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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN RECREATION PLAN

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Chapter 1 Community Description

Extent of Plan Focus

This Recreation Plan addresses the recreational facilities and characteristics within the boundaries of the Village of Lincoln. The plan will evaluate the surrounding recreational opportunities as well as the socio-economic status of the Village and the surrounding area to determine recreational needs of the population and to plan for improvements which fit those needs.

Regional Location

The Village of Lincoln is located in the Northeastern Lower Peninsula of Michigan and is situated in Alcona County (Figure 1-1). The Village is in T27N–R8E Sec.36, the southern portion of Hawes Township, and in T26N–R8E Sec. 1, the northern portion of Gustin Township. It covers o.83 square miles of land and o.23 square miles of water. The Village is approximately five miles west and two miles north of the City of Harrisville.

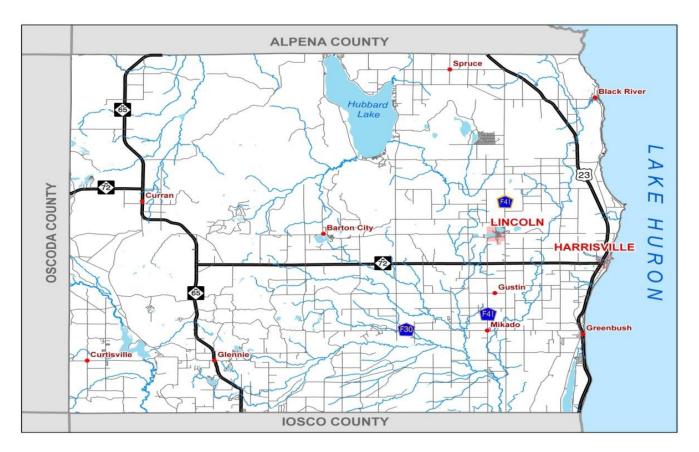


Figure 1-1 Location Map

Village of Lincoln History

In 1885, the Village of Lincoln was known as West Harrisville and was a lumber boom town. The Village's forests provided the resources to build railroads, with Alger Smith and Company building the first railroad. The Village's lakes provided a means to transport lumber to the Detroit and Mackinac Railroad's train depot.

In 1886, Blocks 1-20 were platted in Hawes Township and Blocks 21-40 were platted in Gustin Township. There are currently 356 lots in the village due to land acquisitions. In 1899, the postal service changed West Harrisville's name to the Village of Lincoln, which became incorporated as a village with the Local Act of 1907 No. 575.

Population

According to the 2010 U.S. Census Bureau, the Village of Lincoln had a population of 337 people and 236 total housing units. Of the total housing units, 47 were classified as seasonal, recreational, or occasional use. Based on the Village's average household size of 2.1, the expected seasonal population would be approximately 99 persons. Unfortunately, it is difficult to acquire an accurate number for the seasonal visitors who stay at private lodging places, campgrounds, or the homes of family or friends.

Transportation

North Lake Street is the major road that handles the north-south traffic in the village, while Traverse Bay State Road is the major road that handles the east-west traffic. Highway F-41 runs along the eastern border of the village, becomes Main Street in downtown Lincoln, and intersects with U.S. 23 near Spruce, Michigan. The village does not have any railroads or airports (the City of Harrisville has the nearest airport).

Climate

Typical of northern Michigan, the distinct four seasons offer an ever changing landscape and provide ample opportunities for year-round outdoor activities. Snowmobiling, skiing and ice fishing are some of the area's popular winter sports, while summertime activities include swimming, boating, fishing, hiking, and camping. Spring-time brings out the mushroom hunters and bird watchers, while the autumn months provide opportunities for hunting and fall color tours. Since Alcona County shares a boundary with Lake Huron, the weather is influenced by the moderating effect of the lake. Temperature data from the Midwest Regional Climate Center indicates the climate along the immediate Lake Huron shore is semi-marine in nature and lacks many of the temperature extremes found a few miles inland.

The average annual precipitation is 30.67 inches with approximately 60% of the precipitation falling between April and September. Typically, the lowest mean temperature of the year occurs during January and February, while the highest occurs in July. The average annual snowfall is 53 inches with approximately 93 days per season receiving at least one inch of snow. However, the number of days varies from year to year.

Topography and Soils

The Village of Lincoln is situated in an area with gently sloping ridges and knolls. The area also has some outwash plains, lake plains, and till plains. According to the *Soil Survey of Alcona County, Michigan*, the Village has five major soil classification types: Klacking loamy sand, McGinn loamy sand, Killmaster sandy loam, Hoist sandy loam, and Udorthents loamy. Depending on the soil type, there may be building restrictions due to steep slopes or wetness (Figure 1-2).

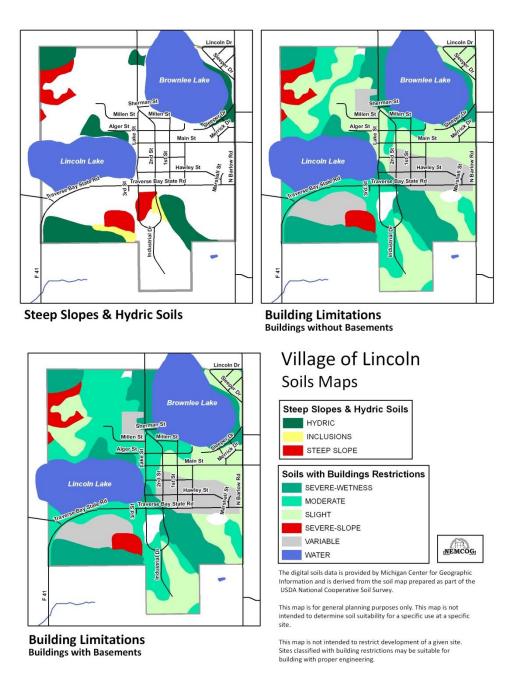


Figure 1-2 The Village of Lincoln's Soil Building Constraints

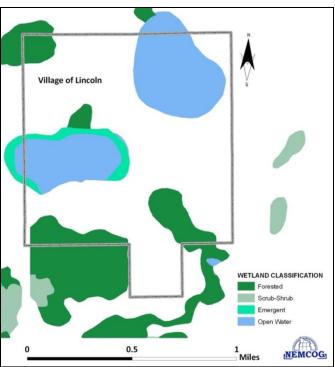
Water Resources

The twin lakes, Brownlee and Lincoln, lie within the Village of Lincoln (Figure 1-3). Brownlee Lake is a shallow 90.4 acre lake with a small single outflow, a public beach, and a boat launch. Half of the lake is surrounded by a residential subdivision, which makes the lake a main economic factor within the Village. Some of the recreational opportunities provided on the lake include swimming, fishing, ice fishing, canoeing, sailing, boating, ice skating, wildlife viewing, snowmobiling, and winter motorcycle racing.

Lincoln Lake is considered a dead lake since it was used as a repository for sawdust during the early days of the lumber industry. However, it is home to a variety of marsh grasses, plants, and a large variety of waterfowl and songbirds.



Figure 1-3 Location of Brownlee and Lincoln Lakes



Wetlands can be found around Lincoln Lake, in the southern portion of the village, and in the northwest corner of the village (Figure 1-4). These areas protect water quality, have high groundwater tables, provide wildlife habitat, support vegetation, and discharge/recharge aquifers. Development of stateregulated wetlands is severely restricted.

Figure 1-4 Village of Lincoln Forested and Non-Forested Wetlands

Land Use Patterns

Residential and commercial land covers are located in the central portion of the village between Brownlee and Lincoln Lakes (Figure 1-5). These land covers make up approximately 40.3% of the village, while the open water in Brownlee and Lincoln Lakes make up approximately 22.3% of the village's land cover. The village's land cover also includes 21.1% of upland forests, 17.2% of lowland forests, 14.3% of cultivated lands, and 11.6% of non-forested uplands.

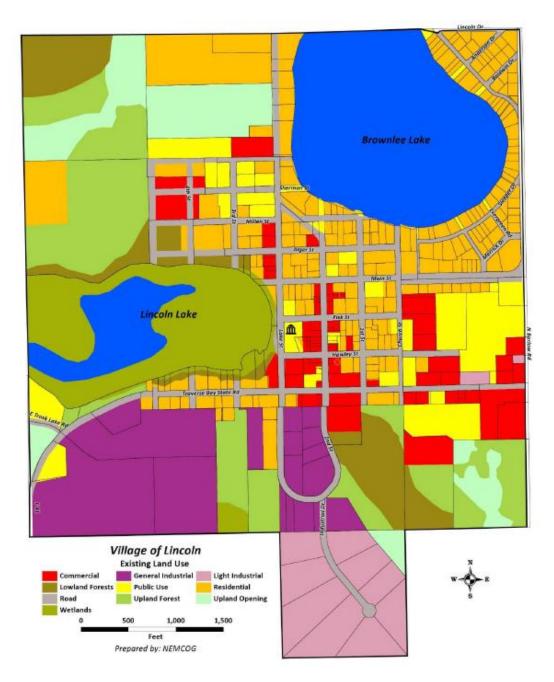


Figure 1-5 Village of Lincoln Land Use

The Village of Lincoln has eight zoning categories: Overlay District (CBD-2), Single Family Residential District (R-1), Conservation Residential District (CR), Mixed Use District (MU), Central Business District (CBD-1), General Business District (B-1), Industrial District (I), and Public Use District (P) (Figure 1-6). The majority of the Village is zoned for residential use, while industrial and general business uses can be found in the southern portion of the village and along Fourth Street/W. Millen Street.

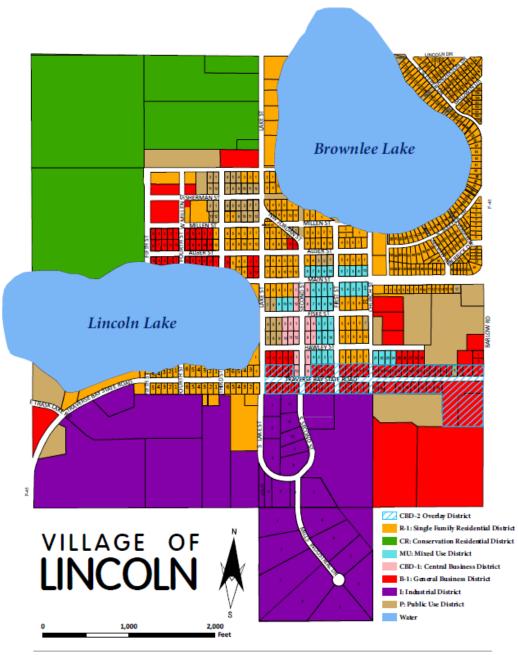


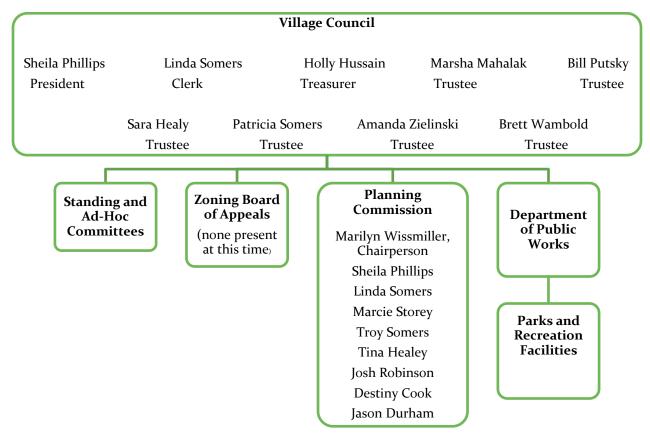
Figure 1-6 Village of Lincoln Zoning Districts

Chapter 2 Administrative Structure

Administration

The Village of Lincoln is governed by a nine-member Village Council consisting of a president, clerk, treasurer, and six trustees (Figure 2-1). These elected positions are chosen by registered voters in at-large elections held every other November. The terms of office for the president, clerk, and treasurer are two years; while, the terms of office for the trustees are staggered in two- and four-year terms.

The Village Council adopted bylaws that determine the order of business and the method of conducting regular municipal business. Meetings are conducted using *Robert's Rules of Order*. A simple majority of the trustees must be present when the determination of an issue requires a vote. The Village's parks and recreation facilities are under the direct control of the Village Council.





Planning Commission

The Village of Lincoln Planning Commission is a seven-member body that contributes to the local planning process (Figure 2-1). The planning commission is in charge of overseeing the master plan, recreation plan, capital improvement plan, floodplain ordinance, and planning and zoning ordinance.

Department of Public Works

The Village of Lincoln employs one part-time employee and one seasonal, part-time employee to fulfill the duties of the Department of Public Works, which includes maintaining the park system. The Village does not offer any recreational programs.

Relationships with Other Agencies and Groups

Numerous organizations and volunteers are involved with the improvement and operation of the recreational facilities within the Village of Lincoln.

Lincoln Downtown Development Authority (DDA)

In September 1985, the Lincoln Village Council established the Lincoln Downtown Development Authority (DDA), which is a publicly funded body (Table 2-1). The purpose of the DDA is to correct and prevent urban deterioration, and encourage economic development, neighborhood revitalization and historic preservation. The DDA is involved in the enhancement of recreational facilities that coincide with its purpose.

Table 2-1 Lincoln Downtown Development Authority		
Dennis Kruttlin	Chairman	
Joe James	Vice Chairman	
Karen Godi	Secretary	
Evelyn Good	Treasurer	
Eric Monnier	Board Member	
Mark MacNeill	Board Member	
Kathy Jo Schwartz	Board Member	
Rich Gillies	Board Member	
Sheila Phillips	Village Council Representative	

Lincoln Lions

The Lincoln Lions is a community service organization that works to address the needs of the community. The Lions provide funding and labor to complete recreation-related projects.

Lincoln Area Multi-Use Pathway Steering Committee

The Lincoln Area Multi-Use Pathway Steering Committee was formed in 2004 to establish and maintain a non-motorized, multi-use bike and pedestrian pathway in the Lincoln area. The purpose of the pathway is to encourage safe and healthy exercise, connect the downtown with residential and recreational areas, and connect the Village to the coastal pathway along the U.S. 23 Heritage Route.

Friends for Flights of Imagination

The Friends for Flights of Imagination is a volunteer effort to maintain, protect, expand, and promote the public play area. The play area enhances the recreational opportunities for the residents and visitors of Alcona County.

Brownlee Lake Association

The Brownlee Lake Association, a non-profit, was formed by riparian property owners, village residents and businesses. The lake association does the following:

- Collects and disseminates information about Brownlee Lake
- Works collaboratively as a membership and in conjunction with the government and other organizations to preserve Brownlee Lake
- Plans and executes programs to restore and preserve Brownlee Lake's water quality
- Provides the public with information about the uses of Brownlee Lake
- Reviews and submits proposals to administrative and legislative bodies considering statutes, ordinances and regulations that impact riparian property owners and Brownlee Lake
- Fundraises to pay for scientific and technical testing of the lake

The association strives to remove the organic slurry from the lake without disturbing the natural lake bed; thus, restoring the fishery. To meet this goal, it may take between five to ten years and cost between \$300,000 and \$500,000 depending on fundraisers, contributions, and government and grant monies.

Finances/Park & Recreation Maintenance

Funding for park maintenance and improvements comes from the Village of Lincoln's General Fund (Table 2-2). Other recreational improvement funding sources include grant opportunities with other agencies, private foundations, community service organizations, and community fundraising groups. The projected budget is expected to be similar to the 2019-2020 budget.

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	TOTAL EXPENSE 85,300.00
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TOTAL REVENUE 12,115.80	Social Security/Medicare 100.00
	Maintenance 6,000.00
	Insurance 700.00
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	Utilities 600.00
	Capital Outlay 1,215.80
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TOTAL REVENUE 30,000.00	Social Security/Medicare 550.0
	Repairs/Maintenance 11,450.00
	Utilities 3,000.00
	Insurance 3,500.00
	Gasoline 5,500.00

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Village Raised Taxes	45,112.00	DDA Payment	21,713.00
TOTAL REVENUE	45,112.00	Local Streets	12,500.00
		Major Streets	35,750.00
		TOTAL EXPENSE	69,963.00

Recreation Grant History

The Village of Lincoln has received and successfully completed one grant through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources recreation grants program.

• Brownlee Lake Boat Launch, 2016, Grant #: TF16-0048: Remove and replace an existing boat launch, and add on-site car and boat trailer parking, an access walkway, and a picnic table.

Chapter 3 Recreation Inventory

An inventory of recreation facilities available in the Village of Lincoln was completed and includes Village of Lincoln-owned facilities, publicly-owned facilities, and privately-owned facilities within the village, and other recreational opportunities outside of the village boundaries. The Village of Lincoln-owned facilities were evaluated for barrier-free accessibility (Figure 3-1).

A description of the barrier-free accessibility rating criteria:

Accessibility Assessments - An assessment of the accessibility of each park to people with disabilities. This assessment must consider the accessibility of both the facilities (as appropriate) and the access routes to them. The barrier-free accessibility information and sources of assistance given in Appendices B and D of the MDNR Recreation Plan Guidelines document should be consulted when making this assessment. At a minimum, use the following ranking system for each park:

- 1 = none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 2 = some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 3 = most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 4 = the entire park meets accessibility guidelines

Inventory Procedures

The methods used by NEMCOG staff to compile this recreational inventory include verification and compilation of information from the previous recreation plan, site visits, and compilation of information provided by village officials and the Planning Commission. Compiled information was compared to existing information to ensure consistency and/or accuracy.

Village of Lincoln Recreation Inventory

Barlow Road Park/Flights of Imagination Playscape

Barlow Road Park is the primary recreational facility that serves the Lincoln area. It is located west of F-41 (Barlow Road) and north of M-72 on 11 acres. The park provides recreational opportunities, including a basketball and tennis court, two fenced softball diamonds with dugouts, and the Flights of Imagination public playscape. It has barrier-free restrooms that are open seasonally, two restrooms that are open year-round, two grills, and nine picnic tables.



The Flights of Imagination Playscape was spearheaded at the grassroots level and opened in September 2000. It consists of a large castle with slides, swings, towers, suspension bridge, and monkey bars. It also has a "tot lot" for children ranging from 2-5 years old, where there are tyke-sized swings, a train and depot, bouncy bridge, and low monkey bars. Parents can watch their children from park benches.

Type: Community Park

Service Area: Village of Lincoln

Barrier-Free Accessibility: 2; This facility contains seasonal use accessible restrooms adjacent to the ballfields. The Flights of Imagination Playscape provides barrier-free accessibility.



Barlow Park: Tennis Courts, Ballfield, Restroom and Concession Stand



Flights of Imagination

Brownlee Lake Park (Village of Lincoln Municipal Beach) Brownlee Lake Park (Village of Lincoln Municipal Beach) is primarily used as the public beach and swimming location in the village. It is located east of 2nd street and north of Millen Street. The park is approximately one acre with 75-100 feet of sandy beachfront on the southwest side of Brownlee Lake.



Brownlee Lake Park (Village of Lincoln Municipal Beach) is owned and maintained by the Village. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources permits the village to use buoys to define the swim area and keep motorized vehicles from entering it.

Local groups have volunteered to improve the beach. The Lions Club volunteered to remove and replace both swimming platforms. In the summer of 2017, the Lions Club worked with a group of community members to raise funds to replace the swimming docks and add a water slide. Additionally, the Brownlee Lake Association members, Lions Club, and other community members have agreed to pay for re-sanding the beach, tree trimming, and painting the railings and trash barrels. The estimated cost of this upgrade is approximately \$8,000 in addition to volunteer labor.

In 2009, the village obtained permits from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (now the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy) to test the water and install an aeration system in Brownlee Lake. In 2011, Savin Lake Services was contracted to install components for the planned aeration system. The components included seven shore-based electric air compressors, 22,000 feet of weighted air distribution hoses, and 28 air diffuser discs or pods. The system allows for air to be pumped from the compressors through the hoses to the pods, which creates a column of small bubbles that rise to the surface of the lake. These bubbles create a large circular motion that causes the water on the lake bottom to move to the water's surface to be re-oxygenated. This process speeds up the decomposition of organic material, which improves the lake's water quality and creates a healthier fishery.

Type: Mini-Park **Service Area:** Village of Lincoln **Barrier-Free Accessibility**= 1; The accessibility is evaluated on an ongoing basis.



Brownlee Lake Park (Village of Lincoln Municipal Beach)

Brownlee Lake Public Access Site

The Brownlee Lake Public Access Site provides access to Brownlee Lake and is located at the end of Sherman Street. The site consists of a concrete launch ramp, a dock, a picnic table, and recreational signage.



Future upgrades for this site include a slide-in boat launch, a slide-in boat dock, and a pavilion with picnic tables. These upgrades will improve the accessibility to Brownlee Lake and extend the park's use during all types of weather.

Type: Public access site; mini-park **Service Area:** Village of Lincoln **Barrier-Free Accessibility** = 1; The accessibility needs are evaluated on an ongoing basis.

Lincoln Lakefront

The primary use of the Lincoln Lakefront is to observe waterfowl and songbirds. The lakefront is located across the street from the Lincoln Municipal Building and Fire Hall. The village owns a portion of the lakefront that is approximately 600' long by 30' deep.



Type: Natural Resource Area

Service Area: Village of Lincoln

Barrier-Free Accessibility= 1; Since this area is undeveloped, accessibility issues do not exist. The future development and accessibility of this site will be evaluated.

Railroad Park (Veteran's Park)

Railroad Park (Veteran's Park) contains one of the primary playgrounds in the village and is located across the street from Lincoln Lake and next to the Lincoln Municipal Building & Fire Hall.

The park contains picnic tables, grills, a fire pit, a balance beam, a climbing structure, a sandbox, a slide, swings, and a basketball court. There is also



a war memorial dedicated to the village residents who have served in the armed forces.

Type: Neighborhood Park **Service Area:** Village of Lincoln **Barrier-Free Accessibility** = 1; There is a paved parking lot, but no paved walkways.

Lincoln Municipal Building and Fire Hall

The Lincoln Municipal Building and Fire Hall is the governmental center for the village and is located at the corner of Lake Street and West Fiske Street in downtown Lincoln. The building is a voting precinct and is used for Village Council and other meetings. The facility contains a conference room, restrooms, a basketball court, and a garage for three fire trucks and a First Responder vehicle.

Type: A special use facility **Service Area:** Village of Lincoln **Barrier-Free Accessibility** = 4; The Lincoln Municipal Building and Fire Hall conform to state and federal accessibility standards.

Municipal Service Garage

The Municipal Service Garage is located adjacent to the Village Municipal Building and Fire Hall. It is 40'x 60' and is used for maintenance and equipment storage.

Type: A special use facility **Service Area:** Village of Lincoln **Barrier-Free Accessibility** = 1; This facility is not open for public use.

Vacant Lots

The Village owns vacant lots within the business district, which are earmarked for future growth needs.

Type: A special use facility **Service Area:** Village of Lincoln **Barrier-Free Accessibility** = 1; This facility is not open for public use. The accessibility needs of this facility are evaluated on an ongoing basis.

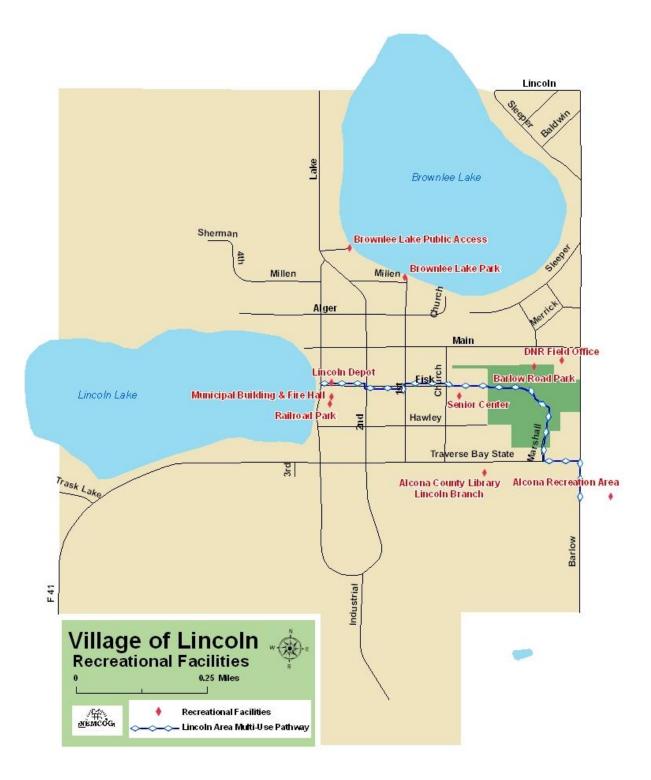


Figure 3-1 Village of Lincoln's Recreational Facilities

Other Publicly-Owned Property

Lincoln Area Multi-Use Pathway (LAMP)

The primary purpose for the Lincoln Area Multi-Use Pathway (LAMP) is to provide pedestrians and bicyclists with a safe route to recreational areas, downtown shopping, historical points of interest, and cultural events in the village.

Type: A designated downtown sidewalk and trail system through Recreation Park

Service Area: Village of Lincoln



Barrier-Free Accessibility = 2; Portions of the trail are handicap accessible. The accessibility needs are evaluated on an ongoing basis.

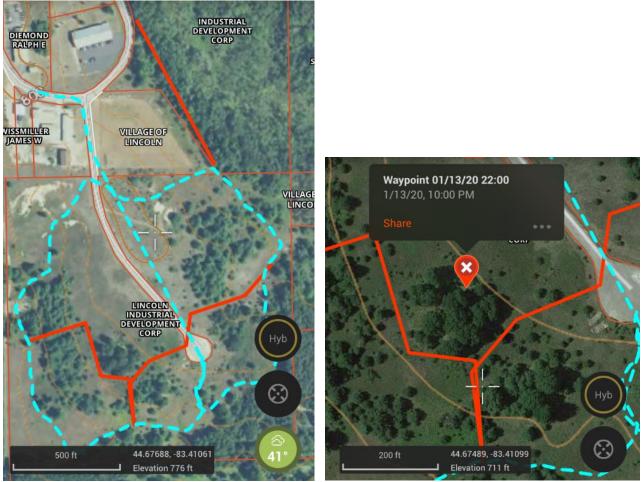


Figure 3-2 Pathway Maps and Picnic Area Waypoint

Alcona County Senior Center (Lincoln Memorial Center)

The Alcona County Senior Center (Lincoln Memorial Center) is a multi-use center that is located in downtown Lincoln on a 78' x 330' lot. The facility was built in 1940 and is 10,800 square feet with two stories. The facility provides a gathering place and activities for senior citizens and hosts a congregate meal center.



Alcona County conveyed the facility to the Alcona County Commission on Aging. The facility was renovated with a Recreation Bond grant over 25 years ago and consists of a fully-equipped state approved kitchen, dining room with 130 seats, offices for Commission on Aging staff, a small meeting room, ADA approved restrooms, a raised stage, a storage area, and a hardwood dance floor. The Senior Center is available for public and private rentals.

The senior center needs improvements to continue providing services, which include roof repairs, site work to prevent erosion and washouts, landscaping, picnic table and grill additions, window replacement, kitchen improvements and enhancements, addition of recreational equipment and supplies geared towards the population's needs, and an enhanced main entrance for better accessibility.

Type: A special use facility

Service Area: Village of Lincoln

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 3; Any improvements are addressed by the Alcona County Commission on Aging.

Lincoln Train Depot

The Lincoln Train Depot is recognized as a Michigan Historic Site since it was used between 1896 and 1929. It is located across the street from the municipal building and Lincoln Lake.

The Village of Lincoln DDA conveyed the Lincoln Train Depot to the Friends of the Lincoln Depot, who are sponsored by the



Alcona Historical Society. The group intends to restore and preserve the facility as a museum and visitor center. Currently, the initiative is in progress with many of the improvements being funded through private monetary donations, merchants' donations of building materials, local funding from the DDA, and labor supplied by volunteers.

Type: A special use facility **Service Area:** Village of Lincoln **Barrier-Free Accessibility** = 2; The accessibility needs of this facility are continually evaluated.

Alcona County Library, Lincoln Branch

The Lincoln Branch of the Alcona County Library is located at 330 Traverse Bay Road and contains books, magazines, audio books, videos/DVDs, a meeting and tutoring room, and high-speed internet access. In addition, the library provides access to the collections of 16 other library systems and has partnered with the Alcona Historical Society to create an exclusive computer database for public viewing of historic photos.

Type: A special use facility Service Area: Village of Lincoln Barrier-Free Accessibility = 4; The facility is handicap accessible. Alcona County addresses the accessibility needs of this facility.

DNR Field Office

The DNR Field Office is a local fire control headquarters building for the surrounding state and national forests. It is used as a deer check station during the fall hunting season, and as a storage facility for park maintenance equipment.

Type: A special use facility

Accessibility: This facility is not open for public use. The accessibility needs of this facility are addressed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Recreation Opportunities Outside of the Village Boundaries

Residents of the Village of Lincoln can also utilize recreational facilities outside of the village. Listed below are the public and private recreational facilities in the vicinity of the Village of Lincoln. Complete information on all public and private recreational facilities in Alcona County can be found in the corresponding recreation plans.

Alcona Township		
Public	Private	
Black River/Lake Huron Site	Lost Lake Woods Club	
Hubbard Lake Access Sites		
Black River Recreation Area		
Negwegon State Park		
Huron National Forest		

Caledonia Township		
Public	Private	
Hubbard Lake Access Sites	Paul Bunyan Campground	
Hickey Hill	Monarch Golf Course	
Spruce Park	Will's Gun Shop	
	Hubbard Lake Marine	
	East Bay Outfitters	
	Walleye Fish-Rearing Ponds	
	Churchill Pointe Inn	

Curtis Township		
Public	Private	
Indian Lakes Park	Alcona Canoe Rental & Campground	
Alcona Park	Middleton Campground	
Vaughn Lake Public Access	Eagle Ridge Golf Course	
North Lake (trailhead for		
snowmobiles)	Au Sable National Scenic River	
	Huron National Forest	

Greenbush Township		
Public	Private	
Cedar Lake Access Site	Greenbush Golf Course	
Ten Acres	Timberlakes Subdivision	
Greenbush Recreation Area		
Greenbush Country School		
Swart House		
Two Lake Huron access sites		

Gustin Township	
Public	Private
Alcona Community Schools	
Former Memorial Hall	

Harrisville Township	
Public	Private
Harrisville Recreation Area	Springport Hills Golf Course
Harrisville State Park	Greenbush Golf Course
Alcona Recreation Area	

Hawes Township	
Public	Private
Public access site (West Branch River)	Former Timber Creek Resort
	Deep Woods Taxidermy
	White Pines National Golf Club
	Jewell Lake

Haynes Township	
Public	Private
Sturgeon Point Lighthouse	Cedarbrook Trout Farm
Bailey School	

Mikado Township	
Public	Private
Bruce Park	Chippewa Indian Settlement
Ball Parks	Indian Mission Church
Ten Acres	
Pine River National Forest	
Campground	
Vandercook Trailhead	

Millen Township	
Public	Private
Barton City Community Park	Barton City Eagles Club
Jewell Lake Campground	
Horseshoe Lake Campground	
Reid Lake Foot Travel Area	
Sprinkler Lake Education Center	

Mitchell Township	
Public	Private
Mitchell Township Park	
Hoist Lake Area	
O'Brien Lake	
McCollum Lake State Forest	
Campground	
Au Sable River	

City of Harrisville	
Public	Private
Harrisville Harbor and Harbor Park	Village Lanes Bowling Alley
Harrisville Mill Pond	J & J Campground
Veteran's Club Property	Old Railroad Depot
	Several private fishing related
	businesses (e.g. bait and tackle shops,
Tennis Courts/Pavilion/City Offices	charter boat services, etc.)
Dock Street Road-End	
Scenic Overlook, Foot of Main Street	
Craftmaker's Cabin and Property	
City Airport	
Harrisville Heritage Route Trail	
Michigan DNR Public Access site	

Descriptions of significant recreational sites in Alcona County can be found below (the numbers represent the facility's location on Figure 3-2):

ALCONA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (#1): Alcona Community School District encompasses approximately 426 square miles in Gustin Township. The 54 acre rural school campus houses Alcona Elementary School, Alcona Middle School, Alcona Community High School, Lakewood Academy Alternative Education Center, NEMCSA Headstart, a transportation center, outdoor athletic complex, and a 650 seat community auditorium. Recreational and educational facilities available for community use include three gymnasiums, a weight room, an 8-lane all-weather rubberized track, baseball diamond, softball diamond, football/soccer stadium, football practice field, five locker rooms, two playground areas, two media centers with computer facilities, four computer labs, one interactive television lab, a mobile interactive television unit, two cafeterias, a fully-equipped 650-seat auditorium with stage, light and sound booth, and dressing rooms, and conference and classrooms throughout the district. Community members are welcome to access district facilities through a facility use policy developed by the Alcona Community Schools Board of Education and with district approval.

ALCONA RECREATION AREA (#2) is a 123-acre county-owned site located in the northeast corner of Harrisville Township. The area is the home of the Alcona County Fair as well as the Lincoln 250 Enduro Snowmobile Race. The location has a half mile dirt track which has hosts a variety of events from: auto racing, concerts, monster trucks, motorcycle stunt shows, snowmobiles, trotters, to truck and tractor pulls. Additionally, there are four animal barns, 2 multipurpose buildings for displays, meetings and other events, a horse arena and show arena, an office and maintenance building with flush toilets, a pavilion for picnics, a 300' complete BMX track, an observation/broadcast booth, a gatehouse, two wells, four irrigated soccer fields, horseshoe pits, water and septic, six portable toilets, and approximately 70 acres of undeveloped forest land.

STURGEON POINT LIGHTHOUSE (#3), located in Haynes Township, is a major tourist attraction. The Alcona Historical Society offers summer tours of the still-operating, federally-owned facility. The State of Michigan owns the 40 acres surrounding the lighthouse and has no immediate plans for development. **Old Bailey School**, one of the few remaining one-room, log schoolhouses in Michigan, is situated near the lighthouse and is open to the public.

HARRISVILLE STATE PARK (#4) located in the City of Harrisville and ALCONA PARK (#5), located near Glennie in Curtis Township, offer modern camping facilities.

NEGWEGON STATE PARK (#6) is an unimproved state park, which currently includes 3,378 acres of land in Alcona Township (Alcona County) and in Sanborn Township (Alpena County). Present facilities allow for primitive camping and provide hiking and nature trails.

The **GREENBUSH RECREATION AREA** (#7), approximately 10 miles south of the City of Harrisville, is a 34-acre site with an open-air pavilion, two ballfields, a children's playground, nature trails, bathroom facilities, and picnic areas.

THE PINE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST CAMPGROUND (#8), located at the former state trout-rearing ponds in the Huron National Forest in Mikado Township, offers eleven primitive campground sites with toilets and hand-pumped water, a picnic pavilion and grills. Three recreation sites are maintained by the U.S. Forest Service in Millen Township: JEWELL LAKE CAMPGROUND (#9), HORSESHOE LAKE CAMPGROUND (#10), and REID LAKE QUIET AREA (#11). Each has primitive campsites, hand-pumped water, and picnic & foot trail areas. The Reid Lake site also offers over six miles of crosscountry ski trails.

THE HOIST LAKE AREA (#12), maintained by the U.S. Forest Service in Mitchell Township, is approximately 22 miles west of the City of Harrisville. It has seven small lakes and over 20 miles of cross-country ski trails.

GABIONS CAMPGROUND (#13) in Mitchell Township offers camping and RV sites.

FOREST LAND: Approximately 74.5% of the land in Alcona County is forested, with State and Federal Forest areas comprising approximately 35.6% of it. Most of these areas are open to the public for hunting, hiking, camping and other outdoor sporting activities. Facilities on federal forests are utilized primarily for primitive camping, hiking, and wildlife observation.

GOLF: Alcona County has three public nine-hole golf courses: Greenbush Golf Course in Harrisville Township near Greenbush, Springport Hills Golf Course south of Harrisville, and Monarch Hills in Caledonia Township. There are also three 18-hole courses: Loggers' Trace at Springport Hills, Eagle Ridge in Glennie, and White Pine National Golf Course in Spruce. Blackshire Hills, part of Lakewood Shores, is situated to the south in Oscoda. In addition, there is an 18-hole private course located in Lost Lake Woods Club.

SNOWMOBILE TRAILS: There are 90 miles of groomed trails in Alcona County, while Oscoda County has 121 miles and Iosco County has 94 miles.

TRAILS: Three major hiking trail systems are located in Alcona County – the Hoist Lakes Foot Travel Area, Reid Lake Quiet Area, and approximately 14 miles of the Shore to Shore Trail passes though the southwestern portion of the county on its way from Lake Huron to Lake Michigan. Hoist Lakes (over 20 miles of trails) and Reid Lake (12 miles of trails) are footpaths for hikers and skiers while the Shore to Shore Trail is an unpaved multi-use trail for mountain bikes, hikers, and horses.

THUNDER BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY: The 4,300 square mile sanctuary protects a significant collection of over 200 shipwrecks that lie in Lake Huron. Visitors can fish, kayak, or snorkel the wrecks. The sanctuary also encompasses the cultural and natural features related to maritime heritage.

Recreation Outside of Alcona County

In addition to recreation within Alcona County, Village residents have access to recreational opportunities in Alpena, 32 miles north and Oscoda, 16 miles south. The City of Alpena is the largest city in Northeast Michigan and offers 22 recreational properties. Community-based recreation in Alpena includes Plaza Pool at Alpena High School, Northern Lights Arena for hockey and ice skating, and many community parks with swimming and fishing access.

Oscoda High School has an indoor swimming pool that is open for public use on a limited basis; the community also has a waterfront park on its Lake Huron beach with playground equipment and tennis courts.

A second lake-side park area, located north of Oscoda on U.S. 23, offers picnicking and swimming. Several campgrounds are located in or near the Huron National Forest, including the Old Orchard Campground on the Au Sable River. The Lumberman's Monument area on River Road has a visitor center with informative and educational displays depicting lumbering days, a gift shop, interpretive center, the monument, numerous scenic hiking and walking trails, and a spectacular view of the Au Sable River. Picnicking and boating are also available at Van Etten Lake in Oscoda.

It is important to note that while all of these regional recreational opportunities are available to residents of the Village of Lincoln, many require fees and all require travel in order to access them.

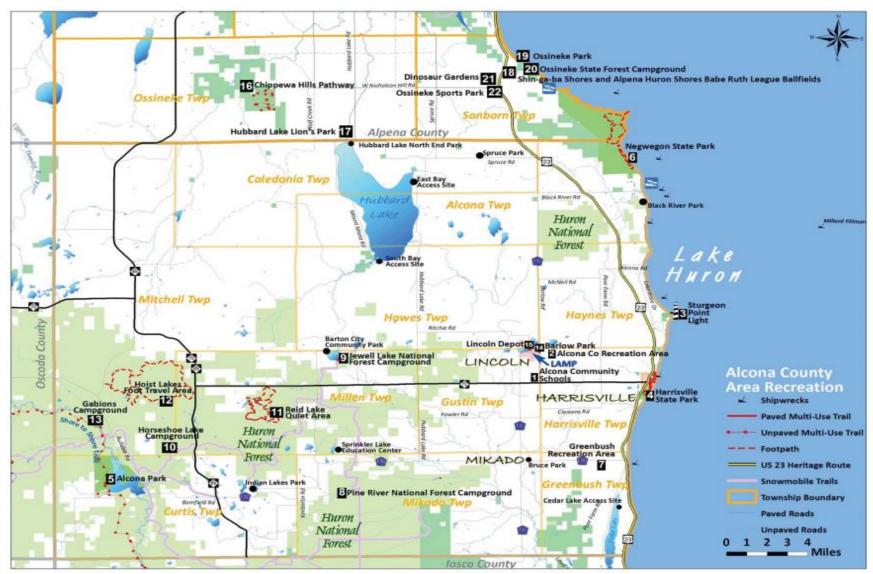


Figure 3-3 Alcona County Recreational Facilities

Chapter 4 Planning and Public Input Process

The Village of Lincoln Planning Process

Development of a community recreation plan must involve interaction and input from citizens and community groups. The Planning Commission was the lead entity in developing the Village of Lincoln Recreation Plan. The Planning Commission and Village Council meetings were open to the public with time allocated for comments. A timeline for the development of the recreation plan update is as follows:

SCHEDULE April 2019	The Village of Lincoln contracts with Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) to update their recreation plan.
June 2019	NEMCOG staff reviewed the expiring plan and made corrections with available public information.
September 2019	A survey was used to gain public input and feedback about recreational opportunities in the Village of Lincoln. The survey was made available on the Village of Lincoln's website and the NEMCOG's website. A press release was published in <i>Alcona</i> <i>County Review</i> on October 16, 2019.
October 2019	NEMCOG and the Planning Commission reviewed and updated the plan's chapters to reflect the current state of recreation in the village.
December 2019	The draft plan is posted for a 30-day public review period at the Village of Lincoln's website and NEMCOG's website. A public notice for the plan availability and public meeting was published in the <i>Alcona County Review</i> .
January 2020	A public meeting was held. The comments and suggestions were incorporated into the final plan. The Planning Commission adopted the recreation plan with recommended changes and recommended the Village Council adopt the recreation plan.
	The Village Council adopted the recreation plan.

Public Input

Citizen opinion on recreation priorities is vital to the development of a recreation plan. An online survey was provided to acquire citizen input about recreational facilities. The Village of Lincoln created and publicized the survey. The survey results can be found in Appendix A.

Because of the small size of the Village of Lincoln, the Planning Commission felt the community was well-represented throughout the process especially in the online survey. After all public input was gathered and recorded, the Planning Commission met to prioritize projects for the Action Plan and to develop a capital improvements plan.

Recreation Survey Publicity

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LIBRARY BOARD VACANCY

Alcona County Library Board has an opening for a five-year term as a Library Board Trustee. The Board is seeking a person with an interest in continuing to provide excellent library service and educational opportunities. Please send letter of interest and a brief resume to Alcona County Library Board, 312 W. Main St, Harrisville, MI 48740 or email to director@alcona.lib.mi.us (With the subject: Board Member Letter of Interest) prior to 5:30 p.m. Friday November 1, 2019. The Board is most interested in persons with prior community involvement. Interviews will be conducted at the Alcona Library Board meeting on November 13, 2019 at the Harrisville Branch. You will be notified of the interview time. Alcona Library Board of Trustees By-Laws are available on website www.library.alcona.lib.mi.us. For more information call Denise at 989-724-6796 ext. 221.

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Participation Needed

Any businesses and/or residents interested in participating in an annual trunk or treat event in Greenbush are encouraged to contact Ruth at (989) 884-3978 for Saturday, Oct. 26 at 4 p.m. in Spencer Park.

Parks and Recreation Plan

The Village of Lincoln is in the process of updating its parks and recreation plan with assistance from Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG). The plan contains future strategies for all recreational facilities within the community. To qualify for grant funding from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), communities are required to have a five-year DNR-approved Parks and Recreation Plan.

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Currently, community input is being gathered through a survey. The survey will be available online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/VillageofLincoln, on the village's website. Inquire at the village hall for paper copies. The deadline for completing the survey is Friday, Oct. 18, 2019. In November, the draft parks and recreation plan will be available for review and comment.

Local Notes

US-23 Sign Replacement

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will invest \$1 million to upgrades signs along 124 miles of US-23 from the south losco County line to the north Presque Isle County line. Work this fall will begin in Iosco County on Monday, Oct. 14, with the other counties (Alcona, Alpena and Presque Isle) to begin in 2020. This work will require daytime shoulder closures.

This project includes new traffic signs designed with updated reflective surfaces for better visibility at night, as well as new posts.

Spinning, Weaving Display

Thunder Bay Spinners and Weavers Guild celebrates the ancient art of turning fiber into usable yarn with a display at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from October 15 to October 29. With the display, the members of the guild will show the process of making thread out of raw fibers like wool, linen, and even, recyclables and how the thread is then woven into cloth. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Senior Menu

The following meals will be served during the week at 4 p.m. in Glennie at the United Methodist Church and at 5 • Friday, Oct. 25-Lemon baked fish, white rice, scalloped tomatoes, and orange wedges.

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(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

Library Open House

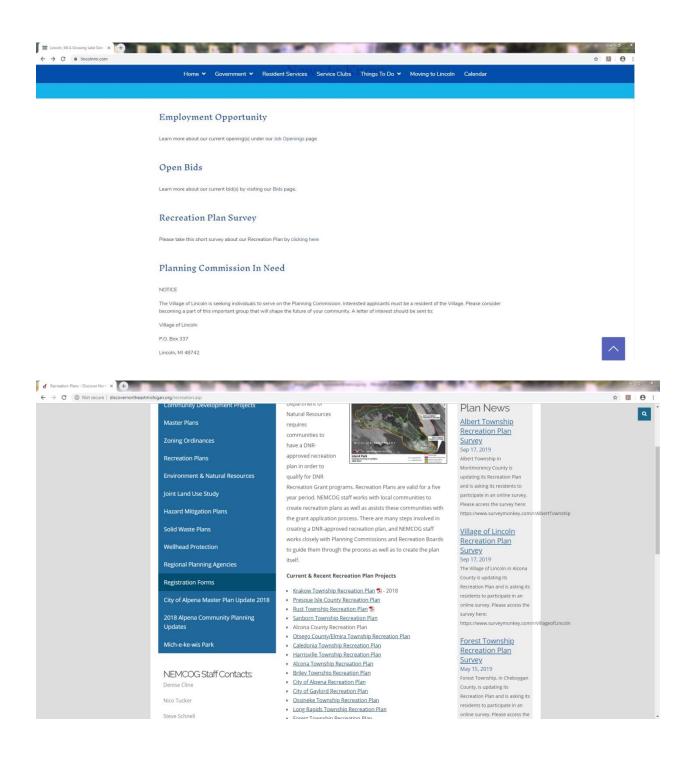
There will be an open house at the Lincoln branch of the Alcona County Library on Wednesday, Oct. 23 from noon to 2 p.m., to honor the generous support of Elizabeth Riccker Bartlett, the benefactor of the Riccker Memorial Library.

rial Library. At the time of her death in 1952, Mrs. Bartlett willed a sum of money to be used to open a library in Lincoln of nonfiction books. In 1965 the Riecker Memorial Library opened with a reading room in the Veterans Memorial Hall. In 1974, the Alcona County Library introduced the Riecker collection and has since served the community of Lincoln for over 50 vears.

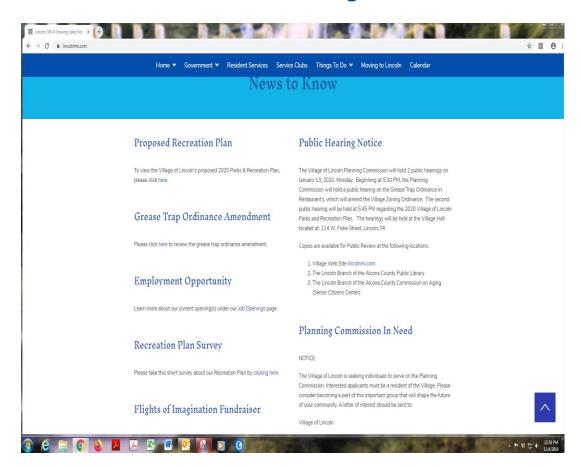
Refreshments, provided by the Friends of the Library, will be available. For more information, call (989) 736-3388.

Amateur Radio Class

The Alcona County Amateur Radio Group is offering a no-cost two-day FCC Technician Level Amateur Radio Class. The five-hour (each day) class will be held on Sunday, Oct. 27 and on Sun-



Public Notice for the 30 day Review Period for the Recreation Draft Plan and the Public Meeting



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PUBLIC HEARINGS NOTICE The Village of Lincoln Planning Commission

The Village of Lincoln Planning Commission will hold 2 public hearings on Monday, January 13, 2020. Beginning at 5:30 PM, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the Grease Trap Ordinance in Restaurants, which will amend the Village Zoning Ordinance. The second public hearing will be held at 5:45 PM regarding the 2020 Village of Lincoln Parks and Recreation Plan. The hearings will be held at the Village Hall located at: 114 W. Fiske Street, Lincoln, MI.

Copies are available for Public Review at the following locations:

- 1. Village Web Site <u>www.lincolnmichigan.com</u> 2. The Lincoln Branch of the Alcona County Public
- Library
- The Lincoln Branch of the Alcona County Commission on Aging (Senior Citizens Center)

Santa Comes to Lincoln



The Lincoln Train Depot is lit up for Santa and his visitors. Photos by Chervl Peterson.

Public Hearing Meeting Minutes, Planning Committee Meeting Minutes, and Planning Committee Adoption Resolution

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Planning Committee Meeting Minutes Village of Lincoln Hall January 13, 2020

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Wissmiller at 5:34pm with Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Josh Robinson, Tina Healy, Sara Healy, Linda Somers, Marcie Storey, Marilyn Wissmiller, Jason Durham, Sheila Phillips.

Guest: Marsha Mahalak, Anna Robinson

Members Absent: Troy Somers, Destinee Cook

5:35pm Opened Public Hearing for the 2020 Village of Lincoln Parks and Recreation Plan

Changes Requested to Plan:

- Extend multiuse trail through the industrial park and make an exception to non-motorized vehicle rule to allow motorized wheelchairs
- Village does not have jurisdiction re: senior center building and their signage, landscaping, etcremove
- Sara H. talked about making sure updated photos are being used
- Pg. 1.1. correct the location of the village
- Planning Commission members: remove Frank DiMercurio and add Marcie Storey and Josh Robinson
- Mark MacNeill-his name is spelled incorrectly
- Recreation Inventory: Why is the school listed as in the village?
- ARA Site: not in the village
- Ch. 3. Pg. 3.16: NOAA Marine Sanctuary should be listed more specifically than shipwrecks
- Ch. 3. Pg. 3.06: Reads as if beach has not been updated since 2006, when it has.
- Ch 3. Pg. 3.11. Privately owned recreation properties. Remove this section and add those businesses to the chart
- Ch 3. Pg. 3.11. What is the Eighty-Acre Reserve in Harrisville Township?
- Splash pad at Brownlee Lake should be added to the plan.
- Update to read that equipment at Brownlee Lake beach will be updated as needed
- Add plan to install kayaking launch
- Pg 5.3. Add Lincoln Lake platform and bench for wildlife viewing.
- Flights of Imagination needs security cameras

6:05pm Close Public Hearing for the Village of Lincoln Parks and Recreation Plan

6:06pm Opened Public Hearing for the adoption of an Amendment to the Village of Lincoln Zoning Ordinance requiring grease traps in restaurants.

• No public comments

6:21pm Closed Public Hearing for the adoption of an Amendment to the Village of Lincoln Zoning Ordinance requiring grease traps in restaurants.

RESOLUTION# 2020-1

ADOPTION of the VILLAGE LINCOLN 2020-2024 RECREATION PLAN Village of Lincoln Planning Commission

WHEREAS, the Village of Lincoln has undertaken a 5-Year Recreation Plan update which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreational facilities during the period of 2020 – 2024, and

WHEREAS, an online recreation survey was published on September 17, 2019 and remained open for public input until October 31, 2019, providing residents with an opportunity to comment and guide recreation in the Village, and

WHEREAS, a public notice was published in the Alcona County Review on December 11, 2019, which began a 30-day public review period for the draft plan, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lincoln has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the entire community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Lincoln Planning Commission hereby adopts the Recreation Plan, with recommended changes as provided and recommends to the Village Council adoption of the Village of Lincoln Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the Village of Lincoln.

Yeas: <u>5</u> Nays: <u>NONE</u> Absent: <u>1</u>

Tina Healey, Marcie Storey, Jason Durham, Josh Robinson, Marilyn Wissmiller

Destinee Cook - Absent

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the forgoing Resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Village of Lincoln Planning Commission held on January 13, 2020.

Marcie Storey, Clerk

Marilyn Wissmiller, Chairperson

Motion to send the 2020 Parks and Recreation Plan to the Village Council and request a resolution of concurrence made by J. Robinson, Seconded by J. Durham. Motion carried: 5 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion to recommend adoption of the Grease Trap Amendment to the Village Council made by J. Robinson, Seconded by J. Durham. Motion carried: 5 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Old Business: Membership. Does A. Robinson want to take J. Robinson's place on board? Discussed A. Robinson filling vacant seat in the future.

New Business: None.

Motion to Adjourn: at 6:38pm made by T. Healy. Seconded by J. Robinson, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Marcie Storey, Clerk

Village Planning Commission

Village Council Meeting Minutes and Adoption Resolution

VILLAGE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS JANUARY 14, 2020

The Lincoln Village Council met on Tuesday January 14th at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those in attendance included President Phillips, Treasurer Hussain, Clerk Somers and Council Members Healy, Mahalak, Putsky, Somers, Wambold and Zielinski. The minutes of the December were approved on a motion from Wambold with support from Mahalak. The Treasurer's report was approved subject to audit on a motion from Mahalak with support from

Zielinski. Carried. A motion to pay the bills as presented was made by Zielinski with support from Wambold. Carried.

There have been 8 fire runs and 16 Medical runs in the past month. Chief Serafin stated that there are several trainings taking place. The Fire Department received a MDNR grant for \$3600 and their share will be the same. This will allow for some new gear and flashlights for the group.

Parks and Recreation report was given by Zielinski. Nothing much is going on but new pickets will be done in the Spring. Friends of the Playground are continuing to build funds towards the Well system. The Planning Committee met last night to approve the Parks & Recreation Plan with some changes and also recommended the passage of a Grease Trap amendment to a prior resolution. A motion to approve the Parks & Recreation Plan was made by Healy with support from Mahalak. Healy, Mahalak, Putsky, Somers, Wambold & Zielinski. All ayes.

Resolution# <u>2020-1</u> RECREATION PLAN RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION Village of Lincoln

- WHEREAS, the Village of Lincoln has undertaken a 5-Year Recreation Plan update which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain the recreational facilities during the period of 2020–2024, and
- WHEREAS, an online recreation survey was published on September 17, 2019 and remained open for public input until October 31, 2019, providing residents with an opportunity to comment and guide recreation in the Village, and
- **WHEREAS**, a public notice was published in the *Alcona County Review* on December 11, 2019, which began a 30-day public review period for the draft plan, and
- **WHEREAS**, the Village of Lincoln has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the entire community, and
- WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on January 13, 2020 in conjunction with a specially scheduled Planning Commission Meeting at the Village Hall to provide residents with the opportunity to ask questions and express opinions on the Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Lincoln Council hereby adopts the Recreation Plan Update as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the Village.

Yeas:___6____

Nays:____0___

Absent:____0___

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the forgoing Resolution was adopted at a special meeting of the Village of Lincoln Council held on January 14, 2020.

01/14/2020 Date Linda K. Somers Signature Village Clerk Name, Title Mahalak made a motion to amend prior Ordinance regarding Grease Traps. Healy offered support. Roll Call Vote: Healy, Mahalak, Putsky, Somers, Wambold Zielinski, All Ayes, No Nays, None Absent. The Lincoln Village Council adopted Ordinance No <u>1</u> of 2020 which amended the Zoning Ordinance to add Section 7.29 to require grease traps in restaurants. The amendment shall take effect on *January 30, 2020.* The full text of the amendments is available at the Lincoln Village Offices and at www.lincolnmi.com/1/170/plans_and_ordinances.asp.

Zoning Administrator Troy Somers stated that he will be checking for blight issues in the Spring. He is continuing to work with a property owner who has been in violation of the ordinance. President Phillips stated that there will be a tire clean up in the Spring through Recycle Alcona. Maintenance man Warren MacNeill gave his report. He was able to get 3 sets of blades for the new dump truck. He has Village resident Jason Durham working with him on snow removal and sidewalk cleaning.

Putsky gave the sewer report. Currently he waiting for the updated permit through the EGLE/DEQ. Bill will be taking a test for certification for the sewer system. The street report was given by President Phillips. The road project on Barlow Road will begin in early June.

A motion was made by Zielinski with support to reappoint Rich Gillies and Karen Godi to the DDA board for 4 year terms of office. Carried. A motion to adjourn was made by Zielinski with support from Healy. Carried.

Linda K. Somers Village Clerk lincolnmi.com

Alcona County Submittal Letter



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January 15, 2020

Village of Lincoln P.O. Box 337 Lincoln, MI 48742

Alcona County Board of Commissioners Attn: Craig Johnston 106 5th Street, P.O. Box 308 Harrisville, MI 48740

Dear Mr. Johnston:

The Lincoln Village Council adopted the 2020-2024 Village of Lincoln Recreation Plan on January 14, 2020. Please find an enclosed copy of the plan.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 989-335-0012.

Sincerely,

Shelia Phillips Village President, Village of Lincoln

NEMCOG Submittal Letter



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Northeast Michigan Council of Governments PO Box 457 80 Livingston Blvd, Suite U-108 Gaylord, MI 49734

Dear Ms. Rekowski:

The Lincoln Village Council adopted the 2020-2024 Village of Lincoln Recreation Plan on January 14, 2020. Please find an enclosed copy of the plan.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 989-335-0012.

Sincerely,

Shelia Phillips Village President, Village of Lincoln

Chapter 5

Goals, Objectives, and Action Plan

Goals and Objectives

The goals and objectives were developed from the online survey and input from the Planning Commission.

- 1. Protect, promote and preserve the area.
- 2. Develop and maintain strong local government involvement in recreational and tourism planning projects.
- 3. Improve the accessibility and usage of the recreational resources in the Village.
- 4. Provide recreational amenities for the aging population to increase the desirability of the community for retirees.
- 5. Provide recreational amenities to retain older youth and attract young families to the Village of Lincoln.
 - a. Encourage the development of community baseball and softball teams through improvements to existing ballfields.
 - b. Develop a recreational facility geared toward older youth.
- 6. Support cooperative regional recreation planning and development with Alcona County, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and other surrounding communities.
 - a. Support the expansion of snowmobile trails into the Village of Lincoln.
 - b. Support the expansion of the Lincoln Area Multi-Use Pathway into surrounding communities.
- 7. Improve the quality of life for residents and attract visitors to the Village by maintaining, improving and expanding recreation within the Village and surrounding areas by working cooperatively with local and State governmental agencies, community service agencies, and local businesses.
 - a. Encourage residents and visitors to use the existing parks and trails through improvements that increase the availability of recreational amenities.

- 8. Encourage tourism as an economic resource for the community, yet recognize the need to provide other recreational opportunities to the residents.
 - a. Identify resources needed to promote and increase public awareness about the area's recreational facilities and activities.
 - b. Establish directional signage in outlying areas to direct visitors to the Village's parks.
 - c. Develop a recreational brochure and map for the Village of Lincoln.
- 9. Attract entrepreneurs and create tourism-based jobs to improve the local economy and enhance the community's livability.
- 10. Provide recreation facilities and activities for local residents, sports enthusiasts and visitors.

Capital Improvement Plan

The capital improvement schedule describes what recreational improvements the Village would like to pursue over the next five years (Table 5-1).

		Barlow Road Park/Flights o	f Imagination		
Priority	Site	Proposed Improvement	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Year*
HIGH	Barlow Road Park/Flights of Imagination	Playground improvement: motor skill development stations, cause & effect learning stations	\$16,000	MDNR; local foundations; Able To Play; Dept. of Community Health; DOC	2024
HIGH	Barlow Road Park/ Flights of Imagination	Improve transitional pathways/ramps	\$2,000	MDNR; MDOT; DOC	2024
HIGH	Barlow Road Park/ Flights of Imagination	Resurface playground	\$5,000	MDNR; Able To Play.	2021
HIGH	Barlow Road Park/ Flights of Imagination	Improve the lighting and landscaping	TBD	MDNR, local, foundations	2024
MEDIUM	Barlow Park/Flights of Imagination or Railroad Park	Develop plans and install a skate park	\$25,000	MDNR; Dept. of Community Health; DOC; private foundations	2024
HIGH	Flights of Imagination/Ballfields	Install water well at the restroom/concession building	\$6,500	MDNR, community service organizations	2021
MEDIUM	Flights of Imagination/Ballfields	Replace roof on the restroom/concession building	TBD	MDNR, local, foundations, community service organizations	2024
MEDIUM	Flights of Imagination/Ballfields	Install video cameras to deter vandalism	TBD	MDNR, community service organizations, local government	2024
MEDIUM	Barlow Road Park	Develop plans and construct a pavilion. Install picnic tables and grills	\$40,000	MDNR, local, foundations, community service organizations	2023

Table 5-1 Capital Improvement Schedule

LOW	Barlow Road Park	Install new basketball courts	TBD	MDNR, local, community service organizations	2024
LOW	Barlow Road Park	Resurface tennis courts	TBD	MDNR, local, community service organizations	2024
LOW	Barlow Road Park or Railroad Park	Construct a covered outdoor structure for games such as horseshoes, shuffleboard, and bocce ball	TBD	Local foundations, community services organizations, MCACA	2024
D ' '/	C *4	Railroad Park (Vetera			V *
Priority HIGH	Site Railroad Park	Proposed ImprovementDevelop plans and construct a	Estimated Cost TBD	Funding Source(s)MDNR; Able To Play;	Year*
mon		gazebo. Install picnic tables, benches, grills, pathways, pedestrian lighting, trash cans, playground equipment, landscaping, and historical marker		local foundations; community service organizations; Dept. of Community Health; DOC; Alcona Historical Society	2024
HIGH	Railroad Park	Construct Skate Park	\$25,000	MDNR; Dept. of Community Health; DOC; private foundations	2024
HIGH	Railroad Park	Develop plans and construct a veteran's memorial	TBD	MDNR, community service organizations	2024
LOW	Railroad Park or Barlow Road Park	Construct a covered outdoor structure for games such as horseshoes, shuffleboard, and bocce ball	TBD	Local foundations, community services organizations, MCACA	2024

		Brownlee Lake Park (Village of Li	incoln Municipal Bea	ach)	
Priority	Site	Proposed Improvement	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Year*
HIGH	Brownlee Lake Park	Upgrade recreational equipment and supplies, as needed	\$1,000	Lincoln Lions, Brownlee Lake Association, community member donations, Viking Energy	2020
MEDIUM	Brownlee Lake Park	Develop plans and construct a splash pad	TBD	MDNR, private foundations, grants, community service organizations	2024
		Lincoln Area Multi-Use Pa	thway (LAMP)		
Priority	Site	Proposed Improvement	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Year*
HIGH	Lincoln Area Multi-Use Pathway	Phase II – trail into the Alcona Recreation Area	TBD	MDNR; MDOT; DOC	2024
MEDIUM	Lincoln Area Multi-Use Pathway	Extend pathway south from Railroad Depot thru the industrial park for non- motorized vehicles, with the exception of motorized wheelchairs. Designate Pathway as "Heritage Loop of LAMP."	TBD	MDNR, private foundations, grants, community service organizations	2024
LOW	Lincoln Area Multi-Use Pathway	Phase III – connect to US 23 Heritage Route in Harrisville	TBD	MDNR; MDOT; DOC	2024

		Brownlee Lake Public Access Si	te-Sherman Street		
Priority	Site	Proposed Improvement	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Year*
HIGH	Brownlee Lake Public Access – Sherman Street	Develop plans and construct a 20' x 30' pavilion with two grills	\$14,500	MDNR, local, community service organizations	2024
HIGH	Brownlee Lake Public Access – Sherman Street	Picnic Tables (1 Standard, 1 ADA compliant)	TBD	MDNR, local, community service organizations	2022
HIGH	Brownlee Lake Public Access – Sherman Street	Driveway/parking area improvements	TBD	MDNR, MDEQ, local, foundations, community service organizations	2020
MEDIUM	Brownlee Lake Public Access-Sherman Street	Develop plans and install a kayak launch	TBD	MDNR, MDEQ, local, foundations, community service organizations	2024
		Lincoln Lake	<u>!</u>		
Priority	Site	Proposed Improvement	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Year*
MEDIUM	Lincoln Lake	Install picnic tables and grills	\$1,800	MDNR, local, foundations, community service organizations	2024
MEDIUM	Lincoln Lake	Develop plans for and install wildlife viewing platforms with bench seating	TBD	MDNR, local, foundations, community service organizations	2024

Proposed Improvement Designate a snowmobile route to Lincoln Senior Center Proposed Improvement Sidewalk and parking lot improvements	Estimated Cost TBD r** Estimated Cost TBD	Funding Source(s)MDNR, local, foundations, community service organizationsFunding Source(s)MCACA	Year* 2024 Year*
to Lincoln Figure 1 Senior Center Proposed Improvement Sidewalk and parking lot	r** Estimated Cost	foundations, community service organizations Funding Source(s)	Year*
Proposed ImprovementSidewalk and parking lot	Estimated Cost		
Sidewalk and parking lot			
· 0	TBD	MCACA	
			2024
Village-Gener	ral		
Proposed Improvement	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Year*
Establish a wayfinding and site signage program	TBD	Local foundations, community services organizations	2024
Develop plans and install a fenced in dog park	TBD	Local foundations, community services organizations	2024
Purchase outdoor movie	TBD	Local foundations, community services organizations	2024
1	l Purchase outdoor movie equipment for movie nights in the parks	equipment for movie nights in the parks	IPurchase outdoor movieTBDLocal foundations, community services

Basis for Action Program

Recreation planning in the Village of Lincoln should consider its population.

- The village has a large mid-life population. Individuals 45 to 64 years of age make up 28.3% of the population, while individuals aged between 65 and older make up 24.6%. Given the large population of older individuals, this population should be given consideration when planning for recreational activities, such as sidewalk installations and parking lot improvements.
- 2. Young people, under the age of 19, make up 23.8% of the village's resident population, while individuals between the ages of 20 to 44 years of age represent 23.2% of the population. Based on the composition of the village's population make up, recreational facilities in the village need to appeal to very diverse age groups, such as providing areas to skateboard, and opportunities to develop motor skills and cause and effect learning.
- 3. The village's median household income is \$31,250 compared to the State of Michigan's median income of \$52,668. Almost 63% of the households in the village receive social security income compared to 34% statewide. Additionally, the village's unemployment rate is 8.6% compared to 4.5% statewide. Consideration must be given to whether or not residents can afford to incur the cost of recreational activities and the drive time and expenses associated with travelling to recreational facilities.

Figures obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2013-2017 5-year estimates.

With the Village's population in mind, the following factors also influence recreational plan development in the Village of Lincoln:

- 1. Public safety should be a consideration when developing recreational opportunities. For example, site lighting and signage provide a safe, secure environment by deterring vandalism, and the purchase of post-consumer rubber surface materials will deter fungus growth.
- 2. All residents and visitors should be able to enjoy recreational opportunities in the village. Transitional pathways and ramps, driveway and parking area improvements, post-consumer rubber surface materials, and ADA compliant picnic tables would provide for greater accessibility.
- 3. Year-round recreational opportunities will improve the quality of life in the Village of Lincoln. For example, constructing a covered pavilion in Barlow Road Park will

allow for reunions, parties, and meetings during the summer and a skating rink during the winter.

- 4. Landscaping, beautification and amenity improvements will enhance each park and increase their usability.
- 5. Consideration should also be given to the recreational infrastructure's lifespan. For example, the swimming platforms at Brownlee Lake Park are approximately thirty years old.
- 6. The village has an abundance of natural beauty that should be enhanced. For example, the removal of organic slurry and restoring the fishery in Brownlee Lake will improve the lake's swimming and fishing experiences.
- 7. Recreational opportunities can also improve the village's economy through tourism revenue and increased adjacent property values. For example, the construction of an extension to the snowmobile trail from Barton City would bring tourism revenue to the village and the extension of LAMP would provide recreational facilities where they are currently lacking. Additionally, the most abundant land cover in the village is open water (22.3%), followed by forests (21.1%), cultivated lands (14.3%), and non-forested lands (11.6%). Residential developments are located within these natural areas and also improve the economy.

Appendix A Results of Online Recreation Survey

Complete results can be viewed at:

http://www.discovernortheastmichigan.org/docview.asp?did=652

Appendix B

Post-Completion Self-Inspection Report

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Brownlee Lake Boat Launch Entry Sign



Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Plaque







Brownlee Lake Boat Launch and Dock







Brownlee Lake's dock, crushed stone driveway, parking lot, and pathway







Brownlee Lake's boat launch, dock, driveway, parking lot, pathway, picnic table, plaque, and information kiosks

Appendix C

Community Park and Recreation Plan Checklist



Michigan Department of Natural Resources-Grants Management

COMMUNITY PARK AND RECREATION PLAN

CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST

By Authority of Parts 19, 703 and 716 of Act 451, P.A. 1994, as amended, submission of this information is required for eligibility to apply for grants

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete, obtain certification signatures and submit this checklist with a locally adopted recreation plan.

All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the Guidelines for the Development of Community Park and Recreation Plans provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Plans must be submitted to the DNR through MiRecGrants with a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan. Plans may be submitted at any time of the year, but no later than February 1 of the year the local unit of government is applying for grants.

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