

Gibson Township

Community Description

Gibson Township is a rural township located approximately 25 miles northwest of Bay City and six miles west of Standish. The majority of the land in the township is used for agricultural purposes but there are also significant tracts of woodlands scattered across the township. According to the 2000 Census, Gibson Township has 1,245 people.

Administrative Structure

Parks and recreation functions in Gibson Township are administered by the Township Board, with the Township Supervisor acting as director of recreation. Maintenance operations are contracted out. An adult and youth recreational softball program is run by volunteers.

Budgets

The 2007/2008 total budget for recreation in Gibson Township is \$7,800. The source of funds for parks and recreation in Gibson Township is the Township general fund.

GIBSON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGETS		
	2007-2008	2008-2009
Operation & Maintenance	\$7,000	\$7,000
Programming (leagues, special events, etc.)	NA	NA
Capital Expenditures.	\$800	\$8,000

Recreation Inventory

Gibson Township contains one park. The planning consultant supplied inventory forms for each participating community to complete as part of the overall Bay County Recreation Plan. The inventory data as compiled from those forms is shown below. A location map is shown at the end of this section.

GIBSON TOWNSHIP RECREATION INVENTORY	
Gibson Township Park	
Park Type*	Neighborhood Park
Acreage	7 Acres
Accessibility*	1
Service Area	Entire Township
Basketball Court	X
Playground	X
Horseshoe Pits	X
Pavilion	X
Restroom	Portable Toilet

*See County inventory section for definitions of park type and accessibility.

Goals and Objectives

Gibson Township developed the following goals and objectives for parks and recreation in the community.

GOAL 1

Retain public land for **future** generations.

Objectives

1. Retain existing parkland and acquire new public lands to meet the recreational needs of the community.
2. Preserve and protect open space and significant natural features in Gibson Township.

GOAL 2

Provide safe, broad, community-based recreation opportunities that improve the overall quality of life for the area residents.

Objectives

1. Add recreational features and programs that reflect the needs and abilities of the surrounding community.
2. Develop programs for special needs area individuals and groups.

GOAL 3

Develop recreational facilities that provide open accessibility for people of all abilities.

Objectives

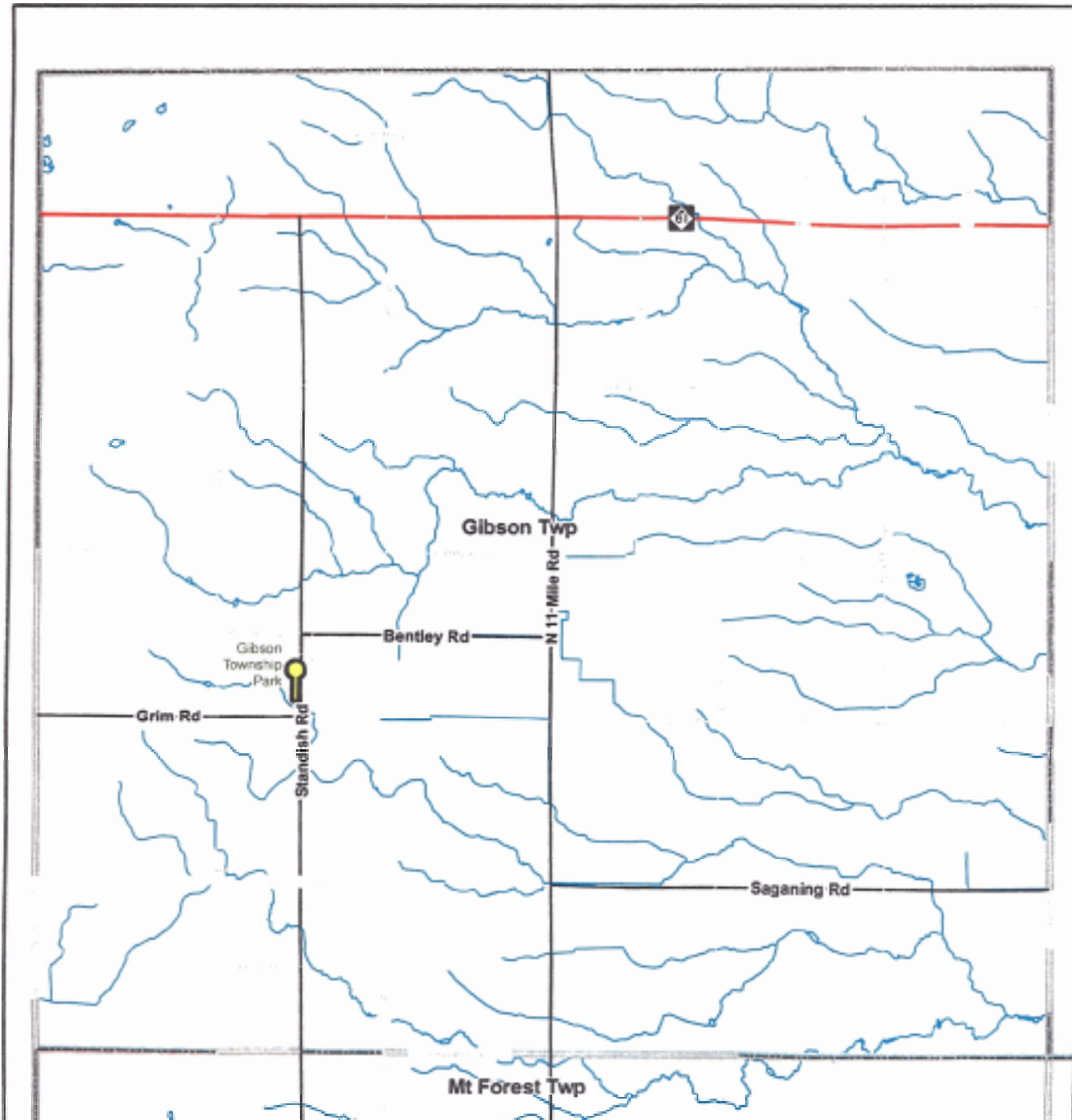
1. Continue to develop, promote, and facilitate the public use of Gibson Township, and its parks system for people of all abilities.

Action Plan

1. Install playground equipment for youth.
2. Improve park accessibility from parking lot to park amenities.
3. Construct ADA restrooms at park.

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Park & Trail Locations



Legend

- Parks
- Golf Courses
- Schools
- Boat Ramps
- Existing Trails
- Railroad
- Local Roads
- State Trunklines
- Major Roads
- Stream & Drains
- Township City Boundaries
- Saginaw Bay



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