City of Norway

Five-Year Recreation Plan
2008-2012
Executive Summary

The City of Norway is located in south central Dickinson County, Michigan. The City’s population of 2,959 has increased since 1990 by 40 persons. The median age for Norway is 38.6, 53.4% of the population is in the working age range of 20 to 64 years of age.

The characteristics of the area include ample forests and wildlife, as with much of the Upper Peninsula, which allows opportunity for outdoor activities such as wildlife observation, hiking, bicycling, fishing, and camping. The winters in the area offer prime ski and snowmobiling.

There are many unique recreational facilities that exist in the City, including many lakes, parks, an internationally renowned ski jump, and a wetland preserve. In planning for recreation within the City, it is necessary to provide activities for all age groups and abilities, in all seasons of the year. The goal of the City is to assist residents in achieving healthy lifestyles, and also, to develop facilities that enrich the cultural, historic, and natural characteristics of the area.

The City has a generous amount of support from the community for their parks and recreation program. Numerous groups aid in recreational programming and also assist in maintenance of the area recreational facilities. The City has also been fortunate to receive donations from community and corporate sponsors towards ongoing recreational activities and projects.

The City plans to implement this plan using local funds, and by applying for recreation grants.

As part of the public input process for this plan, the City Manager of Norway met with several focus groups from the area, including: a parent teacher organization, students from Norway-Vulcan Area Schools, and a senior citizens group.

The Norway Parks and Recreation Committee has put together a needs assessment and capital improvement schedule which details how the City intends to put this plan into action.

On March 17, 2008 the Norway City Council approved the completed draft of this recreation plan to be open for public review and comment.
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The City of Norway, with the assistance of the Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development (CUPPAD) Regional Commission, has put together this five year recreational plan. The purpose of this plan is to provide for development of recreational activities, programs, and facilities within the City of Norway. Located in south central Dickinson County, Norway’s land area includes approximately 9 square miles inhabited by about 3,000 people. Approximately 15 percent of the land area has been developed, most of it in the southern urban area that is bisected by highway US-2. The cities of Iron Mountain and Kingsford are about 7 miles away. The location of City of Norway can be found on the Location Map found in Appendix A.

2.0 ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Planning for and providing park and recreation services and open space for a community requires staff (or volunteers) and funds to purchase land and open spaces and to develop, operate and maintain them. This section describes how the Norway Parks and Recreation functions are carried out.

2.1 ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The City’s current organizational structure is detailed below:
2.2 **Community Volunteer Groups**

The City provides and maintains recreational facilities for users but does not provide programming. Those recreational uses that require organizing and scheduling are guided by community volunteers. City officials maintain an oversight role to insure equitable usage among various groups and that timely and necessary maintenance is completed. Facilities are open without fee to the general public within established hours of operation.

The City has had a long and successful relationship with both community and school organizations. Community organizations include the Downtown Development Association (DDA), Norway Area Business Association, Kiwanis, Women’s Club, Masonic Lodge, Moose, Senior Center, Brackett Fund, Lions Club, Little League, SAY Soccer, Oak Crest Golf Club, Norway Area Community Fund, and local Churches. The School partners include the Athletic Boosters, K-Club, Youth Advisory Committee, and various grades and classes through individual projects. The City has also developed an Adopt-A-Park program with these various groups which has been quite successful.

Along with the support from various community groups, the City has received both corporate and individual donations which have been extremely helpful with ongoing activities and projects. There is a tremendous amount of support from the community in our parks and recreation program.

2.3 **Park and Recreation Budget**

The City of Norway allocates $30,000 per year for capital improvements at their recreational facilities and spends roughly $30,000 per year on operational expenditures.

3.0 **Recreation Inventory**

Public recreational facilities found within the City’s corporate limits, plus those owned by the City in adjacent Norway Township are described below. Combined, these facilities provide park and open space acreage well in excess of standards established by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) for the community’s population. Appendix B includes the recommended NRPA standards. Area facilities are listed in Table 3-1 and also identified on the Recreation Map found in Appendix A of this document.
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Recreation Inventory
City of Norway

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<tr>
<td>Norway Hill Park</td>
<td>~1</td>
<td>Small, unfenced playground area features several play apparatuses appropriate for young children</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>5</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Third Ward Park</td>
<td>~1</td>
<td>Unfenced park with paved basketball court, numerous types of play equipment, benches, and a small parking area</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>16</td>
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<tr>
<td>Strawberry Lake Recreation Area</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>Two accessible fishing piers, an accessible restroom facility, a walking trail, tables and benches, a ball field, BMX track, and a parking area. Knights Kingdom, a specially designed play area for youngsters. Usage is year-round as the trail is utilized for cross-country skiing and an area is flooded for ice skating near the restrooms.</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>6, 7, 8, 9, 10</td>
<td>1990 Project No. TF90-344</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Band Shell</td>
<td></td>
<td>Installed bench seating at this open area alongside City Hall can accommodate about 60 persons.</td>
<td>3</td>
<td></td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jake Menghini Museum</td>
<td></td>
<td>A variety of historical items are on display at this former stage coach stop log building.</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>2</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sledding Hill</td>
<td></td>
<td>This area has been used for many years for sledding. Although not designated as a park facility, it has served the community during periods of snow cover for a long period of time. The area used covers several acres.</td>
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| Marion Park                   | 180          | Two ball fields, a large picnic area with tables, play equipment for youngsters, two grade-level pavilions, horseshoe courts, two tennis courts, an archery range, accessible restrooms and a storage building. It is located just south of the corporate limits in Norway Township on the east side of US-8. A paved pathway leads to the park from the south City limit. | 5                         | 13         | 1977  
Project No. 26-00931  
1985  
Project No. 26-01380 |
| Norway Myr Natural Area       | 31           | Wetland nature area including a creek, plantings and natural wildlife viewing stations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 5                         | 3          |                            |
| Oak Crest Municipal Golf Course|              | This 18-hole course is adjacent to Marion Park. The facility operates with the revenues it generates from members and guests under the aegis of City administration and City Council.                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 5                         | 12         |                            |
| Snowmobile Trail              |              | Designated Trail #2 is an east-west route that passes through the City just north of the Wisconsin Railroad. A southern branch winds through the City and eventually connects with the Wisconsin system                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 4                         |            |                            |
| Hanbury Lake                  | 28           | This is a county park with its entrance at the southeast corner of the City. It features 3,720 feet of lake frontage, a boat launch, picnic amenities, horseshoe courts, play equipment, modern restrooms, a nature trail and a large playfield within its 28 acres.                                                                                                                                              | 3                         | 17         | 1983  
Project No. TF718  
1986  
Project No. 26-01471 |
| Pocket Park (Main Street)     |              | Landscaped area with park benches.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 5                         | 11         |                            |
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<tr>
<td>Norway Spring</td>
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<td>A registered historical marker, this natural spring is located next to US 2.</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
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</table>
Area-wide facilities are listed in Table 3-2 and also identified on the Area Wide Recreation Map found in Appendix A.

**Table 3-2**

**Recreation Inventory**

**Norway Area**

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<tr>
<td>Norway-Vulcan Area Schools</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>Community play field including the football field and track</td>
<td>8</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fumee Falls Roadside Park</td>
<td></td>
<td>Found along the north side of US-2 in Quinnesec, this Michigan Department of Transportation facility features tables, water, primitive toilets and an improved viewing area of the small falls.</td>
<td>6</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lake Antoine</td>
<td>51</td>
<td>County park features swimming, camping, and picnicking. Other park facilities include a boat launch, play field, concession stand, bathhouse, and tot lot.</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>1973 Project No. 26-00422 1984 Project No. 26-01327</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Crystal Lake Community Center</td>
<td></td>
<td>A gymnasium, swimming pool, meeting rooms, game areas, racquet ball courts, and an exercise area provide many recreational opportunities at this county-owned facility in Iron Mountain.</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>1989 Project No. BF89-464 1999 Project No. CM99-043</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mountain View Ice Arena</td>
<td></td>
<td>This facility in Iron Mountain features an indoor artificial ice sheet for hockey, figure and open general recreational ice skating.</td>
<td>3</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lake Fumee Natural Area</td>
<td>1808</td>
<td>Natural area owned by Dickinson County. Hiking, sightseeing, mountain biking, horseback riding and cross-country skiing activities are the predominant activities in this unique area.</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>1 994 Project No. TF94-265</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pine Mountain Ski Jumping Area</td>
<td></td>
<td>This facility includes a 120-meter jump and holds an annual event that attracts internationally renowned jumpers.</td>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>House of Yesteryear</td>
<td></td>
<td>More than 3,400 unusual items, some dating back hundreds of years, are found at this private facility along US-2 near the US-141 junction.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dickinson County Fairgrounds</td>
<td>77</td>
<td>The primary purpose of this facility is for the annual county fair held each September. Site features an arena, covered grandstand, race track, and a number of buildings. Stock car racing is held here through summer months.</td>
<td>9</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Norway Mountain</td>
<td></td>
<td>Two double chair lifts and one tow serve the twelve slopes and trails at this private winter sports facility.</td>
<td>10</td>
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<tr>
<td>Piers Gorge</td>
<td></td>
<td>Recognized as one of the most challenging sections of whitewater in the Midwest, this scenic area provides many excellent viewing vantage points.</td>
<td>11</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Norway Reservoir DNR Access</td>
<td></td>
<td>A hard-surfaced boat launch, courtesy pier, parking and pit toilets are provided at this DNR facility on the Sturgeon River.</td>
<td>13</td>
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<tr>
<td>Iron Mountain Iron Min</td>
<td></td>
<td>Located on the north side of US-2 in Vulcan, this private tourist facility offers guided tours via an underground railroad.</td>
<td>12</td>
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4.0 DESCRIPTION OF PLANNING AND PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS
4.1 PLANNING DATA
4.1.1 Population

For any planning endeavor, careful attention must be given to the analysis of population. Such an analysis is necessary to determine existing or future needs based on the characteristics of the area’s population. Population analysis assists with determining the direction of local capital improvements and related expenditures. Population data is also useful when applying recreation standard to a community.

Population Trends
Selected Areas, 1980 – 2000

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<tr>
<td>City of Norway</td>
<td>2,919</td>
<td>2,910</td>
<td>2,959</td>
<td>1.3%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dickinson County</td>
<td>25,341</td>
<td>26,831</td>
<td>26,831</td>
<td>5.6%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>State of Michigan</td>
<td>9,262,044</td>
<td>9,253,298</td>
<td>9,938,444</td>
<td>6.8%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
Norway’s Census 2000 official population was 2,959, of which 52.5 percent are female. The population is concentrated in the City’s southeastern section in no particular demographic pattern. Norway’s population numbers have shown an increase for the first time in sixty years.

4.1.2 Age Distribution

The distribution of ages in a population can be useful in determining future recreational needs. The population characteristics of the City of Norway are changing with the national aging trend. The median age in 2000 was recorded at 38.6 years, lower than that of the county overall. Over half of the City’s population falls into the working age category, with nearly equal numbers of school age and retirement age citizens.

![Age Distribution](image)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

4.1.3 Population with Disabilities

According to the 2000 Census, there are 606 people, or 21.7% of the population, who reported having some type of long lasting condition or disability in the City of Norway. Dickinson County has reported 4,921 people with disabilities, which is 19.2% of the county’s population.

4.1.4 Employment and the Economy

Norway’s median household income in 1999 was $31,059; the median family income was $37,533. 1999 per capita income was $17,681. Norway’s civilian labor force in 2000 included 646 females and 735 males. From 1990 to 2000 labor force participation by women increased from 43.9 to 46.8 percent.

Service, retail and manufacturing sectors employ 76.5 percent of the City’s workers. These sectors account for most of the growth in jobs at the City and county level.

While farming remains important to the area's economy, the number of farms are declining as the average age of farmers increases. The regional economy of the area is balanced with...
considerable diversity and specialization. The vast amount of open land, natural beauty and climate attract a growing number of tourists each year. Major employers in the City include Multicolor, United Kiser, Milwaukee Broach, and Loadmaster, which are all manufacturing entities. Verso Paper, Grede Foundries, Dickinson County Memorial Hospital, and the Veterans Administration Hospital represent the largest area employers.

4.1.5 Topography

Norway contains many hilly areas, some very steep. Elevations range from 938 to 1,278 feet above sea level. A private downhill ski facility, Norway Mountain, is adjacent to the City’s eastern boundary. A surface geology map is included in Appendix A.

4.1.6 Water Resources

There are five small lakes within the City’s corporate limits. The largest, Strawberry Lake, covers about 9 acres and has been developed by the City as a recreational area. A county park has been developed along the northwest shore of the 78-acre Hanbury Lake. The park area is within the City’s corporate limit.

4.1.7 Soils

About 80 percent of the City contains soils of the Pemene-Emmet-Cathro association. These soils are derived of glacial till and vary considerably with regard to slopes and drainage. Soils of the Mancelona-Rubicon association, derived from glacial outwash, are found throughout the remainder of the City.

Sources of known contamination have been identified by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. They include the former municipal dump site near the public works facility and leaking underground tanks found in the same general area of industrial activity.

4.1.8 Vegetation

Prime farmland best suited to food, feed, forage, fiber and oilseed crops is common in the northern one-half of the City.

4.1.9 Fish and Wildlife Resources

With much of the City being forested or otherwise undeveloped, ample habitat for native wildlife species such as whitetail deer, fox, coyotes, rabbits, grouse, raccoon, and black bear are available. There are three trout streams within the City.

4.1.10 Land Use Patterns

At almost any point in time, land use patterns are heavily influenced by economic conditions. New development is occurring where suitable land is available. However, intensive development is concentrated in an area of about one square mile. The remaining area of the City
is predominately low density development with several active farms. A land use map is included in Appendix A.

4.1.11 Zoning

Land use is regulated by a municipal zoning ordinance. The City Manager is responsible for its implementation, the Zoning Board of Appeals hears re-zoning and variance requests. A zoning map is included in Appendix A.

4.1.12 Transportation Systems

Highway US-2 extends through the City in an east-west direction. Most commercial and industrial development is located along this corridor. US-8 extends from the south and terminates at US-2.

Airport and surface transportation services are available in the county. There is no public transportation system in Dickinson County. However, there are some specialized transportation services available to the disabled and elderly.

4.2 PLANNING METHODS

4.2.1 Standards System

Comparing the existing recreation opportunities in the area to recreation standards can aid in determining deficiencies in the current recreation system. However, it is also important to apply information directly related to the area itself (i.e., age and income distribution, neighborhood structure, and recreation interests of a community). This section includes standards used as an aid in developing this recreation plan.

➢ Suggested Facility Development Standards

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Grants Management Division "Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans” includes a table of suggested facility development standards which can be found in Appendix B.

➢ Recommended Classification System for Local and Regional Recreation Open Space and Trails

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Grants Management Division “Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans” includes a table of a recommended classification system for local and regional recreation open space and trails which can be found in Appendix C.

4.2.2 Systems Approach to Planning

The systems approach to planning incorporates information gained from public input and detailed recreation inventories to determine the recreation needs of a community.
The Public Input Process

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires that two methods be used to incorporate public input into the recreation planning process. The City of Norway conducted a public hearing on March 6, 2008 with the Parks and Recreation Committee and on March 17, 2008 at the City Council Meeting. Minutes from the hearings are available in Appendix D. The City Manager met with focus groups from Norway High School, Vulcan Middle School, the Norway Elementary, the Norway Parent Teacher Organization (P.T.O.) and the senior citizen group. Summaries from the focus group meetings are also available in Appendix D.

4.3 Recreational Needs Assessment

The City of Norway Parks and Recreation Committee, through the capital improvements schedule, developed a number of necessary and valuable recreation projects to enhance the quality of life for all demographic groups. The Committee has also recognized the need for maintenance improvements to existing facilities that are not specifically reflected in the City’s capital plan. These maintenance improvements are performed by City staff with the volunteer assistance from the community and the local school district.

The capital improvements schedule highlights the City’s top priorities as follows:

- Priority #1
  - Norway Myr Improvements – The Norway Myr is a 23 acre conservation park developed in 2007 through a US Department of Agriculture Wetland Mitigation Program. The top priority for this park is to develop a parking lot and outdoor educational area for the residents and school groups for field trips. An additional trail extension is required to connect the parking lot with the 23 acre Myr.
  - Public Tennis Court Improvements – The City currently has 4 outdoor public tennis courts which are in extremely poor condition. The courts are in such disrepair that the High School Tennis Team cannot schedule home meets in 2008.
  - Irrigation to Senior League Field and Soccer Field – The soccer fields were improved in 2007 and irrigation is necessary to ensure good playing surfaces for the soccer teams. The outfield of the senior league field is also in need of irrigation.
  - New bathrooms are scheduled for construction in 2008 at the 3rd Ward Park. There are currently no bathroom facilities in this location for the children using the park. The 3rd Ward Park improvements have been an ongoing project through the Vision 2020 program for the neighborhood.
  - Urban Forestry Program – The City completed the first round of the Urban Forestry Program in 2007 funded in part by the DNR Urban Forestry Grant. As part of this program, the City is preparing to install a nursery to ensure the replanting of boulevard trees.
• Priority #2
  o Trail Extensions – The City owns and operates a municipal golf course near its Marion Park. Plans have been developed to extend a walking trail from the park and golf course to the Piers Gorge Park located on the Menominee River. The Piers Gorge is a class 4 rapids and is the only such rapids in the Midwest. The trail would also provide a single trail connection from Piers Gorge into the City and to the Norway Myr.
  o Tennis Courts – Following the reconstruction of the 4 existing tennis courts and at the request of the Norway Schools, plans are being developed to construct an additional 4 courts. The 8 courts would provide the necessary court layout for tournaments.

• Other Priorities
  o Construct a pavilion and bathrooms which will service both the tennis courts and soccer fields.
  o Miscellaneous Trail Extensions per the non-motorized trail plan creating a complete loop around the City and connecting with the Dickinson County Bike Path Plan.
  o Other Miscellaneous park improvements to Strawberry Lake, Sledding Hill, etc.

5.0 ACTION PLAN

The following Capital Improvements Schedule details how the City intends to implement this plan:

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<th>Project Description</th>
<th>Estimated Cost</th>
<th>Funding Source(s)</th>
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| #4       | 2011 | Expand trail system by segments:  
- Hanbury Lake Park to US8  
- Norway Myr to Cornerstone (US2)  
- Cornerstone (US2) to Norway Spring  
- Norway Spring to Strawberry Lake  
- Norway Spring to Fumee Park  
- Marion Park to Piers Gorge | MDOT  
Enhancement,  
MDNR, Local |
<p>| #1       | 2008 | Expand Irrigation system at Marion Park to include the Senior League baseball field and two (2) soccer fields. | $30,000 | Local |
| #1       | 2008 | Reconstruct the four (4) existing tennis courts at Marion Park which are failing | $80,000 | MDNR, NVAS, Local |
| #2       | 2009 | Construct four (4) new tennis courts at Marion Park | $150,000 | MDNR, NVAS, Local |
| #3       | 2010 | Construct a new bathroom and pavilion near tennis courts and soccer fields at Marion Park | $30,000 | Local |</p>
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<th>Responsible Parties</th>
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<tr>
<td>#5</td>
<td>2012</td>
<td>Miscellaneous Soccer Field Improvements such as bleachers/benches and scoreboard</td>
<td>$20,000</td>
<td>Local</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>ongoing</td>
<td>Miscellaneous Improvements to the new Norway Myr Wetland Park which includes viewing platforms, native plantings and other natural improvements.</td>
<td></td>
<td>MDNR, Conservation District, Local</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>#1</td>
<td>2008</td>
<td>Construct a parking lot for the new Norway Myr Wetland Park including an outdoor classroom (pavilion)</td>
<td>$100,000</td>
<td>MDOT, MDNR, Local</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>ongoing</td>
<td>Miscellaneous improvements at Strawberry Lake Park including shade areas near Knights Kingdom playground, lighting around the trail, and improvements to the softball field and skating rink</td>
<td>$100,000</td>
<td>Local</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>#1</td>
<td>2008</td>
<td>Construct bathrooms at the 3rd Ward Park</td>
<td>$5,000</td>
<td>Local</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>#1</td>
<td>2008</td>
<td>Develop a municipal tree nursery as per the new urban forestry plan.</td>
<td>$30,000</td>
<td>Local</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>#5</td>
<td>2012</td>
<td>Develop a municipal RV park</td>
<td>$100,000</td>
<td>Local</td>
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<tr>
<td>#4</td>
<td>2011</td>
<td>Miscellaneous Sledding Hill Improvements</td>
<td>$20,000</td>
<td>Local</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>#2</td>
<td>2009</td>
<td>Norway Hill basketball court improvements</td>
<td>$10,000</td>
<td>Local</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>#2</td>
<td>2009</td>
<td>Land purchase to extend and expand conservation efforts in wetland project.</td>
<td>$50,000</td>
<td>MDNR, Local</td>
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<td>Norway Reservoir DNR Access improvements</td>
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Coarse-textured glacial till
Glacial outwash sand and gravel and postglacial alluvium
Thin to discontinuous glacial till over bedrock
Water

Surface Geology Map--City of Norway
Dickinson County
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APPENDIX B

NATIONAL PARK & RECREATION ASSOCIATION
SUGGESTED FACILITY DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS
# Suggested Facility Development Standards

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<td>Badminton</td>
<td>1620 sq. ft.</td>
<td>Singles – 17’ x 44’ Doubles – 20’ x 44’ With 5’ unobstructed area on all sides.</td>
<td>Long axis north – south.</td>
<td>1 per 5000</td>
<td>¼ - ½ mile</td>
<td>Usually in school, recreation center or church facility. Safe walking or biking access.</td>
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<td>Basketball</td>
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<td>Same as badminton. Outdoor courts in neighborhood and community parks, plus active recreation areas in other park settings.</td>
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<td>1. Youth</td>
<td>2400–3036 sq. ft.</td>
<td>46’-50’ x 84’</td>
<td>Long axis north – south.</td>
<td>1 per 5000</td>
<td>¼ - ½ mile</td>
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<td>2. High School</td>
<td>5040-7280 sq. ft.</td>
<td>50’ x 84’</td>
<td>Long axis north – south.</td>
<td>1 per 5000</td>
<td>¼ - ½ mile</td>
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<td>3. Collegiate</td>
<td>5600-7980 sq. ft.</td>
<td>50’ x 94’ with 5’ unobstructed space on all sides</td>
<td>Long axis north – south.</td>
<td>1 per 20,000</td>
<td>15-30 minute travel time</td>
<td>4-wall usually indoor as part of multi-purpose facility. 3-wall usually outdoor in park or school setting.</td>
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<td>Handball (3-wall)</td>
<td>800 sq. ft. for 4-wall 1000 sq. ft. for 3-wall</td>
<td>20’ x 40’ – Minimum of 10’ to rear of 3-wall court. Minimum 20’ overhead clearance.</td>
<td>Long axis north – south. Front wall at north end.</td>
<td>1 per 20,000</td>
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<td>Ice Hockey</td>
<td>22,000 sq. ft. including support area.</td>
<td>Rink 85’ x 200’ (minimum 85’ x 185’. Addition 5000 sq. ft. support area).</td>
<td>Long axis north – south. 1 per 1000 Outdoor Depends on climate</td>
<td>½ - 1 hour travel time</td>
<td>Climate important consideration affecting number of units. Best as part of multi-purpose facility.</td>
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<td>Tennis</td>
<td>Minimum of 7,200 sq. ft. single court. (2 acres for complex.)</td>
<td>36’ x 78’. 12’ clearance on both sides; 21’ clearance on both ends.</td>
<td>Long axis north – south.</td>
<td>1 court per 2000</td>
<td>¼ - ½ mile</td>
<td>Best in batteries of 2-4. Located in neighborhood/ community park or near school site.</td>
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<td>Volleyball</td>
<td>Minimum of 4,000 sq. ft.</td>
<td>30’ x 60’. Minimum 6’ clearance on all sides.</td>
<td>Long axis north – south.</td>
<td>1 court per 5000</td>
<td>½ - 1 mile</td>
<td>Same as other court activities (e.g., badminton, basketball, etc.).</td>
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<td>1. Official</td>
<td>3.0-3.85 A minimum</td>
<td>• Baselines-90'</td>
<td>Locate home plate so</td>
<td>1 per 5000</td>
<td>¼ - ½ mile</td>
<td>Part of neighborhood complex. Lighted fields part of community complex.</td>
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<td>1.2 A minimum</td>
<td>Pitching distance-60.5'</td>
<td>pitcher throwing across sun and batter not facing it. Line from home plate through pitcher-s mound to run east-northeast.</td>
<td>Lighted- 1 per 30,000</td>
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<td>2. Little League</td>
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<td>• Baselines-60'</td>
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<td>Center field-200'-250'</td>
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<td><strong>Field Hockey</strong></td>
<td>Minimum 1.5A</td>
<td>180' x 300' with a minimum of 10' clearance on all sides.</td>
<td>Fall season-long axis northwest to southeast. For longer periods, north to south.</td>
<td>1 per 20,000</td>
<td>15-30 minutes travel time</td>
<td>Usually part of baseball, football, or soccer complex in community park or adjacent to high school.</td>
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<td><strong>Football</strong></td>
<td>Minimum 1.5A</td>
<td>160' x 360' with a minimum of 6' clearance on all sides.</td>
<td>Same as field hockey.</td>
<td>1 per 20,000</td>
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<td><strong>Soccer</strong></td>
<td>1.7 to 2.1 A</td>
<td>195' x 225' x 330' to 360', with a 10' minimum clearance on all sides.</td>
<td>Same as field hockey.</td>
<td>1 per 10,000</td>
<td>1-2 miles</td>
<td>Number of units depends on popularity. Youth soccer on smaller fields adjacent to schools or neighborhood parks.</td>
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<td><strong>Golf-driving range</strong></td>
<td>13.5 A for minimum of 25 tees</td>
<td>900' x 690' wide. Add 12' width for each additional tee.</td>
<td>Long axis southwest/northeast with golfer driving toward northeast.</td>
<td>1 per 50,000</td>
<td>30 minutes travel time.</td>
<td>Part of golf course complex as a separate unit. May be privately operated.</td>
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<td><strong>¼-Mile Running Track</strong></td>
<td>4.3 A</td>
<td>Overall width – 276' Length – 600' Track width for 8 to 4 lanes is 32'</td>
<td>Long axis in sector from north to south to northwest/ southeast with finish line at northerly end.</td>
<td>1 per 20,000</td>
<td>15-30 minutes travel time.</td>
<td>Usually part of high school or community park complex in combination with football, soccer, etc.</td>
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<td>Softball</td>
<td>1.5 t 2.0 A</td>
<td>Baselines–60’ Pitching distance -45’ (men), -40’ (women). Fast pitch field radius from plate – 225’ between foul lines. Slow pitch -275’ (men) -250’ (women)</td>
<td>Same as baseball.</td>
<td>1 per 5,000 (if also used for youth baseball)</td>
<td>¼ to ½ mile</td>
<td>Slight difference in dimensions for 16’ slow pitch. May also be used for youth baseball.</td>
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<td>Multiple Recreation Court (Basketball, Volleyball, Tennis)</td>
<td>9.840 sq. ft.</td>
<td>120’ x 80’</td>
<td>Long axis of courts with primary use north-south</td>
<td>1 per 10,000</td>
<td>1 – 2 miles</td>
<td>In neighborhood or community parks.</td>
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<td>Trails</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Well defined head. Capacity: Rural trails – 40 hikers/day/mile. Urban trails – 90 hikers/day/mile.</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>1 per 10,000</td>
<td>1 – 2 miles</td>
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<td>Archery Range</td>
<td>Minimum 0.65 A</td>
<td>300’ length x minimum 10’ between targets. Roped clear space on sides of range. Minimum of 30’ clear space behind targets. Minimum of 90’ x 45’ with bunker.</td>
<td>Archer facing north + or + 45 degrees.</td>
<td>1 per 50,000</td>
<td>30 minutes travel time</td>
<td>Part of a regional/metro park complex.</td>
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<td>Combination Skeet and Trap Field (8 station)</td>
<td>Minimum 30 A</td>
<td>All walks and structures occur within an area approximately 130’ wide by 115’ deep. Minimum cleared area is contained within two superimposed segments with 100-yard radii (4 acres). Shot-fall danger zone is contained within two superimposed segments with 300-yard radii (36 acres).</td>
<td>Center line of length runs northeast/southwest with shooter facing northeast</td>
<td>1 per 50,000</td>
<td>30 minutes travel time</td>
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<td>1. Par 3 (18-hole)</td>
<td>• 50-60 A</td>
<td>• Average length varies 600-2700 yards.</td>
<td>Majority of holes on north-south axis.</td>
<td>–</td>
<td>½ to 1 hour travel time</td>
<td>9-hole course can accommodate 350 people per day. 18-hole course can accommodate 500-550 people per day. Course may be located in community park or school site.</td>
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<td>2. 9-hole standard</td>
<td>• Minimum 50 A</td>
<td>• Average length 2250 yards.</td>
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<td>1/25,000</td>
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<td>3. 18-hole standard</td>
<td>• Minimum 110 A</td>
<td>• Average length 6500 yards.</td>
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<td>1/50,000</td>
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<td><strong>Swimming Pools</strong></td>
<td>Varies on size of pool and amenities. Usually 1 to 2 A site.</td>
<td>Teaching-minimum of 25 yards x 45’ even depth of 3 to 4 feet. Competitive-minimum of 25m x 16m. Minimum of 27 square feet of water surface per swimmer. Ratio of 2:1 deck vs. water.</td>
<td>None-although care must be taken in sighting of lifeguard stations in relation to afternoon sun.</td>
<td>1 per 20,000 (Pools should accommodate 3% to 5% of the total population at a time.)</td>
<td>15 to 30 minutes travel time</td>
<td>Pools for general community use should be planned for teaching, competitive, and recreational purposes with enough depth to accommodate 1 m and 3m diving boards. Located in community park or school site.</td>
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<td><strong>Beach Areas</strong></td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Beach area should have 50 sq. ft. of land and 50 sq. ft. of water per user. Turnover rate is 3. There should be 3-4 A supporting land per A of beach.</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>½ to 1 hour travel time</td>
<td>Should have sand bottom with slope a maximum of 5% (flat preferable). Boating areas completely segregated from swimming areas. In regional/ metro parks.</td>
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Adapted from:


APPENDIX C

NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION
RECOMMENDED CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM FOR LOCAL AND REGIONAL RECREATION OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS
## NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION
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<td>Mini-Park</td>
<td>Used to address limited, isolated or unique recreational needs.</td>
<td>Less than ¼ mile distance in residential setting.</td>
<td>Between 2500 sq. ft. and one acre in size.</td>
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<td>Neighborhood Park</td>
<td>Neighborhood park remains the basic unit of the park system and serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Focus is on informal active and passive recreation.</td>
<td>¼ - to ½ -mile distance and uninterrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers.</td>
<td>5 acres is considered minimum size. 5 to 10 acres is optimal.</td>
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<td>School-Park</td>
<td>Depending on circumstances, combining parks with school sites can fulfill the space requirements for other classes of parks, such as neighborhood, community, sports complex and special use.</td>
<td>Determine by location of school district property.</td>
<td>Variable-depends on function.</td>
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<td>Community Park</td>
<td>Serves broader purpose than neighborhood park. Focus is on meeting community-based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.</td>
<td>Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves two or more neighborhoods and ½ to 3 mile distance.</td>
<td>As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually between 30 and 50 acres.</td>
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<td>Large Urban Park</td>
<td>Large urban parks serve a broader purpose than community parks and are used when community and neighborhood parks are not adequate to serve the needs of the community. Focus is on meeting community-based recreational needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.</td>
<td>Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves the entire community.</td>
<td>As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually a minimum of 50 acres, with 75 or more acres being optimal.</td>
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<td>Natural Resource Areas</td>
<td>Lands set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space, and visual aesthetics/buffering.</td>
<td>Resource availability and opportunity.</td>
<td>Variable.</td>
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<td>Greenways</td>
<td>Effectively tie park system components together to form a continuous park environment.</td>
<td>Resource availability and opportunity.</td>
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<td><strong>Sports Complex</strong></td>
<td>Consolidates heavily programmed athletic fields and associated facilities to larger and fewer sites strategically located throughout the community.</td>
<td>Strategically located community-wide facilities.</td>
<td>Determined by projected demand. Usually a minimum of 25 acres, with 40 to 80 acres being optimal.</td>
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<td><strong>Special Use</strong></td>
<td>Covers a broad range of parks and recreation facilities oriented toward single-purpose use.</td>
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<td><strong>Private Park/Recreation Facility</strong></td>
<td>Parks and recreation facilities that are privately owned yet contribute to the public park and recreation system.</td>
<td>Variable-dependent on specific use.</td>
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| **Park Trail** | Multipurpose trails located within greenways, parks and natural resource areas. Focus is on recreational value and harmony with natural environment.                                                                     | • Type I: Separate/single-purpose hard-surfaced trails for pedestrians or bicyclists/in-line skaters.  
• Type II: Multipurpose hard-surfaced trails for pedestrians and bicyclists/in-line skaters.  
• Type III: Nature trails for pedestrians. May be hard- or soft-surfaced. |                                                                                                       |
| **Connector Trails** | Multipurpose trails that emphasize safe travel for pedestrians to and from parks and around the community. Focus is on recreational value and harmony with natural environment.                                              | • Type I: Separate/single-purpose hard-surfaced trails for pedestrians or bicyclists/in-line skaters located in independent r.o.w. (e.g., old railroad r.o.w.).  
• Type II: Separate/single-purpose hard-surfaced trails for pedestrians or bicyclists/in-line skaters. Typically located within road r.o.w. |                                                                                                       |
| **On-Street Bikeways** | Paved segments of roadways that serve as a means to safely separate bicyclists from vehicular traffic.                                                                                                              | Bike Route: Designated portions of the roadway for the preferential or exclusive use of bicyclists.  
Bike Lane: Shared portions of the roadway that provide separation between motor vehicles and bicyclists, such as paved shoulders. |                                                                                                       |
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<th>All-Terrain Bike Trail</th>
<th>Off-road trail for all-terrain (mountain) bikes.</th>
<th>Single-purpose loop trails usually located in larger parks and natural resource areas.</th>
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<td>Cross-Country Ski Trail</td>
<td>Trails developed for traditional and skate-style cross-country skiing.</td>
<td>Loop trails usually located in larger parks and natural resource areas.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Equestrian Trail</td>
<td>Trails developed for horseback riding.</td>
<td>Loop trails usually located in larger parks and natural resource areas. Sometimes developed as multipurpose with hiking and all-terrain biking where conflicts can be controlled.</td>
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Adapted from:
APPENDIX D

MINUTES FROM PUBLIC HEARING
AND
FOCUS GROUP SUMMARIES
The Parks and Recreation Committee of Norway met in Special Session Thursday, March 6, 2008 in the Norway City Hall.

Members present were: G. Bal, E. Bal, J. Beck, B. Wurzer and T. Spence
Absent: J. Peterson, J. Bal and D. Neuens, D. Castelaz

Others present were: Ray Anderson, City Manager

A motion was made by Member G. Bal, supported by Member J. Beck and unanimously approved Minutes of November 8, 2007.

None.

A motion was made by Member Wurzer, supported by Member Spence and unanimously approved to enter into Public Hearing to discuss City of Norway 5 – Year Parks & Recreation Plan.

The Parks and Recreation Committee reviewed and discussed the 5 year capital improvement plan for the parks and recreation program. Comments were solicited and received by the citizens that were present. The City Manager also reviewed the comments that were collected from the various focus groups at the Norway High School, Vulcan Middle School, Norway Elementary School, Parent Teacher Organization, Kiwanis, and the Senior Center.

The priority listing as identified by the Parks & Recreation Committee had special emphasis on tennis court improvements, Basketball court improvements and irrigation system installation. These areas were also identified by the focus groups as high priority. High priority was also given to the development of the City nursery as identified in the Urban Forestry Plan. Input and discussion was also received from the public and the final plan finalized.
CLOSE
PUBLIC HEARING
A motion was made by Member Wurzer, supported by Member Spence and unanimously approved to closed Public Hearing and enter back into regular session.

NEXT MEETING
April 3, 2007

ADJOURN
A motion was made by Member Wurzer, supported by Member G. Bal and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.

Bob Wurzer, Secretary
Ray D. Anderson, City Manager
REGULAR MEETING

The City Council of the City of Norway met in regular session at 7:00 pm, Monday, March 17, 2008 in the Norway City Hall with Mayor Ball Presiding.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Everyone in the Curtis J. Brackett Council Chambers stood and offered a moment of silence for the passing of Council Member/Mayor Pro-Tem Edward Dierkens.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ball led the Council and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

KOLL CALL

Members present were: Ball, McCarthy, Bubloni.

EXCUSES

08-040 A motion was made by Council Member Bubloni, supported by Council Member McCarthy and unanimously approved to excuse Council Member Hayes.

OTHERS PRESENT

Ray Anderson, City Manager; Trisha Plante, City Clerk; Mary Pollard, City Treasurer; Dan, HDS; Ryan, Coleman Engineering; Edward Ball, Parks & Recreation Committee and 5 citizens.

APPROVE 08-041 A motion was made by Council Member Bubloni, supported by Council Member McCarthy and unanimously approved Resolution 2008-03 Giving Special Tribute to Edward Dierkens, City Council Member/Mayor Pro-Tem.

APPROVE 08-042 A motion was made by Council Member McCarthy, supported by Council Member Bubloni and approved minutes of Regular Meeting March 3, 2008.

APPROVE 08-043 A motion was made by Council Member McCarthy, supported by Council Member Bubloni and unanimously approved manifest 2008-06 in the amount of $320,724.67.

APPROVE 08-044 A motion was made by Council Member Bubloni, supported by Council Member McCarthy and unanimously approved to enter into Public Hearing to discuss 5 year Parks & Recreation Plan.

PUBLIC HEARING

The City Manager presented to the Council and community the draft proposal of the updated 5-year parks and recreation master plan. The discussion centered on the 5-year capital improvements plan along with comments from the focus group discussions and the parks and recreation public hearing held on March 6, 2008.
A motion was made by Council Member Bubloni, supported by Council Member McCarthy and unanimously approved to close public hearing and enter back into regular session.

A motion was made by Council Member McCarthy, supported by Council Member Bubloni and unanimously approved the 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan.

A motion was made by Council Member Bubloni, supported by Council Member McCarthy and unanimously approved 2008 Property for Sale List as presented and that the non-refundable reversion language be included in all deeds prepared by the City of Norway unless other negotiated arrangements are made and approved by the City Council.

A motion was made by Council Member McCarthy, supported by Council Member Bubloni and unanimously approved extension of Wildwood Realty Contract for the Norway Spring Subdivision.

Dan from HDS gave Council an update on Hydro Project.

Bubloni - Council should discuss the necessity of grant projects before acquiring the grant.

Bal - Advertise City Council position.

City Manager Anderson briefed Council on the following:

- Updated the delivery schedule for the community channel (Channel 7)
- The Recycling container will be available for 24 hour access starting Monday (3/4/08) per the City Council request
- Spring Clean-up dates - start April 14th and will run for 2-weeks
ADJOURN 08-049 A motion was made by Council Member Dubloni, supported by Council Member McCarthy and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.

George Bal, Mayor

Trisha Plante, City Clerk
February 22, 2008 (Norway High School Student Council)

On February 22, 2008 I met with the Norway High School Student Council to solicit input on the 5-year parks and recreation plan. I selected the student council as a representative body of high school aged residents in our community. To prepare for the meeting, I dropped off a number of plans so that everyone could review in advance. I asked them to critique the plan and comment on improvements to existing facilities or adding new offerings in future projects. I was interested in finding out what the high school aged resident was interested out of the City’s parks and recreation program.

The following comments were taken from the meeting:
- The plan as submitted was very good.
- Improvements need to be made to the basketball courts specifically the Norway Hill courts.
- Improvements need to be made at the soccer field.
- Improvements need to be made at the tennis courts.
- High School students do support and appreciate walking trails.

February 29, 2008 (Vulcan Middle School Student Council)

On February 29, 2008 I met with the Vulcan Middle School student council. Similar to the high school, I was interested in soliciting feedback with the perspective of residents from 5th through 8th grade. Again I dropped off copies of the plan at the school so that everyone could review prior to our meeting. The following comments were taken from the meeting:
- Skateboarding – This was not a surprise as this is the age that focuses on this activity
- Improve the skating rink and hockey rink
- BMX track is good but needs additional improvements
- Soccer Field improvements
- Tennis Court improvements
- Improve sledding hill offerings.
- Add paintball field.

March 3, 2008 (Elementary PTO)

On March 3 I met with parents and teachers in the Elementary PTO. The discussion completed my focus group feedback of our young people. To get the comments from elementary age I felt that the parents and teachers would give the best feedback on their behalf. The main areas of interest involve improvements to the playgrounds, skating rinks, and sledding hill. They all felt that we needed more trees around the playground area for shade. Bathrooms are needed at the soccer field and 3rd Ward Park.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ray D. Anderson
City Manager
APPENDIX E

ADOPTION RESOLUTION
AND
LETTERS OF ADOPTION
WHEREAS, the City of Norway has reviewed the City of Norway Five-Year Recreation Plan, 2008-2012 which recognizes various City recreation needs, and

WHEREAS, the City of Norway has accepted the Capital Improvement Schedule that proposes a variety of improvements to enhance Marion Park, Norway Myr Wetland Park, Strawberry Lake Park, the Soccer Field, 3rd Ward Park, the Trail System, the Sledding Hill, and to develop a municipal tree nursery and municipal RV park, and

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WHEREAS, the City of Norway Parks and Recreation Committee conducted a public hearing on March 6, 2008 and the Norway City Council opened its regular meeting of March 17, 2008, to accept public comment regarding the City of Norway Five-Year Recreation Plan, 2008-2012,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Norway City Council hereby adopts the City of Norway Five-Year Recreation Plan, 2008-2012 as its official recreation planning document.

ADOPTED THIS 17TH DAY OF MARCH 2008

Signature:  
[Signature]  
George Bal, Mayor

[Signature]  
Trisha Plante, City Clerk

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April 18, 2008

Mr. Bob Werner, Chair
Dickinson County Planning Commission
N5011 County Road 607
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

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Sincerely,

Ray D. Anderson
City Manager

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CUPPAD Regional Commission
2415 14th Avenue South
Escanaba, Michigan 49829

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