



**VILLAGE  
OF  
LEXINGTON**

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**COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN 2016-2021**

# Village of Lexington Parks and Recreation

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## Goals

The Village of Lexington Parks and Recreation Committee began the process of updating the Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan by using the following objectives listed in the original plan. The objectives form the framework for recreation decision making and are integrated into this Recreation Plan.

1. Preserve the unique natural features in the Village and meet the diverse recreational needs of the residents and regional visitors.
2. Improve the quality of year-round opportunities available to Village residents.
3. Develop a quality multi-use recreational complex in the Village that is multigenerational and meets the needs of Village residents.
4. Develop a pedestrian pathway system throughout the Village to encourage interaction and communication, improve pedestrian safety, and provide linkages between Village parks and Lake Huron.
5. Preserve and enhance the Lake Huron shoreline by providing appropriate recreational opportunities suitable to the Great Lakes waterfront area.
6. Create a Parks and Recreation Department, with a Director, that will complement daily life and make the Village more attractive to young families.
7. Focus on the aesthetic qualities of the community parks. Commit to the beautification, regular grooming, and the continued and improved maintenance of park grounds.
8. Provide both passive and active multigenerational recreation opportunities for the community.
9. Promote and solicit community involvement thereby fostering a sense of pride and ownership of the community parks and recreation program.
10. Provide beach recreation to a larger number of people by increasing public awareness of beach area and lake access.
11. Create an indoor community center for residents and visitors to promote fellowship and provide year-round recreational opportunities that are ADA accessible.

## Community Description

### Physical Characteristics

The following is a description of the physical characteristics of the Village of Lexington. The planning of recreational services within the Village of Lexington is done with respect to the natural environment. The Village will strive to protect all natural resources and environmental integrity whenever possible.

A broad understanding of physical characteristics of the Village will aid in the decision-making process and direct assessments of future recreation plans.

### Location

The Village of Lexington is a small, coastal community located on the western shore of Lake Huron. It is situated in Sanilac County in Michigan's Thumb Region. It is approximately eighteen miles north of Port Huron, 86 miles east of Flint, and 71 miles north of downtown Detroit. The Village is completely within the boundaries of Lexington Township.

### Transportation

Lexington sits at the intersection of state highways M-90 and M-25, the latter being the most traveled as it is the major coastal artery extending north along the Lake Huron and western Saginaw Bay coastlines. Lexington is just 20 miles north of the eastern termination of Interstate 94 and Interstate 69 of Port Huron. County-wide public transportation is offered by the Sanilac Transportation Corporation (STC).

### Soils

United States Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Services completed a generalized soil survey for Sanilac County in May of 1961, which were characterized into one broad association and which were named Soil Association 5. This consists mainly of "nearly level, imperfectly drained to very poorly drained, dark grayish-brown to black loamy sands and clay loams that are medium acid to mildly alkaline". The London, Iosco, Parkhill and Saverine are the principal types within this broad association. Part of the initial planning process of potential recreational areas should include a consideration and evaluation of existing soil types. Village officials and recreation developers can use the Sanilac County Soil Survey to determine the suitability of recreational sites referenced in this plan.

## Topography

The terrain in the Village is level and gently slopes eastward from its western boundary to the Lake Huron shoreline. The Village, as well as the entirety of Lexington Township, is drained by the coastal drainage basin. The Village is located in the Sanilac Coastal Urban Watershed.

## Water Resources

The principal water resource in the Village is Lake Huron, which serves as the eastern boundary of the Village. Visitors and residents alike can enjoy the wide range of recreational opportunities the lake provides, such as swimming, fishing, and boating.

## Fish and Wildlife Resources

As the main water resource of the Village of Lexington, Lake Huron attracts a large number of residents and tourists looking for leisure and sport fishing. The waters off the coast possess a variety of fish such as perch, walleye, salmon, and brown and lake trout. The Village is home to a boat launch and marina that enhance its appeal to those looking to fish. The Village also endorses several fishing tournaments yearly. Many wild animals such as red fox, skunks, deer and turkeys make their home in the Village. There are no sizable wildlife populations within the Village limits, however. Additionally, the area is not conducive to the establishment of recreational wildlife resources due to the limited amount of land in the Village.

## Climate

According to data gathered by the Village Department of Public Works, the climatic conditions for the Village are characteristic of the surrounding area. Typical yearly precipitation is generally 31 inches of rain and 32 inches of snow. The hottest month of the year is July when temperatures average 77 degrees F, and the coldest month in January when temperatures average 25 degrees F. An average of seven days per year have temperatures above 90 degrees F, and an average of 10 days per year have temperatures below 0 degrees F.

## Environmental Issues

The Village of Lexington is a NDPEs Phase II Community in the Port Huron Urbanized Area and a MS4 Permittee from MDEQ. The Village is taking a leadership role in developing the Sanilac Coastal Urban Watershed Water Management Plan. In addition, the Village is an active participant in the Sanilac County Lakeshore Watershed Project.

The Village provides its residents with fresh water from its water plant. Its storm and sanitary sewer systems are separated.

The Parks and Recreation Committee works very closely with the Village Environmental Committee, working to improve our environment by planting trees and ridding the area of invasive species such as Phragmites.

### Land Use Patterns

The Village of Lexington has a Central Business District with extending commercial districts. For recreation, the Village offers two parks and a marina. The Village living structures consist of single residences and condominiums, apartments, and three mobile home parks.

### Zoning

Zoning ordinances are established and enforced by the Village within its limits. There are eleven zoning districts designed and coordinated to address the Village's future needs while protecting its small resort atmosphere. See Appendix B.

## Social Characteristics

The following is a description of the social characteristics of the Village of Lexington. A profile of the current population along with population trends and future projections is vital to recreation planning. A population profile can assist in recognizing the presence of groups within the population, such as the elderly, handicapped, and/or minorities whose needs should be addressed in the Recreation Plan. This profile allows the Village to make recreation plans that are best suited to the needs of the community now and in the future.

### Population Profile and Projection

The Village of Lexington has a population of 1,178 (2010 Census). This figure quadruples in the summer when vacationers, second homeowners, and weekenders flock to the Village to take advantage of the recreational and tourist attractions in the area.

## Population Projections

Table 1 indicates that the Village will grow by 24 residents or 2.1% by 2030, and 56 residents or 4.7% by the year 2040 to a projected population of 1,234. By comparison, the population for the Township and County are expected to decrease.

Table 1

Population Projections			
	2020	2030	Growth Rate
Village of Lexington	1,907	2,321	1.42
Lexington Township	5,003	6,103	1.22
Sanilac County	52,926	58,747	1.12

Source: U.S. Census Bureau and East Central Michigan Planning & Development Region, 2004; Method: Linear Trend Extrapolation

## Population Distribution

Age of Population: The large proportion of older residents implies that Lexington is a retirement community (Tables 2 and 3). Retirees are drawn not only from the Village itself but from the entire County and beyond. Lexington is an attractive retirement community for many reasons. It has a scenic waterfront location on Lake Huron, its small size allows older residents to maintain a more pedestrian lifestyle, and it is easily accessible to the relatively large City of Port Huron. Additionally, retirees often tend to live in smaller, multi-unit residences, which are quite prevalent in the Village.

By comparison, the relatively small proportion of younger people in the Village can be explained by the small number of residents in their child-rearing years. Only 15.2% of Village residents were between the ages of 25 and 44 years in 2014, compared to 21.1% for Sanilac County as a whole. It appears that younger families in the area tend to live outside of the Village, taking advantage of the single family homes on larger lots available in the surrounding areas.



**Table 2**  
**Age of Population Estimated**  
**Village of Lexington, Lexington Township and Sanilac County**

AGE	VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON		SANILAC COUNTY	
	2014		2014	
	#	%	#	%
UNDER 5 YEARS	37	3.5	2,314	5.5
5-9 YEARS	30	2.8	2,564	6.1
10-14	64	6.0	2,951	7.0
15-19	36	3.4	2,960	7.0
20-24	56	5.2	2,128	5.0
25-34	65	6.1	4,136	9.8
35-44	97	9.1	4,771	11.3
45-54	115	10.8	6,403	15.1
55-59	66	6.2	3,238	7.7
60-64	99	9.3	2,978	7.0
65-74	208	19.5	4,326	10.2
75-84	139	13.0	2,502	5.9
85 AND OVER	55	5.2	1,030	2.4
MEDIAN AGE	57.1	X	43.6	X
18 YEARS AND OVER	905	84.8	32,595	77.1
21 YEARS AND OVER	889	83.3	30,971	73.2
62 YEARS AND OVER	458	42.9	9,552	22.6
65 YEARS AND OVER	402	37.7	7,858	18.6

American Communities Survey 2014

Population by Major Age Group: Here again, we see that the Village has a relatively older population than Lexington Township and Sanilac County as a whole. As of 2010, seniors made up over 33% of the population in the Village, while they claimed only 24.4% and 17.6% of the population in the Township and County respectively.

**Table 3**  
**Population by Major Age Group**  
**Village of Lexington, Lexington Township and Sanilac County**

	VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON		VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON		LEXINGTON TOWNSHIP		SANILAC COUNTY	
	2000		2010		2010		2010	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
PRESCHOOL	60	5.4	34	2.9	154	4.2	2,513	5.8
SCHOOL	235	21.3	218	18.5	787	21.5	10,870	25.2
LABOR FORCE	511	46.4	537	45.6	1,825	49.9	2,215	51.4
FAMILY FORMATION	223	20.2	175	14.8	671	84.1	9,411	21.9
SENIORS	298	27	389	33.1	892	24.4	7,579	17.6

Source: United States Bureau of the Census, 2010

1. Pre-School (ages 0-4)
2. School (age 5-24): the age levels usually enrolled in school or college
3. Labor Force (age 25-64: the age levels usually in the labor force
4. Family Formation (age 25-44): the age levels that usually start a family
5. Seniors (age 65 and above):

Population by Gender: In 2010, the Village had a larger number of females than males. Females accounted for 53% of the population, whereas males accounted for only 46.3%. This trend was also present in the Township and County.

**Table 4**  
**Gender of the Population**  
**Village of Lexington, Lexington Township and Sanilac County**

	VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON		VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON		LEXINGTON TOWNSHIP		SANILAC COUNTY	
	2000		2010		2010		2010	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>GENDER</b>								
<b>MALE</b>	497	45	546	46.3	1,783	48.7	21,315	49.4
<b>FEMALE</b>	607	55.0	632	53.7	1,876	51.3	21,799	51.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,104	100	1,178	100	3,658	100	43,114	100

Source: United States Bureau of the Census, 2010

Population by Race: The Village of Lexington is extremely homogeneous racially, as is the entire population of Lexington Township and Sanilac County. The 2010 census reports that Village, Township and County remain overwhelmingly white; 97.5%, 96.9% and 96.6% respectively. Every other racial category remains well below 1% of the population.

**Table 5**  
**Racial Composition 2010**  
**Village of Lexington and Sanilac County**

	VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON		SANILAC COUNTY	
	2014		2014	
	#	%	#	%
<b>TOTAL POPULATION</b>	1,078	100	42,301	100
<b>WHITE</b>	1,038	96.3	40,982	96.9
<b>BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN</b>	0	0.00	266	0.6
<b>HISPANIC (of any race)</b>	8	0.74	1,503	3.6
<b>OTHER</b>	10	0.93	164	0.39

Source: 2010-2014 American Community Survey

## Income

The median household income in the Village was \$28,125 in 2013, compared to \$35,583 in the Township and \$40,478 in the County. 53.3% of Village households collected Social Security income in 2013, compared to 45.1% for the Township and 39.6% for Sanilac County. Also, about 31.2% of Village households received retirement income in 2013, compared to 24.8% for the Township and 24.0% for the County. 45.3% of Village households received wage or salary income in 2013, compared to 56.3% for Township households and 67.4% for all of the households in the County.

Household Income: Table 6 consists of household income data. To better understand this Table, it is important to consider the U.S. Census' definition of a household. The U.S. Census' definition is: A household consists of all the people who occupy a housing unit. A house, an apartment or other group of rooms, or a single room, is regarded as a housing unit when it is occupied or intended for occupancy as separate living quarters; that is, when the occupants do not live and eat with any other persons in the structure and there is direct access from the outside or through a common hall. A household includes the related family members and all the unrelated people, if any, such as lodgers, foster children, wards, or employees who share the housing unit. A person living alone in a housing unit, or a group of unrelated people sharing a housing unit such as partners or roomers, is also counted as a household. The count of households excludes group quarters. There are two major categories of households, "family" and "non-family".

**Table 6  
Households by Income**

HOUSEHOLDS BY INCOME VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON 2013		
	#	%
Under \$10,000	62	11.9
\$10,000 to \$14,999	42	8.0
\$15,000 to \$24,999	122	23.3
\$25,000 to \$34,999	70	13.4
\$35,000 to \$49,999	72	13.8
\$50,000 to \$74,999	69	13.2
\$75,000 to \$99,999	40	7.6
\$100,000 or more	46	8.8

Source: 2013 American Community Survey

**Table 7  
Median Household Income**

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME 2013		
Village of Lexington	Lexington Township	Sanilac County
\$28,125	\$35,583	\$40,478

Source: 2013 American Community Survey

**Table 8  
Per Capita Income**

	Per Capita Income 2013	
Village of Lexington	Lexington Township	Sanilac County
\$21,730	\$25,041	\$20,713

Source: 2013 American Community Survey

**Local Facilities**

The following local Recreational Facilities Inventory is a complete list of public, private, and school facilities located within the Village of Lexington. This inventory is an important component of the Parks and Recreation Plan and should be studied when making decisions related to the provision of public recreation opportunities.

It must be noted that recreational facilities located on school grounds are included in this Inventory. As in many communities throughout the State of Michigan, the local school district provides valuable recreational opportunities that otherwise would not be available to local residents. Private recreational facilities are also included in the Inventory. These can relieve the demand on and use of public facilities and can include golf courses, clubs, etc.

## Village of Lexington Owned Public Properties

Patrick Tierney Memorial Park: This park is located on the waterfront adjacent to the harbor and is approximately two acres in size. There are two land entrances to the park, and it is accessible by the water as well. It attracts large crowds of tourists and Village residents alike by providing both active and passive recreation opportunities for all age groups. For the active citizen, there is public access to swimming, sand volleyball courts, a tennis court, disc golf, and playground equipment. For leisure recreation, there is a break-wall walkway, a limited number of picnic tables and seating, BBQ grills, and a public beach. In the summer the park is home to many events and has a stage for a variety of shows including the popular Friday Night Music in the Park Series. A toy box has been added and filled with equipment for visitors to borrow during their time spent at the park.

The park has free, recently renovated, restrooms as well as a porta-potty trailer used to accommodate the additional summer visitors. The restrooms are handicap accessible along with free parking.

Lester Street Community Park: This park, located off Lester Street, is the largest park in the Village and holds the greatest potential to accommodate the Village's recreational needs. The park consists of eight acres that is presently being developed. Besides some vacant land, the park contains a softball diamond, two tennis courts with a practice backboard, a basketball court, a small playground, skateboarding ramps, two designated pickleball courts, a walking path, a soccer field with nets, a pavilion, and an exercise station. A toy box has been added and filled with sports equipment for visitors to borrow during their time spent at the park.

Lexington Municipal Mobile Home Park: This mobile home park is located on M-25 at the north end of the Village. The park has several waterfront lots as well as a large beach area with three access points that is open to the public. There are currently 189 mobile homes in the park and several lots available for new homes to join the community. Currently, we have 15 RV lots available for lease from May 1 through October 1 each year. Other amenities include a playground, picnic area, and a clubhouse which is available for rent to the public, as well as parking that has been added for public beach use.

## Recreation Inventory/Regional Facilities

This section contains a comprehensive list and short description of the various recreational facilities and programs currently available to Village residents at both the regional and local levels. Both public recreation facilities and programs and private/commercial recreation facilities are included in this list. Not included are the many summer camps run by various faith based and other organizations such as the Girl Scouts.

The following table contains the various parks and game areas, as well as privately and school owned recreational facilities that are in close proximity to the Village of Lexington.

Table 9

Regional Recreational Facilities	
Facility	Recreational Opportunities
Croswell-Lexington Community Schools	Soccer fields, baseball and softball diamonds, outdoor running track, gymnasiums with basketball courts, 10 tennis courts
Historic Barn Theater	Theatrical performances, May-September
Huron Shores Golf Course	18 Hole golf course
Kautz Shore Lanes	Bowling lanes, billiards
Lake Huron Campground	Camping cabins, campsites, pool
Lakeport State Park	565 Acres, 283 camp sites, beach swimming, picnic, playground, State Park Explorer Program, metal detecting
Lakeview Hills Golf Resort and Conference Center	36 Hole golf course, driving range, bowling lanes, fitness center
Putt In 4 Paws	Miniature golf, driving range
Port Sanilac Harbor	Boat launch, seasonal/transient slips, scuba charters, fuel, beach, playground marina
Sanilac County Forester Park	68 Acres, 190 camping sites (elec, water, sewer), cabins, handicapped accessible showers/restrooms, basketball court, nature trails, swimming beach, picnic facilities
Sanilac Co. Historical Village & Museum	Several historic buildings, Victorian Gardens
Sanilac County Lexington Park	27 Acres, 45 camping sites (30 amp, water, sewer), picnic facilities, beach swimming, volleyball, horseshoe pits.
Sanilac Petro glyphs, Michigan Historical Museum System	Petro glyphs, walking trail, logging camp remains, 110-year old white pine, 240 acres
Sanilac State Game Area	900 Acre hunting reserve. Fishing, hiking, cross country skiing, handicapped accessible hunting trail.
Thumb Trail for Kayaks and Canoes	103 mile trail, beginning in Saginaw Bay with its terminus in Lexington Harbor. 44 access points.
Township Bicycle Path	Approx. 4 mile paved path connecting Lexington and the City of Croswell



## Accessibility Assessments

The Village of Lexington's two parks (Tierney Park and Lester Street Park) both meet most of the facilities/park accessibility guidelines. Both are accessible by car and have handicap parking available. Lester Street Park is located in a neighborhood, and the approach is graveled. Neither park has indoor recreational facilities. Tierney Park has a restroom that is handicapped accessible. Lester Street Park has no permanent restroom facilities but does have a porta-john. Lester Street Park does not have any curbs, and most surfaces are level. Lester Street Park has two pickleball courts that are gated but have an ADA compliant gate entry. The access to the docks and breakwall at Tierney are ramped. Future improvements will follow ADA guidelines.

## Administration and Budget

### Administrative Structure

The Lexington Village Council controls the development and administration of parks and recreation within the Village. To aid in policy matters and physical improvement, the Village Council established a Parks and Recreation Committee, which acts as an advisory board.

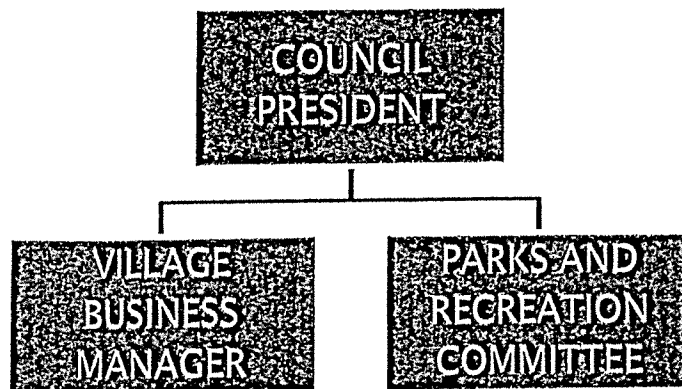
The Village of Lexington's Parks and Recreation Committee was established by Village Ordinance Number 112, amended by Council November 24, 2003. The Parks and Recreation Committee is made up of five volunteer members nominated by the Village President and confirmed by the Village Council. Effort is made to ensure that the Committee is representative of the diversities within the Village.

The Committee holds monthly meetings and administers and organizes all of the recreational activities and facilities within the Village. Additionally, the Committee is in charge of insuring the adequacy of Village parks and develops plans for facilities and services that would enhance recreational activities. The Committee provides monthly reports to the Village Council regarding all activities including receipts and expenditures. Annually, the Committee is responsible for reporting to the Village Manager the state of parks and recreational activities and is required to prepare and submit a proposed annual budget. Council must approve all recommended parks and recreation expenditures.

Given the small size of the Village and available resources, there is no parks and recreation director. Also, there are no permanent full-time, part-time, or seasonal employees assigned to recreational activities.

The Village Manager and Department of Public Works (DPW) operates, maintains, and repairs Village facilities. Their annual cost of projects done for the Parks and Recreation Committee by the DPW is reflected in the Parks and Recreation budget.

All funds that are raised for facilities under the jurisdiction of the Parks and Recreation Committee are placed in a separate fund to be used for the operation, maintenance, improvement, construction and purchase of parks and recreational facilities. It is the Committee's responsibility to spearhead volunteer efforts related to recreation development and events. The Committee works with the Croswell-Lexington Public Schools to coordinate service and programs offered to the public. The following chart represents the administrative structure of the Village of Lexington Parks and Recreation Committee.



### Budget History

The money in the Parks and Recreation Committee budget is dispersed from the Village General Fund. The 2015-2016 budget was \$47,199.50, \$9,573.00 of which was available for supplies, equipment and capital outlay. Table 10 shows the actual expenditures for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, as well as the proposed 2016-2017 budget and anticipated expenditures. This proposed budget does not include anticipated wages to DPW and other Village employees for time spent on Parks and Recreation projects.

Table 10

Department of Parks & Recreation Budget		
	2015 - 2016	2016 - 2017
Wages	\$ 34,626.50	\$ 35,932.00
Supplies	\$ 8,073.00	\$ 7,500.00
Garden Club	\$ 0.00	\$ 200.00
Electric	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 1,400.00
Phone	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00
Contracted Services	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Equipment	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Liability Insurance	\$ 0.00	\$ 475.00
Capital Outlay	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Total	\$ 47,199.50	\$ 52,032.00

## Basis for Action Plan

According to the current State Standards and the reported 2010 census population of the Village of Lexington (1,178), the following recreation needs were derived.

Table 11

State Recreational Standards and Village of Lexington Current Recreation Needs			
Recreation Opportunity	Village of Lexington	State Standards	Need 2018
Mini Park	0	0.25 to 0.5A per 1,000	1
Park/Playground (A)	2	1.0 to 2.0A per 1,000	0
Community Park	1	5.0 to 8.0A per 1000	0
Basketball	1	1 per 5,000	0
Ice Hockey	1	Outdoor depends on climate	0
Tennis	3	1 court per 2,000	0
Pickleball	2	Not Available	0
Volleyball	2 outdoor	1 court per 5,000	0
Baseball	0	1 per 5,000	1
Soccer	1	1 per 10,000	0
1/4 —Mile Running Track	0	1 per 20,000	1
Softball	1	1 per 5,000	0
Multiple Recreation Court	0	1 per 10,000	1
Trails	0	1 system per region	1
Swimming Pools	0	1 per 20,000	1
Beach Access	2	N/A	1
Community Rec Center	0	Not Available	0
Ice Rink	2	Not Available	0
Skate Park	1	Not Available	1
Band Shell	1	Not Available	1
Pavilion	1	Not Available	0
Shuffle Board	0	Not Available	1
Exercise Station	1	Not Available	0
Disc Golf Holes	4	Not Available	0

(A) — Recreational facilities on school grounds were not counted toward meeting recreational needs.

## Capital Improvements Already Completed or in the Process of Completion from Previous 2010-2015 Plan

The following is a list of recreational facility developments that were completed in the parks in the Village of Lexington within the last five years, or will be completed in the near future.

### Lester Street Park (LSP)

1. Improved Main Entrance – Installed more visible signage with pictographs of available facilities within the park.
2. Basketball Court
3. Created a separate area for skateboarding with skateboard ramps
4. Created a playground for small children
5. Created a soccer field – Although the field is not regulation size, it is regularly used by local groups.
6. Installed two designated pickleball courts that are fenced, wind screened, and have a handicapped accessible entry gate.
7. Built a pavilion near the soccer field, basketball court and pickleball courts.
8. Planted trees to replace those lost to Ash Borer disease.
9. Placed recycle bins in strategic spots.
10. Replaced and added picnic tables.
11. Installed backboard at tennis courts.
12. Installed bike rack near soccer, basketball and pickleball courts.
13. Improved soft ball diamond playing surface.
14. Added three holes of disc golf.
15. Added toy box containing sports equipment for public use.

### Tierney Park (TP)

1. Installed an Information Kiosk which includes a map, brochures, and current information about Village activities.
2. Added permanent stage for Music in the Park and other events.
3. Added recycle bins and additional trash receptacles.
4. Replaced old and added new picnic tables.
5. Repaired and/or replaced park benches.
6. Installed bike racks.
7. Installed new grills.
8. Installed shower and foot wash at the edge of beach access.
9. Added toy box containing sports equipment for public use.
10. Added one disc golf hole.
11. Renovated restrooms.
12. Acquired portable restroom trailer for event use.
13. Created a winter ice rink for recreational hockey and free skating.

### Capital Improvements Planned for the next Five Years with Justification

These are improvements planned with a justification for each improvement. This forms the basis for Table 12 – Action Plan which follows.

### Lester Street Park (LSP)

1. Walking/Fitness Path – We plan to expand the path so that it encircles the entire park. We will plant more trees and add benches as well as additional fitness stations. This will allow a variety of exercise opportunities within a safe and secure area. We would also like to add alternate energy source lighting so that it can be used in non-daylight hours. We will make the area handicap accessible.

2. Build Restroom Facilities – Since we have increased the recreational facilities at the park, there is a great need for permanent restrooms. The only public restrooms in the area are porta-johns. Any newly built permanent restrooms will be handicap accessible.

3. Improve and Rehabilitate the Softball Field - This is the only softball field available in the Village. It is in desperate need of new fencing, alternate energy source lighting, resurfacing of the infield, grooming of the outfield, and adding of dug outs and spectator seating.

#### Tierney Park (TP)

1. Resurface Walkways – The current walkways throughout the park are a mixture of treated wood, cement, and some sort of recycled planking. We would like to unify the look and have a surface that is aesthetically pleasing and can withstand Michigan weather. This is an ongoing project as funds allow.

2. Install Alternate Energy Lighting Throughout the Park – In order to make the harbor park a safe and inviting attraction, we need to have lighted walkways. Residents and tourists will be able to safely enjoy the beauty of the harbor. We would install lights powered by alternate energy sources.

3. Rebuild Tennis Court

#### Lexington Municipal Mobile Home Park (LMMHP)

1. Enhance and Improve Playground – We need to replace playground equipment to address needs of all ages. We would like to install a play-safe surface under the playground equipment.

2. Facilitate Public Use of Beach Area – Although the LMMHP is a part of the Village, many residents are not aware that they may use the beach area. Our intent is to provide signage to clearly indicate the beach access and location. We would clearly mark the entryway. We need to install bike racks to encourage the use of this type of transportation throughout the Village.

Action Plan

Table 12

Year	Acquisition/Improvement	Cost	Proposed Funding	Proposed Source
2016-2021	Locate and purchase property, as it becomes available, to increase public beach area and Lake Huron access.	Unknown	Unknown	Any Source
2016-2021	Build bathroom facilities at LSP	\$35,000.00	P&R Budget	Grants
2016-2021	Resurface walkways at Tierney Park (TP)	\$20,000.00	P&R Budget, DDA	General fund
2016-2021	Install alternate energy light source at both parks	\$50,000.00	Grants	Any Source
2016-2021	Improvement of Softball Diamond	\$50,000.00	Grants	Any Source
2016-2021	Splash park	Unknown	Grants	Any Source
2016-2021	Define and create bike/pedestrian friendly paths	\$10,000.00	P&R Budget, Grants	Any source
2016-2021	Build bike path south to Lakeport	Unknown	Grants	Any source
2016-2021	Build bike path north to Port Sanilac	\$1,500,000	Grants	State Government
2016-2021	Rebuild tennis court at Tierney Park	Unknown	Grants	Any source
2016-2021	Completion of disc golf at LSP	Unknown	P&R Budget, Grants	Any source
2016-2021	Lighted Ice Rink at LSP	Unknown	P&R Budget, Grants	Any source



## General Village Wide Improvements

Recreational Coordinator – In order to plan and supervise more community inclusive activities, we need a coordinator, either full time or part time. A coordinator would be particularly necessary if we were to have a Community Recreational Center.

Community Recreational Center – In order for us to be able to have events year round and in any type of weather, it would be ideal to have an indoor facility where we could organize indoor sports and activities. Our youth are in need of a safe place to assemble and have recreational events. We do not currently have an area in the Village which would allow basketball, volleyball or pickleball to be played indoors every day.

Bike Paths/Walking Paths – In order to improve the general health of the community, we would like to encourage walking and biking. For this reason, we would like to make Lexington a more bike/pedestrian friendly community. We already have a bike path that joins us with Croswell. We would like to offer our residents and visitors a safe passageway to our neighbor to the north, Port Sanilac, and to our southern neighbors to the south, Lexington Heights and Lakeport. The best way to do this would be to construct a stand-free bike path from Lexington to each of these communities. Within Village limits, we would like to have clearly defined bike lanes and a comprehensive sidewalk system that would provide pedestrians with a safe place to walk anywhere in the Village.

Splash Park – We would like to build a small splash park at either Tierney Park or Lester Park that would have sprinklers and/or water streams that small children could play in safely. Benches surrounding the area so that adults could comfortably keep an eye on their children would be ideal.

Bocce Ball Court, Expansion of Disc Golf Course, Etc. – In order to provide a greater variety of recreational activities for all generations, we would like to offer a variety of choices of games and areas in which to play. We have received many suggestions, including a Bocce Ball Court, Racquetball Court, and additional disc golf holes.

## Description of the Planning Process

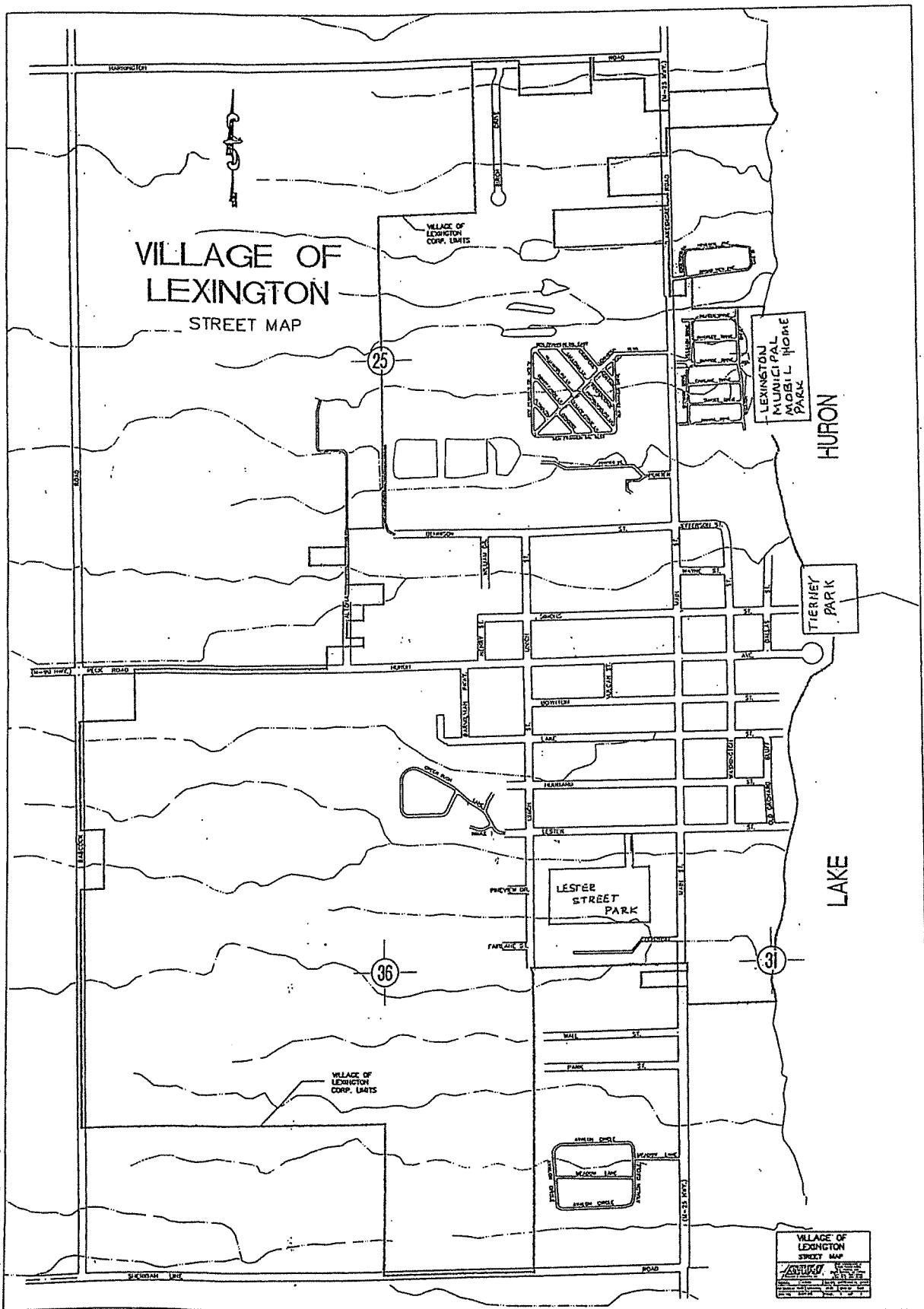
### Entities Involved

The following entities were involved in the process of developing this Recreation Plan for the Village of Lexington.

- Village of Lexington Parks and Recreation Committee
- Lexington Village Council
- Village Business Manager
- General Public

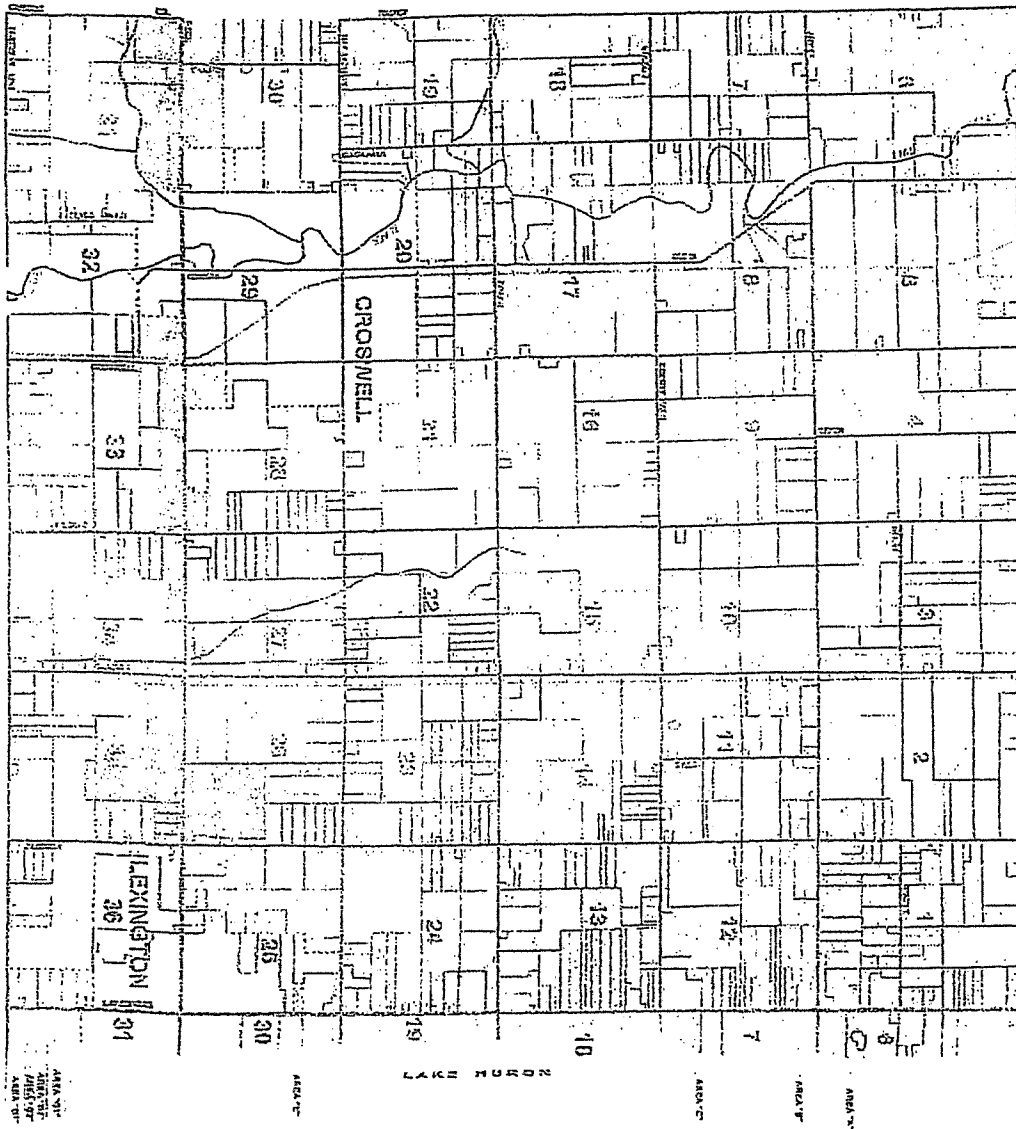
### Planning Process

In August of 2010, a Parks and Recreation five-year master plan was completed and submitted to the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources. This Plan is an update of that document.



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# Appendix B



## LEXINGTON TOWNSHIP OFFICIAL ZONING MAP 2007

- 1. Agricultural Enterprise
- 2. Agricultural/Roadfrontal
- 3. Low Density Residential
- 4. Medium Density Residential
- 5. High Density Residential
- 6. Office
- 7. Commercial
- 8. Industrial
- 9. High-Risk Erosion Areas

