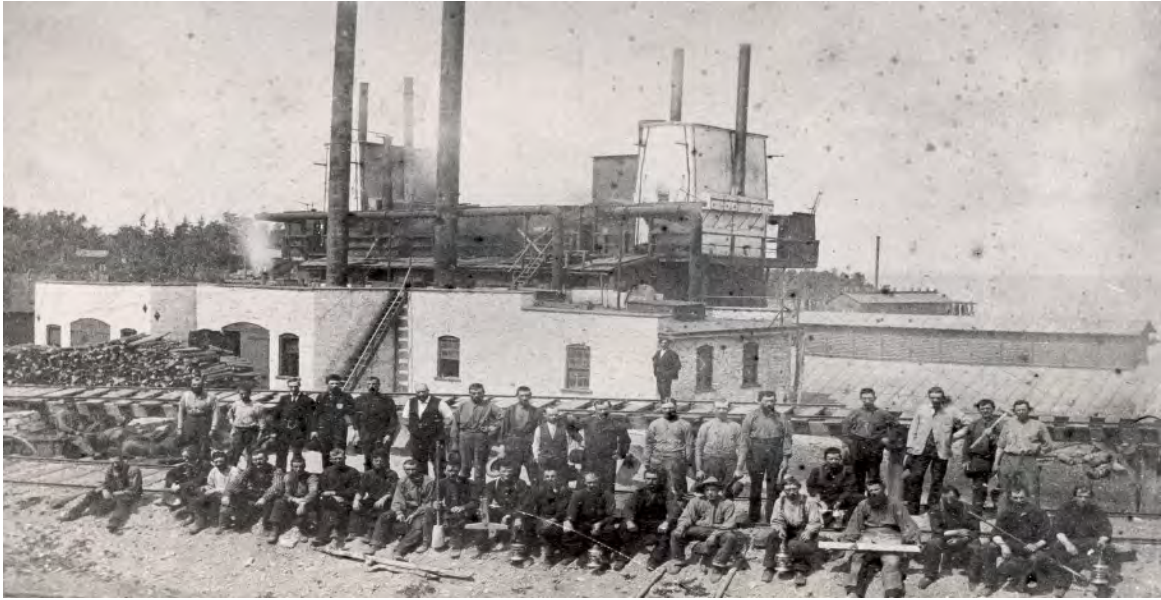
### **General History of the Park<sup>1</sup>**

In 1861, H.G.D. Squires acquired over 142 acres of land that encompassed the bluff on the east side of Snail Shell Harbor. The Squires family built two log homes and outbuildings and cultivated and planted fruit trees on some of the land. In 1867-1868 the property was sold to the Jackson Iron Company. A few years prior to the purchase, General Agent Fayette Brown of the Jackson Iron Company sent “landlookers” to explore the Garden Peninsula and its potential for constructing a blast furnace. This was an attractive property because of the deep and protected natural harbor a short distance across the bay from the southern terminus of the Peninsula Railroad in Escanaba, as well as the plentiful limestone, wood, and ore supply that surrounded the vicinity.

By 1867, the first blast furnace was ready for business, and 200 employees inhabited the town. Around 1870 68 buildings had been constructed in the Fayette townsite, including not only the industrial buildings needed for iron-smelting, but also residences, administrative buildings, shops and service buildings. Shortly after the second blast furnace was installed, Fayette’s population had grown to about 500 residents, of which 300 were employees. By 1880, Fayette was considered an economically independent “rural district”, supplying its own materials. In addition to the resource impacts of the iron smelting operations, the Jackson Iron Company further impacted timber resources by exporting timber as telegraph poles.

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<sup>1</sup> Primary source: *Cultural Resource Management Plan for the Fayette Historic Townsite, December 1996*



View of the rear (south) of the furnace complex; workers are standing along the railroad tracks.  
Ca. 1867-1881

The impact of Fayette and the Jackson Iron Company operations was felt area wide. The production of charcoal for Fayette's furnaces was a major part of the company's work. By 1873, 57 kilns were in use at nine locations within ten miles of Fayette. Over the next ten years that number grew, with some estimates of up to 80 kilns in operation, including a lime kiln. Countless structures and buildings including a barbershop, post office, town hall, and hotel filled the town. Fayette had three stage lines carrying passengers and mail. The chief water supply came from the bay. In 1879, a half-mile race track for horse racing was built that became a popular attraction.

Economic and social class structure was evident in the construction of peoples' houses. The doctor's house was the only one that had brick ground flooring. The majority of housing was for the workers and was of simple and basic construction.



View looking north in the town center, date: 1870

In 1881 the Jackson Iron Company modified Fayette's furnaces to increase productivity. These changes included, enlarging the stacks from 40' to 54' high, moving the two blast ovens from the top of the stacks to the upper level of the furnace complex, and capping off both stacks with a bell and hopper device. Capping off the stacks allowed the company to safely use softwood charcoal that tended to give off sparks during the smelting process. More alterations to the furnace complex were undertaken in 1883 following a fire. The company continued to use both hard and soft charcoal throughout the 1880s; the furnace modification allowed the company to begin harvesting softwoods near the vicinity of Fayette, while charcoal kiln sites north and south of the town continued to cut down hardwoods.

By the late 1880s, the Jackson Iron Company was forced to purchase ores from other mining concerns as its machinery began to wear out and the local hardwood fuel supply was diminishing. In addition, improved steel and coke irons were crowding out charcoal iron. These factors contributed to the end of iron smelting operations at Fayette in September 1891, as well as the decrease in the American charcoal industry in general.

The town and community rapidly dwindled to only about 20 people, who subsided by fishing and farming. In 1905 Jackson Iron Company was consolidated by Cleveland Cliffs Iron Company, and during 1907-1914 the land was leased to the Escanaba Gladstone Transportation Company. During this period, attempts were made to make Fayette a tourist resort and additions were made to Fayette, such as a fish shack. In 1907 the Cleveland Cliffs Iron Company conducted a building survey of Fayette that showed at least 50 buildings still standing. The hotel continued to thrive and the townsite became a place for tourists and day-visitors from nearby towns.

In 1916 Fred VanRemortel and brother-in-law Frank Dhooge (of Wisconsin) purchased Fayette. Within a few years Fred VanRemortel became the sole owner and ran a successful summer resort at Fayette for 30 years. However, many buildings were believed to be lost during the town's resort town era (1916 – 1959). VanRemortel sold Fayette in 1946 to Gladys Edwards from Chicago; however, she lost the site due to back taxes owed. In 1956 the Escanaba Paper Company purchased Fayette at a public auction.

The Mead Corporation, parent company of Escanaba Paper Company, exchanged Fayette with the State of Michigan for timberland in 1958. Shortly after the exchange a campground was developed, and a manager was appointed to operate this newly acquired property which was officially named Fayette Historic State Park in 1959.

In 1974, the DNR and Michigan History Center completed an analysis of the remains and structures in the park resulting in recommendations for the stabilization and restoration of the area. Most of those recommendations have been or are being implemented. Contemporary modifications to the park have been constructed so as not to interfere with the historic context of the townsite, including a ranger residence, main shop, office building, the A. Gene Gazlay Visitor Center and parking lot, campground, and new docks for transient boaters.

## A.5 LAND OWNERSHIP

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### Funding Sources

The lands that comprise Fayette Historic State Park have been acquired by the state through a variety of funding sources. Often, conditions attached to the original funding source or other details of the property transaction encumber the future use or disposition of the land. The funding source map at the end of Appendix A identifies the sources used to acquire land within FHSP. The following outlines in more detail each funding source associated with the park.

#### State Game Fund

Act 17, P.A. 1921 established a funding source for land purchased with revenue from a \$1.50 tax on hunting licenses. The primary purpose of this land is for hunting and fishing purposes and the development of other recreation facilities is restricted. The majority of the northern and eastern portion of the park is tied to this funding source (347 acres). It was acquired from the Cleveland Cliffs Iron Company in exchange for state forest land adjacent to their ownership in Schoolcraft County.

#### Exchange Acquisition

The townsite was acquired via a land exchange with the Mead Corporation in 1959. Snake Island was acquired via a land exchange with the U.S. Forest Service.

#### Special Legislation

Acquisitions for park purposes through this source are tied to specific funding established by the legislature under Act 27, P.A. 1944, and Act 50, P.A. 1944. Approximately 146 acres was purchased using this source in 1971 and 1969. This land is located in the central portion of the park and the northeastern corner.

#### Gift

Two parcels totaling nearly 70 acres of land were gifted to FHSP from the Cleveland Cliffs Iron Company in 1961 and 1973, which included the Catholic Cemetery.

#### Tax Reverted

Approximately 160 acres was acquired by the state in the 1930s and 40s due to non-payment of taxes.

#### Recreation Bond Fund

4.5 acres of land was purchased using the Recreation Bond Fund established under P.A. 257 of 1968, in 1974.



### **Easements**

The following granted easements have been identified in the park:

- Michigan Consolidated Gas
- GTE Telephone Operations- to construct and maintain telephone lines.
- Wisconsin Electric Power Corporation- to construct and maintain electric distribution lines.
- Cloverland Electric Cooperative- to construct and maintain underground electric.

### **Mineral Rights**

A large proportion of mineral rights within the park boundary are not owned by the state. The state would be required to provide the mineral rights owner(s) reasonable access to the surface for the purpose of mineral exploration and development, if the owner(s) of the mineral estate elected to develop their interest in the property.

### **Quit Claim Deed**

A Quit-Claim Deed between the Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Marquette and the State of Michigan released certain surface rights of former church/cemetery land in the park. Express conditions were placed on this quit-claim deed, including that suitable recognition of the former site of St. Peter the Fisherman Church is made at the site in the form of a cross, plaque or other appropriate memorial. Also, that proper respect is shown for the cemetery and perpetual care of the graves and that no additional burials be allowed.

## A.6 LEGAL MANDATES

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For all park General Management Plans, all legal mandates are identified that serve to further guide the development of the General Management Plan and subsequent Action Plans. For our planning purposes, the term “Legal Mandates” refers to not only to federal and state law, but also the administrative tools of “Policy” and “Directive” of the Natural Resource Commission, the Department, and the Parks & Recreation Division. Examples include Orders of the Director, Park and Recreation Areas State Land Rules and all other laws, commission orders, and rules or directives that apply to the park.

Specific to Fayette Historic State Park, the following legal mandates have been identified.

### FEDERAL STATUTE

<b>ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT, 1973</b>
This Act authorizes the determination and listing of species as endangered and threatened, and prohibits unauthorized taking, possession, sale and transport of endangered species
<b>BALD AND GOLDEN EAGLE PROTECTION ACT, 1940 AND AMENDMENTS</b>
This Act prohibits anyone, without a permit issued by the Secretary of the Interior, from “taking” bald eagles, including their parts, nests, or eggs. The Act defines “take” as “pursue, shoot, shoot at, poison, wound, kill, capture, trap, collect, molest or disturb.” “Disturb” includes actions that may result in injury to the eagle, a decrease in its productivity or nest abandonment.
<b>NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT, 1966 AS AMENDED</b>
This is the primary federal law governing the preservation of cultural and historic resources in the United States. The law establishes a national preservation program and a system of procedural protections which encourage the identification and protection of cultural and historic resources of national, state, tribal and local significance.

### STATE STATUTE

<b>ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT, 1973</b>
This Act authorizes the determination and listing of species as endangered and threatened, and prohibits unauthorized taking, possession, sale and transport of endangered species.

<b>NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (NREPA) &amp; AMENDMENTS</b>	
<b>PA 451 of 1994, Part 5</b>	Gives the DNR authority to make rules to support its mission. This includes State Land Rules, Land Use Orders, Wildlife Conservation Orders, Fisheries Orders and Watercraft Control.
<b>PA 451 of 1994, Part 325 Great Lakes Submerged Bottomlands</b>	A permit is required for all filling, dredging, and placement of permanent structures (i.e., docks, piers, pilings, etc.) below the “ordinary high water mark” and on all upland channels extending landward of the “ordinary high water mark” of the Great Lakes.
<b>PA 451 of 1994, Part 303 Wetlands Protection</b>	Requires a permit from the state (DEQ) to undertake certain activities in regulated wetlands, such as, dredging, fill, construction or drainage.
<b>PA 451 of 1994, Part 741 State Park System</b>	The department shall create, maintain, operate, promote, and make available for public use and enjoyment a system of state parks to preserve and protect Michigan’s significant natural resources and areas of natural beauty or historic significance, to provide open space for public recreation, and to provide an opportunity to understand Michigan’s natural resources and the need to protect and manage those resources.
<b>PA 35 of 2010, Part 741 Recreation Passport</b>	This act amended the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code to provide for a State Park and State-operated public boating access site “Recreation Passport” that a Michigan resident may obtain by paying an additional fee when registering a motor vehicle.
<b>PA 451 of 1994, Part 761 Aboriginal Records and Antiquities</b>	The state reserves the exclusive right and privilege to all aboriginal records and other antiquities including those found on the bottomlands of the Great Lakes.
<b>PUBLIC HEALTH CODE</b>	
<b>PA 368 of 1978, Part 125, Campgrounds, Swimming Areas and Swimmers’ Itch</b>	Established to protect and promote the public health by establishing health code requirements and regulations that all public (including DNR) and private campgrounds must meet. Includes permitting, licensing, inspections and rules regarding sanitation, safety standards and public health. Also covers testing and evaluating quality of water at bathing beaches, safety and rescue equipment.

## **ORDERS**

The following Orders apply to Fayette Historic State Park

### **Land Use Orders**

#### **2.104 State administered mooring facilities, prohibited conduct.**

Order 2.104 A person shall not do any of the following:

- (1) Occupy a transient mooring berth for more than 7 consecutive days without an absence of 48 hours or more before the next period of occupancy commences, except by permission of the harbor master.
- (2) Store supplies or accessories on a dock structure.
- (3) Make alterations to a dock structure.
- (4) Ignite or maintain a fire on a dock structure for cooking or any other purpose.
- (5) Use a dock structure for the purpose of diving or jumping; swim, dive or bathe in the water adjacent to a dock structure unless such swimming, diving or bathing is done in an area specifically maintained for such activity and the area is designated by the appropriate buoys.
- (6) Fish at or on any finger pier, on any fueling or service area, or any other dock area where posted against such use.
- (7) Make major repairs on a vessel, except by the permission of the harbor master.
- (8) Operate a bicycle or motorized vehicle or any motorized contrivance that is otherwise not eligible for legal use on Michigan roadways, on dock grounds, structures, or sidewalks; utilize any motorized contrivance for purposes other than mobility assistance on or over the dock structure or sidewalks, except by the permission of the harbor master.
- (9) Occupy a slip contrary to the instructions of the harbor master.
- (10) Use a skate board, roller skates, roller blades, or other in-line skates upon the dock grounds, structure, or sidewalks within the premises of any of the following state-owned lands:
  - € Fayette mooring facility, Delta County.

#### **5.12 Certain state parks and recreation areas, requirements for use, certain conduct prohibited.**

Order 5.12. The following conduct shall apply to use of Michigan state parks and recreation areas: Fayette State Park, certain conduct prohibited.

- (1) A person shall not do the following at Fayette SP located in Delta County:
  - (a) Dive, swim, water ski, skin or scuba dive, or attempt to dive, swim, water ski, skin or scuba dive from any vessel operating within or moored to the docks or piling or anchored to the bottomlands of snail shell harbor, Fayette SP, Delta county, without written permission of an authorized representative of the department.
  - (b) Enter or occupy the face of the limestone cliffs in section 33, T39N R19W, and section 4, T38N R19W.

#### **5.16a Entry, use and occupancy of certain state parks, recreation areas and scenic sites, prohibited conduct.**

Order 5.16a (1) A person shall not do any of the following:

- (a) Enter any of the following state-owned lands with a motor vehicle unless a valid Michigan recreation passport has been purchased and affixed to the vehicle:
  - (21) Fayette SP, Delta County.

## **Wildlife Conservation Orders**

### **7.4 Fayette state park, hunting and trapping allowed; exception.**

Sec. 7.4 Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the established seasons in sections 33 and 34, T39N R19W, and sections 3 and 4, T38N R19W within Fayette state park; except the entire park shall be closed to the taking of waterfowl from September 1 to Labor day.

History: Eff. Mar 31, 1989; Am. 2, 1026, Eff. April 15, 2016.

## **STATE LAND RULES**

Parks and Recreation Areas – State Land Rules are issued by authority conferred on the Michigan DNR by Section 504 of 1994 PA 451 MCL 324.504. The rules cover entry, use and occupation of state lands and unlawful acts.



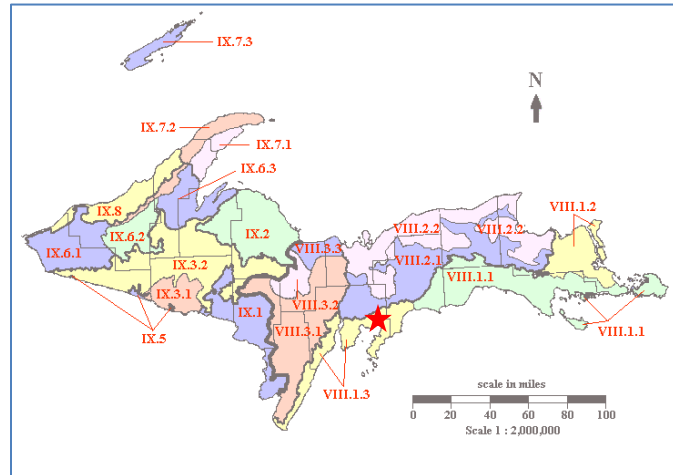
*Park shoreline looking towards the limestone cliffs*



## A.7 LANDSCAPE CONTEXT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

### Landscape Context

A regional landscape ecosystem classification has been developed for Michigan, which distinguishes major landscapes based on macroclimate, physiography, soil and vegetation. Fayette Historic State Park is located in the Escanaba-Door Peninsular sub-subsection (VII.1.3), which is characterized by limestone bedrock and sand lake plain, ground moraine; conifer swamps, northern hardwood forest and coastal marsh.



Source: *Regional Landscape Ecosystems of Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin*, Albert, Dennis, A., 1994

The Michigan Natural Features Inventory Report, 2000, for Fayette Historic State Park describes the landscape context of the park as follows: “The most prominent feature of Fayette State Park is the Silurian age limestone and dolomite that is exposed in two steep Bluffs along the shoreline. These magnificent white cliffs are a part of the Niagaran Escarpment, a broad band of dolomite and limestone bedrock that stretches from the Door Peninsula in northeastern Wisconsin to Drummond Island in the eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan, arcing eastward to the Bruce Peninsula of Ontario. Throughout the remainder of the park, this limestone/dolomite lies near the surface covered with a shallow layer of poorly drained calcareous soils”.

### Climate

The climate on the Garden Peninsula, including Fayette Historic State Park is modified by Lake Michigan. The extreme minimum temperature is -30°F, with an annual snowfall of approximately 60 inches and a growing season of approximately 160 days. Prevailing winds are generally out of the west. The peninsula on which Fayette HSP is located experiences a uniquely different climate. On the east side, the ice opens up in February, and on the west side, where the park is located, ice stays into April.

### Water Resources

Delta County boasts more shoreline than any other county in the United States. Fayette HSP provides over 4 miles of lake shore. The park is located in the Fishdam-Sturgeon watershed, but there are no major streams or lakes located within the boundaries. Fayette HSP is situated on Big Bay De Noc, which is connected to Green Bay in Lake Michigan. Fayette wraps around Snail Shell Harbor, where the boat dock and transient harbor are situated. The boat launch and a beach with a swimming area are located on Sand Bay at the southern end of the park.

## **Soils**

Fayette is characterized by exposed and near-surface bedrock. Where soils cover the bedrock, they are described as 'calcareous and poorly drained'. (Albert 1995). There are sections of sandy beach, primarily at the south end of the park. Most of the remaining beach is rock. The well-drained soil cover tends to be around 1 inch thick.

## **Geology and Mineral Resources**

Glacial sediments are very thin or absent across Fayette Historic State Park and the surrounding area. Bedrock consists of the erosion-resistant Burnt Bluff and Manistique groups, which are Silurian-age marine carbonates (primarily dolomite at this location). The Burnt Bluff Group forms the cliffs along the coast of the Garden Peninsula. The rocks that were adjacent to these carbonates were softer shales and sandstones that were eroded by streams and glaciers, creating the Lake Huron and Lake Michigan basins.

There is a long history of mining the Silurian carbonates in the eastern Upper Peninsula. A number of quarries are still in operation today. There has been little oil and gas exploration in this area and no commercial production of hydrocarbons in the Upper Peninsula. In addition, there is no known metallic mineral potential in this part of the state. The geologic formations known to bear metallic minerals in the western UP are deeply buried here and would not be economical to mine. However, the state currently does not own much of the mineral rights beneath the park, and the state would be required to provide the mineral rights owner(s) reasonable access to the surface for the purpose of mineral exploration and development, if the owner(s) of the mineral estate elected to develop their interest in the property.

## **Pre-settlement Vegetation<sup>2</sup>**

Prior to European settlement, vegetation in the area of Fayette Historic State Park consisted primarily of beech-sugar maple-hemlock forest. American beech (*Fagus grandifolia*) and sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*) formed the dominant canopy structure, with hemlock (*Tsuga canadensis*) and white pine (*Pinus strobus*) scattered throughout, sometimes forming dominant conifer patches. The steep bluffs along the lakeshore contained spruce-fir-cedar forest sometimes referred to as boreal forest. Northern white-cedar was an especially strong component in areas of alkaline bedrock, like FHSP. Quaking aspen (*Populus tremuloides*) and white birch (*Betula papyrifera*) were also common in these forests. Lowland depressions and swales in this area contained rich conifer swamp dominated by northern white-cedar.

## **Current Vegetation**

Current vegetation in Fayette HSP is predominately maple, beech, birch, ironwood, poplar, ash, and northern white cedar with a scattering of pines. Typical undergrowth includes grasses and young trees. Juniper is also prevalent in the area. Aside from the steep cliffs along the lakeshore where access was difficult, most of the mesic northern forest within Fayette Historic State Park was cut at least once and

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<sup>2</sup> Inventory and Management Recommendations for Fayette State Park's Natural Communities, Rare Plants and Rare Wildlife, MNFI, 2000

much of it was cleared for agriculture to support the town residents. Second growth mesic northern forest now dominates level surfaces at the top of the Bluff, while much of the level upland east of the historic town, once cleared for agriculture, persists as open fields. The vegetation on the cliffs and bluff along the shore retain much of their native character, dominated primarily by northern white cedar and including significant amounts of balsam fir. The northern white cedar growing on the cliff face are some of the oldest trees in Michigan, some have been document to be over 1,400 years old.

### **Flora and Fauna**

A fairly sizable population of slender cliff-brake (*Cryptogramma stelleri*), a rare fern, was documented on the interior limestone cliff. The state threatened limestone oak fern is found at Burnt Bluff. A small population of Pitcher’s thistle (state and federal threatened) persists at the park beach. This is the western most occurrence for this Great Lake endemic species.

Fayette Historic State Park’s limestone cliffs are among the most important habitats for terrestrial snail biodiversity on a global scale. *Vallonia gracilicosta albula* snail is known from less than 60 sites in the world. In Michigan, *Vertigo hubrichti* snail is only known from the Fayette HSP cliffs. Another snail, *Vertigo iowanensis* is only known from ten sites in Iowa and Minnesota and Fayette HSP. *Vertigo iowanensis* is not listed as a protected species in Michigan, but its protection is warranted.

Fayette HSP’s Snake Island, a barren island located a half-mile north of the main park in Big Bay De Noc, supports large nesting colonies of double-crested cormorants and ring-billed gulls. Snake Island is an Audubon Important Bird Area.

The following threatened and endangered species have been documented to occur within the park or have nested in the park (Michigan Natural Features Inventory ca 2003). Northern long-eared bat (Federal status Threatened and State Special Concern) has also been documented in the vicinity.

Fauna: Rare Animals present of likely to be present at Fayette Historic State Park		
Scientific Name	Common Name	State Status
<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	bald eagle	Special Concern
<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	peregrine falcon	Endangered
<i>Vallonia gracilicosta albula</i>	land snail	Special Concern
<i>Vertigo hubrichti</i>	land snail	Special Concern
<i>Vertigo iowanensis</i>	land snail	Only one known occurrence in MI, but not officially listed
Flora: Rare Plants present of likely to be present at Fayette Historic State Park		
Scientific Name	Common Name	State/Federal Status
<i>Cryptogramma stelleri</i>	slender cliff-brake	Special Concern
<i>Gymnocarpium robertianum</i>	Limestone oak fern	Threatened
<i>Draba cana</i>	ashy whitlow-grass	Threatened
<i>Cirsium pitcheri</i>	Pitcher’s thistle	Threatened/ Threatened
<i>Iris lacustris</i>	dwarf lake iris	Threatened/ Threatened

## A.8 RECREATION RESOURCES

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Fayette HSP offers a diverse array of recreational opportunities with day-use, camping and interpretation of the Fayette historic townsite. Following are the recreational features of this park:

**Overnight Lodging** – Fayette’s modern campground is located on the shore with 61 sites and a view of Big Bay De Noc. Each site has electrical pedestals, fire rings and picnic tables. There are 11 pull thru sites with 20/30/50 amp hooks ups and the remainder of the sites have 20/30 amp hook ups. There is a sanitation station, bathroom/shower building, vault toilets and potable water available as well. The Fayette Furnace Hill Lodge is also available for rental, providing modern amenities for up to 10 guests.

**Day-Use Picnic Area and Shelter** – Located south of the campground, Fayette’s day-use area offers recreational opportunities on the beach of Sand Bay. The beach offers swimming, and there is a picnic area adjacent to it with a shelter, grills, and vault toilets. Guests can enjoy playground equipment and horseshoe pits that are located in the area.

**Hunting and Trapping** – Hunting and trapping in Fayette HSP is open to guests with proper permits during all legal seasons. There are 400 acres of land open to hunting. Deer and black bear hunting is popular in the area. Some small game hunting and very little trapping also take place.

**Boating** – Fayette offers guests a transient marina located in Snail Shell Harbor. This docking facility provides 15 transient boat slips ranging in size from 1-38ft, 20-45ft and 46-60ft with 30/50AMP electrical pedestals provide for overnight or day-use boating opportunities. A boat launch is located between the day-use area and campground that provides access to Big Bay De Noc. This area of shoreline offers spectacular views of the limestone cliffs, and is considered to be one of the best places for kayak and canoe enthusiasts along the north shore of Lake Michigan.



Boat docks in Snail Shell Harbor, renovated in 2017

**Fishing** – Big Bay De Noc offers excellent fishing opportunities for yellow perch, smallmouth bass, walleye, and northern pike. The bay is considered to be a world class walleye fishery, to which the boat launch within the park offers access. Shore fishing is permitted in the harbor and it is popular with day users and campers. The harbor provides good opportunities for yellow perch, walleye, smallmouth bass, and northern pike.

**Trails** – Approximately five miles of trails wind through Fayette HSP, leading guests all over the park, through forests, through the townsite, and out further towards the boundary of the park. Hiking and biking is available all year round, and groomed trails invite cross-country skiing to the area.



Wooded trail within the park

**Snowmobiling** – Although there are no designated trails within the park, snowmobiling is allowed unless posted otherwise.

**Scuba Diving** – Snail Shell Harbor offers scuba diving during certain times of the year and between certain hours of the day. A use permit and fees are required to dive.

**A. Gene Gazlay Visitor Center** – This center includes exhibits showcasing Fayette’s historical importance. Displays and information orient guests to the cultural and natural features unique to the region.

**Historic Townsite** – Visitors can enjoy learning about the bustling iron smelting community that once existed in the area. A walking tour including 26 stations and a scale model representing the original townsite gives guests an idea of life in the past. Many of the original structures exist within the park, making interpretation an integral part of the park experience. Interpretation and programs are staffed by Michigan History Center staff. Self and guided tours are available for guests to learn more about the history of Fayette HSP. Interpretation is available year round.

## A.9 HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

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The historic townsite is listed as a historic district on the National Register of Historical Places, originally in 1970 and again in 1996 to increase the boundary of the area.

Historic Area	DMB#
Fayette	70000269
Fayette boundary increase	96001480

The 1996 Cultural Resource Management Plan documents all contributing historic structures and other cultural resources found at Fayette Historic State Park.

The following structures are open to the public:

ID	Historic Structure	DMB#
1	Superintendent's House	80168
2	Doctor's House	80164
3	Residence	80167
7	Residence	80180
9	Residence	80178
100	Hotel	80182
101	Town Hall	80181
104	Machine Shop	80171
108	Company Office	80172
114	Furnace Complex	80160, 80161

The following buildings are not currently open to the public:

ID	Historic Structure	DMB#
4	Residence	80169
18	Residence	80166
18A	Community Privy	80166
25	Residence	80176
26	Residence	80163
27	Residence	80165
30/31	Duplex Residence	80170
115-124	Charcoal Kiln Sites	80173
125	Lime Kiln	80175



In addition, several ruins exist:

ID	Historic Structure
5	Boarding House
6	Residence
8	Residence
10	Residence
11/12	Duplex Residence
13	Residence
14	Residence
16/17	Duplex Residence
19	Residence
20/21	Duplex Residence
22/23	Duplex Residence
24	Residence
28	Residence
29	Residence
63	Residence
86	Residence

ID	Historic Structure
102A	Company Store
102B	Company Warehouse
103	Blacksmith Shop
105	Carpenter Shop
111	Small stock barn (one of three)
113	Large Stock Barn
128	Hay Barn Site
135	Sawmill Site
136	Tip of Peninsula Dock
150	Race Track
151	Schoolhouse Site
154	St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church
204	Scales Site
205	Dock
207	Retaining Wall

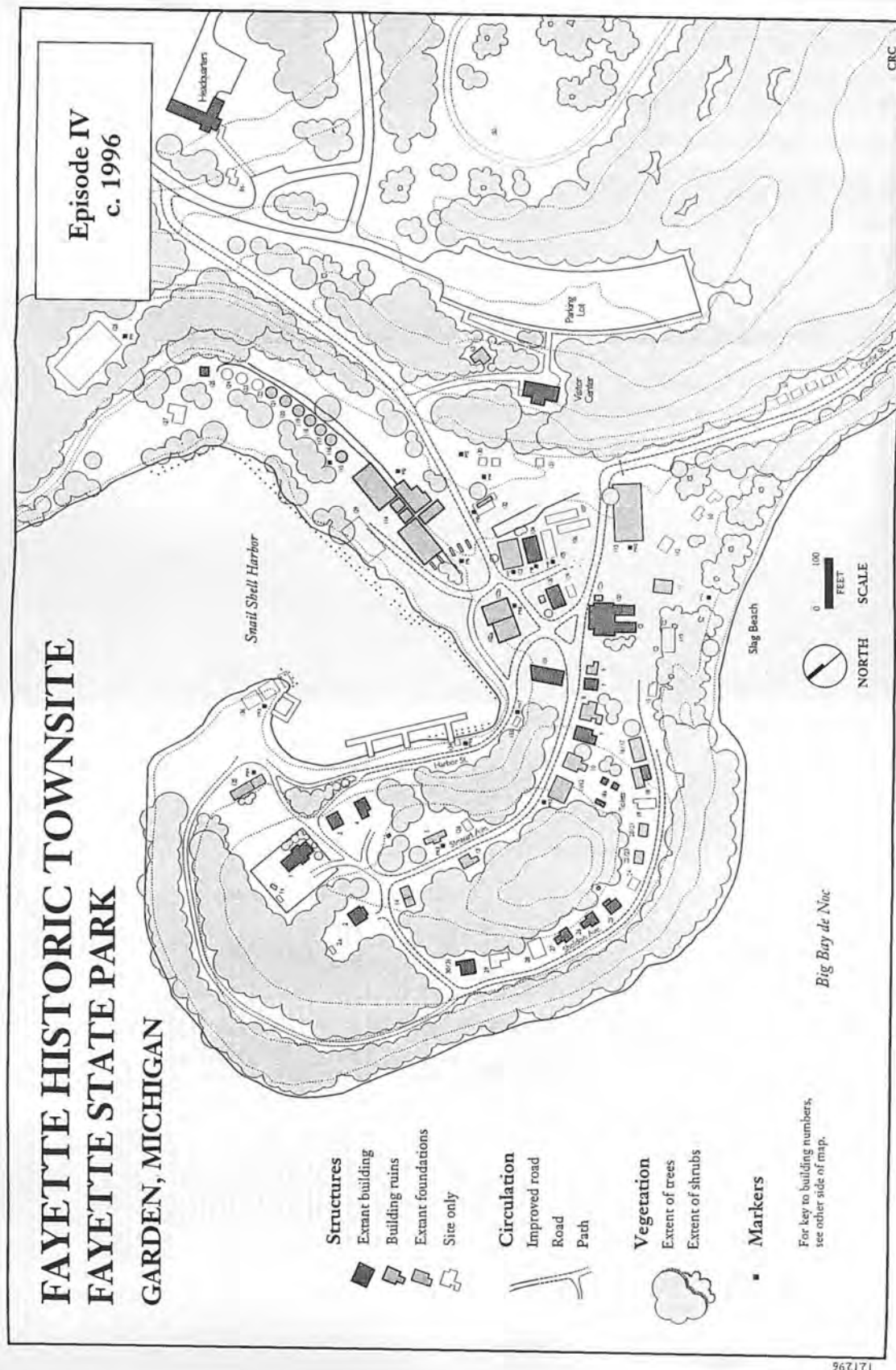
A map from the 1996 Cultural Resource Management Plan with the corresponding ID numbers is included on the following page.



Ruins of the company store and warehouse



Side view of the hotel



## **A.10 PROGRAMMING AND EVENTS**

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### **Interpretive Programming**

Fayette HSP offers a self-guided walking tour narrated by 26 educational stations. Guided tours are offered to school groups (free of charge) and tailored to meet individual group curriculum needs. The tours are interactive with question/answer sessions to promote student involvement, interest and learning. Visits include site orientation at the A. Gene Gazlay Visitor Center, viewing a scale model of Fayette accompanied by a 5-minute audio presentation, followed by a guided walking tour into the historic townsite (20-30 minutes in length). The scale model provides an accurate representation of the original townsite, and gives guests a taste of what existed in the area many years ago. Many of the original structures still exist. The Michigan History Center, in conjunction with park staff, runs the interpretive programs.

### **Fayette Heritage Day**

Held annually the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in August, this event observes Fayette's rich social and industrial heritage through costumed interpretation, 19<sup>th</sup>-century crafts, period music, and a variety of the era's children's games and sporting competitions. Heritage Day is the most well attended event at the park.

### **Fall Fest**

The park hosts an annual festival every October where the park is decorated and visitors can participate in seasonal harvest and Halloween themed activities.

### **Paranormal Event**

The park has hosted paranormal activity groups in the past. These groups have used the historic townsite as a backdrop for their investigation tours.

### **Christmas in June**

A popular event at the park is Christmas in June, where campground guests decorate their campsites with Christmas decorations and visitors can participate in Christmas themed activities.

### **Volunteer Programs**

Fayette HSP offers the 'Campground Host Program' which includes volunteers staying at the campground and providing visitor services for the campers. They greet campers, provide information on campground rules and regulations, promote educational and interpretive opportunities in the park, and offer social gathering opportunities, such as coffee hour.

The "Friends of Fayette Historic Townsite" was established in 2005 as a satellite group under the Friends of Michigan History. They are now a stand-alone 501c3 organization, focused exclusively on restoration and education of the historic townsite.

## A.11 PARK USE STATISTICS

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Fayette Historic State Park has seen a steady increase in attendance since 2014. This trend is expected to continue through 2017 due to the recent park improvements. The reduction in harbor night reservations for 2016 can be attributed to the fact that the harbor was unavailable for a period of time due to construction work. Campground, lodge and harbor night reservation numbers reflect the number of campnight reservations as recorded in the reservation system (CAMIS), multiplied by the average number in the party. The day use visitor number is estimated from car counts entering the park.

### Visitor Numbers 2014-2016

	2014	2015	2016
Day Use Visitors	35,693	45,343	47,447
Campground Occupants	7,557	9,332	9,648
Modern Lodge Occupants	297	364	573
Harbor Nights	302	323	109*
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45,863</b>	<b>57,377</b>	<b>59,793</b>

*\*Under renovation*

### Top Zip codes for camping reservations (2016)

City & State	Reservations	Number of Nights
GARDEN, MI	87	266
MARQUETTE, MI	49	106
ESCANABA, MI	38	98
GREEN BAY, WI	33	96
TRAVERSE CITY, MI	32	91
GRAND RAPIDS, MI	31	61
GLADSTONE, MI	24	49
SKANDIA, MI	16	95
COOKS, MI	16	54
ANN ARBOR, MI	16	50

## A.12 RESOURCE MAPS

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- Location
- Aerial
- Regional Recreation
- Funding Source
- DNR Ownership
- Topography
- Soil Textures
- 1800 GLO Land Cover
- 2011 Land Cover
- Natural Community
- Hunting Area

# Fayette Historic State Park Location



- Fayette Historic State Park
- County Boundary

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# Fayette Historic State Park Aerial Map

- Park Boundary
- Roads
- Park Roads



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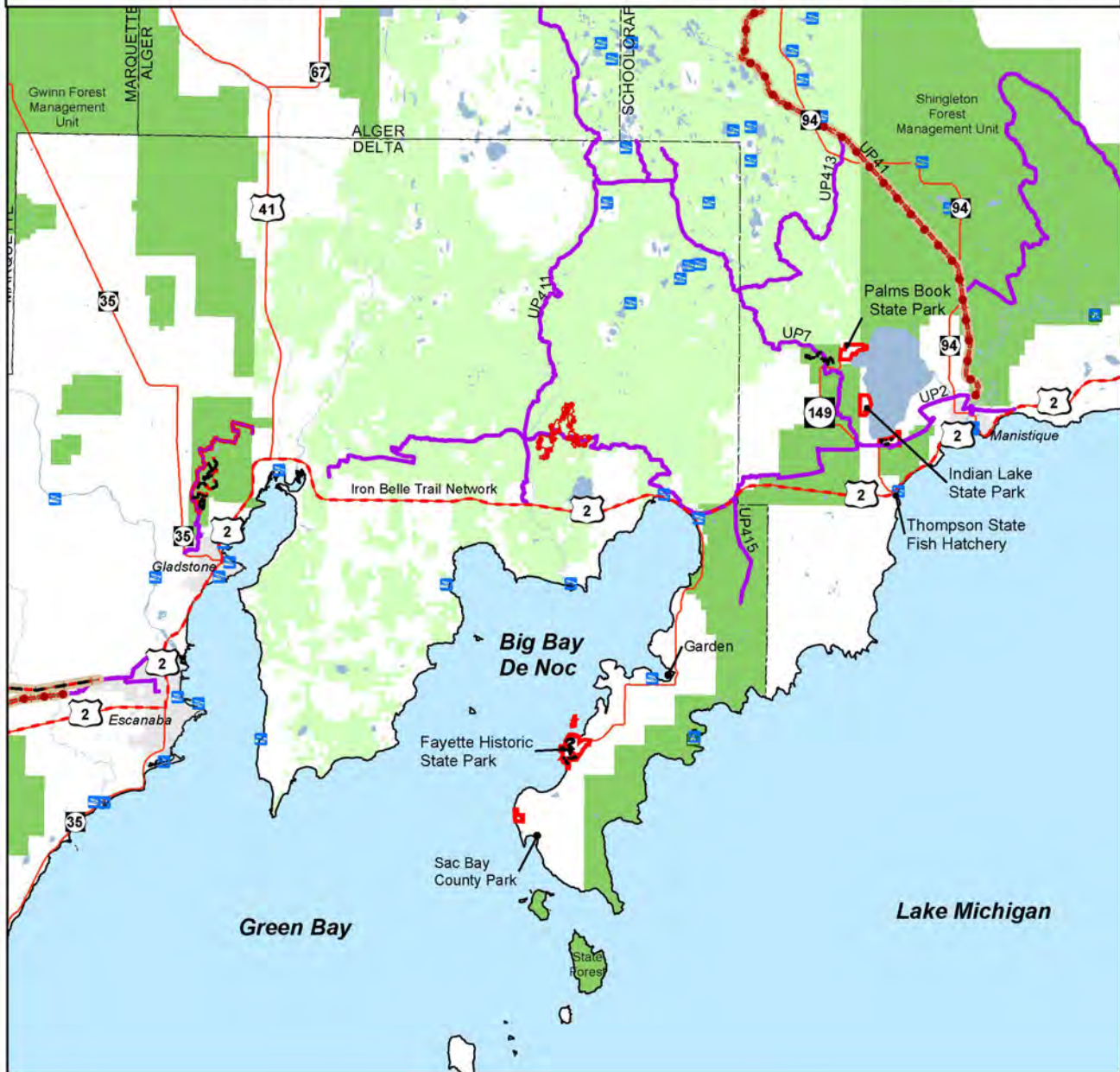
# Fayette Historic State Park Regional Recreation

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Park Boundary            | Hiking Trails              |
| Highway                  | Bicycle Trails             |
| Cities                   | Equestrian Trails          |
| Hiawatha National Forest | ORV License                |
| State Forest Land        | ORV License & Trail Permit |
| State Forest Campground  | ATV Trails                 |
| Boat Access Sites        | ORV Route                  |
|                          | Railtrail                  |
|                          | Snowmobile Trails          |

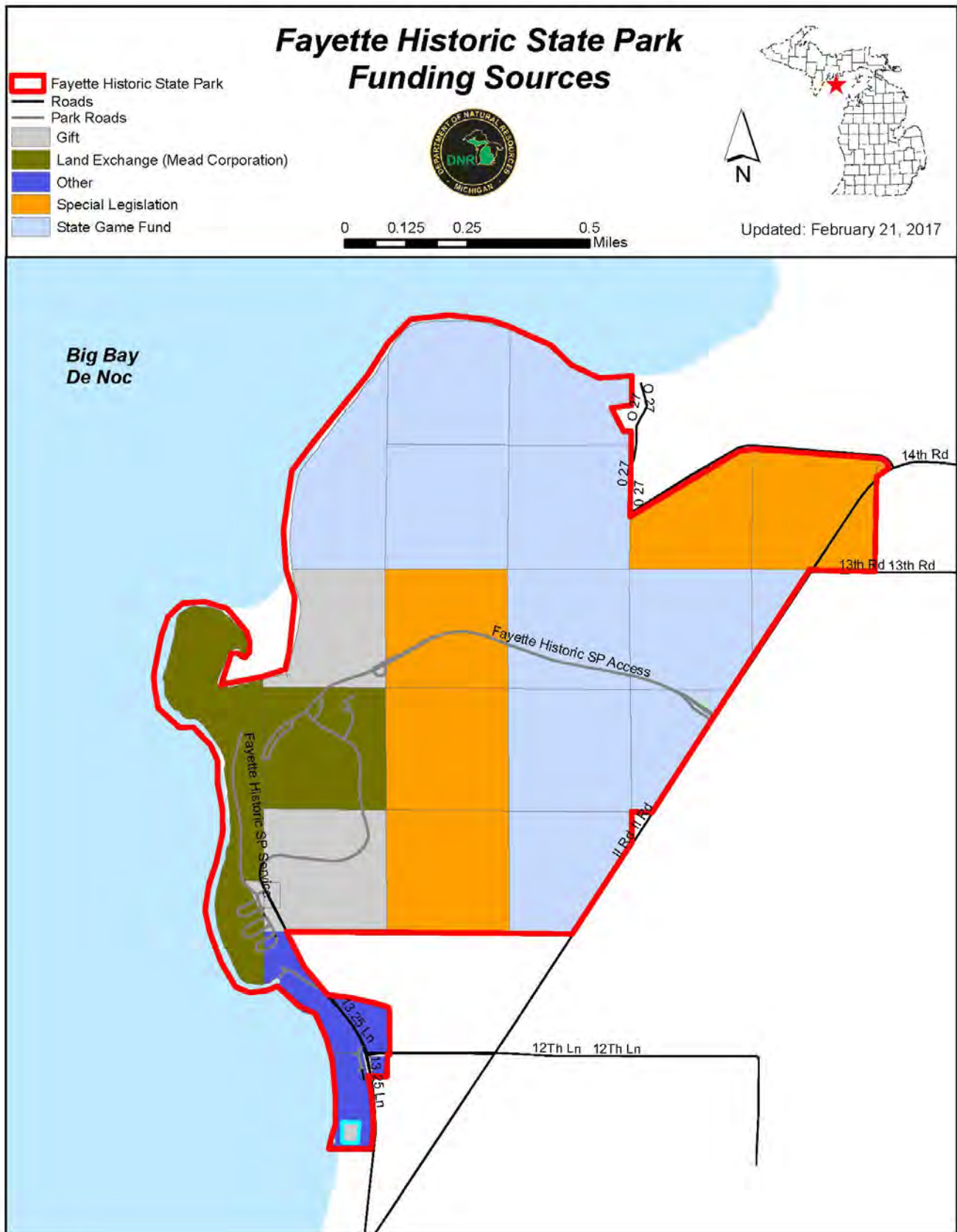


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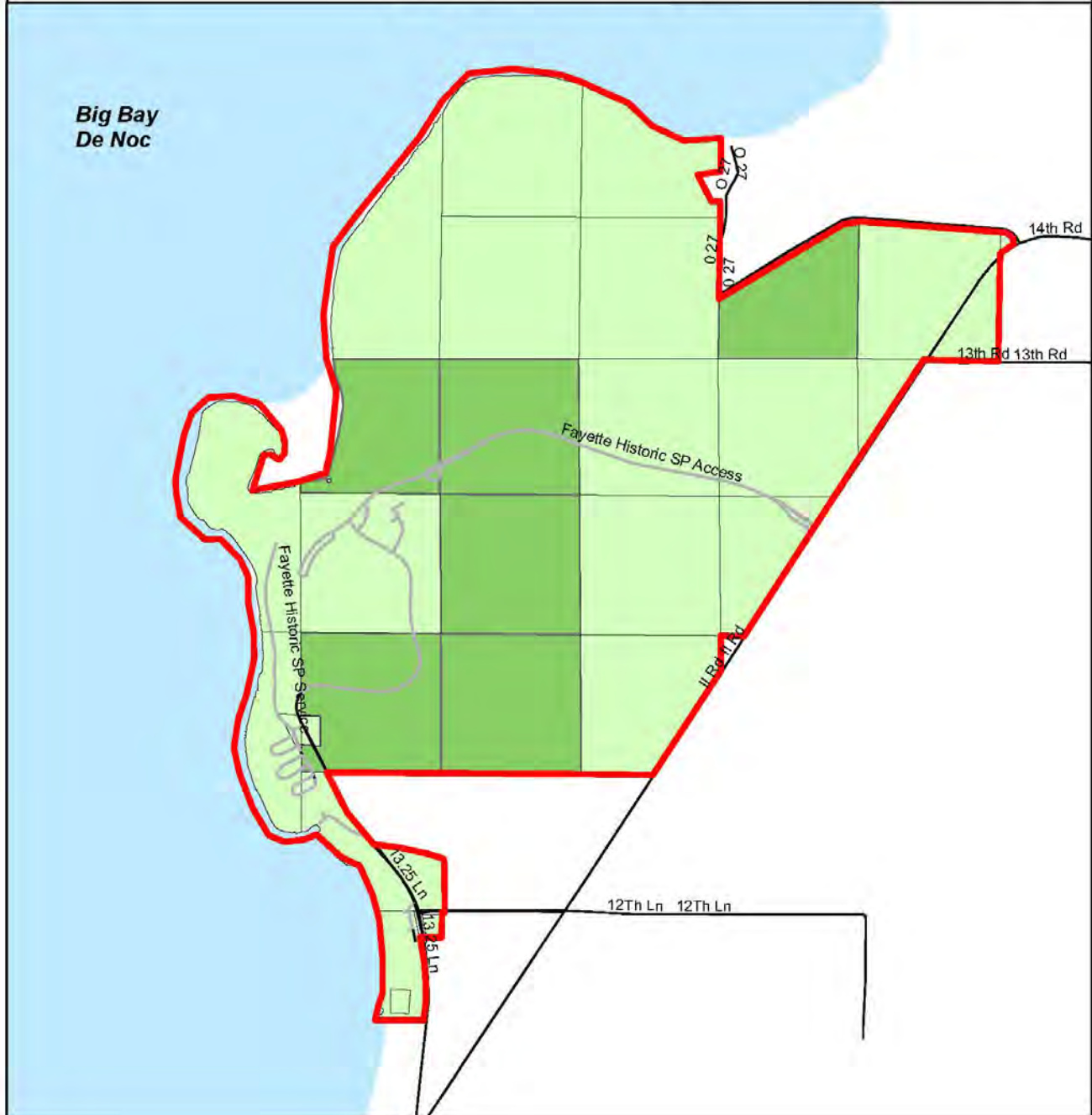
# Fayette Historic State Park Land Ownership

- Fayette Historic State Park
- Roads
- Park Roads
- Mineral & Surface
- Surface



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# Fayette Historic State Park Topography Map

- Fayette Historic State Park
- Roads
- Park Roads



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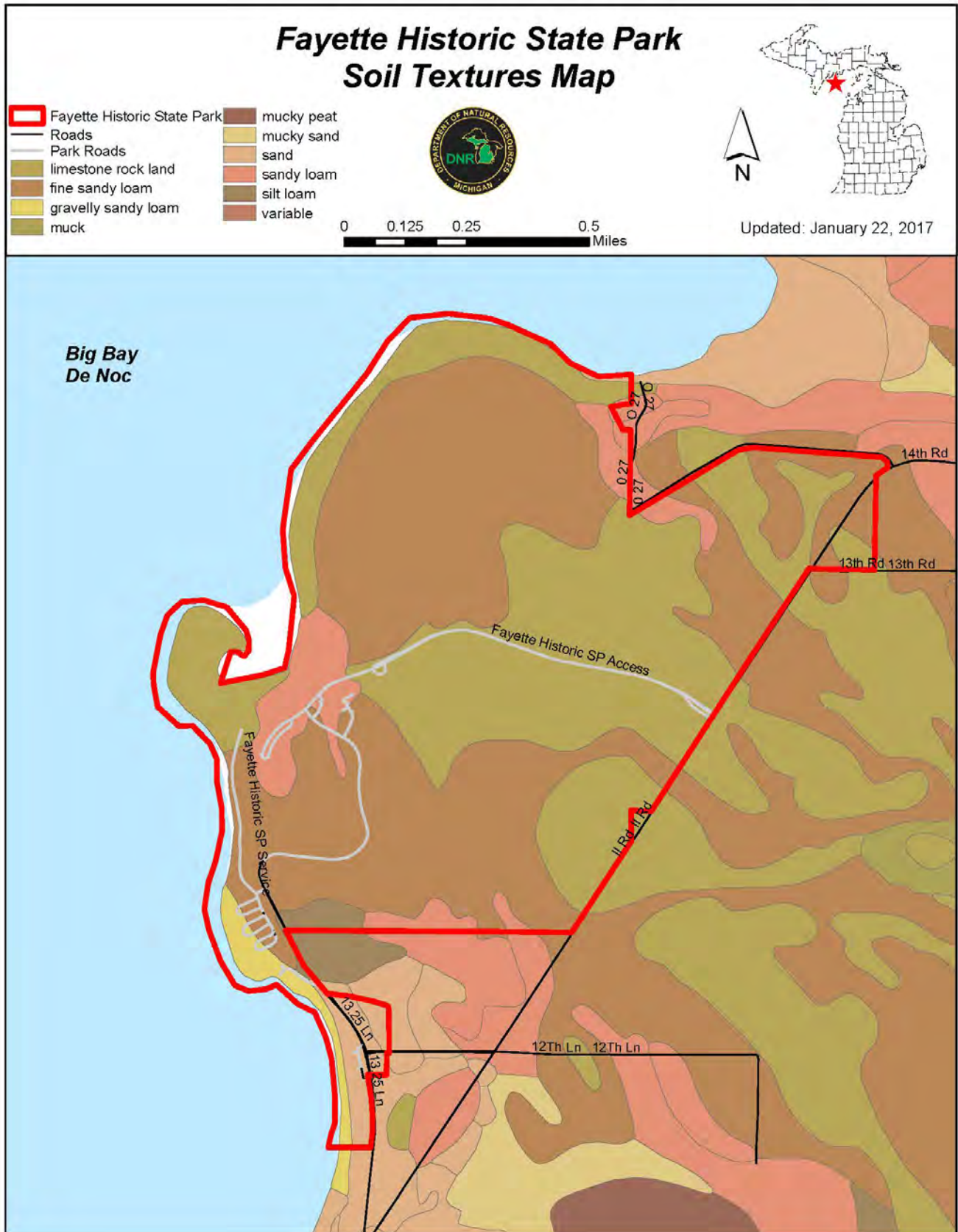


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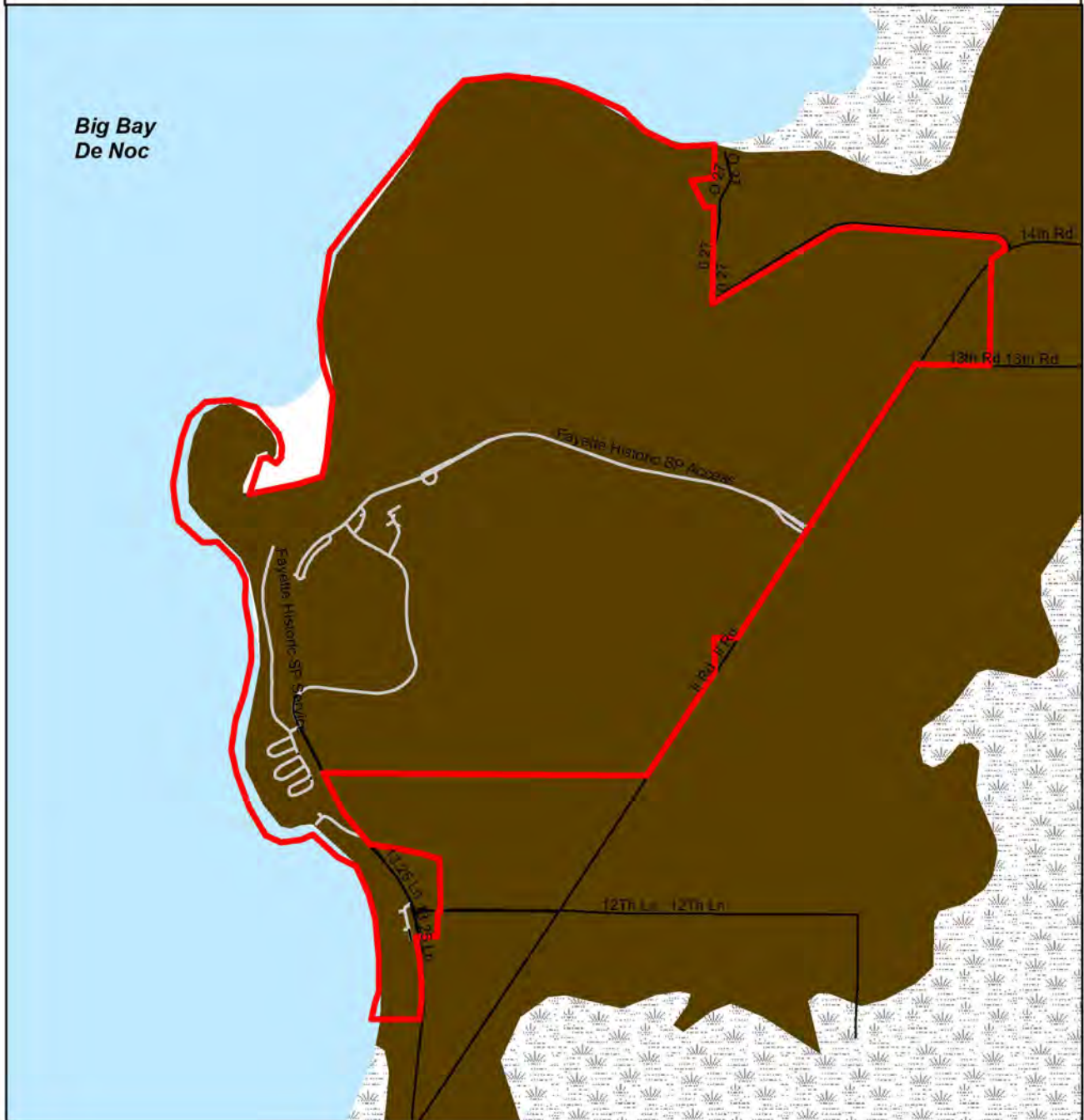
- Fayette Historic State Park
- Roads
- Park Roads
- Northern Hardwoods
- Wetland

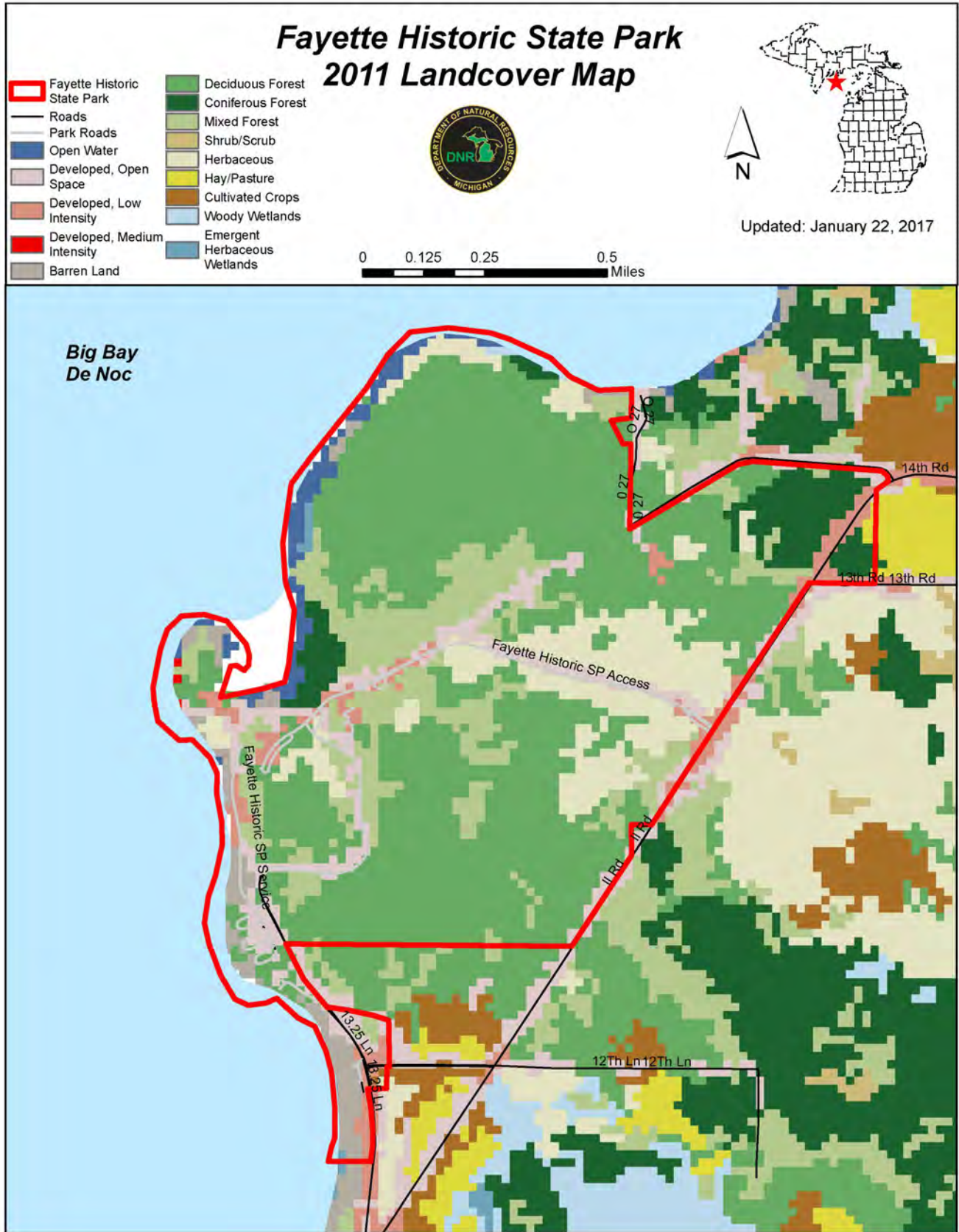


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# Fayette Historic State Park Natural Community Map

- Fayette Historic State Park
- Roads
- Park Roads
- Limestone Lakeshore Cliff



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# Fayette Historic State Park Hunting and Trapping Area Map

- Fayette Historic State Park
- Open
- Closed
- Roads
- Park Roads



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# APPENDIX B

## Public Input Summary

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Over the duration of the general management planning process, the planning team ensured a variety of opportunities for stakeholder and public input and feedback.

- **Project Website**

A project website was maintained for public viewing throughout the duration of the planning process and was updated with maps, survey results and the draft plan. Contact information was provided for those who wanted additional information regarding the process. A link to the project website was provided from the Fayette Historic State Park webpage.

- **Online Public Input Survey**

The DNR solicited input from those interested in the park via an online survey that was advertised through a DNR press release and via an email sent directly to previous users of Fayette HSP overnight accommodations. Two hundred and seventy four individuals responded to the survey.

- **Stakeholder Workshop, September 14, 2017**

In order to gain targeted input from governmental, non-profit, educational and business/tourism entities, the planning team invited stakeholders to attend a Strengths-Weaknesses-Opportunities-Threats (S.W.O.T.) workshop at the Garden Township Hall on September 14<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 4pm. The information gathered was used to inform the Action Goals.

- **Tribal notification**

The planning team reached out to representatives of the following tribal governments to inform them of the planning project and invite comment: Bay Mills Indian Community, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Little Travers Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. No meeting requests or comments were received.

- **Public Input Open House**

A public meeting was held on May 22, 2018. Fifteen attendees were recorded and provided comment on the draft plan including Significance Statements, Management Zones and Action Goals. Information gathered was used to revise the plan accordingly.



## Statewide DNR News

Aug. 9, 2017

Contact: [Matt Lincoln](#), 517-284-6111

### Public invited to help shape Fayette Historic State Park draft general management plan via online survey through Sept. 11

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is seeking public input on the development of a new general management plan to guide the future of Fayette Historic State Park. The public is invited to share their opinions and ideas for the park via an online survey available through Monday, Sept. 11 at [michigan.gov/fayette](http://michigan.gov/fayette).

The 711-acre state park is located on the shores of Big Bay De Noc on the Garden Peninsula, 35 miles southwest of Manistique. The park features a historic townsite that was once a bustling iron smelting industrial community surrounding Snail Shell Harbor. More than 20 historic buildings and a visitors center provide opportunities for visitors to learn about life in a 19th-century industrial town through interpretation provided by the Michigan Historical Center. The park also is home to a modern campground, a newly renovated public harbor with 15 transient slips, boat launch, beach and five miles of trails for hiking and cross-country skiing that feature impressive views from the limestone cliffs that surround the harbor.



The general management plan for Fayette Historic State Park will define a long-range (10- to 20-year) planning and management strategy that will assist the DNR Parks and Recreation Division in meeting its responsibilities to 1) protect and preserve the site's natural and cultural resources, and 2) provide access to land- and water-based public recreation and educational opportunities.

This survey is one of several opportunities for the public and stakeholders to be involved in the planning process and development of the draft general management plan. The DNR also will host a public open house in spring 2018, which will provide an opportunity for the public to review and comment on the draft plan.

Additional information on the DNR's General Management Plan process is available at [www.michigan.gov/parkmanagementplans](http://www.michigan.gov/parkmanagementplans).







For more information about the Fayette Historic State Park online survey or the proposed plan, contact DNR Grants Coordinator and Lands Liaison Matt Lincoln at 517-284-6111 (TTY/TDD711 Michigan Relay Center for the hearing impaired) or [lincolnm@michigan.gov](mailto:lincolnm@michigan.gov).

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](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr).






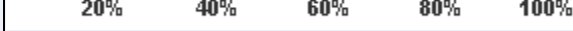

















<b>Survey Title: Fayette Historic State Park User Survey</b>
<b>Report Type: Bar Graph</b>
Start Date :7-Aug-17
End Date :15-Sep-17
Completed :274

<b>Q1. How many times have you visited Fayette Historic State Park?</b>			
Responses	Responses	%	Percentage of total respondents
Once	70	26%	
2-5 times	56	20%	
5-10 times	34	12%	
more than 10 times	109	40%	
never visited	5	2%	
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>274</b>		

Those that have visited the park.

<b>Q2. What time of year do you typically visit? (Check all that apply)</b>			
Responses	Responses	%	Percentage of total respondents
April - June	62	23%	
July - August	197	73%	
September - November	79	29%	
December - March	4	1%	
I visit All Year Round	41	15%	
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>383</b>		
Multiple answers per participant possible. Percentages added may exceed 100 since a participant may select more than one answer for this question.			




<b>Q3. What, if anything, limits you from visiting more often? (check all that apply)</b>			
Responses	Responses	%	Percentage of total respondents
Lack of information	3	1%	
I don't have time	62	23%	
Not interested in the historic townsite	0	0%	
Too far to travel	113	42%	
Lack of amenities in the park	7	3%	
Lack of restaurants/ shops in the vicinity of the park	14	5%	
Lack of lodging in the vicinity of the park	7	3%	
I have a disability that limits me from using the park	8	3%	
Park entry fee (Recreation Passport)	4	1%	
Nothing	77	29%	
I prefer to see new destinations	32	12%	
Other (Please specify)	28	10%	
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>355</b>		
Multiple answers per participant possible. Percentages added may exceed 100 since a participant may select more than one answer for this question.			

### Q3. What, if anything, limits you from visiting more often? (Continued)

#### Other (Please Specify)

Limited boat docking capacity
I've been there too many times to count. The exhibits are dated, and seems like they could use revamp (although, I have not been there in at least 2 years...but, I feel like the last time I visited everything was the same as it was when I was a child...)
I camp at Fayette many times a year because my son loves to fish in the harbor off the docks. They just posted "No Fishing" on the docks so I don't know if we'll be back. Sure you can fish on the unsafe dock down from the new docks, or off the shore, which is another safety hazard, but the best and safest fishing spot for my son was on the dock. Apparently, it was always a rule but was NEVER enforced. Since the addition of the new docks it appears that they are catering to just the big boats that come in. It is a shame.
The fact they banned fishing from the docks
Very poorly managed. Dirt roads have been in terrible condition in the campground as well as the road to the boat launch. Management is very rude to customers. Fishing has been stopped at the dock areas. Easy maintenance projects are never done. Management not willing to consider customer input for improvements.
Live in Georgia now.
Can't fish off of the docks
boat access site road in total disrepair.
I find campgrounds too small and campers are packed in
Recently moved back to MI (Lansing) - too far for casual trips. I intend to camp at Fayette next year. Day toured in 2012. Loved it
Just learned about it this year when planning my first trip the U.P. I do plan to return!
no specific reason, we use most of the up state parks and try to make it to fayette at least once a year
Just discovered it but I will be back !
children were not allowed to fish off of the dock, couldn't believe it!
we didn't know fayette existed until last year. We made our first visit this year and hope to get back soon
Still working full time, can only manage 1-2 visits a year
Lack of money for travel
Too busy and all RVs, would love a more rustic quieter tent only area
Parking not enough on busy times a shuttle would be nice
General about campgrounds in state parks the last time I used a Michigan State campground prior to 2017 was in 2014. The parks I used in 2014 had a bathroom & shower room schedule posted, I noticed the campgrounds I have been in 2017 had no such schedule and it seems as though every time I tried to use them they were being cleaned. I liked the scheduled method of closed for cleaning
just found it this year - will be back!
The non paved roads in the campground create a lot of mud and dust
work schedule
Work
I work many hours during the summer and do not get much time, but have visited the park during the winter.
Bad Phone reception (required for work)

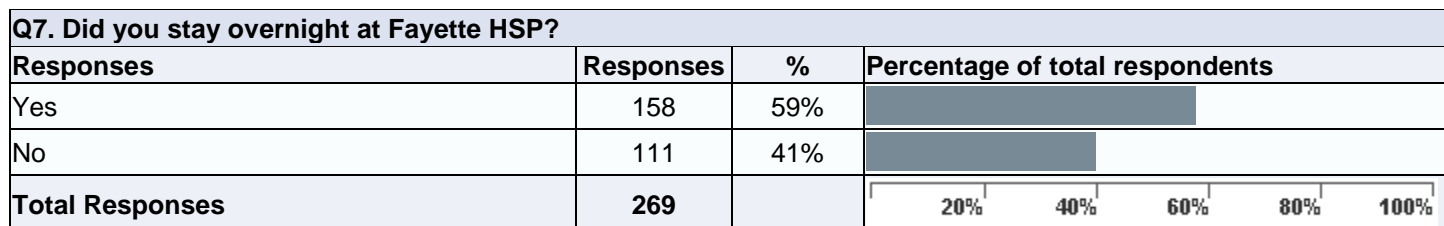
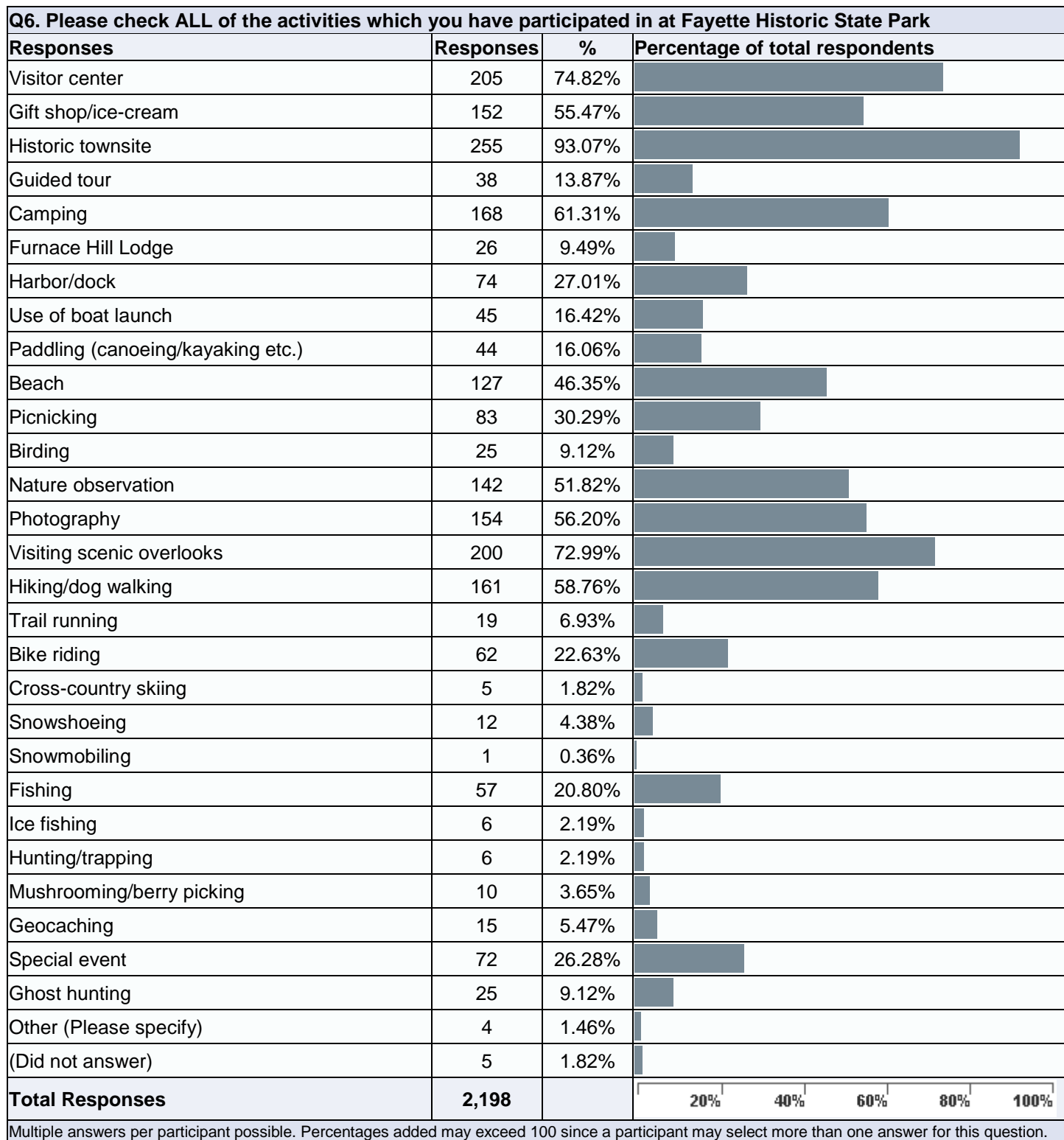
### Q4. When you visit Fayette Historic State Park, do you also visit other attractions in the area?




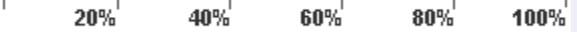
Responses	Responses	%	Percentage of total respondents
No	114	43%	
Yes. Please specify what attraction you visited.	150	57%	
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>264</b>		











Q.4: Please specify what attraction you visited.



Q5. What's your primary reason for visiting the park? (Check one)			
Responses	Responses	%	Percentage of total respondents
Historic townsite	120	43.80%	
Camping/lodging	76	27.74%	
Recreational boating	5	1.82%	
Scenic viewing	37	13.50%	
Hunting	1	0.36%	
Fishing	9	3.28%	
Beach/picnic area	2	0.73%	
Special events	11	4.01%	
Other (Please specify)	8	2.92%	
(Did not answer)	5	1.82%	
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>274</b>		20% 40% 60% 80% 100%



Q8. What was your overnight accommodation while at the park?				
Responses	Responses	%	Percentage of total respondents	
Campsite	151	96%		
Furnace Hill Lodge	2	1%		
Harbor	5	3%		
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>158</b>			

Q9. How would you rate the facilities with 10 being the most favorable or 1 being the least favorable?				
Answer	Responses	Value	%	Percentage of total respondents
1	0	1	0%	
2	2	2	1%	
3	4	3	3%	
4	8	4	5%	
5	7	5	4%	
6	11	6	7%	
7	24	7	15%	
8	40	8	25%	
9	33	9	21%	
10	28	10	18%	
<b>Weighted Score: 7.73</b>				
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>157</b>			




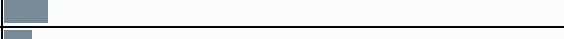
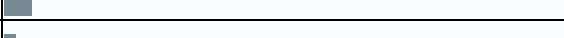
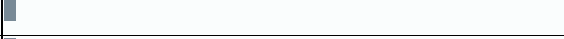
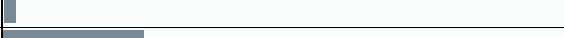



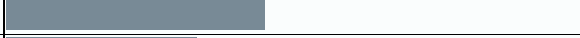
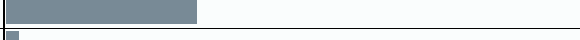
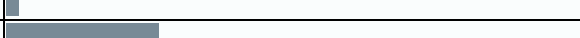


Q10. What is the PRIMARY reason for your rating?
<input type="radio"/> Great Experience
<input type="radio"/> Lack of docks and cell phone/WiFi service. Troublesome electric service at the docks.
<input type="radio"/> Roads in campground and boat launch are never graded. Lots of potholes.
<input type="radio"/> basic campground
<input type="radio"/> Fire pits are not cleaned out. Rangers can be very unfriendly.
<input type="radio"/> Rude experience with management
<input type="radio"/> small sites, no cell phone service or wifi, limited water
<input type="radio"/> State campgrounds can be too cramped. This one is if busy
<input type="radio"/> Site had not been mowed
<input type="radio"/> Additional of dump station and showers!
<input type="radio"/> Love Fayette
<input type="radio"/> Compared to the other State Parks we visit, this one does not have good beach area or play ground
<input type="radio"/> Natural beauty and history, what could be better. It is a favorite spot. Unsure of all the restorati
<input type="radio"/> Lodge is a spacious and well equipped. But cleanliness is an issue. Also there was an ant problem.
<input type="radio"/> Restroom under construction
<input type="radio"/> More attention to detail on the grounds and maintenance
<input type="radio"/> Overall experience...dumpster needs to be closer to the campground.
<input type="radio"/> When I was there no modern restrooms
<input type="radio"/> Restroom showers I were lacking until recently.
<input type="radio"/> The sites are big and clean. Everyone is very accommodating. Beautiful place to visit.
<input type="radio"/> Love the campground, but sites have too much mud vs grass, and potholes in road.
<input type="radio"/> Camps well taken care of
<input type="radio"/> campsite too small

o Campsites are too close together
o Everything was very clean and the people were friendly.
o There were many pot holes that needed filling in and dust control would be nice.
o Facilities and lack of quality kids play area.
o Overall good place to be
o Peace & Quiet, No electricity in the harbor
o The placement of fire pits makes it hard to place your camper in the site and have a fire.
o camp sites are too close
o excellent site close to lake. I would prefer tent-only sites that can be more remote.
o Bathrooms were lacking
o no running water
o Nice new bathroom building - but showers are too large. Could be more with fewer handicap showers
o Nice campsites, but prefer more space between campsites
o bathroom didn't have garbage cans & no bike racks
o Nice campground, liked the new showers. Just the sites are a little close together for my taste.
o Beautiful campground. Loved the well-tended historic site.
o clean, quiet, nice camp sites, walkable to water
o Access to fabulous biking, hiking, and kayaking in one location
o A nice camping experience, so close to the ghost town and beautiful area.
o Seeing the fall colors.
o Glad to see new showers & bathroom, electricity is great, nice quiet, small campground
o Campsites are very close together.
o We love how quiet it is an how great the townsite is
o Most campsites have little to no privacy. Tough for tent campers.
o looking forward to the new bath house and dump station.
o I did not see the shower facilities but the bathrooms were nice. The campsites were a bit too close
o not on water
o Campsites too small compared to other state parks - dirty bathrooms
o We were there before the modern bathrooms were finished being constructed.
o Beautiful, quiet, lots to see & do
o campsites need water and electricty. When there the restrooms were being updated.
o We love it!
o Camping with Michigan History and the availability of water with Beautiful sunsets.
o We have loved camping at Fayette for over 18 years. Don't make it like other St parks. It's a gem.
o Campsites too close together
o Campsites were too tightly packed together
o No bathroom/shower. But you do now
o The new facilities were being built, outhouses were full.
o The sites were rather close together giving very little privacy. The number of showers was low.
o Was only semi modern at the time. Although VERY clean, didn't like out houses.
o NEW modern Restrooms & Showers and the visitors center.
o great park,just like modern facilities (which it now has)
o Toilets were smelly. Campsites small and no privacy
o Beautiful campsite right by the lake shore.
o Clean park, clean showers,but limited showers, bad cleaning times for showers
o Lack of 50 amps, water and sewer hook ups
o More units in shower facility would be nice considering the size of campground!
o All the Activites to do.
o Not allowed to fish off dock as we've done for last 10 years. No good place to fish from shore.
o shower pressure was awful
o the bathroom is new the campsites were nice and accommodating and the trail to Fayette was very nice
o camp sights very uneven, dirt road,









o 10, beautiful area!
o The campsites were well maintained. Facilities well maintained & clean.
o Haven't been there for many yrs. But have reservations for this Sept 2017
o New facilities were still under construction
o Very nice new facilities. Campsite was just a little small.
o Quality of sites and no shower/restroom facilities
o The only thing that would make it better is if the campsites had more privacy
o Clean new bathrooms. Quiet spacious sites along the Bay (short trail through to water)
o No bathrooms at that time
o Muddy and soft ground on camp sites
o Camp sites are too close to one another.
o Sites are too small and close.
o New bathhouse is nice. Campsites flooded and were unlevel. Roads Are unpaved.
o Clean.
o Love the campsites and the historical aspect!
o Best place to stay and visit while also being close to beaches and historic site
o no bath room building
o Nice park, nice new bathrooms
o No privacy in campground, but love the easy access to the park
o love camping there, beautiful area
o Lack of showers and vault toilets in the past
o I love the new bathrooms, the only reason I stayed here. Don't do rustic, wish beach was better.
o All the facilities are clean and well cared for, however my campsite filled with water during rain.
o Campsite was small, it's a nice small campground, the new bathrooms are great.
o Campsite fee reservation fee and out of state passport it was way overpriced considering the quality
o It was peaceful. Now, there are WAY too many tourist in the UP....You guys are ruining the UP
o Great restrooms, clean, wooded sites, nice beach overlook. Perfect combination.....we will be back!
o favorite place since childhood, peaceful beautiful solitude, easy to get a campsite bc it was rustic
o Love the area
o Nice campground
o Lack of restrooms and dump station
o The lodge was clean and modern, but accessible to the rest of the state park
o quiet & limited camper sites, coastline close by and woods
o Hated how crowded and noisy it was, would love a seperate tent/rustic area away from RVs
o Location, amenities, etc are amazing. Campsites are too open and not secluded enough.
o New bathrooms/showers are great. Sites close to the lake are amazing. Wish other sites were as good.
o We didn't use the toilet and shower facilities so I can't rate them
o Everything was maintained excellently!
o There was much construction underway at the time so access to some items was limited.
o Sites are not very private, close together and the access road and garbage maintenance are lacking.
o Beautiful setting and quiet campground
o The definition of facilities meaning structures? or Fayette State Park, rated on average how defined
o Beauty of area
o No restroom facilities last year. We know improvements have been made.
o The campground is really tight if you are camping with a large RV.
o Nice new facilities.
o at the time there was no dump station and no bathrooms. now with new facilities very popular
o Lack of slips, power, and water
o Like the new rest room and showers!
o You also need an ADA accessible site. aka paved Very challenging for those with disabilities
o our pull-thru campsite was not level from left-2-right so 2 wheels were off the ground
o Lack of shower building

o Very nice overall,, but campsites have too little screening and separation
o Nice campground, clean showers, lots of young kids (kind of loud, woke up early!)
o We thought it was very nice for a historic park and camping area....but, always room for improvement
o Park was very clean, new bathrooms are great!
o While the new bathroom building is a welcome addition, the dump station is awkward.
o No water at sites
o The sites were way too small for our RV and difficult to get into (we stayed in the back).
o Exceptionally clean and well maintained. DNR were super friendly.
o low water pressure on the showers
o Lack of things to do for small children. My children are 3, 4, and 5.
o Great place, current job requires cellphone signal which limits our ability to camp




Q11. Where did you stay when you visited the park?			
Responses	Responses	%	Percentage of total respondents
Own principal home	36	34%	
Own second home	11	10%	
Another's home/second home	15	14%	
Another state park	9	8%	
State forest campground	5	5%	
Another public campground (federal, county, township, etc.)	2	2%	
Private campground	2	2%	
Hotel/motel/rental property/B&B	27	25%	
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>107</b>		
Q12. The park has recently added a modern restroom/shower building in campground and a dump station. How might this facility affect your camping experience or likelihood to camp in the future? (check all that apply)			
Responses	Responses	%	Percentage of total respondents
Improve the quality of your camp experience	147	55%	
More likely to camp/camp more frequently	122	46%	
Stay longer	91	34%	
Less likely to camp/camp less frequently	5	2%	
No change	72	27%	
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>437</b>		
Multiple answers per participant possible. Percentages added may exceed 100 since a participant may select more than one answer for this question.			

**Q13. The park has recently upgraded the harbor to include water, 30 and 50 amp electrical hookup and new docks with reservable slips. How might this affect your overnight experience or likelihood to stay in the harbor in the future? (check all that apply)**






Responses	Responses	%	Percentage of total respondents
Improve the quality of your overnight experience	34	13%	
More likely to reserve a slip/stay more frequently	35	13%	
Stay longer	16	6%	
Less likely to reserve a slip/stay less frequently	9	3%	
No change	196	75%	
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>290</b>		

Multiple answers per participant possible. Percentages added may exceed 100 since a participant may select more than one answer for this question.

**Q14. Do you fish from Fayette Historic State Park?**










Responses	Responses	%	Percentage of total respondents
Yes	59	22%	
No	210	78%	
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>269</b>		

**Q15. How do you typically access the water for fishing?**




Responses	Responses	%	Percentage of total respondents
Shoreline	43	74%	
Motorized boat	30	52%	
Non-motorized boat	4	7%	
Ice	4	7%	
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>81</b>		






Multiple answers per participant possible. Percentages added may exceed 100 since a participant may select more than one answer for this question.

**Q16. What do you fish for from Fayette HSP? (check all that apply)**


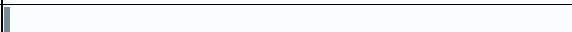

Responses	Responses	%	Percentage of total respondents
Walleye	22	39%	
Yellow Perch	49	88%	
Smallmouth Bass	41	73%	
Northern Pike	19	34%	
Burbot	3	5%	
Lake Whitefish	10	18%	
Trout/Salmon	17	30%	
Other (Please specify)	2	4%	
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>163</b>		



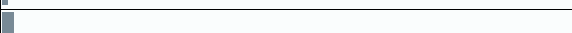
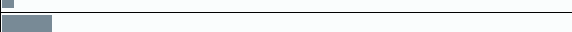
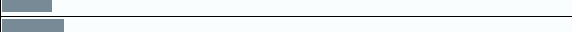


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Q18. Do you hunt/trap at Fayette Historic State Park?			
Responses	Responses	%	Percentage of total respondents
Yes	9	3%	
No	260	97%	
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>269</b>		

Q19. What do you hunt/trap for at Fayette HSP? (check all that apply)			
Responses	Responses	%	Percentage of total respondents
White-tailed deer	7	78%	
Black bear	0	0%	
Wild turkey	2	22%	
Small-game	6	67%	
Upland birds	4	44%	
Waterfowl	0	0%	
Fur harvesting	0	0%	
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>19</b>		

Multiple answers per participant possible. Percentages added may exceed 100 since a participant may select more than one answer for this question.




Q21. Did you visit the historic townsite?			
Responses	Responses	%	Percentage of total respondents
Yes	267	99%	
No	2	1%	
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>269</b>		

Q22. How likely are you to recommend the historic townsite to a friend, with 10 being the most likely and 1 being the least likely?				
Answer	Responses	Value	%	Percentage of total respondents
1	1	1	0%	
2	0	2	0%	
3	1	3	0%	
4	0	4	0%	
5	5	5	2%	
6	3	6	1%	
7	5	7	2%	
8	25	8	9%	
9	28	9	11%	
10	198	10	74%	
<b>Weighted Score : 9.45</b>				
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>266</b>			









**Q23. Considering the historic townsite, what are you MOST interested in? (Rank your top 3, with 1 being the highest)**

Answer	Rank 1	Rank 2	Rank 3	Weighted Rank (Score)
19th century everyday town life	68	65	49	1 (383)
Historic architecture	60	36	42	2 (294)
Recreated historic rooms	31	50	54	3 (247)
Industrial heritage	34	43	36	4 (224)
Sense of nostalgia	41	27	29	5 (206)
Interpretive exhibits/signs	23	28	33	6 (158)
Archaeology	7	15	21	7 (72)
<b>Total Responses</b>				<b>264</b>

**Q24. Did you participate in a guided tour, event or program at the historic townsite?**

Responses	Responses	%	Percentage of total respondents
No	211	78%	
Yes. Please specify what you participated in at the historic townsite.	58	22%	
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>269</b>		

**Q25. Please rate your experience on the guided tour, event or program at the historic townsite, with 10 being the most favorable or 1 being the least favorable.**

Answer	Responses	Value	%	Percentage of total respondents
1	0	1	0%	
2	0	2	0%	
3	1	3	2%	
4	0	4	0%	
5	2	5	3%	
6	1	6	2%	
7	7	7	12%	
8	14	8	24%	
9	7	9	12%	
10	26	10	45%	
<b>Weighted Score : 8.67</b>				
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>58</b>			
				

**Q26. What three words would you use to describe Fayette Historic State Park to someone who has never visited?**



**Q.27. What, if any, changes would you recommend to improve Fayette Historic State Park?**

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| o Campsites spaced apart  |
| o More accurate reconstruction of log cabin - too clean to accurately depict living conditions. Restore the general store. More activity in the townsite on a daily basis - ie first person interpretation. Add golf cart rentals for physically disabled persons to allow better access to the townsite.   |
| o More accessible for smaller boats. I have a 16" boat and the dock in Snail Shell harbor can be a pretty high climb out of a small boat. So maybe something as simple as a few rungs may help. I have not visited since the new facilities were installed, so maybe that has been provided?  |
| o Improve electric service at the docks. Modern restrooms and showers near the docks.   |
| o The guy who runs it is arrogant. I believe his name is Randy. He does not know what customer service is. He refuses to grade the campground roads and the boat launch road. The boat launch is always the last launch to be pushed into the water every year. You cannot find any workers around to help in the dock area when we come in on our boat.  |
| o none, you have done lots of work there  |
| o New Management!! The current management team has been in place too long, new blood is needed. The clicks within the senior employee's is very evident of this. The Park is not kept up as well as it could be, The manager is not open to new ideas or even constructive criticism, no matter how nicely it is put.   |
| o If I remember correctly, there is little to NO mention of Anishinaabek. We were there before, during, and are still in the area. We need to have some sort of representation. After all, it is our traditional homelands that became industrialized. What were the consequences of this industrialization? What were the repercussions. Reach out the local tribes for Anishinaabemowin place names.      |
| o Allow fishing on the docks. No more modernizing the campground. Maintain upkeep in the campground. Provide historical interpretations more often.   |
| o Let kids fish off the dock. You're gonna lose a lot of local campers  |
| o I would recommend changing management. Randy doesn't seem to care about customer service and has a big chip on his shoulder. I would put the boat launch dock in the water when the other local state parks put their in. This one is always weeks late. I would allow people to fish from the docks. I would maintain the roads and campsites. Train workers so they can answer basic quest. about park. |



o Change up the displays sometimes
o Wifi in campground and marina must have today. Make more camping sites on the old county road. Clear out the trees brush at the entrance sign, most people drive by and have to turn around which is dangerous. Post more signs how far it is ahead. It time for a boat tour to be based out of the marina. Larger gift shop, food vending. Kayak rental at the park. Billboard at US2
o I know you have your 2nd Sat in Aug event ... but it would be nice to have 2 or 3 more "living history" opportunities so children and adults can learn more about living/working at Fayette. Also, adding a couple more cabins/lodges/yurts would be nice ... it is such a beautiful place ... and if we had known just how beautiful it is, we would have planned to stay.
o The park itself could use electric vehicles to give tours to those less able to walk between sites.
o A three-dimensional model showing the manufacturing process
o I wondered how having people in character 3 seasons would go over. A blacksmith, the doc, a handful of towns people. They could show how things were done back then. Like the village where Lincoln grew up.
o Maintain the Snail Shell Harbor Marina; keep doing guided tours & interpretive programs/lectures.
o Open up more of the hotel.
o Open the swim area up for metal detecting
o Allow people to fish from ALL docks or build better docks specifically for fishing.
o Children of local residents, campers, and visitors have always been allowed to fish off the docks. I understand that this has been eliminated on the new boat docks. Why not allow them to continue? If a boat is docking have an employee ask those fishing to move.
o Increased access to buildings at the park and continued reconstruction of the buildings.
o Open ALL building
o Continue restoring buildings. I would love to see the 2-story outhouse for the hotel restored so visitors could see what it looked like and how it worked. I would also like to see more Heritage Days added to the schedule, at least one every month as that is an important part of the park and more people could experience it.
o Continue upgrading visitor amenities
o I love dining at interesting restaurants so a great eatery could draw me there every year during my UP vacation. Also an interesting gift shop that sold local art would be a draw. Maybe an annual fishing tournament?
o More lodging opportunities. It seems like every time we try to rent the furnace hill lodge it is always booked. If it was possible build or acquire another lodge near the area or in the park that would be great! Give more people a opportunity to enjoy the park with an overnight stay.
o Nothing I LOVE IT HOW IT IS!!
o Provide transport from handicapped lot to townsite for those with walking issues
o Improve beach area, removing grass and weeds so there is actually access. We camp with 5 other families each year, selecting a new campground each year. Fayette hasn't ever been considered because of the poor swimming area. An updated playground for the kids would be great also - these are 2 of the top things we look for when deciding where to stay.
o Restore structures more. Return the 2 story outhouse. Many of the displays are now gone. The dentist office and the forge were great displays and are now gone.
o Would recommend better sign for handicap parking at the townsite.
o Restore more buildings and especially finish restoring the Hotel !
o I like it remote and so do not necessarily wish to increase the amount of visitors. I like seeing students working on the site. I am unsure about the amount of restoration going on with the furnaces but appreciate the problems if you let them crumble further. Kudos to this joint venture with DNR and Historians.
o Better marked hiking trails, Cleaner lodge, More interactive exhibits
o Open more homes
o BRING BACK THE FISHING ON THE DOCKS!!!
o The maintenance of the various fences and the grounds need to be paid more attention to. The camp fire pits should be cleaned out after each time a camper departs and grass should be cut after the camper leaves the site also.
o Better management. Fishing should be allowed on the harbor docks.
o Add a small cafe where people can have a cup of coffee and small meal keep it publicly owned
o Have employees wear historic garb. Have horse-drawn wagons. Give performance in opera house replicate available wares in company store oldtime games for kids storytelling
o I love it the way it is. Just keeping up with the upgrade of the buildings preserved and making sure that future generations will be able to enjoy it as much as we do now.

o Dining facility or food availability
o Allow fishing from the docks. No DNR trucks in the town site. More signs on buildings(School House) (Butcher Shop) ect. Access to the dock from the North end! Clean the bathrooms better. Build the two story outhouse again. Try to find more of the old equipment that would have been used. Allow fishing from the dock
o Stop trying to modernise it and stop catering to small groups of people, always trying to be politically correct - put Christmas in June back in the town site.
o More handicapped accesable. The slope going up and down the hill to the harbor/town and to the buildings is terrible for anyone with COPD and/or wheelchair. I think an AED should be located somewhere the harbor as well as one in the visitors center.
o Let the kids fish off the new dock. They pay to camp rhere and should be allowed use.
o Allow fisherman to have use of the boat docks in the Ghost Town.
o More camp sites closer beach
o A working public bathroom with running water and new drinking fountain to replace the outhouse.
o Staff in park to explain more about the site...in the buildings. Need to develope it more
o Better way to access getting to the town!!!! Too hard for many people to walk. It has limited me taking others there.
o Artist in residence program, special days like crafts and character actors and period machinery
o None, except to keep restoring and maintaining this beautiful town site.
o The boat access site road is an eyesore and keeps lots of folks from using the boat launch. The launch site itself is fine but the entrance road is in horrible condition. Calls to the park and to the manager have resulted in nothing. Perhaps a new manager will take care of what needs doing.
o Have people who have roots in the community give talks of area and tell old stories
o I wish that they would do more maintenance on the campsites. There is a lot of dirt/mud in most sites, wish they would lay down more grass or a type of "pad" (gravel/packed stones) to avoid bringing more mud/dirt into campers/tents. Also, please put up a "Bump" sign on the road into the campground; Unless you know that big dip is there, you could easily have an accident when towing a camper/boat.
o Don't get TOO modern by paving every path, adding modernized facilities to the townsite, or adding Frisbee golf, or other non-historical related amenities. The boat slips are nice, but could the docks have been made to look more "antique"? If modern amenities are "mandatory," try to make them appear era-related.
o rustic camp sites
o Better Wheelchair Accsess My Grandpa Is In A Wheelchair And Its Hard To Push A Wheelchair Around The Park He's From The Area And Likes To Visit Places As A Child
o I do NOT want to see development at the historic town site. Work to stabilize existing buildings with more history about the connection to the Jackson Mine in Negaunee.
o Some work needs to be done on the buildings. The mold is getting worse and we have been coming here for 30 years
o Add more! Love visiting every chance we can get.
o I would visit the historical site more often if bicycles were available to rent from the visitor center.
o A swimming area protected from the big lake would be really nice
o Open more parts of the buildings and/or open buildings that people aren't allowed in.
o We would prefer to see a few rustic, or primitive camping sites.... not a fan of modern camping areas.
o Build a fishing pier. Snail Harbor should be enjoyed by everyone. Since the new docks are off limits I feel putting in a fishing pier is the solution. I would also recommend filling all the pot holes and using dust control. The bathrooms need garbage cans.
o Better upkeep is needed in some buildings, need to control bees/flys better. We are so happy to see the boating improvements, wish other DNR/state locations wpuld add that.
o Rebuild the 2-story outhouse.
o More buildings, and a boardwalk for everyone and fishing.
o I would recommend more advertising. I didn't know what this park was until I was invited to go with a friend. I even drove by it before and didn't realized what exactly it was.
o More primitive docking sites so people can't use their TVs and Radios to disrupt the tranquility of the harbor
o I can't express how disappointed my family was that we are no longer able to fish in the harbor, off the dock. We have been camping in Fayette for over 10 years for two weeks in the summer. One of the highlights of this campground was riding our bikes to the harbor and fishing. When we were told we are no longer able to do this due to new slips, it put a major damper on our vacation.
o More non-reservable campsites
o larger camp sites; more buffer between them; more buildings restored and more exhibits in buildings

o Add more events. Perhaps, add a seasonal restaurant.
o tent-only campsites with more privacy and less cost
o Restore more buildings
o None. Love it the way it is. Looking forward to Heritage Days this year.
o More information/signs. Having a guidebook available (for purchase of course) would be nice, providing more detailed information about the town and everyday life. Restored buildings/rooms starting to look run-down. Love the dump-station, a great improvement.
o It could be a little more accessible for those in wheelchairs
o Tent sites more private or a tent only area without electricity
o Maybe more information in the buildings, maybe interactive displays. Having people knowledgeable about the history of the park would be a nice resource, to learn more. We also enjoy people re-enacting what life would have been like, similar to Fort Michilimackinac, that would be fun to experience.
o I would continue to visit the park just like it is. I would hope that the buildings do continue to get fixed up little by little
o Keep it secret - I like it the way it is!!! We love site 33!
o It might be nice to have a campground for tent campers. We get pushed out as more sites become camper-friendly, and it's painful to pay for electricity we don't use. That being said, it is nice as a tent camper to have access to showers/sinks since we don't have one at hand. If there had a book that had the signs of the historic site and pictures to go with them, I would have bought it.
o like it the way it is. think your doing a good job.
o More of a beachfront and a canteen or convenience store on site
o Bring the structures to life with costumed presenters and demonstrations of the mining and other types of work.
o We loved this place and will return. 1st or 2nd thing mentioned when sharing our trip with friends & family. Neck in neck with Sleeping Bear Dunes National Park
o It would be nice if more of the actual machinery and processing equipment was installed. Also some of the building need to be historically restored.
o More interpretive programs and re-enactments or special events.
o More room between the campsites
o Keep it simple, not an amusement park
o More space/better separation between campsite
o Update the town site some more. Restore more
o Have more picture displays showing what it looked like from where you are currently standing (ie. where the barns were have a placard there showing what it used to look like).
o Ban Bicycles in the Village.
o More areas to explore, participation in archeological digs. Otherwise nothing--we love it!
o Bring back the horse drawn buggy tours
o Make more campsites "big-rig" friendly with electricity and water at least.
o Add more shower facilities! Add a dock for children and families to fish from near the marina! Fishing has been encouraged in the past by the park and needs to still be a part of the Fayette experience! Good, clean fun enjoying the outdoors!
o More water Availability. More camping sites.
o I would like to see a fishing pier for the kids/adults who would like to fish from shore. Maybe thin out some of the trees between the lake and the campground so there is a bit more of a breeze through the campground during the day, as it can be stifling on hot days while it's breezy at the lake.
o fishing location for kids
o provide more historical context to the site to fully understand the lifestyle and work performed at the site. provide research on-line for people to view and take a deep dive into the park before and after their physical visit to the park.
o continue the town preservation, update and improve campground, but keep it well removed from town site
o Large swimming area. I'm not sure if the lack of beach area is due to high water or not but it would have been nice to have more beach area. Also the beach was hard to find.
o An easier way to get out to the point of the harbor at high lake levels (rather than fighting the bushes)
o More archaeological opportunities, information or exhibits

o I would just find a way to advertise more. My wife and I had a wonderful long weekend camping and visiting the townsite, but we only found the park by randomly clicking on it on the state park service reservation website. Not many people will happen to find it that way.
o Continue to improve (modernize) and expand camping area.
o Having affordable boat tours that take passengers on a scenic trip to view the limestone cliffs from the water. Educating visitors on the Niagara Escarpment and the geology of the area is a wonderful feature of Fayette that should be utilized better
o Few things if any, It's perfect just the way it is!
o More picnic spots near the historic town.
o Stop telling people about it!!! :)
o Have a signage of a designed path for those not with a guided group. Have a sign up when tours are given.
o More interpretive staff on site; hire a full-time historian.
o A detailed map including restroom locations, walking trails, beach access and history information for the town site. - Also, please offer Gluten Free and Vegan options and allergy friendly foods at the gift shop location for those on a restricted or special diet.
o Industry displays in the furnace building.
o The campground needs more kid friendly activities/space. The beach needs to be improved. Fishing areas need to be provided for kids. Kayak/canoe rentals should be provided/promoted. There should be attractions to keep people at the campground.
o Add something for the kids to do while camping, as it can get boring with the outdated playground equipment
o Have a fourth of July Fireworks send off that would bring in more camping and offer canoe rentals etc.
o More recreated buildings (like the inside of one of the general stores)
o Mark the campsites more clearly
o open up more areas in historic buildings, especially the hotel. Place fishing dock by the kiln's for kids to fish from, seeing they can't fish off the marina dock anymore. Gift shop could be open later, maybe 9 pm. Some of the pot holes in the camp ground area should be filled in, some this summer were pretty deep. Dumpsters could be closer to the campground, maybe by the field on the corner.
o Boat/Kayak tours
o Need a better beach. Its small and feels unsafe. Also, a cell phone tower would be nice.
o I love Fayette. It is my favorite State Park. The last time I was there (which was your Christmas in the summer weekend) I found the hiking trails in need of care. It was a bit disappointing. So, trail improvements would be greatly appreciated.
o Make the campground larger.
o I think that if you are staying at the campground, a pass to get into the park should automatically be included in the cost of your stay. For as much as it costs to stay at the campground, especially if you reserve ahead of time, you could stay at a private campground and get cable TV and sewage hook-up. Once you have paid to camp there, you shouldn't have to pay extra just to enter the park.
o Stop advertising so heavily. Too Many people make is less desirable
o The scenic overlooks look old and tired! Improved accessibility. Better self-guided tour. More interactive activities for kids in the townsite. Love the beach but its very understated - maybe clear out some views so its more inviting?
o More bike riding in the area! Bike riding is an up and growing sport that seems to draw quite a few campers in state campgrounds in our area. If there was more bike riding we would probably come more often.
o More Historic experiences , kayaks available, luv the ice cream:)
o Modern full service hookups for campers right on the beach away from historic site, make them big and spacious and charge a premium for them
o More sites with 50 amp electric service and more level sites.. We have a 40 ft RV.
o We had a wonderful time - loved the stunning beauty and enthusiasm of the workers. One exception - we stayed at the lodge (which was great). We had an ATV with us that we weren't going to use, but temporarily parked on the porch in order to unload our trailer. One day a park worker yelled at us from across the road to get the ATV off the porch. He could have approached us and talked to us nicely.
o Fix and save the old buildings!!!
o Please continue preserving this Historical Park for future generations and continued public access.
o When we visited the park we needed a wheelchair it had flat tires on it I personally had to pump them up because no one there (park workers) had any way to fix the problem had to get a small 12v pump out at car to fill tires.

o A area for those who enjoy the nature aspect of the area with less amenities and larger more rustic tent sites only.
o Only criticism is the campsites. Michigan State Parks generally do a great job of providing sites with vegetation that allows some privacy from your neighbors. This is similar to camping in a large, open field and is the only negative.
o I think you are doing great. I would love to see the hotel fully restored and more recreated buildings when funds allow. It might be nice to have more options for hiking, biking, and kayaking. Side-by-side campsites in a field, which is common in state parks, is a bit disappointing. It would be great to have sites with trees between them and that are more ingrained in the landscape.
o Better parking and possible shuttle on special events
o Advertise and get it on Google!! Let it light up like a Christmas tree when people look at UP. :) We just happened to stumble upon this place and that after having been actively looking for things to see in the UP. If it weren't for the fact that we were staying at a B&B in Garden we never would have known about this place. Fayette will now be one of our favorite places! We hope to come again!
o More recreation. Hands on experience (industry, mechanical, repair, carpentering, manual labor, food, entertainment).
o Pave roads in campground.
o Continue restoration of the buildings.
o Haven't visited in years. We have been wanting to revisit this summer. We have recommended this spot to friends many times.
o My husband and I were pleased to see the renovations underway at the campground. Perhaps regrading of some of the sites to level the pads in the back portion would be helpful. Many are little more than potholes now and this makes camping a bit treacherous.
o We camped for a week in August 17. The dumpsters at the dump station were overflowing most of the time. Add a dumpster or two or increase the frequency of the trash pick up. The road through the campsite was not well maintained, several very large potholes. This was the same as in 2016 also. Some sites were not well drained and muddy. The sites had residual trash from previous campers.
o Improve and expand on scenic overlooks (on Overlook trail). It is overgrown in places so that you can't see much. A bench to sit and view the sights would be nice. Some of the interpretive signs were unreadable.
o Do not change the townsite. Repair buildings. Theater in the diorama building or attached to that has good discussions and films and extensive information on history and Michigan information on townsite operations.
o Have a bathroom, showier cleaning time schedule posted
o Enlarge beach, improve the trail to beach
o Signage indicating what is at top of hill . . . and distance to it. Our elders had to stop for rest at shady spot and stayed there since we didn't know how hard the walk would be up the hill to the few home sites up there (docs house area)
o Continue restoration of buildings.
o More paved bike paths. Continue town restoration.
o Allow for more memorial gift benches or picnic tables especially by the bay. It is a peaceful place to just spend time and rest.
o pretty wonderful as is,
o Have some people dressed in period clothing walking around answering questions.
o paved roads and sites would be a huge improvement! The dust and mud in the sites ruin the experience.
o campsites need to be leveled; low spots filled in, muddy potholes in campsite roadway should be addressed; when we checked in, they did not explain or show us map with the day use area and the lovely beach down there - found it on the last day as we were leaving. we would have used this beach area had we known it was there!
o More living history to complement Heritage Days.
o Additional screening between campsites
o I'm glad that you added the dump station and showers. Makes the experience more pleasant. Would be really nice if there was WiFi at the campground because cellular service at this campground is spotty at best. The WiFi at the visitor center did not work well.
o no changes except to prioritize maintaining the buildings and facilities.....
o Mark the sites better.
o make the tow site more accessible for those who cannot walk very far or are in a wheel chair. I have not been able to visit for several years because of limited mobility



o Move the host site to #23. That puts it in the center of activity. Most all campers would interact with the host and the size of the site allows for more activities. I'd like to see the tour guides in costume. Maybe partner with the Historic side of DNR more and have role players like Ft. Wilkins.
o Enter and exit signs at the dump station because can only use it in one direction.
o Make the campsite bigger.
o No changes, it was perfect for all our ages. From 11 to 52.
o I have not been there during the summer month when there is staff there, but I didn't seem much in the way of services (gas, food, lodging)
o The building signage needs improvement. After leaving, I realized my husband missed the furnaces because he thought they were locked. I had spent a lot of time with the layout map trying to figure out the buildings. The signage should be plentiful and displayed for those who have never been to the site before.
o keep restoring
o I like what's been done so far. Hand rails on the walk into the park on the incline for older citizens. New benches for the presentations during Heritage Days they are warped.
o I would recommend more hiking trails and somewhat improved trails. Maybe gravel, not mud and grass. A large playground for children near the campground with lots of different activities for the kids to do. Do ranger presentations, informative things, local trees and berries, local wildlife you may come across during your stay, fire building, camp cooking, things of that nature. Add water hookups.
o More building restoration
o guided tours, audio stations and handicap access
o Finish the hotel, Better maintenance on buildings
o Reduce the grade of the slope leading from the town back up to the visitor center. Too steep.

**Q.28. Please share any other thoughts you may have on Fayette Historic State Park and/or the management planning process.**

o Talk about the village after the smelter shut down and before it became a state park...part of the missing history. Talk about early native american activity in the area. Burnt Bluff etc.
o I really like the idea of the improved harbor.
o Please maintain the balance between what was and what is. In other words, preserve what is there and limit too many changes as far as rebuilding structures that are already gone. I see that seems to be part of the plan (to maintain that balance) and you are to be commended for it. Good job!
o More than 15 docks are needed.
o You need to allow people to walk and fish from the new docks. This was one of the best parts of our family time.
o The annual events held here are quaint. Doing the same thing every year is OK, but mix it up a bit. This place has the potential to be a world class Park. The current leadership does not wish it to grow or become more popular, as it might make them work harder, or some. The boat ramp road is in dire need of repairs. Closing the new dock to fishing, I believe is a huge mistake, children will remember that they were not welcome there and not return as Adults. Ask McDonald's how that works!!
o back to Anishinaabek representation, reach out to local tribes or any Michigan tribe that would be willing to work with you. Find the traditional place names to the area and have tribal language departments share the pronunciations, and those could be interactive buttons within an exhibit. Maybe an exhibit "but who was here before the industrialization?" the Garden Peninsula is a translation of the Anishinaabemowin word for the place - Gitigaaneyaashikaaniing (gitigaan = garden)
o I am a local resident so I have more of a personal experience with FSP. It is a beautiful area that my family, and families before us, have enjoyed for many years. My biggest problem is the fishing issue. That is all my children do is fish. I won't have them fish anywhere else but the dock so if they can't fish there I cannot make camping reservations there! I hope you take that into consideration. Local residents want to enjoy the docks as well as the boaters.

o I do love the improvements made to the facilities, but seems management cannot handle the increase flow of campers and the maintenance of the roads/downed trees/running out of ice cream, etc. Management needs to take suggestions from visitors in a professional manner. If you approach Randy and suggest/ask something, he is very rude and always has an excuse why something cannot be done. It could be so much more if managed by someone who actually cared.
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o More bathrooms
o Good park but needs a new twist to double visitors. You need a picture bill board for big springs and Fayette at the intersection of US2 no one knows what they are driving by.
o Thanks for conducting the survey. It's been awhile since I have been to Fayette HSP, but it was a positive, at your own pace learning experience. I wish I had known all the other things you can do in the park ... next visit will be taking in the beach, trails, etc.
o The time that I visited this site I was very impressed at the keeping of the grounds, I think a great key focus would be on generating greater accessibility for those with disabilities.
o It's been a long time since I've been to Fayette State Park. Looking forward to visiting the next time I'm home.
o Good balance of being scenic and informative. Of course, when it was operating it would have been loud, dirty and I suspect the harbor water wasn't as clear as it is now.
o This is a great idea letting locals have input. Often feel shut out and could be only thing to improve what little economy is there
o Be mindful of the impact on people who live on the Garden Peninsula. Do not encroach on neighbors property or devalue neighboring properties. Keep the Park accessible to the general public.
o This is one of my favorite spots in Mi.
o Improve fishing in the harbor. Our visits to Fayette may be less and less frequent as we find other places to fish as a family when we visit our family that lives nearby.
o It's a piece of history, if possible make it accessible to schools to visit in April or May..
o Please add more Heritage Days, one per year is just not enough.
o Tranquil, welcoming and always worth the trip
o
o If the site was more accessible to those with disabilities, that could be a marketing point for tourists.
o Appreciate what is being done to maintain and restore the park. Family heritage is being preserved
o The recent improvements are great to see. Continue to improve and I'm sure usage will increase.
o Clean up the area around the doctor's and superintendent's houses.
o Gorgeous location/harbor Better marketing would bring more campers & boaters
o Not well enough known to people
o Keep it publicly owned
o It's a hidden gem
o None
o They should remove HUNDREDS of cedar trees that are hiding the beautiful bluff
o By alienating local fishermen from fishing on the boat docks in the Ghost Town, you will LOSE BUSINESS and the RESPECT from 99% of the locals. I have so many amazing memories fishing in this park with my family, if you take that away, I will have less of a reason to travel there.
o Really enjoyed it.
o Really need to work on better access to the town!!
o It's a great place and doesn't need significant changes
o Don't overdo it with development and additional staff. One of the things I liked was not being bombarded by staff and feeling like I was walking through the town alone.
o Blessing of Fleet was a big deal in years past really drew a big crowd nothing is ever said about that
o I enjoy the history behind and the effort the DNR has put into this park. More historical areas should be preserved as well as this one has been.
o It's A Wonderful Place Love Going There Often Can't Think Of To Many Changes I would Make
o Thank you for allowing dogs into the Park. This is an important factor when we decide where to visit.
o Work should be done to restore the hotel to its former glory and restore at least one room upstairs and allow visitors more of a tour.
o If the commitment to save the buildings doesn't happen soon there won't be any
o Fix the leaks in the roof of the superintendent's house. Open up the remaining portion of his house and some of the other houses that were closed up/couldn't be seen. Do less staging/recreations of the rooms. The glass separating spectators from portions of the house is kind of intrusive.
o Keep the buildings up and restore the remaining shells to their former glory. Install replica machinery and equipment to the smelter

o I hope you will build a fishing pier in the harbor, I am sure our family is not the only one that's disappointed. I also think a dumpster closer to the campground would be helpful to the campers.
o I haven't camped there yet, but intend to. My trip planning tends to be ad-hoc and I like the "natural" campgrounds. I loved my day trip visit in 2012 and look forward to a 3 or 4 nt stay next summer and taking several walks over to the town site. Non-reservable sites are best for me since I like my freedom to stay or go. I'm retired so mid-week is fine
o Need full time staff (historian) on site to manage the exhibits and townsite.
o Thank you!
o This Park has been well managed over the years. We brought our children here and now we are bringing our grandchildren.
o No sure what the management planning process is.
o If you had kayak rentals there, that would be amazing! I am going to try to get out there for some cross country skiing this winter.
o Everyone there is doing a great job. We enjoy ranger talks in the national parks and would have enjoyed one at Fayette
o The only thing missing at this park was a shower building and you remedied that. I wish my state made the investments into these parks that Michigan is making.
o This is one of our favorite parks. We love camping, touring the town, and enjoying the beautiful landscape around the area. We will be visiting this coming September, already have reservations!
o I loved my visit and was thankful a friend recommended it to me when I said I was going to the U.P. I love the variety of things to do at the various "locations" within the park and down the bay. The visitor center is great, and the narrated display there and all the signs in the historic town are wonderful. I ended up spending more time there than I had planned.
o sorry nothing to offer
o Greenfield Village is a great example of how to make historic structures very lively and relevant to today.
o Please preserve and Thank you for sharing, making accessible one of your States treasures!
o Just a beautiful place to be.
o This is my FAVORITE State Park. Thank you for sharing it!
o Keep up the good work.
o It had always been a jem , special place of basic.
o Don't turn the campground into a giant field. Keep as many trees as possible
o I love the historic days and the interaction it has. The bake sale is wonderful. The children's activities are great and my daughter still talks about being there.

o This is an important piece of Michigan's industrial and mining history that needs to be preserved for the future.
o I have been coming to fayette for many years and have many memories there. I love when I go there and a new building is opened up or renovated. The trails around the area are beautiful, maybe have more information about the different trails in the area.
o It's a wonderful place but we saw a number of things that should be restored soon to prevent deterioration.
o See above.
o When I was a kid, I participated in a diving venture in the harbor and beach. I think offering this type of "adventure" periodically would be a really cool way of drawing people to the area.
o Keep up the good work. Cleanliness, safetey, security, friendliness. Activities.
o The new dump station and showers are very nice. Great addition! Shower heads are a bit flimsy for daily public use. May need to be replaced with sturdier ones. Also, please add garbage cans to the shower rooms. We have been coming to Fayette for years and thoroughly enjoy our stay. We never get bored. (Although the fishing issue this year was a big disappointment.)
o Please maintain this wonderful piece of Michigan History
o Forget the boat slips around the historic sight.
o The fall festival has become an annual family gathering for us . . . As many as five separate campsites in any one year. We travel now as far as from Kalamazoo to be there.
o Everything is great!
o There should be more funding for restoration/investigation of the historic site; restore buildings and put in





new exhibits.
o Campground appeared to be very nice, clean and well kept. Beautiful new bathhouse. Loved the beach.
o The young man working night shift was very nice and helpful to us, even after he had to take a few trips to switch us sites a couple times.
o Fayette is glorious in every way
o It's a good park
o Doing a great job, happy with the new restrooms and showers. We have visited the park every year for the last 25 + years, not much has changed as far as improvements to the historic buildings. I was hoping some of the smaller houses would be renovated and opened up.
o Camp store on site would be nice.
o I think it would be wonderful if the Catholic Church could be rebuilt where the foundation still exists near the campground. It would make the historic town site more complete and true to its past.
o Fayette is part of my family history. I would love to see it preserved so that my grandkids can enjoy it like I did. I loved being able to link the history of Fayette to my family history.
o Leave well enough alone. It is a nice place and is best observed in a peaceful atmosphere.
o Last year at first we were excited when we saw the modern restrooms being built, the thought did occur that now other people will discover our favorite place and the solitude and ease of reservations would disappear. I remember being told as a child because it was an archeological site no digging and plumbing were allowed, that made it more special in my mind. I went as a kid and my kids grew up going we even had a dog we named Fayette:)
o The history of this area along with its beauty must stay representative of the foundation and character of yesteryear to help shape our tomorrows
o This has been a wonderful experience. I am proud to support our state parks, and love what the State has done here at Fayette.
o New harbor is amazing. Beach is lovely, cliffs are stunning, entire family enjoyed the historical nature and interpretive visits and we spent more time there than planned. Loved that you could bike the entire historic site. Modern bathrooms were going in when we camped there. We generally don't mind rustic as they attract less people but hopefully that will give you a bump in campers if you are seeking that. Have highly recommended it to everyone. We will be back.

o I enjoy the unique atmosphere of the park's landscape and architecture. I enjoy exhibits, but within the park I prefer empty spaces and reconstructions more than photos and signage. For instance, the upstairs of the doctor's house is great, to me; while machine shop and the downstairs of the town hall facing the hotel are great, but take away from the historic space. I think it would be great to have these exhibits up by the visitor center and then a full immersion at the townsite.
o Put up a sign for the guided tour. We didn't know about that until the end. Would have loved to take a tour.
Please keep up the good work. The overlook, the light up story telling replica in the visitor center and the town itself was amazing. Absolutely loved it.
o Not obvious there are guided tours, only realized after wandering about for more than an hour. Good to mark distances (e.g. to overlook). Offer a podcast or online information about Fayette to supplement on site with experience.
o Modern Restrooms and dump station were an excellent improvement. Had been trying to get my family to go there for years and they wouldn't be cause there were only vault toilets.
o It is a great place to go and get some rest from the hustling activities of everyday life.
o We should visit again before forming an opinion.
o My husband and I brought our two small children to see Fayette about 25 years ago when it was little more than a collection of limestone foundations and a few historical buildings. My husband and I (sans our adult children) returned to Fayette as part of our Lake Michigan roundtrip pilgrimage. To say we were astonished at what we found would be an understatement. The redevelopment of Fayette Historical State Park took our breath away. We wondered around for hours. Kudos to all for the work!
o Adding electric and showers has increased the popularity of the campground, you need to make sure you increase your maintenance now as well or it will become run down quickly. Easier access such as a path or road in the park to the sand beach would be nice. It is a pain to drive out to the county road to get to it.
o We loved the hiking trails through the woods and on the cliff. The modern bathroom is important to encourage longer stays. We camped in a pull-through site which was a bonus.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We go all year long to wander about and watch nature, plants, changing shore line, historic buildings and photography . We especially like the townsite in winter. We have always hoped the restrooms would be open all year long. I have many memorable photos for years back. One we even used on our Christmas card. Anyone coming to the UP we always recommend Fayette townsite. Extend hours of operation, extend a museum setting. We have been to the "Iron County Museum " in Marquette. THINK HOW THEY DO</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ It has nice possibilities? But the cost of getting the town structures repaired maybe too much for a 20 or 30 year plan</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Do not disturb any historic site to add a modern convenience</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Please continue to protect this amazing space. Loved seeing all the rocks on the shoreline &lt;3</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ None</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ it does not get much better. nice to have Sherie's down the path. getting so nice there, it is hard to get a site now.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Don't change too much.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Please continue to preserve and improve the historical town. It is a very interesting attraction.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ As time marches on it will become older and more historic and more relevant.....</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ I would hope that repairs to the historic buildings would be ongoing.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Very happy to see the modern restrooms/showers and sanitation station for campers. While I didn't mind tent camping without them, I wasn't able to convince my husband to camp with me. With the addition of these, he is now joining me in my fall camping trip this year. I have been fascinated by this place since a child, and finding out my mother-in-law's family is from Fayette, (her great-grandfather was a charcoal maker) makes it that much more personal.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ It never gets old going there. I love the historic townsite. Employees take a lot of pride in their state park.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The gift shop/ice cream shop was amazing!! Christmas in June was fantastic fun for our family and friends. All of the free activities were greatly appreciated!! It was very organized.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ It rained all day the third day we were there or I would have went through some of the buildings again. I found the whole experience very appealing and thoughtful. Very impressed with the "story" and nature experience.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ I have lived in the Upper Peninsula for 17 years near St Ignace, we run 2 hotels and I just even found out about this place while driving back from Green Bay. I happened to stop and was amazed that I have never heard of this, we get asked questions by our hotel guest all the time and until last year have been able to send people there (Not for any other reason than not knowing about it) I guess I would invite hotel employees from around the area, especially St. Ignace, Mackinac Island</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Thank you for restoring this historic community, campground, and park.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What an amazing experience! It's perfectly preserved. Thank you for your hard work.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fayette is one of our favorite places to camp but without water hookup for the camper and more activities for our small children it's hard to stay longer than the 2-3 nights we normally do. We highly appreciate the addition of the showers and dumpstation. Keep up the good work and we'll keep coming back.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ the exhibits need to be cleaned up</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fayette State Park makes me proud of being a Michigander!!!</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ I always try to return in mid October to enjoy the quiet, crisp fall weather. This is my favorite place in the UP.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Very much enjoyed the open layout of the park, and the ability to walk around at my own pace, wherever I wanted to go. I didn't feel contained by any boundaries that weren't within sensible limits (like the water), and I liked not feeling like I could get in trouble for walking on the wrong path. Nice and open. Relaxing, to me.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fayette has been on my list for a long time, and I'm so glad I was able to visit over Labor Day weekend. The site far exceeded my expectations--I was thrilled with nearly everything about the site. I LOVED that there were no costumed interpreters in the buildings. Being able to quietly read and discover the buildings on our own added to the reflective, somewhat haunting, memorial-like atmosphere of the site. Loved opportunities to hike &amp; picnic too. Our new favorite place--can't wait to return!</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ I visited for the first time this summer and was very impressed with the site. The work that has already been done to interpret the buildings and the landscape is very well done and I look forward to seeing more in the future!</li> </ul>






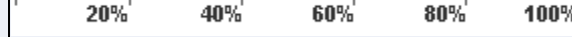
## Those that answered “Never Visited” to Q.1

<b>Q30. What keeps you from visiting Fayette Historic State Park? (Check all that apply)</b>			
<b>Responses</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Percentage of total respondents</b>
Lack of information	2	40%	
I don't have time	0	0%	
Not interested in the historic townsite	0	0%	
Too far to travel	0	0%	
Lack of amenities in the park	1	20%	
Lack of restaurants/shops in the vicinity of the park	0	0%	
Lack of lodging in the vicinity of the park	0	0%	
I have a disability that prevents me from using the park	0	0%	
Park entry fee (recreation passport)	0	0%	
Other (Please specify)	3	60%	
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>6</b>		





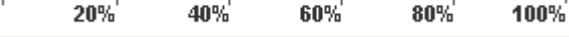
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### Other (Please Specify)

- I am interested in visiting but haven't had the opportunity yet because of work schedule.
- We were scheduled to visit last year and I had to have surgery. I am looking forward to coming this year.
- Will be going for the first time September 17<sup>th</sup>

<b>Q31. The park has recently added a modern restroom/shower building in the campground and a dump station. How might this facility affect your camping experience or likelihood to camp in the future? (check all that apply)</b>			
<b>Responses</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Percentage of total respondents</b>
Improve the quality of your camp experience	5	100%	
More likely to camp/camp more frequently	5	100%	
Stay longer	4	80%	
Less likely to camp/camp less frequently	0	0%	
No change	0	0%	
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>14</b>		

Multiple answers per participant possible. Percentages added may exceed 100 since a participant may select more than one answer for this question.

<b>Q32. The park has recently upgraded the harbor to include water, 30 &amp; 50 amp electrical hookup and new docks with reservable slips. How might this affect your overnight experience or likelihood to stay in the harbor in the future? (check all that apply)</b>			
<b>Responses</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Percentage of total respondents</b>
Improve the quality of your overnight experience	2	40%	
More likely to reserve a slip/stay more frequently	1	20%	
Stay longer	2	40%	
Less likely to reserve a slip/stay less frequently	0	0%	
No change	3	60%	
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>8</b>		

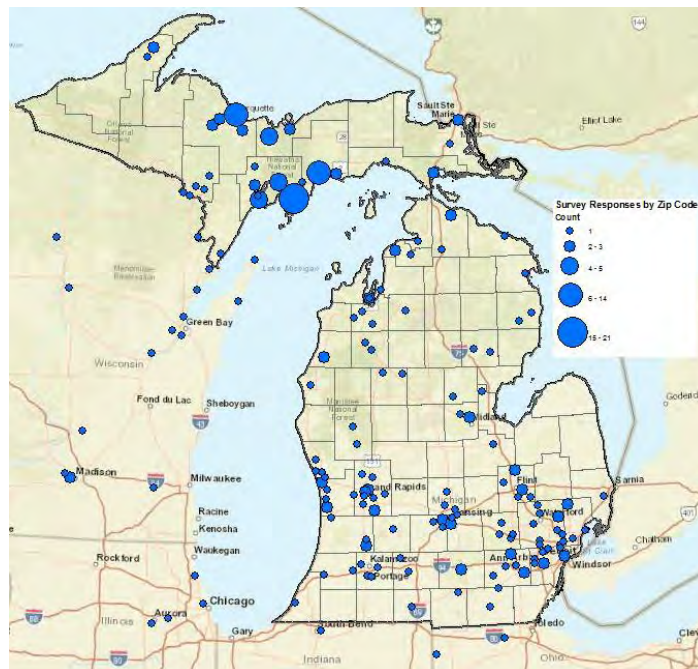
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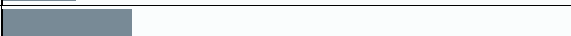

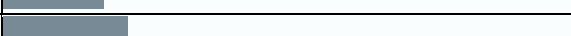
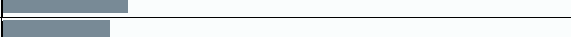

**Q33. Fayette Historic State Park is home to a historic townsite, which is the most intact, post Civil War-era, charcoal iron-smelting company town in the United States. These cultural resources are remarkably preserved and include twenty historic structures. Of the list below, what would you be most interested in? (Rank your top 3, with 1 being the highest)**




Answer	Rank 1	Rank 2	Rank 3	Weighted Rank (Score)
Recreated historic rooms	1	2	0	1 (7)
19th century everyday town life	1	1	2	1 (7)
Interpretive exhibits/signs	1	0	3	2 (6)
Historic architecture	0	2	0	3 (4)
Iron smelting	1	0	0	4 (3)
Archaeology	1	0	0	4 (3)
Sense of nostalgia	0	0	0	0 (0)
<b>Total Responses</b>				<b>5</b>

**ALL**

**What is the zip code of your primary residence?**



Q35. What is your age? (Optional)			
Responses	Responses	%	Percentage of total respondents
Under 18	2	1%	
18-24	10	4%	
25-34	35	13%	
35-44	62	23%	
45-54	50	18%	
55-63	60	22%	
64 and over	53	19%	
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>272</b>		

Q36. What is your gender? (Optional)			
Responses	Responses	%	Percentage of total respondents
Female	148	56%	
Male	117	44%	
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>265</b>		

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## You're invited!

### What

Fayette Historic State Park  
General Management Plan Stakeholder  
Input Meeting

### When

Thursday September 14, 2017  
2:00 - 4:00 pm

Please RSVP to:  
Matt Lincoln, PRD Planner  
[LincolnM@michigan.gov](mailto:LincolnM@michigan.gov)  
517-284-6111

### Where

Garden Township Hall  
6316 State Street, Garden, MI 49835



### About the plan

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Parks & Recreation Division (PRD) is in the process of developing a General Management Plan for Fayette Historic State Park. The DNR uses General Management Plans to define a long-range planning and management strategy that protects the resources of the site while addressing recreation needs and opportunities. Public and stakeholder input is a critical component of the planning process.

### About the meeting

The Fayette Historic State Park General Management Plan team cordially invites you to attend a stakeholder input meeting! The team hopes to gather valuable insights from your organization and other key players. This session will include a brief presentation from the DNR on the planning process and progress, followed by individual and group exercises to gather input to inform the plan. We request that your organization send a maximum of three representatives so we may accommodate everyone.

### Input survey

In addition, we are collecting input from park users via an online survey. You may share this link with any who may be interested.  
<http://survey.sogosurvey.com/r/4ghw89>

### Project website

[www.michigan.gov/parkmanagementplans](http://www.michigan.gov/parkmanagementplans)

For more information and to RSVP, please contact:

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**Fayette Historic State Park  
Stakeholder Workshop Summary  
September 14, 2017, 2-4pm  
Garden Township Hall**

Park stakeholders were invited to participate in a Strengths-Weaknesses-Opportunities-Threats (S.W.O.T.) analysis held at the Garden Township Hall on September 14<sup>th</sup> to gather input that would inform the planning team and guide the development of the Action Goals. A total of 54 stakeholders were invited to the meeting, including government and community representatives, business and tourism organizations and non-profit entities. The meeting began with introductions and a brief presentation on the management plan process. Input from the meeting is recorded below.

**STRENGTHS**

- Well-maintained
- Upkeep of buildings
- Nature and history combination
- Accessible
- Historic townsite model in visitor center
- Visual appeal
- Location
- Lack of crowds
- Relaxing atmosphere
- Something for everyone
- Sense of safety
- Preservation
- Water access
- School programming

**WEAKNESSES**

- Lack of signage on US 2
- Lack of awareness
- Lack of lodging options
- Lack of educational programs
- Wi-fi and cell phone coverage
- Transportation to site from area schools
- Accessibility to the townsite

**OPPORTUNITIES**

- Golf carts for access around townsite
- Costume interpretation
- Partnerships for promotion/ sharing brochures
- Signage improvements
- Market to Escanaba
- Regional marketing
- Snail Shell Harbor boat tour opportunities
- More historic buildings open to the public
- Have blacksmith demonstrations
- More food opportunities
- B&B/ alternative lodging in the park
- Special events/ weddings
- Artist in Residence program
- Home tours
- STEM classes for older kids (partnership with area schools)
- Project Learning Tree

## THREATS

- Continued building decay
- Vegetation taking over
- Funding
- Fire
- Vandalism
- Wind turbines

Fayette Historic State Park Stakeholder Workshop Attendees	
Name	Stakeholder Affiliation
Janet Daasch	Village Artisans
Robert Micheau	Bay de Noc CVB
Tom White	Schoolcraft Tourism and Communications
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**Planning Team Attendees:** Matt Lincoln (Park Planner/Land Liaison), Debbie Jensen (Park Management Plan Administrator), Randy Brown (Unit Supervisor), Eric Cadeau (Regional Field Planner), Troy Henderson (Historian), Ray Fahlsing (Stewardship Unit Manager), Peter Rose (Geologist), Eric Cowing (District Supervisor)






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July 11, 2017

To:   
Bay Mills Indian Community  
Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians  
Little Traverse Band of Odawa Indians  
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians  
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

The Parks and Recreation Division (PRD) of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is in the process of developing a new General Management Plan (GMP) for Fayette Historic State Park in Delta County, Michigan. The 721-acre park is located at Snail Shell Harbor on the shores of Lake Michigan and Big Bay de Noc. The park features the historic town site of Fayette, along with a visitor center, modern campground, picnic area, harbor docks, modern lodge, trails, and a swimming beach. The natural setting of the park is spectacular with the picturesque harbor adjacent to dramatic, 150-foot limestone cliffs that are home to three rare land snails and old growth cedar.

The park also includes approximately 90 acres in an area known as Burnt Bluff, located roughly four miles south of the historic town site. This part of the park is in Section 24, T38N, R20W, and is not contiguous with the main park area further north. Burnt Bluff, as its name suggests, is known for sheer limestone cliffs with terraces and shallow caves shaped by wave action of the lake over thousands of years. As with the Fayette town site, the Burnt Bluff area includes important and fragile cultural features. To protect those cultural resources, that part of the park is closed to entry by a Land Use Order of the Director.

The DNR uses GMPs to define a long-range planning and management strategy that will protect the natural, cultural, and historic resources of the site, while considering education and recreation opportunities. A planning team, representing various specialties within the DNR, has been established and is meeting regularly to develop the GMP for this site. The GMP will include designated management zones for the park and define 10-year action goals that provide specific guidance for development, stewardship of cultural and natural resources, recreation opportunities, education and interpretation opportunities and park management.

The planning process includes several opportunities for input to help guide the GMP. A stakeholder focus group meeting will be scheduled to gather input for plan development. In addition, an on-line survey will be available to solicit input from park visitors and a public meeting will be scheduled once the draft plan is developed to provide an opportunity for review and comment prior to adoption.

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We would like to give the Tribes the opportunity to meet with us independently to discuss the management plan process and any thoughts you may have in relation to Fayette Historic State Park and the Burnt Bluffs area. You are welcome to send representatives to the stakeholder focus group meeting, or the public meeting, which will be advertised later this year. Please contact either Mr. Matt Lincoln, PRD Management Plan Assistant, at 517-284-6111, or myself to arrange a meeting.

For additional information on our management plan process, please visit our website at [www.michigan.gov/parkmanagementplans](http://www.michigan.gov/parkmanagementplans).

Sincerely,



Trevor VanDyke  
Legal and Legislative Director  
Tribal Coordinator  
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cc. Mr. Matt Lincoln, PRD Management Plan Assistant  
Ms. Debbie Jensen, Park Management Plan Administrator  
Mr. Randy Brown, Unit Supervisor Fayette Historic State Park  
Mr. Eric Cowing, Eastern UP District Supervisor





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## *- DNR NEWS -*

May 2, 2018

Contact: [Matt Lincoln](#), 517-284-6111

### **DNR seeks public input on Fayette Historic State Park general management plan**



The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is seeking public input on a new draft general management plan for Fayette Historic State Park. The DNR will host a public meeting Tuesday, May 22, 6 to 8 p.m. at the Garden Township Hall, 6316 State Street in Garden, Michigan.

The general management plan defines a long-range (10 to 20 years)

planning and management strategy that will assist the DNR in meeting its responsibilities to 1) protect and preserve the site's natural and cultural resources, and 2) provide access to land- and water-based public recreation and educational opportunities.

The draft general management plan was developed after input was gathered from the public and stakeholders via an online survey this past fall.

A link to the draft general management plan for Fayette Historic State Park can be found at [michigan.gov/fayette](http://michigan.gov/fayette).

The 711-acre state park is located on the shores of Big Bay De Noc on the Garden Peninsula, 35 miles southwest of Manistique in Delta County in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The park features a historic townsite that once was a bustling iron smelting industrial community surrounding Snail Shell Harbor. More than 20 historic buildings and a visitors center provide opportunities for visitors to learn about life in a 19th-century industrial town through interpretation provided by the Michigan History Center. The park also is home to a modern campground, a newly renovated public harbor with 15 transient slips, boat launch, beach and five miles of trails for hiking and cross-country skiing that feature impressive views from the limestone cliffs that surround the harbor.

The May 22 meeting will begin with a short overview presentation of the draft plan. The public is welcome to attend the meeting at any time during the 90-minute period to review the planning materials, provide comments and talk to DNR staff. Comments also may be sent via email through May 29 to Matt Lincoln at [lincolnm@michigan.gov](mailto:lincolnm@michigan.gov).

For more information about the public meeting or the proposed plan, contact Matt Lincoln, DNR park management plan assistant, at 517-284-6111 (TTY/TDD711 Michigan Relay Center for the hearing impaired) or via email at [lincolnm@michigan.gov](mailto:lincolnm@michigan.gov). Anyone with disabilities who needs accommodations for the meeting should contact Lincoln at least five business days before the meeting.

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**/Note to editors:** An accompanying photo is available below for download. Caption information follows.

Fayette Historic State Park is located on the shores of Big Bay De Noc on the Garden Peninsula in the Upper Peninsula. The public is invited to a May 22 meeting to seek public comments on a draft general management plan for the park./

- [Fayette State Park.jpg](#)

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**Fayette Historic State Park  
Public Input Meeting Summary  
May 22, 2018, 6-8pm  
Garden Township Hall**

The public input meeting was held on May 22, 2018 from 6pm to 8pm at the Garden Township Hall. A total of 18 attendees were able to provide comment through sticky notes and comment forms for each section of the plan including significance statements, the zoning map and 10-year action goals. Attendees put green priority stickers for goals they agree with and red stickers for items not agreed with. The number of stickers per goal are recorded in the right column below.

<b>Public Input Meeting Attendees</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Lee Knoche	Public
Sue Knoche	Public
Laurie Kakpkrich	Public
Robert Carowitz	Public
Lloyd Pardy	Public
Brent Englerghl	Public
Lyndell Farley	Public
David Farley	Public
Mary Ann Beanvinis	Public
Vicki Schnab	Delta EDA
Sean Locker	Public
Lindsey Bleau	Public
David Bleau	Public
Alan Spaulding	Public
Renee Chandler	Public

**DNR Employees Present:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
Debbie Jensen	Management Plan Administrator
Matt Lincoln	Lands Program Manager/Plan Administrator
Eric Cadeau	Field Planner
Eric Cowing	District Supervisor
Randy Brown	Unit Supervisor
Troy Henderson	Historian
Tori Irving	Forester
Cody Norton	Wildlife Biologist

General Action Goals			
Many of the 10-Year Action Goals for Fayette Historic State Park are general in nature and apply within all of the management zones.			
Action Goals	Priority	Program Input From	Priority Stickers/ Comments
<b>Natural Resources</b>			
Implement invasive species control, with a strong emphasis on early detection and rapid response	Ongoing	Park Supervisor Stewardship	1
Monitor roads, trails, and any new development sites for possible invasive species introductions	Ongoing	Park Supervisor Stewardship	
Develop a Stewardship Plan for the park	1	Park Supervisor Stewardship	
<b>Recreation Opportunities</b>			
Support local efforts to develop a snowmobile/ORV route to the park from Garden	Ongoing	Trail Specialist Park Supervisor Local Partners	
Explore "artist in residency" program at the park	2	Park Supervisor Friends Group Local Partners	3
<b>Historic/Cultural Resources</b>			
Continue monitoring archaeological and cultural resources	Ongoing	Park Supervisor Stewardship State Archaeologist	
Review all proposed earthwork activities for potential impact on historic/cultural resources	Ongoing	Stewardship Regional Planner State Archaeologist	
<b>Education/Interpretation Opportunities</b>			
Expand interpretation of Native American history at the park	1	History Center Tribal Government State Archaeologist	1
<b>Management</b>			
Partner with regional tourist organizations and local communities to cross-promote and increase community involvement	Ongoing	Park Supervisor Regional and Local Partners	4
Support local efforts to improve cell service on the Garden Peninsula while protecting views from townsites	Ongoing	Park Supervisor	

Work to promote the park in a regional context with other DNR facilities (Portage Bay State Forest Campground, Palms Book and Indian Lake State Park)	Ongoing	Park Supervisor	
<b>General Action Goals (Continued)</b>			
Action Goals	Priority	Program Input From	Priority Stickers/ Comments
Establish and maintain Friends Group(s) for the park and historic townsite	Ongoing	Park Supervisor History Center	
Continue to explore land acquisition of properties within the Project Boundary with emphasis on inholdings	Ongoing	Park Supervisor Field Planner Land Liaison	
Continue to complete and comply with annual safety inspections and plans	Ongoing	Park Supervisor	
Improve and maintain roadways throughout park	Ongoing	Park Supervisor Field Planner District Supervisor	6
Evaluate and replace directional signs throughout the park	1	Park Supervisor District Supervisor	
Improve directional signs on US-2 and M-183	1	Park Supervisor District Supervisor MDOT	5 Put a sign up that calls it a Ghost Town
Work with Road Commission to abandon Delta County road 13.25 Lane at north and south end of the park	2	Park Supervisor Land Liaison DCRC	2

MDOT = Michigan Department of Transportation  
DCRC = Delta County Road Commission

<b>Ecologically Sensitive Zone</b>			
<b>This zone emphasizes the natural resource protection of three rare land snails and old-growth cedar trees located on the dolomite cliffs at the park. The zone is managed for protection purposes for the highest quality natural resources with no human impact.</b>			
Action Goals	Priority	Program Input From	Priority Stickers/ Comments
<b>Management Focus</b>			
Continue to manage natural resources for the protection of rare land snails and old-growth cedar trees	Ongoing	Park Supervisor Stewardship	



<b>Primitive Zone</b> <b>The Primitive Zone emphasizes the natural resources of Snake Island. It is managed to allow only dispersed, low frequency and low impact recreational use on the island. Only foot traffic is allowed in this zone.</b>			
Action Goals	Priority	Program Input From	Priority Stickers/ Comments
<b>Management</b>			
Continue to protect colonial nesting birds and habitat	Ongoing	Park Supervisor USFWS Wildlife Division Stewardship	25

USFWS = United States Fish and Wildlife Service

<b>Natural Resource Recreation Zone</b> <b>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. Much of the park's trail system is located in this zone.</b>			
Action Goals	Priority	Program Input From	Priority Stickers/ Comments
<b>Education/Interpretation Opportunities</b>			
Update existing interpretive signs in collaboration with History Center	1	History Center Stewardship MOD	1
<b>Recreation Opportunities</b>			
Continue to maintain opportunities for hunting/trapping/gathering/birding	Ongoing	Stewardship Wildlife Park Supervisor	
<b>Management</b>			
Selectively clear vegetation to maintain scenic views and maintain scenic overlooks	Ongoing	Park Supervisor	3
Dispose of land on northeast corner of M-183 and 13th Road	2	Park Supervisor Land Liaison	

MOD = Marketing and Outreach Division

## History Education Zone

**This zone encompasses cultural resources at the park for preservation, education and interpretation. This includes the historic townsite, visitor center, church site, cemetery, and Snail Shell Harbor. The management focus is to preserve the historic integrity of the zone elements and provide access for education and interpretation in partnership with the Michigan History Center.**

Action Goals	Priority	Program Input From	Priority Stickers/ Comments
<b>Education/Interpretation Opportunities</b>			
Evaluate and explore alternative interpretive techniques including self-guided tours, reenactments, improved technology and other storytelling	Ongoing	Park Supervisor History Center	1
Develop and install a new interpretive exhibit in machine shop	1	History Center	2
Develop a downloadable interpretive GIS-based application for the historic townsite	3	Park Supervisor History Center	
<b>Recreation Opportunities</b>			
Perform a cost benefit analysis and feasibility study for providing alternative lodging at building 30/ 31	3	Park Supervisor District Supervisor Field Planner History Center Stewardship	
<b>Management</b>			
Manage vegetation to protect scenic vistas and building foundations	Ongoing	Park Supervisor State Archaeologist	7
Continue to maintain and preserve historic structures	Ongoing	Park Supervisor Stewardship History Center SHPO	6
Prepare a study evaluating the fire suppression system at the historic townsite	1	Park Supervisor District Supervisor Field Planner	1
Upgrade fire suppression system at historic townsite based on recommendations from evaluation study	TBD per study	Park Supervisor District Supervisor Field Planner	2
Develop and install directional signs for barrier free access to the historic townsite	1	Park Supervisor Field Planner	
Evaluate electrical distribution at the historic town site	1	Park Supervisor District Supervisor Field Planner	

History Education Zone (continued)			
Action Goals	Priority	Program Input From	Priority Stickers/ Comments
Implement electrical distribution upgrades based on evaluation at the historic town site	1	Park Supervisor District Supervisor Field Planner	
Clear and perform a prescribed burn at the former baseball/race track area to maintain desired vegetation cover	2	Park Supervisor Stewardship History Center FRD	
Complete a historic structures report for remaining buildings not included in the previous report	2	Park Supervisor History Center Stewardship SHPO	
Apply to establish the townsite as a National Historic Landmark	2	History Center SHPO Stewardship	2
<b>Development</b>			
Update and prioritize recommendations from 1994 Hotel Architectural Analysis and Preservation Plan	1	Park Supervisor Field Planner History Center Stewardship	
Construct barrier free access ramp to the town hall building	1	Park Supervisor District Supervisor Field Planner	1
Construct deck at the A. Gene Gazlay Visitor Center	1	Park Supervisor	
Improve access to the visitor's center from the parking lot using universal design principles where feasible	1	Park Supervisor District Supervisor Field Planner	
Redesign and replace outdoor interpretive signs	2	History Center	1
Evaluate and recommend accessibility improvements from the A. Gene Gazlay Visitor Center to the historic townsite	2	Park Supervisor Field Planner History Center Stewardship	Something to help elderly people get from the Visitor Center to the Townsite
Identify and develop an alternate shore fishing site to the boat dock facilities. (e.g. reconstruct the historic dock, renovate the old fishing dock)	3	Park Supervisor District Supervisor Field Planner SHPO Fisheries Division	7

SHPO = State Historic Preservation Office

FRD = Forest Resources Division

TBD = To be determined

## Developed Recreation Zone

**Active recreation with high density of use, in areas not designated for natural resource significance, is characteristic of the Developed Recreation Zone. This zone encompasses the picnic area, swimming beach, campground, boating access site, and the dock facility in the harbor.**

Action Goals	Priority	Program Input From	Priority Stickers/ Comments
<b>Recreation Opportunities</b>			
Evaluate opportunities and conduct a cost-benefit analysis for alternative accommodations like cabins or yurts	2	Park Supervisor District Supervisor Field Planner	1
Carry out a study to evaluate the demand for increased/ alternative camping opportunities in the region and the potential for Fayette HSP to support these needs	3	Park Supervisor District Supervisor Field Planner	1
In partnership with Friends Group, design and develop a playground	3	Park Supervisor Field Planner Friends Group	1
<b>Management</b>			
Dispose of land located on the southeast corner of 13.25 Lane and 12th Lane.	2	Park Supervisor Field Planner	
Following county road abandonment, secure appropriate access between the campground and day-use beach area	2	Park Supervisor Field Planner	9
<b>Development</b>			
Designate barrier-free campsites within campground and make improvements as necessary	1	Park Supervisor District Supervisor Field Planner	1
Develop walk-in tent-only campsites	2	Park Supervisor Field Planner	1
Develop universally accessible shoreline overlook at day-use area	3	Park Supervisor District Supervisor Field Planner	8

## Administrative Services Zone

**This zone encompasses the developed areas required for program administration and operations. It includes the headquarters offices and maintenance facilities and associated land.**

Action Goals	Priority	Program Input From	Priority Stickers/ Comments
Upgrade water treatment plant	2	Park Supervisor District Supervisor Field Planner	2
Develop cold storage facility	3	Park Supervisor District Supervisor Field Planner	

**Additional Comments Received:**

- Provide more marketing for the park in the form of a billboard at US-2 so people know where the park is
- Road entry apron for exit should be longer
- GPS coordinates listed on website leads to the Old 183 park entrance, not the current park entrance
- Road repair on entrance/exit to the campground
- Add a separate campground with pull-off sites like at Bewabic State Park, possibly on upper road just past the dump station at the top of that hill. Tents and yurts would be good for those campers
- Please do not protect the cormorants on Snake Island. The DNR works great with residents on a program that reduces the population. Reinstate that because they eat our fish!
- I'd like to see an action item targeting kids. Ideas are storytelling in the park, maple syrup making, wood carving and extend it beyond local school districts.
- A child-friendly area of the park would be great. The kids do not have a good play area or beach!
- Concern about windmills too close to the park affecting the scenic vistas and causing noise
- Access to the park for handicap

**Additional Items Discussed:**

- Land surplus process for the two parcels being recommended for disposal
- Has the park reached it's potential for visitors? Advertise the park more
- Beach area is in bad shape and needs to be improved
- Road repair at campground entrance (dip)



## E-mailed Comments:

Good Morning,

I heard about the public comment meeting tonight on the future of Fayette State Park. I cannot make the meeting tonight so therefore I am emailing my comments. I wanted to pass along the upgrades to the harbor are beautiful but really can only be enjoyed by traveling through, much larger boats.

We have a 23' Trophy Bayliner and cannot put the boat in the water from the boat launch because of the depth and setup. It would be nice to have the boat launch dredged so that the little larger boats could put in for the day and then spend the night at the nicely upgraded campgrounds or stay the night or weekend in the harbor to fish on the lake and enjoy the park.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Mr. Lincoln,

I am writing in regard to the update of the Fayette Historic Park land management plan. I was on the DNR website recently and saw that I missed a survey opportunity. I hope you received positive and varied feedback from that survey. It also appears that there will be an open house in Spring 2018. I would like to know more about that and also what sort of public input you are hoping to receive.

You may not know this, but Heritage Sustainable Energy, LLC is planning a number of industrial wind turbines less than 1 mile from the park. These are 500 foot structures that would be visible from anywhere within the park. Depending on the wind, they could also be heard from that distance. As a frequent visitor to the park, I personally feel this would greatly detract from the historical atmosphere. Also, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has asked that Heritage refrain from placing any more turbines on the peninsula due to wildlife impacts. I believe the DNR would also share these concerns. Please see attached letters from USFWS. If you do not wish to read them in their entirety, please read the 3rd paragraph of the document from 2011 and the top of page 2 of the document from 2014. Please note that the proposal sent to the USFWS only had 21 turbines, their most recent plan is for 40 (Phase II siting document, also attached).

Unfortunately, the USFWS does not really have any policing authority. I am asking that DNR advocate for legislation that would disallow any industrial wind turbine within 5 miles of the Fayette state park-or any state park for that matter. People, often those without any other means of enjoying nature, rely on our state parks to embrace the outdoors. Having to see/hear/feel these 500 foot structures ruins the natural experience. I understand that the DNR does not have any voting rights, but you do have the ability to help draft legislation. Governor Snyder himself, in a speaking engagement in Marquette, stated that we need to be very careful about the placement of turbines and that "We certainly would not want them near Pictured Rocks." From an ecological perspective, the Garden Peninsula and Fayette is far more significant than Pictured Rocks. I am also contacting my congressmen, but the advocacy of the DNR would be greatly helpful.

On another note, I don't know what the DNR has planned for the land management plan for Fayette, but I noticed that there aren't any barns. I have on my property standing period barns (late 1800s) that are in good repair that would be ideal for the townsite. We are about 6-7 miles from the park and would be willing to donate one if it could be preserved properly.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns

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Sorry I am late. I took a quick read and have no comments. I am glad to see the state is taking a continued and active role in maintaining this park. Thanks.