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**RE: Seeking Public Comment on the Proposed 2018-2023 Grand Traverse County Community Parks and Recreation Plan**

Dear Grand Traverse County Citizens and County Park and Senior Center Patrons,

Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation's mission is "to enhance community and quality of life through people, parks, and programs." The Grand Traverse County Senior Center Network's mission is "to make longer lives, better lives." We are pleased to invite and welcome you, our public, to help fulfill these missions by commenting on the recently completed draft of the *2018-2023 Grand Traverse County Community Parks and Recreation Plan*, also known as the five-year recreation plan. The plan describes the County park system and recreational opportunities offered at those parks. It addresses current recreational needs and wants, and presents a vision of the future of our parks, including resource conservation and recreation goals, objectives, partnerships, and potential funding sources related to park projects, programs, and services.

You may view the plan on line at [www.grandtraverse.org/parks](http://www.grandtraverse.org/parks), and via a link on the Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation Facebook page. Hard copies are available to read at the Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation Office, 1213 W. Civic Center Drive, Traverse City, Michigan 49686, the Grand Traverse County Clerk's Office, located on the first floor of the Governmental Center, 400 Boardman Avenue, Traverse City, Michigan 49684, and the Grand Traverse County Senior Center Network Office at 801 E. Front Street, Traverse City, Michigan 49686. **To provide public comment or to request a personal, printed copy, please write an e-mail to [kerickson@grandtraverse.org](mailto:kerickson@grandtraverse.org), or call 231-922-4818.**

This document is open for comment until noon on Thursday, February 15, 2018. A public hearing will be held on the same day at 5 p.m. during the Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation Commission's regular meeting in Commission Chambers on the second floor of the Governmental Center, 400 Boardman Avenue, Traverse City.

Your comments will assist Parks and Recreation-Senior Center Network with determining and validating current and future needs and wants for the County Parks and Recreation-Senior Center's facilities, programs, and services. The recreational needs and wants presented in the final plan may then be integrated into County planning efforts to emphasize the importance of including community health in our vision for the future.

Once adopted, the plan will be submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, making our department eligible for Department of Natural Resource grant funding.

Thank you for your continued support of recreational opportunities and spaces which bring good health, wellness, and joy to our community and visitors. We will look forward to your comments.

Please also help us by sharing this letter with all interested individuals in your personal and professional networks.

With warmest regards on behalf of County Parks and Recreation-Senior Center Network,

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