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# MUNDY TOWNSHIP Parks and Recreation Master Plan

A comprehensive analysis of the recreational facilities and programming in Mundy Township, Michigan and an summary of the future opportunities through current properties for additional recreation

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# Section I – Introduction

The residents of Mundy Township enjoy numerous recreational facilities and programming through Genesee County Parks and Recreation, Mundy Township Parks and Recreation and various private businesses. In order to continue to provide the needed recreational activities currently enjoyed by the residents, then the township must take an active role in the delivery of recreational opportunities.

This Five-Year Recreation Plan was prepared by Mundy Township, in cooperation with the from the local school districts (Carmen/Ainsworth Community Schools and Genesee Intermediate School District) and the Hill Road Corridor Improvement Association (herein known as the C.I.A.); with assistance from Rowe Professional Services Company. The recreation plan is intended to guide decisions affecting the future development and improvements of the townships recreation facilities and programs. The previous Recreation Master Plan was adopted in 2008. This 2015 update included evaluation of park facilities and programming to determine where improvements can be made and where additional park property could be developed. This plan is divided into several separate sections that represent the planning process used in its development. In addition to this introduction, the plan contains;

- **Community Description** – An overview of the township's current and project social, physical and economic characteristics

- **Administrative Structure** – Identifies the entities responsible for administration of the park and recreation programs and facilities provided throughout the township

- **Parks, Facility and Program Inventory** – Describes the existing park, facilities within Mundy Township and programs provided in and around the township

- **Planning Process** – Describes the participatory process by the community and other partners; process will discuss the community description, recreation inventory, public participation, analysis, action program and plan completion and adoption.

- **Basis for Action** – Summary of information collected that provides support for the suggestions and recommendations in accordance to Mundy Township's specific community goals.

- **Action Plan** – Identifies the plan's goals and objectives, all project and system recommendations and a 5-year plan for investment.

The Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan will be used as a solid foundation for future recreational facilities and programming improvements through Mundy Township; as well as continued investments and policies that will continue to support a healthy desirable quality of life for the residents in the service area.

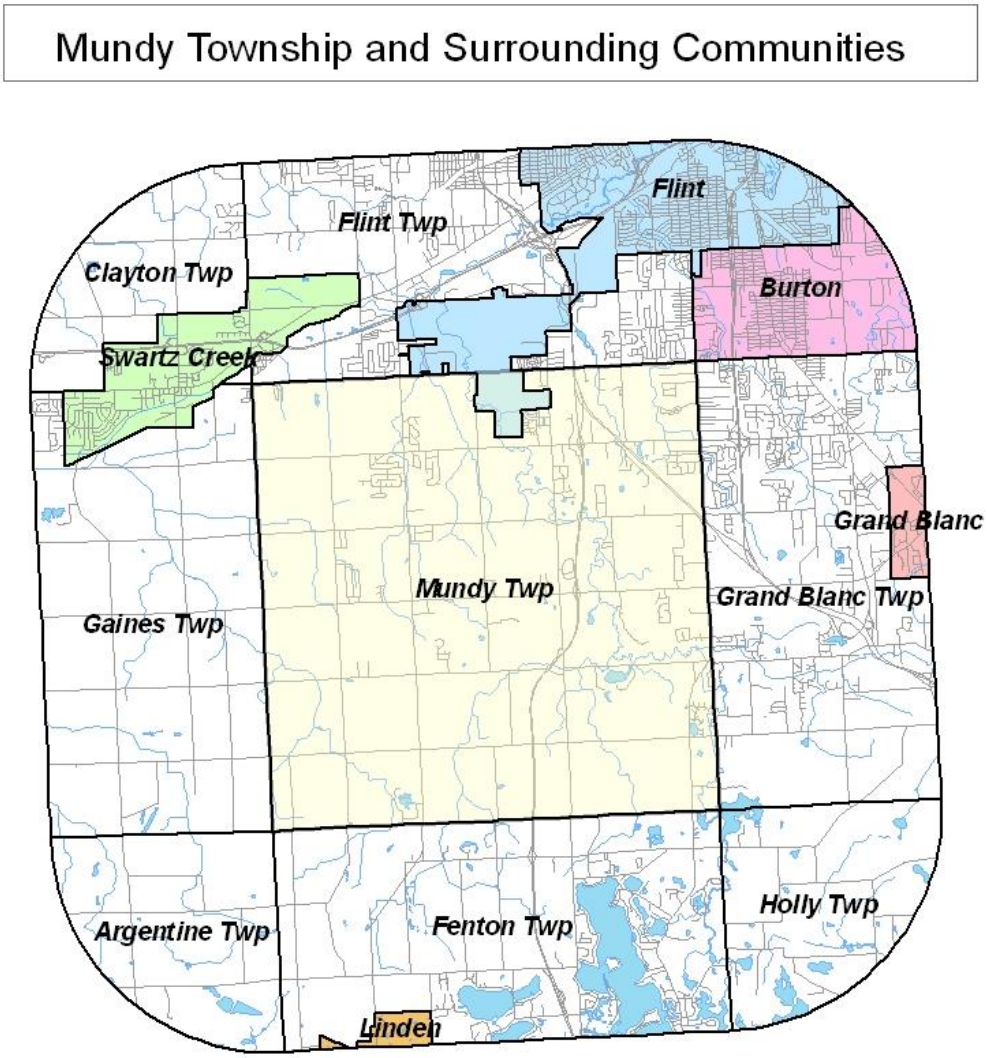
# Section II – Community Description

## Regional Setting

Mundy Township is located in southeast Michigan in the southern portion of Genesee County, immediately south of the City of Flint; 60 miles northwest of Detroit. It covers a land area slightly over 35 square miles, and is directly bordered by the townships of Clayton, Gaines, Argentine, Flint, Fenton, Grand Blanc, and Holly, as well as the cities of Burton and Flint. It is served by the Grand Blanc, Carman-Ainsworth, Swartz Creek, Linden, and Lake Fenton school districts.

This location provides Mundy's residents a rural environment with easy access to major transportation corridors (I-75, I-69, US-23), communities throughout southeastern Michigan, as well as several local communities which offer a variety of amenities and opportunities for recreation, shopping, and employment. Map 1 shows the location of Mundy Township and its surrounding communities.

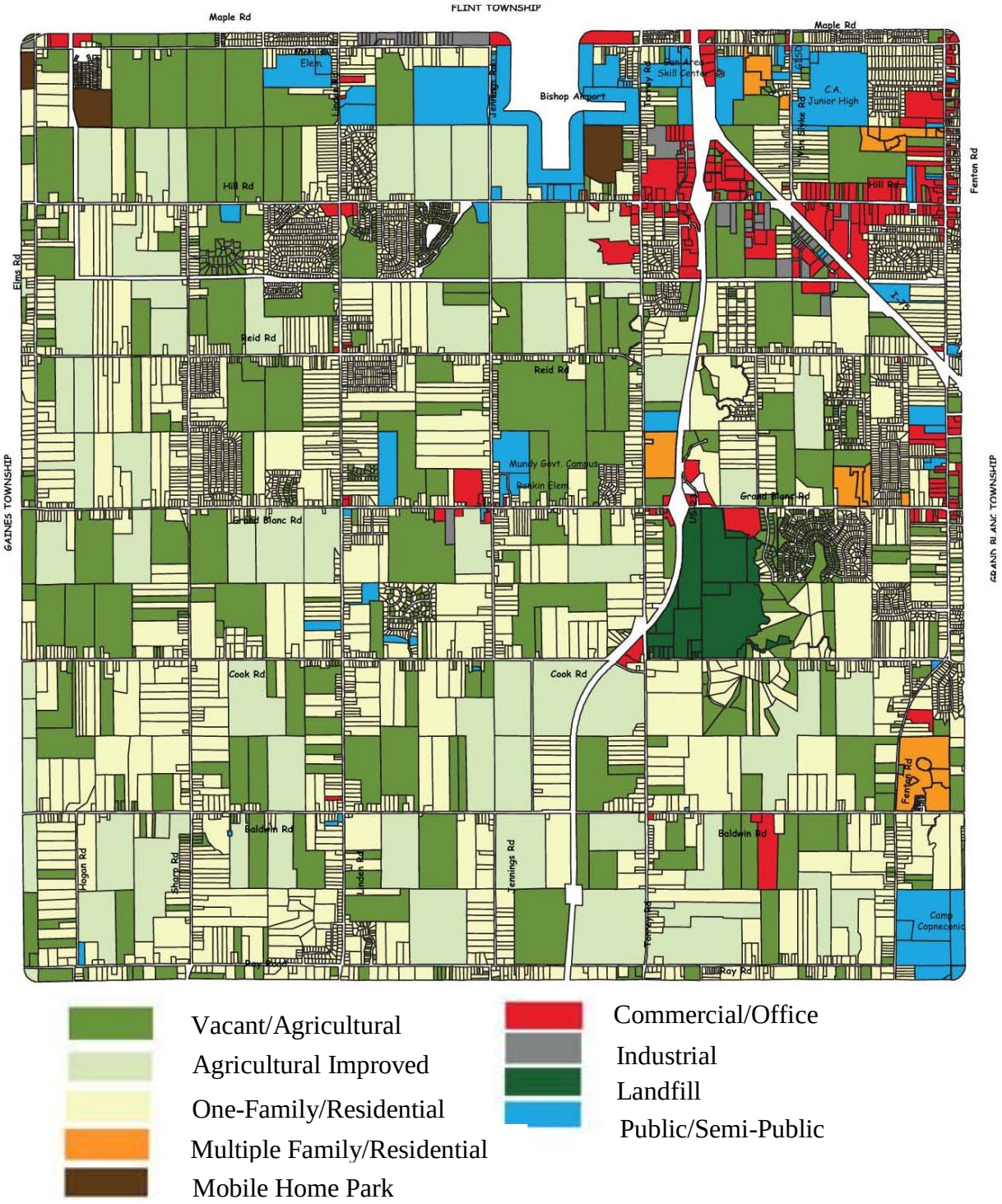
**Map 1 – Location Map**



## Existing Land Use

Map 2 details the current land use of Mundy Township. The topography of the township is characterized by relatively flat and fertile soils. The majority of the township is used for residential/agricultural use with the northeast section used for commercial/office.

### Map 2 – Existing Land Map




Vacant/Agricultural
Agricultural Improved
One-Family/Residential
Multiple Family/Residential
Mobile Home Park
Commercial/Office
Industrial
Landfill
Public/Semi-Public

## Transportation

Public transportation in Genesee County is provided by the Mass Transportation Authority (MTA), headquartered in Flint. Bus routes run throughout the day from the central terminal in downtown Flint to various locations throughout the county, including stops in and around Mundy Township. The MTA also provides curb-to-curb shuttle services in certain area of Genesee County; including in Mundy Township. The Greyhound Bus Station/Amtrak Station is located northeast of Mundy Township in Flint; aviation transportation is also located in Flint through Bishop International Airport which operates daily flights to various destinations around the country.

## Climate

Mundy Township is located in a region with cold winters and warm summers, which provide the residents with a wide variety of weather patterns. Average annual precipitation varies from 28 to 32 inches with winter snowfall and summer rainfall. Average temperatures vary from 21° Fahrenheit in January to above 70° Fahrenheit in July.

## Water Resources

Water resources in this community are limited to various private ponds, swamps and wetlands. The closest body of water is by way of Swartz Creek and the Flint River which runs to the north through parts of Flint Township. Water resources for consumption are provided through the Genesee County Drain Commission.

## Population

The population of Mundy Township has steadily increased in the past Census reports; the population density was 338.8 per square mile; with 4,876 households. The age breakdown of Mundy Township is also provided; the median age is 40 years old.

| Census | Population |
|---|---|
| 1980 | 10,786 |
| 1990 | 11,511 |
| 2000 | 12,191 |
| 2010 | 15,082 |

*Information collected from population and age distribution from the latest census information taken in 2010.

| Age Distribution in Mundy Township | |
|---|---|
| **Age** | **Percentage** |
| Under 18 | 22.8% |
| 18 – 24 | 7% |
| 25 – 44 | 29% |
| 45 – 64 | 27.9% |
| 65 and Over | 13.3% |

# Section III – Administrative Structure

This section of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan describes how the resources and recreational programming within the township are administered as well as to how the Master Plan was developed. In this section, roles and positions within the township are also identified; along with information regarding the projected budgets and previous revenue and expenditures for Mundy Township.

## Parks and Recreation Committee

Unlike in most communities, Mundy Township does not have a parks and recreation committee due in large part that the process of developing parks and recreation programming in the township has not been seriously considered or implemented in years past. Recently, there has been a push for the development of such an organization but that is in the early stages of formation. In the future, it is recommended to incorporate some type of structure with the township properties under some type of oversight committee formulated from the residents of the community and overseen by the township board of trustees. In other communities, the parks and recreation committee acts as an advisory panel making recommendations and proposing new initiatives for the parks and all recreational programming.

## Mundy Township Board of Trustees

The Mundy Township Board of Trustees holds final authority regarding parks and recreation planning and development under the authority of MCL 41.421 (Michigan Compiled Laws) and Act 157 of the Public Acts of 1905. The township supervisor is the executive officer of the township and presides over the township board of trustees. Members of the township board of trustees are elected positions.

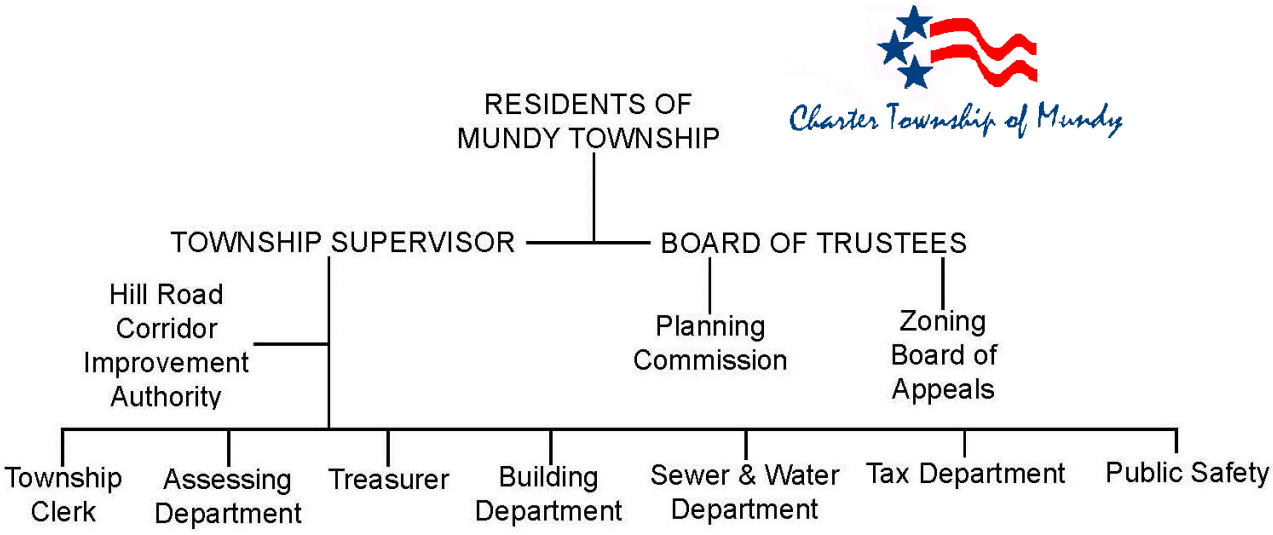
## Hill Road Corridor Improvement Authority

The Hill Road Corridor Improvement Authority (C.I.A.) is comprised of community members and business owners along the Hill Road area that assemble for the purpose of creating new economic development opportunities throughout the community. Working under the Corridor Improvement Authority (C.I.A.) Act (Act 280 of 2005), the authority is charged with preventing the deterioration of business districts, encouraging historic preservation and to authorize the creation and implementation of development plans and developed areas in the community. Pursuant to the C.I.A. Act, the organizations can identify locations that Members of the authority can establish a special district within the community that will be identified as a special public/private investment necessary to the success and growth of the community. C.I.A. agencies can also levy and collect taxes, authorize bonds and other indebtedness and are also enabled to use tax increment financing. Members of the Hill Road C.I.A. are appointed by the Township Board; currently the board chairperson is the township supervisor.

## Mundy Township Parks and Recreation Department

Currently, Mundy Township does not employ anyone in the Parks and Recreation Department. Overall maintenance and operations of the Gawron Park and Recreational Facility, north of the township hall are the responsibilities of volunteers in the community with assistance for mowing by the Hill Road C.I.A. Figure 1 details the administrative structure for Mundy Township.

**Figure 1 – Administrative Structure**




## Budget

Mundy Township presently allocates no money in its budget for parks and recreation development. Although the township currently has a park facility in Karen Gawron Park and Recreational Facility, there is no specific financial amount attached to the park maintenance and operations. Current funding for the parks is provided through economic fundraising efforts and donations provided through endowments and philanthropic organizations around Genesee County. Previously, it was recommended in the prior recreational plan the creation of a non-profit organization to provide funding opportunities and fundraising plans for operational cost for the park. Overall upkeep of the park is provided through volunteers groups and various other organizations in Mundy Township. Additional funding sources for operational cost for Gawron Park are continuous as the need for additional park usage continues to increase. Figure 2 details the specific funds that are comprised in the Mundy Township budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

## Funding History

Currently, Mundy Township has not received any Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) grand funding for parks or programming.

## Programming

The nature trails are also available for residents to enjoy connecting trails throughout the wooded area of the property. The township has also expanded parking opportunities at Gawron Park for the potential for increased traffic once the property is completed for recreational use. Programming opportunities for residents of Mundy Township are also provided by Genesee County Parks.

## Relationships with School District(s), Other Public Agencies or Public Organizations

Mundy Township is surrounded by three school districts; Carman-Ainsworth, Grand Blanc and Swartz Creek. All three school districts work in conjunction with Mundy Township to provide community education opportunities and programming for the residents of Mundy Township. The school districts also have the option of using the recreational fields at Gawron Park for outdoor education purposes.

A meeting was held with the representatives from Carman-Ainsworth and the Genesee Intermediate School Districts in preparation for the recreation master plan to coordinate potential partnerships and opportunities that the township could foster with the school districts. Some of the recommendations and discussions from that meeting are included in this plan for either future goals or potential development options.

The Hill Road Corridor Improvement Agency (C.I.A.) is also a very strong partnership that supports the overall master plan and development of Mundy Township. Although the boundaries of the agency are limited to the Hill Road area, the agency is intricately involved in the development of recreational property for use by citizens. Representation on the authority for the township board is provided by the supervisor.

Other agencies that provide support and have partnered with Mundy Township are the Genesee Committee Metropolitan Planning Commission, Keep Genesee County Beautiful, and Genesee County Parks. The township and the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission have started the beginning stages of planning non-motorized trail connections that will unite key locations in Genesee County. The township will act in an advisory role with the development of these trail locations. Keep Genesee County Beautiful has worked with Mundy Township in the development of Gawron Park previously in 2008. The agency continues to provide support and assistance in the continued operations of the park. Genesee County Parks continues to nurture a positive relationship with the township, providing recreational opportunities through the nearby Linden County Park for residents of Mundy Township.

## Role of Volunteers

With the absence of a parks and recreation department, the role of volunteers in Mundy Township has proved to be extremely important for the success and continued progress of Gawron Park. Various community groups, school programs and religious organizations have provided volunteer services during major programming opportunities. The potential for

additional recreational activities provides increased interest for the further prospect of more volunteers taking active roles in the township parks and recreation programming.

## Budget Analysis:

### Figure 2 – Budget Analysis

**Projected Budget Report**

**Local Unit Name:** Charter Township of Mundy
**Local Unit Code:** 251150
**Current Fiscal Year End Date:** 12/31/2014
**Fund Name:** General Fund

| REVENUES | | Current Year Budget | Percentage Change | | | Year 2 Budget | Assumptions |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Property Taxes | $ | 1,996,441 | 0.52% | % | $ | 2,006,843 | Based on 2014 Adjusted tax roll |
| Other Taxes | $ | 167,547 | 0.12% | % | $ | 167,753 | Based on 2014 Adjusted tax roll |
| State Revenue Sharing | $ | 1,111,899 | 3.61% | % | $ | 1,152,068 | Based on 2014 actual with an additional $39,916 for CVTRSP |
| Charges for Services | $ | 1,594,778 | 3.33% | % | $ | 1,647,840 | Additional shared services with City of SC for Building/Police |
| Licenses & Permits | $ | 41,283 | 11.43% | % | $ | 46,000 | Based on 2014 actual figures |
| Interest Income | $ | 13,500 | -42.22% | % | $ | 7,800 | Based on 2014 actual figures |
| Other Revenues | $ | 67,363 | 8.12% | % | $ | 72,834 | Based on 2014 actual figures |
| **Total Revenues** | **$** | **4,992,811** | | | **$** | **5,101,138** | |
| **EXPENDITURES** | | | | | | | |
| General Government | $ | 1,044,651 | 1.27% | % | $ | 1,057,900 | For all departments: |
| Police and Fire | $ | 2,454,068 | 3.77% | % | $ | 2,546,536 | Wages include a 2% raise for AFSCME employees |
| Other Public Safety | $ | 123,296 | 20.52% | % | $ | 148,600 | Wages include raises negotiated in 2013 for Police & Fire |
| Roads | $ | 380,000 | -9.67% | % | $ | 343,240 | Workers Comp insurance increase of 5% |
| Other Public Works | $ | 761,442 | 1.99% | % | $ | 776,565 | Health Insurance increase of 12% for Police |
| Debt Service | $ | 2,668 | -3.90% | % | $ | 2,564 | AFSCME Retirement rate of 7.4%, Police 8.66% |
| Interfund Transfers (Out) | $ | 226,686 | -44.97% | % | $ | 124,747 | Transfers to Capital Improvement Fund |
| **Total Expenditures** | **$** | **4,992,811** | | | **$** | **5,000,152** | |
| **Net Revenues (Expenditures)** | **$** | **-** | | | **$** | **100,986** | |
| **Beginning Fund Balance** | **$** | **4,662,881** | | | **$** | **4,662,881** | |
| **Ending Fund Balance** | **$** | **4,662,881** | | | **$** | **4,763,867** | |

**Local Unit Name:** Charter Township of Mundy
**Local Unit Code:** 251150
**Current Fiscal Year End Date:** 12/31/2014
**Fund Name:** Capital Improvement Fund

| REVENUES | | Current Year Budget | Percentage Change | | | Year 2 Budget | Assumptions |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Interfund Transfers (In) | $ | 226,686 | | % | $ | 124,747 | Transfers made from General Fund |
| **Total Revenues** | **$** | **226,686** | | | **$** | **124,747** | |
| **EXPENDITURES** | | | | | | | |
| Capital Outlay | $ | 191,626 | | % | $ | 124,747 | See Below for Detail |
| **Total Expenditures** | **$** | **191,626** | | | **$** | **124,747** | |
| **Net Revenues (Expenditures)** | **$** | **35,060** | | | **$** | **-** | |
| **Beginning Fund Balance** | **$** | **211,152** | | | **$** | **246,212** | |
| **Ending Fund Balance** | **$** | **246,212** | | | **$** | **246,212** | |

# Section IV – Parks, Facility and Program Inventory

The Recreation Master Plan includes an inventory of recreation facilities, programs and events that occur within Mundy Township; as they provide information about the development of the action plan. Understanding the specific facilities and events available to the residents of Mundy Township will aid decision-making in the future. The following is a summary of the current recreational properties in Mundy Township; the developed park property, Gawron Park behind the township hall and the Hill Road/Van Slyke property in the northeastern portion of the township.

## Township Park Facilities:

- **Karen Gawron Park and Recreational Facility** (Community/Regional Park): Located directly behind the Mundy Township Hall, the park is the only recreational facility currently owned by Mundy Township. Named after former township trustee Karen Gawron, who was a driving force behind the development of the township park. Park property has been proposed to have a pavilion area with an amphitheater in the center of the park; with recreational fields (soccer/baseball) fields for use by the community. There is also planned an asphalt walkway along the perimeter of the park. Current amenities include the Boone Trail that is partially completed on site.

Size: **39.8 Acres**
Age Groups Serve: All Ages
Location: On the Mundy Avenue in Mundy Township; ½ mile west of US-23.
Facilities: No facilities
Accessibility: **(Accessibility Ranking – 1)** There are no barrier free facilities at this park.
DNR Recreation Grants: None awarded to date.

- **Hill Road Mixed-Use Sports Recreational Complex** (Community/Regional Park): Located off of Hill Road in Mundy Township, the park is currently undeveloped. Plans for the parks include mixed-use development, senior housing, live/work communities, single family neighborhood development and retail space. The parks and recreation development would include non-motorized walking trails, light baseball and soccer fields and playground equipment with picnic/pavilion areas for patrons. The intent for the light baseball and soccer fields are to potentially draw additional programming through various recreational groups for evening games and activities.

Size: **73.8 Acres**
Age Groups Serve: All Ages
Location: Off of Hill road, ½ mile east of US-23 and I-75; between Van Slyke Road and Fenton Road.
Facilities: No facilities currently on-site. Proposed amenities to the
Accessibility: **(Accessibility Ranking -1)** There are no barrier free facilities at this park.
DNR Recreation Grants: None awarded to date.

- **Mundy Township Hall** (Community Center): Located in front of Gawron Park, this is the municipal headquarters for the charter township of Mundy. Offices for the township are also within this building.

**Figure 3 – Recreation Inventory**

| | Acreage | Ball Diamonds | Football/Soccer | Tennis Courts | Picnic Area | Playground Equipment | Playfield (Open) | Nature Trails | Waterfront Property | Shelter | Restrooms | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Municipal Facilities | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Karen Gawron Park and Recreational Facility | 39.8 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hill Road Mixed-Use Recreation Complex | 73.8 | | | | | | | | | | | Undeveloped Property |
| Mundy Township Hall | - | | | | | | | | | | | |

## Status Report of all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities:

Mundy Township currently does not have any grant-funded activities or projects currently proposed or planned through the MDNR.

## School Facilities:

School-aged youth in Mundy Township are serviced through three school districts in the surrounding community; Carman-Ainsworth Community Schools, Swartz Creek Community Schools, and Grand Blanc Community Schools, as well as by the county-wide educational service provider; the Genesee Intermediate School District (GISD). Carman-Ainsworth currently has two facilities located in the township; Carman-Ainsworth Middle School and Rankin Elementary School, and the GISD currently has two facilities within the township.

- **Rankin Elementary School:** Located in front of the Mundy Township Hall, the facilities around the school include basketball courts, baseball/softball diamond, soccer fields, picnic area/pavilion and playground equipment. Parking is available adjacent to the school building; and restroom facilities are included on the inside of the school.

Size: **25 Acres**
Age Groups Served: All Ages
Location: Located on Mundy Avenue; ½ mile west of US-23

Facilities: Basketball Court, Playground, Ball Diamond, Soccer Field and Indoor Gymnasium.

- **Carman-Ainsworth Middle School:** Located on Van Slyke, near I-75 (1/4 mile north of Hill Road); formally Ainsworth High School. Various recreational programming exist through the Carman-Ainsworth School District. The Varsity Football team uses the football field as their home field. The middle school uses the other recreational fields for physical education courses. Facilities on-site include baseball fields, football practice fields, softball fields, football stadium, and 1/8 mile track.

Size: **149.8 Acres**
Age Groups Served: All Ages
Location: Located on Van Slyke Road between Maple and Hill Road.
Facilities: Baseball and Softball Fields, football practice field and football stadium, walking/running track, gym, open space.

- **Genesee Career Institute:** Located off of Torrey Road in Mundy Township, this facility houses the career and technical courses for the county. The program encompasses 9 buildings on site; and the Base Camp Challenge Course. The program falls under the direction of the Genesee Intermediate School District. While there are no athletic fields available for use; the Base Camp Challenge Center is available.

Size: **15.5 Acres**
Age Groups Served: All Ages
Location: Located on Torrey Road, near Maple Avenue.
Facilities: Recreational High-Ropes facility/Challenge Course

- **Elmer A. Knoph Learning Center:** Located on Maple Avenue in Mundy Township, this facility houses the learning center for the GISD. Recreational facilities around this building are a basketball court, playground equipment, pavilion, a walking track and a softball/baseball field. Building also includes an indoor gymnasium and indoor restroom facilities.

Size: **3.5 Acres**
Age Groups Served: All Ages
Location: Located on Torrey Road, near Maple Avenue.
Facilities: Basketball court, pavilion area, softball/baseball field, walking trail, parking, indoor gymnasium and indoor restroom facilities.

## Regional Recreation Facilities and Parks:

Regional recreational facilities within the service area offer unique natural features that provide outdoor activities such as wildlife habitats, boating, hiking and trails. Many of these amenities are readily available to the residents of Mundy Township through the Genesee County Parks and Recreation department and through the State of Michigan DNR.

Mundy Township lies within Genesee County; which falls under the jurisdiction of the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission. Genesee County Parks boosts over 10,000 acres of recreation property that include activities such as biking, boating, hiking, nature trails, swimming and off-road activities. Map 3 details the location of various parks and recreational areas within the Genesee County Parks system.

**Map 3 – Genesee County Parks Map**

1) Linden County Park
2) Flushing County Park
3) Bluebell Beach and Flint River Bike Path
4) Crossroads Village and Huckleberry Railroad
5) Stepping Stone Falls and Picnic Area
6) Bluegill Board Launch
7) Administrative Offices
8) Buell Lake County Park
9) For-Mar Nature Preserve And Arboretum
10) Davison Roadside County Park
11) Everett A. Cummings Event Center
12) Mounds Off-Road Vehicle Area
13) Goldenrod Disc Golf Course
14) Richfield County Park
15) Holloway Dam Public Access Fishing Site and Canoe Launch
16) Walleye Pike Boat Launch
17) Wolverine Campground/ Buttercup Beach
18) Toboggan Hill
19) Elba Equestrian Complex
20) Hogbacks Area
21) Zeemer Park

In Mundy Township, the closest county park is located in Linden. All other park facilities are within a 10-15 minute radius from the township. Residents are currently at a disadvantage with being given recreational opportunities.

## Genesee County Parks
## and Recreation Commission Facilities

Major Parks

a. **Bluebell Beach and Flint River Trail Bike Path - Genesee Township**
*Size*: 350 acres, including 2,000 feet of frontage on Mott Lake.
*Age Groups Served*: All ages
*Location*: Bray Road or Carpenter Road via the Flint River Trail.
*Facilities*: Splash park, swimming beach, pavilions, playground, aquatic feature, play equipment, and .8 miles of paved trail linking Carpenter Road and Bluebell Beach.

b. **Linden County Park - Fenton Township**
*Size:* 234 acres, including 1,200 feet of frontage on Byram Lake.
*Age Groups Served*: All ages.
*Location:* Access adjacent to the Village of Linden.
*Facilities:* Swimming beach, play fields, tennis and multi-purpose courts, trails, play equipment areas, picnic areas, restrooms and shelters.

c. **Flushing County Park - Flushing Township**
*Size:* 105 acres, with 2,080 feet of frontage on the Flint River.
*Age Groups Served*: All ages.
*Location:* McKinley Road adjacent to the City of Flushing.
*Facilities:* Play fields, horseshoe courts, preschool play equipment areas, picnic areas and shelters.

d. **Buell Lake County Park - Thetford Township**
*Size:* 241 acres of land, 3,600 feet of frontage on Buell Lake.
*Age Groups Served*: All ages.
*Location:* Lake and Genesee Roads, relates well to Clio and Otisville. Barrier free boat launch, trail system and boardwalk allow for excellent access once in the park. Safe play zones need to be incorporated into a transitional plan.
*Facilities:* Play fields, play equipment areas, picnic areas, fishing, shelters and model airplane flying field.

e. **For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum - City of Burton**
*Size:* 384 acres of land; two acres of water.
*Age Groups Served*: All ages.
*Location:* Access via Genesee Road and Davison Road, relates well to the City of Flint.
*Facilities:* Nature trails, interpretive buildings, and indoor and outdoor exhibits.

f. **Richfield County Park - Richfield Township**
*Size:* 345 acres, with 3120 feet of frontage on the Flint River.
*Age Groups Served*: All ages.
*Location:* Access via Irish Road.
*Facilities:* Play fields, shelters, picnic areas, tennis courts and canoe launch site

g. **Davison Roadside County Park - City of Burton**
*Size:* 9 acres.
*Age Groups Served*: All ages.
*Accessibility and Location:* Good - Access via Davison and Belsay Roads.
*Facilities:* Picnic area, beginners' sledding hill, pavilion, and playground.

## Regional Recreational Facilities/Attractions:

a. **Holloway Reservoir Regional Park**
The Holloway Reservoir Regional Park in Genesee and Lapeer Counties encompasses 5,500 acres of land, including 1,975 acres of water (Holloway Reservoir). The park provides open space for a variety of educational and recreational activities, including swimming, boating, picnicking, camping and fishing. Recent shoreline stabilization efforts have been added along the Wolverine Shoreline to minimize loss of campground area due to erosion. Additional activities have been designed to increase interest in the park on both the local and regional level. Located in Richfield Township and Lapeer County, the following summarizes the area:
*Size:* 5,860 acres

*Age Groups Served*: All ages

*Accessibility and Location:* Approximately 15 miles northeast of the City of Flint.

*Facilities:* Holloway Reservoir; Buttercup Beach; Walleye Pike Boat Launch; Hogback Area; Zemmer Road Fishing Site; Toboggan Hill; Equestrian Trail; Wolverine Campground.

b. **Genesee Recreation Area**
The Genesee Recreation area consists of 4,460 acres of scenic land in Richfield and Genesee Townships. Like the Holloway Reservoir Park, traditional recreational activities such as swimming, picnicking, bicycling, hiking, boating, and fishing are provided. Activities and attractions such as Stepping Stone Falls, Crossroads Village and the Huckleberry Railroad, create a greater regional appeal, as well as add to the tourism industry of the area. Located in Genesee and Richfield Townships, the following summarizes the area:
*Size:* 4,460 acres

*Age Groups Served*: All ages.

*Facilities:* Stepping Stone Falls; C.S. Mott Lake; Bluebell Beach; Historical Crossroads Village and the Huckleberry Railroad; Bluegill Boat Launch; Everett A. Cummings Center; Goldenrod Beach Disc Golf; Richfield Park; Timber Wolf Fishing Site; Equestrian Trails; Snowmobile Trails; Richfield Park BMX Course.

c. **Mounds ORV Area - Genesee Township**
*Size:* 370 acres, with 240 acres open to ORV use.
*Age Groups Served*: All ages.
*Location:* Access via E. Mt. Morris Road. Genesee County Road Commission has begun the process of developing a master plan.
*Facilities:* For motorcycles, mini-bikes, dune buggies, four-wheel drive vehicles and all-terrain vehicles.

d. **Crossroads Village and the Huckleberry Railroad**
*Size:* Approximately 80 acres, 4 miles of track.
*Age and Groups Served*: All ages
*Location:* Bray Road and Stanley Road to I-475
*Facilities:* Historical Crossroads Village, a bicentennial project, offers a glimpse of a Michigan village in the 1860 to 1880 historical period.

The Huckleberry Railroad is located within Crossroads Village and follows an eight-mile loop through the Genesee Recreation Area on a narrow gauge rail. The train equipment is steam-powered and restored to 1800's vintage.

e. **Stepping Stone Falls**
*Size:* Approximately 30 acres.

*Age Groups Served*: All ages.

*Location:* Stepping Stone Falls is part of the dam which forms Mott Lake.

*Facilities:* The height on the main fall is 11.5 feet and is lighted from sunset to midnight with changing colored lights.

f. **Everett A. Cummings Event Center - Genesee Township**
*Size:* Approximately 1740 acres from Genesee Rd to Irish Rd, over 300 acres accessed from Mt Morris Rd.

*Age Groups Served*: All ages.

*Location:* Access via Mt Morris Road and Irish Road.

*Facilities:* Trails for hiking, horses, and snowmobiles. Fishing and water access to Flint River. Duck Hunting islands location along the Flint River. Location of major events such as Genesee County Fair, Warrior Dash, Color Vibe and other functions. 18 hole Goldenrod disc golf course.

g. **Wolverine Campground and Buttercup Beach - Columbiaville**
*Size:* 195 campsites available.

*Age Groups Served*: All ages.

*Location:* Access via Baxter Road.

*Facilities:* Campsites, beach, swimming, playground and boat launch.
Other regional recreational facilities exist in other counties (Oakland, Livingston and Lapeer) that are operated by the state of Michigan through the Department of Natural Resources. The table below details the different amenities to each park as well as square footage of each park.

## Michigan Department of Natural Resources Facilities:

There are numerous facilities that are operated through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources that are within the Mundy Township area. These state facilities provide a variety of activities such as camping, biking and non-motorized trails.

**Figure 4 – State Park Facilities**

| Recreation Facility | Acres | Boat Launch | Camping | Cross Country Skiing | Fishing | Pavilions/Shelters | Picnic Area | Playground | Swimming |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Oakland County | | | | | | | | | |
| Bald Mountain State Park | 4,637 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Dodge No. 4 State Park | 139 | Y | - | Y | Y | - | Y | Y | Y |
| Groveland Oaks Campground | N/A | Y | Y | - | Y | - | Y | Y | Y |
| Highland State Park | 5,524 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Holly State Park | 7,470 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Marshbank State Park | N/A | - | - | - | - | Y | Y | Y | - |
| Ortonville State Park | 3,205 | Y | Y | Y | Y | - | Y | Y | Y |
| Pontiac Lake State Park | 3,700 | Y | Y | - | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Proud Lake State Park | 3,614 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Seven Lakes State Park | 1,378 | Y | - | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Livingston County | | | | | | | | | |
| Brighton State Park | 4,913 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Island Lake State Park | 3,466 | Y | Y | - | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Lakelands Trail State Park | 13 | - | - | Y | Y | Y | Y | - | Y |
| Lapeer County | | | | | | | | | |
| Metamora Hadley State Park | 683 | Y | Y | Y | Y | - | Y | Y | Y |

## Private Recreation Facilities:

There are private recreational facilities that are located around Mundy Township that provide recreational activities for residents in the township. These facilities are privately operated and in some cases require a user fee for admittance. They were included in this parks and recreation analysis because they meet the specific needs of the community. The private facilities around Mundy Township include:

- **Bowling Alleys:** Galaxy Lanes, Fenton Lanes
- **Dance:** Chasse Ballroom and Latin Dance Studio, Fenton School of Dance, Broadway Dance Academy, Pelio School of Dance, L & L Dance Studio, Kincaid Dance Studio and Dolores School of Dance
- **Fitness Clubs:** Anytime Fitness, Planet Fitness, SNAP Fitness, Powerhouse Gym and Curves Fitness center
- **Golf Course:** Fenton Farms Golf Club, Loch Lomond Golf Course, Southmoor Golf Course, Seifert's Golf Plus, Captain's Club Golf Course and Genesee Valley Meadows Golf Course
- **Martial Arts:** Masters & Champions Martial Arts
- **Miscellaneous Facilities:** Camp Copenaconic (YMCA), Base Camp Challenge Center, Genesee Valley Tennis Club

## Mundy Township Recreational Programs:

While programming is provided through various other recreational service providers in Genesee County, Mundy Township does not have a structured parks and recreation program that develops activities for the township. Many residents participate in the recreational programs offered through Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation and Swartz Creek. Also, Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation provides services for many residents.

## Recreation Inventory Analysis:

Mundy Township has made tremendous strides in order to provide the necessary recreational facilities for the community; however the lack of adequate park facilities continues to be a hindrance for residents. The root problem exist with lack of funding to implement different activities and leveraging financing to develop park amenities such as playground equipment, athletic fields, picnic shelters/pavilions and nature trails. This is evident at Gawron Park, behind the township hall. The other park property that is owned by the township (behind the Home Depot) on Hill Road has the potential for mixed-use and recreational development. For this property, discussions with township officials have included the creation of professional baseball and soccer fields with field lighting and other amenities. . Whatever plans are developed or created should be in cooperation with the Hill Road C.I.A. in regards to ensuring the continued growth of the area.

As Mundy Township continues to evolve, it's important for the township to continue to explore different funding sources in order to provide maintenance and upkeep for all park property. Partnerships with school districts in the surrounding communities should also be fostered to provide those outdoor recreational opportunities that are essential for students to have.

Mundy Township must continue to look for the potential of not only acquiring property in the surrounding communities but also the potential for developing those properties into useable spaces for recreational and activity for residents. Currently, there is an interest in the community for nature trails and non-motorized connections. In the township, some residents utilize vacated housing developments with paved roads for use as recreational walking trails. Others use memberships at gyms in the surrounding area. However recreation is supplied in Mundy Township, moving forward it is essential to continue promoting the potential opportunities and recreational activities that are available through the community.

# Section V – Planning Process

Mundy Township gave direction for this Recreation Master Plan to be developed; with the support of the Hill Road C.I.A., for the purpose of providing a guide for future facilities, programming, and funding sources through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). The planning process resulted in a plan that reflects the needs and ideas of those who are residents of the township. The following process is explained below:

- **Community Description –** The process began with an analysis of the authority's physical and social characteristics. These characteristics included location, history, transportation systems, natural features and population information.

- **Recreation Inventory** – Mundy Township currently owns two pieces of property in the township; although these properties have not been developed. The recreation inventory took into consideration all facilities that are available in the township for recreational activities. Also, a list of private businesses that provide recreational programming, neighboring community facilities, state parks, Genesee County Parks and other locations in the surrounding area that provides recreational opportunities for residents.

- **Public Participation –** On **January 13, 2015**, Mundy Township hosted a community information open house session, in conjunction with the Hill Road C.I.A. that centered on formulating the goals and objectives for the new recreation master plan. Also, maps were provided for a brain-storming process to allow residents and civic leaders making suggestions for potential development of park property that is slated for future use.

- **Analysis –** The information collected from the community meeting was analyzed based on experience from the township board and Hill Road C.I.A. After the information is analyzed, it was compared based on financial/funding sources and the specific needs and desires of the township and residents.

- **Action Plan –** Upon completion of the analysis, goals and objectives were determined to provide the framework for the Action Plan (Goals and Objectives). The Goals and Objectives were developed at the community open house meeting on **January 13, 2015**.

- **Plan Completion –** After the plan has been completed, it was presented to the township board for approval. Once the plan has been reviewed, it will be available for public input for 30-days from **May 10th, 2015** until **June 10th, 2015**. Following the 30-days, a public hearing will be held in order to solicit any additional input from residents. Following the public input, it (will be/was) endorsed by Mundy Township Board of Trustees and endorsed by the Hill Road C.I.A. and Mundy Township Planning Commission; and was submitted to the Michigan DNR for approval.

## Basis for Action Plan:

The preceding sections of the recreation plan provided information into the current operations and development of park properties in Mundy Township. The basis for Action Plan is meant to evaluate the information collected to summarize the needs and priorities for the future park and recreational facilities, existing park land and programming within Mundy Township.

There were numerous resources that were involved in the recreational analysis of Mundy Township. Public input is absolutely essential in the development of this plan and discovering the community priorities of the residents. Public participation was garnered at a community open house held at the Mundy Township Hall on January 13, 2015. Residents were given the opportunity to express their concerns and ideas for ways of incorporating additional recreational options within the township. Next, the park land currently under the ownership of the township was analyzed in terms of size, location and function; followed by an analysis of recreational facilities and fields within the township. Finally, to ensure that all perspectives were considered, existing planning documents were reviewed from the last recreation plan to determine whether the Action Plan coincided with the current direction and goals of the community.

Although Mundy Township has acquired various parcels and property throughout Mundy Township, many of the properties identified as park land has not been developed. The Gawron Park and Recreational Facility has not yet been developed with the recreational fields and other amenities such as restroom facilities, stage area, and lawn seating and pavilion area. The goal of the township should be to secure funding to finish the recreational fields and conveniences necessary to support additional sports opportunities. Also, the Hill Road property still has not been developed. Some residents would like to see this property developed into a mixed-use community with recreational facilities that would host major baseball/softball activities and soccer fields. Playground equipment would be included in this area to provide recreational enjoyment for all ages. Along with the recreational component, the discussion also has been to incorporate senior housing, a mixture of single-family and multi-family housing and civic/community center. Many residents have expressed a sincere determination to provide recreational opportunity for the residents of the township. Many residents utilize other surrounding communities or private entities to provide activities and programming. Another concern to most residents is a lack of walking trails and connection points within the township. Many of the township residents have expressed that many community members venture to other locations to utilize trail systems. As the township continues to provide opportunities for recreational trails and non-motorized transportation throughout the area; the township should continue to evaluate the potential for additional properties to be used as walking trails.

# Section VI – Goals and Objectives

An overall guide for the parks and recreation goals of Mundy Township will be to focus efforts on developing recreational facilities and creating programming that will promote opportunities for interaction and healthy living within Mundy Township. Of the goals and objectives listed, the top priorities ranked in order include:

- Develop recreational fields and park facilities for use by residents.
- Coordinate with the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission and partner with them in developing the new non-motorized trail plan for Genesee County.
- Provide trail way locations in Mundy Township that will connect to the proposed trail network in Genesee County.
- Create programming for the recreational facilities in Mundy Township.
- Construct recreational facility on Hill Road to include baseball and softball fields with professional lighting, soccer fields, playground equipment and other amenities.

The overall theme for improving recreational opportunities will be to develop and create recreation programming that will support the growing needs of Mundy Township.

The following goals support this (not listed in any order or priority):

## Goal #1: Provide safe, community-based recreation opportunities.

From the information collected through the community meeting, the intent of Mundy Township should still be to provide recreational facilities that are safe and accessible to all residents in the community; also, it's imperative to develop programming that would be supported by the community.

- Provide playground equipment and activities in park properties that are appropriate for all age groups.
- Develop community recreational activities that will be supported by the residents.
- Leverage various organizations and groups for short-term maintenance of parks properties.
- Provide recreation activities that will promote active living and wellness.
- Develop pavilion/picnic areas for residents and park patrons.

## Goal #2: Promote the broad development of trails in Mundy Township that will link the township to the emerging regional trail network.

Genesee County continues to promote active living through the non-motorized trail systems throughout the county. It is highly recommended that Mundy Township partner with the Metropolitan Planning Commission as they continue to develop the new trail system that will connect the county through non-motorized trails at various locations throughout the county. Mundy Township should not only look into the potential for regional trail access but also for the potential for developing independent trail systems in the township.

- Preserve a river trail along a portion of Swartz Creek.
- Develop biking and walking trails that connect housing communities, businesses, natural areas and parks.
- Provide support for county-wide non-motorized trail network through the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission.
- Investigate the potential for developing bike lanes along certain routes in Mundy Township.

## Goal #3: Secure and acquire additional properties that will continue to provide additional park land in the future.

As the landscape of Mundy Township continues to change, and as vacant properties become available, it would be ideal that the township should begin to inquire about potential for acquiring more properties with the intention of creating smaller park properties for use by the residents or for creating open-space in the community for use by other organizations and groups for different recreational opportunities.

## Goal #4: New park development along Hill Road.

The property along Hill Road between Van Slyke Avenue and Fenton Road is an ideal location, for redevelopment as a recreational facility for baseball/softball fields and soccer fields. The other plans for developing the property are ideal in the long-term goals of the land. The new development should also include play equipment for all community members and walking trails that will connect various key locations along Hill Road with the property.

- Coordinate with the Hill Road C.I.A. for the implementation and planning for the property.
- Pursue any grant opportunities and funding sources that could provide funding for the new recreational complex.
- Inquire with other community and civic leaders about the potential for bringing professional athletics to the park site (i.e. baseball/softball tournaments, soccer tournaments).
- Provide the potential for mixed-use developments in property for future expansion and development.
- Provide connections to Carmen-Ainsworth Middle School/athletic fields for use by community members and residents in the surrounding neighborhoods.

# Section VII – Action Plan

Mundy Township currently has Gawron Park and Recreational Facility available and the Hill Road property; both of these properties are not being fully utilized to their full potential. Gawron Park has very limited access and does not provide any of the recreational amenities that would make it a destination for activities or programming by township residents. The Hill Road property, under the supervision and operation of the Hill Road C.I.A. also is an undeveloped property in the township. The possibilities for this property are endless, including ball fields, recreational pavilions and play equipment. The potential for other properties in Mundy Township to be highlighted as recreational facilities and incorporating recreational trails alongside major thoroughfares in the township are also very important possibilities to promoting active and healthy living in Mundy Township. As a developed community, it is extremely important to have an action plan for the overall parks system in the township. Although Mundy Township does not have a defined parks and recreation department, the process of identifying park properties and potential recreational activities is essential in the development of Mundy Township.

## Karen Gawron Park and Recreational Facility:

Gawron Park is a unique community/regional park that has potential for numerous recreational activities. Currently, many of these recreational facilities have not yet been constructed due to lack of funding. The natural area provided through the park provides an "natural retreat" from the surrounding area that could provide nature trails through the wooded area. The cleared area of the park provides the option of incorporating specific recreational fields for usage by community members and residents. Previous plans of Gawron Park included the development of playground equipment, recreational multi-purpose fields, concession/restroom facilities, picnic pavilions and an open-air amphitheater. These amenities can still be a part of the overall site plan of the park; thought should be given to provide year-round services at Gawron Park.

- Develop recreational fields to include soccer complex and baseball/softball fields
- Provide concession area and restroom facilities in park area
- Install nature trail throughout the site to provide ADA accessibility to all activity areas
- Install playground equipment for ages 12 and under
- Provide additional parking for neighboring elementary school
- Develop an open-air amphitheater near the center of the park
- Provide picnic facilities and pavilion areas

## Hill Road Park and Recreational Facility:

Hill Road Park and Recreational Facility, which is owned by Mundy Township, is currently an undeveloped property off of Hill Road. This property currently is zoned as commercial-improved but has the potential to be re-zoned depending on the needs of the township or the interest of potential business development. Previous plans of the Hill Road Park and Recreational Facility

include the option for mixed use development, housing, civic/institutional. The property would be highlighted by a large recreational complex of athletic fields for use by various sporting groups and organizations. The core of the athletic complexes is to promote the area for potential semi-professional sporting tournaments. Future improvements at the park property also include the following:

- Lighted LED athletic fields for play by sporting organizations
- Provide ADA accessible playground equipment for ages 12 and under
- Install non-motorized trail system that will connect different areas of the surrounding neighborhoods to the park
- Develop pavilion areas for picnic and activities
- Provide parking areas for athletic facilities
- Install baseball/softball fields
- Provide clearing through wooded area for nature trails and naturalistic components of the habitat

A concept plan has been developed for the site on Hill Road; with the improvements listed above. **Map 5** shows the outline of the Hill Road property owned by the township; as well as the major thoroughfares surrounding the property.

## System-Wide Initiatives:

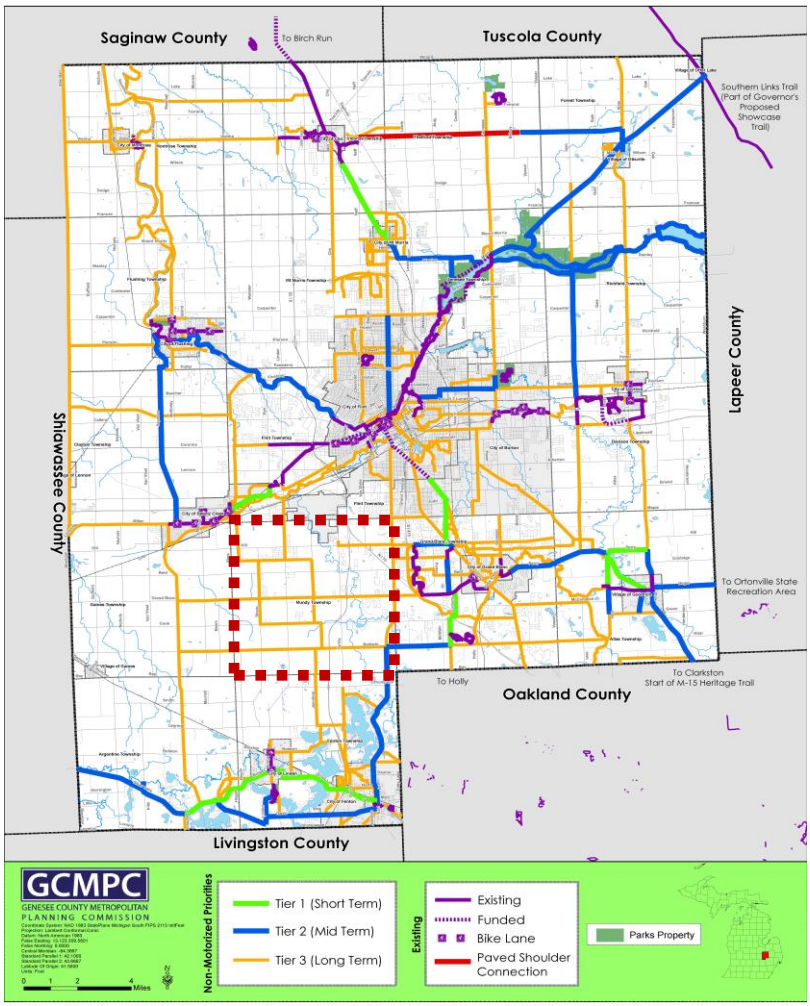
With Mundy Township not currently having any funding available for park projects or improvements, it's important that Mundy Township continue to pursue all funding sources that are supportive of developing the parks properties in the township. Not only with developing park properties, but the township must be actively engaged in providing activities and programming that would promote healthy, active living. Surrounding communities have programs that provide these opportunities for their residents, that many residents in Mundy Township participate in. Many residents have expressed a desire for the township to either operate or provide those same services to the community. This section of the parks and recreation plan provide specific initiatives that are important to the overall success of Mundy Township's parks.

## Recreational Trail Connections:

The Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission has begun the early process of developing a non-motorized trail project in the county. These locations are identified in **Map 4**. The process of selecting trail head locations has already occurred; Mundy Township should work in cooperation and in a supporting-role with the implementation and development of the recreational trails throughout Mundy Township. Also, consideration should be given to the potential of developing non-motorized trails along major roadways in the township connecting various locations and neighborhoods.

Another objective of Mundy Township should be with traffic calming along Hill Road. Within the last few years, Hill Road has become a focal point of traffic congestion and activity; due to the immediate access of vehicular traffic to US-23 and I-75. While traffic has increased, the

**Map 4 – Recreational Trail Connections**




mobility of residents around Mundy Township has changed to being more of a non-motorized community with residents accessing various businesses in the area by walking. Future options of accommodating this shift in transportation options include shifting from a 5-lane highway down to three lanes with walking/bike paths along the route; reducing the speed for vehicular traffic and providing more buffers for sidewalks. These options would be something to begin dialogue with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).

## Community Involvement/Fund Raising:

Mundy Township does not currently have a funding source in the current budget for financing park projects and development for any properties owned by the township. To offset the financial burden of implementing projects, the township should develop a process to involve residents and community members by providing financial support for the parks. Community involvement and engagement is critical in sustaining the parks properties and providing the amenities that would be essential in the overall success of Mundy Township's parks. Organizing community neighborhood support through an "Adopt-A-Park" program would draw support from various neighborhood organizations and businesses to take a more active role in the development of park properties in Mundy Township. However, fundraising will be a huge support in the implementation of various programming and activities in the township. Incorporating various philanthropic organizations and enterprises for funding through volunteer groups would be essential in providing financing to incorporate various amenities to the parks. Outreach to the businesses in Mundy Township would also be vital to the success of the parks programs for park sponsorship or sponsoring certain programming opportunities to take place in various locations.

## Programming:

The township currently does not have a parks and recreation office; and does not provide any recreational programming for the township residents. Programming in Mundy Township is provided by the local school districts (Swartz Creek Community Schools, Carman-Ainsworth Community Schools, and Grand Blanc Community Schools). Moving forward, the township

should investigate partnering with the local school districts to provide various recreational activities for the residents of the township. These programming could take place on the park property owned and operated by the township. Also, there is the potential for providing space for the various school districts to incorporate outdoor recreational classroom spaces. Also, programming capacity exist with the nearby Southern Lakes Regional Metropolitan Parks and Recreation District. Many residents have participated in various programs offered by this authority; it may be recommended to look into partnering with Southern Lakes to provide programming for residents of Mundy Township.

## Land Acquisition:

As properties become available in the township it would be highly recommended that the township look into the potential for acquiring properties to be used as small park land for use by neighborhood communities. The demand for recreational facilities in the township could increase as the population continues to increase. The township can develop agreements with various schools, churches and other civic organizations for land donations and agreements on maintaining the properties. The goal of acquiring land should always be to develop additional open-space throughout the community.

## Safety:

As these properties around Mundy Township are developed into recreational areas that are used by the community members of the township, it is absolutely essential that safety be considered a high priority. Park monitoring programs should take place as the properties become more and more developed to ensure that no vandalism occurs. Neighborhood groups can be helpful in aiding the safety and maintenance of the parks. Also, in working with the Swartz Creek and Mundy Township police department in providing security at these locations during peak hours of operations (when used).

## Partnerships with School Districts:

As expressed earlier, the school districts of Carman-Ainsworth and the Genesee Intermediate School District held a meeting in February and discussed the needs and potential for partnerships with the township moving forward from this recreation plan. Some of the current needs of the school districts include lack of adequate outdoor recreational facilities for extra-curricular activities (i.e. sport teams and bands), inadequacy of available meeting space for programs and classrooms and the absence of a convention center in the area. The discussion then moved into how Mundy Township could assist the school districts with providing those opportunities. Some of the suggestions include:

- Provide additional parking and upgrades to existing parking by Mundy Township hall that connects with Rankin Elementary School
- Develop amphitheater in both Gawron Park and in the Hill Road property
- Develop trailhead at Gawron Park that provides outdoor education programs for environmental education classes “Exploration Park”.

- Future phases of township master plan to include indoor convention center with sports complex (multi-purpose center)
- Connecting proposed trailhead on Hill Road property to existing track connected to Carman-Ainsworth Junior High School to provide cross-country/track capabilities.
- Upgrade existing walking routes to schools in the township
- Potential for developing bike trails along routes in Mundy Township and also curb-cuts in the primary routes along Hill Road and Maple Avenue.
- Explore the potential for partnering with the township in regards to providing athletic fields for Carman-Ainsworth, Swartz Creek and Grand Blanc using the properties (once developed).

These proposals are tentative based on the needs of the school district and also the necessity of providing those services to the community. Thorough discussion was also had with the school districts present that the plans may change depending on the interest and desires of the community members of Mundy Township.

## Funding:

Various grant opportunities and programs exist that are useful in leveraging funding for projects and property acquisition. A summary of funding resources in the state of Michigan include:

- **Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund (MNRTF**) – Provides funding assistance for the purchase of land (or interest in land) for recreation or protection of land because of its environmental importance or scenic beauty, and the development of recreation facilities. This assistance is directed at creating and improving outdoor recreational opportunities and providing protection to valuable natural resources. The improvement grants are between $15,000 and $500,000 with a required minimum local match of 25%. Acquisition grants vary depending upon the value of property and local match amount; therefore there is not a minimum or maximum amount. This grant is ideal for implementing community park plans and for land acquisition in the future. Applications are due in April and September of each year for acquisition projects and April of each year for development projects.

- **Michigan Recreation Passport –** Provides capital improvement plans and development projects in communities throughout Michigan. Projects must be in public recreation use for the life of the project rather than perpetuity. Indoor recreation facilities and existing park locations are eligible for the grant. The primary focus is on improving and renovating existing parks. The application deadline is April 1st, with a November grant award announcement. Duration of the grant usually run 3 years. Minimum grant request must be $7,500 with a maximum request of $45,000; there is a 25% match by the local municipality or organization. The 25% match can either be cash/credit (for locally assumed costs including labor and equipment) donations of goods and services from non-government entities, cash donations from non-governmental entities or repurposed land.

- **Special Mileage –** A property tax mileage can be used to finance specific park and recreation projects such as parkland improvements and facility upgrades. A millage is an effective method to divide costs over time amongst all of the taxpayers in the community to provide matching grant funds or finance projects out-right. A millage allows more flexibility in how the money is utilized than a bond.

- **Aquatic Habitat Grant Program –** The Aquatic Habitat Grant Program (AHCP) began in October 2013 and will operate each year that funding is available. A total of approximately $1,250,000 will be available for the second round of 2014 grand funding from the Game and Fish Protection Fund. The AHCP's purpose is to improve fish and other aquatic organism's populations by protecting intact and rehabilitating degraded aquatic habitat. Grant applications are due in November with award information available in April.

- **Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)** – LWCF provides funding assistance for communities to acquire and develop land for outdoor recreation. The minimum award is $15,000 and the maximum of $500,000 with a 50% local match. The eligibility criterion emphasizes preservation of natural resources such as waterways. This grant is ideal for implementing community park plans for land acquisition in the future.

- **Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)** – TAP is a competitive grant program that funds projects such as non-motorized paths, streetscapes and historic preservation of transportation facilities that enhance Michigan's intermodal transportation system and provide safe alternative transportation options. These investments support place-based economic development by offering transportation choices, promoting walkability and improving the quality of life. The program uses federal transportation funds designed by Congress for these types of activities. TAP grant funding requires matching funds of at least 20 percent of the eligible project cost.

- **Public-Private or Public-Public Partnerships** – Reduced funding at the public and private sector has created a need for various partnerships between public and private entities as well as between two or more public entities, to accommodate specialized large-scale recreation demands.

- **Donations** – Businesses, corporations, private clubs, community organizations and individuals will often contribute to recreation and other improvement programs to benefits the communities in which they are located. Private sector contributions may be in the form of monetary contributions, the donation of land, the provision of volunteer services, or the contribution of equipment or facilities.

## Conclusion:

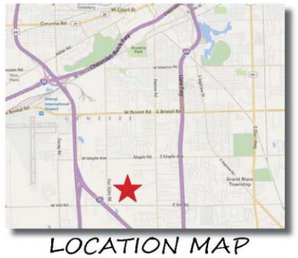
Mundy Township continues to be an important part of the revitalization of Genesee County and the region. The recreation potential of the surrounding area provides great opportunities for future expansion and activities for the residents to be engaged in. The purpose of this plan is to highlight areas of potential development that would promote the townships park properties. By implementing the changes outlined in the recreation plan, Mundy Township will be able to provide the residents of the township with programming and activities that will promote active living and promote the potential for additional recreation programming in the township.

**Map 3 – Hill Road Park and Athletic Fields**

# HILL ROAD CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PLAN
## MUNDY TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

## SITE FEATURES

1. TENNIS COURTS
2. BASKETBALL COURTS
3. PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
4. OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATER
5. SOCCER PRACTICE FIELDS
6. PARKING (260 SPACES)
7. COMFORT STATION
8. SOCCER FIELDS WITH FIELD LIGHTING
9. BASEBALL FIELDS
10. BASEBALL COMPLEX ENTRANCE
11. WALKING TRAIL (LENGTH: 2 MILES)
12. ENTRANCE PARKING (HILL ROAD ENTRANCE)
13. ENTRANCE PARKING (VAN SLYKE ROAD ENTRANCE)



LOCATION MAP

## LEGEND

- RETAIL/COMMERCIAL
- CIVIC/INSTITUTIONAL
- MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT
- SENIOR CITIZEN/COVALESCENT HOMES
- TOWNHOUSES
- SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL

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# APPENDIX A : RESOLUTIONS

This section includes the resolutions from the Mundy Township Board of Trustees and the Hill Road Corridor Improvement Agency (C.I.A.). All correspondence from the municipalities are included in this section.

HILL ROAD CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY
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May 12, 2015

On the above date, the Hill Road Corridor Improvement Authority voted to forward a letter of support for the Mundy Township Five Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This plan was developed with the assistance of the Charter Township of Mundy through Rowe Professional Services. The plan is designed to provide a road map for potential developments and recreational programming in Mundy Township.

Currently, Mundy Township does not have any set aside recreational programming or facilities established; but it is the intent of the township to develop those opportunities in the future. The township owns property on Hill Road that is proposed for a potential recreation facility for the township.

The Hill Road Corridor Improvement Authority sees this property as essential for the continued development and economic success for the Hill Road area in Mundy Township. With the potential for developing a semi-professional sporting complex in Mundy Township, the economic impact for the township would be a great support for the community.

Therefore the Hill Road Corridor Improvement Authority supports the plan being presented to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The Authority believes this plan will be a major assistance to creating a community identity for the entire township.

**Charter Township of Mundy**
Planning Commission

Resolution of Endorsement
For the
2015-2020 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

**RESOLUTION NO. PCR15-01**

**WHEREAS**, development of adequate parks and recreation facilities require a pro-active plan based on a combination of community input, analysts of existing conditions, analysis of the basic needs for current and future residents, parks and recreation planning expertise, as well as prioritized improvements programs and potential funding opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the foundation of the plan is established with the Action Plan Framework consisting of an overall goal and supporting objectives; and

**WHEREAS**, the plan provides text and maps of detailed recommendations for park and recreation facilities, and recreation programming with a prioritized list of proposed capital improvements for the next five years; and

**WHEREAS**, the board of trustees of Mundy Township and staff, Hill Road Corridor Improvement Agency (C.I.A) along with the assistance of Rowe Professional Services Company, have prepared Mundy Township Parks and Recreation Five Year Master Plan which includes all the above elements; and

**WHEREAS**, said plan is represented to meet the requirements of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, thereby making the authority eligible for State and Federal grants administered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources: and

**WHEREAS**, the township followed a planning process that contained public involvement, including community meetings and reviewing information collected from previous plans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Mundy does support the continued development and potential for recreational programming and activities throughout the township;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Planning Commission hereby endorses and recommends to the township board to adopt the recreation master plan for the township.

Motion by Ms. Ketzler, supported by Mr. Witter, to endorse the Mundy Township Parks and Recreation Plan.

AYES: Suzanne LaMielle, Gregory Newhart, Phillip Holmblade, David Witter, Thomas Rathsack, Tonya Ketzler, and John Trecha.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Dated: May 26, 2015

John H. Trecha, Chairman

I, Suzanne LaMielle, Secretary of the Planning Commission for the Charter Township of Mundy, do hereby certify that Resolution No. PCR15-01 was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Planning Commission held on May 26, 2015.

Suzanne LaMielle

Suzanne LaMielle, Secretary

# APPENDIX B: MEETING AGENDAS

The different agendas from the Mundy Township meetings and the newspaper articles and advertisements that were supplied to inform the public about the pending public comment section for the parks and recreation plan.

STATE OF MICHIGAN )
County of Genesee ss Dawn Sutton

Being duly sworn deposes and say he/she is Principal Clerk of

# THE FLINT JOURNAL
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a newspaper published and circulated in the County of Genesee and otherwise qualified according to Supreme Court Rule; and that the annexed notice, taken from said paper, has been duly published in said paper on the following day(days)

May 3 A.D. 20 15

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of May 2015

Marietta Foley

MARIETTA FOLEY
Notary Public, State of Michigan
County of Kent
My Commission Expires: December 23, 2016

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The Charter Township of Mundy is providing a draft version of the 5 (five) Year Recreation Plan for public view for a 30-day period. The document is available on the Charter Township of Mundy Website (mundytwp.mi.gov) and in the Township Clerks Office during regular business hours between the dates of May 15, 2015 and June 20, 2015. Comments on the plan can be provided at the Clerk's Office or by emailing the Township Supervisor's Office.

Mundy Township, through the Mundy Township Clerk's Office, upon proper and timely notice, will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and service to individuals with disabilities at any meeting or public hearing.

Tonya L. Keller, Clerk
Publication date:
Sunday, May 3, 2015

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Tonya L. Ketzler, Clerk
Publication date:
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# AFFIDAVIT OF INTERNET WEBSITE POSTING OF THE MUNDY TOWNSHIP DRAFT 2015 – 2020 PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN

STATE OF MICHIGAN )
)§
COUNTY OF GENESEE )

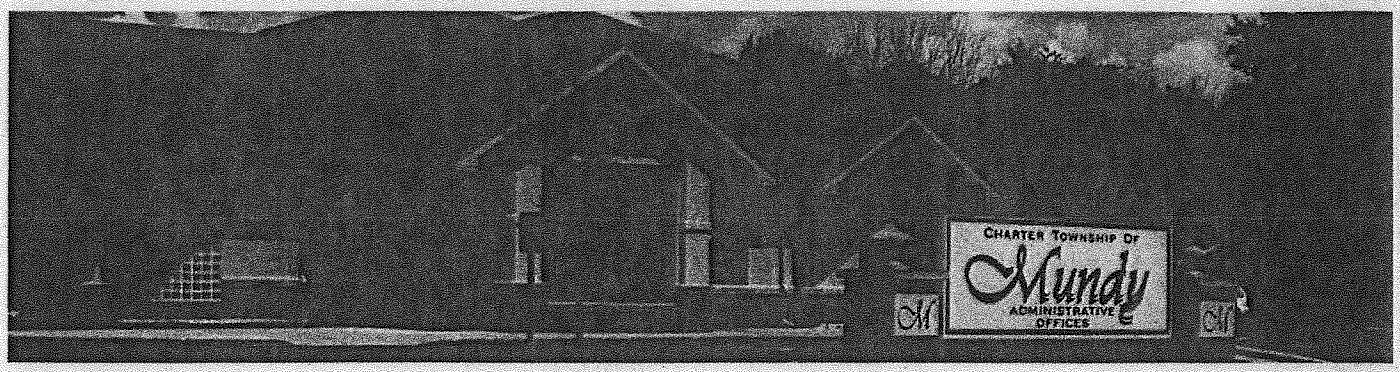
The undersigned, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she did verify that on the website homepage of the township was posted a public notice on April 30, 2015, to view the draft version of the 5 (five) Year Parks and Recreation Plan, a full copy of which was linked to the website, and for comments on the plan be sent to Supervisor David Guigear until June 10, 2015.

Brenda K. Matthews
Brenda K. Matthews
Mundy Township Website Administrator

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
30th day of April, 2015.

Amanda E W Bastuk
Notary Public in and for the County of
Genesee, State of Michigan
My Commission expires: June 12, 20 16

AMANDA E W BASTUK
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF MI
COUNTY OF GENESEE
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES Jun 12, 2016
ACTING IN COUNTY OF Genesee




Added

To View the Draft Version of the 5 (five) Year Recreation Plan See This **Link**. Comments on the plan can be sent to **dave.guigear@mundytwp-mi.gov** until June 10, 2015.

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**May 5th, 2015**
Special Election 7am to 8pm

**May 6th, 2015**
7pm Special Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

**May 11th, 2015**
7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

Full Calendar

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# Mundy Township Recreation Plan
# OPEN HOUSE

January 13, 2015
5:00 -7:00 p.m.
Mundy Township Hall
3478 Mundy Avenue

**We need your input!**
The Charter Township of Mundy Township Board and Corridor Improvement Authority is developing a recreation plan to guide us for the next five years and beyond. We would like to hear from residents and key stakeholders to gather ideas about park facilities and recreational programs in our community.

This will be an open format, please stop in and share your ideas.
**We want to hear from you!**

**Date:** February 24, 2015
**Representatives:** Dave Guigear (Mundy Township Supervisor), Jerry Johnson (GISD), James Yake (GISD), Steve Tunnicliff (Carman-Ainsworth), Blake Strozier (Rowe Professional Services Company)
**Location:** Mundy Township Offices

Meeting was conducted with the township, local school districts and consulting firm; Rowe Professional Services Company. Purpose of meeting was to inform local school districts of the upcoming recreation plan being developed by the township and to gather input and feedback from the interested parties to develop action plans and potential partnerships to add into the plan.

- Parks programs have proved to be absolutely essential in the overall health and well-being of school children and households; however, the township does not currently stand in a position to coordinate massive recreational programming to meet the needs of the residents of the township. The potential for the township to enter into agreements with the school districts to provide amenities to the residents is the intention.

**Carman Ainsworth:**

- Carman-Ainsworth addressed some of the needs of the school district; including lack of indoor recreation facilities. The lack of space for extra-curricular activities provides multiple issues during key parts of the school year (band, football, soccer, basketball, track and field).
- Also mentioned the need for a potential trailhead location for the schools for special programming and outdoor education. The land behind the township hall was mentioned as a potential location for outdoor recreational programming for students in the school district. There is also the potential for installing environmental technology to be used by students in the community.
- The parking at Rankin Elementary School needs to be redeveloped and upgraded to allow for additional parking options.
- The idea was also mentioned by Dr. Tunnicliff for the redevelopment of the existing football field and area near the Hill Road location to be incorporated into the overall site plan (with the incorporation of on-site paths that connect to the existing track/cross-country fields around the football stadium).
- The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) project was also mentioned as a potential option for providing students the option of walking to their neighborhood school, if within the walking distance; the need to encourage residents (when appropriate) to walk .

**GISD:**

- Large, early childcare program. There is a potential for connecting the early childcare locations in other parts of the county.
- The GISD also wants to investigate the opportunities for other outdoor recreational activities and recreation activities for students.
- Even though the GISD operates the Base Camp center, there is still the option to have additional space for meetings and other operations that are coordinated by the GISD.

In the brainstorming session, the school districts talked about the potential for the township and the school district to enter into a joint partnership with providing recreational opportunities. Some of the options discussed included:

- Domed facility for recreational purposes with the option for having meeting area and classroom spaces (convention center with sports complex).
- LED lighting for proposed recreational fields to be operated by the township. Also the option for the school district utilizing the recreational fields at either Gawron Park or at the Hill Road Park for practice fields.
- Need for more biking trails and more trail system connections in the township. It was discussed that there are certain locations in the township that have been highlighted by the Metropolitan Planning Commission as sites for the non-motorized trail system.
- Incorporation of a dog park (similar to Bicentennial Park in Grand Blanc, MI).
- Potential for incorporating in the curriculum of the schools (STEM program) some of the components to the environment so that the students can have interactive learning through outdoor recreational activities.
- There was also extensive conversation with Supervisor Guigear about the interest by various entities to incorporate a professional sports complex on the Hill Road property and the economic impact and positive results to the community that could come from it (soccer clubs, baseball teams).
- Developing curb-cuts along major thoroughfares in the township to encourage active living and non-motorized connections.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA FOR THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MUNDY
www.mundytwp-mi.gov

DATE: April 13, 2015 @ 10:00 a.m.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Please Turn Off Cell Phones

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES:

03-23-15 Work Session/Board Meeting

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR
(Maximum 5 minutes to agenda items only)

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL ZBA Meeting: 04-22-15 @ 7:00 p.m.

Planning Board Meeting: 04-28-15 @ 7:00 p.m.

ZBA Board Meeting: 07-22-15 @ 7:00 p.m.

A. Parks & Rec Plan – Rowe Professional Services

B. John Daly – GCRC Presentation – Proposal #1

VI. PRELIMINARY PLATS

VII. FINAL PLATS

VIII. PETITIONS

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE DEPART: Chief Ed Blight

A. Fire Department Report

B.

POLICE DEPART: Chief Dan Atkinson

A.

B.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

A.

X. ATTORNEY J. Belzer

A.

XI. TOWNSHIP COMMUNICATIONS

XII. SUPERVISOR D. Guigear

A. Planning Services

B. GCRC Paving Contract

C. GCRC Ray Rd. Ditching Contract

D. Flint-Genesee Regional Chamber Dues

XIII. CLERK T. Ketzler

A.

B.

XIV. TREASURER J. Oskey

A. Safe Deposit Box

B.

XV. TRUSTEES

A.

XVI. STRATEGIC PLANNING/POLICIES

A.

XVII. OLD BUSINESS

A.

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS

A.

XIX. BOARD MEMBERS CONCERNS

A.

XX. PUBLIC COMMENTS
(Maximum 3 minutes per person)

XXI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A.

XXII. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A. Township Expenditures
(See Reverse)

XXIII. ADJOURNMENT
MOTION MADE BY _____
SUPPORTED BY _____

Next Regular Board Work Session: 04-27-15 @ 7:00 p.m.

# APPENDIX C: LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Letters of support were collected from the neighboring school districts surrounding Mundy Township (Carmen/Ainsworth and the Genesee Intermediate School District). Other letters collected were form community members in support of the recreation plan.

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**Steven Tunnicliff, Ph.D.**
**Superintendent of Schools**


March 17, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter of support of the Mundy Township Recreational Planning Proposal and potential grants that may include partnerships with the Carman-Ainsworth Community Schools. There is a clear need and interest in partnerships that benefit both students and our community at large, especially those that can help to encourage healthy lifestyles.

Respectfully,

Steven Tunnicliff, Ph.D.
Superintendent

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April 15, 2015

Mr. David Guigear
Supervisor
The Charter Township of Mundy
3478 Mundy Avenue
Swartz Creek, MI 48473

Dear Mr. Guigear:

On behalf of the Genesee Intermediate School District (GISD), I am writing to express support of your Recreation Plan. It is a privilege to have been invited to participate in this plan and GISD is willing to be an active partner in its implementation moving forward. We believe our students can benefit greatly by the elements your recreational plan proposes, and we also see opportunities that can be leveraged as in-kind support through the existing assets of our infrastructure that bolster the vision articulated within the plan.

Whether directly, or in partnership with our local constituent school districts, GISD plays a significant role in the provision of early childhood development programming. The benefits of recreational space for family and child activities and educational opportunities are numerous. There is also a significant opportunity for making connections with the early childcare locations in other parts of the county; a network of hundreds of providers.

GISD currently owns and operates the Ligon Outdoor Center. This diverse 268-acre parcel of nearly pristine land provides teachers and students a natural setting to engage in various teaching and learning techniques. Located in northern Genesee County, community organizations can also use Ligon for retreats, conferences, field trips, and special events. Given this longstanding commitment to learning environments that support all types of learners, and because of our commitment to the natural sciences, GISD also wants to investigate the opportunities for other outdoor recreational locations and recreation activities for students that could be delivered via a site more centrally located in the county such as that proposed in your Recreation Plan.

The location of GISD within Mundy Township makes it a neighbor with several assets that can be used in partnership. Just as GISD operates the Base Camp Challenge Center and several center based schools within the municipality, there are still many needs for additional space to accommodate meetings and other operations that are coordinated by GISD within facilities that could emerge as part of the plan. Most notable are large scale venues that could accommodate 1,000 or more people at one time.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to be part of this exciting effort. We stand ready to partner with you and be part of the many future developments that could be realized through this plan.

Sincerely,

Lisa A. Hagel, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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