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MUNDY TOWNSHIP

PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN

A comprehensive analysis of the recreational facilities and programming in Mundy Township, Michigan and a 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, the township must take an active role in the delivery of recreational opportunities.

This Five-Year Recreation Plan was prepared by Mundy Township, with direction from the Recreation Advisory Committee and assistance from ROWE Professional Services Company. The recreation plan is intended to guide decisions affecting the future development and improvements of township recreation facilities and programs. The previous Recreation Master Plan was adopted in 2015. This 2021 update reflects updates to the Mundy Miracle Commons (formerly referred to as the Hill Road Park property) and future plans at this location. 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 five-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.

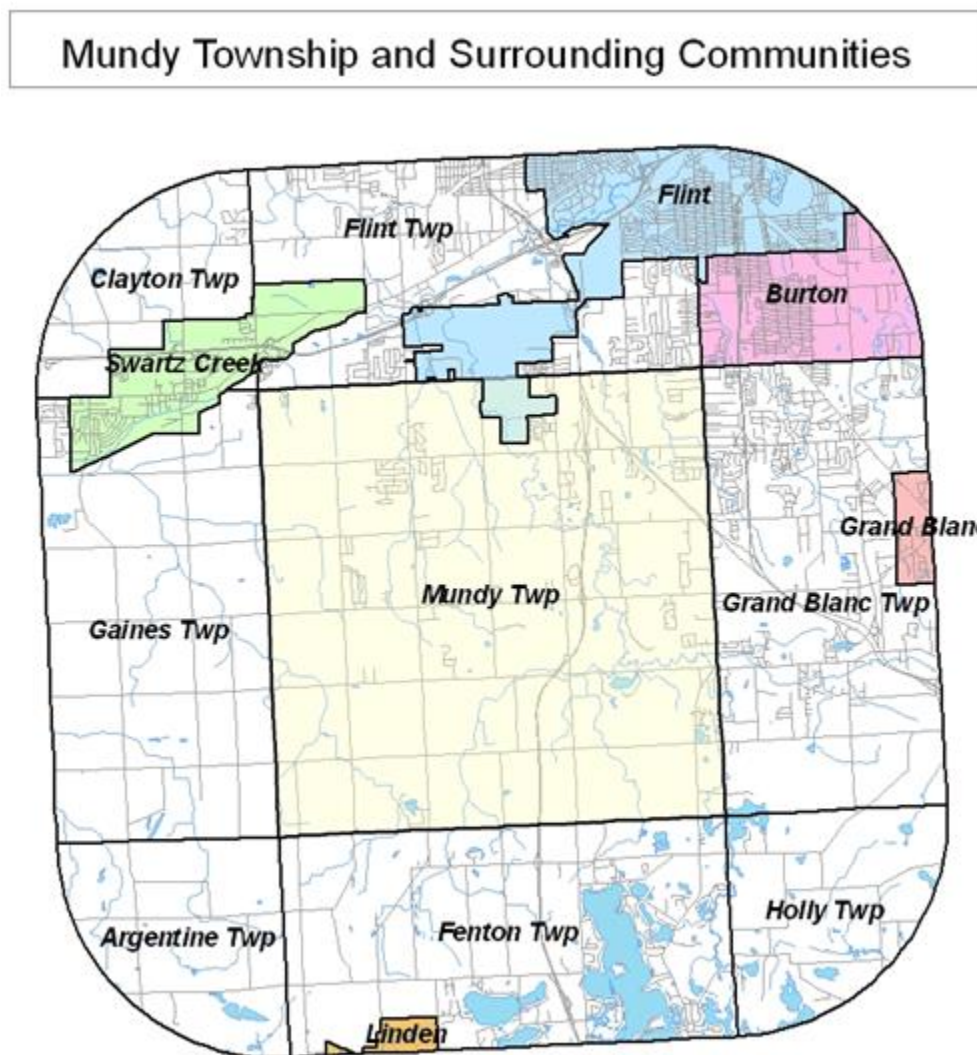
Section II - Community Description

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 Township'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.

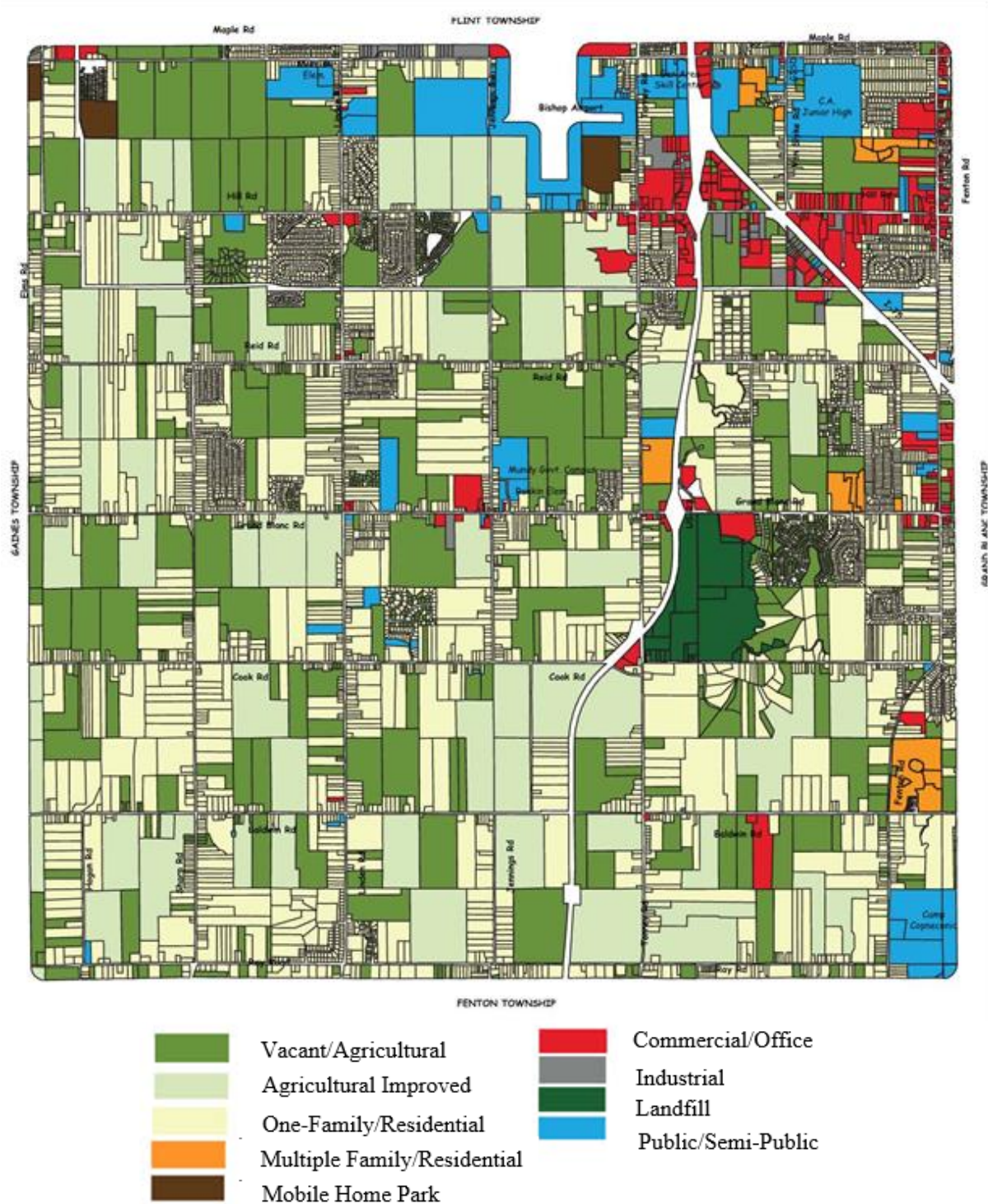
Map 1 - Location Map



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



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. With the pending development of the Miracle League field at Mundy Miracle Commons, MTA has committed to providing a route stop at this location. 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 degrees Fahrenheit in January to above 70 degrees 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 2010 Census.

Table 1 - 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 Advisory Committee

Mundy Township established a standing parks and recreation committee in 2020, it includes representatives from the planning commission, business, citizens and is overseen by the township board of trustees. The parks and recreation committee acts as an advisory panel making recommendations and proposing new initiatives for the parks and all recreational programming to the township board.

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.

Miracle League of Greater Flint

The Miracle League of Greater Flint (MLGF) is a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization dedicated to creating opportunities for physical activity for children of all abilities. In partnership with Mundy Township, MLGF is leading the effort to raise funds for the first accessible baseball field in the area. The field will be part of the Mundy Miracle Commons, located at 1286 W. Hill Road, with close proximity to US 23, I-75 and I-475. It will become an important community focal point for the more than 10,000 children with disabilities in Genesee County.

The MLGF field will be unique in many ways. It will feature a continuous flat rubberized surface. The pitcher's mound, the bases, and all other features are incorporated into the surface using a color pattern to distinguish them, reducing tripping hazards for crutches or wheelchairs, and other assistive devices. Once the field is constructed, it will provide the opportunity for children with physical and emotional challenges to participate in the great game of baseball in an environment that is safe and supportive, designed to meet their needs. Mundy Township representatives on the Miracle League board include Chad Young, Kay Doerr and Shawna Farrell.

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

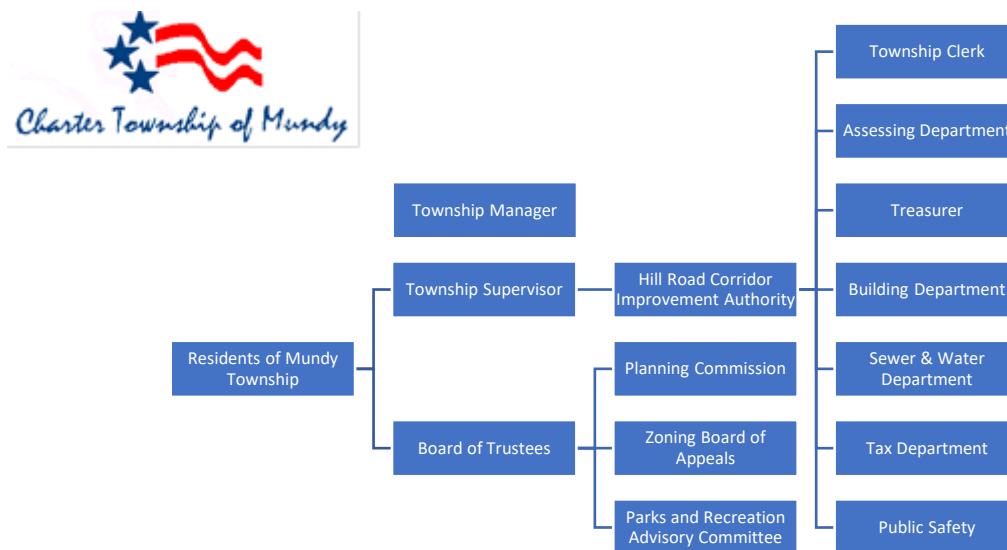
C.I.A. Act, the organizations can identify locations that Members of the authority can establish a special district within the community that will be identified as a special public/private investment necessary to the success and growth of the community. C.I.A. agencies can also levy and collect taxes, 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.

Inter-local Agreements

An inter-local agreement with the Metro Police Authority of Genesee County provides for security of park facilities including opening and closing the gates at Mundy Miracle Commons. Another shared services inter-local agreement with the City of Swartz Creek provides maintenance for the Hill Road Park improvements.

Figure 1 details the administrative structure for Mundy Township. In 2020, Mundy Township entered a.

Figure 1 - Administrative Structure



Budget

The 2021 budget for recreation maintenance includes \$20,000 as part of the shared services interlocal agreement with the City of Swartz Creek. Development funds for local match for grants and other improvements are included in the general fund. Additional funding for the parks is provided through economic fundraising efforts and donations provided through endowments and philanthropic organizations around Genesee County. The previous recreational plan recommended the creation of a non-profit organization to provide funding opportunities and fundraising plans for operational cost for the parks. Overall upkeep of the parks is provided through volunteer groups and various other organizations in Mundy Township. Additional funding sources for operational cost for Gawron Park and Mundy Miracle Commons are continuous as the need for additional park usage continues to increase.

Funding History

The township received a MNRTF grant for \$283,000 in 2018 (TF- 18-0187). This included the development of trails, recycle bin, benches, signage, and landscaping at Mundy Miracle Commons (Hill Road Park). Previous projects used general fund dollars to develop a parking lot and other infrastructure to support the park development.

Programming

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee will be making recommendations and proposing new initiatives for the parks and all recreational programming to the township board. Programming opportunities for residents of Mundy Township are also provided by Genesee County Parks. There is a proposed Senior Citizen Services committee proposed within the township that will be considered in 2021.

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

Mundy Township includes five school districts; Grand Blanc, Carman-Ainsworth, Swartz Creek, Linden, and Lake Fenton. All 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 and Mundy Miracle Commons for outdoor education purposes.

A meeting was held with the representatives from Carman-Ainsworth and the Genesee Intermediate School Districts in preparation of the previous recreation master plan and 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 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

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 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee will provide direction and increase the prospect of more volunteers taking active roles in the township parks and recreation programming.

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.

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 Served: 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.



❖ **Mundy Miracle Commons**

(Community/ Regional Park): Located off of Hill Road in Mundy Township, the park is within 99 acres of park property including woodlands, wetlands, 1.8 miles of pathway, 220 parking spaces including 40 accessible spaces. A proposed regional destination universally accessible ballfield in cooperation with the Miracle League is proposed. Plans for the park has also included mixed-use development, senior housing, live/work communities, single-family neighborhood development, and retail space..

Size: **99 Acres**

Age Groups Served: All Ages

Location: Off of Hill road, ½ mile east of US-23 and I-75; between Van Slyke Road and Fenton Road.

Facilities: Trails, accessible parking

Accessibility: (**Accessibility Ranking -4**) Most of the site is accessible.

DNR Recreation Grants: TF-.18-0187



- ❖ **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 2 - Recreation Inventory

	Acres	Ball Diamonds	Football/Soccer	Tennis Courts	Picnic Area	Playground Equipment	Playfield (Open)	Nature Trails	Waterfront	Shelter	Restrooms	Comments
Municipal Facilities												
Karen Gawron Park and Recreational Facility	39.8							.75 mi				
Mundy Miracle Commons	99							1.8 mi				
Mundy Township Hall	-									1	1	

Status Report of all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities

(TF- 18-0187). This included the development of trails, recycle bin, benches, signage, and landscaping. The project is under construction, to be completed in spring 2021.

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, Linden, Lake Fenton 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 nine 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. Knopf 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, universally accessible playground equipment, pavilion, a walking track, and a softball/baseball field. Building also includes an indoor gymnasium and indoor restroom facilities. The facility serves students with special needs.



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 Committee 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 boasts 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- to 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; 2 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 3,120 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 8-mile loop through the Genesee Recreation Area on a narrow gauge rail. The train equipment is steam-powered and restored to 1800s 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 1,740 acres from Genesee Rd to Irish Road, over 300 acres accessed from Mt. Morris Road.

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. Eighteen-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. Table 2 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.

Table 2 - 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 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 Copneconic (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 currently have a structured parks and recreation program that develops activities for the township. This may change based on direction from the newly-formed Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. 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 their community. Plans for development at Mundy Miracle Commons will provide passive and active recreation for residents closer to their homes.

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 outdoor recreational opportunities that are not already provided.

Mundy Township should consider acquiring property in the surrounding communities once it has maximized its current facilities. 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.

Recreation needs were based on input provided by various meetings of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and not compared to national standards. A list of the survey input is included in the appendix and reflected in the goals and objectives section.

Section V - Planning Process

The new Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee had met routinely and developed a priority list of improvements for the Hill Road site. Upon being declined for the 2019 MNRTF grant application in December 2020, the township decided to re-apply for the grant in April, requiring a tight time frame to update the recreation plan. Due to COVID health restrictions, all meetings, notices, and review documents were limited to on-line and virtual meetings. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee provided direction for the plan as described below:

- **Community Description** – No change from the prior plan.
- **Recreation Inventory** – Updated to include improvements at Hill Road property.
- **Public Participation** – Throughout development of the Hill Road property, township staff and stakeholders have discussed future improvements including on-going discussions with the Miracle League of Greater Flint, Carmen Ainsworth School representatives, and others. On December 21, 2020, a notice on the township website announced a December 23, 2020 Recreation Advisory Committee meeting to review the goals for the draft recreation plan update. A legal notice for a 30-day plan review and advance notice of the public hearing was posted on December 27, 2020 for a 30-day public review period through January 25, 2021. A separate survey was conducted by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee through this period to solicit a name for the Hill Road Park property. The name Mundy Miracle Commons and a mission statement was recommended by the committee and approved by the Township Board on January 28, 2021.
- **Analysis** – The information collected from the committee meeting was analyzed based on experience from the township board and committee. 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 by the Recreation Advisory Committee.
- **Plan Completion** –Following the 30 days, a public hearing will be held in order to solicit any additional input from residents. Following the public hearing, it was approved by Mundy Township Board of Trustees and was submitted to the Michigan DNR for approval; transmittals were sent to Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission.

Basis for Action Plan

The previous plan included extensive planning and public input to develop the site concept for the Hill Road Property. This plan is currently being implemented and will remain a component of the goals and objectives in this update. The needs expressed by the community as represented through the Recreation Advisory Committee was followed above meeting national recreation standards.

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.
- Develop Mundy Miracle Commons to include a regional universally accessible ballfield along with traditional 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: Mundy Miracle Commons Development.

The mission statement as approved by the Township Board is that: *“Mundy Miracle Commons in Mundy Township will provide a safe, welcoming environment where people of all ages and abilities can play, learn, dream, and appreciate nature. Our commitment is to be good stewards*

of our natural habitat while facilitating a healthy lifestyle.” The name “Commons” was intended to inspire the creation of a gathering space for community events.

Mundy Miracle Commons will continue to be developed, managed, and programmed including but not limited to:

- Coordinate with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, Miracle League of Greater Flint and 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, Miracle League partnership).
- 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.
- Pursue multi-seasonal recreation opportunities and support facilities
- Parkwide facilities should be universally accessible where feasible.

Goal #3: 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 #4: 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

Action Plan

Mundy Township currently has Gawron Park and Recreational Facility available and Mundy Miracle Commons; 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. Mundy Miracle Commons will have recommendations by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to the Township Board and will coordinate with Hill Road CIA to develop the site. 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.

Mundy Miracle Commons

Mundy Miracle Commons, which is owned by Mundy Township, should support recreation based on the use of MDNR grant funds that commit the property to public recreation in perpetuity. Previous plans of the site included the option for mixed use development, housing, civic/institutional. The property should 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 regional 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
- Develop a pavilion for picnic and activities as well as accessible restrooms
- Develop a sledding hill for winter use
- Food (trucks) to support; Ethnic festivals, Food truck Friday, Family fun, Socializing
- Art (Sundial, Sculpture)
- Baseball / softball
- Exercise circuits / stations, areas for Tai Chi

- Performing arts space / stage to support adult /children play, poetry/story telling
- Butterfly gardens / nature preservation
- Interpretive education including local historical information and plant identification
- Farmers Market

Mundy Township has recently expressed an interest in partnering with the Miracle League, which works to provide children with disabilities safe baseball/softball facilities to engage in active recreational programming. Developed in 1999, the Miracle League currently has 275 Miracle League organizations across the county, Puerto Rico, Canada, and Australia serving over 200,000 children and young adults with disabilities. Along with the Miracle League Field, the partnership would also develop ADA accessible playground equipment for use by community participants.

A concept plan has been developed for Mundy Miracle Commons; with the improvements listed above. **This is the highest priority project for the community.**

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

Future Master Planning

Recognizing the limitations of COVID-19, future planning efforts should be considered when public engagement can be completed in a comprehensive manner to develop plans for a township

wide non-motorized plan and confirm development plans and priorities for Mundy Miracle Commons and other properties.

Recreational Trail Connections

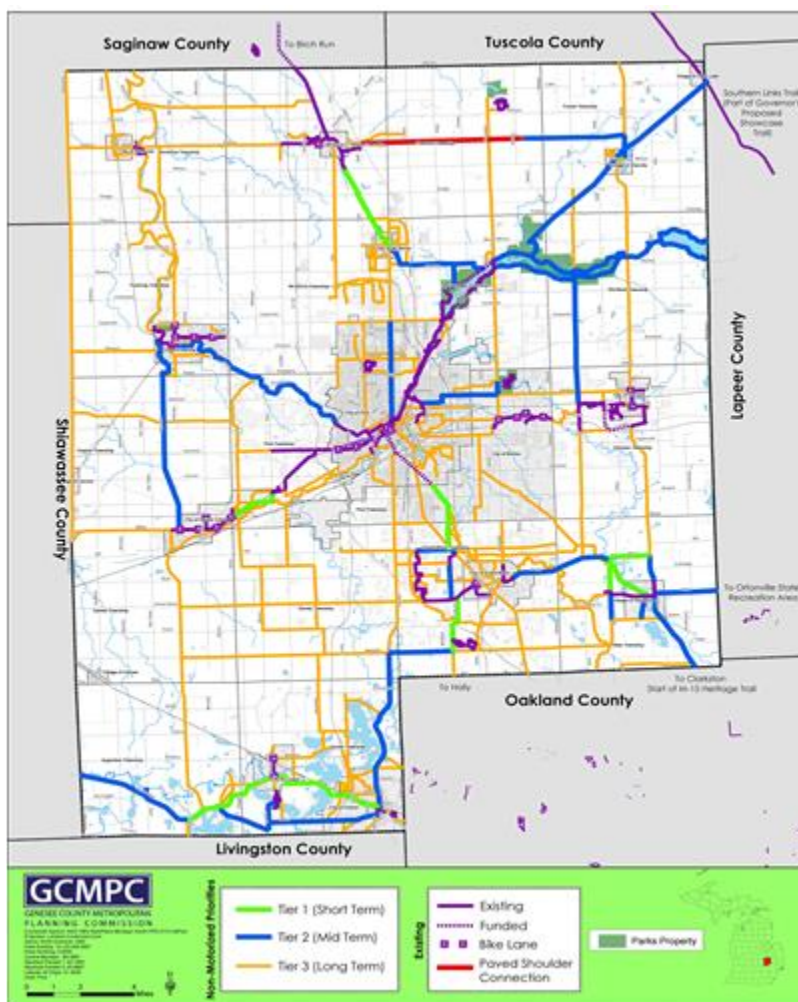
The Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission has begun the early process of developing a non-motorized trail project in the county. These locations are identified in Map 4. The process of selecting trail head locations has already occurred; Mundy Township should work in cooperation and in a supporting-role 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 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 five-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

Map 4 - Recreational Trail Connections



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, Linden, Lake Fenton 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. As discussed, the programming that would be established through the Miracle League through Mundy Miracle Commons would also benefit the community by providing additional recreational programming for residents with disabilities to participate in various activities through Mundy Township.

Maintenance

The inter-local agreement with the City of Swartz Creek should continue to be utilized to provide proper maintenance of recreation facilities. The township should monitor the cost benefit of establishing staffing and equipment necessary to maintain its own facilities so it is not dependent on another municipalities ability to help meet these needs.

Land Acquisition

As properties become available in the township it would be 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. Continue to evaluate utilization of the Metro Police Authority of Genesee County interlocal agreement in providing security at park locations during peak hours of operations.

Partnerships with School Districts

As expressed earlier, the school districts of Carman-Ainsworth and the Genesee Intermediate School District have been included in discussion regarding 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. Suggestions for how Mundy Township could assist the school districts with providing those opportunities include:

- Provide additional parking and upgrades to existing parking by Mundy Township hall that connects with Rankin Elementary School.
- Develop amphitheater in Gawron Park and/or Mundy Miracle Commons.
- Develop trailhead at Gawron Park and/or Mundy Miracle Commons 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 at Mundy Miracle Commons 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 regard to providing athletic fields for Grand Blanc, Carman-Ainsworth, Swartz Creek, Linden, and Lake Fenton 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 \$300,000 with a required minimum local match of 25 percent. 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 December grant award announcement. Minimum grant request must be \$7,500 with a maximum request of \$150,000; there is a 25 percent match by the local municipality or organization. The 25 percent 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 percent 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 benefit 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.

