

# Parks, Recreation and Trailway Plan



**VILLAGE OF HOMER**  
**Parks, Recreation and Trailway Plan**

**PREPARED FOR:**

**Village of Homer**  
**Calhoun County, Michigan**

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## INTRODUCTION

Village of Homer, Parks Recreation and Trails Master Plan is intended to guide the Village of Homer's parks and recreation policy and plan for capital improvements for the next 5 to 10 years. This plan is an update to the Village's existing Plan developed in 1999 and includes an update evaluation of the areas existing facilities and the needs and desires of Village residents.

This Plan in its entirety illustrates to local residents the proactive position the Village is taking to plan for future development of parks, recreation areas, trailways and open spaces for preservation. Furthermore, the Village will be eligible to apply for grants to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for property acquisition and development.

### PLAN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND CONTENT

The Village of Homer began the development of the Parks, Recreation and Trail Master Plan in the Spring of 2006. Village of Homer contracted with Gove Associates, Inc. of Kalamazoo to develop the Plan in an effort to build upon the Village's past efforts to develop a comprehensive trail system. This Parks, Recreation and Trail Master Plan will more specifically identify the location for future parks and trails, identify amenities to be included in those parks.

*The Village solicited public input throughout the development of the plan, including a public opinion survey in May of 2006. Once the planning process began, both the Planning Commission and the Village Council solicited public input from local residents during their regularly scheduled meetings. The Plan was then developed and a draft presented for public review and comment. The Planning Commission approved the Plan on \_\_\_\_\_ and recommended it for adoption by the Village Council that occurred on \_\_\_\_\_.*

The end result of the planning process and public input is a plan that meets the Michigan Department of Natural Resources guidelines. These Guidelines require the plan to include information on the following:

- Community Description - social and physical characteristics.
- Administrative Structure - Decision making bodies; financing for operations and maintenance; and cooperative relationships with other communities and recreation providers.

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- Description of the Planning Process - major steps in the planning process and public input.
- Recreation Inventory - public, private and quasi-public facilities; programs; and amenities within the Village or nearby.
- Action Program and Capital Improvement Schedule - shows the proposed actions for the Village to meet the community's needs.

A detailed description of each of these elements and the requirements of the plan is available through the MDNR Grants Administration Division publication titled "Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plans."