

5.0 RECREATION INVENTORY

A community's recreation system inventory is generally comprised of two parts - *Recreation Programs and Recreation Facilities*. The City of Escanaba is fortunate to have an adequate offering of recreation programs from both the public and private sector and a good, relatively well maintained system of parks, recreation areas and public and private leisure facilities. The Recreation Director and staff of CUPPAD conducted a windshield-type recreation inventory in October of 2006.

5.1 RECREATION PROGRAMS

Organized recreation programming is important to the community as park and recreation facilities, the physical space, accounts for only a portion of the total recreation and leisure services. Recreation programming, if properly planned and implemented, is a means by which maximum recreation benefits can be derived from existing recreation facilities. Traditionally, the City of Escanaba has provided recreation programming that reaches most segments of the population regardless of an individual's or family's economic situation. The primary goal of municipal recreation is to attempt to influence as many citizens as possible at the lowest possible cost to the user and the taxpayer. Finances have obviously played an important role in determining the quantity and quality of recreation programs offered. A comprehensive User Fee Policy has been utilized for several years and the City of Escanaba has been able to target specific groups and segments of the population for inclusion regardless of income. Most particularly, youth programs and activities are offered at either no charge or carry minimal fees that can be afforded by all. The issue of user fees and its positive or negative impact is discussed several times in this document. The City of Escanaba has employed user fees as a means to supplement General Fund appropriations. User fees will continue to play an important part in the overall financing of recreation programs.



North Shore Fishing Pier (Handicap Accessible)

During the last plan period 1999-2005, the City of Escanaba and various private or semi-public organizations not only maintained recreation program levels, but also succeeded in expanding the scope of the programs by employing several different methods. Over the past five-year

period, youth baseball and softball opportunities have again expanded. Every boy and girl between the ages of 5 through 18 within the City of Escanaba has an opportunity to play. The Wells Sports Complex now holds ice-skating lessons for children and involves approximately 150 boys and girls annually who are not affiliated with organized hockey or figure skating. The YMCA and the Bonifas Art Center have also expanded youth and adult recreation programming across the spectrum. This representative sampling indicates both the public and private sectors at work in an effort to bring quality recreation programs to its citizens at the least possible cost.

Recreation programming, whether structured or unstructured, will remain a major priority within this plan in a continuing attempt to reach the young, the old, the economically deprived and the handicapped. The City has and will continue to reach out and meet the constant and changing needs of our community within its financial limitations.

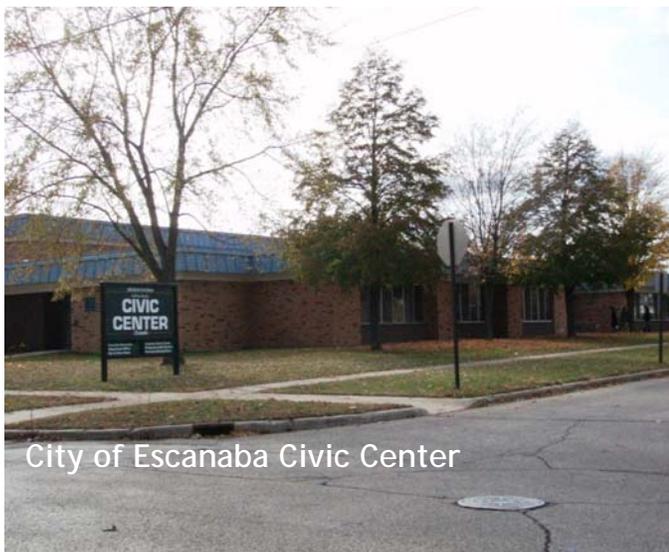
Programming of recreation activities within the City of Escanaba takes place in the following form: ① City sponsored activities; ② City/private interest group sponsored activities; ③ private group sponsored activities; and ④ school sponsored activities. The following chart, Table #9, *Existing Recreation Programs*, outlines most major recreation programs that take place within the City. The table also contains the location of the activity, its sponsor and estimated participation. Each activity is also provided with a map key in which the location can be found on the *Existing Recreation Facilities/Program Map*.

TABLE #9
EXISTING RECREATION PROGRAMS
(Structured and Unstructured)

| <u>Map Key</u> | <u>Program Name</u> | S P R I N G | S U M M E R | F A L L | W I N T E R | <u>Program Sponsors</u> | <u>Estimated # of Participants Uses</u> |
|----------------|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| 8,25 | General Swimming | | x | | | City/YMCA | 10,000 |
| 13 | Wading Pool | | x | | | City | 3,000 |
| 5 | Boy's Senior League Baseball | x | x | | | City/Little League | 125 |
| 1 | Boy's American Legion Baseball | x | x | | | City/American Legion | 30 |
| 12 | Boy's Little League | x | x | | | City/Little League | 170 |
| 26 | Boy's Minor League Baseball | x | x | | | City/Little League | 240 |
| 8,32 | Soccer (outdoor) | x | x | x | | City/Bayside Soccer | 370 |
| 8,25 | Swim Lessons | | x | | | City/YMCA | 80 |
| 13,25 | Young Beginner Swimming | | x | | | City/YMCA | 50 |
| 1 | Boys High School Baseball | x | x | | | City/High School | 25 |
| 7,9,20 | Tennis Lessons | | x | | | Private | 100 |
| 7,8,9,20 | Adult Tennis League | | x | | | City/League | 100 |
| 7,9,20 | Adult Tennis Lessons | | x | | | Private | X |
| 30 | Adult Fitness Programs | x | x | x | x | City/Others | 450 |
| 30 | Open Adult Basketball | x | x | x | x | City/Others | 350 |
| 7,8,9,20 | Tennis Tournaments | | x | | | City/League | 250 |
| 30 | 5 th & 6 th Grade Youth Recreation | x | | x | x | City | 600 |
| 30 | Junior High School Teen Center | x | | x | x | City | 300 |
| 30 | Senior High School Teen Center | x | | x | x | City | 300 |

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| 30,7,18 | Men's Volleyball | x | | x | x | City/High School | 50 |
| 30,7 | Women's Volleyball | x | | x | x | City | 50 |
| 30 | Men's Basketball League | x | | x | x | City/League | 150 |
| 30 | Adult Pistol Range | x | | x | x | City/Clubs | 30 |
| 30 | Adult Archery Range | x | | | x | City/Clubs | 30 |
| 30 | Senior Citizen Programs | x | x | x | x | City/CAA | 6,200 |
| 26,18,34 | Open Ice Skating | | | | x | Wells/City | 6,000 |
| 34 | Ice Skating Lessons | | | | x | Wells | 152 |
| 34 | Youth Hockey | | | x | x | Wells/Club | 300 |
| 34 | Youth Figure Skating | | | x | x | Wells/Club | 150 |
| 26 | Youth Tee-ball | x | x | | | City | 100 |
| 25 | YMCA Activities | x | x | x | x | City/YMCA | 2,500 |
| 30 | School Recreation Programs | x | | x | x | City/Schools | 3,000 |
| 25 | Special Olympics | x | | x | x | City/YMCA | 200 |
| 3 | Girl's Minor League Softball | x | x | | | Little League | 250 |
| 3 | Girl's Little League Softball | x | x | | | Little League | 200 |
| 3 | Girl's Senior League Softball | x | x | | | Little League | 150 |
| 3 | Girl's Big League Softball | x | x | | | Little League | 50 |
| 5 | Boy's Junior League Baseball | x | x | | | Little League | 100 |
| 1 | Boy's Big League Baseball | x | x | | | Little League | 75 |
| 8 | Seasonal Slip Holders | x | x | x | | City | 125 |
| 8 | Transient/Visiting Vessels | x | x | x | | City | 1,000 |
| 8 | Boat Launch | x | x | x | | City | 10,000 |
| 30 | Country Line Dancing | x | x | x | x | City/CAA | 50 |
| 30 | Civic Center - composite of Recreation, Meeting Rooms & Senior Center | x | x | x | x | City | 115,000 |
| 1 | Boys American Legion Baseball | | | x | | City/League | 25 |
| 1 | Adult Baseball | | | x | | City/League | 25 |
| 30 | Youth Archery Range | x | | x | x | 4-H/City | 30 |

SOURCE: Escanaba Recreation Department, 2006



City of Escanaba Civic Center

It should be noted that a good portion of the indoor activities listed are held at the City's Community Center and the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center. The Civic Center hosts recreational, social, educational and governmental activities. The bulk of the Civic Center's use is recreational or social in nature with nearly 115,000 documented uses during the 2005 calendar year.

5.2 INVENTORY OF EXISTING RECREATION FACILITIES

In order for a community to accurately determine what is needed for future recreation, an inventory of facilities must be completed. The inventory of facilities describes all recreation facilities in the City, whether the City, the State or some other governmental or private group or agency owns the facilities.

Each facility is identified by name, size and facilities available. A more detailed discussion of park functions is found in that section of the plan concerning deficiencies and needs. In addition, each facility is located on the following Recreation Facility Map.

**TABLE #10
INVENTORY OF EXISTING PARKS AND RECREATION
FACILITIES WITHIN THE CITY OF ESCANABA**

| <u>Map Key / ADA Ranking</u> | <u>Facility</u> | <u>Acreage</u> | <u>Description/ Service Area</u> |
|------------------------------|---|----------------|---|
| 1 (3) | Al Ness Field | 4.7 | 1 lighted baseball field, dugouts, fence, bleachers, water and portable restrooms, press box, concession, scoreboard, irrigation system (City) |
| 2 (2) | Athletic Field | 10.7 | Lighted football field, stadium, electronic scoreboard, 2 field houses, practice field, and enclosed press box (Schools) |
| 3 (4) | Lemerand Recreation Complex | 5.0 | 3 fast pitch softball fields, drinking fountains, enclosed fence, restrooms, and bleachers, press box, concession area, pavilion (City) |
| 4 (3) | Senior Little League Field | 2.1 | 1 baseball field, dugouts, scoreboard, bleachers, drinking fountain and completely enclosed with chain link fence (City) |
| 5 (4) | Cross-Country Ski Pathway/Danforth Area | 600 | 8 miles, three loops, parking area, groomed; majority of acreage undeveloped (City) |
| 6 (4) | Stephenson Park | 2.6 | 1 youth/adult baseball/softball field, children's playground, outdoor basketball court, 1 portable restroom and drinking fountain (City) |
| 7 (3) | Ludington Park | 120 | Swimming beach, bathhouse, playground equipment (all areas), boat launch, marina, seasonal berths, transient berths, parking, picnic tables, picnic stoves, bandshell with seating for 400 persons, 4 lighted tennis courts, restrooms, paved basketball court, 6 sand volleyball courts, children's playground complex, picnic pavilion, informal ball playing field, informal soccer field, fishing, ice fishing, barrier-free fishing pier, sledding hills, cross-country skiing, historical museum, historical lighthouse, bicycle paths and natural/passive recreation areas and fitness circuit, gazebo, fountain(City) |
| 8 (4) | Rose Park | 1.5 | Tennis court, playground, picnic tables and picnic stoves, portable toilet (City) |

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| 9 (3) | Veteran's Park | 4.8 | 4 horseshoe courts, 2 tennis courts, children's playground area and open space (City) |
| 10 (3) | Dickinson Field | 5.5 | Little League field with dugouts completely enclosed, Press Box/Concession Building and scoreboard, irrigation (City) |
| 11 (3) | Webster Park | 1.6 | Lighted ice skating rink, shelter house and wading pool (City) |
| 12 (3) | Jefferson School | 3.5 | Playground equipment and play areas (Schools) |
| 13 (3) | Lemmer School | 3.0 | Playground equipment, basketball standards and gym (Schools) |
| 14 (3) | Franklin School | 3.0 | Playground equipment, basketball standards and gym (Schools) |
| 15 (3) | Webster School | 3.0 | Playground equipment, basketball standards and gym (Schools) |
| 16 (3) | Holy Name Central School | 3.5 | Playground equipment, basketball standards, (irrigated) football field and gym (Schools) |
| 17 (3) | Westside Playground | .5 | Children's playground and benches (City/Schools) |
| 18 (3) | Senior High School | 1.0 | Gym, ¼ mile running track, stadium, 2 practice football fields, 4 tennis courts (Schools) |
| 19 (3) | YMCA | 1.0 | Gym, indoor swimming pool, hot tub, weight room and training facilities (College/YMCA) |
| 20 (3) | Royce Park | 3.1 | Baseball/Softball field, shelter house, lighted ice skating rink, 2 tennis courts, bleachers, outdoor basketball court and children's playground area (City) |
| 21 (3) | Junior High School | 2.5 | Playfield, gym (Schools) |
| 22 (3) | Sylvan Point Playground | .2 | Children's playground area (City) |
| 23 (4) | Harbor Towers | .1 | Shuffleboard court, horse shoes for senior citizens (City) |
| 24 (4) | Civic Center | .2 | Indoor archery, indoor pistol range, gym, locker room and showers, dance floor, billiards, table tennis, foosball, volleyball, basketball, badminton, exercise room, jogging, air hockey, bean bag, darts, 3, horse shoe courts, 3 meeting rooms, 6 room Senior Citizen Center, kitchen facilities (City) |

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| 25 (4) | U.P. State Fairgrounds | 90 | 30 buildings, grandstand/office complex, ½ mile track, horse barn/indoor riding arena, horse shows, logging congress, DNR Pocket Park, gas and steam engine show, banquets, concerts (State) |
| 26 (4) | Soccer Fields | 4.7 | 4 Junior Fields 40yds. X 80yds. |
| 27 (3) | Wells Sports Complex | 15.0 | Covered indoor ice facility, 2 regulation sheets of ice, curling, figure skating, lessons, ice hockey, annual ice show, off-season inline skating, open skating, locker rooms, concessions and office |
| 28 (3) | North Shore Boat Launch | 10.0 | Large capacity launch site at mouth of Escanaba River; 150 to 200 parking space with five launch ramps and service facility |
| 29 (5) | North Shore Fishing Pier | 1.0 | Three handicap accessible fishing piers with boardwalk |

5.3 DNR GRANT HISTORY

Table #11 DNR GRANTS MANAGEMENT HISTORY - CITY OF ESCANABA

| DNR Grants Management | | | | | |
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| Recreation Grant History | | | | | |
| APPLICANT | PROJECT # | YEAR | TITLE | STATUS | |
| City of Escanaba | 26-01215 | 1981 | Sand Island Boat Launch | Closed | |
| City of Escanaba | 26-12264 | 1983 | Webster Park Shelter House | Closed | |
| City of Escanaba | 26-01328 | 1984 | Ludington Park Restrooms | Closed | |
| City of Escanaba | TF87-240 | 1987 | Escanaba Municipal Marina | Closed | |
| City of Escanaba | 26-01481 | 1988 | Escanaba Municipal Beach | Closed | |
| City of Escanaba | BF89-555 | 1989 | Ludington Park | Closed | |
| City of Escanaba | TF90-365 | 1990 | Walch Estate | Closed | |
| City of Escanaba | BF91-329 | 1991 | Ludington Park Playground | Closed | |
| City of Escanaba | TF97-088 | 1997 | Bike/Walkway | Closed | |
| City of Escanaba | TF99-384 | 1999 | Acquisition of Riverfront Property | Closed | |
| City of Escanaba | CM99-281 | 1999 | Ludington Park Pathway & Parking | Closed | |
| City of Escanaba | TF00-185 | 2000 | Ludington Park Beach house Renovation | Closed | |
| City of Escanaba | 26-016XX1 | 2002 | Soccer field Complex | Mithdrawn | |

