

ACTION PROGRAM

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The action program is a financial planning and management tool listing proposed capital projects and purchases by Lenawee County between 2020 and 2024. It can be viewed as a “blueprint” of the Parks and Recreation Commission’s intent to implement various goals and objectives of the plan. The action program identifies and prioritizes the need for improvements and purchases as well as coordinating their funding and optimal time frames for completion. It is also a process that provides order and continuity to the repair, replacement, construction and/or expansion of Lenawee County’s parks and recreation facilities. It puts a focus on preserving the County’s parks and recreation infrastructure while ensuring the efficient use of public funds.

Since park improvement funding is minimal, the following projects were identified and assigned a priority of high, medium, or low for implementation between 2020 and 2024. The following tables list proposed projects for each park, along with their priority and estimated cost. The preparation of the other chapters of the parks and recreation plan influenced the listings of capital improvements. Other projects and opportunities may be identified, and the priority schedules adjusted, as funding opportunities become available.

Bicentennial Woods Park

Proposed improvements to Bicentennial Woods will provide visitors with a variety of active recreation opportunities. For example, visitors will enjoy the hiking trails that wind through a prairie grass field and one of Lenawee County’s virgin timber wood forests.

**Table 5-1
Bicentennial Woods Park - Action Program Improvements**

Priority	Project Description	Estimated Cost
High	New playground equipment	\$15,000
	Parking lot upgrades	\$26,000
	Electrical for well and pavilion	\$12,000
Medium	Additional picnic tables/grills	\$7,000
	Metal shelter roof	\$12,000
	Trail enhancements	\$6,000
	Pave entrance / Lot grading	\$12,500
Low	Frisbee/disc golf course	\$10,000
	Ga-Ga ball court	\$750
	Pickleball court	
	Sand volley ball pit	\$3,000
	Bleachers for soccer fields	\$10,000

N/A = not available

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Rationale:

The projects proposed for Bicentennial Woods implement the following goals and their underlying objectives:

- #1 Provide all residents of Lenawee County with park and recreation areas and activities that meet acceptable standards, thus providing wholesome and safe leisure time opportunities.
- #2 Increase park visitor usage and tourism at county park facilities.
- #3 Continue to preserve, protect, and enhance the natural resources in Lenawee County and the recreational opportunities that they provide.
- #4 Establish staging areas for a variety of programs that would be beneficial to the residents of all ages of the County.
- #7 Improve and expand maintenance management in the areas of quantitative and qualitative maintenance, standards establishment, equipment availability, personnel, and scheduling.

Gerber Hill Park

Many recent improvements have been made to Gerber Hill. General funds will be used to maintain the current facilities, while additional funding will be sought to add an interactive learning station.

**Table 5-2
Gerber Hill Park - Action Program Improvements**

Priority	Project Description	Estimated Cost
High	Property line fencing replaced	\$7,500
	Rework horse pits	\$750
	Property line fence replacement	\$7,500
	Playground equipment	\$15,000
Medium	Teaching area	\$25,000
	Wildlife planting (south side)	\$10,000
	Electrical at Pavilions	\$2,000
Low	Bleachers for soccer field	\$7,500
	Frisbee/disc golf course	\$10,000
	New soccer nets	\$2,000
	Redo the fencing for the baseball diamond	\$3,500

N/A = not available

Rationale:

The projects proposed for Gerber Hill implement the following goals and their underlying objectives:

- #1 Provide all residents of Lenawee County with park and recreation areas and activities that meet acceptable standards, thus providing wholesome and safe leisure time opportunities.
- #2 Increase park visitor usage and tourism at county park facilities.
- #3 Continue to preserve, protect, and enhance the natural resources in Lenawee County and the recreational opportunities that they provide.
- #4 Establish staging areas for a variety of programs that would be beneficial to the residents of all ages of the County.

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- #7 Improve and expand maintenance management in the areas of quantitative and qualitative maintenance, standards establishment, equipment availability, personnel, and scheduling.

Iron Lake Park

Survey results indicate that the Iron Lake boat launch is used regularly, but improvements to the facility are needed. A sitting area and restrooms would also be appreciated.

**Table 5-3
Iron Lake Park - Action Program Improvements**

Priority	Project Description	Estimated Cost
High	Property line fence replacement	\$7,200
Medium	Outhouse	\$12,000
	Signage upgrades	\$3,000
Low	Drive graded and reworked	\$15,000

N/A = not available

Rationale:

The projects proposed for Iron Lake implement the following goals and their underlying objectives:

- #1 Provide all residents of Lenawee County with park and recreation areas and activities that meet acceptable standards, thus providing wholesome and safe leisure time opportunities.
- #2 Increase park visitor usage and tourism at county park facilities.
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Medina Park

An enormous hollow sycamore tree is located in Medina, which is also traversed by the adventure-some Bean Creek.

**Table 5-4
Medina Park - Action Program Improvements**

Priority	Project Description	Estimated Cost
High	Playground equipment	\$15,000
	Fencing at front gate and parking lot replaced	\$10,500
	Signage upgrades	\$3,000
	Picnic tables/grills	\$7,000
	Rework horse pit	\$500
	Electrical at pavilions	\$1,100
Medium	Restroom facilities upgrade	\$3,500
	Metal shelter roofs (3)	\$36,000
	Reconstruct bridge and trail enhancements	\$50,000
	Pave entrance/driveway improvements	\$22,500
	Convert tennis court into basketball court	
	Repair Fence at Baseball and Tennis court areas	\$4000
Low	Frisbee/disc golf course	\$10,000
	Sand volley ball pit	\$3,000

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	RV camping area	\$50,000
	Convert swamp to pond	\$17,500
		<i>N/A = not available</i>

Rationale:

The projects proposed for Medina implement the following goals and their underlying objectives:

- #1 Provide all residents of Lenawee County with park and recreation areas and activities that meet acceptable standards, thus providing wholesome and safe leisure time opportunities.
- #2 Increase park visitor usage and tourism at county park facilities.
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Ramsdell Park

There is a wonderful potential for horse stables and a museum regarding Lenawee County's rich agricultural history at Ramsdell. Projects focus on improving cross country skiing, hiking, and family gatherings.

**Table 5-5
Ramsdell Park - Action Program Improvements**

Priority	Project Description	Estimated Cost
High	New playground equipment	\$15,000
	Trail enhancements/grooming (cross country skiing)	\$5,000
	Establish controlled burn schedule	N/A
Medium	Picnic Tables	\$3,600
	32' x 32' Storage Building	\$50,000
Low	Livery	\$14,000
	Wagon rides	N/A
	Farm museum (to be located within existing building)	\$37,500
	Frisbee/disc golf course	\$10,000
	Sand volley ball pit	\$3,000

N/A = not available

Rationale:

The projects proposed for Ramsdell implement the following goals and their underlying objectives:

- #1 Provide all residents of Lenawee County with park and recreation areas and activities that meet acceptable standards, thus providing wholesome and safe leisure time opportunities.
- #2 Increase park visitor usage and tourism at county park facilities.
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- #4 Establish staging areas for a variety of programs that would be beneficial to the residents of all ages of the County.
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Taylor Road Park

Improvements to Taylor Road will provide easier access to the park, which has been preserved as undeveloped property.

**Table 5-6
Taylor Road Park - Action Program Improvements**

Priority	Project Description	Estimated Cost
High	Viewing areas for wildlife on and off of ponds	\$10,000
	Educational interactive activities	\$15,000
Medium	Signage upgrades	\$5,000
	Gate at entrance	\$4,500
Low	More trails added	\$7,500

N/A = not available

Rationale:

The projects proposed for Taylor Rd. implement the following goals and their underlying objectives:

- #1 Provide all residents of Lenawee County with park and recreation areas and activities that meet acceptable standards, thus providing wholesome and safe leisure time opportunities.
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General Collaboration with Recreation Partners

Position the Lenawee County Parks Commission to serve as a facilitator and collaborator in larger local projects and cross-jurisdictional recreation projects such as trails and waterways.

**Table 5-7
General Collaboration Program
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Priority	Project Description	Estimated Cost
High	Incorporate non-profit recreations plans into County Plan	\$0
	Review local parks plans for cooperation options	\$0
Medium	Facilitate cross jurisdictional cooperation on parks	\$0
	Partner with private sector to improved options	\$0
Low	Explore regional trail connections with other counties	\$0

N/A = not available

Rationale:

The projects proposed for General Collaboration implement the following goals and their underlying objectives:

- #1 Provide all residents of Lenawee County with park and recreation areas and activities that meet acceptable standards, thus providing wholesome and safe leisure time opportunities.

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- #2 Increase park visitor usage and tourism at county park facilities and expand recreational opportunities through cooperation and collaboration with public and private partners.
- #3 Continue to preserve, protect, and enhance the natural resources in Lenawee County and the recreational opportunities that they provide.
- #7 Improve and expand maintenance management in the areas of quantitative and qualitative maintenance, standards establishment, equipment availability, personnel, and scheduling.

**Map #5-1
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