

Port Crescent State Park

PHASE 2 GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

Long-range management guidance focused on the specific natural resources historic/cultural resources, recreation opportunities and education/interpretation opportunities of Port Crescent State Park.



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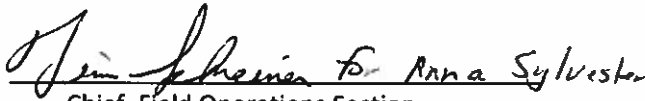
Port Crescent State Park Phase 2 General Management Plan

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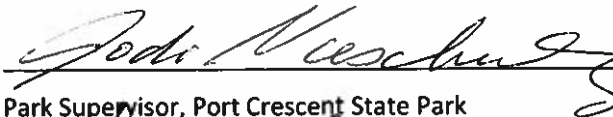
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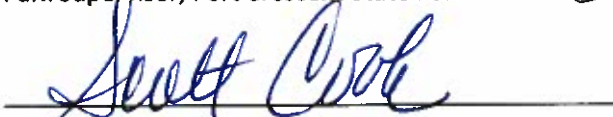
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1.0 Introduction

Port Crescent State Park is located at the tip of Michigan’s “thumb” along three miles of sandy shoreline of Lake Huron’s Saginaw Bay. M-25 forms the southern boundary of much of the park, providing easy access to the campground and primary day use area. The park, located in Lake Township, Huron County, is over 60 miles northeast of the closest metro areas of, Bay City and Saginaw. This 727 acre park features waterfront campsites, excellent fishing and birding, and a designated dark sky preserve. Along with a variety of recreational amenities, Port Crescent is also home to the largest sand dunes on the eastern side of Michigan.

The General Management Plan (GMP) guides the future long-term management of Port Crescent State Park, and is based on the mission of the Parks & Recreation Division (PRD): “to acquire, protect and preserve the natural and cultural features of Michigan’s unique resources, and to provide access to land and water public recreation and education opportunities”.

1.1 Planning Objectives

The objective of the GMP is to bring together Parks and Recreation Division staff, representatives from other DNR divisions, stakeholders and the public into a planning process that directs management decisions and implementation strategies for the park.

A GMP develops as a result of a series of planning steps, with each step building upon the previous.

- Phase 1 (completed September 2011) presents a 20-year management zone plan and defines the purpose and significance of the park.
- Phase 2 (this document) identifies 10-year action goals to be accomplished in the park as a whole and in each of the management zones.
- Five-Year Implementation Plan (future) breaks down the action goals to be accomplished in the first five years of the GMP into specific projects with potential funding sources
- Annual Work Plan addresses what will be accomplished in each year and what progress has been made throughout the previous year.

This phase 2 management plan for Port Crescent State Park is directed by the phase 1 plan and establishes long-range (10-year) action goals for the park as a whole and for each of the defined management. Action goals are recommended that address the following categories:

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

1.2 Plan Process Overview

The Port Crescent State Park planning team met periodically over a ten month period, beginning in August 2016. For this Phase 2 plan, the first step was to review the Phase 1 GMP to assure that no conditions have changed that would result in the need to amend the overall guiding document. The Phase 1 GMP for Port Crescent State Park was approved on September 19, 2011. The planning team completed the required 5-year review of the Phase 1 GMP and determined that no changes were needed.

Stakeholder and public input was sought throughout the planning process to ensure the DNR is responsive to its partners and visitors. Stakeholders were invited to provide input early in the planning process through a workshop designed to identify strengths, weaknesses and opportunities at Port Crescent State Park. The planning team used this information to guide the development of the draft phase 2 plan. The public was invited to comment at a public input meeting to review the draft plan. The draft plan was also available on-line and comments were accepted via Email. The planning team reviewed all of the comments received before recommending the final plan for adoption.

1.3 Planning Team

This Phase 2 General Management Plan was developed with valuable input and expertise of the planning team. Please refer to Appendix C for a summary of the planning team meetings

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1.4 Summary of Stakeholder and Public Input

A Stakeholder Workshop was held on November 10, 2016, at the Sleeper State Park Outdoor Center. A total of 58 invitations were sent to government, non-profit and business organizations associated with or having an interest in Port Crescent State Park. Of those invited, a total of 11 participants represented organizations from around the region and provided input, identifying Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats related to the park.

Strengths identified by stakeholder representatives in attendance included the park's proximity to Port Austin and within driving distance from metro areas. Participants also noted the park's history in relation to the old town site, the park staff and park maintenance strengths. Other strengths included the Pinnebog River, dunes, hawk migration, jack pine forest, eagles and 223 other bird species. Recreation assets identified include dark sky/birding platform, beach, hiking trails, canoe/kayak rental, scattered picnic sites, campground, cabins, interpretive trail, and fishing areas. Annual programs and events at the park were also identified as strengths.

Weaknesses identified by stakeholder representatives in attendance included outdated interpretive signage, poor drainage on trails, lack of boat launch on the river, lack of restroom facilities along the river, dune boardwalk maintenance, non-native species in the park, and pavilion restrooms. Lack of marketing and promotion media was also identified as a weakness.

Opportunities identified by the stakeholders included land acquisition, improvements at the river mouth, and migrating bird habitat improvements. Marketing and promotion opportunities included the formation of a Friends Group, increasing the number of events, providing brochures to Chamber of Commerce, website improvements, merchandising, and wayfinding signage in Port Austin and Caseville. Facility improvement opportunities identified include the addition of a boat launch, quiet zones within the park, restroom facilities along the river, and a modest interpretive center.

Threats to the park identified by the stakeholders included invasive species, funding, Pinnebog River course, soil conservation/erosion, changing lake levels, climate change, shifting dunes, staffing, adjacent land use, overdevelopment of the region, overuse of the park, and air quality.

A Public input meeting was held on June 15, 2017, at the Sleeper State Park Outdoor Center, to review the draft plan. A press release was distributed to 13,623 recipients, as well as 58 stakeholders one month in advance of the meeting. Attendees included representatives from Lake Township and the Tip-A-Thumb Canoe Rental. Both were supportive of the goals identified. Comments received included support for litter clean-up education along the Pinnebog River, support of a trail connection between Port Crescent and Sleeper State Parks, and support for working with local partners to improve park infrastructure.

2.0 Overview of Phase 1 Plan

The Phase 1 GMP for Port Crescent State Park, approved on September 19, 2011, defined the significance of the state park and assigned management zones to the land. Below is a brief summary of the primary elements of the phase 1 plan.

2.1 Significance Statements

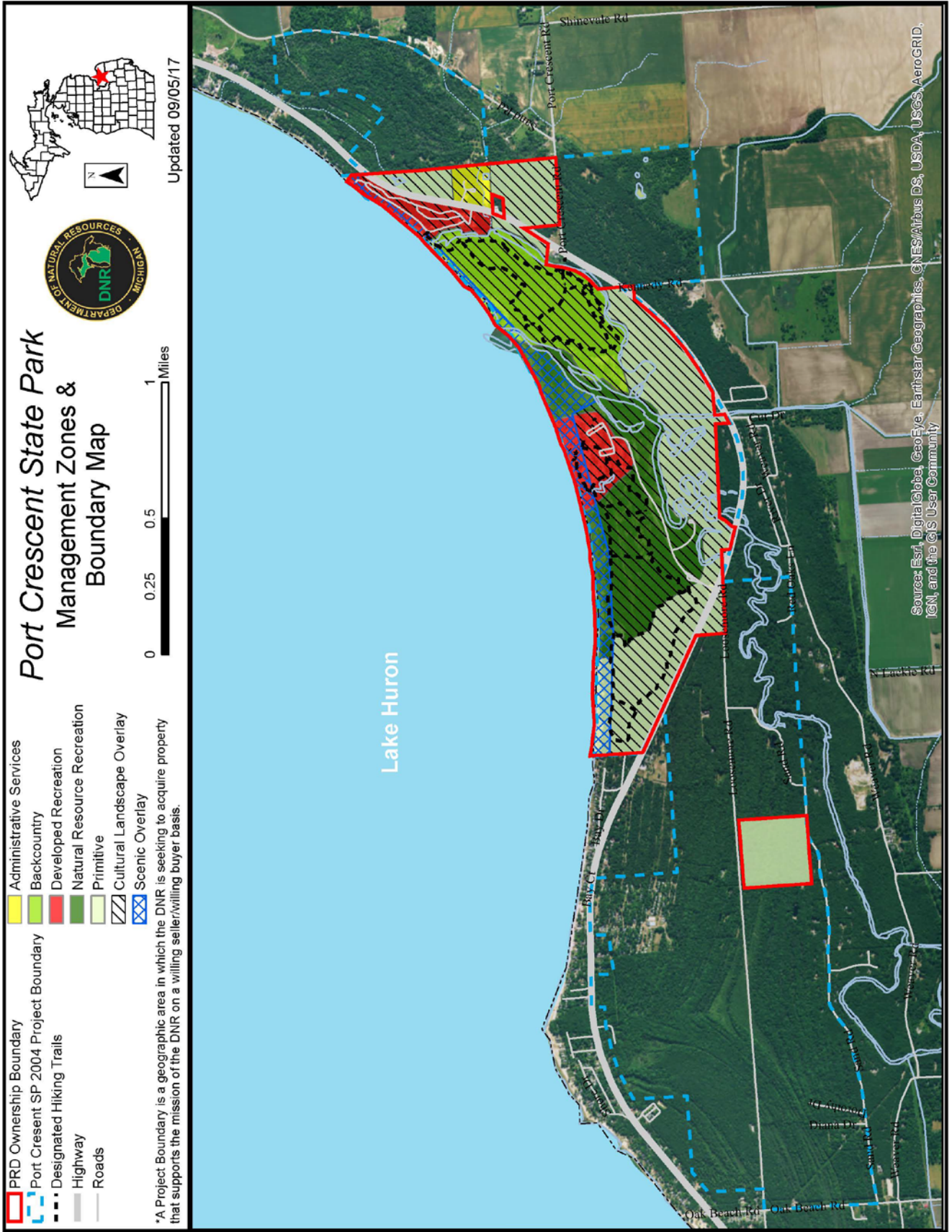
Port Crescent State Park (PCSP) was determined to be significant for the following reasons:

1. Port Crescent SP is an important historic resource to the area, with evidence of native inhabitants and European settlers. The park contains remnants of the Village of Port Crescent (European) significant to the mining and lumber eras, as well as a Native American presence near Pinnebog River and along the shoreline.
2. The Pinnebog River, planted with steelhead trout, flows through the park, changing the landscape, and featuring a broad and dynamic river mouth into Saginaw Bay. The river mouth area is natural, protected by the park from development. The river's watershed drains a large part of Huron County, including all or parts of 11 townships.
3. The park is part of a migration corridor and is a key viewing location for migrating songbirds, waterfowl and birds of prey.
4. The park features a significant wooded dune/swale complex and contains the largest dunes on the east side of Michigan.
5. Important flora in the park includes a rare population of Pitcher's thistle.
6. The park has 3-miles of shoreline along the Saginaw Bay/Lake Huron. It serves as a stop on the Tip of the Thumb Heritage Water Trail and presents an opportunity to share the story of the role of the shoreline in Michigan's history.
7. The park is located in a region of small rural communities, providing a wide variety of recreation opportunities for residents and tourists, including camping, fishing, hunting/trapping, swimming, picnicking, wildlife viewing and possibilities for ecotourism and agritourism.
8. The park is five miles from the Village of Port Austin – a local destination for campers who visit the Farmers Market and for fishermen-campers who rely on the harbor's boat launch.

2.2 Management Zones

Considering the identity and significance of PCSP, Management Zones have been assigned to each area of the park. From a palette of nine standard zones, seven were applied to PCSP. A condensed review of the Management Zones follows. A thorough description of each Management Zone can be found in the Phase 1 GMP.

- o Primitive Zone comprises 333 acres or 46% reflects a desired condition that emphasizes the natural resources. This zone preserves and protects the unique dune/swale complex found in this park.
- o Backcountry Zone comprises 13Page 5 acres, or 19%, and emphasizes resource quality over recreation, but allows for modification of the landscape to allow for moderate levels of active recreation uses. The dune field east of the Pinnebog River, undisturbed by historical mining, is managed for values of this management zone.
- o Natural Resource Recreation Zone comprises 172 acres, or 24%, and permits active recreation with moderate to high density of use conducted in a natural setting. This zone captures the dune field west of the river that was impacted by historical mining operations.
- o Developed Recreation Zone, comprises 75 acres, or 10%, and allows active recreation with high density of use conducted in areas not designated for natural resource significance. In this zone, recreation dominates with natural resource attributes enhanced as possible. The campground area, day use area and beach are in this zone.
- o Administrative Services Zone (Visitor Services Zone) comprises 12 acres, or 2%, and encompasses the developed areas required for program administration and operations. This zone includes the office, contact station, and maintenance facilities that support the business of running a state park. The current administrative and maintenance offices for the park will be in the Visitor Services Zone.
- o Cultural Overlay Zone covers 688 acres, or 95%, and addresses the overall setting in which is found not only historic structures, but non-structural evidence of the traditions, beliefs, practices, lifeways, arts, crafts and social institutions of any community. The underlying management zones will still apply. Historic timber, sand mining, and Native American influence all along the Saginaw Bay support the designation of this zone.
- o Scenic Overlay Zone comprises 114 acres, or 16%, and recognizes that there are aesthetic qualities to be preserved and protected in the park. This zone recognizes the scenic value of the lakeshore and a portion of the river channel. The underlying management zones and cultural overlay zone also apply.



2.3 Changes Since Phase 1 Plan

Developments

Since the Phase 1 General Management Plan was adopted in 2011, Port Crescent has added a designated dog beach east of the Pinnebog River mouth and the entrance to the day use area was rerouted due to the river, which washed out the road.

Dark Sky Preserve

In addition, the portion of the park lying north and west of the Pinnebog River in Section 9 of Hume Township, has been designated as a Dark Sky Preserve, which limits the use of light fixtures and provides additional recreation opportunities.

Community Projects and Events

1. There is community discussion of a trail connecting Port Crescent and Sleeper/Port Austin and Caseville.
2. The park participates in the annual Parade of Tropical Fools (Cheeseburger Festival)
3. The park provides an opportunity for high school students to put on festival interpretation of old townsite history at Port Crescent.
4. The park participated in the Port Austin July 4th parade

Threatened and Endangered Species:

Two rare mussel species were recorded in the park that was not included in the Phase 1 General Management Plan. These species include the rainbow and the purplecap valvata. Both of these mussels are listed as State of Michigan special concern species.

Dedicated Trails

During the review process for the Phase 1 Plan, it was discovered that the trail map for the park did not accurately represent the dedicated cross-country ski trails. The revised map is included on the following page.



Winter along the Pinnebog River



Camper cabin

3.0 10–Year Action Goals

The Action Goals proposed for Port Crescent State Park were developed by the planning team in response to stakeholder and public input and in context with the core values and guiding resources discussed in Phase 1 of this plan. Many of the priorities identified in this plan focus on replacing and updating aging park infrastructure, including improving park accessibility. Other actions relate to strengthening the identity and unique aspects of the park and promoting these assets to attract new visitors to the park and the area. These priorities are supported by the recommendations of all of the major planning efforts guiding recreation in Michigan, including the Michigan Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), the Blue Ribbon Panel Report to Governor Snyder and the Michigan Comprehensive Trail Plan. The Governor’s economic prosperity initiative is another illustration of the importance of planning regionally. Port Crescent State Park is located in Economic Prosperity Region #6. Other improvements proposed will continue to maintain, improve and expand the recreation opportunities available while protecting the natural and cultural resources of the park.

The Planning team has developed 10-Year Action Goals that it believes are necessary to guide management and development within the park as a whole and within five designated management zones in order to achieve the desired user experience. 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
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Management Plans do not guarantee future PRD funding to implement them, but are intended to be realistic in terms of budget realities. PRD will seek internal funding, alternative funding sources, partnerships and other potential mechanisms for implementing the desired future conditions defined in this plan.

In addition to the goals that follow, the planning team also explored longer-term goals which are desirable but may not be practical within the 10 year timeframe of the plan. These include:

1. Establish a Friends Group for the park.
2. Explore the development of an accessible hunting blind along M-25.

General Action Goals

Many of the 10-Year Action Goals for Port Crescent 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	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
Natural Resources			
Implement invasive species control, with a strong emphasis on Phragmites control, early detection and rapid response. Monitor roads, trails, and any new development sites for possible invasive species introductions	Ongoing	Park Manager Stewardship	Park Manager
Protect important habitats for bird species on the Saginaw Bay Birding Trail	Ongoing	Park Manager Stewardship Local Partners	Park Manager
Work with local partners to restore natural communities in the park following Stewardship Plan development	Ongoing	Park Manager Stewardship Local Partners	Park Manager
Inventory and survey invasive species at the park in collaboration with local partners	3-5 years	Park Manager Stewardship Local Partners	Park Manager
Develop Natural Resources Stewardship Plan for the park	5-8 Years	Park Manager Stewardship	Stewardship Ecologist
Recreation Opportunities			
Support local efforts to explore routes for a trail between Port Crescent and Sleeper State Parks	Ongoing	Park Manager Local Partners Trails Specialist	Local Partners
Maintain and enhance opportunities for hunting/fishing/gathering/trapping/birding	Ongoing	Stewardship Wildlife Park Manager Fisheries	Park Manager
Promote and maintain Tip of the Thumb Heritage Water Trail connections between Port Crescent and Sleeper State Parks in collaboration with local partners	Ongoing	Park Manager Marketing & Outreach Local Partners Trails Specialist	Park Manager

Action Goals	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
Historic/Cultural Resources			
Continue monitoring archaeological and cultural resources	Ongoing	Park Manager Stewardship State Archaeologist	Cultural Resource Analyst
Continue to promote and expand the interpretation of the old town site and chimney monument	Ongoing	Park Manager Stewardship History Center	Park Manager
Review all proposed earthwork activities for potential impact on historic/cultural resources	Ongoing	Field Planner State Archaeologist Cultural Resource Analyst	Cultural Resource Analyst
Education/Interpretation Opportunities			
Continue to provide quality interpretation and education and explore opportunities to expand programming in partnership with the Huron Nature Center	Ongoing	Park Manager Stewardship Marketing & Outreach Huron Nature Center Local Historical Societies	Marketing & Outreach
Continue Mother Nature's Classroom program and explore sharing this program with other parks	Ongoing	Park Manager Intermediate School District	Park Manager
Promote Dark Sky Preserve designation and provide programming in collaboration with local partners	Ongoing	Park Manager Marketing & Outreach Local Partners	Marketing & Outreach
Work with local canoe/kayak vendors to provide education for visitors to minimize impact and encourage good stewardship along the Pinnebog River	Ongoing	Park Manager Local Partners Marketing & Outreach	Park Manager
Management			
Review and update Wildfire Plan and Emergency Plan	Annually	Park Manager Stewardship Forest Resources	Park Manager
Work with adjacent landowners located within Project Boundary should they wish to divest of their property	Ongoing	Park Manager Stewardship Lands Manager	Lands Manager

Action Goals	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
Continue to complete and comply with annual safety inspections and plans	Ongoing	Park Manager	Park Manager
Continue to participate in community events	Ongoing	Park Manager	Park Manager
Continue to monitor shifting riverbank and be proactive with infrastructure that may be threatened by the river	Ongoing	Park Manager Field Planner	Park Manager
Continue to explore and develop revenue generating opportunities that are sustainable	Ongoing	Park Manager Marketing & Outreach	Park Manager
Continue social media presence and improve web-based outreach	Ongoing	Park Manager Marketing & Outreach	Park Manager
Continue DNR marketing effort at local level and within the park, collaborating with local recreation and education providers for cross-promotion purposes	Ongoing	Park Manager Recreation Programmer Marketing & Outreach	Park Manager
Continue to collaborate with community partners to support the mutual goals of PRD and the local partners	Ongoing	Park Manager Local Partners	Park Manager Local Partners
Change hours of day use parking lot in order to accommodate dark sky viewing use	1 year	Park Manager	Park Manager
Work with local communities to install wayfinding signage for park in downtown area	1-3 years	Park Manager Local Partners	Park Manager
Explore partnerships with local businesses or transportation authority for canoe/kayak transport	1-3 years	Park Manager Local Partners	Park Manager

Primitive Zone

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

Action Goals	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
Natural Resources			
Protect natural resources for wildlife and hunting	Ongoing	Stewardship Park Manager	Stewardship
Recreation Opportunities			
Maintain and enhance opportunities for hunting/fishing/gathering/trapping/birding	Ongoing	Stewardship Wildlife Park Manager Fisheries	Park Manager

Backcountry Zone

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

Action Goals	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
Recreation Opportunities			
Maintain and enhance opportunities for hunting/fishing/gathering/trapping/birding	Ongoing	Stewardship Wildlife Park Manager Fisheries	Park Manager
Management Focus			
Continue to maintain trails and trail signage	Ongoing	Park Manager	Park Manager
Development			
Explore opportunities to provide a parking lot for trail access from M-25 to the backcountry zone	1-3 years	Park Manager Land Manager Field Planner	Park Manager

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.

Action Goals	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
Recreation Opportunities			
Redevelop old carry-down boat launch with accessible floating structure	3-5 years	Park Manager District Supervisor Field Planner	Field Planner
Education/Interpretation Opportunities			
Maintain sand mining site interpretation opportunities	Ongoing	Marketing & Outreach Park Manager Stewardship	Park Manager
Development			
Remove fishing platform and replace with shoreline treatment to address erosion	1-3 years	Park Manager Fisheries Field Planner	Field Planner



Explorer Guide program



Fishing in the Pinnebog River

Visitor Services Zone

This zone encompasses the developed areas required for program administration and operations. It includes the headquarters offices and maintenance facilities with the associated land required to conduct the business of running Port Crescent State Park.

Action Goals	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
Development			
Redevelop parking for headquarters building	1-3 years	Field Planner Park Manager	Field Planner

Developed Recreation Zone

Active recreation with high density of use, conducted in areas not designated for natural resource significance, is characteristic of the Developed Recreation Zone. In this zone, recreation dominates with natural resource attributes enhanced where possible. The day-use beach area and modern campground are located within this zone. The 10-Year Action Goals direct management decisions and development projects designed to promote and support these diverse visitor activities.

Action Goals	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
Recreation Opportunities			
Install hard surfaced pads in the day use parking lot for birders and stargazers	1-3 years	Park Manager Field Planner	Park Manager
Historic/Cultural Resources			
Demolish existing chimney monument and reuse the bricks to create an interpretive site, including signage	1-3 years	Park Manager Stewardship Historical Center Marketing & Outreach	Park Manager
Education/Interpretation Opportunities			
Upgrade interpretive signs on trail	1-3 years	Park Manager Marketing & Outreach Stewardship	Park Manager
Development			
Renovate/improve contact station	1-3 years	Park Manager Field Planner District Supervisor	Field Planner

Action Goals	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
Evaluate options for day use area bathroom, waterline and well improvements and implement improvements	3-5 years	Park Manager Field Planner District Supervisor	Field Planner
Improve/replace waterlines at campground	5-8 years	Park Manager Field Planner District Supervisor	Field Planner
Replace west campground toilet/shower building	5-10 years	Park Manager Field Planner District Supervisor	Field Planner
Renovate or replace dune boardwalk with accessible boardwalk	5-10 years	Park Manager Field Planner District Supervisor	Field Planner
Chip seal and repair park roads including re-routed entrance road	8-10 years	Park Manager Field Planner District Supervisor	Field Planner

APPENDIX A – LEGAL MANDATES UPDATE

Legal mandates are identified that serve to further guide the development of the Phase 2 General Management Plan. For our planning purposes, the term “Legal Mandates” refers not only to federal and state law, but also the administrative tools of “Policy” and “Directive” of the Natural Resource Commission, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the Parks and Recreation Division. Examples include Orders of the Director, Parks and Recreation Areas State Land Rules and other laws, commission orders, and rules or directives that apply to the recreation area.

Legal mandates applicable to Port Crescent State Park were identified for the Phase 1 General Management Plan. The legal mandates listed in Appendix A of the Phase 2 General Management Plan provide a supplement to those previously identified and should be referred to concurrently.

LAND USE ORDERS

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

Port Crescent state park, Prohibited conduct.

(18) With the exception of accessing Saginaw bay via the campground, a person shall not operate a snowmobile, or other motorized snow contrivance without written permission from an authorized representative of the department.

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:

(67) Port Crescent SP, Huron County.

FEDERAL STATUTE

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT, 1973
This Act authorizes the determination and listing of species as endangered and threatened, and prohibits unauthorized taking, possession, sale and transport of endangered species
BALD AND GOLDEN EAGLE PROTECTION ACT, 1940 AND AMENDMENTS
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.

NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT, 1966 AS AMENDED

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

NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (NREPA) AND AMENDMENTS

PA 451 of 1994, Part 325 Great Lakes Submerged Bottomlands	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.
PA 451 of 1994, Part 741 State Park System	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.
PA 451 of 1994, Part 761 Aboriginal Records and Antiquities	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.
PA 451 of 1994, Part 751 Dark Sky Preserve	The dark sky preserve designation includes those portions of Port Crescent State Park lying north and west of the Pinnebog River in section 9 of Hume Township, Huron County, T18N, R12E. Outdoor light fixtures must be fully shielded so that no light rays are emitted by the installation fixture at angles above 15 degrees below the horizon plane and also constructed so that the filament or light source is not visible to the naked eye when viewed from a point higher than 15 degrees below the horizon plane.

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ORDERS

State Parks and Recreation Areas

7.31 Port Crescent state park, hunting and trapping allowed; exception.

Sec. 7.31 Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the established seasons on all state-owned lands within the dedicated boundary of Port Crescent state park in sections 3 and 8 to 10, T18N R12E, except for that portion bounded by a line beginning at a point on the east fractional line of section 3, T18N R12E, at the water's edge of Saginaw bay; then southerly along the east line of section 3 including the most southern portion of section 3 south of highway M-25; then south along the northeast corner of section 10 to the property line; then westerly along the property line crossing highway M-25 and up to the Old Pinnebog river channel; then northerly along a line 50 feet easterly of the bank of the channel to the water's edge of Saginaw bay; then along the water's edge of Saginaw bay to the point of beginning.

History: Eff. Mar 31, 1989; Am. 12, 2007, Eff. Jul 13, 2007.

REMOVED:

Sec. 3.412. The early September season for taking Canada geese shall be September 1 to September 15 in the Lower Peninsula and September 1 to September 10 in the Upper Peninsula, except as follows:

- (7) Except as otherwise provided, all or portions of the following state parks, as described in chapter VII, shall be open from September 1 to September 10:
 - (a) Port Crescent State Park.
 - (b) Sleeper State Park.

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.

APPENDIX B – PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

Over the duration of the Phase 2 General Management Planning process, the Planning Team ensured a variety of opportunities for stakeholder and public input and feedback.

Stakeholder Workshop November 10, 2016

A Strengths-Weaknesses-Opportunities-Threats (S.W.O.T.) analysis was performed at the workshop to gather information from stakeholders about the park to inform the Action Goals. Stakeholders are defined as representatives of organizations that are associated with or have an interest in Port Crescent State Park. A total of 58 stakeholder organizations were invited to attend. Of that, 11 representatives of those organizations attended the stakeholder workshop. The following is a record of the comments received.

STRENGTHS

- Staff, leadership

Location

- Proximity to Port Austin
- Close to metro-areas
- Accessibility

Natural and Cultural Resources

- History of old town site
- Pinnebog River
- Dunes
- Hawk migration site
- Natural features
- 225 bird species recorded
- Eagles
- Variety of important habitats
- Jack-pine forest

Facilities, Programs and Activities

- Long beach
- Fishing/Boating areas
- Water Trails
- Birding Trails
- Scattered Picnic sites
- Canoe/Kayak rental
- Hiking Trails
- Kiosk with info about history
- Birding platform/Dark Sky
- Campground

- X-country skiing trails
- Vintage camper show
- Harvest festival
- Mother nature's classroom program
- Part of circle-tour
- Camping cabins
- Separation of campground and day-use areas
- Park maintenance
- Interpretive trail signage

WEAKNESSES

Facilities

- Interpretive Trail signage needs to be upgraded
- Trails are underwater through June
- Bathrooms at pavilion are poor
- No bathrooms along river where boats pull-up
- No boat launch
- Canoe/kayak transportation from park to harbor
- Dune board walk
- Park wayfinding signage in Caseville and Port Austin

Natural Resources

- Non-native species that were planted
- Natural habitats need more care and preservation
- Pinnebog River mouth flow

Marketing

- Lack of promotion media for park

OPPORTUNITIES

- Strategic Land purchases for Port Crescent State Park
- Develop friends group
- Day use park hours, classification, take signs down to test

Facilities

- Boat launch
- Quiet zones
- Bathrooms/trash containers on river where boaters are
- Wayfinding signage in towns Caseville/Port Austin
- Programming for Dark Sky and birders
- Modest interpretive center

Natural Resources

- River mouth improvements for water flow
- Keep park natural
- Manage Jack Pine forest for Kirtland's Warbler habitat

Marketing

- Promote Dark Sky Preserve & events
- Park brochures at Chambers of Commerce
- Web-based outreach
- Merchandising

THREATS

- Lack of funding
- Affordable Care Act
- Staffing reduction, full time staff
- Inability to maintain infrastructure
- Overuse, overcrowding
- Inappropriate use of river bank

Natural Resources

- Water levels
- Soil conservation/erosion
- Invasive species
- Water quality, e-coli levels
- River
- Air quality
- Climate change
- Shifting dunes

Community development

- Adjacent land use
- Overdevelopments of region and park
- Inappropriate development
- Sand economy and housing developments around park

ATTENDEES

Name	Stakeholder Affiliation
Joyce Stanek	Port Austin Chamber of Commerce
Martha Thuemmel	Port Austin Historical Society
Mary Barnes	Port Austin Historical Society
Maryanne Williams	Lake Township Office
Ken Pechette	Tip of the Thumb Canoe Rental
Brannt Rousseany	Port Austin Township and Village
Laura Tull	Huron County EDC
Monica Essenmacher	Port Crescent Hawk Watch

Name	Stakeholder Affiliation
Chris Boyle	Port Austin Kayak
Scott Whipple	Huron Intermediate School District
Karen Currie	Huron Intermediate School District
Scott Cook	DNR
Jodi Nieschulz	DNR
Betsy Kish	DNR
Lisa Gamero	DNR
Matt Lincoln	DNR

Tribal Outreach

A letter was sent to the local tribal organizations explaining the Phase 2 GMP process and inviting them to contact the DNR staff if they would like a meeting scheduled. No responses were received.

Public Input Open House, June 15, 2017

Members of the public were invited to learn about the Phase 2 General Management Planning process and comment on the Draft 10-Year Action Goals at a meeting held at the Sleeper State Park Outdoor Center from 6-8 p.m. The Draft Phase 2 Plan was also posted on the DNR's website and comments were invited via Email. A press release went out one month in advance of the open house to 13,623 recipients of the government-delivery system, including 58 stakeholders associated with the park.



Statewide DNR News

May 15, 2017

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

DNR hosts public meeting June 15 regarding phase 2 general management plan for Port Crescent and Sleeper state parks

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources will host an open house Thursday, June 15, to invite public input on the draft phase 2 general management plan for Port Crescent and Sleeper state parks in Huron County. The open house will run 6 to 8 p.m. at the Sleeper State Park Outdoor Center, 6435 State Park Road in Caseville.

Both parks are located along Lake Huron's Saginaw Bay in Michigan's "thumb." The 787-acre Sleeper State Park features ancient dune forests and a secluded campground, and visitors can view both the sunrise and the sunset over the bay. The 600-acre Port Crescent State Park is easily accessible from M-25 and features 3 miles of sandy shoreline. The park contains unique natural features and a variety of recreational amenities, including waterfront campsites, excellent opportunities for fishing and birding and the largest sand dunes on the eastern side of Michigan.

The public meeting will begin with a short presentation of the draft plan, but the public is welcome to attend at any time during the two-hour period to review the planning material, provide comments and talk to DNR staff. Comments also can be made via email through June 19 to Matt Lincoln at lincolnm@michigan.gov.



The phase 2 general management plan defines 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.

A link to the Port Crescent and Sleeper state parks draft phase 2 general management plan and additional information can be found on the DNR's General Management Plan website at michigan.gov/parkmanagementplans.

For more information about the public meeting or the phase 2 general management plan, contact Matt Lincoln at 517-284-6111 (TTY/TDD711 Michigan Relay Center for the hearing impaired) or via email at lincolnm@michigan.gov. Persons with disabilities who need accommodations for the meetings should contact Lincoln five days before the meeting.

/Editors' note: Accompanying photos are available below for download. Suggested captions follow.

SleeperStatePark.jpg: The ancient dune forests are a popular park amenity at Sleeper State Park. Park-goers are invited to a June 15 open house to learn about the second phase of the park's draft management plan.

PortCrescent.jpg: Park-goers are invited to a June 15 open house to learn about the second phase of the draft management plan for Port Crescent State Park, which includes future planning for 3 miles of shoreline and a number of recreational opportunities./

- [PortCrescent.jpg](#)
- [SleeperStatePark.jpg](#)

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Management Plan Phase 2
Public Input Meeting Agenda
Port Crescent and Sleeper State Parks
Thursday, June 15, 2017, 6pm-8pm
Sleeper State Park Outdoor Center
6435 State Park Road
Caseville, MI 48725



1. **Planning Team Introductions** (5 minutes)

2. **Overview of Phase 1 Plan and Presentation of Draft Phase 2 Plan** (20 minutes)

3. **Open House** (1.5 hours)
 - a. Review Action Goals on boards
 - b. Post-it notes are available to add comments and post on the related Action Goal
 - c. Invitation to talk to Planning Team members
 - d. See comment sheet below to provide additional comments

7. **Adjournment**

For More Information:

DNR Management Planning Website: www.michigan.gov/parkmanagementplans

Email: Matt Lincoln lincolnm@michigan.gov

Phone: 517-284-6111

Name	Affiliation
John Hollista	Tip-A-Thumb Canoe Rental
Valerie McCallum	Lake Township

Comments received at the public meeting included the following:

1. It would be nice to start a friends group and/or partner with local builders to help renovate infrastructure at the park.
2. Lake Township is supportive of a trail connection between Port Crescent and Sleeper State Parks; will need to work with Huron County.
3. Tip-A-Thumb Canoe Rental is supportive of working with the DNR to eliminate litter along and in the river. Tip-A-Thumb Canoe Rental is looking into floating porta-johns for the river mouth and currently picks up litter on a weekly basis.

No comments were received via Email.

APPENDIX C – PLANNING TEAM MEETING SUMMARY

Over the duration of the General Management Planning process, the Planning Team held two on-site team meetings and two virtual meetings. These meetings were critical to the development of the Phase 2 General Management Plan and particularly the creation of the 10-Year Action Goals. Additionally, the meetings were an opportunity to review input received from stakeholders and the public. The meetings for Port Crescent State Park were held jointly with Sleeper State Park due to their close proximity.

Overview of Planning Team Meetings

- **Team Meeting #1 August 30, 2016** – Located at Sleeper State Park Outdoor Center, the kick-off meeting was an opportunity for Planning Team members to introduce themselves to one another, review the Phase 2 General Management Plan schedule and process, review the Phase 1 General Management Plan, develop the stakeholder list and review any changes that have occurred since the Phase 1 General Management Plan was approved.
- **Team Meeting #2 December 13, 2016** –The Planning Team reviewed stakeholder meeting feedback and began to draft the 10-year action goals for the park.
- **Team Meeting #3 Go-To-Meeting January 30, 2016** – The Planning Team reviewed and refined the 10-year action goals for the park.
- **Team Review** – The Planning Team reviewed information gathered at the public input workshop and determined no additional changes to the plan based on the input gathered.

Kick-off Meeting (Meeting #1)
Phase 2 General Management Plans for
Port Crescent and Sleeper State Parks
Tuesday, August 30
9:00am to 2:00pm
Sleeper State Park Outdoor Center

MINUTES

- 1) Welcome and Introductions - Present: Jodi Nieschulz, Lisa Gamero, Debbie Jensen, Scott Cook, Matt Lincoln, Scott Brown, Betsy Kish, Glenn Palmgren

- 2) Phase 2 General Management Plan Process and Schedule review
 - Discussed that Unit Managers will work with Matt throughout the process with responsibilities being shared
 - Matt to send link to unit managers for templates
 - Matt to set up website for the projects

- 3) Team Review of Phase 1 General Management Plan for each park.
 - Significance Statements review
 - Port Crescent State Park
 - discussion of cultural resources in the area and the re-using chimney bricks as an interpretive walk
 - lumber and sand mine history discussed
 - The designated Dark Sky Preserve should be highlighted in the Phase 2 plan as a new significance for the park.

 - Sleeper State Park
 - Team needs to touch base with Wildlife Don Bonnette due to the proximity of the State Game Area
 - Old Stagecoach route is an unimproved county road and provides access to the park, resulting in illegal ORV use in the oak pine barrens
 - The Outdoor Center is not historically significant due to the modifications to the complex over the years and is not on the national registry
 - Lisa will research the history of the CCC at this site and provide clarification of the significance statement found in the Phase 1 plan.

 - Project Boundary review
 - The team discussed changes to the dedicated boundary and recommended leaving the dedicated boundary at Port Crescent as it appears in the Phase 1 plan.
 - The team recommends refining the Sleeper State Park boundary to reflect

desired dune complex in the south.

- New maps need to be generated and included in the Phase 2 plan to reflect these changes and to correctly show the NRC approved and proposed project boundaries. Enlargements of areas of the map to show details will be considered.

- Management Zones review

- Consensus is that the zoning maps are working well
- There is a discrepancy on p. 19 and p. 5 with the acreage and % listed for the cultural resources overlay at Sleeper State Park. This should be noted in the Phase 2 plan.

- Trails review

- Betsy highlighted trails that are not on in the GIS system.
- Matt will contact Kim to get the trail map updated. A new trail map should be included with the phase 2 management plan maps.
- Make sure trails are listed in GIS as dedicated hiking, biking allowed, dedicated groomed ski trails at Sleeper State Park, Hiking only at Port Crescent.

- Supporting Analysis review

- Glenn to review flora and fauna sections and provide an updated list of rare species found at each park.
- Discussion of additions to the timeline for each park (see park overviews below)

4) Legal Mandates and Land Use Orders review

- Add WCO 7.31 and 7.33 and remove Section 3.412 both parks
- Add Dark Sky legislation legal mandate at Port Crescent

5) Park Overviews

- Changes in the parks since the Phase 1 plan (Acquisitions, developments etc.):
 - Designated Dog Beach east of Pinnebog River mouth at Port Crescent
 - Entrance to day-use was re-routed at Port Crescent due to the river wash-out
 - Outdoor Center at Sleeper closed due to unsafe cabin conditions

- Current projects/ initiatives (Capital Outlay list/ WIP Database):

Sleeper State Park

- West boundary needs to be surveyed and marked
- Outdoor Center cabins plan includes the demolition and restoration
- Roof on the day use pavilion is leaking
- Roof on bathhouse just started leaking

- Dog Beach designation coming up soon
- Renovation of showers at campground building
- Day use and campground roads need chip seal and repair
- Walkway along the retaining wall at the beach needs to be replaced
- Desire for an accessible playground
- Need an ADA access walk to beach and picnic area
- Would like a camper cabin at the campground
- Water tanks are being replaced currently
- Always need Phragmites control

Port Crescent State Park

- Campground roads need to be fixed
- Contact station needs to be replaced
- West toilet shower building replacement is on the Capital Outlay list
- Fishing platform needs to be removed and erosion needs to be addressed, possibly using flat stones like at Oqueoc Falls
- A floating kayak launch would improve accessibility
- Day-use toilet building needs to be replaced
- ADA access to the beach was discussed
- ADA hunting platform along M-25 is proposed
- There is a proposal to for a natural playscape at day-use area
- Day-use well and pipes need to be replaced
- Waterlines at campground need to be improved
- Need 50 amp service in campground
- Always need Phragmites control
- Community projects and developments
 - There is discussion of a trail connecting Port Crescent and Sleeper/Port Austin and Caseville.
 - Parks participate in the Parade of Tropical Fools (Cheeseburger Festival)
 - Harvest Festivals (Port Crescent 1, Sleeper 2)
 - Opportunity for high schoolers to put on festival interpretation of old townsite history at Port Crescent.
 - Parks participate in the Port Austin July 4th parade
 - Caseville Fishing derby used to be hosted at Sleeper Outdoor Center when it was open, but now they stage in town. The fish cleaning station is still used by campers and anglers who fish outside of the park and bring their catch in for cleaning.

6) Stakeholders were identified for the upcoming meeting

- Group identified stakeholders from Phase 1 and identified new ones.
- Tribes will be contacted and invited to meet independently of the larger group.

- 7) Stakeholder workshop was discussed
 - Team reviewed agenda and discussed location, time, and place.
 - Will be scheduled either October 26, 27 or Nov. 1st. 2nd, Nov. 9 or 10 at the Sleeper State Park Outdoor Center 4-6pm or 5-7pm

- 8) Discussed report and document generating
 - Scott volunteered Lori Ruff to assist

Team Meeting #2 Minutes
Phase 2 General Management Plan
December 13, 2016
9am - 12pm

Port Crescent and Sleeper State Parks
Port Austin Visitor Center

- 1) Attendees:** Matt Lincoln, Debbie Jensen, Betsy Kish, Jody Nieschulz, Amy Swainston, Scott Cook, Lisa Gamero, Sgt. Scott Brown, Glenn Palmgren

- 2) Review Meeting #1 minutes**
Some minor corrections were noted.

- 3) Review Stakeholder Workshop feedback/ Brainstorm Action Goals**
Input received at the stakeholder meeting held on November 10, 2016 was discussed, together with potential action items discussed at meeting #1 and the Capital Outlay list for each park.

Items discussed for action goal generation/brainstorming include:

Sleeper:

- Trailhead signage and parking designation for hikers (at headquarters)
- Stewardship Plan
- Sand Road illegal ORV damage restoration (survey has been completed) – currently damaging oak pine barrens
- Outdoor Center cabins – demolish some and fix up 4 for rental by next summer with electrical later
- Beach access, wall and ramp repairs
- Improve accessibility at day use area
- Change doors on bathrooms at Outdoor Center to allow access from outside when not rented.
- Phragmites control is ongoing.
- Invasive species survey needed – perhaps with local partners
- Camping didn't fill when more Halloween festivals (2 is good balance).
- Huron Nature Center runs year round programs. DNR interpreters run programs there. Cross promotion opportunities.
- Matt suggested that park promotion needs to start at the park, then MOD can help

- Discussion regarding promotion of water trails (Lake between 2 parks)
- Promote mid-week camping
- Potential for rustic camping opportunities at Outdoor Center, possibly on old cabin sites.
- Support local efforts to find routes for a trail between the two parks.
- Work with local partners to restore natural communities in the park
- Work with local groups like the Lions Club to help with park projects
- Discuss potential cross-promotion/ connections with Game Area (Don Bonnette)
- West boundary of the park needs to be surveyed and marked
- Roof on the day use pavilion needs to be fixed
- Roof on bathhouse needs to be fixed
- Dog beach designation
- Renovation of showers and campground building within one year
- Day-use and campground roads need chip seal and repair
- Accessible playground with local partners

Other items discussed include:

- MNFI natural communities survey has been updated
- Glenn to provide an updated T&E Species list for the Phase 2 General Management Plan
- Starting a Friends Group would be difficult due to seasonal residents around the park
- Relationship with State Game land – shown on maps but no designated trails due to funding restrictions.
- Campground is open until end of December. No real demand for winter camping (mini-cabin available and not rented very much) or Outdoor Center winter use.
- Affordable Care Act only gives part-time staff a 6-month window.
- Don't get much demand for full-hook-up sites here
- Pioneer Days was spearheaded by local groups.
- Park experimented with the expansion of Halloween weekends and landed on 2 weekends as the best number of weekends.
- Native American interest in the Phase 1 plan was more focused on Sanilac Petroglyphs
- Sand Road was an old stagecoach route

Port Crescent

- Historic interpretation – continue and expand info. on old town site
- Stewardship plan and address non-native species
- Continue phragmites control
- Waterlines at campground need to be improved
- Protect important habitats for bird species on the Saginaw Bay Birding Trail
- Preserve and improve chimney/monument

- Hard surfaced pads in parking area for birders' and stargazing scopes
- Interpretive trail signage upgrades
- Continue to maintain water trail connections
- Continue Mother Nature's classroom program and other events at the park
- Replace day-use bathroom and pipes/well
- Renovate old carry-in boat launch (or install ADA)
- Explore partnerships with local businesses or transportation authority for canoe/kayak spotting
- Dune boardwalk improvements/renovation/replacement and ADA access to beach
- Remove fishing platform and improve shoreline to address erosion (check with Fisheries)
- Replace west campground toilet building
- Improve contact station
- Improve campground road surfacing
- State Park signage from local communities (from downtowns)
- Work with MOD on park promotion
- Test removal of park hours signs for dark sky viewing
- Education program for canoe kayak vendors (hand out bags for trash)
- Enhance relationship with Huron Nature Center and other area nature centers
- Promote Dark Sky Preserve designation and birders (check website)
- Continue to work with adjacent land owners within project boundary should they wish to sell
- Cross-promote with Chambers of Commerce
- Continue social media and improve web-based outreach
- Continue community outreach activities such as parades, events, etc.
- Keep an eye on river migration towards entrance road

Other items discussed include:

- Birding organization used to be more active
- Establishment of a friends group is difficult due to the seasonal nature of area residents
- Contact Fisheries Division (Jim Baker) to ask about fish activities in the park
- River mouth area where boaters pull-up is difficult to manage due to lack of land access
- Contact Caleb Putnum for birding opportunities
- ADA accessible hunting blind along M-25 is proposed in partnership with WLD.

4) Schedule Meeting #3

Following up from this meeting, Action Goals will be generated both for each park as a whole and for each management zone. Look towards end of January for next meeting.

Team Meeting #3 Minutes
Phase 2 General Management Plan
January 30, 2017
9am - 12pm

Port Crescent and Sleeper State Parks
Go-To Meeting

5) Attendees: Matt Lincoln, Debbie Jensen, Betsy Kish, Jody Nieschulz, Amy Swainston, Scott Cook, Lisa Gamero, Glenn Palmgren, Bill Doan, Kathrin Schrouder

6) Review Meeting #2 minutes

Matt explained how the goals that were identified through the brainstorming in Meeting #2 were transferred to the standard template. No additional comments were made.

7) Review and refinement of Draft 10-year action goals

The team went through each goal as presented in the standard template and refined the list based on team input. Items discussed included:

Port Crescent State Park

1. Dark Sky Preserve hours and how to communicate park hours to the public
2. Potential parking lot on M-25 for trail access at Port Crescent Backcountry zone
3. Floating canoe/kayak structure
4. Chimney monument and how to address ruins
5. Sand mining operation interpretation opportunities
6. Timelines between goals and what's realistic, specifically toilet/shower building replacement, day-use bathroom improvements and contact station improvements.
7. Parking lot improvements for headquarters building.

Sleeper State Park

1. Cross-promotion with neighboring State Game Area
2. Restoration and protection of Oak Barrens ecosystem and controlling illegal ORV use
3. Encouraging good stewardship to trail users in order to minimize natural resource impact
4. Mid-week camping promotion

Both Parks

1. Responsible program position for specific goals and who would be on the team to provide input on the goals at both parks
2. Wayfinding signage from downtown areas for both parks
3. Stewardship related activities associated with invasive species.

8) Scheduling public meeting

Matt went over the next steps of putting together the draft plan and the process of taking the draft plan to the Section Chiefs for review and approval following review by the planning team. Team determined that the best time for the public meeting to be scheduled would be May or June. Matt will schedule something once these months get closer.