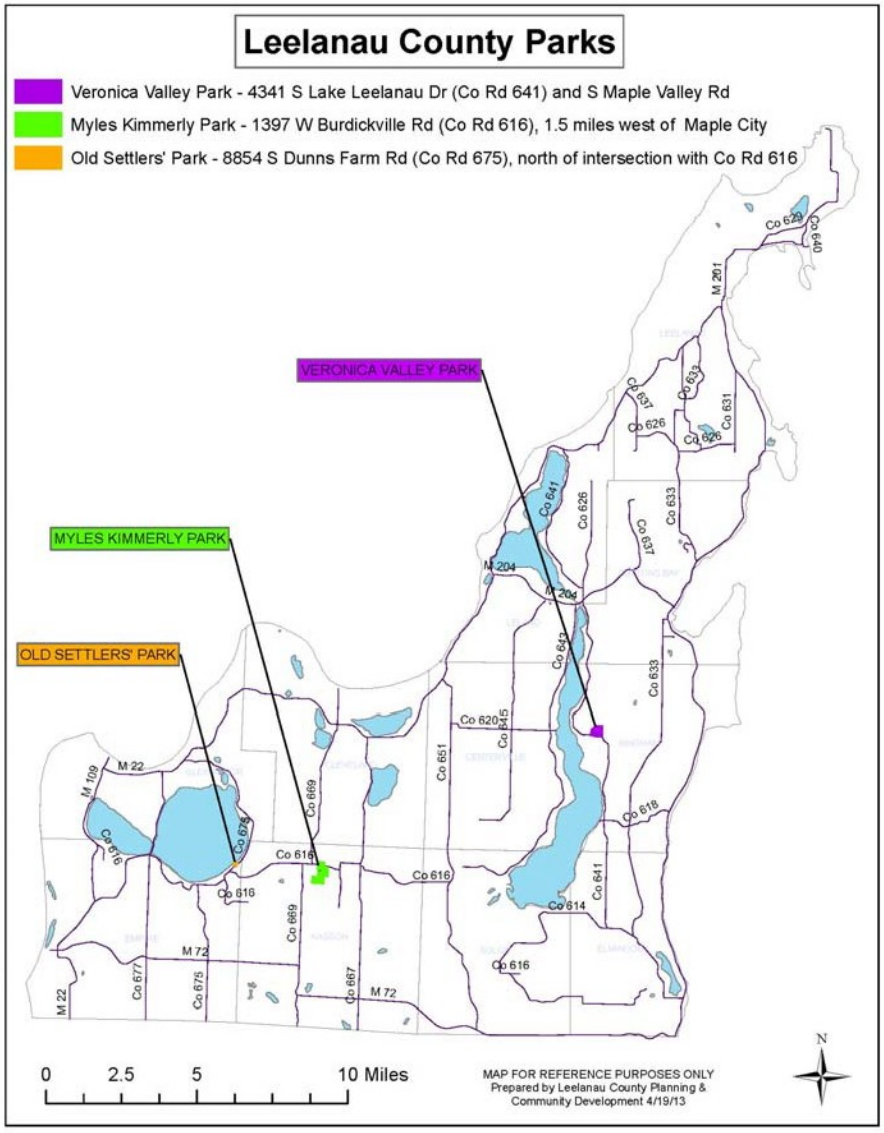


Myles Kimmerly Recreation Area
Kasson Township Size:143 acres

Property Tax ID# 007-004-013-00
Liber 28, Page 556
Deed Recorded: October 29, 1901, Cost: $2,400

Property Tax ID#007-009-004-00
Liber 71, Page 615
Deed Recorded: October 11, 1944, Cost: $700

Old Settlers' Park
Empire Township Size: 6.5 acres
Property Tax ID# 005-001-001-00

Liber 40, Page 621
Deed Recorded: June 26, 1912, Cost: $450

Liber45, Page 175
Deed Recorded: May 1, 1917, Cost: $75

Veronica Valley Park
Bingham Township Size: 92.3 acres
Property Tax ID# 001-112-010-60 & Property Tax ID# 001-113-001-00
Liber 990 Page 899 Liber 998, Page 936
Deed Recorded: October 31, 2008, Cost: $851,528 Deed Recorded: February 3, 2009 Cost: $23,841

Myles Kimmerly Recreation Area

Maple City

Property Tax ID# 007-004-013-00, 007-009-004-00

Size: 143 acres

The Myles Kimmerly Recreation Area includes property on the north and south sides of County Road 616 approximately 1 mile west of Maple City in Kasson Township. This 143-acre park's amenities provide the opportunity for team sports such as soccer matches and baseball leagues; individual sports such as tennis and disc golf; group gatherings and nature experiences.

Facilities include:

1. The Patrick Hobbins Hiking Trail, dedicated in 2003 – ¾ mile in length
2. Soccer Fields – spring, summer, and fall
3. Disc Golf Course – 18 holes
4. Maintenance Building
5. Picnic Shelters with Picnic Tables (4)
6. Playground with Large Swing – adult, Baby Swings, Merry-go-Round, Monkey Bars, Play Activity Center/Play Set, Balance Beam
7. Ball Diamonds (3) with Bleachers; two have dug outs (leagues)
8. Basketball Court (1)
9. Tennis Courts (2)
10. Driving Range
11. Volleyball Court
12. Sand Box
13. Pit Toilets
14. Water Hydrants (5)
15. Flagpole
16. Bike Rack
17. Grills
18. Forested Area

4H Livestock Arena

This park area is across County Road 616 from the Myles Kimmerly recreation area. Amenities provide the opportunity for group/organizational activities such as horse shows, children's agricultural events, and other group/organizational events.

Facilities include:

1. Large Shelter Area/Pavilion with Access Parking and Pad
2. Show Booth
3. Barn
4. Small Barn/Outbuilding
5. Horse Arenas with Bleachers (2)
6. Picnic Tables
7. Benches (3) Water Hydrants (5)

Renovations:

Landscaping was done in 2000 with grant funds.

Disc golf course developed in 2003. Cost: $5,000.

Baseball dugouts built in 2003. Cost: $4,000.

Old Settlers' Park

Empire Township

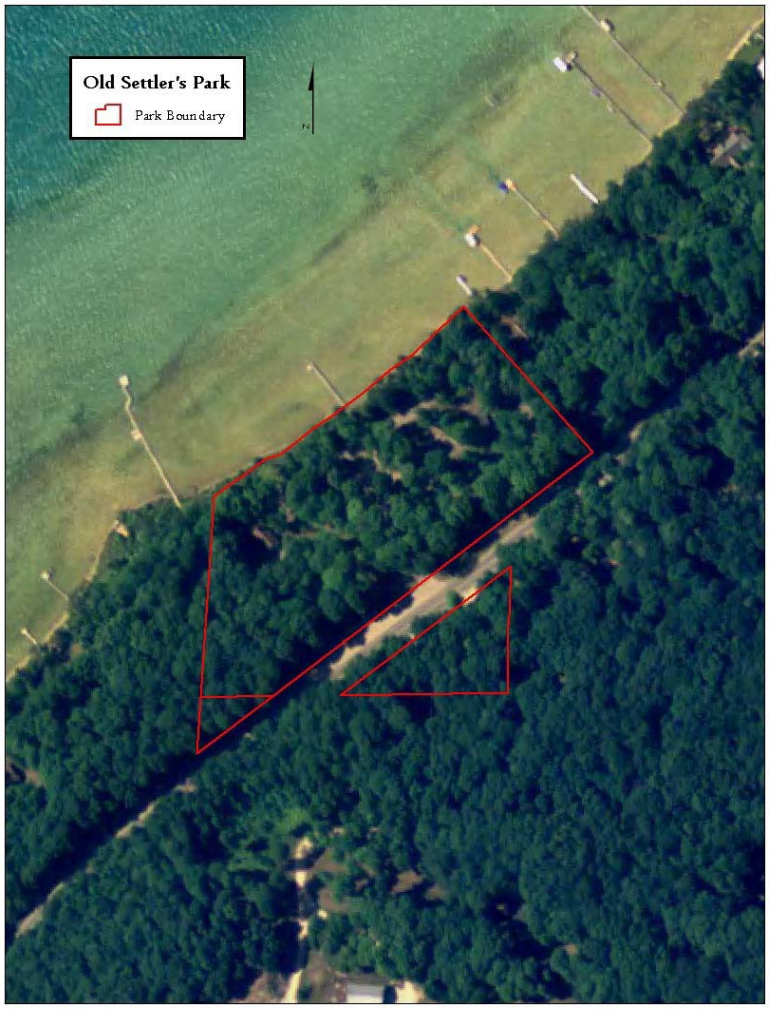
Property Tax ID# 005-001-001-00

Size: 6.5 acres

Old Settlers' Park is located on the southeastern shore of Glen Lake, on South Dunns Farm Road (County Road 675) in Empire Township. Early settlers established it as a picnic ground in 1892 with access to Glen Lake. The chapel located on the grounds of the park is available for use and is coordinated and maintained by the Glen Lake Woman's Club on a first come, first serve basis.

Residents of the logging community of Burdickville held a picnic on August 2, 1893 to honor two elderly pioneers, Kasson Freeman and John Fisher. High attendance at this first picnic inspired the organizers to hold one annually. In 1905, they formed the Old Settlers Picnic Association and began raising funds to purchase a permanent picnic ground. The present Old Settlers Park reflects two purchases. In 1912, with funds from the Association, Leelanau County bought a five-acre parcel adjacent to the Methodist Episcopal Church, which was built in 1896.

In 1917, the Association funded the county's purchase of the church, with the Methodists stipulating that the church "shall not be used for dancing." Each August, people came from miles around to attend the Old Settlers Picnic.



Facilities include:

1. Chapel/meeting room
2. Fireplaces/Barbecue Stoves(2)
3. Gazebo with seating
4. Playground
5. Boat Launch (Non-motorized)
6. "Grub Shack"
7. Picnic Areas with Tables
8. Grills
9. Benches
10. Pit toilets

Sample activities include:

1. Weddings
2. July 4th Flag Raising
3. Old Settlers Annual Picnic
4. Swimming

Renovations:

A new dock was built in 2000

Chapel foundation restored in 2002.
Cost: $18,000

Veronica Valley Park

Bingham Township

Property Tax ID# 001-112-010-60, #001-113-001-00

Size: 92.3 acres

The acquisition of the Veronica Valley Park was completed in December 2008 from a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant award with the help from Rotary Charities and Leelanau County. This parcel is located in Bingham Township at the junction of Maple Valley Road and County Road 641, approximately four (4) miles southwest of Suttons Bay and four (4) miles south of the Village of Lake Leelanau in the east central area of the County. The Park is approximately one-half mile from Lake Leelanau and 12 miles from the City of Traverse City.

The Veronica Valley Park property was formerly a family operated, nine-hole golf course that has not been in use for about four years. The site is characterized by gently rolling hills, open space, wetlands, and forested wetlands that include dense stands of white cedar. The property has three bridges and six ponds. Mebert Creek, a designated trout stream, also winds approximately 2,268 feet through the site. The forested and agrarian views will make this site a peaceful retreat for the passive recreation user.

The concept plan for the proposed passive recreation activities blends well with this site that includes gently rolling hills, a scenic trout stream and high-quality wetlands. The trail system will reach most of the areas of the park with a high percentage of the trails maintained by a single width of a county mower. Wood-chipped paths and elevated boardwalks are planned leading to viewing platforms in and adjacent to the wetland areas.

In addition to the trails, a picnic area and playground area have been proposed with tables and benches. The two existing parking areas will remain, with one moved so the net increase in parking area will be kept to a minimum. The nature center/youth fishing center will be in and around a proposed pavilion building. This youth/adult educational center will have the following displays: fishing (both in the stream and ponds), stream ecology, pond ecology, wetland ecology, and birdwatching. This center is seen as being used by youth groups, county schools, individual visitors, and tourists and will be a four-season park with cross country skiing, snowshoeing, and sledding in the winter.

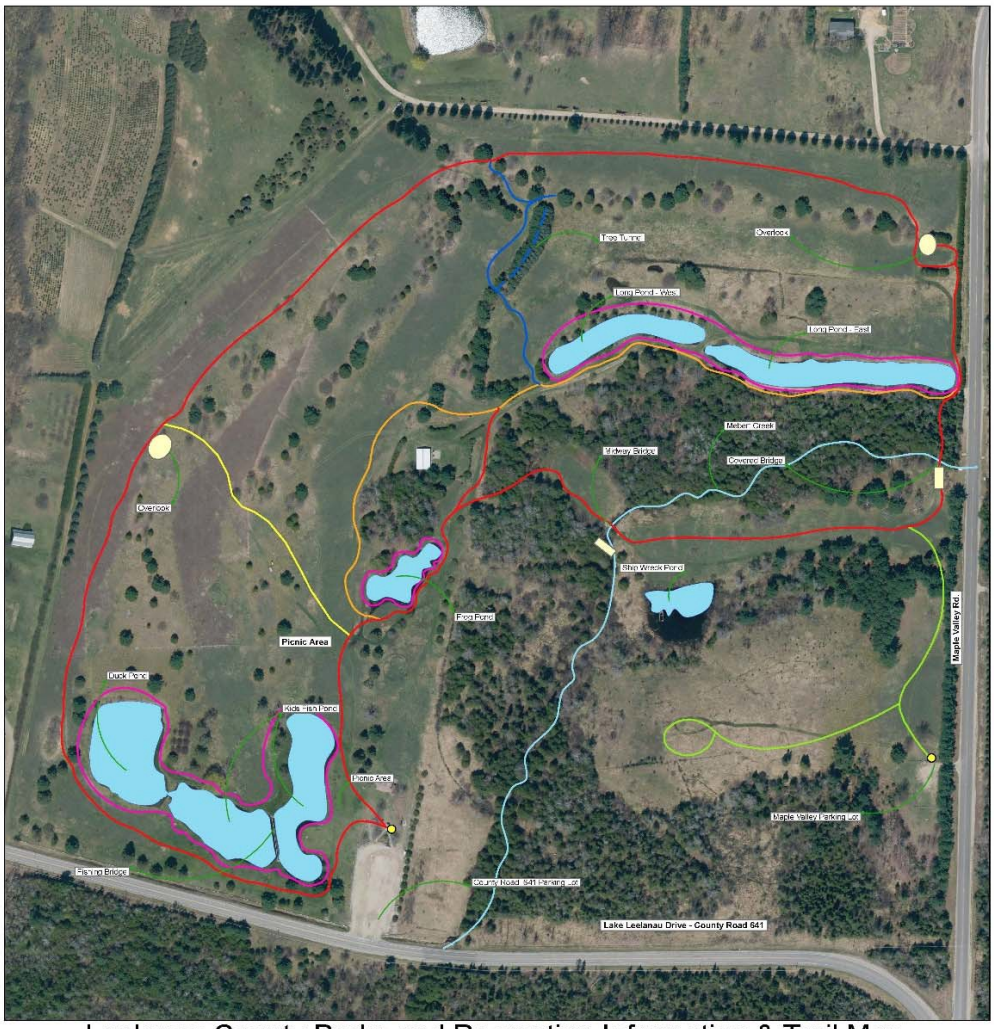
Facilities include:

1. Pole barn (24' by 32')
2. Two water wells
3. Septic system
4. Electricity
5. Drinking water fountain
6. Small playground – swings & climber
7. ADA trail access to fishing ponds

Sample proposed activities:

1. Fishing
2. Hiking
3. Bird Watching
4. Cross Country Skiing
5. Snowshoeing
6. Continued hosting of the Kid's Fishing Day by the Lake Leelanau Lake Association
7. Update signage
8. Install several ADA fishing platforms and ADA trail around pond complex
9. Improve parking and install overflow parking
10. Install open-air pavilion and wildlife viewing areas

Veronica Valley Park



Leelanau County Parks and Recreation Information & Trail Map

Veronica Valley Park

Map for Reference Purposes only.
2017 Orthophotos
Prepared by Leelanau County
Planning & Community Development
July 2019

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Red Trail-1.3 mi (6887 ft)
Yellow Trail-.15 mi (833 ft)
Orange Trail-.36 mi (1940 ft)
Blue Trail-.14 mi (745 ft)
Green Trail-.22mi (1180 ft)
Mebert Creek
Information Kiosk
Overlook
Frog Pond; Kids Fish/Duck .40 mi (2157 ft); E&W Long .43mi (2281 ft)

Part III: Recommended Capital Improvement Projects

Part III contains a Summary Chart of Proposed Projects submitted by county departments. Each of these projects has been ranked according to criteria developed by the County Planning Commission, and outlined in Part I of this CIP. Once ranked, each project was given a number of 1, 2, or 3 for Priority Group, based on the score received during the ranking. The **highest Priority Group is "1"** which means the project is considered "**urgent**". A **Priority 2** is given to a project that is considered "**important**", and a **Priority 3** is given to a project which is considered "**desirable**".

Also attached is a proposed timeline of funding for the proposed projects.

Summary Chart of Proposed Projects

Item Number	Project Title	Priority Group	Location	Department Accountability	Start/End Date	Project Summary	Needs Fulfilled	Approximate Cost	Funding Sources
2016-02	Patrol Boat (Lake Michigan)	1	Law Enforcement Center	Sheriff's Office	2022-2023	A specialized patrol boat to be used in Lake Michigan waters	Improved security and rescue on Lake Michigan waters	$495,000.00	General Fund or Federal CARES Act, Private Funds
2016-03	Storage Garage	3	Law Enforcement Center	Buildings & Grounds / Sheriff's Office	2022-2023	Add to existing pole building, including 3 overhead doors	Secured storage of maintenance & county equipment (including Family Court items i.e. kayaks, bikes, trailers)	$180,000.00	General Fund
2016-05	Security Fencing/Electric Gate	2	Law Enforcement Center	Sheriff's Office	2023-2023	Add security fencing w/ electronic gate for SW parking lot next to Sheriff's Office	Improved security of numerous law enforcement items, including firearms and other tactical items	$25,000.00	General Fund, Capital Improvement Fund
2016-06	Improvements-Myles Kimmerly Park	3	Myles Kimmerly Park	Parks & Recreation Commission	2022-2023	Replace/expand tennis courts, level and relocate baseball fields, irrigate picnic and ball diamonds, replace restrooms	Meets goal in updated Parks & Rec Plan. Promotes outdoor physical activity of residents, improve general safety of deteriorated areas.	$300,000.00	General Fund, Parks & Rec Budget, Grants, 2% Allocations
2016-08	Improvements-Veronica Valley	2	Veronica Valley Park	Parks & Recreation Commission	2022-2025	Control of invasive species, fishing platform, new trails, bird viewing platform, restroom, pavilion	Meets goal in updated Parks & Rec Plan. Improved accessibility and increased services.	$200,000.00	General Fund, Parks & Rec Budget, Grants, 2% Allocations
2016-22	Equipment	2	County Parks	Parks & Recreation Commission	2022-2023	Replace out of date equipment used at Myles Kimmerly and Veronica Valley parks	Meets goal of approved Parks & Rec. Plan. Existing equipment too old and costly to repair	$40,500.00	Parks & Rec. budget
2017-02	Upgrade/replace Harris General Ledger Software	3	Government Center	Treasurer/Accounting/ Clerk	2022-2022	Upgrade / replacement for software. For receipting, accounts payable, payroll, etc.	Current software is more than 15 years old. At some point-will be out of service	$275,000.00	DTR Fund
2020-01	Leland Dam Control-Room Roof	2	Leland	Maintenance/ Leland Dam Authority	2022-2022	Taper and seal existing roof so water runs off and doesn't penetrate into control room	Necessary repair work to keep control room and electrical equipment dry and safe	$11,000.00	General Fund
2020-03	Communication Tower-Govt. Center	2	Suttons Bay	9-1-1 Emergency Services	2022-2023	Install new tower for increased coverage and Emergency Services	Provides more coverage, better emergency services, and also revenue (from private companies located on tower) to the county and 9-1-1 Emergency Services	$495,000.00	Tower Fund, Communications Capital Projects Fund, EDA Grant

Item Number	Project Title	Priority Group	Location	Department Accountability	Start/End Date	Project Summary	Needs Fulfilled	Approximate Cost	Funding Sources
2020-04	Communication Tower- Glen Arbor	2	Glen Arbor	9-1-1 Emergency Services	2022-2023	New tower to improve the 800MHz radio footprint for first responders as well as State Police, DNR, and National Park Service. Improve cellular and internet capabilities.	Increased level of service to citizens, better response for 1st responders, increased radio and cellular coverage, increase of county's assets and added revenue (private companies located on tower)	$750,000.00	Grants, Tower Fund, Communications Capital Projects Fund
2020-05	Patrol Vehicles	1	Law Enforcement Center	Sheriff's Office	2022-2022	Annual Replacement of vehicles		$129,000.00	Road Patrol Fund
2020-06	VMWare Server	2	Government Center	Information Technology	2022-2022	Replace existing obsolete VMWare Virtual Server with new server	Stay current with technology for security and maintainability with a Dell Server (1unit with 7 year life expectancy)	$20,000.00	Data Processing Fund
2020-08	HVAC System-Phase II	2	Government Center	Buildings & Grounds	2022-2023	HVAC system improvements-Phase II, (NOTE: Cost based on Prior Bid)	Improve existing system/eliminate issues	$1,975,138.00	General Fund
2020-09	HVAC System-Phase III	2	Government Center	Buildings & Grounds	2023-2024	HVAC system improvements-Phase III, (NOTE: Cost based on Prior Bid)	Improve existing system/eliminate issues	$1,084,200.00	General Fund, MMRMA RAP Grant, 2% Allocation
2022-01	Parking Lot/PortaPotty Upgrade	2	Veronica Valley Park	Parks & Recreation Commission	2023-2023	Upgrades to the main parking lot will include pavement, striping, and proper signage. Constructing an asphalt pad for placement of Portapotties.	Reduce the size of the parking lot to accommodate approx. 20 vehicles. Proper signage will organize traffic flow. Will also reduce the cost in maintenance and snow plowing, including culvert replacement.	$65,000-$80,000	Parks & Rec. budget, General Fund
2022-02	Dog Park at Myles Kimmerly	2	Myles Kimmerly Park	Parks & Recreation Commission	2023-2023	Construction of a one acre dog park enclosed by a five foot high cyclone fence, with amenities, to accommodate small and large dogs.	Benefits the physical and emotional health of those in the community and provides opportunity for both dog owners and their dogs to socialize. Adds desirable activity to the park.	$40,000.00	Parks & Rec. budget

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2022-03	Paved Loop Trail	2	Myles Kimmerly Park	Parks & Recreation Commission	2023-2024	One mile paved loop trail to be developed around the perimeter of the main recreational field area	Would be an appropriate use of land for the betterment of all age groups.	$200,000-$400,000	Parks & Rec. budget
2022-04	Fishing Access & Safety Pathway	2	Veronica Valley Park	Parks & Recreation Commission	2023-2023	Widen and level the most frequently used fishing location for children and families. Widen and level the ground approx. 6-8 ft. wide and 90 ft. long topped with crushed/flaked stone to make a hard surface.	The proposed improvements will increase safety for all users approaching the pond for fishing	$15,000.00	Parks & Rec. budget, possibly small grants
2022-05	Switch Upgrades	2	Government Center	Information Technology	2022-2022	Replace existing network switches which are at the End of Life (EOL). Number of units requested: 10 Cisco Switches for an estimated service life of 6 years.	Reduce potential failure by replacing switches that are over 10 years old	$15,000.00	Computer Fund
2022-06	UPS Battery Replacement	2	Government Center	Information Technology	2022-2022	Replace batteries in server room Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) Number of units requested: 6 Cisco Switches for an estimated service life of 5 years.	Reduce potential failure by replacing batteries that have a life expectancy of 5 years.	$36,000.00	Computer Fund
2022-07	VMWare Redundant Server	2	Government Center	Information Technology	2022-2022	Purchase and installation of new VMWare server for redundancy. Number of units requested: 1 Dell Server for an estimated service life of 6 years.	Provide redundant servers in case of single server failure.	$55,000.00	Computer Fund

Item Number	Project Title	Priority Group	Location	Department Accountability	Start/End Date	Project Summary	Needs Fulfilled	Approximate Cost	Funding Sources
2022-08	New work stations for offices	2	Government Center	Information Technology	2022-2022	Estimated $2,000 per work station	Replace work stations for employees.	$26,000.00	Computer Fund
2022-09	Vital Statistic Software	2	Government Center	County Clerk	2022-2022	Provide online services of statutory services.	It would assist in shorter office time for the customer that wishes to have documents processes in person.	$20,000.00	General Fund
2022-10	Leland Dam Maintenance	2	Leland	Leland Dam Authority	2022-2027	The dam is in need of repairs, upgrades, and general maintenance over the next 6-10 year period.	2022: Final engineering payment, billing for; sea wall, sump pit and steps, billing for inspections, replace 'force-pin', annual maintenance (AM). 2023: safety lock and AM. 2024: AM and regulatory inspection. 2025 & 2026: AM. 2027-2031: overhaul pistons & hydraulics, dewater & power wash gate, blast & paint gate, replace gate seals	$370,000.00	General Fund
2022-11	Maple City Tower	2	Maple City	9-1-1 Emergency Services	2022	RFP improvement to the Maple City Tower	100ft extension on top of existing tower structture (tower was designed to be a 300ft structure originally, but only constructed to 199ft).	$125,000.00	ARP Funds
							Estimated cost of Proposed Projects: (high end)	**$7,070,838.00**	

Projected Annual Capital Costs 2022-2027									
Item Number	**Project Title**	**Priority Group**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**	**2026**	**2027**	**Estimated Cost ***
2016-02	Patrol Boat (Lake Michigan)	1		$495,000.00					$495,000
2016-03	Storage Garage	3	$90,000.00	$90,000.00					$180,000
2016-05	Security Fencing/Electric Gate	2		$25,000.00					$25,000
2016-06	Improvements- Myles Kimmerly Park	3	$100,000.00	$100,000.00	$100,000.00				$300,000
2016-08	Improvements- Veronica Valley Park	2	$50,000.00	$50,000.00	$50,000.00	$50,000.00			$200,000
2016-22	Equipment	2	$20,000.00	$20,500.00					$40,500
2017-02	Upgrade/replace Harris General Ledger Software	3	$275,000.00						$275,000
2020-01	Leland Dam Control-Room Roof	2	$11,000.00						$11,000
2020-03	Communication Tower-Govt. Center	2	$495,000.00						$495,000
2020-04	Communication Tower- Glen Arbor	2	$300,000.00	$450,000.00					$750,000
2020-05	Patrol Vehicles	1	$129,000.00						$129,000
2020-06	VMWare Server	2	$20,000.00						$20,000
2020-08	HVAC System- Phase II	2	$1,000,000.00	$975,138.00					$1,975,138
2020-09	HVAC System- Phase III	2		$1,000,000.00	$84,200.00				$1,084,200
2022-01	Parking Lot/PortaPotty Upgrade at Veronica Valley Park	2		$80,000.00					$80,000
2022-02	Dog Park at Myles Kimmerly Park	2		$40,000.00					$40,000
2022-03	Paved Loop Trail at Myles Kimmerly Park	2		$200,000.00	$200,000.00				$400,000
2022-04	Fishing Access & Safety Pathway at Veronica Valley Park	2		$15,000.00					$15,000
2022-05	Switch Upgrades	2	$15,000.00						$15,000
2022-06	UPS Battery Replacement	2	$36,000.00						$36,000
2022-07	VMWare Redundant Server	2	$55,000.00						$55,000
2022-08	New network stations for offices	2	$26,000.00						$26,000
2022-09	Vital Statistic Software	2	$20,000.00						$20,000
2022-10	Leland Dam Maintenance	2	$48,000.00	$39,000.00	$11,000.00	$8,000.00	# # #	# # #	$279,000
2022-11	Maple City Tower	2	$125,000.00						$125,000
Totals			**$2,815,000.00**	**$3,579,638.00**	**$445,200.00**	**$58,000.00**	**$8,000.00**	**$165,000.00**	**$7,070,838.00**