

Suttons Bay Township

Community Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan, 2019-2023



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**Suttons Bay Township
95 W. Fourth St.
Suttons Bay, MI 49682**

1. Executive Summary

The previous Five-Year Community Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan 2013-2017 expired December 31, 2017. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Planning Guidelines require that that an update of that plan had to be submitted prior to the expiration date. The following plan (2019-2023) is considered a new plan. It also has been footnoted that the Plan Drafts that were used for online surveys incorrectly referred to the plan as a 2018-2022 and have been corrected to 2019-2023 Plan.

Suttons Bay Township adopted its first (Five Year) Community Recreation Plan in 2002, accomplished many of its goals including the acquisition of property that are now known as the 45th Parallel Park and Herman Park. These acquisitions were made possible with grants from the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund.

Herman Park's active and passive recreation development continues to be the number one priority for the township based on previous and current public input. The Park's location enhances the "walkability initiative" in the community. It is conveniently located near the downtown Village of Suttons Bay, the Suttons Bay School System, the Leelanau Trail, marina's and many residential homes. It is easily accessed by walking or bicycles. The Bay Area Transit Authority also has a route to the Park.

Financial assistance was provided from many private family foundations, the Grand Traverse Community Foundation, Rotary Charities, "Friends of Herman Park, Inc." and many private individuals from around the community. Those grants provided the community (4) USTA (United States Tennis Association) tennis courts, pickleball courts and an 18 –hole disc golf course. Two grants from the Department of Natural Resources Recreation Passport Grant Programs provided the community a one-half mile paved walking trail, kids fishing dock, a small gazebo at the pond and most recently a 3600 sq. ft. covered pavilion with ADA compliant picnic tables made from recyclable materials.

A full list of Recreation Objectives and Action Program including priority rankings can be found in Table 4. Recreation Objectives and Action Programs for the next five years are also discussed in Section 12.

In 2011, Suttons Bay Township and the Village of Suttons Bay formally adopted a joint master plan for the two communities. The *Suttons Bay Community Joint Master Plan* distills all the future visions down into six goals. This plan can be found on both the Village and Township web sites. These goals and priorities are reflected in the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan 2019-2023.

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4. Introduction and Background

In accordance with the State's five year cycle for recreation planning, the 2019-2023 Suttons Bay Township Community Park, Recreation, and Open Space Plan was prepared by the Township Parks and Recreation Committee (Committee) and adopted by the Suttons Bay Township Board to serve as a guide and decision making document for future park and recreation facilities and programs. The planning process included: an online survey using "Survey Monkey", several community presentations and survey distributions (Family Health & Wellness Fair, Leelanau Rural Health Fair) and distribution of surveys at Suttons Bay Schools. Leelanau County and other jurisdictions' plans were reviewed to ensure alignment of objectives. A formal public review and adoption process was completed. For those in the community not having access to computers, paper surveys (as noted in the local newspaper) were available at the Township Office and our local library. Upon completion they were manually entered on line.

This Plan presents an inventory of existing recreation facilities and environmentally significant open spaces within the Township and surrounding communities. Based on public input, it evaluates park and recreation opportunities, needs, and anticipated demand for additional or improved facilities and programs. It outlines the township's Park, Recreation and Open Space goals and 5-year action program.

This Plan provides the township board with direction for preparing annual budgets, applying for funding assistance from various agencies and working toward implementing the township's goals for future recreational development/ programming. This Plan will be accessible on the Suttons Bay Township web site as well as the Parks and Recreation web site.

This Plan has been prepared to satisfy recreation planning requirements established under the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Guidelines and provides for five years of grant eligibility

5. Community Description

The jurisdiction of this Plan is strictly for Suttons Bay Township. Leelanau County, surrounding townships and villages prepare their own recreation plans. The plans prepared by other communities are available on-line and are reviewed to better understand recreation development trends. Information from Suttons Bay Schools, Tart Trails, MDOT and other organizations that may affect ongoing or future recreation plans are always important for consideration.

Leelanau County

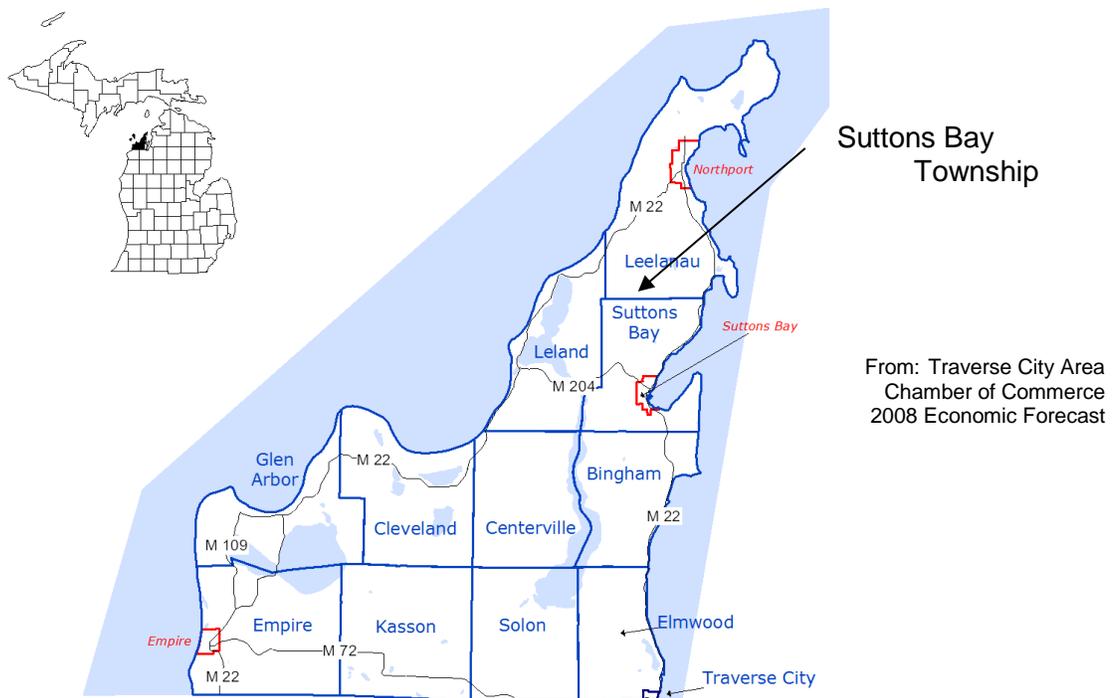


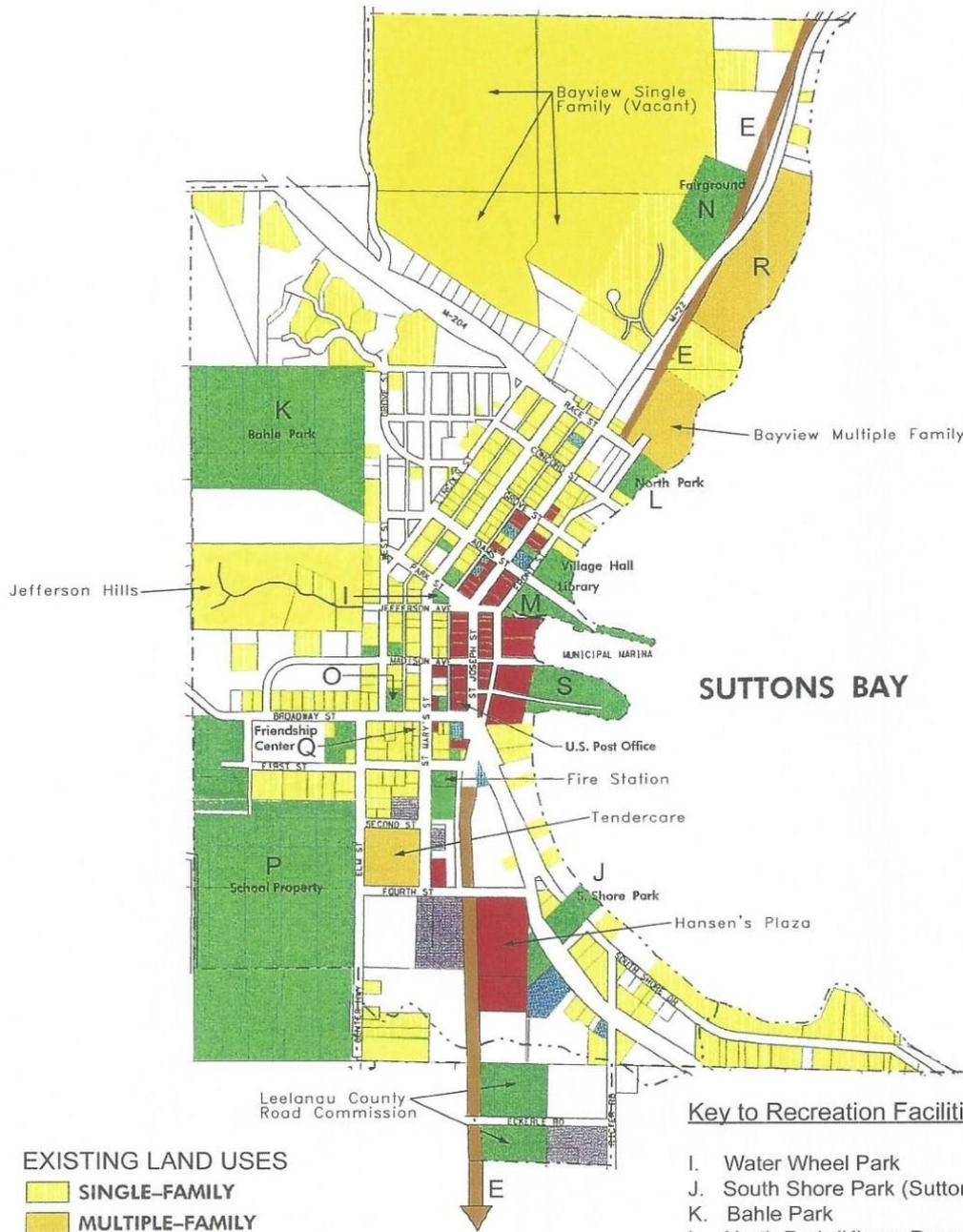
Figure 1. Location of Suttons Bay Township

The Suttons Bay School District serves all of the township, village, and Bingham Township. The school campus facilities are located in the southwest corner of the Village of Suttons Bay.

The Village of Suttons Bay serves both as the focal point and as the activity center of the township. The village is compact and characterized by traditional small scale development and a pedestrian-friendly environment. Most of the commercial and industrial development that serves the community is located within the village.

Outside the village limits, there are three business nodes in the township. The first is along M-22 south of the village. This is an important segment of M-22 because it serves as the southern gateway into the village, thus forming a first impression for the traveler. The second is found north of the village along M-22 in Peshawbestown, the settlement of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. This area of development is centered on the casino and related facilities. There is a third area, at the township's western boundary on M-204 where the commercial district of the village of Lake Leelanau begins. The county seat is located in Suttons Bay Township, midway between the Village of Suttons Bay and the community of Lake Leelanau.

The population of Suttons Bay Township at the last census (2017) was 2,991 with a Village of Suttons Bay population of 618. The population of Bingham Township (also served by Suttons Bay Public Schools) at last census was 2,896. The combined population for the village and two townships is 6,505. The population triples in the warmer months. Seasonal residences account for 34% (440 of 1290) of the improved properties in Suttons Bay Township and Village.



- EXISTING LAND USES**
- SINGLE-FAMILY
 - MULTIPLE-FAMILY
 - COMMERCIAL
 - OFFICE
 - INDUSTRIAL
 - PUBLIC/SEMI-PUBLIC

Source: Village of Suttons Bay Master Land Use Plan

Key to Recreation Facilities:

- I. Water Wheel Park
- J. South Shore Park (Sutton Park)
- K. Bahle Park
- L. North Park (Klump Parcel)
- M. Village Marina Park Complex
- N. Fairgrounds Recreation Area
- O. Ice Skating Park
- P. Suttons Bay Schools
- Q. Suttons Bay Friendship Center
- R. Port Sutton
- S. Village Coal Dock
- E. Leelanau Trail

EXISTING RECREATION FACILITIES

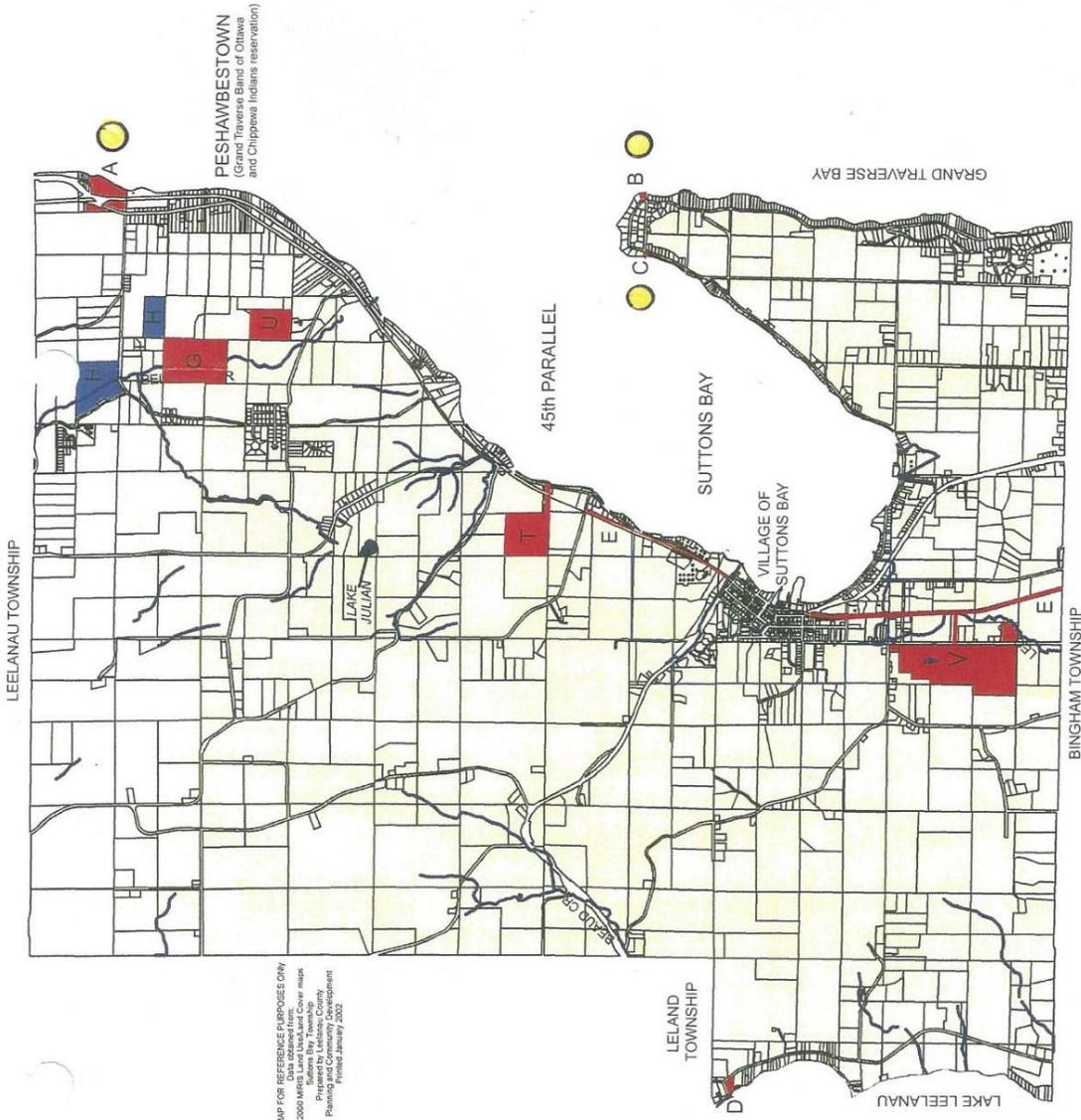
SUTTONS BAY VILLAGE

LEELANAU COUNTY, MICHIGAN

SOURCES: WADE-TRIM FIELD SURVEY, 1997

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Map 7



MAP FOR REFERENCE PURPOSES ONLY
 Data obtained from:
 2000 Michigan State
 Prepared by Leelanau County
 Planning Department
 Printed January 2002

LEGEND

- Township Parks
- Public Guided Tours Only
- Unimproved Boating Facilities for carry-down kayaks, canoes, etc.

Key to Recreation Facilities

- A. Graham Greene Park
- B. Vic Steimel Park
- C. Lovers Lane Park
- D. Lake Leelanau Access
- E. Leelanau Trail
- F. Leo Creek Preserve
- G. 4-H Parcel Johnson Property
- H. Leelanau Conservancy Parcel
- O. Ice Rink Park
- T. 45th Parallel Park
- U. Strong Heart Center
- V. Herman Community Park

For facilities I through S, refer to Village of Suttons Bay Recreation Maps.

**Suttons Bay Township
 Recreation Facilities**

Map 2

6. Administrative Structure

Suttons Bay Township is governed by the five member Township Board. In Michigan, townships have been granted their powers and responsibilities as expressly provided by state law. Oversight of parks and recreation facilities and programs is an example of a governing function that townships may choose to perform under Public Act 157 of 1905, as amended. The Suttons Bay Township Board is responsible for the following public parcels: Graham Greene Park, Vic Steimel Park, 45th Parallel Park, Lover's Lane road end, Herman Park, Ice Rink Park, and the old M-204 bridge abutment parcel.

The Township Planning Commission is appointed by the Supervisor and approved by the Township Board. It serves as a recommending body in the area of zoning, land use and developed recreation areas. Suttons Bay Township and the Village of Suttons Bay have adopted a joint master plan: *Suttons Bay Community Joint Master Plan*. This vision document was written by a Joint Planning Commission, made up of members from both communities, and was adopted in August 2011.

The Suttons Bay Township Board established a Parks and Recreation Committee in 2001 to create the First Community Recreation Plan (2002-2007), based on an inventory of existing facilities, local recreation needs and community input. This document serves as the new Community Park, Recreation, and Open Plan 2019-2023.

The current committee is made up of volunteers from the community at large. Their focus has been to identify what recreational opportunities exist and how could they be expanded or strengthened.

A. Recreation Committee Role

The Park and Recreation Committee plays an advisory role to the Township Board, which makes the final decisions on budgets, funding and expenditures. The Park and Recreation Committee develops the Community Park and Recreation Plan and provides recommendations to the Township Board based on a public input process. The Committee investigates opportunities for grants, prepares grant applications and submits them to the Township Board for approval. Committee members "adopt" certain parks. They focus on that specific park and perform minor work or report back if there are any major shortcomings.

Committee members also solicit community volunteers to help in yearly clean-up or special projects such as tree planting.

The Township currently hires a local contractor to maintain the mowing and plowing (where necessary) for all parks. Trash pick-up and porta-john rentals are also contracted out. The Township depends on volunteers to assist where necessary. In 2018 the Township appointed a Township Parks Supervisor who has specific responsibilities for overseeing all the parks in the township.

B. Organizational Chart

SUTTONS BAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES			
SUPERVISOR Rich Bahle			
CLERK Sandy VanHuystee	TREASURER Cathy Hartesvelt	TRUSTEE Debbie Slocombe	TRUSTEE Tom Nixon
PLANNING COMMISSION 9 Member Board		ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS 3 Member Board	
PARKS SUPERVISOR William Drozdalski			
RECREATION COMMITTEE Gary Devol William Drozdalski Gary Hoensheid Pete Ostrowski Dennis Rathnaw Debbie Slocombe			

C. Current Funding Sources

State shared revenue provides the largest (60% approximate) share of township funds. A 1 Mil tax levy provides the balance of funds. It is anticipated that public and foundation grants and fund raising will continue to augment the township’s budget for any future acquisition of park land and development of recreation plans, facilities, and programs. The township can consider a balloted millage up to 1 mil for targeted recreation and open space projects.

D. Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations and Maintenance

The Township Board budgets for the operation and maintenance of the township including those of the existing park properties. In addition to general funding, considerations are given to any grant applications that require matching and placing the funds in a restricted line-item so they may carry-over to following years. The township fiscal year is March to March. Budget strategy meetings start in January, finalized in March with a Public Hearing held at the end of that month.

E. Relationships with Other Agencies

The Township Board always seeks opportunities to work with the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Leelanau County, Bingham Township, TART Trails, Inc. and The Leelanau Conservancy in developing community recreation facilities.

The township has established an ongoing program with Suttons Bay Schools. Students are able to select required “Senior Projects” at selected township parks. Students are permitted to use any of the recreational facilities at Herman Park which is adjacent to the school.

The township has frequent requests from local Eagle Scouts for projects they need to fulfill their personal requirements. Past projects included Bat houses and Life Ring structures at the pond in Herman Park.

There is cross-representation between the township committees and the Leelanau Scenic Heritage Route Committee as they share the goal of enhancing the scenic, historical, and recreational characteristics of two state highways that transect the township, M-22 and M-204.

F. Parks and Recreation Policies and Procedures

The Park and Recreation Committee members are appointed by the Township Board. Up to nine members are authorized to be on the committee. Members must be township residents and serve a rotating three-year term. There are also several ad-hoc members that support recreational development.

Parks ordinances, rules, reservation procedures are published and accessible on the Township web site. The township enforces hours of operation ordinances. All applicable ordinances, permit and reservation requests are available on-line at the Township website and are updated as needed.

The Suttons Bay Township Parks web site provided information on specific recreation activities that may require contact with local community league play such as tennis and pickleball. This is done more for convenience and this information is posted on message boards located at those facilities.

7. Recreation Inventory

A. Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory:

The inventory of Suttons Bay Township owned Park and Recreation Facilities and Public Open Spaces is kept updated by the Township. Accessibility ranking is not included for non-Township Parks and Recreation Facilities. Those communities are responsible for their own rankings.

Table 1 adds an Accessibility Ranking for Township owned parks in the second column to assess the accessibility of each recreation area. The following ranking system follows the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design. The township relies on the guidance from our Engineering Firm to follow these guidelines for all development at Herman Park. The other township parks are rustic and no development has occurred at them other than providing ADA compliant picnic tables.

- 1 = none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 2 = some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 3 = most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 4 = the entire park meets accessibility guidelines
- 5 = the entire park is designed using the principles of universal design

Suttons Bay Township owns six (6) parks. They include: Herman Park, Graham Greene Park, Vic Steimel Park, Lovers Lane Park (water access only-undeveloped), Ice Rink Park and the 45th Parallel Park (undeveloped).

Due to limited revenue stream, recreation development has been focused on Herman Park. Every project completed in the past ten years has been compliant with ADA Standards.

See Maps on page 9 and 10 for Existing Park and Recreation Facilities.

B. Inventory of All Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities in the Township, Village, and Other Governmental Units

The following Table identifies the existing recreation facilities within the township.

TABLE 1 PARKS, RECREATION FACILITIES AND PUBLIC OPEN SPACE SUTTONS BAY TOWNSHIP							
KEY (See Maps 1 & 2)	PARCEL NAME (SB Twp in Bold) (Accessibility Rank)	FACILITIES	ACRES	PUBLIC	SCHOOL	PRIVATE	LOCATION
A.	Graham Greene Park (2)	Rocky beach frontage on Grand Traverse Bay. Non-ADA access for Swimming, kayaking, picnicking, grills, non-ADA tables, porta-jon, wooded. Accessible parking only.	15	X			M-22 Section 2
B.	Vic Steimel Park (2)	Rocky beach frontage on Grand Traverse Bay. Swimming, kayaking, picnicking, small boat launching, grills, trash containers, 7 picnic tables & porta-jon. Accessible picnic table on concrete pad & accessible parking only.	1	X			Nanagosa Trail Section 23
C.	Lover's Lane (Undeveloped) (1)	66' road end frontage on Suttons Bay. Swimming and lake access, sandy beach. Limited off- site parking. Non-accessible.	.3	X			Lover's Lane (west end) Section 23
D	South Lake Leelanau Access	Swimming and water access. No facilities. Adjacent to DNR boat launch. County owned.	.6	X			South arm of Lake Leelanau Section 25
E.	Leelanau Trail	15 Mile linear recreational trail, hiking, biking and cross-country skiing, approximately 3 miles long in Suttons Bay Township. (TART Trails, Inc. – non-profit organization)				X	M-22 & Cedar St., South to Township Line Sections 21 & 33
F.	Leo Creek Preserve	Outdoor Learning Laboratory and Permaculture Gardens located along Leo Creek. Created in 2016, protected by conservation easement. (not for profit)	9			X	Leelanau Trail 800 ft. south of Fourth St. in Village
G.	Johnson 4-H Nature Preserve	Hiking, picnicking, shelter structure, restroom, woodlands, wetlands and creek.	60			X	Stallman Road Section 10
H	Leelanau Conservancy Parcel	Guided tours by the Leelanau County Nature Conservancy.	70	X			Roubal Road, Section 3
O.	Ice Rink Park (2)	Picnic table (non-ADA), lighted ice skating, covered bench. Accessible parking.	.5	X			Lincoln Ave. and W Broadway, Section 28
T.	45th Parallel Park (Undeveloped) (1)	Future plans to create walking & XC skiing trails. Picnic, scenic overlooks and shoreline access to Grand Traverse Bay.	43	X			M-22, Section 16
V.	Herman Park (5)	Tennis courts, pickleball courts, ½ mile paved trail, fishing pond with dock, disc golf course, soccer field, gazebo at pond, large pavilion, picnic tables, benches and grills. All facilities & parking ADA compliant.	126	X			Herman Road & Center Highway (631) Section 28

The following Table identifies the existing recreation facilities within the village.

TABLE 2 PARKS, RECREATION FACILITIES AND PUBLIC OPEN SPACE VILLAGE OF SUTTONS BAY							
KEY (See Map 2)	PARCEL NAME	FACILITIES	ACRES	PUBLIC	SCHOOL	PRIVATE	LOCATION
I.	Water Wheel Park (Village)	Tennis and basketball courts. Picnic tables, open field, bike rack, and water wheel on creek.	.3	X			St. Mary's Ave. Section 28
J.	Sutton Park (South Shore Park) (Village)	Swimming, picnicking, bathroom, picnic shelter, playground, 300 ft. shoreline.		X			South Shore Drive Section 28
K.	Bahle Park (Village)	Sledding hill, nature trails, cross country skiing, warming and meeting house.	30	X			West Street Section 29
L.	North Park (Village)	1,500 feet of frontage, boat launch, covered pavilion, restrooms & boat parking	4.5	X			East of the intersection of M-204 & M-22, Sec.28
M.	Village Marina Park Complex (Village)	Swimming, bathhouse, boating, walking paths and boardwalks, boat launch docks (130), fishing, playground, 3,000 ft. water frontage.	10	X			End of Adams Street, Section 28
N.	Fairgrounds Recreation Area (Village)	Lighted and fenced fields, restrooms, bleachers, concession building, natural wooded area, and parking.	4	X			M-22 north of M-204, Section 21
P.	Suttons Bay Schools	Football field, Track, Soccer Fields, Baseball Fields, Softball Fields 1 Auditorium, Indoor Gym, Playground Equipment and Fitness Center	70		X		Herman Road and Center Highway Section 28
Q.	Suttons Bay Friendship Center	Meeting Room, youth drop-in, computer lab, pottery area, office.	--			X	St. Mary's Ave., Section 28
R.	Port Sutton	Private condominium with tennis courts, swimming beach and pool, clubhouse, 40 private boat slips	4			X	M-22 north of M-204 Section 21
S.	Village Coal Dock	Fishing pier, boating, boardwalks, walking path, docking facilities for Inland Seas Education Program.	2	X			Section 28
W.	Bay View	Private condominium with tennis court, indoor pool & clubhouse, 40 public, 40 private boat slips, fishing pier.	2			X	M-22 north of M-204 Section 21
	Grand Traverse Bay Shoreline	Small boat launch available at seven public parks in township and village.		X			Township boundary along Grand Traverse and Suttons Bays

The following Table represents existing recreation facilities by other Governmental Units within Suttons Bay Township.

TABLE 3 PARKS, RECREATION FACILITIES AND PUBLIC OPEN SPACE OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNITS IN SUTTONS BAY TOWNSHIP							
KEY (See Map 1)	PARCEL	FACILITIES	ACRES	PUBLIC	SCHOOL	PRIVATE	LOCATION
T.	MDOT 45th Parallel Roadside Park M-22	Water access, swimming, kayak and canoe launch along the road by the waters of Grand Traverse Bay.	1.5	X			M-22, Section 16
U.	Strong Heart Recreation Center G.T. Band	Baseball/Soccer field, basketball courts, skatepark, playgrounds, bathrooms, horse shoes, disc golf course, Pow Wow Grounds, picnic tables, grills, sand volleyball courts. Indoor facilities: locker rooms, rubberized track, weight room, aerobics/dance studio, and cardiovascular area.	40			X	Stallman Road Peshawbestown Section 10
	Leelanau County Government Center	Community Meeting Room. Exercise classes open to the public.	39	X			Government Center Drive, Section 19

C. Recreation Opportunities

Coinciding with the abundance of natural resources in the region, many opportunities exist for individual recreation and team sports. The township has many access points to the water for summer swimming and boating. Most roads in the township are traveled by cars and trucks, allowing excellent bicycling, walking, and running. The Leelanau Trail offers year round recreation, allowing safe walking, hiking, bicycling, cross-country skiing, etc. Winter sports opportunities include ice skating and sledding; groomed cross-country skiing on the Leelanau Trail; snowshoeing; and some snowmobiling. The following summarizes individual opportunities within the township:

Baseball/Softball: The Suttons Bay Youth League provides both baseball and softball opportunities for Suttons Bay youth each summer. In addition, a local T-Ball League is offered.

Bicycle (Road & Mountain): The Tart Trail has been extended through the Village of Suttons Bay and north to Dumas Rd. M-22 and M-204 are good paved roads but shoulders in some areas are small and care must be used. The annual Cherry-Roubaix bicycle race is held every year in the Leelanau Peninsula and hosts hundreds of riders. Held every August and offers races for 40, 60 and 90 miles. All riders end up at Suttons Bay Township's Herman Park at its newest Pavilion.

Birding: The combination of township lands along the shoreline and inland provides varying habitats for birding. Close to 150 species either nest or migrate through the township. The area has become more popular as a destination birding location because of an organization, Saving Birds through Habitat, which has a 44 acre sanctuary north of the township. An annual birding festival began in 2011 and grows in attendance each year.

Boating: The Township has three parks where people can launch personal watercraft, such as kayaks, row boats, and wind surfers. Larger boat ramps are located at the marina and at North Park in the village. There is also a boat launch in Lake Leelanau at the old M-204 bridge abutment.

Camping: There is one privately owned and operated campground/RV park in the township. A state park with camping sites, Leelanau State Park, is 18 miles north of the village center.

Cross-Country Skiing: The Leelanau Trail, which runs the length of the township, offers the only groomed trail in the township for both skating and Nordic (classic) cross-country skiing. Herman Park offers 26 acres for cross country skiing but not always groomed.

Disc Golf: Herman Park has an 18-hole course that can be played year round. Several fairways are in the wetlands which create very challenging play. Peshabestown offers a newer 27-hole course.

Down Hill Skiing: The closest Alpine skiing is at The Homestead in Glen Arbor Township, a 25 mile distance from the township. Many people also travel to Crystal Mountain, in Benzie County to the south, which is the nearest major ski area.

Fishing: There are year-round fishing opportunities in Suttons Bay Township. In addition to access to the Great Lakes fishery via Suttons Bay there are several lakes and numerous ponds and creeks that produce consistent results for the fisherman. Herman Park has two fishing ponds and a creek that are easily accessible.

Football Programs in Suttons Bay Schools: Football venues vary year to year depending on student enrollment. The Suttons Bay Schools website provides information about athletics.

Golf: There is one 18-hole public golf course just outside the township, The Leelanau Club. Leelanau County also has other public and private courses.

Hunting: Hunting is allowed in Herman Park and the 45th Parallel Park. State regulations, rules and laws must be followed. Hunters should notify the Township of their intent to hunt in these parks.

Ice Skating: The Township floods and maintains its outdoor ice rink in the village, at the corner of W. Broadway and Lincoln Ave. The rink has lights for night skating.

Pickleball: Herman Park has two pickleball courts built to United States Pickleball Association specifications. Local players have recently started a fund-raising campaign for two additional courts at Herman Park.

Roller Blading: The paved portion of the Leelanau Trail offers the only area for roller blading in the township. The recent extended pavement on the Leelanau Trail offers a local full 18 mile stretch of asphalt.

Sledding: The village has a sledding hill at Bahle Park.

Soccer: The recreational soccer is spearheaded by The Leelanau Soccer Club. Recreational opportunities are available on their web site.

Snowmobiling: There are some private property owners who allow snowmobiling on their land but there are no public trails in the township.

Snowshoeing: There is an abundance of snowshoeing opportunities in the township within its park system. Herman Park offers both snowshoeing and cross country skiing.

Swimming: The village has swimming beaches at the Marina and South Shore Park. The township also has many informal swimming access sites. The closest indoor swimming is in Northport at the Wurm Health Center with a two-lane pool and small shallow area.

Tennis: Herman Park has four tennis courts built to USTA specifications. There is one public tennis court at Water Wheel Park Two private courts are owned by Port Sutton Condominiums. The Bay View Condos also has one private court. Nearby Leland Township has one court at Grove Park in Lake Leelanau.

Volleyball: Two sand courts are available at the Suttons Bay Village Marina beach. Sand courts are available at the Strong Heart Center for tribal members.

Walking, Hiking, & Running: People walk and run on most roads in the township. M-22 and M-204 are the only roads with paved shoulders. Bahle Park in the Village offers walking and hiking trails. Tart Trails has considerable trail extensions through Leelanau County as well as Suttons Bay Township.

D. Recreation Programs: Due to the Township's limited revenue stream it does not staff or offer any recreation programming. It does however allow the use of its facilities for some programming as long as it does not interfere with public use. A United States Tennis Professional uses the Herman Park tennis courts to provide tennis instruction to 10 years and under children. This has been a very successful program year after year.

E. ADA Assessment for Suttons Bay Township Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities:

Herman Park: (5) – 126 acre parcel with 26 acres of upland (for development) meets accessibility guidelines and was designed using the principles of universal design. The facility includes (4) tennis courts, (2) pickleball courts, 3600 sq. ft. pavilion, (4) ADA compliant picnic tables, kids fishing dock, shade structure, ½ mile paved trail and paved driveway and parking. There are no permanent restrooms at this site. An accessible porta-jon is provided every year. Four of the 18- hole disc golf fairways are in the wetlands and are difficult to access (per players requests). No electrical service nor drinking water.

Vic Steimel Park: (2) - 1 acre park located on West Bay provides (1) ADA picnic table located on a large concrete pad. Other than a few grills and benches with backs there are no other facilities. Seasonal porta-jon is provided. The short gravel driveway does not provide proper accessibility. Accessibility to the water's edge is difficult. Has an unimproved small boat, kayak, canoe launch.

Graham Greene Park: (2) – 15 acre park located on Suttons Bay has a paved accessible roadway into the park with paved parking. Two old picnic tables not to ADA standards. Seasonal porta-jon provided. Grassy areas have many stumps and uneven surface. Old wood stairway to beach is not accessible. Wooded acreage with limited accessibility. No other facilities provided.

Ice Rink Park: (2) – 1/2 acre parcel located within the Village limits is flooded during the winter months for skating. Paved village streets and parking are accessible. One non- ADA picnic table on site. The grassy sloped area minimizes accessibility. One Porta-jon provided during winter season only. In past years summer usage was for farmer's market.

45th Parallel Park: (1) – 43 acre parcel is undeveloped. No facilities on site. No accessibility. A steep and hilly parcel that is planned for future mountain- biking and hiking.

Lover's Lane: (1) – 1/3 acre sliver of property on Suttons Bay provides access to the bay to local homeowners. No parking, steep access to small beach area. No facilities.

F. Primary Service Area:

- 1) Herman Community Park is the focal point of development because of its “walkability initiative”. It is located within a quarter-mile radius of Suttons Bay Schools, the downtown Village of Suttons Bay business corridor, the Leelanau Trail, a senior care facility and the Suttons Bay Marina complex. The latest population in the Village of Suttons Bay is over 600 persons. There are also farming properties surrounding Herman Park that are now seeing residential development.
- 2) Ice Rink Park is located within the Village of Suttons Bay on Fourth Street and Broadway. It is closer to the same resources as shown for Herman Park except closer. It is used primarily during the winter as a lighted skating rink (approximately 80’ x 120’). In past years it was home to the local Farmers Market during the summer and fall. This past year it was home for “LIFT”, the Leelanau Investing in Youth non-profit organization that used a portion of the park for a community garden.
- 3) Vic Steimel Park is located at the tip of Stony Point in a residential and former agricultural area. Basically used for picnics and access to the Bay.
- 4) Lovers Lane Park is also located at Stony Point in the residential area. Provides access to the Bay. Very limited parking.
- 5) Graham Greene Park is located at the north end of the township property line. Off of the M-22 corridor and adjacent to Peshabestown. Primarily uses for picnics and Bay access.
- 6) 45th Parallel Park was acquired in 2009 with a MNRTF grant. Its use was intended for future walking and bicycle trails. The development is on hold pending final decisions by MDOT for making changes on M-22 and a road side pull-off. MDOT has provided a future easement once their plans are completed.

Note: All of the above park locations are shown on maps, pages 8 & 9.

8. Inventory of Existing Recreational Boating Facilities (UNIMPROVED)

Three of the Suttons Bay Township Parks are located on the shores of Lake Michigan's West Bay and Suttons Bay. These are Graham Greene Park, Vic Steimel Park and Lovers Lane Park. A fourth undeveloped location is located at the Narrows of Lake Leelanau and allows access onto South Lake Leelanau.

All of these sites are defined as 'unimproved' locations where residents can carry down kayaks, canoes, standup boards, wind surfers, etc. Vic Steimel Park has an un-paved boat launch that can accommodate a 10'-12' trailered boat. Lovers Lane Park is more of an "access to the bay parcel" located between two residential units. Preferred drop-off location due to parking constraints.

The Leelanau Access parcel can be used to launch carry down kayaks, canoes, etc. This site is, however, located adjacent to a DNR boat ramp designed for larger trailered boats. Usage is typically first come-first serve.

Table 1 on page 14 of this plan lists the subject parks, the facilities available, location, ADA accessibility and its size.

The general purpose of each of these facilities is recreational, typically for picnics with on-site picnic tables and grills. Porta-Jons and waste receptacles are available. Electrical service is not available. Table 4 on page 31 of this plan identifies the objectives and action programs for the subject parks.

None of these sites require dredging nor repairs and maintenance.

Graham Greene Park has potential to be part of the future Blue Water Trail. Development could include lockable kayak/canoe storage racks, rustic camping, and a water well. This park is adjacent to the Tribal-owned Arthur Duhamel Marina. There are no current marketing plans at this time. There is a potential for future collaboration with the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

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Township Parks
Public Guided Tours Only
Unimproved Boating Facilities for carry-down kayaks, canoes, etc.

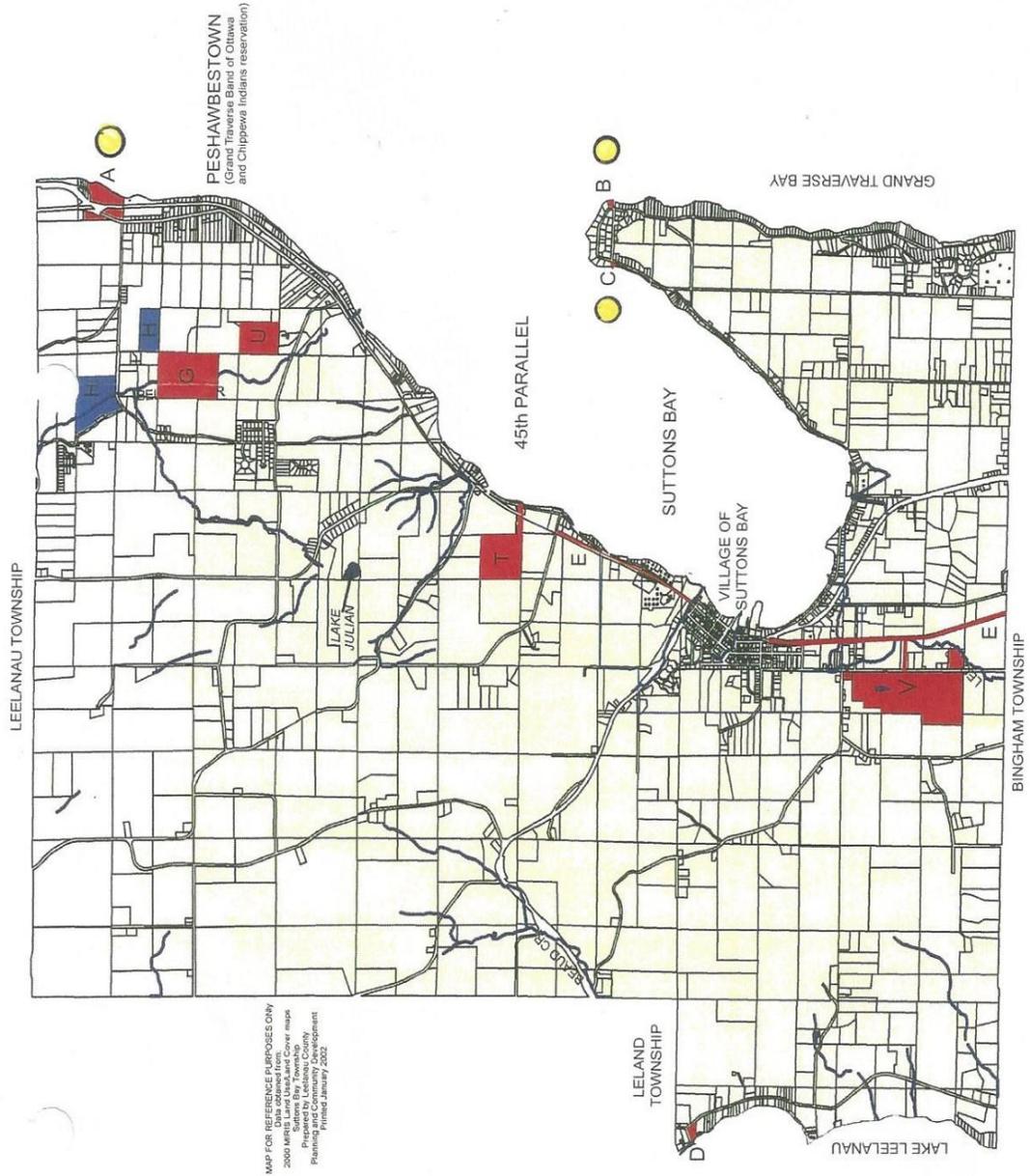
Key to Recreation Facilities

A. Graham Greene Park
B. Vic Steimel Park
C. Lovers Lane Park
D. Lake Leelanau Access
E. Leelanau Trail
F. Leo Creek Preserve
G. 4-H Parcel Johnson Property
H. Leelanau Conservancy Parcel
O. Ice Rink Park
T. 45th Parallel Park
U. Strong Heart Center
V. Herman Community Park

For facilities I through S, refer to Village of Suttons Bay Recreation Maps.

Suttons Bay Township Recreation Facilities

Map 2



MAP FOR REFERENCE PURPOSES ONLY
 2000 MERIS Land Use/Land Cover map
 Suttons Bay Township
 Planning and Community Development
 Printed January 2002

Unimproved Boating Locations



Vic Steimel Park - West Bay Access

Kayaks, canoes, standup boards. Small gravel ramp for very small trailered boats. Located at intersection of Lovers Lane Rd. and Nanagosa (GPS 44.996736, -85.635984)

Objectives and Action Program

Develop accessible path to water's edge, investigate lockable kayak storage racks and collaborate with Blue Water Trail Initiative.



Lovers Lane Park—Suttons Bay Access

Carry-down kayaks, canoes and standup boards only. Drop offs only. Located at the intersection of Lovers Lane Rd. and Stony Point Rd. (GPS 44.988807, - 85.606426)

Objectives and Action Program

Improve normal accessibility with landscape redesign and investigate placement of stairs. Investigate options for vehicle parking.



Graham Greene Park - West Bay Access

Carry down kayaks, canoes and standup boards or very small boats. Located adjacent to Arthur Duhamel Marina in Peshabestown (GPS 45.035509, -85.598552)

Objectives and Action Program

Improve existing steps to waters edge. Investigate design for accessible ramps to beach area. Thin out vegetation and add benches. Remove rocks and tree stumps for easier access.

9. Natural Resource Inventory

In 2010 Suttons Bay Township and the Village of Suttons Bay collaborated to develop a Joint Master Plan. With assistance provided by LIAA (Land Information Access Association) "Partnerships for Change Sustainable Communities" the planning and zoning departments of both entities worked over a year to develop the plan which was published in August 2011.

The Plan is almost 100 pages long and identifies by layers and maps the resource inventory in our community and includes political boundaries, roads and parcel maps. The Plan addresses policy, objectives, future land use and zoning strategy. Pages 43-57 discuss Future Land Use and associated maps.

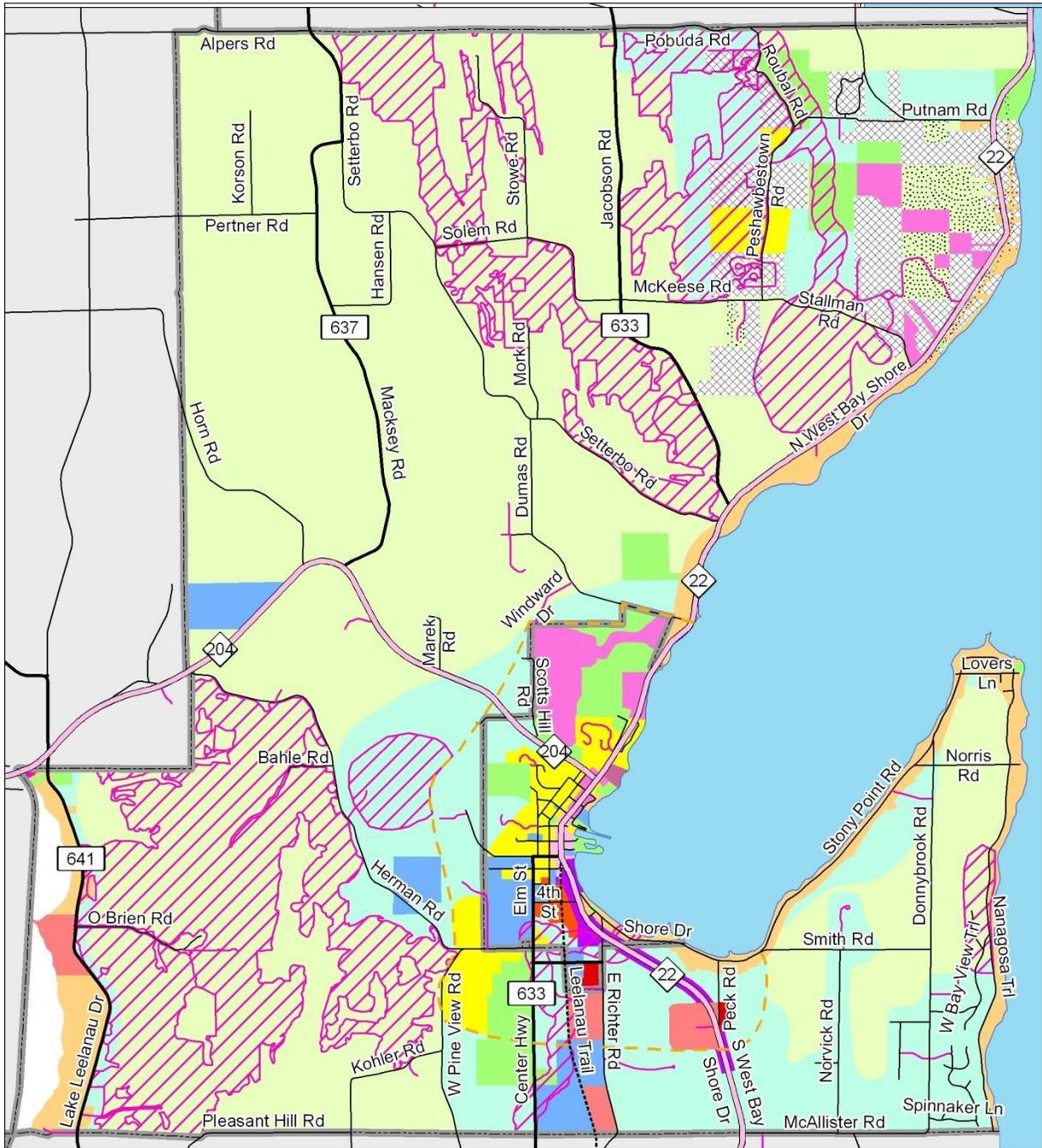
The Joint Master Plan includes maps for:

- a) Prime Farmland
- b) Commercial Forestlands
- c) Existing Land Use
- d) Leelanau Conservancy Priority Lands
- e) Steep Slopes
- f) Wetlands
- g) Road Classifications
- h) Trust and Non-Trust Lands (Tribal)
- i) Recreation

The 2010 Joint Master Plan can be accessed at:

www.leelanau.cc/downloads/joint_master_planaugust_2011.pdf).

The following page shows one example of the Future Land Use Map for Suttons Bay Township. Additional maps helping to develop the 2019-2023 Plan are at the referenced 2010 Joint Master Plan.



Future Land Use - Township

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Village Growth Management Area | Public/Quasipublic |
| General Commercial | Recreation |
| Shoreline Residential | Commercial Forest |
| Neighborhood Residential | G.T. Band Trust Properties |
| Conservation (overlay) | G.T. Band Non Trust Properties |
| Lake Leelanau Mixed Use | Jurisdictions |
| Mixed Use Center | Heritage Route (M-22 & M-204) |
| Mixed Use North | Primary Route |
| Mixed Use South | Private Roads |
| Mixed Use Waterfront | Other Roads |
| Rural Residential | Leelanau Trail |
| Working Lands | |
| Business Park | |
| Rural Commercial | |

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Sustainable Communities

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Sources:
Leelanau County and Leelanau Conservancy
Natural Resources and Conservation Services
Michigan Center for Geographic Information,
Department of Information Technology
Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and
Chippewa Indians
MSU RS&GIS and TART Trails

Map Produced June 2011 Map #11

Map 5

10. Description of the Planning Process

Suttons Bay Township has used and is currently using a combination of the three planning methods outlined in the “Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plans.”

A. A Community Based Approach to Park, Recreation and Open Space Planning

Community input was sought prior to the updating of this plan. The use of a “Survey Monkey” online survey was used for the first time. To get as many responses as possible it was offered from **February 1, 2018 through June 1, 2018**. This survey was also introduced to Suttons Bay High School students who were encouraged to use it. Paper surveys were also available for those in the community who preferred that option. This process created more responses and feedback than traditional public input meetings. Additional input from community members was documented in **Section 4** of this plan.

This survey was focused on the development at Herman Park since it used more than the other parks. The township revenue stream is limited and the current preference is to complete all the development goals and objectives before moving on to another park.

This Five Year Plan can be updated and changed at any time depending on the needs of the Community.

A copy of the online survey responses is attached in Appendix C.

The top ten items (in order of preference) that the community thought should be considered for development at Herman Park are:

- Drinking water
- Permanent restrooms
- Playground equipment
- Dog park
- Basketball courts
- Longer paved walking trails
- BBQ grills
- Benches along walking trails
- Winter hockey opportunities
- Youth soccer field development

B. Identification of Potential and Priority Conservation Areas

The newly adopted *Suttons Bay Community Joint Master Plan* is based largely on The Leelanau Conservancy's Natural Lands Inventory, which maps Potential Conservation Areas. It is a science-based approach to identify potential conservation areas throughout the Leelanau Peninsula that, with proper management, would ensure the long-term persistence of the region's biodiversity, the ecological processes needed to maintain these elements and ecological integrity.

Potential Conservation Areas are defined as places on the landscape dominated by native vegetation that have various levels of potential for harboring high quality natural areas and unique natural features. In addition these areas may provide critical ecological services such as maintaining water quality and quantity, soil development and stabilization, pollination of cropland, wildlife travel corridors, stopover sites for migratory birds, sources of genetic diversity, and floodwater retention.

The process established by the Michigan Natural Features Inventory of identifying potential conservation areas, can be used to track and update the status of these remaining sites. Site maps and ranking data can then be used by the Leelanau Conservancy, local municipalities such as Suttons Bay and other agencies to prioritize conservation efforts and assist in finding opportunities to establish an open space system of linked natural areas throughout the peninsula.

The master plan also stresses that the shoreline and waters of Grand Traverse and Suttons Bay are community assets that are currently underutilized.

C. Comparison to Recreation Standards

Leelanau County has a large tourism economic base. Although development pressure has slowed recently, there has been a large increase in the second home market growth over the last couple of decades. Suttons Bay Township experiences the pressures of the seasonal population growth. The existing recreation facilities in the Suttons Bay community (township and village) have a very high usage during the summer season because of the seasonal residents and tourism. There are no county parks, state or federal recreation lands in the township to serve the tourism industry.

There is, and will continue to be a need for improved waterfront access as the population of the area grows. All age groups use waterfront parks, especially if they provide barrier-free facilities.

The active empty nester and seniors of today are using trails, and multi-purpose sports fields' right along with our youth. Suttons Bay Township has experienced its largest growth in these diverse age groups since 1990.

The aging population in our area has shown a preference for more pickleball courts as opposed to more tennis courts just a few years ago. Community members have started a fund-raising project for two more pickleball courts. There continues to be a great need for more youth soccer fields especially in Leelanau County. The local youth soccer organization along with the Township Parks & Recreation Committee continue to explore funding opportunities to provide safe playing fields at Herman Park.

11. Public Input Process

Incorporating public input for the recreation planning process is the most important part of developing a good “Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan”. Suttons Bay Township used the following methods to solicit public awareness and input:

- 1) Developed an online survey that was released in January 2018
- 2) Released newspaper announcements several times about the survey
- 3) Discussed the availability of the online survey at the monthly Township Board meetings in which the minutes were printed in the Leelanau Enterprise.
- 4) Took part in a “Health & Wellness Fair” on February 17th at the Suttons Bay Montessori School, spoke with attendees and distributed paper copies of the survey.
- 5) Distributed paper copies of the survey at the Suttons Bay-Bingham Library as well as making available paper surveys at the township office.
- 6) Took part in a “Rural Health Forum” on April 21st at Leelanau St. Mary’s School, spoke with attendees and distributed paper copies of the survey
- 7) Suttons Bay Schools were provided information about the survey and also were given paper copies. Students were encouraged by the staff to complete the surveys online or fill out paper copies. Students were asked to take copies back to their home and encourage parents to fill them out.
- 8) Parks and Recreation members approached the public at Herman Park to discuss the opportunity of completing the surveys.
- 9) Parks and Recreation members were present at the annual “Pond Hockey” tournament in early 2018 and distributed paper copies of the survey and discussed the importance of providing feedback.
- 10) **Notice of Public Comment Period** posted in the Leelanau Enterprise October 18, 2018 and November 1, 2018 issues, stating the comment period would be open from October 18, 2018 through November 19, 2018.
- 11) **Notice of Public Hearing** was posted in the Leelanau Enterprise in December 20, 2018 issue stating that the Public Hearing would be held on January 9, 2019.
- 12) **The Public Hearing** was held on January 9, 2018 at the Suttons Bay Township Office. After the Public Hearing the Suttons Bay Township Board of Trustees voted on the **resolution to approve the “Five Year Community Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan 2019-2023”**.

Supporting documentation for the public input process is provided in Appendix A.

The Community Survey Questions are provided in Appendix B.

The Community Survey Responses are provided in Appendix C

12. Park, Recreation, and Open Space Goals and Objectives

The Park Recreation Committee has established the following goals based on a formal community survey. Since the number one priority for park development has been Herman Park, the survey was basically geared to that development and understanding the budget limitations that the Township has to work with. Some of the goals are carry-over from the previous Recreation Plans.

1. Continue to provide barrier-free access to all future projects and ensure they meet the requirements of the 2010 ADA Guidelines.
2. Address the top ten most desired facility items described in the survey as the township budget allows.
3. Explore partnerships for developing the blue water trail system along the shoreline of the Township, using existing public lands as access points. Explore the possibility of providing an accessible launch site and primitive camping sites for users.
4. Improve the facilities at Ice Rink Park supporting the evolving ice maintenance program, and building a structure for onsite storage of equipment.
5. Utilize the 2017 Forestry Stewardship Program created for Graham Greene, Herman Park and the 45th Parallel Park. Develop a tree inventory, tree removal schedule, tree planting schedule and maintenance program.
6. Incorporate control of invasive plant species (based on a previous invasive species inventory completed) within the park system.
7. As funding becomes available, create trail accessible systems throughout Herman Park and 45th Parallel Park.
8. Increase and improve birding, fishing, and hunting access points to public and private lands.
9. Preserve and promote wildlife habitat protection as well as outdoor education opportunities.
10. Expand sports activity options to meet the growing and changing recreation programs and needs of the community.
11. Provide passive recreation opportunities by developing the 45th Parallel Park in partnership with The Leelanau Conservancy and the Grand Traverse Band for passive recreation (trails, outdoor education, picnic facilities, possible backpack camping site, etc.).

12. Work with the Michigan Department of Transportation to protect the M-22 and M-204 scenic corridors, improve water access, and develop an accessible picnic area along Grand Traverse Bay that will augment the future management plan for 45th Parallel Park.
13. Continue to involve the students at Suttons Bay High School in the parks programming for the township. Encourage senior projects at the township parks.
14. Coordinate with Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians on promoting any existing and new recreation facilities for the community.
15. Discuss the possibility of a long-term maintenance and facilities improvement plan in partnership with the Village of Suttons Bay.
16. Consider opportunities for forming a Joint Parks Authority with the Village of Suttons Bay and or Bingham Township.

13. Recreation Objectives and Action Program

The following Table identifies the priorities for park, recreation and open space for the Township of Suttons Bay and specific actions for park facilities & recreation development over the next five years.

TABLE 4 2019 to 2023 RECREATION OBJECTIVES AND ACTION PROGRAM SUTTONS BAY TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES				
Priority #	Year	Development/Improvement	Cost	Potential Funding/Source/Opportunity
1	2019 –2023	<u>Herman Community Park</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Electrical Service ▪ Well & Drinking Water ▪ Permanent Restrooms ▪ Playground Equipment ▪ Basketball Courts ▪ Dog Park ▪ Longer Paved Trails ▪ BBQ Grills ▪ Benches Along Trails ▪ Winter Hockey ▪ Youth Soccer Fields ▪ Community Garden ▪ Maintenance/Storage Bldg. ▪ Extend road and parking ▪ LED path/security lighting ▪ Special event rustic camping ▪ Trails thru wetlands 	TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund ▪ Traverse City Rotary Charities ▪ Township ▪ G.T. Band (2% money) ▪ Friends of Park Cash Donations ▪ Potential Partnerships: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Suttons Bay Village <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suttons Bay Public Schools ○ Leelanau County ○ Bingham Township ○ Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa ○ Grand Traverse Watershed Council
2	2019-2023	<u>Ice Rink Park</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Summer Usage ▪ On-Site Storage Building ▪ Engineering Assistance for rink design ▪ Picnic Table & Benches 	TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Michigan Coastal Zone Management Program ▪ Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund ▪ Traverse City Rotary Charities ▪ G.T. Band (2% money) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○
3	2019-2023	<u>Blue Water Trail along Grand Traverse Bay Shoreline</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Collaborate with the Lake Michigan Water trail Initiative ▪ Provide an accessible kayak launch (Vic Steimel & Graham Greene parks) ▪ Signage, Maps, Website ▪ Rustic Camping study 	TBD TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund ▪ Local donations ▪ Rotary Charities ▪ G.T. Band (2% grant) ▪ Michigan Coastal Zone Mgmt. Program

TABLE 4 (continued)
2019 to 2023
RECREATION OBJECTIVES AND ACTION PROGRAM
SUTTONS BAY TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES

Priority #	Year	Development/Improvement	Cost	Funding/Source/Opportunities
4	2019-2023	<p><u>Management Plan for Park System</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Long term management plan for park system including tree plantings & invasive species removals. ▪ Survey and mark boundaries ▪ Park address w/County ▪ Research parks history. 	TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund ▪ Township
5	2019-2023	<p><u>Graham Greene Park</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tree removal ▪ Tree planting ▪ Signage ▪ Improve parking ▪ Provide barrier-free access ▪ Accessible picnic tables ▪ Steps & ramp to water ▪ Rustic camping 	TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund ▪ Township ▪ Local Grants ▪ Local donations ▪ G.T. Band (2% money)
6	2019-2023	<p><u>Vic Steimel Park</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tree removal ▪ Tree planting ▪ Boat ramp improvement ▪ Accessible ramp to water's edge 	TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Township ▪ Local grants ▪ Local donations
7	2019-2023	<p><u>Lovers Lane Park</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Install steps & platforms to control erosion 	TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Township ▪ Local grants ▪ Local donations
8	TBD	<p><u>45th Parallel Park</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Marked hiking trail ▪ Access road & parking ▪ Rustic Camping 	TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MDOT Collaboration ▪ TART TRAILS Collaboration ▪ DNR Grants ▪ Local Grants/Donations
9	TBD	<p><u>TART/Leelanau Trail Connector</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identify and develop trail connections between all parks and Leelanau Trail ▪ Develop trail north to the 45th Parallel Park. 	TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Township ▪ Local grants/donations ▪ Tart Trails

14. Action Program Justification

Herman Park:

It is a prime location for many options of both passive and active recreation activities. There is opportunity for birding, hiking trails, and hunting. The varied wetland and forested ecosystems will provide outdoor education opportunities. The park protects wildlife habitat, wetlands, and the Leo Creek Watershed. The options for active recreation are focusing on youth soccer fields and additional pickleball courts.

Lake Michigan Water Trail: Suttons Bay and Grand Traverse Shoreline:

Suttons Bay has a series of existing public access points and facilities which are suitably spaced along Suttons and Grand Traverse Bay and provide a safe paddling experience. The infrastructure needed for a blue water trail system is minimal and includes safety and access information, maps, signage at launch sites and parks, and website updates. The Suttons Bay/Grand Traverse Bay Water Trail will be a key component of the Lake Michigan Water Trail, which will circumnavigate the entire Lake Michigan shoreline.

Ice Rink Park:

The popularity and use of this park increases every winter. Skating has become very popular among the students and families in the community; many are involved in the maintenance of the rink. Skating is an easy access winter activity that pulls people outdoors. Opportunities exist at Herman Park to provide winter skating under the covered pavilion after electrical service and water are provided. Exploring additional uses of this park during spring, summer and fall.

Management Plan for Park System:

A Parks Supervisor was appointed in 2018 to maintain and manage the township parks and to assist in developing a comprehensive plan that would map out a strategic plan, goals, improvements, and support system. History of the parks should be recorded before it is lost, boundaries should be surveyed and marked. Park addresses and signs will be posted.

Graham Greene Park:

Diseased and dead trees in Graham Greene Park are scheduled to be removed in early 2019. Planting trees for the future will be needed at the same time in order to maintain the pleasant wooded setting. Accessibility and features in this park can be improved and expanded.

45th Parallel Park Master Plan and Development: A trail needs to be developed to provide access to this hilled wooded setting. No actions can be taken until MDOT resumes plans for developing their pull-off on M-22 which will provide access to the 45th Parallel Park.

Vic Steimel Park:

Improvements and accessibility have been added to this park in recent years. Infected or dead trees have been identified and are scheduled for removal in early 2019.

Lovers Lane Park:

To protect the road end site from erosion, steps through the trees and a viewing platform should be added. The small access site is hindered by lack of parking.

TART/Leelanau Trail Connector:

The first goal is to link the Township's and Village's park and recreation facilities including the school campus. The Township will work with the Village of Suttons Bay and TART Trails, Inc. to create a safe trail route and accessible trail through the Village and link all park properties by a non-motorized trail system. Future goals include extending the Leelanau Trail north from Dumas Road to 45th Parallel Park, and then further north to the township boundary.

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