



Program Update

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Provided to the Natural Resources Commission's
Michigan State Parks Advisory Committee





Program Origins

- PA 32 of 2010 created the Recreation Passport which replaced the resident Motor Vehicle Permit (MVP).
- The money replaced MVP revenue, and 10% of extra revenue is allocated to the grant program.
- Available for local public recreation development projects.





Guiding Principles

- Simplify the grant process
- Speed up the grant process from start to finish
- Focus on improving and renovating existing parks
- Be flexible with match options to accommodate difficult financial situations of communities





Key Differences between Recreation Passport and MNRTF/LWCF

- Capital Improvement Plan (Recreation plan optional)
- Development projects only
- Project must be in public recreation use for the life of the project rather than perpetuity
- Indoor recreation facilities are eligible
- Funding decision made by the DNR Director





Application Process

- **April 1** - Application deadline
- **October** - Recommended projects to the DNR Director for approval
- **November** - Grant awards announced
- **3 years** allowed for project completion (from grant agreement date)





Eligible Applicants

- Local units of government with the legal authority to provide public recreation (cities, townships, counties, etc.)
- Recreation authorities formed under the Recreation Authorities Act
- Trailway commissions formed under Michigan Trailways Act





Project Eligibility

- Recreation based development projects (outdoor and indoor)
- Site control required
- ADA compliance required for the facility subject to the application
- Ineligible projects
 - Facilities whose primary purpose is professional or semi-professional sports
 - Routine maintenance
 - Operational expenses





Grant Amounts and Match

- Minimum grant request - \$7,500
- Maximum grant request - \$45,000
- Required minimum 25% match
 - Cash
 - Credit for locally assumed costs including labor and equipment (In-kind)
 - Donations of goods and services from non-governmental entities
 - Cash donations from non-governmental entities
 - Repurposed land





Required Materials

- Project narrative
- Site development plan
- Project location map
- Site control documentation
- Certified resolution of support from the governing body
- Documentation of the local match
- Expected project budget
- Current approved annual capital improvement plan or 5 year recreation plan that includes the project





Scoring Criteria

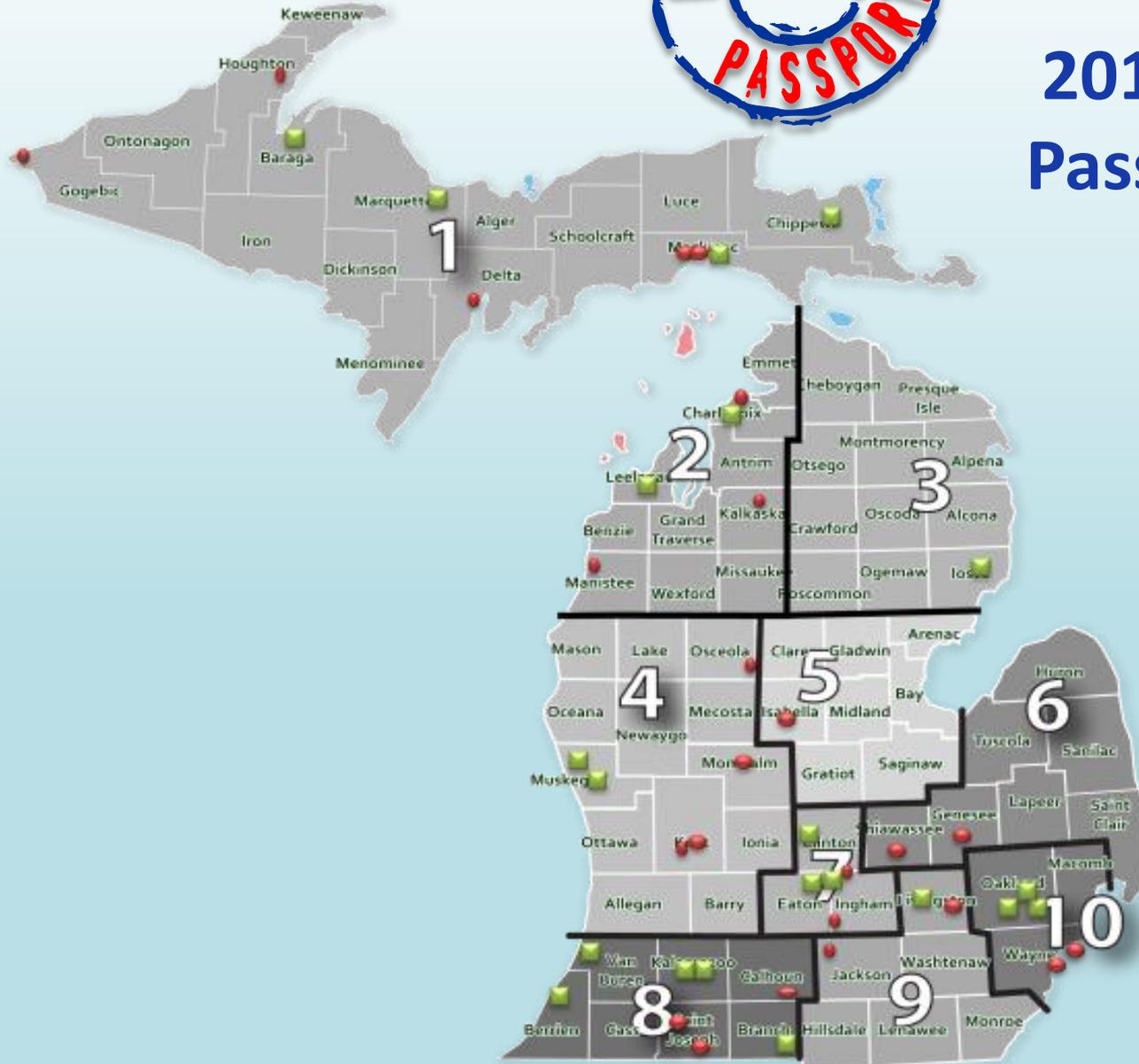
- Need for project – 60 points
- Site Quality – 50 points
- Project Quality – 50 points
- Applicant History – 40 points
- Total – 200 points



Keweenaw
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2011 Recreation Passport Projects



 24 Funded

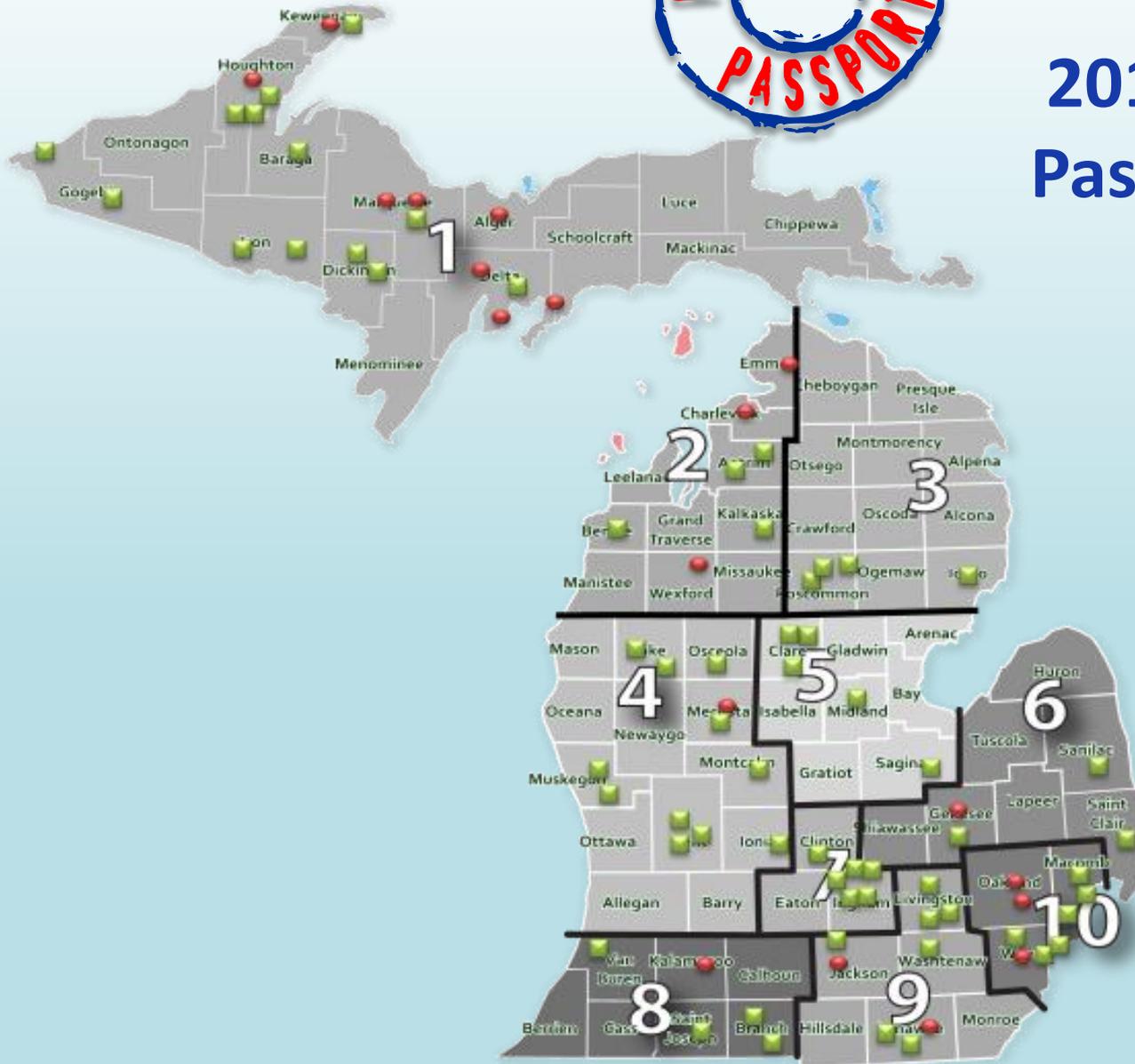
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2012 Recreation Passport Projects



 19 Funded

 63 Unfunded



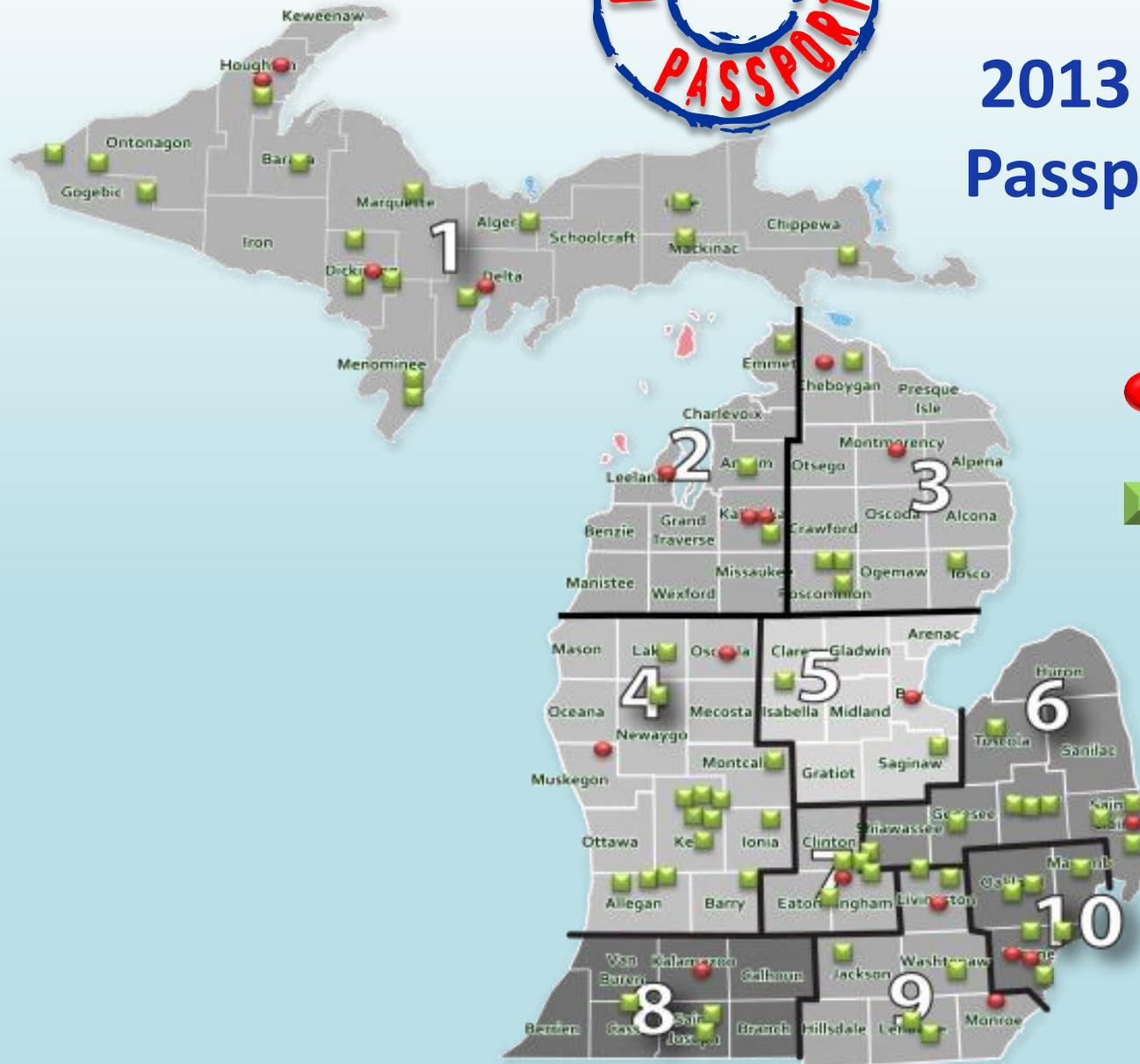
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2013 Recreation Passport Projects

 19 Funded

 68 Unfunded





Annual Comparison

Year	Applications Received	Funds Requested	Grants Awarded	Funds Awarded
2013	87	\$3.2 million	19	\$761,600
2012	82	\$2.9 million	19	\$735,100
2011	45	\$1.2 million	24	\$556,575





Program Results!

2011

- Playground Equipment
- Restrooms/Vaulted Toilets & Amenities
- Improvements to Sports Fields and Courts w/Lighting
- Improvement to Trails
- Parking
- Pavilions
- ADA Picnic Areas
- Skateboard Park Improvements

2012

- Universally Accessible Picnic Areas
- Playground Equipment
- Universally Accessible Restrooms & Amenities
- Sports Fields and Courts
- Campgrounds Utility Updates
- Trails
- Bike Riding Track
- Dark Sky & Nature Observing
- Pavilions

2013

- Playground Equipment
- Universal Restrooms & Amenities
- Sports Fields and Courts
- Boat Launch Renovation
- Universal Accessible Non-Motorized Trails
- Fishing Docks
- Parking
- Pavilions





Thank you

