

# Recreation Plan

2026-2030

City of Gaastra, Michigan



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# 1. Community Description

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Iron County is located in the southwestern portion of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The County is traversed by U.S. Highway 2. The southern border of the County is the northern boundary of Wisconsin. The County encompasses a total of 1,197 square miles or 1,040 acres. There are a total of 766,000 acres. The County can be described as a series of rolling hills, interspersed with hundreds of lakes and connecting streams and rivers. The inventory includes about 2,175 inland bodies of water and more than 900 miles of streams. There are approximately 710,000 acres of forest lands, making up about 91% of the total land area for Iron County.

The City of Gaastra is located in the southern portion of the Iron River population center. The area includes approximately 1 square mile. The 2000 census reported a total population of 339. Gaastra is primarily a residential community with very few businesses. The city continues to have a U.S. post office, a café, a wood mill, a flooring center, an auto repair and home based businesses of bookkeeping, hair dressing, carpenters, and truckers. The city has a varied age population. In spite of its declining population, the City has seen the construction of approximately 15 new homes over the last 10 years. These are primarily the residences of young families with growing children. Gaastra's children attend school in the West Iron County school system on the school campus in Iron River. Transportation is by school bus. Average income levels for the population of the City and the surrounding area is below poverty level.

The City resident's health needs are served by several local doctors, dentists, and optometrists, as well as the Aspirus Iron River Hospital. The Marquette Medical Center also furnishes a variety of specialists and operates a clinic near Gaastra.

Recreationally the City residents are served by Gaastra's facilities plus the neighboring community facilities in Caspian and Iron River. Nearly everyone in the area takes advantage of county and state parks on local lakes. Fishing and hunting are established traditions for most families. ATV riding, skiing, snowmobiling and ice hockey and ice fishing are popular seasonal activities.

## **2. Administrative Structure**

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Based on its charter, Gaastra operates on a Commission - Mayor - Manager structure.

The Commission consists of the Mayor and four Commissioners. City administration is implemented by the Manager and Clerk. In addition, the City employs a utility man.

### **City Board**

Richard Holm, Mayor  
Mari Kay McNamara, Mayor Pro Tem  
Randy Clements, Commissioner  
Chris Cain, Commissioner  
Tony Holm, Commissioner

The Gaastra City Hall is located just off of Main Street. The City Hall houses the City's administrative services including the City Manager's office, office of the City Clerk, office of City Treasurer, and the Commission meeting room.

The City has a pumping station, a sewer lift station, and City Garage. The City has a 75,000 gallon elevated water tank, a booster pump house is interconnected with the City of Caspian for water.

The City joins with Caspian City in the Caspian/Gaastra Fire Department providing fire protection to both cities with volunteer firefighters.

Gaastra is a member of the West Iron County Sewer Authority a regional treatment center. The City has recently upgraded its city sewage collection system as well as its water system.

The City is part of the Stambaugh Cemetery Association which operates a local cemetery to serve city residents and their families.

The City also joins in operation of the local library with other local communities.

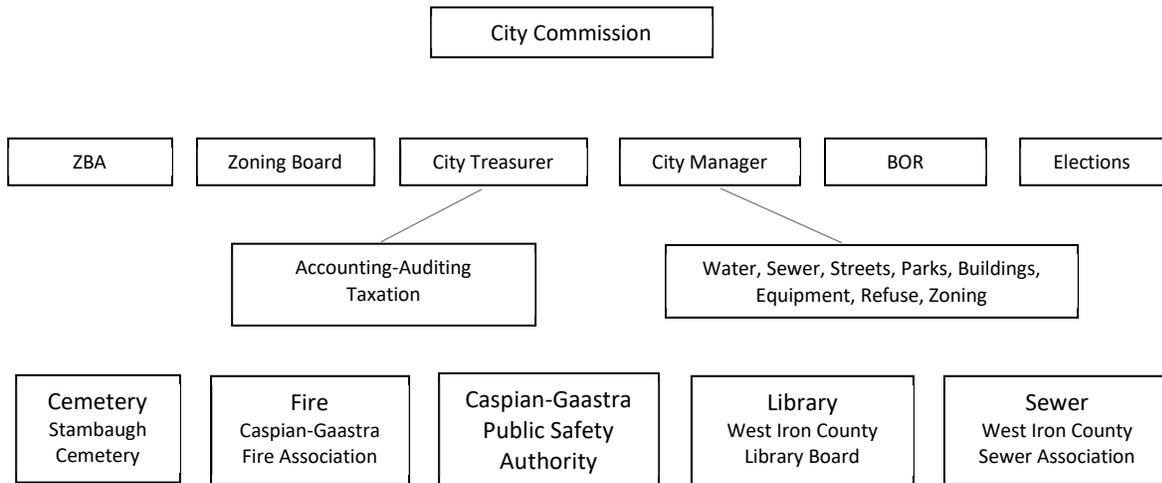
The mayor and/or commission appoint the usual municipal boards, and appoint representatives to the combined municipal boards.

The City Commission functions as the Recreation Planning Committee which includes the Manger and Clerk. The City maintains its recreational facilities. Recreation programs are primarily conducted by volunteers who administer and supervise most group activities. Social/recreational events and programs are planned, coordinated and conducted by the City's Social committee. Events include community picnics, Halloween events, Christmas parties and City participation in recreational events in neighboring communities including Winterfest, Rodeo, Halloween night and Parade of Lights. Current Social/Recreation Committee's members include:

**City Recreation Committee**

Richard Holm, Mayor  
Mari Kay McNamara, Mayor Pro Tem  
Randy Clements, Commissioner  
Chris Cain, Commissioner  
Tony Holm, Commissioner  
Debbie Tusa, Clerk/Manager  
Doug Tomasoski, Public  
Kelly Tomasoski, Public  
Jeannie Holm, Public  
Ethan Amerson, Public

**CITY ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**



The City Treasurer is responsible for all fund accounting, receipts, taxes, utility billing and payroll as authorized by the City Commission and City Manager. The City is audited annually by an independent auditing firm.

The City supports and maintains recreation facilities through annual budget appropriations from the General Fund. For the budget year 2025-26, the City’s recreation budget is approximately \$11,196. Maintenance is carried out by City employees and consists mostly of lawn mowing and general maintenance. Expenses for supplies and utilities are also included.

## 3. Inventory of Existing Parks, Natural Areas and Recreation Facilities

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Figure 2, located in Appendix A, indicates the location of the existing recreational facilities within the City. These are discussed in more detail in the following sections.

### 3.1 Existing Facilities

#### 3.1.1 *Bud Anderson City Park*

This is a fully-fenced playground with numerous pieces of equipment located within the core of the City's residential area, the facility is very popular during spring and summer. A fenced in asphalt basketball court is maintained by the City adjacent to the playground. The playground equipment and basketball court were all installed in 1987. The court sees most use during the summer months. See Figure 3 in Appendix A for the location of the Park.

An accessibility evaluation conducted by GEI resulted in an accessibility ranking of (1) in which none of the existing features meet the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design.

#### 3.1.2 *Swede Anderson Recreation Park*

The City's Swede Anderson Recreation Park is an approximate 3-acre site located south of County Road 424 near Pumphouse Road. This site consists of a combined athletic field that has been used for baseball, soccer, and football. The facility includes bleachers, dugouts, storage building, a fully ADA accessible restroom, and standard and handicap parking areas. The City has received grant funding from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund for multiple separate projects at the facility. The first project, completed in 2013 constructed the fully accessible restroom facility. The restroom facility includes both men's and women's restrooms and a small storage/mechanical room. Since this facility is located on Iron County's Non-Motorized Heritage Trail, it serves as a trail head providing restroom facilities and parking to access the trail. The second project completed in 2015 added two handicap parking stalls along with a larger crushed limestone parking area. Other improvements included adding bleachers and site fencing. In 2024, a project was completed that added an official sized Little League baseball field to the site. Improvements included the field, fencing, dugouts, bleachers, and an announcers/storage building. See Figure 4 in Appendix A for the location of the complex and Appendix B for pictures of the Park.

An accessibility evaluation conducted by GEI resulted in an accessibility ranking of (3) in which most of the existing features meet the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design.

### **3.1.3 Memorial Park**

Memorial Park is an approximate 1-acre site located near the intersection of County Road 424 and Valley Street. There is a veteran's memorial at the site along with a picnic and barbeque area. The site is used for family gatherings and is the site of the annual community picnic. See Figure 5 in Appendix A for the location of the Park and Appendix B for pictures of the Park.

An accessibility evaluation conducted by GEI resulted in an accessibility ranking of (1) in which none of the existing features meet the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design.

### **3.1.4 Iron County Non-Motorized Heritage Trail**

This bicycle/pedestrian trail has been developed in multiple phases with additional development planned in the future. The trail runs through the City along Valley Street and then County Road 424 and continues east to its current terminal location at Pentoga Park located on Chicagoan Lake in Stambaugh Township. The current trail links the Cities of Iron River, Caspian, and Gaastra along with Stambaugh Township. Plans for future phase include additional trail development with proposed routes through Bates Township to connect to an existing trail in Crystal Falls Township that extends into the City of Crystal Falls. The City of Gaastra is responsible for maintenance of the trail within its City Limits. See Figure 2 in Appendix A for the location of the trail through the City and Appendix B for pictures of the trail.

An accessibility evaluation conducted by GEI resulted in an accessibility ranking of (4) in which all of the existing features meet the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design.

## **3.2 Natural Resource Inventory**

### **3.2.1 City Forest Land**

The City owns approximately 145 acres of forest land; with 35 acres location within the City and an additional 110 acres in the adjacent Stambaugh Township. These lands provide hunting, berry picking, sightseeing, and walking opportunities for City residents.

## **3.3 DNR Recreation Grants Inventory**

### **3.3.1 City of Gaastra – MDNR Restroom Facility (TF11-077)**

The City received a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant for the construction of a new accessible restroom facility at the City Swede Anderson Recreation Park. The project which was completed in 2013 included a grant of \$64,200 along with \$22,700 of in-kind matching funds and donated materials for the project. These improvements included the construction of a new restroom/changing facility with a storage area. See Appendix C for the completed Post-Completion Self-Certification Report.

### **3.3.2 City of Gaastra – MDNR Recreational Complex Viewing and Parking Improvements (TF14-0247)**

The City received a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant for site improvements at the City Swede Anderson Recreation Park. The project which was completed in 2016 included a grant of \$37,000 along with \$16,200 of in-kind matching funds for site improvements. These improvements included accessible bleachers, parking, and access paths, and trash and recycling containers. See Appendix C for the completed Post-Completion Self-Certification Report.

## 4. Planning and Public Participation

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The City Commission together with the Manager/Clerk are the recreation planners for the City. The Commissioners, together with the Manager/Clerk, regularly canvas the City residents concerning their recreational interests and for their input on current facilities. Input is also routinely received from the organized users of the facilities, for example the little league board, soccer administrator, Community School Program administrator, Community School coaches, team coaches, parents of participants and fans. The City's social/recreation committee also furnishes routine input to the Commission concerning particularly community gatherings, family activities and activities involving the elderly.

The Commission regularly considers the City's facilities at its meetings and receives input from citizens. Over the past year, the local Little League organization has made significant improvements to the City Swede Anderson Recreational Park by developing an official Little League field. The City worked with the organization to obtain donations and constructed a new field with full dugouts and an announcers stand.

The City Recreation Committee acknowledges the importance of involving the public in planning the future improvements to the City's recreation facilities and have made efforts to involve their citizens in that process. There were multiple methods used to gather input for the Recreation Plan as outlined below.

- The Gaastra Parks & Recreation Committee has held several Public Meetings over the past several months to discuss updates this Recreation Plan. Meetings were held on May 13, 2025, September 11, 2025 and October 2, 2025.
- A Public Workshop was held at the City Hall on June 25, 2025 to discuss, plan, and gather public input on recreational opportunities within the City. The Workshop was attended by the City Board, the Parks and Recreation Committee the Planning Commission members, and other community members. The workshop focused on gathering information on what types of recreational activities the City should consider pursuing. There were a number of public comments that were presented and discussed during the workshop.
- The Draft Recreation Plan was posted at the City Hall for review and comment by the Public. Public comments can be sent to City of Gaastra Recreation Committee, Gaastra City Hall, 4 Valley Street, Gaastra, MI 49927.
- A Public Hearing to solicit public comments on the Recreation Plan was held on December 11, 2025 at the City Hall. An advertisement was placed in the October 29, 2025 edition of the Iron County Reporter notifying the public of the Public Hearing.

- The Parks and Recreation Commission members discussed the Recreation Plan and some ideas for proposed recreation projects and goals that have been discussed. Minutes from the Public Hearing can be found in Appendix D.
- The Recreation Plan was formally adopted by the City of Gaastra Board at a Regular Meeting held on December 11, 2025. A copy of the resolution of adoption and meeting minutes are included in Appendix E.

## 5. Goals and Objectives

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Generally, recreational opportunities available to Gaastra City must factor the diverse ages and interests present within the community. As expected, Gaastra, as most cities, has a broad spectrum of age. Very young to very old. Recreation facilities should offer opportunity to all. Gaastra is not diverse ethnically, racially, or social-economically. The small population is generally middle class with little distinction. The population lives within walking distance of all parts of the community. As such, offering facilities that provide opportunities to all age groups is the primary consideration.

Gaastra and the other small area communities have very limited resources. No single community is able to provide something for everyone, but by integrated planning with involvement and consideration of/for the facilities in Caspian, Iron River, and Stambaugh Township, Gaastra City can provide broad recreational opportunities.

Maintenance and replacement of existing facilities is always a challenge for a small city. Gaastra has very limited funds for recreation. Most effort must be put into maintaining the facilities which presently serve the City. Expansion of facilities without preserving those currently available is not constructive and not likely to occur without significant grant funding.

The Gaastra recreation facilities should provide healthful activities with ample opportunity for social interaction, with ready access to most residents, all facilities must be accessible regardless of handicap or age. The economic life blood of the Upper Peninsula is tourism. The recreational facilities of Gaastra should offer appeal and opportunity to visitors to Iron County. Visitors should be offered the same participation opportunities as residents.

The overall goal of the City is to improve the existing recreational facilities and opportunities that the City can offer to its residents and tourists who visit the area and provide new opportunities based on input from local residents. Much of the City's current recreational infrastructure is aged and in need of repairs or replacement. Also, the City would like to see all of its facilities meet ADA guidelines and be available for people with all abilities. Below is a summary of the goals and objectives of the City Recreation Plan.

Based on the forgoing, the City's summarized objectives are:

**Goal 1:**        **Create and maintain opportunities which serve the needs of all ages.**

*Objective 1: Update and create recreational opportunities for all ages such as the Bud Anderson City Park Playground and Iron County Non-Motorized Heritage Trail.*

**Goal 2:**        **Engage and participate in integrated planning and implementation, within the City and with surrounding communities.**

*Objective 2: Develop, maintain and promote the Iron County Non-Motorized Heritage Trail which can serve as a link to neighboring communities.*

**Goal 3: Maintain existing facilities without loss or deterioration.**

*Objective 3: Make improvements to existing Bud Anderson City Park and Memorial Park.*

**Goal 4: Provide healthful, social interaction opportunities that are readily accessible to all.**

*Objective 4: Provide accessible picnic and gathering areas that can aid social interaction.*

**Goal 5: Appeal to tourists in facility development and maintenance.**

*Objective 5: Provide facilities that are destinations for tourists and will attract people to the area such as the City's Bud Anderson City Park, Swede Anderson Recreational Park, Iron County Non-Motorized Heritage Trail, and Memorial Park.*

## 6. Action Plan

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To meet the recreational goals and objectives of the City, a number of recreational enhancement opportunities have been identified. These opportunities were identified through the public information and planning process that was conducted during the development of this plan. The completion of these opportunities depends heavily on the availability of funds. It is expected that the City will apply for grant funding for the completion of these projects.

These grant funds when combined with budgeted funding as well as donations of funds, materials, and/or labor are expected to fund recreation improvements within the City. Below is a list and brief description of the proposed improvements.

### **Bud Anderson City Park**

- Site Accessibility Improvements including:
  - Accessible routes and parking lot improvements
- Site grading and drainage improvements
- Resurface and upgrade the basketball court
- Site fencing upgrades
- New pavilion or gazebo
- Add additional picnic areas and site furnishings
- Upgrade and expand the existing playground

#### ***Funding Sources:***

- DNR MNRTF Recreation Grants
- Local Funding
- Community Donations

### **Swede Anderson Recreational Park**

- Site Accessibility Improvements including:
  - Accessible routes and parking lot improvements
- Site grading and drainage improvements
- New pavilion
- Addition of power and lights
- Add additional site furnishings

***Funding Sources:***

- MNRTF/LWCF Recreation Grants
- Local Funding
- Community Donations

**Memorial Park**

- Site Accessibility Improvements including:
  - Accessible routes and parking lot improvements
- Site grading and drainage improvements
- New pavilion
- Add additional picnic areas and site furnishings
- Addition of power and lights

***Funding Sources:***

- DNR MNRTF Recreation Grants
- Local Funding
- Community Donations

**Iron County Non-Motorized Heritage Trail**

- Additional Trail signage, delineators, pedestrian/vehicle barriers and safety features
- Add trail spurs to connect the main trail to Bud Anderson City Park and Memorial Park
- Add additional parking and trailhead features to improve access to the trail

***Funding Sources:***

- DNR MNRTF Recreation Grants
- DNR Trail Fund Grants
- MDOT Transportation Enhancement
- Local Funding
- Community Donations

# Appendix A

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## Maps and Figures

1. Location Map
  2. Recreation Sites
  3. Bud Anderson City Park
  4. Swede Anderson Recreation Park
  5. Memorial Park
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RECREATION PLAN  
2026 - 2030

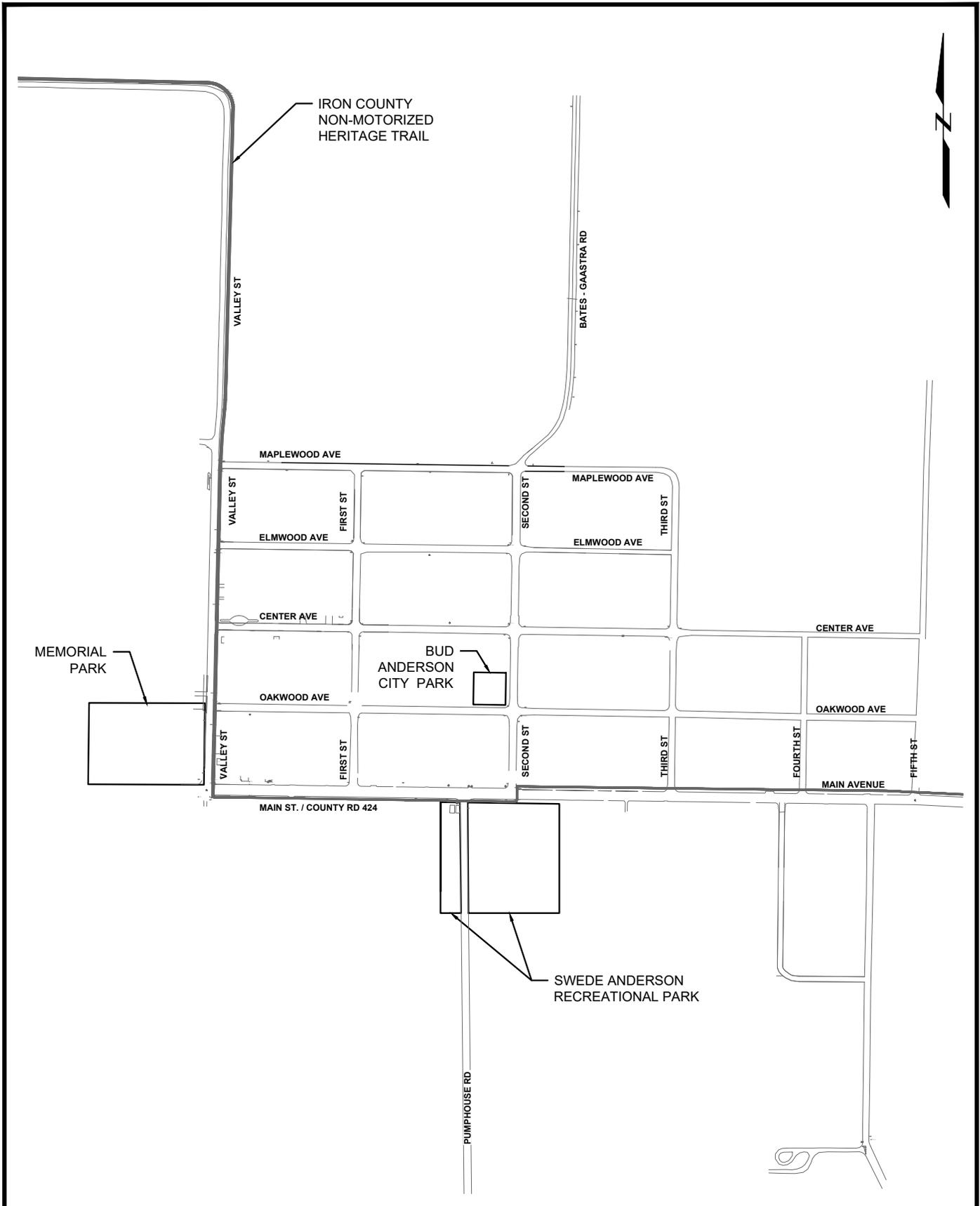
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LOCATION MAP

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Fig. 1



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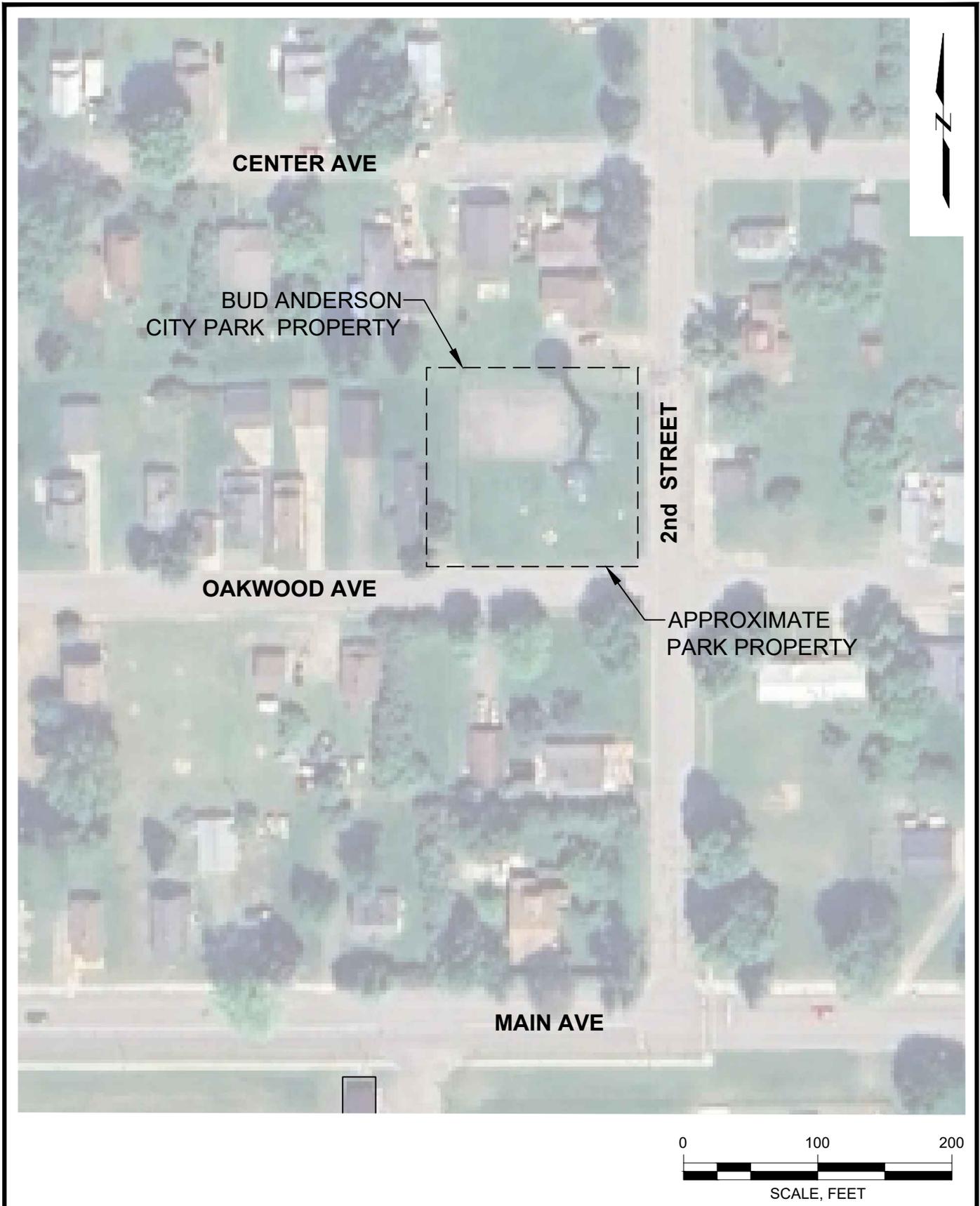


RECREATION SITES

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Fig. 2



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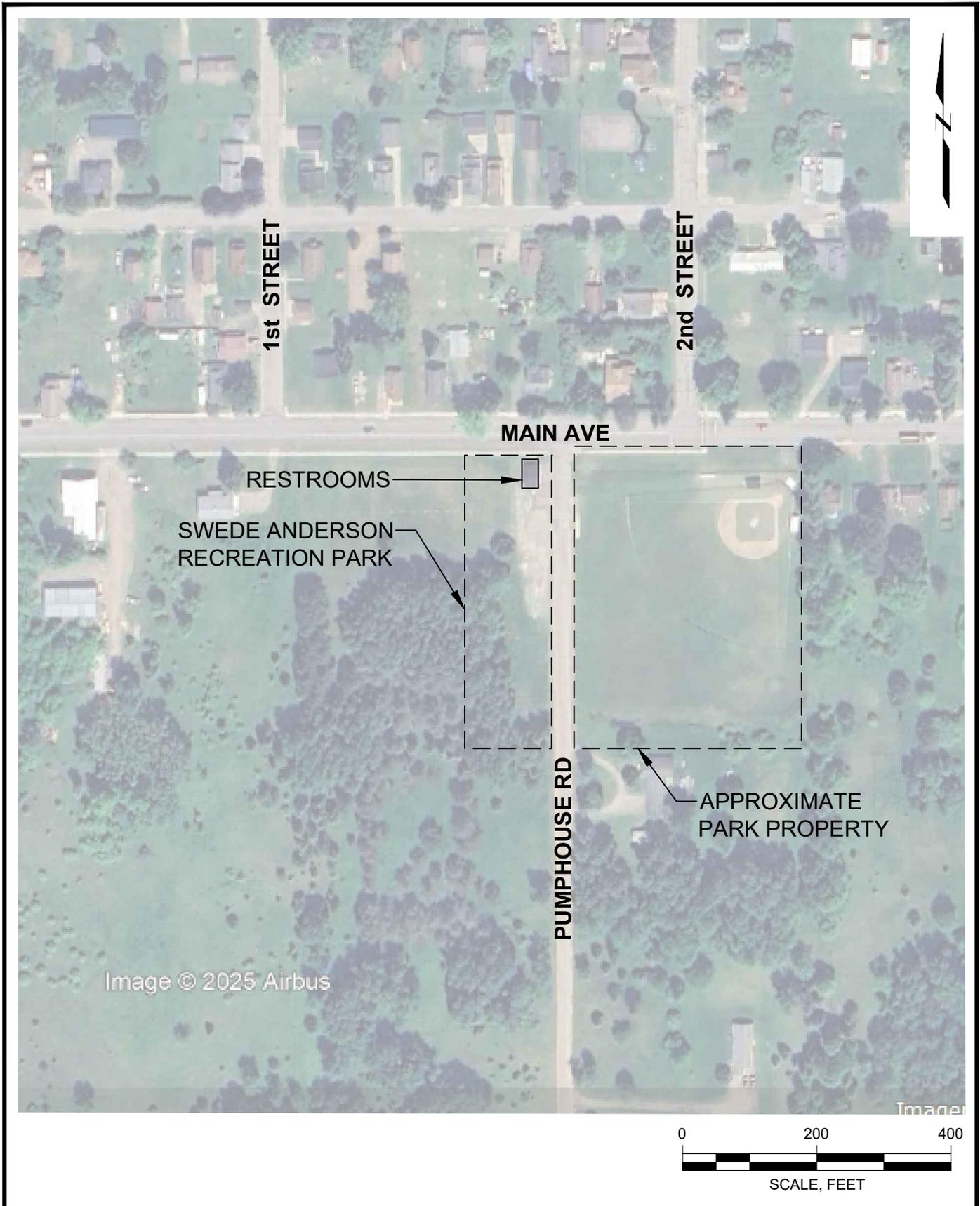


**BUD ANDERSON CITY PARK**

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Fig. 3



RECREATION PLAN  
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SWEDE ANDERSON  
RECREATION PARK

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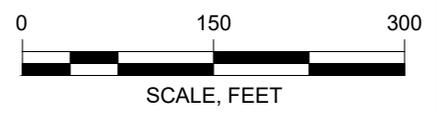
MEMORIAL PARK

OAKWOOD AVE

VALLEY STREET

MAIN ST.

APPROXIMATE PARK PROPERTY



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MEMORIAL PARK

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Fig. 5

## Appendix B

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### Pictures of Existing Recreational Facilities

**CITY OF GAASTRA  
2026-2030 RECREATION PLAN  
GAASTRA, MI  
RECREATION FACILITY PICTURES**



Bud Anderson City Park – Looking east at the playground equipment.



Bud Anderson City Park – Looking southwest at the playground equipment.

**CITY OF GAASTRA  
2026-2030 RECREATION PLAN  
GAASTRA, MI  
RECREATION FACILITY PICTURES**



Bud Anderson City Park – Looking west at the basketball court.



Swede Anderson Recreation Park – Looking north at the announcers/storage building.

**CITY OF GAASTRA  
2026-2030 RECREATION PLAN  
GAASTRA, MI  
RECREATION FACILITY PICTURES**



Swede Anderson Recreation Park – Looking west the Restroom Facility.



Swede Anderson Recreation Park – Looking south at the gravel parking area located just west of Pumphouse Road.

**CITY OF GAASTRA  
2026-2030 RECREATION PLAN  
GAASTRA, MI  
RECREATION FACILITY PICTURES**



Swede Anderson Recreation Park – Looking south east at the open area adjacent to the baseball field.



Swede Anderson Recreation Park – Looking east at the baseball field.

**CITY OF GAASTRA  
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GAASTRA, MI  
RECREATION FACILITY PICTURES**



Memorial Park – Looking north at the Park Memorial.



Memorial Park – Looking northwest.

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GAASTRA, MI  
RECREATION FACILITY PICTURES**



Iron County Non-Motorized Heritage Trail

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Iron County Non-Motorized Heritage Trail

## Appendix C

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### Post-Completion Self-Certification Reports

1. MDNR Restroom Facility (TF11-077)
2. MDNR Recreational Complex Viewing and Parking Improvements (TF14-0247)



PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

This information required under authority of Part 19, PA 451 of 1994, as amended;
the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Stat. 897 (1964); and Part 715, of PA 451 of 1994, as amended.

GRANT TYPE: (Please select one) [X] Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund [ ] Clean Michigan Initiative
[ ] Land and Water Conservation Fund [ ] Recreation Passport [ ] Bond Fund

GRANTEE:
City of Gaastra

PROJECT NUMBER: TF11-077 PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE:
City of Gaastra - MDNR Restroom Facility

PROJECT SCOPE:
These improvements included the construction of a new restroom/changing facility with a storage area.

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Table with 3 columns: Name of Agency (Grantee), Contact Person, Title, Address, Telephone, City, State, ZIP, Email. Row 1: City of Gaastra, Debbie Tusa, Manager/Clerk, 4 Valley Street, PO Box 218, 906-265-2141, Gaastra, MI 49927, gaastrac@fast-air.net

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? [ ] Yes [X] No
If yes, please describe change(s).

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) [ ] Yes [X] No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. [ ] Yes [X] No

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area? [X] Yes [ ] No
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. [X] Yes [ ] No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. [ ] Yes [X] No

**POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONTINUED**

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.  Yes  No  
City DPW regularly maintain the park performing maintenance and cleaning of the restroom.

**GENERAL**

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)  Yes  No  N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.  Yes  No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.  Yes  No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

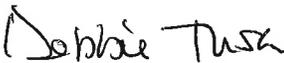
Open seasonally, 24 hours a day. Restroom closed during winter.

**COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)**

**POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONTINUED**

**CERTIFICATION**

*I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.*

Please print  Debbie Tusa	Grantee Authorized Signature  	Date  10/22/25
Please print  Robb Anderson	Witness Signature  	Date  10/22/2025

**Send completed report to: POST COMPLETION GRANT INSPECTION REPORTS  
GRANTS MANAGEMENT  
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
PO BOX 30425  
LANSING MI 48909-7925**



PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT
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City of Gaastra

PROJECT NUMBER: TF14-0247 PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE:
City of Gaastra - MDNR Recreational Complex Viewing and Parking Improvements

PROJECT SCOPE:
These improvements included accessible bleachers, parking, and access paths, and trash and recycling containers.

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SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? [ ] Yes [X] No
If yes, please describe change(s).

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) [ ] Yes [X] No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. [ ] Yes [X] No

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area? [X] Yes [ ] No
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. [X] Yes [ ] No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. [ ] Yes [X] No

**POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONTINUED**

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No  
City DPW regularly maintain the park mowing grass, cleaning, and other general upkeep.

**GENERAL**

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants) Yes No N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain. Yes No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

Open seasonally, 24 hours a day.

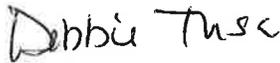
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**POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONTINUED**

**CERTIFICATION**

*I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.*

Please print Debbie Tusa	Grantee Authorized Signature 	Date 10/22/25
Please print 	Witness Signature 	Date 10-22-2025

Send completed report to: **POST COMPLETION GRANT INSPECTION REPORTS  
GRANTS MANAGEMENT  
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
PO BOX 30425  
LANSING MI 48909-7925**

## Appendix D

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### Public Input Process

# Affidavit of Publication

## State of Michigan

### CITY OF GAASTRA PUBLIC WORKSHOP NOTICE – REVISED DATE

The City of Gaastra will be meeting on **July 16, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.** at the Gaastra City Hall to hold discussions concerning the updating of the City's Recreation Plan.

Crystal Bear

Crystal Bear, being duly sworn, says that she is Co-Editor of the *Iron County Reporter*, a newspaper published and circulated in said county and otherwise qualified according to Supreme Court Rule; that annexed hereto is a printed copy of a notice which was published in said newspaper on the following date, or dates, to-wit: **June 25, 2025**.  
Subscribed and sworn before me on this **22<sup>nd</sup> day of July 2025**.

Wendy L. Graham

Wendy L. Graham  
Notary Public

Iron County, Michigan

My commission expires January 9, 2028



### CITY OF GAASTRA PUBLIC WORKSHOP NOTICE - REVISED DATE

The City of Gaastra will be meeting on **July 16, 2025 at 5:30** at the Gaastra City Hall to hold discussions concerning the updating of the City's Recreation Plan. This plan needs to be in place before the City can apply for future recreation grants through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Please note that the public is invited to attend this meeting for their input and recommendations. Any written questions or comments concerning this matter should be directed to City of Gaastra, 4 Valley Street, Gaastra, MI 49927.

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## Appendix E

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### Resolution of Adoption

# Appendix F

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## Copy of Transmittal Letters to Planning Agency