



## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The following goals and objectives were developed by the Parks and Recreation Plan Committee after discussions and analysis of various sources of data. These sources of data included **community characteristics**, **future land use** and **demographics** of the township, results of the **community survey** and **public workshop activities**, a comparison of the township to **national standards for parks and recreation**, and the **schools facilities needs plan**, **regional trail plan**, and **local group initiatives**. The goals and objectives listed below were largely, yet not entirely, based on comments from the public. Other factors such as available funding for recreation projects already set into motion were highly considered, particularly those types of recreation most desired by the community. There was also discussion of how the school's strategic plan can correlate with recreation demands of the community. Below is a list of the goals and objectives.

### **Goal #1) Continue efforts to develop non-motorized pathway/trail systems throughout the Township and provide connections to adjoining communities.**

#### **Objectives:**

- Pursue funding opportunities to construct non-motorized multi-use pathways along Silver Lake Road (including McCaslin Lake Road to the canoe launch) and Seymour Road that will serve as the two main pathway arterials through the township and to adjoining communities.
- Solicit volunteers to serve on a "Friends of Argentine Trails" Group
- Explore the options of improving walking/hiking trails at the Save It Creek and U of M Nature Preserve and promoting the use of these facilities to the public.
- Seek additional grant opportunities that may be available through MDNR, MDOT, CMAQ, Safe Routes to School, etc...
- Develop a non-motorized transportation plan to identify potential routes and obstacles to overcome for development such as location, pathway types, easements, costs, permits, etc...





**Goal# 2) Continue to promote canoeing, kayaking and fishing along the Shiawassee River while being conscious of its water quality, drainage integrity, and wildlife and aquatic ecosystems.**

**Objectives:**

- Continue cleanup and restoration efforts through Argentine's Shiawassee River Clean Up Committee.
- Continue with development plans for the McCaslin Lake Road Canoe/Kayak Launch.
- Solicit volunteers to assist with implementation of McCaslin Lake Road Canoe/Kayak Launch.
- Continue existing partnerships and cultivate new ones with local and regional advocates in the current efforts to place mile marker and road crossing signage that promotes safe and accessible use of the river.
- Develop a detailed water trail plan within the township to identify trail improvements and support facilities such as parking facilities, restrooms, handicapped access, fishing and picnicking areas; removing litter and fallen trees for navigability; installing wayfinding and educational signs; and improving underpasses or providing safe portaging areas with durable paths and crossing signs.
- Seek additional funding to implement improvements identified in the water trail plan.



**Goal # 3) Continue to promote safe, diversified, and accessible recreational facilities and programming for the students and residents within the Linden Community School District at the existing school properties.**

**Objectives:**

- Improvements to the football stadium, track and field, and varsity softball field to address the demands on these facilities.
- Place lighting in the band practice area.
- Construct a large pavilion with barbeque grills and horseshoe pits near the middle school. The pavilion will be used for cross country running events and outdoor classroom use. These amenities will also be available for public use to address the desire for more picnic areas in the community.



- Place in-ground vault toilets near the middle school to address community use of the facility during evenings and weekends. This will also address the increasing demands of the cross county trail use during the day.
- Research the Genesee County Parks - "For-Mar on the Road" program to bring nature and environmental learning programs to the schools.
- Work with the township to initiate a public awareness campaign and promote the schools recreational facilities in conjunction with the promotion efforts mentioned in goal #1.

#### Goal # 4) Community Park development and beautification program

##### Objectives:

- Develop a master plan of the Oakwood Drive property as a community park that might include amenities such as picnic areas, nature trails and/or pathways, sledding hill, dog park, open space multi use areas, and an additional canoe/kayak launch on the Shiawassee River.
- Seek funding for development of Oakwood Drive Park
- Solicit volunteers to explore implementing a community beautification program and develop a partnership with Keep Genesee County Beautiful, Ruth Mott Foundation, MSU Master Gardener Volunteers, Michigan Nature Association, Linden Community Schools, and/or Boy Scout Groups.

