



Williams Township

Community Description

Williams Township is located in the southwest corner of Bay County, east of the City of Midland. The City of Auburn is located in Williams Township. The land within the Township is largely agricultural with some more densely populated residential areas around Auburn. According to the 2000 Census the population of Williams Township is 4,492.

Administrative Structure

Parks and recreation functions in Williams Township are administered by the seven-member Township Board. Operation and Maintenance of the Township Park is handled by the Department of Public Works, which consists of one full time and one part-time employee.

Williams Township works with the City of Auburn on some recreation and programming issues. The 12 member Auburn Williams Recreation Association Board administers the joint functions

which includes overseeing **several** recreational programs in Auburn and Williams Township including youth baseball and softball programs and coordination with area soccer programs.

Budgets

The sources of funding for the park and recreation budget in Williams Township are *the* Township's general fund, grants, and donations. The current and prior year parks and recreation budgets are shown below.

| WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGETS | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 |
| Operation & Maintenance | \$25,400 | \$26,600 |
| Programming (leagues, special events, etc.) | \$8,000 | 8,000 |
| Capital Expenditures | 0 | 0 |

Recreation Inventory

Williams Township owns one park, Williams Township Park. To complete the current inventory, the Township Board reviewed and updated the inventory from their previous recreation plan.

The inventory of amenities in the park is shown on the following page. A location map for the park is shown at the end of this section.

Williams Township has received one past DNR grant, TF 913, for acquisition in the amount of \$6,000.

WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP RECREATION INVENTORY

Williams Township Park

| Park Type* | Community Park |
|------------------------|--|
| Acreage | 18 |
| Accessibility* | 3 |
| Service Area | Entire Township and the City of Auburn |
| Basketball Courts | 1 |
| Volleyball Courts | Yes |
| Football/Soccer Fields | 1 |
| Playground Equipment | Yes |
| Ball Diamonds | 2 |
| Horseshoe Pits | 2 |
| Pavilion | 1 |
| Restrooms | Yes |
| Grills | 4 |
| Multi-Use Paths | 1.25 miles |
| Fitness course | Yes |
| Picnic Area | Yes |

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

Goals and Objectives

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

GOAL 1

Continue to improve and upgrade Williams Township recreational and support facilities in order to offer parks and recreational activities the community can be proud of.

Objectives:

1. Retain and maintain the existing Williams Township **Park** and acquire new public lands to fulfill the recreational needs of the township and local community.
2. Preserve and protect open space for recreational activities and programs.
3. Provide adequate maintenance of the Williams Township Park and recreational facilities.

GOAL 2

Provide quality recreational opportunities to improve health and fitness with extra emphasis placed on organized youth activities.

Objectives:

1. Provide organized programs and activities for a variety of ages with an emphasis on youth programs through the Auburn-Williams Recreation Association.
2. Continue to partner with existing recreational partners to provide programs, events, and leagues.
3. Identify new recreational partners to meet the township's current and future recreational needs, goals, and objectives.

GOAL 3

Provide safe, community based recreation opportunities that improve the quality of life for all Williams Township and Auburn Area residents.

Objectives:

1. Continue to add features to Williams Township Park as identified by public input and need, the Auburn-Williams Recreation Association, and the Township Board of Trustees.
2. Continue to maintain and provide recreational opportunities for people with disabilities.
3. Ensure that improvement and upgrades to the Williams Township Park are accessible.

GOAL 4

Develop and provide access to trails and multi-use recreational paths.

Objectives:

1. Cooperate and participate in intergovernmental efforts to establish a non-motorized **greenway** and trail system connecting Midland and Bay counties.
2. Coordinate possible routes, methods, and funding to connect non-motorized **greenway** and trail systems in Bay and Midland Counties to **Williams Township Park**.
3. Identify possible non-motorized routes, methods, and **funding** to connect Williams Township Park with Auburn City Park.

GOAL 5

Develop a recreation system that will be responsive to and effective in meeting the present and future needs of residents.

Objectives:

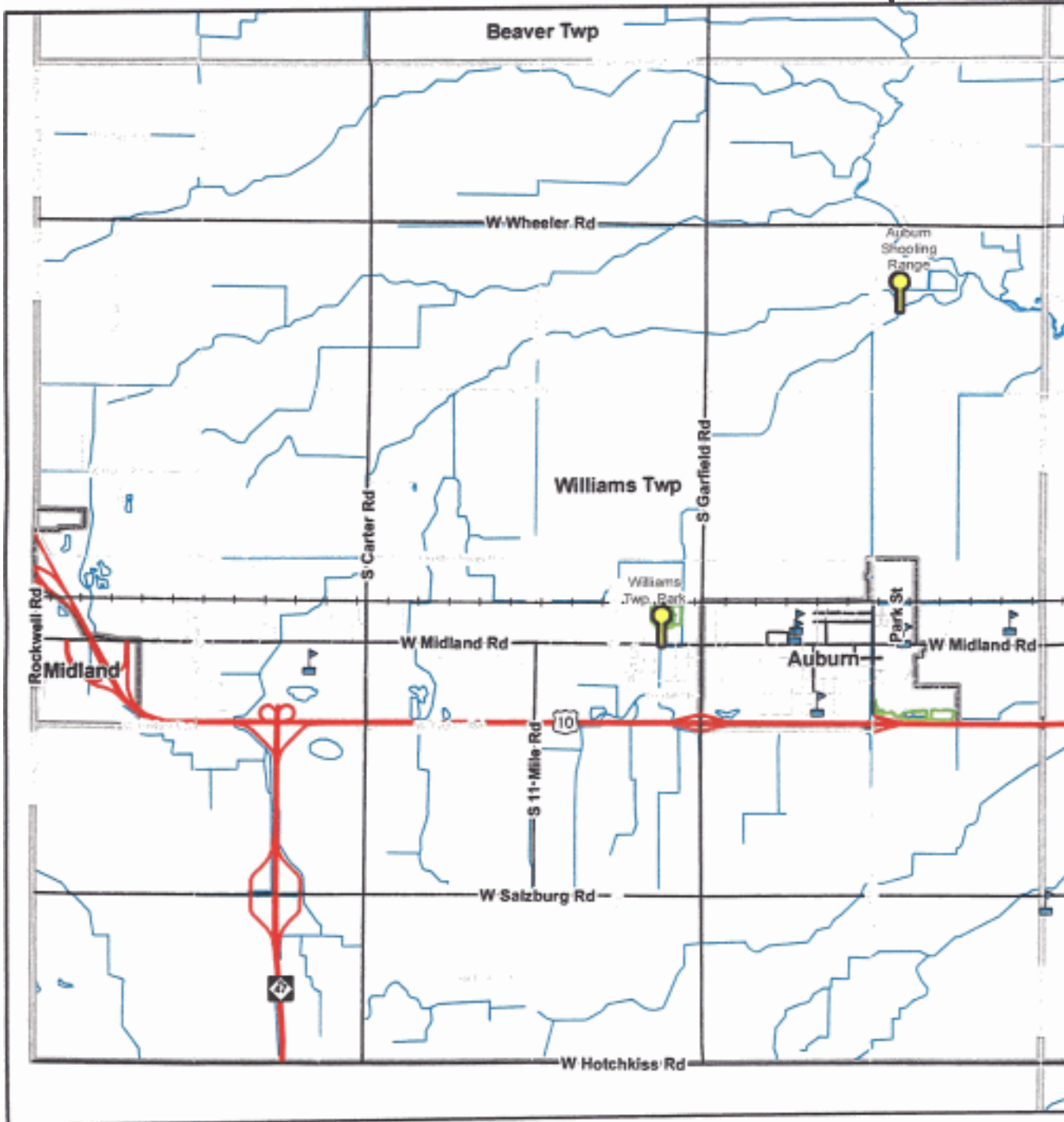
1. Review the recreation plan as needed and update it every five years.

Action Plan

- Resurface or reseal walking paths as needed.
- Paint interior and replace partitions in **restroom** facility.
- Install fencing in northeast corner of park by Dell Creek Drain and railroad track and configure to prevent prohibited vehicles from entering the park.
- Improve baseball fields by replacing backstop fencing, adding dugouts, adding outfield fencing, and other pertinent features.
- Add a spray park type water feature.
- Install a video security system to catch and prosecute vandals.
- Continue to improve drainage.
- Connect park via pathways or sidewalks to the non-motorized **greenway** and trail system when available in Williams Township.
- Acquire additional property adjacent to the park when available at a reasonable cost.

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Park & Trail Locations

Legend

- Parks
- Golf Courses
- Schools
- Boat Ramps
- Existing Trails
- Railroad
- Local Roads
- State Trunklines
- Major Roads
- Streams & Drains
- Saginaw Bay



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