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I. Community Description

The Charter Township of Calumet is located in northern Houghton County, on the Keweenaw Peninsula. It is the northern-most township in the county and its western boundary is partially formed by Lake Superior. North of the township is Keweenaw County and approximately eleven miles south are the cities of Houghton-Hancock. Calumet Township once was the center of extensive copper mining activity and its population centers were developed in response to tremendous economic growth during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Population:

Since the 1920's Calumet Township's population has declined, as a result of drastic changes in the area economy. The table below outlines the population characteristics for the Charter Township of Calumet and Houghton County.

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

	<u>Calumet Township</u>	<u>Houghton County</u>
2010 population	6299	36628
2000 population	6997	36016
2010 population		
% male	50.15	54.10
% female	49.86	45.9
Under 5 years	6.6	5.5
18 and older	76.7	77.10
65 and older	22.0	15.6
% white	97.8	94.4
% black	.1	.8
% American Indian	.5	.06
% Asian	.1	2.8
% other	.15	.27
Median age	40.9	n/a

The implications of the above characteristics is that special consideration should be given to the recreation needs of children, senior citizens, and the general population.

Recreation developments should also be tourism-related in order to stimulate the economy of the Township and region.

Number of households in Calumet Township 3528

There are three senior citizen housing complexes and one low income family housing complex. There are two assisted living facilities.

Socio-Economic Characteristics:

The economy of the Keweenaw Peninsula has traditionally been based upon major extractive industries, primarily copper mining and timber production. Today, there are no mining operations in existence.

The majority of the Calumet area workforce is employed in various government, machine shops, service and retail sectors. A major manufacturer, Calumet Electronics, employs about 170 employees. Major employers located in Houghton-Hancock include Michigan Technological University and Finlandia University. Our two local hospitals and local school systems are also major employers.

Tourism has become a major contributor to the area economy. The Keweenaw Peninsula is a well-known summer destination and in recent years has attracted significant numbers of winter visitors for snowmobiling and cross-country skiing and down hill skiing. A two county ATV trail system is being developed. The consolidation of area tourism promotional activities into the Keweenaw Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and funding support through enactment of an area room assessment district will have positive impacts on tourism **development and help provide funds for winter grooming of snow-mobile trails.**

Keweenaw National Historical Park

The national significance of Calumet and the Calumet Hecla Mining Company has resulted in efforts of the community, legislators and the National Park Service to establish a National Historical Park, known as the Keweenaw National Historical Park, established in 1992. The designation of the Calumet National Historical Landmark in August 1989 confirmed this national significance. Most of the Landmark District is within Calumet Township.

The importance and contributions of the development of the Calumet copper resources to the history and development of Michigan and the United States presents a unique story. The National Historical Park has the opportunity to interpret a variety of themes that will appeal to various public interests. This broad appeal is already evidenced by the current visitation and tourism experienced in the area. Development of the historic resources will expand this interest and resulting tourism.

Complimenting proposed National Park Service facilities are other existing community assets, future facilities, and activities. These include the Downtown Historic District, Calumet Theatre, Union Building, a Firefighters Museum, Agassiz Park, the Coppertown Museum, Keweenaw Heritage Center, and the Swedetown Recreation Area. A trail system for pedestrians, bicycles and skiing is proposed to link the Industrial Complex with the Depot and Swedetown Recreation Area, following existing railroad grades. The trail linkage will provide opportunities for interpretation of mine shaft locations and other buildings. These trail corridors can also accommodate a streetcar system/transit link in the future. As the National Park develops it may impact on Calumet Township's Recreation Plan and a more frequent review may be necessary.

Transportation:

The Charter Township of Calumet is served by three major highway systems:

US Highway 41, Michigan Highway 26, and Michigan Highway 203.

Air service is provided at the Houghton County Airport with daily flights to **Chicago and Minneapolis.**

Inter-city bus service by Trailways is available **in Hancock.**

Climate:

Lake Superior affects the climate of the Township by moderating temperature extremes and stimulating annual snowfall in excess of 250 inches. The growing season is 120+ days.

Soils

A variety of bedrock types can be found in Calumet Township, including Freda Sandstone, Nonesuch Shale, Copper Harbor Felsite, Andestite, Basalt, and the predominant Portage Lake Lava series. Soils consist of deep loamy and closely associated sandy soils, presenting slight to moderate limitations to recreational development.

Vegetation:

Northern hardwoods characterizes the predominant forest cover in Calumet Township. Aspen and other softwoods are also found throughout the area. Wetland vegetations if found scattered low-lying areas and adjacent to streams.

Land Use:

The population of the Charter Township of Calumet is concentrated in a number of small villages and mining “locations” located along the historic mining corridor adjacent to U.S. Highway US 41. Three incorporated villages are located in the Township---the Villages of Calumet, Laurium and Copper City.

Some farming occurs along the southern township boundary. Potatoes, and strawberries are the primary agricultural products of the region.

It is anticipated that lands best suited for agriculture and forestry will continue to be used as such. Urban development will continue and expand in the Calumet-Laurium area where necessary urban services are available. The continued development of year-round and seasonal homes is anticipated along the Lake Superior shoreline, where soils and topographic conditions permit such development. A land use inventory map, which was updated in 2000 is presented as Appendix A. Calumet Township’s Land Use and Zoning Ordinance has been in effect since 1982 and it is completely updated, revised and the revised ordinance was adopted in **2008.** It is on file at the township office.

Topography:

The topography of Calumet Township ranges from Lake Superior at 602 feet to its highest point at 1300 feet above sea level.

The majority of the population of the township is in Calumet and Laurium, which is about 1200 feet above sea level.

Bedrock is usually at the surface or at a maximum of about 12 feet resulting in several small lakes and wetland areas within the township.

The change in elevation results in several picturesque waterfalls and small streams draining into Lake Superior.

Water Resources:

Over two miles of Calumet Township borders on Lake Superior.

Approximately two miles in Sec. 5 & 7 T56N R33W is developed into private lakeshore lots.

Located between these above areas is 1600 feet of lake frontage owned by Calumet Township and developed for recreational purposes. The only other piece of property with a potential for recreational development is the five acre piece adjacent to the park and currently owned by Michigan-American Water Company. This parcel contains five deep water wells for 2,100,000 gallons per day capacity which provide north Houghton County and south Keweenaw County with potable water and water for fire protection. Calumet Township established a Wellhead Protection Zone to protect the water Supply in 2003 **and was revised in 2013.** This parcel also contains a pier or dock which extends 85 feet into Lake Superior. This dock or pier protects about one half mile of shoreline from lake erosion. **This 85' pier is in need of repair.** Public ownership of this parcel for recreational purposes would be a compatible use with the water wells now in place.

Calumet Township has within its borders Calumet Lake, adjacent to the Village of Calumet. The Township now owns 189 acres adjacent to Calumet Lake. A recently completed 7.5 million dollar sewer project within Calumet Township has resulted in a vast improvement to the water quality of the lake. There are ongoing improvements to the sewers with a 5.8 million dollar current project. The sewer treatment site constructed in 1991 consists of 23 filtration ponds and 2 holding ponds, one about 10 acres and one 40 acre pond. These ponds along with the dikes and buffer area around them total about **1000** acres and are attracting ducks, geese and other migrating birds.

Ponds

The Township has numerous creeks, streams, beaver ponds, waterfalls and manmade lakes used for recreational purposes. Located adjacent to the Swedetown Recreation Area is a 34 acre parcel containing 2 ponds of about 20 acres. These ponds contain a variety of fish species which the DNR stock every year. In 1995 Calumet Township **and our local sportsman club** was awarded an Inland Fisheries Grant of \$20,000 by the MDNR, with a local match of \$20,000. The Township spent \$40,000 in 1997 to improve access and provide fishing piers and recreation sites along the ponds. In 2000 the Township received a grant for \$18,000 from MDNR and constructed a trail around the ponds and several fishing piers.

Due to the high bedrock tables found here much of the area is permanent wetland

Houghton Douglas Falls:

The Houghton Douglas Falls, located in Calumet Township, is one of the highest and most beautiful waterfalls in the Upper Peninsula. This falls is located on private property and in late 1996 was closed to the public due to a high incidence of public vandalism, mostly due to not staying on designated trails. The property should be in public ownership. **This project remains a priority.**

Calumet Township Board of Trustees knows of no environmental issues which might prohibit any recreation plans outlined in this document.

Calumet Townships public buildings meet the USDA/RD requirements for handicapped access. The Calumet Township Lakeshore Park has handicapped toilets and picnic facilities as well as a handicapped ramp for wheel chair access to the beach area.

II. RECREATION INVENTORY

Outstanding recreation facilities are found in the Charter Township of Calumet and the region. These facilities are further discussed:

Township Recreation Facilities:

The Township is directly involved in providing recreational opportunities for residents and visitors. The Calumet school system also provides a number of recreation and sports activities for children and students.

The Township has been very active in the development of the Calumet Township Park on Lake Superior. This 16 acre park was acquired by the Township in 1979 with matching funding provided by the LAWCON grant program. Other LAWCON and Coastal Zone Management grants and local funds have provided for improvements; such as, toilets, picnic areas, overhead pavilions, gazebo, playgrounds, a volleyball court, basketball court, baseball area and a handicapped ramp to access the beach.

Calumet Township also owns a 43 acre wooded parcel adjacent to the lake frontage. This parcel contains a one mile nature trail, a primitive campsite used mostly by groups such as the boy scouts and girl scouts. It also has on site a drilled water well which will be used for drinking water for the park. The park has developed into one of the finest day use parks on the Keweenaw.

The Township helps support two indoor ice arenas, one in Laurium called the George Gipp Arena and The Calumet Colosseum now owned by Calumet Township. The Township has been instrumental in receiving grants and funds through donations to provide for improvements in both facilities. The Calumet Colosseum is now being supported by a 1 mill ballot initiative voted on in 2006. These two facilities provide for ice related activities such as youth hockey, figure skating, high school hockey, men's hockey leagues, senior citizen skating and numerous spectator events from October 1st through March of each winter season. **This millage was renewed in 2010.**

The Swedetown Cross-country Ski Trails, located in Calumet Township, provide another winter recreation opportunity for area residents and help boost tourism revenues for the area. The Township and the North Houghton County Water and Sewer Authority own **over 2000** acres with a 30 kilometer Swedetown Trail system, which is groomed and maintained through volunteer efforts. Annually, the Swedetown Trails are the site of the first cross-country ski race in the Midwest, and close out the ski season with the popular Great Bear Chase-a 50 kilometer marathon that attracts 800 skiers.

Approximately 1000 acres of property owned by the North Houghton County Water and Sewage Authority has been dedicated for recreational use. This property is contiguous to the Calumet Township ownership.

In December 2007 Calumet Township acquired an additional 280 acres with a MDNR grant.

With the help of DNR recreation bond grants the Township has recently purchased grooming equipment capable of providing first class ski trails throughout the winter. The Township has also constructed garage space for its grooming equipment.

In 1991 recreation bond grants and local donations have enable the Township to construct a 2200 square foot building to serve as a warm-up facility for the ski trails and the adjacent lighted sledding and snowboarding hill. This also includes access roads and parking facilities. In 1993 two miles of trails were lighted for night time skiing. Community volunteers have constructed 10 kilometers of mountain biking and hiking trails on these 1900 acres during 2006-2007. More trails are in progress.

In 1996 the Township constructed a snow board run called a half-pipe. This 600' run drops about 100 feet vertical. It is also lighted for night use.

In 1995 and 1999 the ski club purchased two new snowmobiles to supplement the township's grooming equipment. The cost of each snowmobile was approximately \$7,000.

The Copper Country provides the finest snowmobiling in the Midwest featuring hundreds of miles of regularly groomed trails. The Copper Country Trail Advisory Committee is currently working on a trail plan with the Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Region.

In early 2013 the Boards of Commissioners of both Houghton and Keweenaw Counties established a joint recreation authority permitted under Act 321 Public Acts of 2000. The Authority has representatives from both counties.

The main task confronting the authority is to secure the hundreds of miles of recreational trails by securing either permanent easements or public ownership.

These trails, most on private property are being used under one year renewable leases.

These trail are motorized and nonmotorized recreational trails used for hiking, winter cross country skiing, snow-mobiling, summer atv use, mountain biking and some horse trails.

These trails are well used and contribute greatly to local use as well as having a positive effect to the economy of the two counties.

The recreation authority must seek funding to do direct purchases or secure permanent easements of the entire trail system.

The Keweenaw Peninsula is rich in water-oriented recreation opportunities. In addition to Lake Superior, the region contains numerous inland lakes and streams. The closest indoor swimming pools are at Finlandia University and MTU in Houghton-Hancock.

Golfing is a popular summer recreation activity. In addition to the golf course in Calumet Township, residents and visitors may enjoy the sport at Portage Lake near Houghton

(MTU), Wyandotte Hills near Twin Lakes, Sandy Hills outside Ahmeek, and at the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge near Copper Harbor.

Calumet Township constructed a new soccer field in 1999.

The Centennial Heights playground is three platted lots owned by Calumet Township. The playground consists of a swing set and a rock replica of a boat built by W.P.A. in the mid 1930's. Calumet Township maintains this property.

In 1999, Calumet Township in Cooperation with the Baraga-Houghton-Keweenaw Child Development Board expanded its playground area to include a ½ mile nature trail on Calumet Township Property located at the Centennial Head Start School location.

The Calumet Public schools provide three gymnasiums, playgrounds and a football field and track complex. These facilities have limited availability to the public due to their heavy use.

The new National Guard Amory located in the Townships Renaissance Zone offers additional opportunities for community recreation, meetings, weddings and other community activities

The local school district and the state have cooperated in supplying a hardwood floor in the assembly area of the new armory which is available for basketball, volleyball and other community recreation events.

Out most outstanding natural resource is our snow – 250” per year, 360” in 1994-95. It provides the finest snowmobiling and cross-country skiing in the Midwest. Other natural resources include our lakes, streams, waterfalls, and Lake Superior.

Well established recreation programs available to our community include:

	Participant
Calumet Hockey Association	350
Calumet Figure Skating Club	200
Calumet-Laurium Little League Baseball	300
Copper Country Twilight League Men's Baseball	100
Senior Citizens Public Skating	100
Men's Basketball	50
Oldtimers Hockey League	100
Swedetown Cross Country Ski Club	1500
Schools Varsity, Jr. Varsity & 8 th Grade Sports Programs	700
Soccer	100

III RECREATION DEFICIENCIES:

1. Township lacks an indoor swimming pool and activities building that could best serve the 13 to 18 year old students.
2. Township needs to acquire the property adjacent to the Lakeshore Park which is currently owned by Michigan-American Water Company.

3. Present ORV trails for motorized and non-motorized traffic adjacent to residential areas are dusty and hazardous and in need of hard surfacing.
4. Drill shop needs infrastructure improvements and a concrete floor on the **front area** of the building. **It also needs a warming room and men's and ladies toilets. The front of the building should be used for all season recreation such as skate boards and indoor horseshoes.**
5. Calumet Lake needs additional improvements, such as indoor toilet facilities, water fountain, picnic tables and paved parking.
6. An elevator to the 2nd floor of the Calumet Colosseum **has been installed.**

III. ACTION PROGRAM

A Five Year Action Program has been developed for the improvement of Calumet Township recreation facilities. Acquisition of key recreational land is also proposed. The Action Program projects are listed below:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
2003-04	LAKE SHORE PARK	\$40,000		COMPLETED local recreation 2006 Bond funds
	This project will further develop the 59 acres of Waterworks Park and provide potable water at the primitive camping area called the Boy Scout Park.			
2008-09	Water Main Extension	\$12,000		
	Relocation of potable water line to take advantage of the new chlorination equipment installed by Michigan American Water Company			
2003	construct a new set of toilets at Lake Shore Park these toilets need to be handicapped accessible, have public access to potable water for cooking and drinking			COMPLETED IN 2006
		\$50,000		
		\$30,000	MNRTF	
		\$20,000	local	
2008-09	Acquire additional 5 acres from Michigan American Water Company Do environmental assessment			
		Unknown	MNRTF	

This area should be acquired by Calumet Township because it has on it the 85 foot dock which extends into Lake Superior. This dock forms a seawall which protects the entire 1600 feet of park frontage from the effects of erosion by Lake Superior. This dock is now owned by Michigan American Water Company who views this as a liability and a maintenance problem. If the 5 acres of property cannot be obtained the Township should find a means of repairing and securing the dock and providing access to it.

\$40,000 Coastal Zone
Management Grant
Local funds

SWEDETOWN RECREATION COMPLEX COMPLETED 2003

2003-04 Swedetown Ponds
Walking trails, picnic areas and fishing

piers along the ponds	\$20,000	DNR Inland
playground equipment		Fisheries Grant
	\$20,000	Township in-kind

The Township will spend approximately \$40,000 to improve access, provide walking trails, hiking and biking trails, picnic areas, including playground equipment, and fishing piers along the ponds. These trails will become part of a recreational trail system that links the Swedetown Pond area, Legion Field, Calumet Lake and the National Historic Park District, as proposed on Page 2 of this report. The local Calumet Lions Club has volunteered to assist in this project.

The Township has purchased about 1,054 acres of property which includes the majority of the present ski and recreational trails. It also includes the rail corridor from Swedetown ski area into the village limits of Calumet. This rail corridor contains prime recreational land along the snowmobile and ski trails, this rail corridor will become part of the area wide recreation trail system. A two county trail advisory committee is currently working on a trail plan with the Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Region.

2013-2015 this rail corridor contains two trails for motorized and non-motorized recreation vehicles. 5,200 feet of these trails should be hard surfaced in order to control dust and erosion.

2013-2015	install additional ski trail lights	\$12,000	local and recreation bond funds
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2015	install ski hill lift equipment	\$20,000	local
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Calumet Township has this equipment in storage. Since the Township has acquired the 80 acre Swedetown Ski Area it now owns a suitable hill for sledding, etc.

2003-04	landscaping	\$20,000	DNR Off road vehicle funds
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\$20,000 local

Complete

A large area of the 80 acre Swedetown Area was reconstructed due to the sledding hill, the chalet and the parking lots. These areas should be topsoiled and seeded. Damage from off road vehicles must be mitigated.

TRAIL CORRIDOR

2013-2015 trail corridor improvements \$31,900 MNRTF

This project will begin the development of the rail corridor between the Swedetown Recreation Area and the Village of Calumet historic district. The rail corridor was acquired as part of the 750 acre land acquisition at the Swedetown Ski Trail and Recreation Area, funded by a Michigan Natural resources Trust Fund Grant. Currently,

the DNR snowmobile trail runs along this corridor. During summer, ORV use of this corridor creates dust problems for adjacent neighbors. The Township is proposing to **hard surface** two separate trails through this area, one for ORV use and one for non-motorized use, such as walkers and bicyclists.

	CALUMET LAKE		COMPLETED 2005
2003-05	a Superfund Redevelopment Initiative Grant	\$65,000	US-EPA
	Calumet Lake	(\$40,000 for Calumet Township	
	Quincy Smelter portion	25,000 for Quincy)	

Calumet Township will use the grant to assess options for future recreational uses in the 6.2 acre area near Calumet Lake.

2013-2018 develop overnight camping and recreation area, install toilet and shower facilities, drinking water, day use park, picnic tables & paved parking area. \$180,000 unknown

The 189 acre Calumet Lake adjacent to Calumet Village will provide overnight camping and recreational facilities within walking distance of the village business and entertainment district. This would primarily benefit the traveling public who use large recreational vehicles. The Calumet Lions Club has expressed an interest in this project. **The Calumet Lake project now called the Lions Club Park has completed about 90% of a walking nature trail around Calumet Lake.**

The trail includes nature signs, a hard crushed gravel surface and 2 rustic bridge over the inlet and outlet streams.

The project also has newly constructed picnic areas, port-a-potties, horseshoe courts and ample parking.

A future project consists of renovating an existing 60' X 80' building into toilets and a indoor picnic-recreation site.

LEGION FIELD

Legion Field is a five acre site within the populated center of Calumet Township and now contains a newly built soccer field.

Calumet Township purchased this area in 1996 and constructed a soccer and baseball field in 1999

PLAYGROUNDS

2013-2016 develop local playground lots
in various locations such as Legion Field
Raymbaultown, Swedetown,
and Albion funds unknown

Most of the local playground lots are on school property and not within walking distances of our local neighborhoods for use after school and on weekends. The Calumet-Laurium area should provide an open area and tot lots in various neighborhoods-such as Raymbaultown, Albion, Swedetown, and Florida Location

PARKING

COMPLETED 2006-07

2003-06 acquire public parking area for Calumet Colosseum
Indoor ice rink facility
handicapped access funds unknown

The Calumet Colosseum ice rink facility has on-site approximately 75 parking spaces-spectator events draw from 1500 to 2000 people. A public parking facility adjacent to the Colosseum could double as a lot in the summer to serve the Coppertown Museum Complex as well as Agassiz Park.

Calumet Township and the Calumet-Laurium-Keweenaw Public Schools own a warehouse adjacent to the Calumet Colosseum. This building is 80 feet wide and 440 feet long and could easily be converted to a public parking structure, housing approximately 100 parking spaces. MDOT-ISTEA monies have been used to construct similar projects.

\$200,000 \$150,000 MDOT
50,000 local

In 1996 Calumet Public Schools constructed a 200 car parking lot between the school and the Calumet Colosseum. The school and Calumet Township should designate this as a public lot, provide handicapped parking and provide a covered walkway between this lot and the Armory.

CALUMET ARMORY – CALUMET COLOSSEUM

2003-04 **COMPLETED 2006-07**

The Calumet Colosseum ice rink facility is now owned by Calumet Township. Once used to house the National Guard, this building will become a community recreation center. Funds are needed to convert the building from military to community use.

Handicapped access \$70,000 \$150,000 Federal
Toilet facilities \$50,000 \$50,000 local

Lobby & concessions	\$95,000	\$45,000 MNRTF
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This funding will be used to provide additional handicapped access, a new heating plant, and additional toilets. Direct and State fund appropriations are expected to help in this conversion.

Additional operating funds will be sought from the community in the form of voted millage.

An elevator to the 2nd floor of the Calumet Colosseum has been installed.

A \$200,000 upgrade to the artificial ice plant was completed in 2013.

	CURLING		
2007-09	construct curling facility in cooperation with Keweenaw National Historical Park and Copper Country Curling Club	funds	\$250,000 unknown

Calumet Township currently owns the building known as the “Drill Shop”. The Keweenaw National Historical Park has commissioned a study for a compatible use of this building. Plans are to renovate the building to be used as a curling facility which is currently non-existent in the Copper Country.

**Completed
2007-2012**

	ACTIVITY CENTERS		
2013-2018	acquire activities center to focus on recreation for 13-18 year olds	funds	unknown

Calumet Township does not have a movie theater, teen centers, or other recreational facilities aimed at young adults and teenagers. An activities center for youth was the number one recreational priority identified by the Calumet High School Student Council.

2013-2018	construct indoor swimming pool in cooperation with school system	funds	unknown
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The construction of an indoor pool could be used during the day for school recreational activities and during other hours by the general public. This project cannot succeed without the long term pledge of operating funds for maintenance and payment of constructions bonds through taxes or some other source.

2009-15	acquire the two remaining ponds at the Swedetown site and improve the access for fishing and recreation source	funds	MNRTF local
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**Completed
2005-2008**

IV. BASIS FOR ACTION PROGRAM AND REVIEW

Some parts of the plan have been completed as follows:

LAKESHORE PARK

handicapped ramps to the beach and basketball court
have been completed-parking area was moved in
order to provide 200' easement around potable
water wells, black top for handicapped access and
dust control completed
handicapped toilets installed

SWEDETOWN SKI TRAILS

A 1997 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant
was approved to purchase approximately 759 acres of
property containing the skiing and recreational trails.
Night time lighting for about 2 miles of ski trails was
purchased in 1992.

Addition acreage 160
280 will be complete by Dec. 2008

TRAIL CORRIDOR

Calumet Township acquired the rail corridor as part of a MNRTF-funded
acquisition of 759 acres in the year 2000.

LEGION FIELD

Calumet Township purchased this area in 1996 and constructed a soccer
field in 1999

WOLVERINE MEMORIAL

LAND ACQUIRED 2005

land acquisition, landscaping, repairs etc.
memorial **installed-upgraded frequently**

The need for the projects listed in the ACTION PROGRAM is outlined below:

Lakeshore Park Improvements:

The Township Park on Lake Superior is one of the finest day-use park facilities in the
Upper Peninsula. Improvements are proposed to expand use capacity and improve
existing facilities. Also proposed is the development of a walk-in, primitive camping area
in the recently acquired park expansion area. Included are 10 tent sites, well
improvements, a picnic shelter, vault toilets and picnic tables. A boardwalk is also
proposed to improve the nature trail for handicapped visitors. Upkeep and improvements
of the school forest program will continue due to cooperation with the CLK School.

Swedetown Trails Area:

Currently the Township owns 1,054 acres which is adequate for much of the
improvements now existing at Swedetown. The North Houghton County Water &
Sewage Authority owns an additional 1000 acres, which is partially used for ski trails.
A forest management plan is being **contracted with the Forestry Department at Michigan
Technological University**. The Swedetown Trails Area has a need for a new groomer
garage, safety equipment and road improvements.

Neighborhood Tot Lots and Playground Areas:

Calumet Township has identified a need for several neighborhood playground lots to serve its youth and the public who must walk to recreation facilities. These lots would serve local neighborhoods and contain playground equipment, benches and areas for group sports.

Public Parking for Calumet Colosseum

COMPLETED 2006-07

The Calumet Armory indoor ice arena is the most used recreation facility in our area. During spectator events some 1500 people may attend. Parking is severely limited especially during the heavy snow season at this facility. Additional parking is a must. The building does not provide handicapped access, toilets or parking.

Curling Facility

There is an interest in curling in our area. The Township continues to make improvements to the "Drill Shop" which is currently being used by the Copper Country Curling Club. Structural improvements and a concrete floor are needed improvements.

Much of this work completed 2007-2011.

Activities Center for youth ages 13-18

The Calumet High School Student Council has identified the need for some type of activities center for teenage youth as its first priority for recreation-a proposed center could provide space for indoor table games, court games, a lounge area, weight room, theatre, and restaurant

Swimming Pool

The Calumet Township area and all the area served by the Calumet Public School do not have a swimming pool available for use by its residents and school children.

Soccer

Soccer is becoming a growing sport with youth leagues being formed in Houghton County.

Swedetown Ponds

The Townships ability to acquire the Swedetown Ponds has opened the area to recreational fishing, walking and picnicking.

Recreational Trail System

Calumet Township acquired the rail corridor as part of a MNRTF-funded acquisition of 759 acres in the year 2000. An additional 280 acre **was** acquired in December 2007 with the help of a MNRTF Grant. The acquisition resulted in all of the Swedetown Ski Trails now being in public ownership. The rail corridor essentially links the Swedetown Recreation Area with the urbanized, historic Village of Calumet and residential areas located in the township. This link will enhance use of the Swedetown Ski Trails and visitation to the Calumet Historic District and Keweenaw National Historic Park. The resulting visitation will ultimately create jobs and new investment in Calumet, specifically in the historic depot building adjacent to the corridor.

Calumet Township and north Houghton County Water & Sewer Authority own 280 acres in Sec 12 56-32, which was formerly the Centennial # 6 and # 3 mine sites.

This property is available for constructing additional snowmobile and ATV trails if access is needed for an additional North-South route to Keweenaw County. The existing 50 acre tailings pond on this property lends itself to wildlife habitat and bird watching. A DNR snowmobile trail is routed along this corridor, running from Hancock to Copper Harbor. ORV's make use of this trail frequently, creating dust impacts on adjacent residential property. The dust generates numerous complaints from the neighborhood. By paving both motorized and non-motorized trails, these dust impacts will be reduced or eliminated.

This project is the first step in development of the rail corridor and addresses a critical and immediate need. A master plan is currently being developed to include more recreation and leisure facilities than the paved trails, as there is space for other activity areas and uses.

A recreational trail system within the Township area to serve walkers, bicyclists, hikers, and tourists visiting the National Historic Park should be constructed using present trails and those being built. 5,200 feet of motorized and non-motorized trails are located within the residential area of the township creating an erosion and severe dust problem. This portion of these trails should be hard surfaced. This trail system would link the Swedetown Recreation Area, the National Historic District, Calumet Lake, and Legion Field.

The present mineral range railroad depot is now in private hands. Calumet Township has an agreement to purchase the depot and is seeking funds through both MDOT Enhancement Grants and DNR Trust Funds for purchase and renovation.

The railroad depot can be converted to an all season trail head center for the adjacent trails, some owned by the State of Michigan DNR.

The depot would house public toilets, warming rooms, meeting rooms and a small concession area.

School Forest (43 acres)

The local School Forest Project has taken on the possibility to obtain funding for improvement on the nature trail which would include rebuilding of the foot bridges and additional signing.

Calumet Colosseum

COMPLETED 2006-07

The State of Michigan will soon move out of the Calumet Colosseum as a new facility is built. Funding to convert the total building to civilian use must be acquired.

Since 2007 Calumet Township has constructed new handicapped parking outside, handicapped lift, new mens & ladies handicapped toilets both downstairs and upstairs and a new elevator to the 2nd floor.

In 2013 a \$200,000 project upgraded the artificial ice plant with new equipment and a new zamboni ice resurfacing machine will be on the site for the 2014 season.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

The Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Calumet acts as the Recreation Committee for decision-making relative to recreation issues.

The Township Supervisor carries out the directives of the Township Board. Calumet Township is responsive to the recreation needs and desires of citizens by providing for community based decision-making through public meetings and hearings on recreation issues, plans, and applications for grant funding.

The Charter Township of Calumet provides an annual budget for recreation. In 2008 the Township has budgeted \$90,000 for operations and maintenance of park and recreation facilities. The current funding is from property taxes, state revenue sharing, and grants. In 2004 Calumet Township voters passed a one mill levy in support of maintaining the Calumet Colosseum Community Center formerly the Calumet Armory. This millage was renewed in 2010.

The Calumet Township Board of Trustees is responsible for the operations and maintenance of the following recreational facilities identified in this plan and there is a recreation policy on file at the township office:

CALUMET TOWNSHIP WATERWORKS PARK

The Township provides regular maintenance such as garbage pickup, grass cutting, painting, cleaning of toilets etc.

SWEDETOWN CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRAILS COMPLEX

Calumet Township and the Copper Island Cross Country Ski Club jointly maintain the ski area, the ski chalet, parking areas, etc. The Township pays for grooming maintenance of the trails and the garage for its \$140,000 Piston Bully groomer. The Township is responsible for lights, water, heat, and property and liability insurance at the ski chalet building.

The Township maintains other facilities such as the Wolverine and Centennial Heights playground and also a W.P.A. project stone boat currently being renovated as a memorial for WWI, WWII, Korean, and Vietnam Veterans.

The Township actively supports both indoor ice facilities even though the primary responsibility for operations of these facilities belong to other groups.

The indoor ice facility located in the Calumet Colosseum is operated by a volunteer non-profit organization called the Calumet Hockey Association. This group leases the facility from the Township and is responsible for all ice maintenance, power costs, property and liability insurance. Its annual budget is

approximately \$150,000, being raised primarily on ice rentals and donations. All ice rink related equipment within the Calumet Colosseum belongs to either Calumet Township or the local hockey association. The Calumet Hockey Association as it now exists was formed in 1954.

The Laurium Bicentennial Arena was built in 1976 using Laurium Village, Calumet Township, and Houghton County revenue sharing funds. Operations of the rink are the responsibility of a recreation committee appointed by the Laurium Village Council. This committee also oversees the George Gipp

Recreation Complex which contains three ball fields, playgrounds, basketball and horseshoe areas, tennis courts, and an overnight campsite.

The Calumet-Laurium-Keweenaw School system operates three gymnasiums, three playgrounds and facilities for football, track and cross-country running. These facilities are used mainly by students.

Calumet Village owns the Calumet Theatre and operates it under a group of theatre enthusiasts formed and incorporated for that purpose. Calumet Village also owns and operates a day use area within the village called Agassiz Park.

Calumet Township also owns the property that the Wolverine Ballfield is located on and pays for electric power and occasional grass cutting and garbage pickup.

Private facilities include bowling alleys, two health centers, and several art galleries.

VI. PLAN ADOPTION

The Charter Township of Calumet RECREATION PLAN was adopted by the Township Board at a regular monthly meeting held on November 27th, 2013.

Input into the Calumet Township Recreation Plan was solicited from various groups involved in recreation in our community. Calumet Township also solicited the help of our local public school system students to address the recreational needs of the teenagers in our area.

The Charter Township of Calumet Recreation Plan conforms to the Townships Land Use and Zoning Ordinances in effect since 1982 and updated in 2008.

This plan was presented at a public hearing conducted by the Calumet Township Board prior to their regular monthly meeting on November 27th, 2013.

