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COORDINATOR'S REPORT

October 2011

ACTIVITIES:

The Birth of a Lake Continues ...



Lake Basin – August 1, 2011



Lake Basin – October 26, 2011



Fish Habit Structures – August 30, 2011



Fish Habitat Structures – October 26, 2011

Winterization of Park

Building and Grounds Department staff turned off the well serving the beach house, drained the water distribution system and performed other tasks necessary to protect the building and support facilities from freeze damage.

Summer Park Ranger Luc Sutherland performed a final mowing of the park, removed swimming area depth-marking buoys, and gathered picnic tables, placing 54 tables in storage inside the group pavilion. I am pleased to note that 54 is the number of tables originally purchased for the park; no table has been lost to damage or theft. Prior to repositioning the tables in spring 2012, the tables will be re-sealed to protect the wood from the weather.

Building and Grounds Department staff installed a sign on the main entrance gate and locked the gate for the cold weather months. The sign directs visitors to use the north gravel parking lot, which will accommodate 10 to 12 vehicles. The north lot is completely fenced except for a 3-foot wide pedestrian opening. Closure of the main vehicle entrance gate is necessary to protect the park from a few visitors who drive their vehicles in prohibited areas and/or operate the vehicles in a reckless manner marking or rutting the surface of the road/parking areas.



Motz County Park's main vehicle entrance was closed on October 25. Park visitors are directed to use the north park lot during the cold weather months.

Community Health Fair

The annual Clinton County Community Health Fair sponsored by Sparrow Clinton Hospital in partnership with Clinton County Healthy Communities Coalition was held on Saturday, Oct. 22 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Clinton County RESA building in St. Johns. More than 1,000 area residents attended to get their free flu shot and visit more than 46 health-related displays. Clinton County Parks and Green Space is considered an asset by county health service agencies and professionals as a provider of facilities that enable an active lifestyle. The Commission's table included the Motz County Park "storyboard" and display of the five awards the park received for its accessible, user-friendly development design. The Commission table drew a lot of interest. Nearly everyone I spoke with had either visited the park or had heard about it from a family member or friend. Those who commented about the park did so in favorable terms.

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant ("EECBG")

Bid proposals for purchase and installation of low-maintenance, energy-efficient LED lighting fixtures that will replace existing HID fixtures were received and evaluated. Lansing wholesaler Medler Electric, Inc. was selected to provide 203 light fixtures; the fixtures manufactured by Lumecon of Farmington Hill, Michigan. St. Johns contractor C&K Electric, Inc. was selected to install the light fixtures. The \$129,519 project is being funded with the assistance of an \$87,121 EECBG Advanced Lighting Technology Demonstration Grant administered by the Michigan Energy Office. The project, which involves five county facilities located on three separate properties, is within budget and scheduled to be completed by March 2012.

Other Assignments/Activities Assigned to Parks and Green Space Coordinator

- Parkland and Open Space Acquisition Evaluation Tool (Not started)
- Agricultural Preservation Board – Administration Staff Liaison (On going)
- Design, construct and install Maple River access site sign (Not started)
- Community Development Department – General Management (On going)
- "Authorized Organization Representative" for Federal Grants (On going)
- Assist w/ creation of Clinton County Trail Advisory Council (Pending)
- *Clinton County Non-Motorized Facilities Plan* – Plan Development (In process)