

**FREMONT AREA PARKS & RECREATION**  
**Capital Improvements Schedule 2008-2012**  
**Calendar Year 2007(Completed)**

Project Description	Cost Estimate *	Possible Funding Sources (See Glossary)	Project Status
<b>Recreation Center (swimming, racquetball, tennis, skating...)</b>			
• Feasibility study & analysis of potential sites	TBD	FPSD, FAC, FACF, Donors	
• Consider combining w/Outdoor Facility		Local Businesses	
• Evaluate collaboration with Newaygo Area Recreation Authority			
• Construction of Tamarac (wellness/weight training, swimming, track....)	?	Gerber Memorial Health Services	Completed
<b>Outdoor Facility</b>			
• Feasibility study & analysis of potential sites:	TBD	FAC, FPSD, FACF,	
- Baseball Fields (3), Football Fields (2)		Foundations, Authority Millage	
- Restrooms/Concession Stand/Parking			
• Evaluate collaboration with Newaygo Recreation Authority			
• Pine Street Athletic baseball field converted to T-ball game field	?	FPSD &	Completed
• 'Christ's Clearing Park' nature trail development	?	Redeemer Lutheran Church	Phase 1 Completed
<b>Sheridan Charter Township Hall Property (64<sup>th</sup> Street)</b>			
• Consider and evaluate implementation and extension of nature path from township hall & playground area north easterly along Fremont Lk	±\$150,000	MDNR, FACF, FAC, Donors	
<b>Sheridan Charter Township Property (88<sup>th</sup> St. &amp; Osborn Rd.)-170 acres "The Refuge"</b>			
• Schematic design – Continue discussions on property plans	±\$8,000	FAC, Donors	Prelim-Completed
• Biking Trails Approved and to be constructed by private group	?	MDNR, Donors	Phase 1 started
<b>Soccer Field</b>			
• Construction of youth (game-quality) soccer fields:			
1 @ Providence Christian HS		Private Donations	Completed
2 @ FPS Middle School: 1-game quality		School Sinking Funds	Completed
1-smaller practice			

***Branstrom Park***

- Enhance Sledding Hill (clearing of additional sled/snowboard areas) ±\$4,000 COF Completed by DPW
- Install Electronic Scoreboard (funding awarded in 2006) \$10,500 FACF, COF, Donors Completed

***Town & Country Path*** (Non-Motorized/Recreational Pathway)

- Finish construction of Phase 2-south (funding awarded 2006) ±\$200,000 FAC, FACF, State MDNR, Donors 80% Complete
- Phase 1 & 2 enhancements: signs, benches, bike racks, picnic areas... \$9,000 MI District #10 NC Health Dept Grant Completed
- Design and construction of Phase 2-north & Phase 3 ±\$400,000 State Grants, FAC, Donors

***Recreational Authority*** (to construct & maintain recreational programs/facilities)

Delayed

- Evaluate establishment of Recreation Authority (participating communities to establish)
- Evaluate possible millage proposal for Aug/Nov 08 Ballot

***General***

- Investigate (& possibly purchase) potential park & recreational land acquisition opportunities TBD FAC, MNRTF, TNC, TPL, Donors, Foundations On-going
- Investigate acquisition and improvement of lands in conjunction w/ Newaygo Conservation District (NCD) TBD FAC, MNRTF, NCD, Donors, Foundations, TNC, TPL On-going

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**Calendar Year 2008**

Project Description	Cost Estimate *	Possible Funding Sources (See Glossary)	Project Status
<b>Recreation Center</b> (swimming, racquetball, tennis, skating...)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analysis of potential sites</li> <li>• Evaluate collaboration with Newaygo Area Recreation Authority and/or Tamarac facility</li> <li>• FPS currently evaluating outdoor recreation field inventory/needs</li> </ul>	TBD	FPSD, FAC, FACF, Donors	
<b>Outdoor Facility</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluate collaboration with Newaygo Area Recreation Authority</li> <li>• Christ's Clearing – development of additional phases</li> </ul>	TBD	Redeemer Lutheran Church, donors	
<b>Sheridan Charter Township Hall Property (64<sup>th</sup> Street)</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider and evaluate implementation and extension of nature path from township hall &amp; playground area north easterly along Fremont Lk</li> </ul>	±\$150,000	MDNR, FACF, FAC, Donors	
<b>Sheridan Charter Township Property (88<sup>th</sup> St. &amp; Osborn Rd.)-170 acres "<u>The Refuge</u>"</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schematic design – Continue review &amp; grant writing for other Phases</li> <li>• 'The Refuge' - Finish Phase 1 &amp; others of Various Biking Tracks/Trails</li> </ul>	±\$8,000 \$ 700,000	FAC, Donors MDNR, FACF, FAC, Donors	
<b>Town &amp; Country Path</b> (Non-Motorized/Recreational Pathway)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finish construction of Phase 2-south (funding awarded 2006)</li> <li>• Design and construction of Phase 2-north (Main/Market to Pathfinder)</li> <li>• Design &amp; secure funding for Phase 3 (around Fremont Lake)</li> <li>• Design &amp; construction of Rotary Gazebo along Phase 2-south</li> <li>• Safe Routes 2 Schools program initiation to develop safer student routes to schools</li> </ul>	±\$80,000 ±\$175,000 ±\$500,000 ±\$2,500	FAC, FACF, State MDNR, Donors MDNR Grant, FAC, Donors State Grants, FACF, FAC, Donors Fremont Rotary	
<b>Recreational Authority</b> (to construct & maintain recreational programs/facilities)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluate establishment of Recreation Authority (participating communities to establish)</li> <li>• Evaluate possible millage proposal for Aug/Nov 08 Ballot</li> </ul>			

**General**

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|--|-----|---|----------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate (&amp; possibly purchase) potential park &amp; recreational land acquisition opportunities</li> </ul> | TBD | FAC, MNRTF, TNC, TPL,<br>Donors, Foundations      | On-going |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate acquisition and improvement of lands in conjunction w/ Newaygo Conservation District (NCD)</li> </ul> | TBD | FAC, MNRTF, NCD, Donors,<br>Foundations, TNC, TPL | On-going |

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<b>Recreation Center</b> (swimming, racquetball, tennis, skating...)			
• Feasibility Study & secure funding	TBD	FAC	
• Site acquisition & design	TBD	FAC, FACF, FPSD, Donors, Bonds, Millage, Spec. Assess.	
<b>Outdoor Facility</b>			
• Feasibility study & analysis of potential sites:	TBD	FAC, FPSD, FACF, Foundations, Authority Millage	
- Baseball Fields (3), Football Fields (2)			
- Restrooms/Concession Stand/Parking			
<b>Sheridan Charter Township Hall Property (64<sup>th</sup> Street)</b>			
• Secure funding and construct nature path from twp hall north easterly along Fremont Lk to observation point	±\$150,000	MDNR, FACF, FAC, Donors	
<b>Sheridan Charter Township Property (88<sup>th</sup> St. &amp; Osborn Rd.) "The Refuge"</b>			
• Secure additional funding, if needed for completion	TBD	FAC	
<b>Town &amp; Country Path</b> (Non-Motorized/Recreational Pathway)			
• Design and construction of Phase 3 (From Industrial Park to Sheridan Township Hall)	TBD	Rec Authority Millage, State Grants Donors & Other Misc Grants	
<b>General</b>			
• Investigate (& possibly purchase) potential park & recreational land acquisition opportunities	TBD	FAC, MNRTF, TNC, TPL, Donors, Foundations	On-going
• Investigate acquisition and improvement of lands in conjunction w/ Newaygo Conservation District (NCD)	TBD	FAC, MNRTF, NCD, Donors, Foundations, TNC, TPL	On-going

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**Calendar Year 2010**

Project Description	Cost Estimate *	Possible Funding Sources (See Glossary)	Project Status
<b>Recreation Center</b> (swimming, racquetball, tennis, skating...)			
• Construct Recreation Center or remodel an existing building	TBD	FAC, FACF, Millage,	
<b>Outdoor Facility</b>			
• Secure Funding and start Construction:	TBD	FAC, FPSD, FACF,	
- Baseball Fields (3), Football Fields (2)		Foundations, Donors,	
- Restroom/Concession Stand/Parking		Authority Millage	
<b>Sheridan Charter Township Property "The Refuge"</b>			
• Construction of additional phases or possibly include:	TBD	MNRTF, FAC, FACF, Donors,	
- Picnic areas/pavilion and restroom facility		Foundations, Millage, SA's	
- Parking, Controlled access			
<b>Town &amp; Country Path</b> (Non-Motorized/Recreational Pathway)			
• Design and construction of Phase 4 (Connection to other Community Trail systems)	TBD	Rec Authority Millage, State Grants	
<b>General</b>			
• Investigate (& possibly purchase) potential park & recreational land acquisition opportunities	TBD	FAC, MNRTF, TNC, TPL, Donors, Foundations	On-going
• Investigate acquisition and improvement of lands in conjunction w/ Newaygo Conservation District (NCD)	TBD	FAC, MNRTF, NCD, Donors, Foundations, TNC, TPL	On-going

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<i><b>Town &amp; Country Path</b></i> (Non-Motorized/Recreational Pathway)			
• Design and construction of Phase 4 (Connection to other Community Trail systems)	TBD	Rec Authority Millage, State Grants	
<i><b>General</b></i>			
• Investigate (& possibly purchase) potential park & recreational land acquisition opportunities	TBD	FAC, MNRTF, TNC, TPL, Donors, Foundations	On-going
• Investigate acquisition and improvement of lands in conjunction w/ Newaygo Conservation District (NCD)	TBD	FAC, MNRTF, NCD, Donors, Foundations, TNC, TPL	On-going

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<i><b>Town &amp; Country Path</b></i> (Non-Motorized/Recreational Pathway)			
• Design and construction of Phase 4 (Connection to other Community Trail systems)	TBD	Rec Authority Millage, State Grants	
<i><b>General</b></i>			
• Investigate (& possibly purchase) potential park & recreational land acquisition opportunities	TBD	FAC, MNRTF, TNC, TPL, Donors, Foundations	On-going
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## FREMONT AREA PARKS & RECREATION PLAN

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#### Glossary of Possible Funding Sources

Abbreviation	Funding Source Description
Bonds	<b>Municipal government bonds</b> issued by one of the units of local government, the County or a Recreation Authority
COF	<b>City of Fremont-</b> General Fund, Parks Department
Donors	<b>Individual or corporate donors</b>
FAC	<b>Fremont Area Communities-</b> Jointly funded by a sharing formula between the City of Fremont and Dayton & Sheridan Townships
FACF	<b>Fremont Area Community Foundation</b> (non-City endowment fund grants) Grant making strategy states that FACF will focus resources primarily on expanding opportunities that enhance the well being of children, youth and families in Newaygo County. Grants made each year are categorized into five major areas of interest: Community Development, Arts & Culture, Education, Community Health & Human Services and Environmental
Fisheries	<b>MI Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Inland Fisheries Grant Program.</b> 50% grants for projects such as fish habitat restoration, bank stabilization, upland erosion control, fish culture and fishing access development & improvement, such as fishing piers, platforms, boat ramps & parking lots. Max. grant \$30,000
Foundations	<b>Other public &amp; private foundations</b> with park & recreation development & enhancement objectives
FPS Students	<b>Fremont Public Schools students</b> , typically project specific groups, e.g. skatepark, nature trail development, adopt-a-stream, etc.
FPSD	<b>Fremont Public School District</b> , from general operating, maintenance or FACF advised funds
Gerber Found.	<b>Gerber Foundation</b> grants for projects to serve children
GSA	<b>Girl Scouts of America</b> , typically project- specific groups, e.g. Arboretum Park clean up, etc.
MDOT TEA-21	<b>MI Department of Transportation- Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.</b> Up to 80% grants for provision of facilities & safety & educational activities for pedestrians & bikes, acquisition of scenic easements or historic sites, landscaping & other scenic beautification, historic preservation, preservation of abandoned railroad corridors, control & removal of outdoor advertising (billboards), archaeological planning & research, environmental mitigation & others
Millage	<b>Property tax levy/millage</b> for specific park & recreational facilities (const. & operation). May be a special voted millage of one of the FACs, the County or a special Recreation Authority

MNRTF	<b>MI Natural Resources Trust Fund</b> - Up to 75% grants for both the purchase of land (or interests in land) for recreation or protection of land because of its environmental importance or scenic beauty, and the development of land for public outdoor recreation use. No max. for acquisition projects, max. \$500,000 for development projects
Nat. Heritage	<b>Natural Heritage Small Grants</b> - Funds from the State's Nongame Wildlife Fund to identify, protect, manage & restore native plant & animal species, natural communities, other natural features & to promote the knowledge, enjoyment & stewardship of MI's native species & ecosystems. Grants from \$200-\$5,000.
TNC	<b>The Nature Conservancy</b> - A private nonprofit organization that provides the following services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buying and managing ecologically important areas</li> <li>• Negotiating agreements to manage areas without holding title to them, through partnerships or conservation easements</li> <li>• Offering training to partner organizations and government agencies that manage land</li> <li>• Educating people who live in ecologically sensitive areas about the importance of biodiversity and helping them to live in better harmony with the natural environment</li> <li>• Working with resource-based industries to alter their business practices to have less environmental impact</li> <li>• Helping government agencies work together and better allocate public resources toward conservation</li> </ul>
NCD	<b>Newaygo Conservation District</b> - provides conservation type assistance to landowners in Newaygo County. Works w/landowners on conservation practices. Assists w/schools in regard to environmental education & collaborates w/several local and statewide agencies on various projects that involve the environment.
Svc. Clubs	<b>Local Service Clubs</b> - typically specific projects e.g. Fort Fremont Playground (Rotary, Lions, Garden Club, etc.)
SA's	<b>Special Assessments</b> - levied against private properties which benefit from a specific project or service or from an areawide project e.g. paths, recreation center
TPL	<b>Trust for Public Land</b> - a private nonprofit land conservation organization that works nationwide to conserve land for public use. TPL specializes in real estate, applying its expertise in planning, negotiations, public finance & law to protect land. TPL's capital funds for land acquisition allow it to quickly take land off the market, enabling TPL to "hold" the land for a public agency or conservation group to raise the funds & buy the land from the TPL, typically at or below the fair market value.
Waterways	<b>MDNR Waterways Fund</b> - grants for physical development of recreational boating facilities. Two sections of Fund: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>Small Grants Program for Boating Access</b>- 75%, max. \$30,000 for projects such as launching ramps, expanded or paved parking areas, vault toilets, courtesy piers, upgrading of existing facilities for barrier-free design &amp; "carry down" access</li> <li>2) <b>Boat Launching Facilities Program</b>- 75-100% grants include engineering, const. &amp; contingency costs associated w/ development or expansion or ramps. No min. or max. grant.</li> </ol>
WBCPF	<b>William Branstrom City Park Fund</b> - Annual net income from this City endowment fund @ the FACF is used for the maintenance, improvement & expansion of both Arboretum & Branstrom Parks.