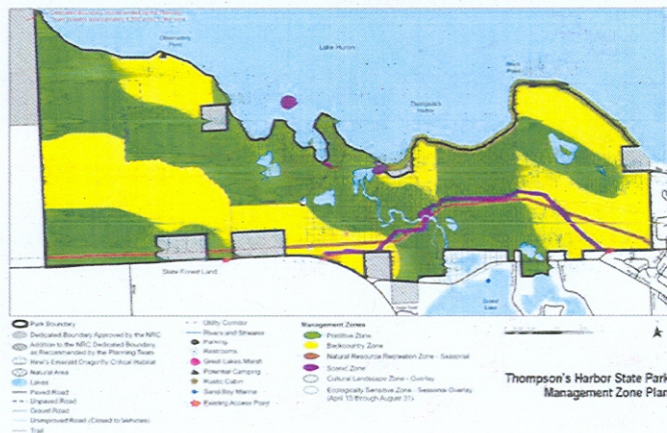


PHASE 2 – LONG RANGE ACTION GOALS PLAN

Thompson's Harbor State Park



The project was directed by Paul N. Curtis, Management Plan Administrator Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment, Recreation Division with assistance from Birchler Arroyo Associates, Inc.

PLAN APPROVALS:

10/18/10
Date



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Date



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PLAN APPROVAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

<u>Paul N. Curtis</u> Park Management Plan Administrator	<u>8/19/2010</u> Date
<u>Ray Fahlsing</u> Stewardship Unit Manager	<u>8/23/2010</u> Date
<u>Gary Ellenwood ¹</u> Gaylord District Supervisor (see e-mail appended to plan)	<u>9/14/2010</u> Date
<u>Keith Cheli ^{1 - 2}</u> Gaylord District Planner (see e-mail appended to plan)	<u>9/8/2010</u> Date
<u>Tom Paquin ^{1 - 2}</u> Manager, Cheboygan FO (see e-mail appended to plan)	<u>9/29/2010</u> Date
<u>Kevin Frailey</u> METD - Marketing, Education, and Technology Division	<u>9/7/2010</u> Date

Approval Comments:

- #1 – Recommend approval of plan if appropriate funding/staffing is obligated
- #2 – Identify two 80 acre parcels as State owned and reference additional cabin

FOR INFORMATION:

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NRC – MICHIGAN STATE PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE & STEWARDSHIP/OPERATIONS
SUBCOMMITTEE

DNRE – STATEWIDE COUNCIL

DNRE – NLP ECOTEAM

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RD – SECTION CHIEFS AND MANAGEMENT TEAM

INTRODUCTION

A General Management Plan 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 Recreation Division (RD), and the specific Purpose and Significance of the park. Phase I GMP is the first of four phases of planning. This document, Phase 2 Action Plan, is directed by the Phase 1 plan and identifies goals to be obtained over the next ten years.

In this phase, the first action is to re-evaluate the General Management Plan to assure that no conditions have changed that would cause a change in the overall guiding document. Having recently adopted the General Management Plan for this park in 2008, it stands as written.

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

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

BACKGROUND OF THOMPSON'S HARBOR STATE PARK AND OVERVIEW OF PHASE 1

Thompson's Harbor State Park is a 5,110-acre State Park on Lake Huron, located in Presque Isle County. The Recreation Division (RD) completed the Phase I General Management Plan (GMP) process for Thompson's Harbor State Park in 2008. The endeavor represents a new planning philosophy of the RD. "Management Planning," a comprehensive, resource-based process, is the RD's adaptation of National Park Service planning methodology. Through the planning process, the Planning Team (made up of DNRE Department staff, government officials, stakeholders and the public), the Core Values for Thompson's Harbor were developed. Thompson's Harbor was determined to be significant for the following reasons:

1. Unique habitats that allow for a diversity of flora and fauna (the Park is one of the highest ranking pieces State-owned land in terms of prevalence of species of special concern, endangered species, threatened species, and exemplary natural communities).
2. Alvar glade communities found within the Park.

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3. Large concentrations of Dwarf lake iris, a federally and state threatened species, occurs within the Park (Thompson's Harbor is recognized as a premier location for viewing expanses of blooming iris in the spring).
4. Location within the Lake Huron Flyway (State and Federal agencies use the bird census data from this area as a litmus test of the health of Lake Huron and the shoreline environment).
5. A 304-acre dedicated Natural Area.
6. A 156-acre dedicated Critical Habitat for the Hine's emerald dragonfly, an endangered species.
7. Many unique natural features, including 7.5 miles of Lake Huron shoreline, dunes, fens, Great Lakes Marsh, and bogs.
8. Many recreational opportunities, including birding, wildlife viewing, hiking, hunting and trapping, and cross-country skiing.
9. A fen, which is an ideal near-shore small mouth bass fishery.
10. A Great Lakes Marsh wetland complex (Pitcher plants thrive in this unique habitat).
11. Historical artifacts: Remnants of the lumber and shipping industries, and the farming, lumbering and shipping community that formed as a results of these industries; Native American remnants; and the wreck of the schooner AMERICAN UNION.
12. It is part of several regional networks.

In concert with this analysis of Thompson's Harbor, the Planning Team, with stakeholder and public input, established appropriate Management Zones and their extent of influence on the Park. From a pallet of nine standard zones, six were applied to Thompson's Harbor. While the full descriptions of these zones are included in the Phase 1 document, a condensed review of the Management Zones follows:

- ☐ Ecologically Sensitive Seasonal Overlay Zone enhances and protects the Piping plover nesting habitat. This zone coincides with the critical habitat designation for the plover. Although should a plover be found to nesting outside of this described area, the Seasonal Overlay will apply. The seasonal designation applies from April 15 to August 31. The zone is applied to 2.8 miles of shoreline, extending 100 feet in from the shoreline, and 100 feet into Lake Huron waters. The land area covered by the zone totals 34 acres, or 0.7% of the Park. Including Lake Huron waters, the area covered by the overlay totals approximately 68 acres.
- ☐ Primitive Zone reflects a desired condition that emphasizes the natural resources. The majority of Thompson's Harbor, 2,760 acres, or 54% of the total land area, is

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zoned Primitive. The designation was generally applied to land that contains sensitive wetland areas, the dedicated Natural Area, the dedicated Critical Habitat, and sensitive or undisturbed forested land. This zone underlies the Ecologically Sensitive Seasonal Overlay Zone described above.

- Backcountry Zone emphasizes resource quality over recreation, but allows modifications of the landscape accommodate moderate levels of active recreation uses. Approximately 2,050 acres, or 40% of the total land area, is zoned Backcountry. Activities that could occur in this zone include hiking trails, hunting and trapping, rustic camping, bicycling, equestrian use, where appropriate, and other complementary uses.
- Natural Resource Recreation Seasonal Zone permits higher levels of uses, however there is still an emphasis on resource quality over recreation. The designation would apply in winter months to allow for snowmobile use. During non-winter seasons, the zone would revert to surrounding management zone designations. Approximately 265 acres, or 5% of the total land area, is zoned Natural Resource Recreation Seasonal.
- Scenic Zone recognizes that there are aesthetic qualities to be preserved and protected in the Park. While there are many, those identified during the planning process, and noted on the management zone plan, are: an Lake Huron overlook; a shipwreck viewable from sea level due to the shallow waters of Lake Huron; and, a viewshed at the Old State Road and Grand Lake outlet crossing. Approximately 26 acres, or 0.5% of the total land area, are zoned Scenic.
- Cultural Landscape Overlay Zone addresses the overall setting in which is found historic structures, and also non-structural evidence of the traditions, beliefs, practices, lifeways, arts, crafts and social institutions of any community. A Cultural Landscape Overlay Zone applies to the three Scenic Zones, and the eastern shoreline of western Thompson's Harbor (the site of a European settlement during the late 1800's due to the shipping trade). Remnants of this settlement remain today. This zone covers approximately 0.8% of land area, or 40 acres.

In addition, to the Management Zones, the GMP recommends that other aspects of the Park be considered:

- Regional Consideration. The planning for Thompson's Harbor State Park was performed in conjunction with the planning for Negwegon State Park and the Rockport Property. The planning effort, supported by a consensus of the Planning Team, resulted in the following concept: Rockport would be established as the central "hub" of the three sites, allowing Negwegon and Thompson's Harbor to remain in a relatively undisturbed, natural state.
- Access and Parking. There are two points of access into Thompson's Harbor. One is directly off of US-23, and leads to the trailhead parking area. The second is from Old State Road, leading to the Grand Lake outlet, where there is a turn-around with limited parking.

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- Signage. Appropriate signage is needed to inform the public of the park location. Interpretive, directional and education signage within each park is incorporated in Phase 2.
- Camping. Creating a camping opportunity at Observatory Point and Black Point is a consideration of this management plan. Camping would be hike-in or kayak-in access only.
- Rustic Cabin. Thompson's Harbor offers a rustic cabin, located approximately 1/4 mile from the central parking area. The cabin is hike-in access only.
- Future Purchases. Part of the DNRE's mission is to acquire lands with unique natural, cultural and historic resources for the purposes of public recreation and education. The Natural Resources Commission approved a dedicated boundary for Thompson's Harbor State Park in 2004. The Planning Team's recommendation for expanding the project boundary is included in this GMP. This would significantly expand the Park, with expansion of the boundary to the west to incorporate approximately 6,000 acres currently owned by US Steel. Land within the dedicated boundary would be a priority purchase for the DNRE, should the opportunity to purchase and funding become available. Major land purchases would prompt an amendment to this GMP. NOTE: Since completion of the Phase 1 plan, two 80-acre parcels on either side of the park entrance were acquired by the DNRE for park expansion. One of the two parcels is developed with a cabin that will be used for overnight accommodations at this park. Future uses of these parcels will be subject to appropriate management zoning, which will be considered in the future.



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Acronyms used:

- **RD** **Recreation Division**
- **FMD** **Forest Management Division**
- **NAC** **NORTH Advisory Committee**
- **METD** **Marketing, Education, and Technology Division**
- **MNFI** **Michigan Natural Features Inventory**
- **TBNMS** **Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary**

These final draft goals were developed based upon input and discussion from the full Planning Team, Stakeholders, and the public.

THOMPSON'S HARBOR STATE PARK

1. General Action Goals (Applies to the whole park)

Action Goal	Target Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Staff
1. Land acquisition within boundary	On-going	Lands-Management	Lands Manager
2. Prepare a Director's Order to close Backcountry and Primitive zones to snowmobile use (with review of appropriate user group)	2015	Park User Group	Park Manager
3. Maintain park open to hunting	On-going	Park	Park Manager
4. Expand NRC boundary per the Phase 1 plan recommendation	2012	Lands-Management	Lands Manager
5. Develop (Phase 1) Stewardship Plan	2014	Stewardship	Stewardship Ecologist
6. Implement (Phase 2) Stewardship Plan for the park	Per Stewardship Plan	Stewardship Park	Park Manager
7. Implement the specific provisions of the Biodiversity Conservation Planning Process (BCPP)	On-going	Stewardship & Park	Park Manager
8. Develop a cultural resources inventory of the park for interpretation, protection and preservation	2020	Stewardship	Stewardship Cultural Specialist
9. Prepare an Emergency Plan for entire park	2011	Park	Park Manager
10. Routine review of Wildfire Plan	Annual (per policy)	Park Stewardship	Park Manager
11. Identify opportunities to improve connectivity within and beyond park boundaries; e.g. opportunities with US 23 Heritage Route and the Rogers City Spur Trail	On-going	Planning Park NAC	District Planner

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12. Work with local units of government, county road commissions, private landowners to improve access to the park	On-going. Set up joint meeting with county road commissions 1 st Quarter 2010	Planning Park	District Planner
13. Tie into ecotourism plan recommendations	On-going	Operations Park NAC METD	Marketing Specialist and Recreation Programmer
14. Review all proposed earthwork activities for potential impact on historic/cultural resources	On-going	Stewardship	Stewardship Cultural Specialist
15. Develop ecotourism concession opportunities	On-going	NAC Park METD Resource-Management	Contract Specialist
16. Develop specific interpretation and education opportunities with Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (TBNMS)	On-going	METD TBNMS Park	METD Education Unit
17. Explore and develop revenue generating opportunities that are sustainable	On-going	Program-Services Operations District Park	Funds Specialist
18. Update Natural Features Inventory	2010	MNFI Stewardship	Stewardship Ecologist
19. Develop a master 'Site Development Plan' for the park	2016	Planning Park	District Planner
20. Meet requirements of the Natural Areas Act	On-going	Park	Park Manager
21. Monitor progress of Natural Area proposal	On-going	Planning Stewardship	Stewardship Ecologist
22. Dedicate staffing and budget resources to address goals (including partnerships and volunteers as appropriate)	On-going	Program-Services District Park	District Supervisor Park Manager
23. Promote volunteer partnerships to meet resource goals	On-going	Friends NAC Park Stewardship	Park Manager
24. Identify water trail connections; e.g. Blue Waters Trails	On-going	Planning	District Planner
25. Update zone plan for new acquisitions	On-going	Planning	Park Management Plan Administrator
26. Assess existing roadbeds for other multi-use trail opportunities (then establish appropriate zone designation to fit recommended use)	2013	Planning Park Stewardship NAC	District Planner

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27. Carry out the recommendations of the trail assessment	2017	Planning Park	District Planner
28. Develop and conduct monitoring program for archeological resources	Develop by 2020, then On-going	Stewardship	Stewardship Cultural Specialist
29. Develop efficient review process for appropriate commercial interpretation and recreation opportunities	2015	METD Planning Stewardship Resource-Management Park	Resource Management Unit
30. Encourage formation of a Thompson's Harbor Friends Group	2012	Park NAC	Park Manager



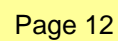
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Management Zone Plan
Ecologically Sensitive Seasonal Overlay Zone

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2. Ecologically Sensitive Zone (plovers on beach...seasonal) (ES)			
Natural Resources (ES)			
Action Goal	Target Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Staff
1. Inspect for piping plover nesting on beach and pitcher's thistle	On-going seasonal	Stewardship Park	Park Manager
Historic/Cultural Resources (ES)			
Action Goal	Target Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Staff
NA			
Recreation Opportunities (ES)			
Action Goal	Target Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Staff
1. None during zone season (April 15 – August 31) in vicinity of nests when plovers are nesting			
Education Opportunities (ES)			
Action Goal	Target Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Staff
1. Outside the zone to interpret the plovers and management efforts to protect them	On-going	METD, Stewardship, & Park	METD Education Unit
2. Utilize variety of media, including audio and visual technologies for interpretation	On-going	METD	METD Education Unit
Management Focus (ES)			
Action Goal	Target Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Staff
1. Monitor and protect piping plover and their nesting sites by installing exclosures or other methods	Annual, as-needed	Park Stewardship Volunteers	Park Manager
Development (ES)			
Action Goal	Target Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Staff
NA			

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3. Primitive Zone (P)			
Natural Resources (P)			
Action Goal	Target Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Staff
1. Preserve/protect the forested wet swale community	On-going	Stewardship Park	Park Manager
2. Maintain designated Hines emerald dragonfly habitat	On-going	Stewardship Park	Park Manager
3. Conduct surveys and control invasive species as described in the park stewardship plan	On-going	Stewardship MNFI	Stewardship Ecologist
Historic/Cultural Resources (P)			
Action Goal	Target Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Staff
1. Assess old town site (west of the Grand Lake outlet) and identify opportunities (if any) to preserve	2015	Stewardship Park	Stewardship Cultural Specialist
Recreation Opportunities (P)			
Action Goal	Target Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Staff
1. Maintain accessible trails	On-going	Park	Park Manager
2. Enhance opportunities for non-motorized (carry in – carry out) use of outfall stream and downstream waters from Grand Lake	2017	Planning Park	District Planner
3. Maintain and enhance opportunities for hunting/gathering/trapping, bird watching, trail use and camping	On-going	Planning Park Friends NAC	Park Manager
Education Opportunities (P)			
Action Goal	Target Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Staff
1. Develop interpretive message for designated trail(s) and viewing areas of cultural and natural resources for the purpose of interpretation	On-going	Planning Stewardship METD	METD Education Unit
2. Interpret the American Union shipwreck	2015	METD Stewardship Park TBNMS	METD Education Unit

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3. Identify resources to highlight for off-site interpretation	2015	Park Stewardship METD TBNMS	Stewardship Ecologist & Stewardship Cultural Specialist
4. Utilize variety of media, including audio and visual technologies for interpretation	2015	METD	METD Education Unit

Management Focus (P)

Action Goal	Target Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Staff
1. Address user conflicts	On-going	NAC Friends Park	Park Manager
2. Implement the education/interpretation recommendations for the zones	On-Going	METD Stewardship Park	METD Education Unit
3. Maintain ADA trails to that standard	On-going	Park	Park Manager
4. Investigate impacts of motor use on the waters of the Grand Lake Outlet and recommend whether or not a Land Use Order prohibiting motors is needed	2012	Park	Park Manager

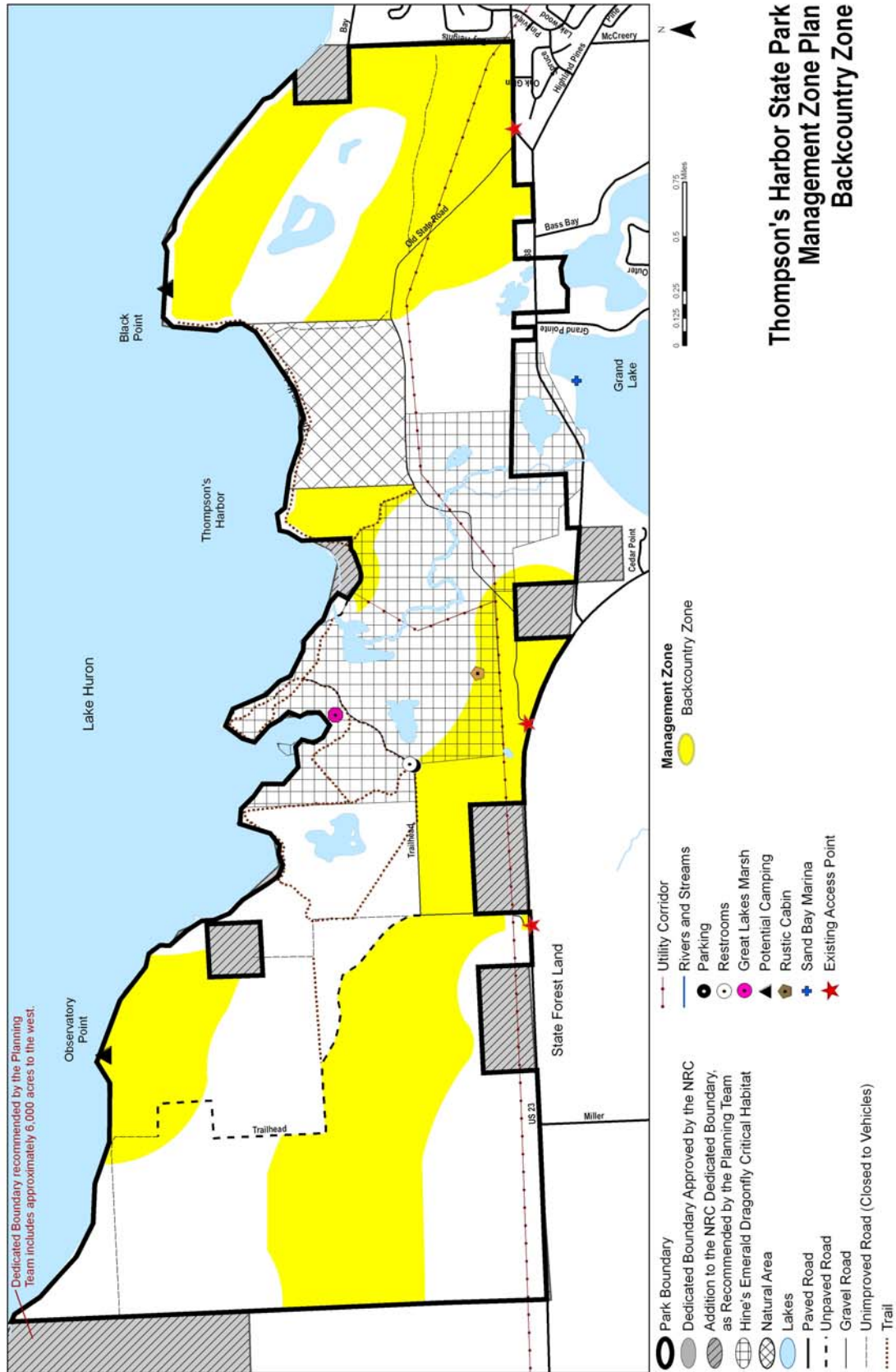
Development (P)

Action Goal	Target Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Staff
1. Develop appropriate education/interpretation trail(s) and viewing locations	2018	Planning Park Stewardship	District Planner



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4. Backcountry Zone (B)			
Natural Resources (B)			
Action Goal	Target Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Staff
1. Conduct surveys and control invasive species as described in the park stewardship plan	On-going	Stewardship MNFI	Stewardship Ecologist
2. Preserve/protect the native natural communities	On-going	Park Stewardship MNFI	Park Manager
3. Maintain designated Hines Emerald Dragonfly habitat	On-going	Park Stewardship	Park Manager
Historic/Cultural Resources (B)			
Action Goal	Target Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Staff
NA			
Recreation Opportunities (B)			
Action Goal	Target Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Staff
1. Maintain and enhance opportunities for hunting/gathering/trapping, bird watching, trail use and camping	On-going	Planning Park NAC Friends	Park Manager
2. Identify opportunities for backcountry camping and other opportunities for overnight accommodations in this zone	2015	Stewardship Planning Park	District Planner
Education Opportunities (B)			
Action Goal	Target Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Staff
1. Incorporate interpretive efforts of TBNMS at park	2011	METD Stewardship Park TBNMS	Park Manager
2. Develop appropriate interpretive message for trail(s) and viewing areas of cultural and natural resources for the purpose of interpretation	2015	METD Planning Park Stewardship TBNMS	METD Education Unit
3. Develop/install kiosks and displays appropriate to the zone (at trailheads) in cooperation with TBNMS	2015	METD Planning Park Stewardship TBNMS	Park Manager

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4. Identify resources to highlight for off-site interpretation	2015	METD, Planning, Park, stewardship, & TBMS	Stewardship Ecologist & Stewardship Cultural Specialist
5. Utilize variety of media, including audio and visual technologies for interpretation	2015	METD, Planning, Park, Stewardship, & TBMS	METD Education Unit

Management Focus (B)

Action Goal	Target Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Staff
1. Address user conflicts	On-going	NAC Park Friends	Park Manager
2. Identify and promote the Education/Interpretation opportunities in the zone	On-going	METD Park	METD Education Unit

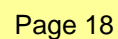
Development (B)

Action Goal	Target Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Staff
1. Carry out the recommendations of the trail assessment as appropriate for this zone	2017	Planning Stewardship Park	District Planner



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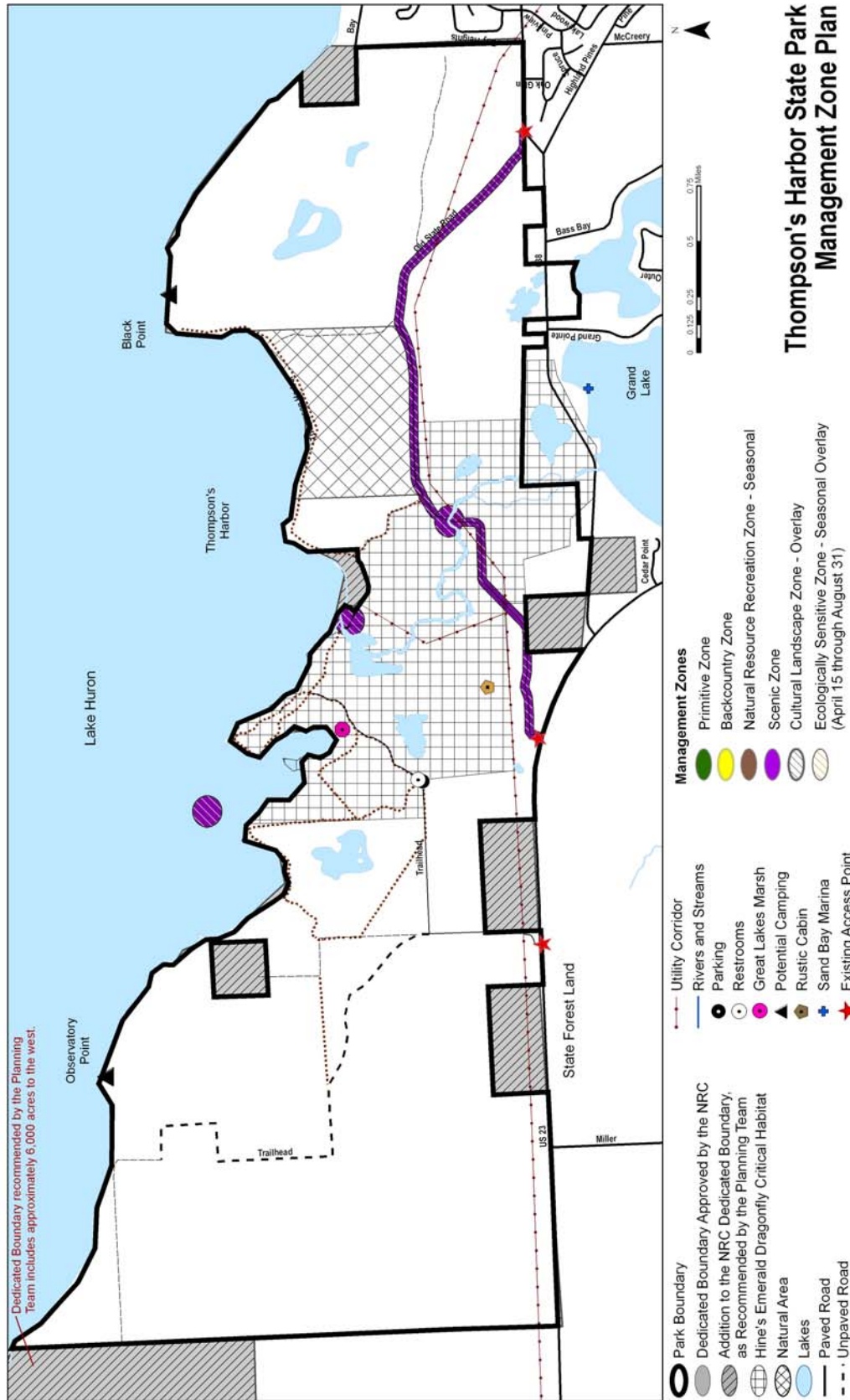
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5. Natural Resource Recreation Zone (seasonal) (NRR)			
Natural Resources (NRR)			
Action Goal	Target Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Staff
1. Follow underlying zone recommendations – Assess zone annually for negative resource impacts (e.g. on dwarf lake iris)			
Historic/Cultural Resources (NRR)			
Action Goal	Target Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Staff
1. Follow underlying zone recommendations			
Recreation Opportunities (NRR)			
Action Goal	Target Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Staff
1. Provide snowmobile route in winter	2018	Planning Park	Park Manager
Education Opportunities (NRR)			
Action Goal	Target Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Staff
1. Provide educational kiosks explaining importance of snowmobiles remaining on designated trail	2015	Park METD	METD Education Unit
2. Follow underlying zone recommendations			
Management Focus (NRR)			
Action Goal	Target Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Staff
1. Follow underlying zone recommendations			
2. Prepare Director's Order to establish snowmobile trail and restricted use	2018	Park	Park Manager
3. Address illegal ORV activity	On-going	Park Law-Enforcement Local Authorities	Park Manager & Law-Enforcement
Development (NRR)			
Action Goal	Target Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Staff
1. As required to accommodate snowmobile use and protect resources	2018	Planning Park	District Planner

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6. Scenic Zone (S)			
Natural Resources (S)			
Action Goal	Target Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Staff
1. Vegetative management to maintain or enhance the views	On-going	Stewardship Park	Park Manager
2. Follow underlying zone recommendations			
Historic/Cultural Resources (S)			
Action Goal	Target Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Staff
1. Follow underlying zone recommendations			
Recreation Opportunities (S)			
Action Goal	Target Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Staff
1. Investigate opportunities for accessible viewing (auto tour) of scenic landscape (notably spring flowers) along Old State Road	2015	Planning	District Planner
Education Opportunities (S)			
Action Goal	Target Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Staff
1. Utilize variety of media, including audio and visual technologies for interpretation	On-going	METD	METD Education Unit
2. Develop interpretive message for appropriate locations along scenic Old State Road	2015	METD Stewardship Park	METD Education Unit
Management Focus (S)			
Action Goal	Target Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Staff
1. Work with County Road Commission to assure sensitive maintenance of the ROW and any proposed improvements appropriate to this zone – Review for rare species (e.g. dwarf lake iris)	On-going	Planning Stewardship Park County Road-Commission	Park Manager and Stewardship Ecologist
Development (S)			
Action Goal	Target Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Staff
1. Install signage appropriate to scenic views	2018	Stewardship Park County Road-Commission	Park Manager

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Provide pull-off locations for scenic views along road– Review for rare species (e.g. dwarf lake iris)	2018	Planning, Stewardship, Park, & County Road Commission	District Planner and Stewardship Ecologist
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7. Cultural Landscape Zone (overlay) (CL)			
Natural Resources (CL)			
Action Goal	Target Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Staff
1. Follow underlying zone recommendations			
Historic/Cultural Resources (CL)			
Action Goal	Target Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Staff
1. Preserve and protect old town site, remnants and ships	Ongoing	TBNMS Stewardship Park	Park Manager
Recreation Opportunities (CL)			
Action Goal	Target Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Staff
1. Follow underlying zone recommendations			
Education Opportunities (CL)			
Action Goal	Target Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Staff
1. Follow underlying zone recommendations			
2. Develop kiosks at trailheads and interpretive signage along trails and other appropriate locations that educate and interpret the 'Thompson' story(s)	2010	METD Stewardship Planning Park	METD Education Unit
3. "Tell" the shipwreck story	2015	METD Stewardship Park TBNMS	METD Education Unit
4. Utilize variety of media, including audio and visual technologies for interpretation	On-going	METD	METD Education Unit
Management Focus (CL)			
Action Goal	Target Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Staff
1. Follow underlying zone recommendations			

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Development (CL)			
Action Goal	Target Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Staff
1. Install kiosks at trailheads and interpretive signage along trails and other appropriate locations that educate and interpret the 'Thompson' story(s)	2018	Park	Park Manager
2. Follow underlying zone recommendations			



Flora in Thompson's Harbor State Park

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RECOMMENDATIONS TO APPROVE

Negwegon SP, Rockport, and Thompson's Harbor SP

Request for Recommendation

From: Curtis, Paul (DNRE)

Sent: Tuesday, September 07, 2010 9:24 AM

To: Ellenwood, Gary (DNRE); Sylvester, Anna; Cheli, Keith; Rife, Troy (DNRE); Mullen, Daniel (DNRE); Paquin, Thomas

Cc: Nardo, Mary (DNRE)

Subject: "Recommendation to Approve" - NRTH PH2 - Long Range Action Goals Plans

All...I' m trying this a different way so that I don' t have to send out a hardcopy for signatures. I need each of you to respond to this e-mail with your response (yes or no) indicating your recommendation that the plan be approved, for:

- (1) Negwegon SP – PH2 Plan
- (2) Rockport – PH2 Plan
- (3) Thompson' s Harbor SP – PH2 Plan

I will make the notation on the second page and include your e-mail recommendations in the appendix for each plan. Please respond no later than Friday, September 24...sooner if you can. Let me know if you have any questions...Paul

Responses (Negwegon SP)

From: Sylvester, Anna (DNRE)

Sent: Monday, October 11, 2010 8:27 AM

To: Curtis, Paul (DNRE)

Subject: RE: NRTH Phase 2 - recommendation to approve

[Yes, I approve](#)

From: Mullen, Daniel (DNRE)

Sent: Thursday, September 09, 2010 2:31 PM

To: Curtis, Paul (DNRE)

Subject: RE: "Recommendation to Approve" - NRTH PH2 - Long Range Action Goals Plans

[Yes! Dan](#)

From: Rife, Troy (DNRE)

Sent: Wednesday, September 08, 2010 9:58 AM

To: Curtis, Paul (DNRE)

Subject: RE: "Recommendation to Approve" - NRTH PH2 - Long Range Action Goals Plans

[yes on negwegon, troy](#)

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Responses (Rockport and Thompson's Harbor SP)

From: Ellenwood, Gary (DNRE)
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2010 9:13 AM
To: Curtis, Paul (DNRE)
Cc: Paquin, Thomas
Subject: RE: "Recommendation to Approve" - NRTH PH2 - Long Range Action Goals Plans
Paul....

The two plans I'm comfortable commenting are Thompson's Harbor and Rockport.

While I agree with the plan scopes and recommendations and give my conditional approval; I feel that in both case's it must be recognized and acknowledged that for either plan to be successful the Division needs to be fiscally committed to making them a reality. I would not endorse the transfer of Rockport from Forest Management Division to Recreation Division unless the funding is in place to make it a viable State Park. Field Staff has shrunk to the point that we can no longer continue to set them up for failure by continuing to give card blanche endorsement of unfunded mandates.

Good plan – but funding is crucial.

From: Cheli, Keith
Sent: Wed 09/08/2010
To: Mullen, Daniel; Paquin, Thomas; Sylvester, Anna; Curtis, Paul; Ellenwood, Gary; Rife, Troy
Cc: Nardo, Mary
Subject: Re. "Recommendation to Approve" – NRTH PH2 – Long Range Action Goals Plans

Paul -

I Recommend Approval of the NRTH Phase 2 - Long Range Action Goals Plans with the following contingencies and observations.

Thompson's Harbor State Park

1. Recreation Division has acquired two 80 acre parcels within the park and the maps should be updated to reflect these additions. The two parcels lie along US 23, east and west of the park's main entry/ exit from US 23.
2. The plan should reflect that there are two cabins within the park now not just one. The 80 acre acquisition west of the entry/ exit along US 23 has a cabin that is now for rent.
3. We need to be clear that additional staff and financial resources will be required to effectively achieve the Long Range Action Goals as outlined.

Rockport Property

1. With the recommendation of administrative transfer of the property in 2011 we should also be including additional operational staff and financial resources in order to maintain and manage the existing facility with a commitment to work towards accomplishing the Long Range Action Goals.

Without the required resources it will be difficult to make significant progress as outlined in our NRTH Phase 2 Long Range Action Goals Plans.

NRTH PHASE 2 – LONG RANGE ACTION GOALS

From: Paquin, Thomas (DNRE)

Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2010 1:32 PM

To: Curtis, Paul (DNRE)

Subject: RE: "Recommendation to Approve" - NRTH PH2 - Long Range Action Goals Plans

Paul,

I concur with what Gary and Keith have stated. No other issues to date.

Tom

REMAINING RECOMMENDATIONS TO APPROVE: (all three plans)

- Paul N. Curtis, Park Management Plan Administrator 8/19/2010
- Ray Fahlsing, Stewardship Unit Manager 8/23/2010
- Kevin Frailey, Marketing.Education.Technology Division 9/7/2010