

Drummond Island Township 2025 - 2029 Recreation Plan

Drummond Island Township
Chippewa County Michigan

**Prepared by:
The Drummond Island Township
Recreation Plan Steering Committee**



Placeholder for Checklist

2025-2029 DNR Recreation Plan
For Drummond Island Township, Chippewa County

WHEREAS, the Drummond Island Township Recreation Plan Steering Committee has undertaken the planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents and visitors during the five-year period covering the years 2025 through 2029, and

WHEREAS, the Drummond Island Township Recreation Plan Steering Committee is made up of representatives from Drummond Island Township, and

WHEREAS, the Drummond Island Township Recreation Plan Steering Committee began the process of developing a community recreation and natural resource conservation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, residents of the Drummond Island Township were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft for a period of at least 30 days, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on July 18th and 25th 2024 at the Frank J Sasso Township Hall to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions and discuss all aspects of the 2025-2029 DNR Recreation Plan, and

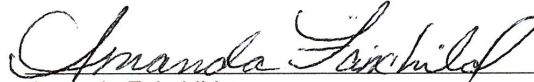
WHEREAS, the Drummond Island Township Recreation Plan Steering Committee has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the Drummond Island Township, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing the Drummond Island Township Board of Trustees voted to adopt said 2025-2029 DNR Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Drummond Island Township Board of Trustees voted to adopt said 2025-2029 DNR Recreation Plan.

Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

I, Amanda Fairchild, Acting Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of the resolution adopted by the Drummond Island Township Board of Trustees at a Regular Meeting therefore held on the 3rd day of September 2024.


Amanda Fairchild

DRUMMOND ISLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD

DRUMMOND ISLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES*

Supervisor	Krystal Truax*
Treasurer	Jeanette Alguire*
Clerk	Amanda Fairchild**
Trustee	Kevin Kruzel*
Trustee	Justin Bailey*

* Elected in the November 5 2024 General Election.

** Acting Township Clerk before the November General Election, voted as Township Clerk in the General Election.

DRUMMOND ISLAND TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMITTEE

Steve Walker	Township Resident
Lynne Coulter	Township Resident
Krystal Truax	Township Resident/Township Supervisor*
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PURPOSE

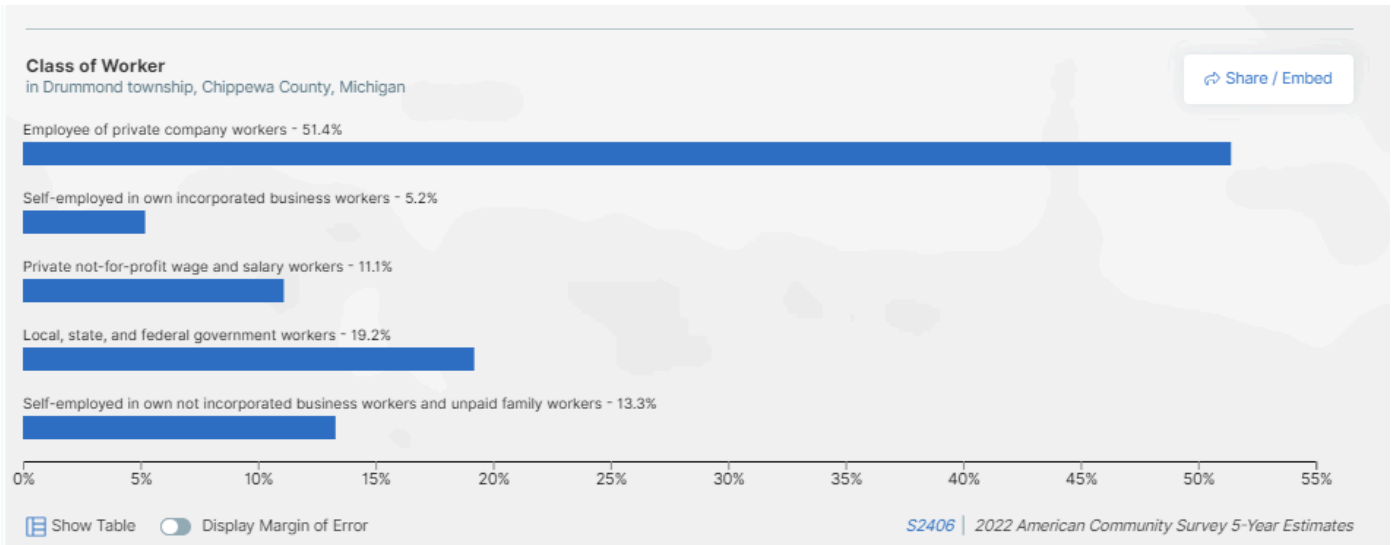
Recreation forms the foundation of our quality of life and serves as the main attraction for residents and guests. The development of this Recreation Plan has served as a vehicle for outreach to the Drummond Island Community and the opportunity to create a blueprint which will guide the development of our recreational assets. As a remote island community, with rich natural resources and an economic reliance on tourism, how we develop recreational opportunities has a direct effect on the community members' quality of life as well as their ability to prosper economically. Planning is essential for responsible management of resources and for expanding those resources for the benefit of the community.

This plan will:

- Engage partners and community members as reflect their vision for the community.
- Inventory and review the status of existing assets.
- Analyze the challenges and opportunities for each of our recreational assets.
- Develop a strategy to make feasible and impactful improvements which will support an improved quality of life and economic growth.
- Facilitate DNR grant eligibility.

COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

The Gem of Lake Huron, Drummond Island lies at the north west corner of the second largest Great Lake. Drummond Island Township covers all of the Island’s 249 square miles and constitutes the easternmost end of Michigan’s Upper Peninsula. A ferry service delivers cars and passengers from the mainland hourly throughout the year and a small airport also serves private aircraft.

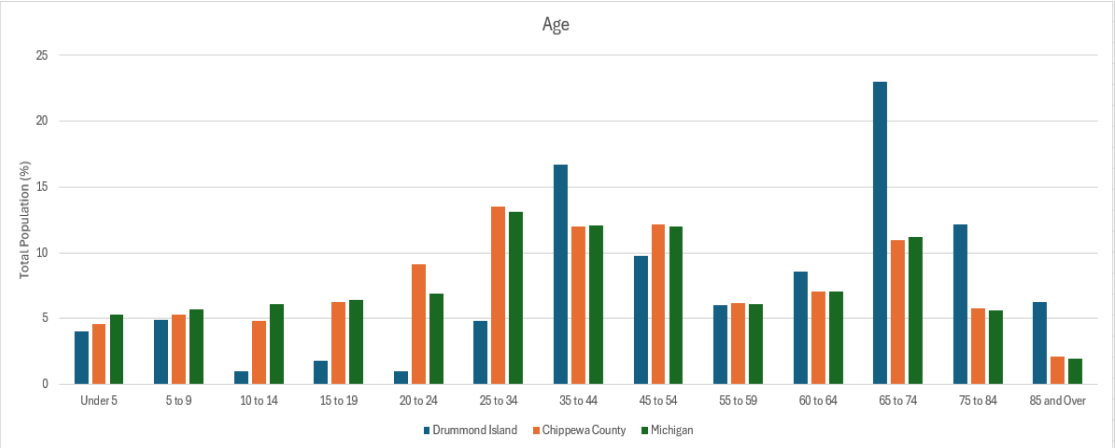


Island communities face unique economic and social challenges. Most of the local businesses cater to visitors to the island, and over two-thirds of the land is owned by the State of Michigan. These two factors support the recreational foundation of the community. This foundation provides for a high quality of life in a healthy natural environment. However, dependence on tourism means the economic wellness of the community is extremely reliant on a strong regional and national economy, and physical separation from the mainland leads to logistical barriers which require special consideration.

From the ferry dock, M-134 extends east through the island until Four Corners, where it meets with S. Townline Rd to the north, S. Shore Rd. to the south, and E. Johnswood Rd to the east. Homes and cottages hug the west and south shoreline and are scattered throughout the largely wooded island. Many year-round residences are clustered within a half mile of S. Townline Rd and E. Pine St., near the Township Hall.

In all, 973 people live in 541 households on Drummond Island; 88.48% of the people are white, and 4.21% are American Indian or Alaska Native; 7.09% are two or more races; 185 of the households, or about 34%, have at least one child living in them.

For years, the median age in the state of Michigan has been rising, yet the largest age group remains in the workforce- people ages 45 to 55. In contrast, the Drummond Island population is much older, with 41.5% of the population 65 and older, compared to 18.8% in Chippewa County and 18.7% in the State.



This particular age distribution could be explained by the fact that the Island’s many recreational opportunities, relatively low home cost (compared to other areas of the country), and beautiful setting attract many retirees; however limited year-round employment and economic opportunity have also discouraged younger generations from making Drummond their year-round home. Children represent only 11.7% of the population, compared with 17.9% of Chippewa County’s population, and over a quarter of the population of Michigan.²

Kindergarten through sixth grade students attend Drummond Island Elementary, and then take the ferry each day to attend De Tour Middle School and De Tour High School for the remainder of their education. Graduating classes average about twenty students, with only 6 graduating in 2024. Although the population has grown over the past few decades, school enrollment has decreased.

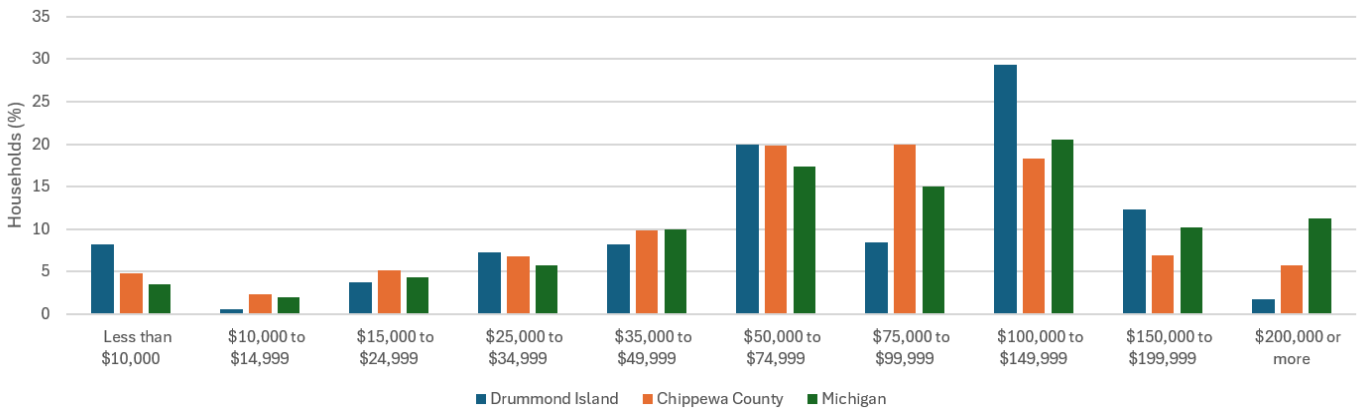
Several physician assistants are available in the Township, along with a chiropractor and physical therapist. The Drummond Island Medical Center serves residents and visitors. Of the residents, 4.3% do not have health insurance, which is lower than Chippewa County (6.9%) and Michigan (4.5%).

At the same time, 13.4% of households earn below the poverty level, which is lower than the County (16.5%) and even with the State (13.4%). The median household income is \$60,573, which is slightly higher than Chippewa County (\$58,408), and 9.57% lower than the State median (\$66,986).

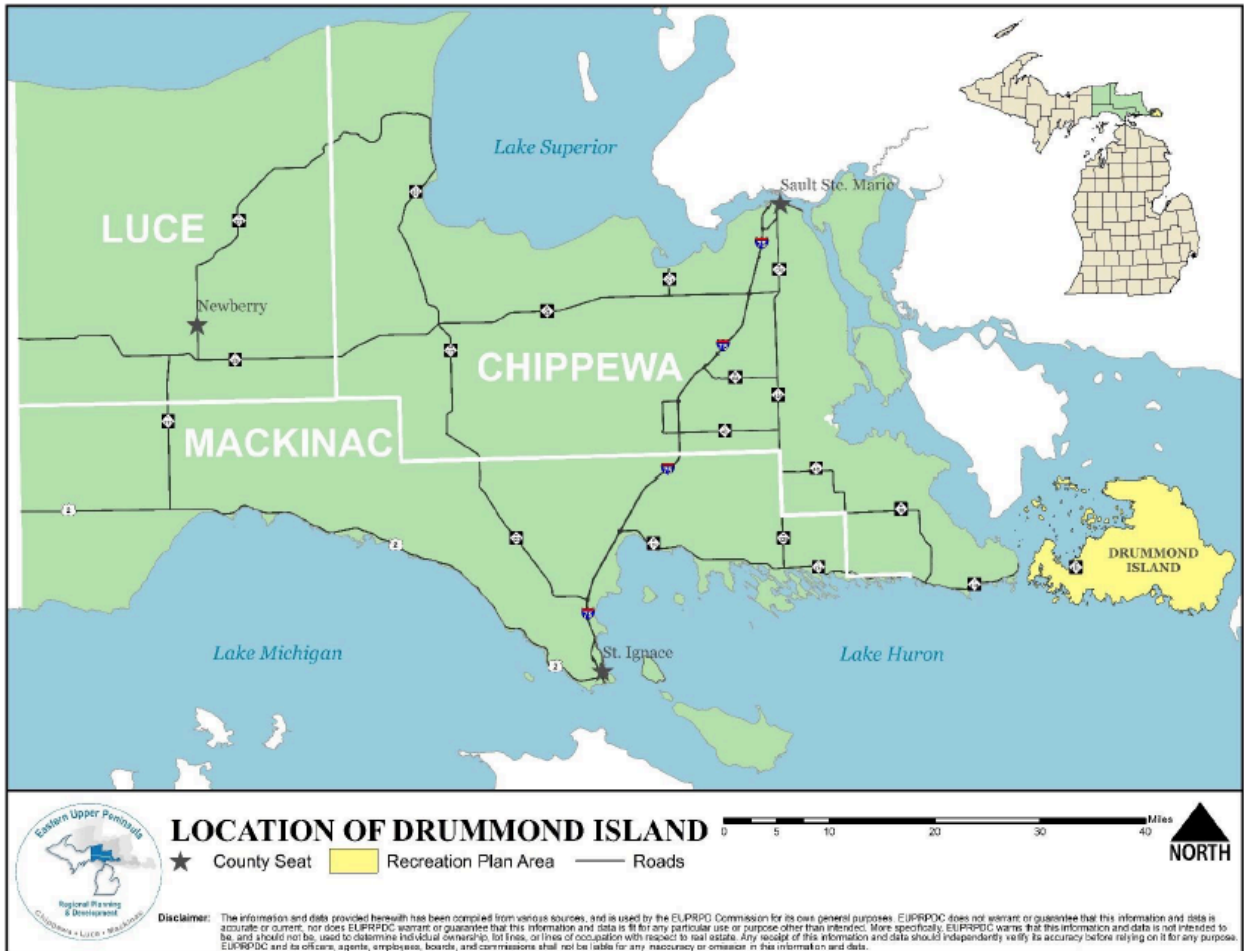
The Total Annual Income and Benefits displayed below shows household incomes in Drummond Island Township, Chippewa County, and the State of Michigan. Comparatively, Drummond Island households avoid the extreme income ranges more present in the region and state, and the smaller household size indicates a higher income per capita within each income range as well. The average household size in Michigan as a whole and Chippewa County is 3.02, and decreases still further on Drummond Island to 2.26.



Total Income and Benefits (Dollars)

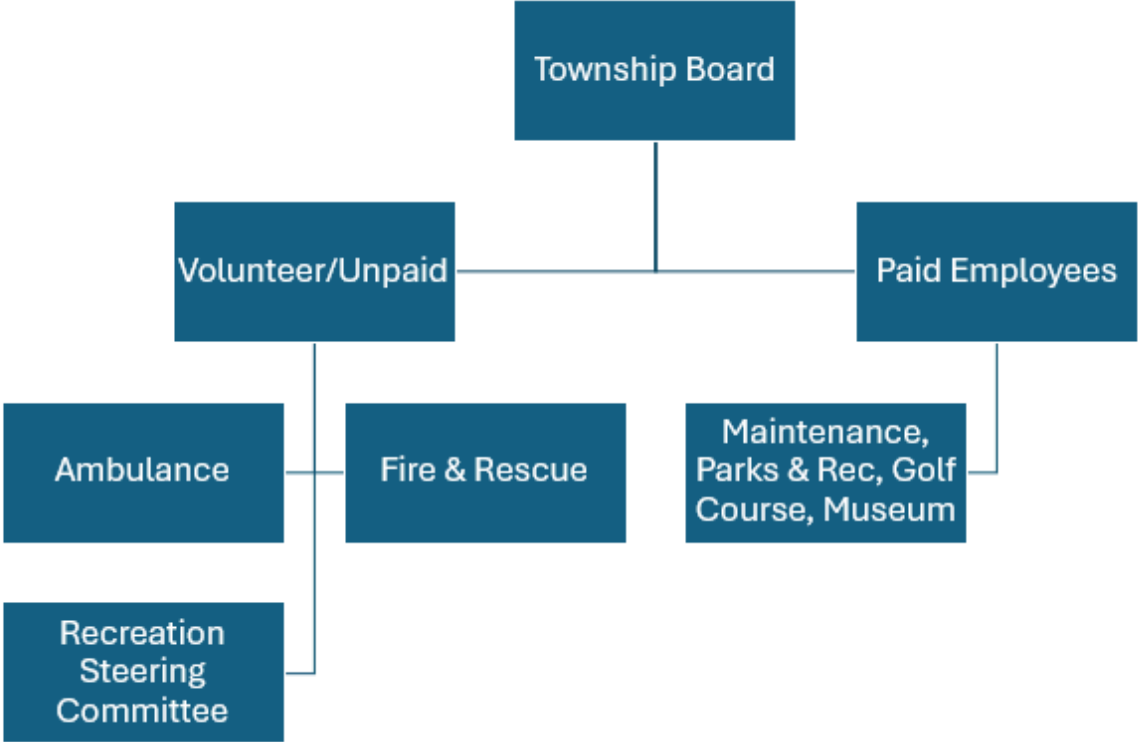


LOCATION OF DRUMMOND ISLAND IN EASTERN UPPER PENINSULA



ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Drummond Island Township administrative duties are handled by the Township Board of Trustees. This Board consists of five elected members that are salaried: supervisor, clerk, treasurer, and two trustees and holds the power to commit funds for parks and recreation, accept grants, and purchase land on behalf of the community. A 2025-2029 Recreation Plan Committee was formed in 2023 to continue to assist in maintaining and developing recreational opportunities within the township. The recreation plan steering committee is a voluntary committee made up of 10 members from the Drummond Island community that oversee and guide subcommittees. Drummond Island Township has one maintenance employee, one park employee, one museum employee, and five golf course employees.



PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGET & FUNDING

Monies invested in parks and recreation for Drummond Island Township have come from the general fund, fundraising, grant monies, and donations. The library, airport, and golf course all have specified accounts and operating budget lines. Based on the 2025-29 DNR Recreation Plan survey and public comments, the Parks & Recreation Committee will continue to improve recreation opportunities with the approval and support of the township board of trustees on future allocations.

Past and Present Fund Balances:

Fund	2023-2024	2024-2025	2024-2025	2025 Projected
	Balance	Revenue	Expenditures	Balance
Golf Course (1)	(\$14,814)	\$146,410	\$136,219	\$4623
Public Library (2)	\$127,249	\$78,200	\$65,800	\$139,649
Airport	\$61,172	\$5,600	\$30,735	\$36,037

- (1) Twp Golf Course was under new management in 2024.
- (2) Library revenue is funded by a millage and is managed by Superior District Library.

Past and Projected Parks and Recreation Budget:

Expense Item	2023-2024	2024-2025
	Expenditures	Budget
Parks & Recreation (3)	\$41,605	\$77,207
Museum	\$14,294	\$19,295
Golf Course	\$99,588	\$136,219

- (3) Parks & Recreation includes Township campground and boat launch, hiking trails, beaches, ballfield, and skating rink.

RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER AGENCIES & ENTITIES

Drummond Island Township works in conjunction with the following entities in regard to funding support, providing recreational opportunities, and technical assistance:

- Chippewa County Community Foundation
- Clark Township
- DeTour Township
- De Tour Village
- Drummond Island Tourism Association
- Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning & Development Commission
- Little Traverse Conservancy
- Local Service Clubs
- Local Outdoors Groups
- Michigan Department of Natural Resources
- The Nature Conservancy
- United States Forest Service
- United States Coast Guard
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMING

The township maintains the ball fields, skating rink, several park areas, and supports beach clean-ups and Fourth of July Fireworks. The Township Hall is also available at no cost for free community fitness classes and other recreational group meetings. Distinct from the township, there are many recreational and hobby groups including:

- DeTour Reef Lighthouse Preservation Society
- DIGGERS
- Sportsman's Club
- Drummond Island Beautification Committee
- Motorized Trail Groups (ORV, Snowmobiling)
- Non-motorized Trail Group (Drummond Island Silent Sports)
- Local Service Clubs (Lions Club)
- Local Sports Leagues (Golf, Basketball, Volleyball, Pickleball, Pool League)
- M134 North Huron Scenic Byway Advisory Committee
- Little Traverse Conservancy Volunteers
- Michigan Trail Riders
- Local Committees
- Tread Lightly Organization
- Chippewa, Luce, Mackinac Conservation District
- Leave No Trace Organization

PARKS & RECREATION CURRENT PORTFOLIO

The data provided in this section was collected by the Drummond Island Township Recreation Plan Committee by revising inventories created for past iterations of this plan, as well as, gathering information from internet resources; see footnote at end of this section. The current parks and recreation portfolio for Drummond Island serves residents in addition to thousands of visitors every year. The location of each facility and park is numbered on the *Drummond Island Township: Recreation Inventory* map on the page following this of assets; see maps in Appendix A to reference land cover, land ownership, and elevation.

In addition to the assets listed below, hundreds of miles of ORV and snowmobile trails cover all corners of the Island. They are one of the major draws and the basis for several events throughout the year.

ADA COMPLIANCE RANKING EACH FACILITY:

- 1 = None of the facilities/park area meets accessibility guidelines.
- 2 = Some of the facilities/park area meets accessibility guidelines.
- 3 = Most of the facilities/park area meets accessibility guidelines.
- 4 = The entire facility/park area meets accessibility guidelines.
- 5 = The entire facility/park area was developed/renovated using the principles of universal design.

PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES OWNED BY TOWNSHIP

Drummond Island Township Park-Campground

Size: Part of the 192 acres the Township owns

Accessibility: 3

Map #: 5

The Drummond Island Township Park features a 42-site campground, a sandy beach, and boat launch. Camping reservations can be made online for any of the 42 campsites.



Drummond Island Township Park-Heritage Trail

Size: Part of the 192 acres the Township owns

Accessibility: 1

Map #: 5

The Heritage Trail, a non-motorized trail located within the Drummond Island Township Park, consists of 2 trail loops totaling 3-miles, level of difficulty is Moderate to Moderately Strenuous. Heritage Trail features interpretive signage of nature found along the trail, wonderful water and sunset views along the west shoreline, and is a good location for birding. This trail is part of the North Huron Bird Trail. In 2023, Drummond Island Silent Sports was awarded a Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District education grant for the interpretive signs and used donated funds for other trail improvements.



Drummond Island Township Golf Course

Size: 91.7 acres

Accessibility: 4

Map #: 6

The Drummond Island Township Golf Course is a 9-hole, par 36 course with affordable rates. It was built in the early 1960s and is similar to the old-style English courses. It offers a unique feature: there is an airport runway that runs through the middle of the course. The course not only has nine holes for you to enjoy, but they also offer a driving range, practice putting green and pro shop. There are carts available to rent as well. The course opens in the spring and closes mid-fall.



Frank J. Sasso Township Hall

Size: Approximately 4 acres

Accessibility: 4

Map #: 9

The Drummond Island Township Hall includes Twp Offices, kitchen, dining area, and a meeting area which is used by community groups for a variety of recreational activities, like yoga classes, exercise sessions, and mahjong.



Drummond Island History Museum

Size: .66 acres

Accessibility: 4

Map #: 8

This local museum emphasizes artifacts of Native Americans, Finnish farmers, and Yankee settlers from the island's early historical period. Other displays cover the British Fort Drummond, the lumber era, sporting camps, ferry boats, and the island's rich fishing and boating history. All housed in our new museum constructed of hand-hewn Drummond Island logs. The fireplace was made from the stones of a chimney at Fort Drummond.



Betsy Seaman Memorial Park and Veterans Memorial Park

Size: .75 acres

Accessibility: 3

Map #: 8

Betsy Seaman Memorial Park: Directly across the street from the museum, a memorial park was established to honor Betsy Seaman who raised a family of 15 children at this site. Her husband, Daniel died in 1863.



Veterans Memorial Park: Located to the east of the Betsy Seaman Memorial Park, the Veterans Memorial Park was established to honor our community's deceased military veterans from all branches of the Armed Services: Army, Navy Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard.



Big Shoal Bay Beach

Size: 1.5 acres of the 13.9 acres owned by the Township.
Accessibility: 2
Map #: 18

Big Shoal Bay Beach is a Township Park but does not permit overnight camping. The park has a parking lot, vault toilet, narrow sandy beach, picnic tables and spectacular vistas out through the islands of the cove. The beach is also a wonderful place to launch your kayak or canoe.



Skating Rink

Size: .17 acres
Accessibility: 4
Map #: 9

The Township maintains an outdoor ice-skating rink, located to the east of the Township Hall, in the winter months.



Ball Fields

Size: 6.18 acres

Accessibility: 3

Map #: 7

The ball fields on Township property, adjacent to the school property, are maintained by the Township. The fields are used by students and local leagues as well as informally by the community.



Sportsman Club Shooting Range

Size: 19.58 acres

Accessibility: 2

Map #: 12

This shooting range is owned by the Township and managed by the Drummond Island Sportsman Club.

Non-Township Owned Public Spaces

In addition to township-owned parks and recreational spaces, the island includes the following public spaces that are utilized by residents and visitors:

School Playground and Gym

Size: 9.7 acres

Accessibility: 4

Map #: 7

The Drummond Island Elementary School has several recreational assets which are used by students and the public. These include: an indoor gym, tennis courts and a playground. This property is owned by the DeTour Area School System.



Drummond Island Public Library

Size: Located within Elementary School

Accessibility: 4

Map #: 7

The Drummond Island Public Library is located in the Drummond Island Elementary School which is located on property owned by the DeTour Area School System.



Harbor Island National Wildlife Refuge

Size: 695 acres

Accessibility: 1

Map #: 10

This 695-acre island became part of the National Wildlife Refuge system in 1983 when the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services purchased it from The Nature Conservancy. Harbor Island is overseen by the Seney National Wildlife Refuge in Seney, Michigan. It has never been timbered or dredged. Harbor Island is zoologically and botanically rich and is part of the North Huron Birding Trail.



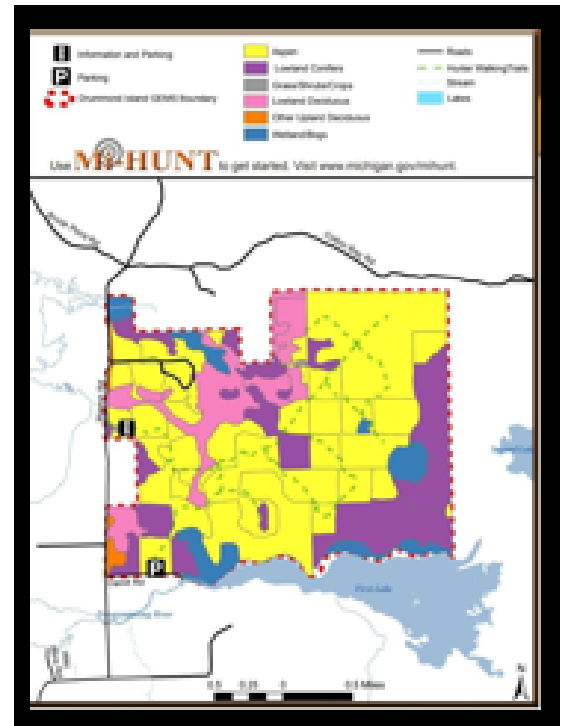
Grouse Enhanced Management Systems (GEMS)

Size: 37,050 acres

Accessibility: 1

Map #: 13

Established and managed by the DNR & Wildlife Management Institute. Two-track logging roads crisscross each unit. The roads are gated off at entry points to provide walking trails through the intensively managed habitat. Grouse and woodcock hunters can let their dogs range on either side of the trails without worrying about danger from passing vehicles. Well-mapped and marked, the trails should attract youth, senior and inexperienced hunters as well as veterans. GEMS will be great places for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing, to hike and view wildlife, and to enjoy the long views and scenery of these productive natural settings. "Birders will find early successional species that they don't get to view very often in older, more-mature forested habitats across much of northern Michigan.



Clyde and Martha Williams Nature Preserve

Size: 80 acres

Accessibility: 1

Map #: 11

The Williams Preserve is owned by Little Traverse Conservancy. The land is mostly forested, and a 1.3-mile trail system has been developed. Fallow agricultural fields now vegetated with bracken fern, blackberry, and various tree seedlings and saplings are present in small areas. Fissured bedrock is visible at the surface in some spots. Ancient post-glacial lake shorelines are evident on the Preserve. An old stone wall built by early Island settlers is located in the east part of the Preserve. Parking is available off of Maxton Road.



Curtis Anderson Preserve

Size: 46 acres

Accessibility: 1

Map #: 1

Owned and managed by the Little Traverse Conservancy, this area consists of forested land with a short trail that can be accessed from South Dix Point Road. There is no off-road parking available.

Forslund Dix Point Preserve

Size: 60 acres

Accessibility: 1

Map #: 2

Owned and managed by the Little Traverse Conservancy, the property has 1800 lineal feet of shoreline on the St. Mary's River. There is an approximately 1/4 mile trail to access the shoreline with two side loops through the forest. Benches along the shoreline for freighter and birdwatching. Great views toward west, north, and east. Good place to launch a kayak. Parking (limited parking, no trailers) is available at the end of S. Dix Point Road.



Clark Island Preserve

Size: 2.75 acres

Accessibility: Water access only

Map #: 4

The Little Traverse Conservancy (LTC) property consists of 2.75 acres of woods and meadows on the Northern tip of Clark Island. LTC owns additional land on the West side of the Island. The LTC property on Clark Island is available for day use only, no camping allowed. The property is accessible by water access only, the road and bridge to the island are private.

Maxton Plains Preserve

Size: 1,185 acres

Accessibility: 1

Map #: 14

Drummond Island has one of the largest, best preserved Alvar plant communities in the world. This habitat supports rare plant and animal life. This preserve is owned and managed by The Nature Conservancy.



Whitney Bay Nature Preserve

Size: 93 acres

Accessibility: very limited; water only with no trails

Map #: 3

Owned and managed by Little Traverse Conservancy, the property is located at the back of Whitney Bay and is accessible only by water. There are no trails or land access to the property. The land is heavily wooded with wetlands along the shoreline. Beautiful area for kayaking with lots of birds!

Traverse Point

Size: 110 acres

Accessibility: by water only

Map #: 19

Owned and managed by Little Traverse Conservancy, the property is located at the east end of Warner's Cove and is accessible by water only. There are 1 to 1.5 miles of Lake Huron shoreline to explore. Kayak access is from State land. A shipwreck can be seen in shallow water off of Traverse Point.

Fossil Ledges

Size: 1.8 miles of shoreline

Accessibility: 1

Map #: 15

Located on state land along the north shore of Drummond Island, you will find the fossil ledges. The "ledges" are made up of the fossilized remains of a saltwater coral bed. The "Ledges" is a unique place formed by nature that not many people know about or get to visit. The journey there can be a bit tricky, so be prepared for some off-roading. However, it is worth your while if you have a vehicle with high clearance.



Marblehead

Size: 8.35 acres

Accessibility: 1

Map #: 17

Located on state land, rock shelves lead to the tall rock formation known as Marblehead which looks out over Lake Huron from about 100 feet above the waves. To get to the top you first drive out to the trail and then pick a spot to hike from. The road becomes extremely rough the further you go.



Glen Cove

Size: 1.19 miles of shoreline

Accessibility: 1

Map #: 16

Glen Cove Beach is located on state land at the eastern end of Drummond Island. Tent camping is permitted on the beach and you may also build a campfire; be sure to extinguish the fire if you leave your campsite. The floor of the swimming beach is sandy and extends out quite a distance; however, keep an alert eye on your children, as there are no lifeguards. The sandy beach is great for launching your kayak or canoe because the cove is fairly sheltered from the wind.



Other Recreational Opportunities on State Land

In addition to the assets above, hundreds of miles of marked ORV trails are on state land on the eastern end of the Island. During the winter months only, nearly 80 miles of groomed snowmobile trails cover a mixture of state and private property, with permission from property owners, open from December 1st through March 31st (weather permitting). These activities are a major draw to the island and the basis for several events throughout the year. Hunting is also a big draw to the island; hunting seasons range from October through the end of December. Much of the state land, approximately 43,359 acres, is 'purchased land' using hunting and fishing license fees acquired through the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act ([16 U.S.C.A. 669 et seq](#)), passed in 1937.

See the *Drummond Island Township: Parks & Recreation - Current Portfolio* map on the following page; see maps in Appendix A to reference land cover, land ownership, and elevation.

Footnote: Information collected from Little Traverse Conservancy, Michigan DNR, US Forest Service, Conservation And Recreation Lands (CARL), GIS data, and Google Search.

Drummond Island Township Parks & Recreation - Current Portfolio Location Map



DESCRIPTION OF PLANNING & PUBLIC INPUT

With Drummond Island Township Board support the Recreation Committee carried out the necessary actions required when putting together a recreation plan for 2025-2029. Throughout several meetings and workshops, the committee and subcommittees addressed public concerns, offered solutions and potential project ideas based on the survey results. The Recreation Committee solicited public input in the following ways:

Public Input Questionnaire: This questionnaire was made available online on 12/1/2023 on the Drummond Island Township website, and using QR codes on posters and on the printed survey forms mailed to all property owners directing surveyor to the Township website, as well as hard copies available at the Drummond Township office, Drummond Island Public Library, and Drummond Island Tourist Association Visitor Center. The survey forms were completed by 706 people between December 1 2023 and January 18 2024.

Public Input by Subcommittees: During workshops, attendees broke into subcommittees to find solutions to various concerns expressed in the survey results and propose potential project ideas to be included in the 2025-2029 DNR Recreation Plan, see Project Idea Template, Appendix D. Based on the recreation plan survey results, the subcommittees were grouped in five main themes:

1. Public Water Access
2. Power Sports
3. Non-Motorized Sports
4. Parks and Recreation
5. Historical Engagement

Public Comment Period: The final draft of the 2025-2029 DNR Recreation Plan was made available online on the Drummond Island Township website <https://www.drummondislandtownship.org>, and hard copies were also available for review at the Frank J Sasso Township Hall, Drummond Island Public Library, and the Drummond Island Tourist Association Visitor Center from June 17 2024 through July 18 2024.

Public Hearing: The Public Hearing was used to give members of the public an opportunity to speak before the Recreation Steering Committee to express their thoughts on the final draft of the plan on July 18 and July 25 2024.

To see the full questionnaire Appendix B , public survey and input results Appendix C, including public notices placed in the local paper Appendix F.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this 5-year plan for Drummond Island Township is to expand the recreational opportunities for township residents and visitors. To make this a reality, this plan will work to achieve three main goals. Each goal will have objectives to guide progress through various initiatives and projects. The next section, Action Program, will delineate when, where, and how certain objectives will be met by the Drummond Island Township, the Drummond Island Tourist Association, Drummond Island Recreation Plan Steering Committee and Subcommittees, and various community committees.

The rationale for these goals and objectives are rooted in the insights gleaned from the Recreation Questionnaire as well as from discussions with the Drummond Island Township Board of Trustees. Additional guidance was provided by data gathered by the Drummond Island Tourism Association, which revealed that hiking (non-motor trails), water access for viewing and paddle/kayak launching, and off-roading were the top three activities where people wanted specific information, based on the requests of the hundreds of people that stopped by their offices.

According to the survey results, hiking/walking, boating/jet-skiing, swimming, kayaking/paddle-boarding, and fishing were the most popular activities survey respondents engaged in. Respondents also were most interested in expanding opportunities for hiking/walking, water access for viewing/picnicking and kayak/paddleboard launching, dark sky viewing, and ATV/ORV trail from ferry to Four Corners.

Goal 1: Expand and Promote Water Access and Non-motor Trails throughout the Township.

RATIONALE: THREE OF THE TOP FIVE POPULAR ACTIVITIES AND THREE OF THE TOP FIVE RANKED PRIORITIES FROM THE SURVEY WERE DIRECTLY RELATED TO HIKING TRAILS, WATER ACCESS, AND FISHING AND INCREASING HIKING TRAILS, WATER ACCESS FOR VIEWING AND KAYAK TRAILS, AND KAYAK/PADDLE/BOAT LAUNCHES WERE THE TOP CHOICE FOR SURVEY RESPONDENTS.

OBJECTIVES:

- 1.1 Develop more non-motorized trails on Township property, nature preserves, and state land for hiking/running, birding, XC skiing/snowshoeing
- 1.2. Develop kayak/canoe launches at various public access locations with signage for rules, risk level, and safety information.
- 1.3 Install ADA compliant kayak launches at Township Park, Big Shoal Beach, and/or Maxton Bay DNR boat launch.
- 1.4 Township Park boat launch improvements, including dock, parking area, and signage for rules & safety information.
- 1.5 Improve swimming areas at Big Shoal Beach and Township Park Beach with signage for rules & safety information.
- 1.6 Building a community pier on public land.

Goal 2: Expand the ORV/Motor Trail Systems and Park Amenities.

RATIONALE: THE CURRENT TRAIL SYSTEMS ARE WELL-USED, AND ADDITIONAL AMENITIES WILL INCREASE THE PUBLIC'S ENJOYMENT. ADDITIONAL ROUTES WILL INCREASE OPPORTUNITY FOR RECREATION AND CONNECT THE TOWNSHIP TO TRAIL SYSTEMS THAT CURRENTLY END AT THE DETOUR FERRY DOCK. INSTALLING IMPROVED AMENITIES AT THE PARKS WHICH SERVE AS ANCHORS FOR THE TRAIL SYSTEMS WILL ALSO SUPPORT RESPONSIBLE TRAIL USE

OBJECTIVES:

- 2.1 Install Rest Rooms/Warming Shelter at Drummond Island Ferry Dock.
- 2.2 Install Dump Station and Septic Systems at Township Park.
- 2.3 Improve campsites at Glen Cove.
- 2.4 Clean-up Glen Cove wooded area.
- 2.5 Implement ORV speed limit on county roads.
- 2.6 Develop a bike path from Museum to Four Corners
- 2.7 Install roof over existing concrete slab for use as a Community Pavilion adjacent to Township Hall.

Goal 3: Capitalize on and Further Develop Drummond Township's Community-Based Sense of Place.

DRUMMOND ISLAND IS UNIQUE FOR BOTH RESIDENTS AND VISITORS. COMMUNITY-BASED PLACE MAKING EFFORTS CAN MEET PUBLIC EXPECTATIONS, ENCOURAGE STEWARDSHIP OF OUR ISLAND AND ITS RESOURCES, AND SUPPORT AN ENHANCED QUALITY OF LIFE.

Note: The following Objectives can be achieved by the Community Plan Committee members, as they can be implemented now, are not recreation based, and do not require DNR funding.

OBJECTIVES:

- 3.1 Install "Welcome to Drummond Island" arch signage and fort style kiosk near Restrooms/Warming Shelter at Drummond Island Ferry Dock.
- 3.2 Develop and implement "Protect Drummond Island Campaign"
- 3.3 Continue participating in Treat Lightly and Leave No Trace and host trash pick-up days on trails.
- 3.4 Install historical signage at designated sites of historical and cultural significance.

ACTION PROGRAM

The action plan for this five-year plan will be dictated by the monies available through grants, fundraising, donations, and general township funds. These projects can be realized through the cooperation, assistance, and expertise of county, state and federal governments. This recreation plan may be amended at any time during its five years to change priority or to add or change goals and objectives with public opinion and input. **All development projects will be held to universal compliance and American Disability Act standards.**

Funding Sources:

- Township funds
- Local funds (local service organizations and businesses; donations and fundraising)
- Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians: 2 percent funds
- MDNR: Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)—min. 25 percent match
- MDNR: Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)—50 percent match
- MDNR: Recreation Passport (RP)—min. 25 percent match
- MDEQ: Coastal Zone Management (CZM)—50 percent match
- MDOT: Transportation Alternatives Program

Sub-Committee	Project Name	Project Description
Public Water Access	Dickenson Lake Paddling Launch Site (DNR)	Signage & improved parking: 1) Install educational signage to designate this public paddling launch site, providing paddlers with essential guidelines, route suggestions, and safety information, and disclaimer. 2) Improve the parking spot and clear shoreline for better water access.
Public Water Access	Townline Road End Paddling Launch Site (Twp)	Signage: Install educational signage to designate this public paddling launch site, providing paddlers with essential guidelines, route suggestions, and safety information, and disclaimer as well as where to park (down the road at ice rink).
Public Water Access	Glen Cove Paddling Launch Site (DNR)	Signage & Log Book Kiosk: 1) Signage: Install educational signage to designate this public paddling launch site, providing paddlers with essential guidelines, route suggestions, and safety information and disclaimer, 2) Log Book kiosk: name, vehicle make/model/license, launch time, duration planned/destination.
Public Water Access	South Flat Rock- Kilstroms Rd Paddling Launch Site (DNR)	Signage: Install educational signage to designate this public paddling launch site, providing paddlers with essential guidelines, route suggestions, and safety information, and disclaimer
Public Water Access	Potagannissing Wildlife Flooding Area Paddling Launch Site (DNR)	Signage: Install educational signage to designate this public paddling launch site, providing paddlers with essential guidelines, route suggestions, and safety information, and disclaimer
Public Water Access	Big Shoal Beach Paddling Launch Site (Township)	Signage, Improve Parking, Improve Boat Launch & Beach: 1) Install educational signage to designate this public paddling launch site, providing paddlers with essential guidelines, route suggestions, and safety information, and disclaimer, 2) Improve/grade/fill the parking area adjacent to boat launch, 3) Improve beach for swimmer safety.

Public Water Access	Maxton Bay DNR Boat Launch (DNR)- Paddling Launch Site with ADA Compliant Kayak Launch	Signage & ADA Compliant Kayak Launch: 1) Install educational signage to designate this public paddling launch site, providing paddlers with essential guidelines, route suggestions, and safety information, and disclaimer 2) Install ADA compliant (Universally Accessible) kayak launch at the current DNR boat launch. 70% guaranteed funding through grants when 30% funding is locally raised.
Public Water Access	Multi-Purpose Community Pier	Community Pier: Implementing an ADA-compliant public pier improves community waterfront access and enjoyment. This low-barrier, maintenance-free structure benefits children, seniors, veterans, and those with disabilities, enhancing civic life for all. Location TBD (adjusted carry-over project from previous DNR Recreation Plan). Over \$60,000 is already raised for this project.
Non-Motor Sports	Big Shoal Trail (Twp)	Hiking Trail: Evaluate & map existing hiking trail. Request Twp approval for trail brushing & new signage. Install signage (trail map, level of difficulty, safety info). Establish this trail as a recognized birding trail. Project timeline: 2024-2025
Non-Motor Sports	DI Resort Nature Preserve Trail (Resort)	Hiking Trail: Evaluate & map existing hiking trail. Request Resort approval for trail brushing & new signage. Install signage (trail map, level of difficulty, safety info). Establish this trail as a recognized birding trail; project timeline: 2024-2026. Research & evaluate potential marsh birding trail in another area of Nature Preserve; project timeline: 2026-2027
Non-Motor Sports	Heritage Trail-East Loop (Twp)	Hiking/XC Ski Trail: Evaluate & map new hiking/XC ski trail. Request Twp approval for trail brushing & new signage. Install signage (trail map, level of difficulty, safety info). Establish this trail as a recognized birding trail. Project timeline: 2026-2028.

Non-Motor Sports	Land Adjacent Heritage Trail-East Loop (DNR)	Hiking/XC Ski Trail: Evaluate & map new hiking/XC ski trail. Request DNR approval for minimal trail brushing & new signage (installed on adjacent Twp property only, at boundary access point). Install signage (trail map, level of difficulty, safety info). Establish this trail as a recognized birding trail. Project timeline: 2027-2029.
Non-Motor Sports	Rainbow Trail (DNR)	Hiking/XC Ski Trail: Evaluate & map existing hiking/XC ski trail, established in 2008. Request DNR approval for minimal trail brushing & new signage (installed at existing parking area only). Install signage (trail map, level of difficulty, safety info). Establish this trail as a recognized birding trail. Project timeline: 2027-2029.
Power Sports	Vault Toilets at Trail Heads	Upgrade Existing ORV Trail Heads: Contact the DNR to get approved vault toilet design and cost, raise funds for the project, install vault toilet and maintain.
Power Sports	Trash bins at Trail Heads	Upgrade Existing ORV Trail Heads: Contact the DNR to get approved trash bin design and cost, raise funds for the project, install and maintain.
Power Sports	ORV Speed Limit Signs	County Roads: Implement speed limit signs around the island to educate the ORV non-registered vehicles that the speed limit is 25 mph.
Power Sports	Improve Campsites on Glen Cove	State Land: Improving campsites in locations such as Glen Cove Road. This would include adding fire rings and tent pads at certain locations.
Parks and Recreation	Township Park Dump Station and Septic System	Township Park: Installation of a dump station for park patrons and installation of a septic system for infrastructure for shower and restroom facilities.

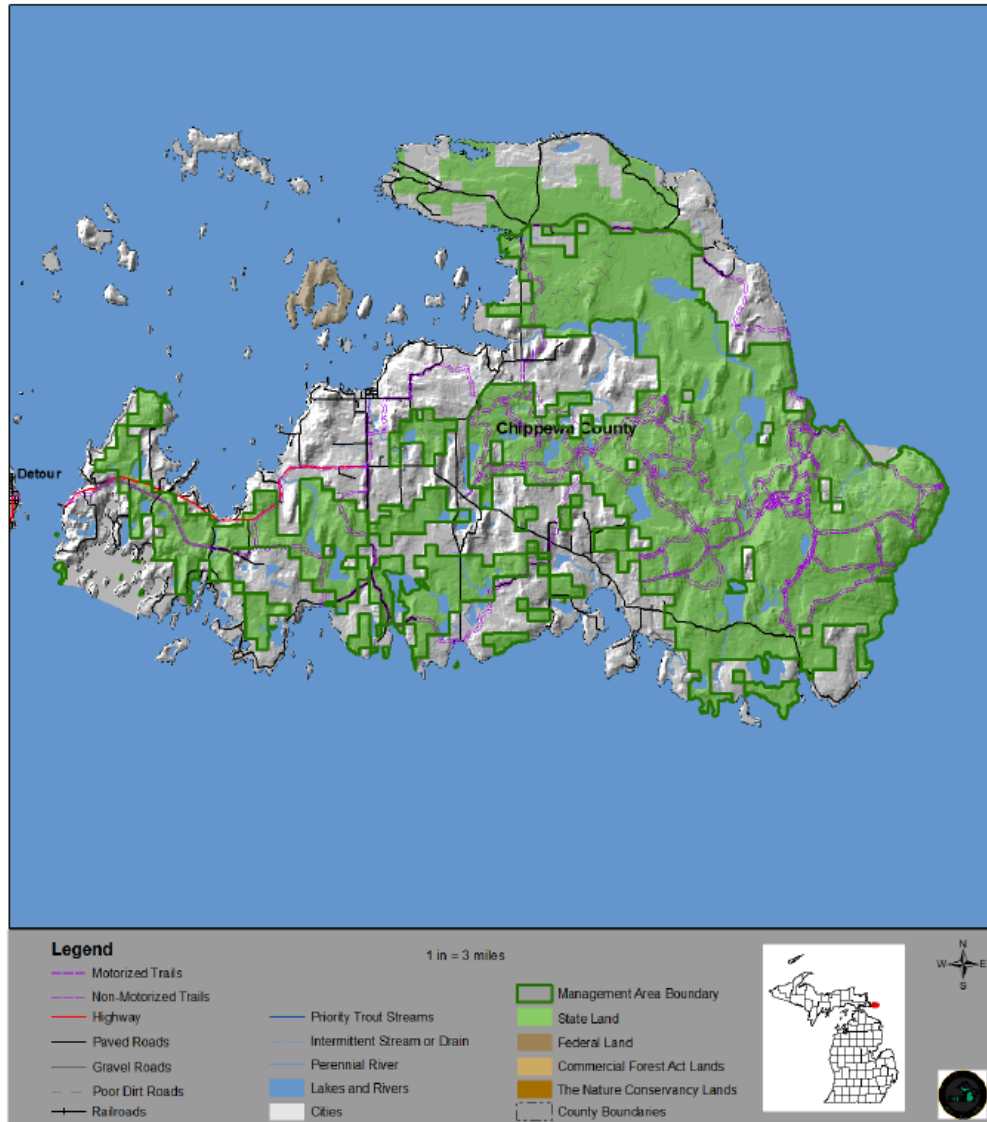
Public Water Access	Township Park Campground, Boat Launch, and Beach	Signage, Improve Parking, Improve Boat Launch & Beach: 1) Install educational signage to designate this public paddling launch site, providing paddlers with essential guidelines, route suggestions, safety information, and disclaimer, 2) Improve/grade/fill the parking area adjacent to boat launch, 3) Repair/improve township boat launch, 4) Improve beach for swimmer safety.
Parks and Recreation	Bike Path from Museum to 4 Corners	Bike Path: Phased project to install a bike path in four segments from the Museum parking lot to the 4 Corners to allow for safe pedestrian and cycling in town.
2020-24 Rec PPlan Carry-Over	Drummond Ferry Dock-Rest Rooms & Warming Station	Rest Rooms & Warming Station: Location at the Drummond Island ferry docks, this project continues to acquire necessary approvals from property owners and required regulatory agencies. Project timeline: Current through 2029
2020-24 Rec Plan Carry-Over	Welcome & Information Kiosk	Welcome to Drummond Island & Information Kiosk: Location at the Drummond Island ferry docks, this project continues to acquire necessary approvals from property owners and required regulatory agencies. Project timeline: Current through 2029
2020-24 Rec Plan Carry-Over	Community Pavilion (Township)	Community Pavilion: Install roof over existing concrete slab to provide year-round use by the community. Located adjacent to the Twp Hall & ambulance building on Twp property. Some matching funds raised, estimated year of completion: 2026-2027.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A: ADDITIONAL MAPS

The map below was produced by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Drummond Island



APPENDIX B: QUESTIONNAIRE

Drummond Island 2025-2029 DNR 5-Year Recreation Plan Survey

The current DNR 5-Year Recreation Plan will expire on December 31, 2024. Therefore, we are in the process of developing the 2025-2029 Drummond Island Recreation Plan. Drummond Island Township will use this survey to determine how to direct resources over the next five years. Your opinion is important to this process. Please complete and return this survey by December 31, 2023. Thank you for helping to shape the future of Drummond Island!

1. Are you a:

- Full time, year round resident
- Part time, seasonal resident
- Visitor to the island
- Other: _____

2. How long have you been a resident or coming to Drummond Island?

- Less than 1 year
- 1 to 5 years
- 5 to 10 years
- 10 to 20 years
- More than 20 years

3. What is your age group?

- Less than 18 years old
- 18-24 years old
- 25-44 years old
- 45-64 years old
- More than 65 years old
- I prefer not to answer

4. Do you or your family participate in the following recreation activities on Drummond? (Check all that apply.)

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking or hiking | <input type="checkbox"/> Kayaking, paddle-boarding, canoeing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Running | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis or pickleball |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming | <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball, soccer, baseball, softball |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snowshoeing, cross country skiing | <input type="checkbox"/> Playing on playground |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ice skating | <input type="checkbox"/> Boating, jet skiing, wake-boarding, etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiling | <input type="checkbox"/> Bird watching |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ORV-72" trails (Jeep, Side-by-Sides, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ORV-50" trails (ATV/quad/dirt bikes) | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Fishing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biking (road or long distance) | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain or fat-tire biking | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting |

Other: _____

5. How often do you use the following public spaces on Drummond Island? (Mark only once per row.)

	Never	1-2 times Per year	Once Per month	Once per week	More than once per week
Drummond Island School					
Sporting Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drummond Island					
Township Golf Course	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drummond Island Township					
Park-Campground Beach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drummond Island Township					
Park-Campground	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drummond Island Township					
Park-Heritage Trail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drummond Island Township					
Big Shoal Beach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clyde & Martha Williams					
Nature Preserve	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Never	1-2 times Per year	Once Per month	Once per week	More than once per week
Harbor Island National Wildlife Refuge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Snowmobile Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ORV Trails on State land	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maxton Plains	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Glen Cove	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marblehead	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fossil Ledges	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DNR Public Boat Launch Potagannissing Bay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drummond Island Ferry Dock and Parking Area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. How satisfied are you with the current number of public spaces available on Drummond Island?

Very Satisfied Satisfied Neutral Dissatisfied Very Dissatisfied

7. How satisfied are you with the maintenance of public spaces available on Drummond Island?

Very Satisfied Satisfied Neutral Dissatisfied Very Dissatisfied

8. Is there anything you would like us to know about the number or maintenance of public spaces on Drummond Island?

9. What additional areas or facilities would you use, if available, on Drummond Island? (Check all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Water Access, Boat Launches | <input type="checkbox"/> Equestrian Trails |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking Trails, Running Trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Cross Country Ski Trails- <u>Groomed</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle Trails-Mountain Biking, Fat-tire | <input type="checkbox"/> Cross Country Ski Trails- <u>Ungroomed</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle Trails-Along M134 or County Roads | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowshoe Trails |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Birdwatching Trails | <input type="checkbox"/> ATV/ORV Trail from Ferry to Four-Corners |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canoe, Kayak, Paddle-board Water Trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Rustic Camping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dark Sky Park, Ski Watching Locations | |

10. What additional types of recreation areas or recreational programs would you like to see on Drummond Island?

If you prefer to complete this survey online, use the QR code.



APPENDIX C: PUBLIC SURVEY ANALYSIS

Drummond Island 2025-29 DNR 5-Year Recreation Plan Survey

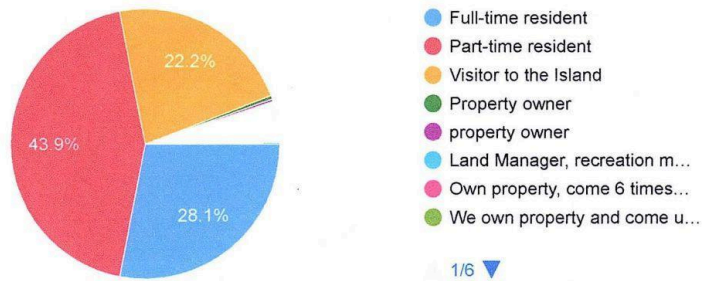
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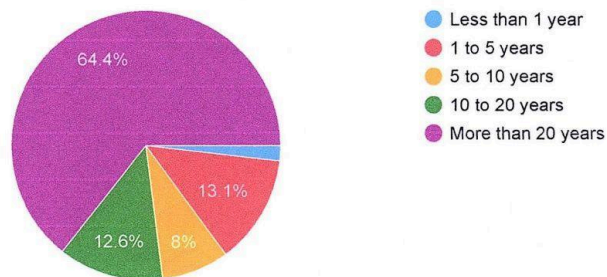


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How long have you been a resident, or how long have you been visiting the island?

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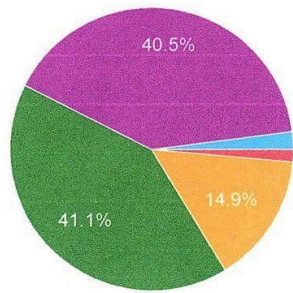
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What is your age group?

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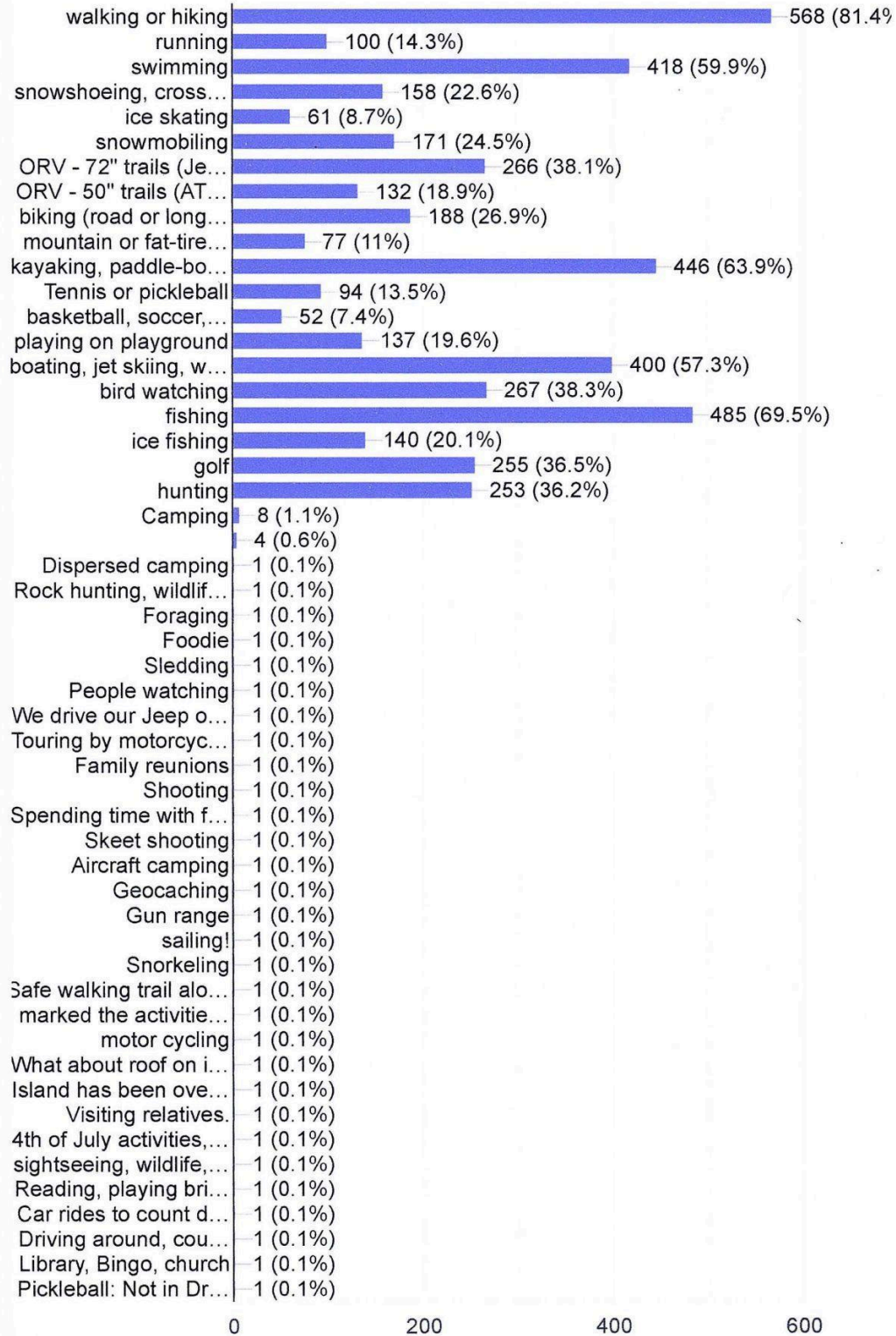
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- 25 - 44 years
- 45 - 64 years
- 65 years or older
- I prefer not to answer



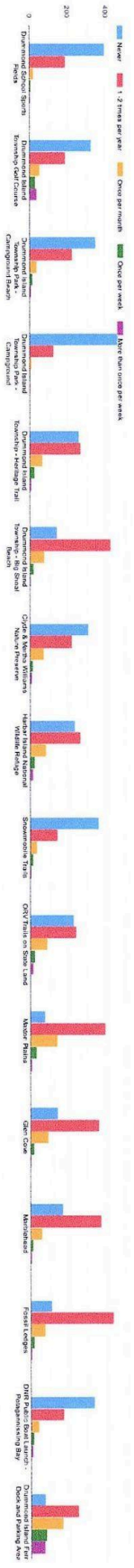
Do you or your family participate in any of the following recreational activities on Drummond Island?



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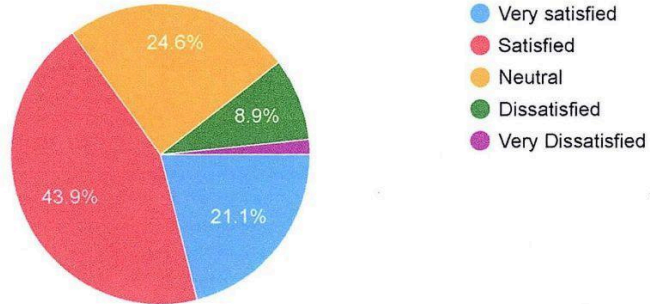
How often do you use the following public spaces on Drummond Island?



How satisfied are you with the maintenance of public spaces on Drummond Island?

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688 responses



Is there anything you would like us to know about the number or maintenance of public spaces on Drummond Island?

200 responses

No

Our only nice sandy public beach should be enhanced and THEN advertised. Wish we catered to bicycles instead of the off road crowd. Some trails should NOT be for ORV's.

I love it the way it is that's why I go up there

Trash on trails.

Need more public spaces on waterfront.

Need more public spaces on waterfront, picnic tables, benches, kayak/paddleboard & ADA compliant launches.

Would love more hiking or walking trails through some woods or natural areas.

I think the public spaces we have need to be better maintained before adding more.

I don't believe there's a del public spaces for the amount of people that are coming to the Island or waste stations

The only playground for kids is the school, it's used frequently and in complete disrepair

The people hut at the ferry is pretty sad, missing parts and the spiders are the only ones who use it..

What would a coat of paint cost on the tee's, ball markers and such at the public coarse?

It would be nice to see a outhouse at Glen cove, and maybe open up some areas between Glen cove and Marblehead for dispersed camping

Trash cans at fossil ledges

Blocked off good camping spots during maintenance. Areas that helped to keep larger groups about to be together.

It's sad that some people ruin it for others but a portajohn at fossil ledges like they did at High Rock Bay in Keweenaw. Just a smaller version. Something to keep the area clean and nice.

Not enough beach access for visitors. Big Shoal beach way to busy.

More water front



Whoever is in charge of maintaining the outhouse at Big shoal beach needs to be held accountable. It is disgusting and embarrassing.

DNR could clean the pit toilet at boat launch more often, upgrade the electrical for camping at township park, provide a dump station

The outhouse at Big shoal Beach was disgusting the summer. If somebody is being paid to maintain it they should be fired.

I wish there were more dispersed camp sites along the waterfront.

I would love to see public spaces along the water, like Detour has beside the ferry dock.

The Township Campground needs upgrading, more monitoring & maintenance along with Campground Hosts on the property 24/7. Online registration

We need more for kids. We need better infrastructure (trash receptacles is one example). We need more opportunities for our community. If you don't have a boat, ORV, or snowmobile, there's not much for you to do.

Township park needs improved facilities and better maintenance

Some of the more popular places are comprised by litter and human waste. That unfortunately make it hard to enjoy the area.

Would love access to more, the beauty of this island is amazing.

It would be nice if there were more public places for young children and families. A public playground would be nice or paved trails for those with strollers.

Thanks to everyone for what they do.

A few more hiking trails with good nature views that have paths that get the proper maintenance would be awesome. More signage and trail info posted at trailheads would also be helpful.

Playground equipment update would be great!

Maintenance of some hiking trails have gone into disrepair. It would be awesome to have more of a variety of public space activities also.

Trail maintenance must be difficult with the number of jeeps and orv's

Wish there were more things for families to do with children like miniature golf. We do have swimming and we do have Geocaching so that is nice.

Township park could benefit from some upgrades to bathrooms, play area for kids



Pickleball courts need repaving. The school tennis courts are horrible. Need resurfacing and repainted for pickleball use also. It was nice the year there were nets in the tote in the corner.

Difficult to keep things nice as people ruin things. ie: bathrooms. No respect.

Very well maintained!

I like that they are free, open to the public and that you do not need a reservation to use them. As a visitor it is nice to get a slice of the island without the hardship of owning it.

I have property on big shoal bay and regularly see people camp on the public beach, as well as have campfires. Both are prohibited but I'm not comfortable approaching strangers about it. Most people are kind but some are aggressively angry and feel they should be able to do whatever they want and scoff at the rules or private property boundaries. The campfires worry me especially. People also often leave lots of trash around the beach and the private beaches nearby. I would love to see someone enforce at least the fire rule more effectively.

Need more facilities along the trails. Sometimes we are out there for 6-8 hours and the only place to find relief is a tree. Outhouses would be great.

Destruction of habitat caused by some ORV riders.

More and longer hiking trails needed; lots of short trails but trails in the 3-5 mile range desperately needed.

Make more spaces for children to do activities.

No. there needs more public accountability to the water

Regarding maintenance of the public spaces, it would be nice to see the golf course irrigation improved to cover more areas of the fairways. I was glad to see the tennis courts at the township golf course, built with funding from my family, finally repaired and now used for pickle ball as well as tennis. The courts had not been very well maintained until recently.

I have a huge problem with the method of logging on Drummond's public land. As a bird hunter, it is virtually impossible to walk through these areas for years due to the slash (residue) left behind by the loggers. In Canada, this practice is not permitted.

Needs more public toilets. Fossil Ledges is getting gross!!!

Further develop the township Pickleball courts

Tennis courts need to be repaved.

Public spaces is not defined. Trails, roads, town hall, golf course club house?

As a former business owner we learned that there are places that tourists can't access which



causes them to go on private land

I think the Park at the Ferry should be better kept and more developed.

The maintenance of the public spaces on the island has been good with the exception of the DNR jeep trails. The jeep people leave garbage and do not respect our island unfortunately and are trashing it.

Many public spaces have been destroyed by motorized vehicles. Trails are often vast mud pits which are inaccessible to walkers and hikers (for example, the roads to The Ledges and Marblehead.) Dual access makes these spaces dangerous for walkers and hikers since motorized vehicles (especially side-by-sides) do not "share" appropriately. One can see the lack of respect for the unique landscape of the Island at Maxton, where side-by-sides have carved "donuts" in the road and where the road to the fossil Ledges has been carved into twice its original width, because vehicles do not respect the "leave no trace / tread lightly" outdoor ethic. I'm so very disappointed that Drummond has squandered the opportunity to preserve wild spaces. Moreover, the effort to market Drummond as a ORV/ATV haven has drawn tourists who believe the Island has NO LAWS. This is clear to anyone driving on M-134 with unlicensed side-by-sides west of Four Corners. Such tourists have no investment in preserving the beauty of this island, as is clear when one sees the devastation wrought on Marblehead and the Fossil Ledges Road. Over my 30 years, I've seen Drummond change from a sportsman paradise to a destination for those whose idea of the outdoors consists of the view from behind a windshield.

Too much orv traffic

Drummond Island Golf Course is a great resource.

Public restrooms in possibly 2 or 3 locations would help with the needs of the tourist traffic

We need bike trails so riding is safe

Need more direct contact access to water

A location to dump trash at or near ferry docks or main trailhead parking areas. Island makes hard for backcountry state land use and hauling trash out. Would be nice to have place to go dispose things instead of hauling home.

Pickleball courts

Maybe more information about recycling

Desire more public boat launches/bay access

Not there enough to give good information.

I am tired of the overuse of our island by loud, sometimes disrespectful machines that tear up the roads and trails. Places I used to hike are no longer good for hiking because of the mud



holes that have been created. We should have large hike/walk/bike trail systems that are not near the ORV trails. We should be promoting DI to more than just off road vehicles. It feels like we need more planning for the island. Our simple approach, in large part, has been to allow unfettered access by ORV's to grow our tourism. I know that is easier than planning and building Bike/Hike trails, but we are losing the old quiet pristine Drummond.

More places for people to put garbage so there isn't soo much left on the side of the trails

Lack of public restrooms on the trails and at beaches force people to do their "business" near trails and most are uneducated about proper disposal of toilet paper and diapers. It's disgusting and just gets worse over time.

Could use new kiosk signage at trailheads.

Not enough restrooms

Some of the boulders and signs at Marblehead and Shale Beach tend to get vandalized or moved for months at a time. I was glad to see Tread Lightly come in and help replace them a month or two ago.

Bathrooms needed

The spaces Ernie takes care of are great. Big Shoal Beach (better this year) but needs maintenance multiple times during the season May - Nov, Township Park Beach same, Township Park boat launch is in disrepair. Someone from the township should be in charge of assessing all public properties. The level of disrepair that went unnoticed at the Golf course is an example of this. The roads should be painted more often.

Big Shoal could use some better/more picnic tables. I would love to see more trash cans at the public areas and along trails. As well as signs encouraging proper use

Shore fishing

New picnic tables at Big Shoal and add some to Glen Cove

Needs in public spaces: winter tie downs at airport, toilet that isn't a port a john at the ferry on DI side, public boat launch pn south shore of DI, outhouse at fossil ledges.

More ATV/SXS trails

I would like to see more public beach access

Not enough garbage cans

Dump station at township Park

I. Have come up camping for over 50 years and we camp at the Township Park. I enjoy the rustic atmosphere within the park and hope you keep it that way for years to come.....over the



years we have made numerous friends and we all enjoy seeing each other year after year in the Township Park....our friendship extends throughout the year as some of us keep in contact and get together to share fond memories of the Island....we also enjoy bake goods bingo, Esters, fireman's fund raiser, shopping for "bargains" and eating at the Teepee.....we have made many friends of the locals over the years also.

I love the rustic township park campground. I love that they have kept the trees within the spaces, it gives it the feel of camping in the woods that most campgrounds do not offer.

I wish there was a safe way to run or ride my bike on the road (ferry to 4 corners)

Snowmobile trails are no longer safe, nor maintained well, due to illegal jeep and UTV/ATV use in off-seasons.

Snowmobile trails are often unsafe due to illegal ORV use tearing up the trails.

Drummond Island needs better public access to water/water views for visitors and residents to enjoy the island. It is an island after all, but much of the land with views is strictly residential or businesses.

Safer bike or walking paths between the ferry and four corners would give people a better, safer way to enjoy accessing the island from the ferry and would also help residents of that area of the island to have a safe way to get out and enjoy the outdoors safely. With cars speeding to and from the ferry throughout the hour every day, it is very tricky to safely walk or ride bikes in that strip of M-134. It would also encourage visitors to the island to enjoy a day trip to the island by biking to four corners for lunch or shopping, a win for many island businesses.

None

More public spaces _not_ related to ORVs would be great! We have an ORV, but it seems like this type of recreation dominates others on DI. There seems to be a disproportionately small number of dedicated hiking trails, public kayak launches, etc. for a location with such natural beauty ... and whose economy is so closely related to tourism. Increasing these options could only help attract new visitors.

Seems some trails are over-maintained. Trails should be trails.

More hiking and non motorized trails needed please!

Noise and volume of 4-wheeler traffic on public roads

Tennis/pickleball at the golf course could be fantastic. Lack of maintenance has left it a cratered mine field. I have contributed many hours of patching work but it really needs a complete resurfacing.

Need a boat ramp on the East side of the island



Prefer more.

Big Shole Beach should be improved for tourism. Jeep trails should be more limited. It is like the wild Wild West with Atv's and Jeep's on the island. This is not good stewardship of what has been a pristine wilderness.

There are some trails that have nearly impassable mud pits that make the entire trail a no go. Simply filling them to hub depth still provides a fun challenge with risk to equipment damage.

Generally, the Trails for Jeeps are maintained—but some have been destroyed by people driving around obstacles or gutting out roads due to poor driving skills or unsportsmanlike behavior.

the boat launch could use work at the township park

boat launch

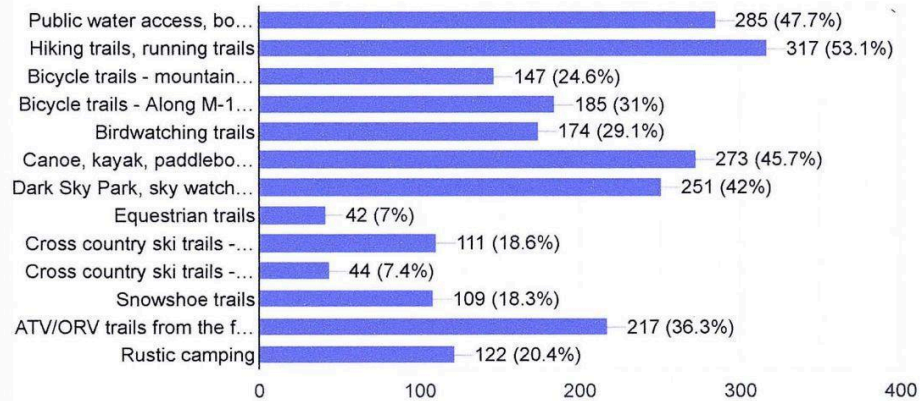
maintain the gravel roads

87 more responses are hidden

What additional recreation areas or facilities would you use, if available, on Drummond Island?



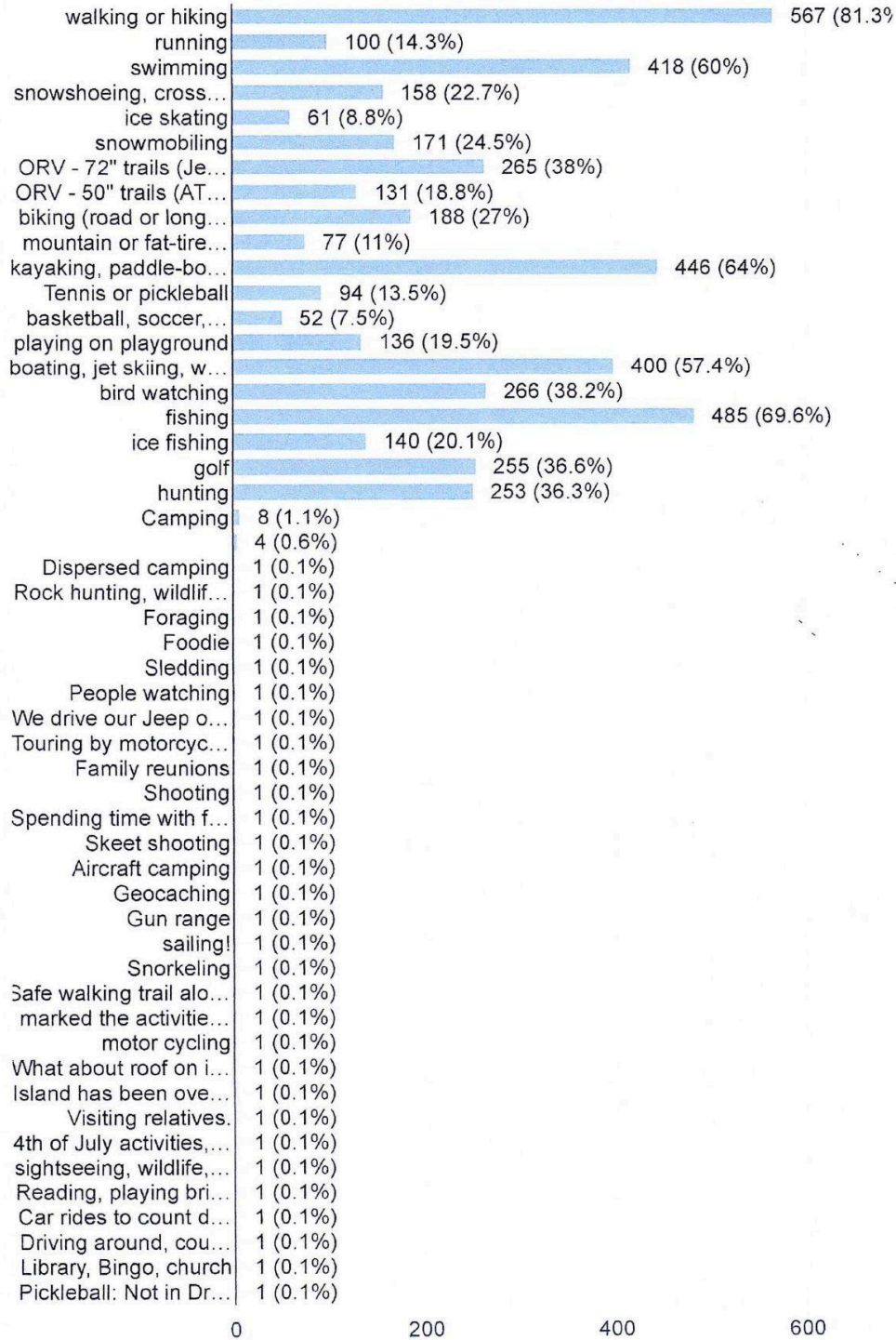
597 responses



Do you or your family participate in any of the following recreational activities on Drummond Island?



697 responses



What additional types of recreation areas or recreational programs would you like to see on Drummond Island?

224 responses

Annual kayak/canoe/bike event(s).

Acquisition of more waterfront for public access, water trail

Mushroom, birding, wildflower, dark sky presentations.

Biking trail along 134

Golf lessons

I would like to see more available for non-motorized recreation.

I would love to see more walking trails

Only those that promote quiet activity

Platforms for paddlers that aren't accessible by vehicles.

Support snowmobiling more and a paved walking path around the baseball fields to the water front and four corners. Designated dog park so people stop walking their dogs in the baseball field and leaving their dogs poop everywhere.

Disc golf

It would be good to work with the ferry service to get a QR code on tickets or something that people could scan that explains the concept of tread lightly.

Stop shutting down camp sites for large groups.

Beaches 🏖️

Rustic camping

Keep trails open for 72"+ ORV's and allow more rustic camping. Rustic camping is difficult on the island. People want to get away from the resorts and B&B's and enjoy nature.

Maintaining the 72" ORV trails to rustic camp sites/dark sky parks.

More water access and daytime picnic spots on water.



South side public boat launch

Bike paths along Town line rd and town to the ferry running parallel to the road but not on the side of the road for safety

New play ground!

Really need more to do in winter months

Dedicated kayak launch at the Township Park
Fishing pier at the Veterans Park

We need a stronger and more active snowmobile program. Drummond Island snowmobiling had a more substantial presence in our area in the past. We need paved walking paths for non-motorized use. An idea could be to have a paved route along the side of 134 to the ferry that is a walking/bike path in the summer and transitions to the snowmobile trail in the winter. Mackinaw City and, I believe, down toward Petoskey are examples of what I am describing. Along the side of their roads, they have excellent non-motorized access in the summer, and in the winter, it turns into a snowmobile trail.

We need a place for the kids to play and get together. The playground at the school is past its prime and needs to either be replaced, or we need to establish a new park for families to enjoy. A park by the water would be a fantastic addition to the community. The Drummond Elementary PVG has been exploring funding new playground ideas, so talk with them to see how we can partner.

Something for kids to do, most everything on your list is adult only

More hiking trails and spaces directed toward kids (large playground/park)

Access to historic sites and information

More involvement of school kids at golf tennis baseball ext.

None! Leave as is!

M-134 to be converted to mixed use. It's possible, we just haven't done it.

Designated bird watching areas, hiking trails with access to rivers/streams and small natural waterfall features, designated areas to be able to view habitats for animals such as beavers and otters (such as beaver dams).

Kids summer activities

Skateboard park

I think a trail for atv/orv should be a top priority.



I would like to see more kayaking and boating promoted and less jeeps. The island could use more places to access the water for the public.

A program that each visitor using the public areas has to sit through and be told proper etiquette and use of the island so it is not destroyed

Silent sports trails

It would be nice to have a nice park for families and children. With nice grass/shaded areas. A nice updated playground with updated features. Maybe a pavilion so people can have get togethers/ birthday parties/ farmer's market.

Some activities for children 12 and up

Miniature golf, maybe a frisbee park,

Safe biking along the road. Upgraded basketball and tennis courts by the school

Put put golf, disc golf, geo-caching, zip lining.

More public beach access

We have only been to the island twice, just discovered it really. Would like more information on island on what to do, etc. I want to go out the fossil ledge but do not have a side by side. Would love to be able to rent one with a guide.

I really enjoy the rustic camping at the township park, it brings a closeness with nature without the crowds of people. I just wish they would fix the boat launch at the township park like they did at the state forest launch.

Guided hikes

Dog Park

More public hiking trails

Sailing club, sailing dedicated boat launch

Quiet areas

More hiking and bird watching trails

Bird watching sites

A space for families to get together like a pavilion, for birthdays, etc.



Tab/orv trails on m-134!!! If we are denied road access we should be given a place to trail ride.

Hiking and biking trails, both along roads and off road, would be a huge improvement for the island. I do not feel safe riding a bike or walking along Drummond's roads either because of cars, trucks and ORV's traveling at excess speeds, or their owners not being courteous or willing to share the road. Some of the residents don't seem to have much respect for part time/seasonal residents who own property, pay taxes and support the island's businesses. The jeepers and ATV/ORV people simply don't care. They treat Drummond Island like a rental car.

N/A

Reduction of quads, ORVs and 4x4's.

A public pier to fish on.

Deer habitat improvements

I would like to see more natural and historical programs, so that Visitors and Islander's understand the natural aspects of Drummond as well as its History.

Tent pads accessible to only paddlers.

Boat launch on the south side of island or near ferry. It was in a plan probably 20 years ago.

Very unique place being spoiled by off-roading.

There is too much emphasis on catering to jeepers who often have little or no respect for the Island's natural resources and just throw trash and tear up the Island with their ATV. We need full time DNR people on the Island in the summer giving tickets as well as an Island sheriff.

Need a boat launch on the East side/ False Detour Passage area.

More hiking trails are needed on the east end of the island. The ORVtrails are not good for hiking.

We love it just the way it is

Wild flowers and butterfly plantings

A public pavillion which could host farmers markets, fall festival, family reunions etc.

Not there enough to give good information.

Township-Managed Membership-Based Fitness Center/Gym, Community Garden(s)

A bike loop that can be used for a annual DI bike race and annual trail running race.



How about an annual canoe/kayak race from Yacht Haven to Woodmore and back, or from Yacht Haven to a check point on Harbor Island and back.

Just dreaming here, but how about "The DI 360" (a canoe/kayak race around the island? This would be quite a big planning event, so it could require too much in Human Resources and logistics.

Birding trails with dedicated platforms for observation

More kayak access points

none

Better maps on the trails

A public swimming pool

Leave Drummond alone quit trying too turn it in to a city park just leave it alone.

Dog park. Bike paths. Hiking trails. Public area with outdoor fitness equipment.

Don't disrupt nature

More technical / challenging orv areas and trails.

None that I can think of

Excellent care should be taken of our current recreation areas, improvements in these areas (signage, clean up). Bike, running lane on Townline Road would be great. Creating a bike path along M134 is a 60 Million project. It has been researched multiple times. The township spent a ton of money to have a plan drawn up years ago. DITA did the same approx 5 years ago. Don't waste time on a path from the ferry to 4 corners. I believe Kayak water trails are already established

I would love for there to be hiking trails on Harbor Island. It would also be great to have hiking trails somewhere with a view of water.

Improved surfaces on the tennis/pickleball courts. I wonder about the airport hanger that seems to sit mostly dormant; would that be a good place for indoor sport courts? Basketball, tennis, pickleball...

Additional boat launch on south side of DI.

ATV/ORV trails that connect the main trail system out to the plains such as where the snowmobile trail travels along the north shore.

Public water, access, boat launch on Bass Cove



Public fishing dock

None

More public boat launches

A dark sky park and more places to see the sunsets over the water. I love the northern lights and ability to see the Milkyway! This is a highlight of our camping trips, being able to sit around the campfire and see the stars. We also really enjoy walking around the township park and ferry docks to enjoy gorgeous sunsets and fireworks.

I still would like to see the hiking trail built to Marblehead that was in previous Plans.

Longer trails for running / hiking / snowshoeing. A 5 mile trail would be great.

Would love non motorized vehicle trails along the water. Access to the water, restaurants and shops.

Protected biking trails. Multiple pickleball courts

None, we have plenty to do on the island now.

More ORV and snowmobile trails.

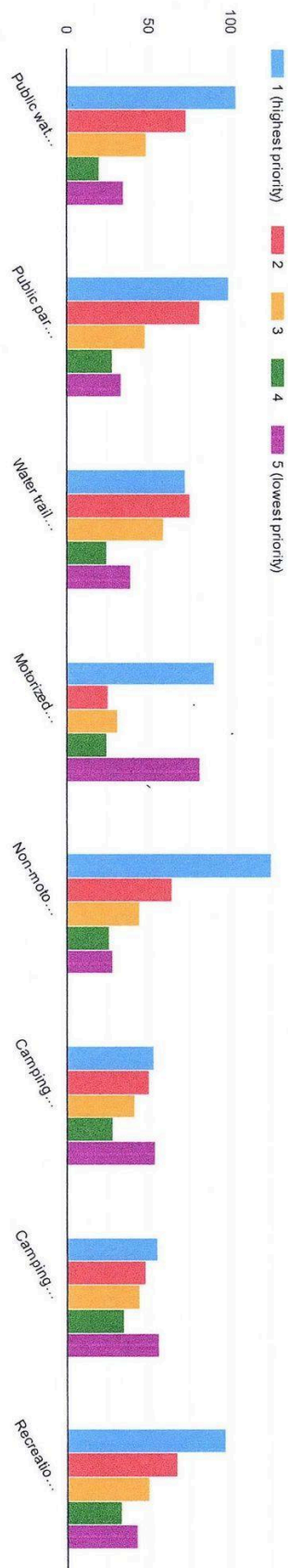
None, more is not always better.

Better advertising of what we do have on Drummond Island. Programmed events to attract peaceful visitors to the island and to enhance the lives of residents, such as bird watcher's events, dark sky programs, art & nature programs, nature trail information programs, Native American history programs, etc.

120 more responses are hidden



In respect to recreation on Drummond Island over the next 5 years, where would you like to see Drummond Island direct its resources? (please rank your top 5 choices)



In respect to recreation on Drummond Island over the next 5 years, are there any additional areas where you would like to see Drummond Island direct its resources?

155 responses

No

Suck the muck out of our inland lakes to bring back pristine Canoe/kayak and fishing waters.

None

Non motorized areas

Partnership via financial arrangement with DNR to ensure public recreation areas are used and maintained properly.

Additional infrastructure to support the ORV/ATV types of recreation (signage, trash, bathrooms) to prevent further degradation of the island.

Waste stations

Attention is needed to address the spread of invasive species by ATVs, ORVs, etc. power washing or vehicle sweeping

Bike /walking path post office to sports shop

Keep vehicles off the shore!

More outdoor activities and parks for children

Maybe make the ferry area more inviting.. we used to have a huge welcome fort... now we have a broken people hut, and a discussing almost always full portapotty..

More options for kids

Maybe turn the orv parking lot at the trail head for Glenn cove road into a forest campground?

Public overlanding capable areas for multiple people

Off-road resources are huge. There should be limits in place so all can enjoy trails. Maybe have a designated place the side by sides can go excessively fast without endangering others? Otherwise, love going on trips and camping at drummond

A place to dump trash from dispersed camping.



Less focus on SxS's and more focus on 72"+ ORV's and rustic camping with views of the water.

Dark sky park

Shared use utility vehicle

Buy up private or swap with State prime land to make above happen.

Bass cove/big shoal boat launch

Acquire more land for nature preserve

Paved bike paths

How bout a trail that goes around the whole island

How about nice shower facilities at the township campground.

Public areas along the water like Big Shoal and Glen Cove

Upgrade and maintain what we have before we start branching out.

Infrastructure. We need our groups to band together to push for better infrastructure in our community. The 5-year plan is a vehicle that can assist all in getting better infrastructure into our community.

Affordable short term housing 55 plus

Outdoor action-learning for adults and kids

Fishing, to many people don't come here because our fishing is either certain times of the year, or just terribly slow, fishing ponds for kids, we have, Jeeps, Broncos, ATV, side by sides, snowmobiling, that are making this island fun, but going back to my original statement, Adult friendly children not so much

I would like to see a better balance between motorized and non-motorized trails. There are only a few non-motorized trails on the island whereas there are miles of motorized trails. I would also like to see a solution to the unruly off-road situation. They are giving the respectful riders a bad name and turning residents against all riders.

Community!

Enforcement of laws pertains to orv's highest priority. There is no enforcement now. Have all non street legal orv's trailer to parking areas



More 72inch trails and more cameras to catch the people responsible for destruction and giving more fines for such activities

Wildlife habitat

Making sure people follow rules and respectful to the island. IE: staying on trail, obeying signs, following laws,e tc

Place for more long term housing.

None. Please don,t develop

I'd like to see talks focus less on enforcement of UTV rules and more about fixing the problem that everyone complains about. Then we can work on other things that actually matter. Mixed Use roads are a thing for areas where there is no other way for a ORV to get to a place where an ORV needs to go. The stretch between the ferry and the four corners is an exact example of where this needs to be utilized. We just need to ask for MDOT to adjust it and then we can move on: <https://www.michigan.gov/mdot/business/permits/right-of-way-construction/recreational/off-road-vehicle>

Township park and campground

More public maintained hiking trails, birding areas, animal observation areas. Maybe a nature center or nature conservancy information center of some sort.

Walking or running trails for families

Fines for those who destroy the public land

The number of orv's not respecting our island appears to be damaging the beauty of our island.

Motorcycle Only off-road trails.

Also a side walk along the side of the road filling townline road. So people can safely walk to town and not have to worry about traffic.

Walking/ bike lanes along the roads.

Upgrade pickleball and tennis courts for the public

Indoor exercise facility for winter

Restrict Jeep access to only designated trails

Keep the township park rustic



No, keep Drummond simple.

You have a beautiful night sky, I would love to see a dark sky observation. You have a beautiful location on the water to really be able to see the sky and I have noticed more and more light pollution on the island.

More hiking trails

Control utilization and monitor cleanup

Perhaps more beachfront parks, and camping options. I also love the idea of a dark sky park and think that could bring a lot of business to the island.

Instructions to Orv Atv and Jeeps to maintain trails and not litter. Possibly suggest fines if caught

Quality pickleball courts

Education with regard to the sensitive nature of the island and respect for the trails that already exist. Keeping ORV's within already existing boundaries that are not being respected.

Maybe signs on the trails to fossil ledges and marble head.

Kid friendly events, spaces for kids to run, not just our school playground. A community center for family events, with rooms that could be rented out for parties or programs for during summer/after school. A covered pavilion.

Trails on m-134

Snowmobile trails

ORV - too much advertising and not enough infrastructure to support the influx of people. Would like to see INFORMATION about the island in regards to trash removal and etiquette about using the trails. Respecting the island is an important thing to demand from residents and visitors.

Also, provide funding for police's/sheriff/DNR to maintain safety for citizens.

We need things for the kids

Additional work on township pickleball courts, possible tournament site

Strict regulation on Jeepers

We should cut down on high volume events-- eg fall on the island, jeep the Mac, Jeep jamboree.

Fish stocking programs and protection from poaching during the walleye and northern pike



spawning in the river.

Historical and Nature Programs

Additional artesian wells/drinking water

Please change the focus of recreation on our island gem to quiet sports (e.g. paddling, hiking, biking, birdwatching, stargazing...) There are few spaces like Drummond and yet it's unique natural offerings are being squandered in an effort to draw motorized tourists. What a shame.

Getting the bear numbers knocked down.

The waterfowl marsh needs the dam level raised and wild rice planted. If not drain it and turn it into a Jeep mud bog. All about money and not management.

Water access is very poor for non-landowners. Need better access to Lakeshore

Continued improvement of public golf course and the facility.

We enjoy D I as it is. We purchased a home 10 years ago and are there almost 25% of the year, in all seasons. I know change is going to happen, but please take it slow. I'm concerned that it will turn into a playground for too many and lose its quiet up north appeal that has become the get away many of us need. We have found our place to connect with many of the Blessings that God has given to us.

Full time DNR people in summer giving tickets and sheriff to enforce our natural resources being protected.

Boat launch east side. Hiking/cross country trails.

As mentioned earlier, hiking trails. A public marina might also be nice, and keep up the golf course.

We like it just the way it is.

Better roads

Conservatio. Protecting and keeping nature as is.

Planned summer/fall activities like the ones they have in Cedarville at the Old School House with a brochure to let people know what is available.

Right of way to the new Whitney Bay wildlife refuge and trails if possible.

Would love to see an ATV trail from the ferry to the four corners.

Better if permanent residents or more frequent visitors make these decisions.



Bike or walking path along Townline Rd.

Non Motorized trails!

Stop logging all the public land flat

Restrooms and informational kiosk at the ferry dock. Transforming some of the ATV Trails into fat tire bike trails to encourage quiet sports. Conduct an environmental impact study and tourism impact study of the ORV/ATV trails on Drummond Island.

Dedicate some funding to promote responsible motorized recreation.

Education/Communication/Projects

Township golf course. My family golfs the township course nearly everyday when on island.

More eco-tourism than motor tourism

Establish food plots for deer and other wildlife

Dog park

Keeping the ORV's from damaging the natural environment.

Preserve nature

More off road trails and public boat ramps

48 more responses are hidden



Is there any additional information about recreation on Drummond Island that you would like us to know?

110 responses

No

I like it the way it is there is many places you can go if you want difrent

Our tourism association needs to back off promoting DI as an off-roading destination. Hopefully the township will focus more on what makes the island so unique and offer more opportunities to experience what makes this gem an outdoor destination experience. It's difficult to enjoy some of the more remote areas when one is continuously interrupted by the noise, destruction and littering that comes with the folks who tear up the land and trails.

How are you regulating the number of time you fill out this survey?

The Motorized vehicles (ATV/ORV, Jeep, dirt bike, etc.) are ruining the island.

Too many side by sides and other ATV' are abusing the environment; noisy, state laws not enforced, vandalism of private and public property. If something isn't done about these problems, I'm concerned about consequences that will affect the beauty of the island.

Promote more about taking care of the land and cleaning up after themselves

Keep vehicles off the shore!

We love overlanding on Drummond island! We're concerned with the amount of trash in the woods at fossil ledges and would be interested in helping put some sort of system in place like high rock bay has in the keewenaw peninsula that KORC manages.

Limit side by sides / razors if possible. Too rough on trails

We love the island and want to keep the trails open for our families and future generations to come up and enjoy the rustic beauty and trail systems.

I do sxs and overlanding and they coexist very well.

Buy up private or swap with State prime land to make above happen.

It's disgusting to use trails and find toilet paper all along it...like fossil ledges, so sad

Love that you're working hard to keep our island special and enjoyed. Thank you.

Focus more on our "silent sports"

Consider live streaming the meetings for those unable to attend the opportunity to be included.



Many community members are seasonal, or their schedules don't allow the opportunity to participate in person.

I would rather see resources directed towards having zoning for signs, they look like garbage everywhere on the side of the roads. If there is no zoning or rules, it will continue to clog up the beautiful landscape. Also would like to see ways to curb the garbage and destruction left by visitors, as well as noise pollution.

Improved grocery store

We are concerned with the growing sxs population. We constantly witness a lot of them going off trail and drinking. We see their tracks going in the water a lot. We know not all of them are bad and full size do the same thing but we need a way to protect the trail system for everyone and weed out the bad apples.

We have a place on Drummond for the peace and solitude it offers, but would take advantage of things we can't do on our property... hiking/biking trails, educational programming with action, places to take younger grandkids to play

This is a beautiful island, I would like to keep it that way so that all can enjoy it. A solution to trash disposal is needed. Visitors, especially day visitors, don't necessarily know how to deal with their trash. I hate to think that anyone thinks it's ok to throw trash out onto the roadside.

Too many jeeps. They destroy nature and are disrespectful of private land!!

We love coming at least once a year. It is so beautiful, Gods country.

I have nothing against the off road vehicle activity taking place on Drummond, but sometimes it seems to be overtaking everything else and it takes away from the peacefulness the island has the potential to offer.

All good thanks great job.

I would oppose any further development. Especially no more trails for motorized vehicles. I feel to create a trail from the ferry to 4 corners would be a safety hazard for all.

There are a lot of positive things that can be done to improve island life, but people are too focused on ORVs. The main complaint is that they are driving on a stretch of M-134 that they should be able to drive on - we just need to make it so. Let's fix that and then we can work on improvements.

The golf course could use improvement: scheduled t-times, more and updated golf carts, credit card use.

Overpopulation in the summer.

Would be really nice to have a restaurant on the water that you could dock your boat at for other people visiting from other islands to us on the island that would like to take our boat out



to dinner to keep the money on the island versus going over to DeTour or to Raber

None

Sad how the keepers. Are tearing up the trails. Sad that people are driving on our property and helping themselves to our pile of cut wood. The respect for the locals is being lost.....

Your island has been a fantastic place to raise generations of our family we cherish every bit of it!

Guided side by side tours!

Not at this time, thank you.

It's fine the way it is.

I appreciate your thoughtful planning and asking our opinions. Thank you!

Install cameras on trails

There are enough ORV trails.
Enforcing existing laws regulating some ORV riders.
It would be nice to see more of an emphasis on respect for the natural beauty of the Island..
Encourage quiet sports, snowshoeing, hiking, backcountry camping etc...

Beautiful island; please let us hikers and birdwatchers access it. Don't let ATV/OR's ruin it—
minimize where they can ride and ban them in the Maxton Plains area.

I would love to see a boat launch somewhere on the south east side of the island.

Keeping orvs off restricted areas and trails should be a much higher priority. They are clouding
long term damage and ruining some nice hiking trails.

The island doesn't need more tourist attractions. We need more options for OUR community.
OUR kids. People that live here year round should be the priority before more trails and boat
ramps. Places for us to walk and feel safe without side by sides or jeepers flying past us on the
road. Places that people can walk with a stroller or wheelchair, etc.

The amount of jeeps, ATV/ORVs and motorcycles being actively recruited by Drummond's
tourism association is bringing unwanted traffic, noise, unruly behavior and other unwelcome
elements to a once peaceful island. From increased ferry lines, loud engines, excessive speeds
along roads, trash left behind, they are becoming a safety hazard and a nuisance. I understand
businesses like their presence, but these vehicles and their owners are not only loud and
disruptive, but cause damage and bring increased costs to the township and its residents that
may not be fully appreciated by the business owners. As I stated above, they treat Drummond
Island like a rental.

ORV rules & limits are not being followed



This is not about recreation but ...

We have been property owners since 1994. Now retired we spend 7-9 months on the island. The ferry staff provide an amazing service. Frequent service passes for seniors is important. Please keep the ferry ticket prices reasonable for us to use once or twice a week.

Places for visitors to throw away trash. They will use recycle if nothing else is Available. There should be trash cans that are managed by the township.

N/A

Strict regulation on rental properties/limit guests and vehicles to a normal household

We should un-develop Drummond Island. Not make it like down-state which we all came up here to avoid.

As part of a Historical Program, I would like to see articles about the individuals whose names are on the plaques at the Township Hall. Modern Technology affords us some wonderful avenues to present such information that would be easily accessed by everyone.

Please see my comments above about the jeepers

I hope you're considering the effect of an ORV/ATV trail on property owners along that Ferry Dock / Four Corners route. For those of us close to the ferry dock, the noise is already deafening, especially with rumble strips on the road and the trees/plants between the road and our property mown to the ground. Obviously we are absolutely opposed to this proposal.

Most non Islanders aren't impressed with DI, limited water access

Would like to see all access trail from Ferry to Four Corners for bikes, ORV's and Golf Carts ,etc. SEE ABOVE RESPONSE TO HIGHEST PRIORITY

The wild behavior of some of the ATV's is starting to drive away families from visiting Drummond just so you know. I hear people comment on this many times when Drummond is discussed downstate.

Leave it the way it is

More frequent law enforcement patrols on ORV/ATV trails

Frustrated with the out of control off road vehicles and jeep noise and traffic. So many disrespect nature, the land and the quiet. Intolerable increase in trash strewn about.

A decent bathroom facility at the ferry dock on Drummond Island is needed with flush toilets and sinks.

Can't run rv's before the four corners Have to transport if you live west of there.



None.

We have numerous lakes that need to be de-mucked. Examples: Marl Lake, Gravel Lake, Bailey's Lake, Boot Lake, and others. These lakes used to be great for loon sightseeing, but not so much any more, as 5 feet of fishy water has become 2 feet of mucky water. If that muck is any good for agriculture, then we need a business to start removing the muck. Imagine more tourists enjoying our inland lakes and improved habitats for loons, fish...

Environmental education programs and materials (signage, brochures, etc.) to help people understand the unique value and importance of the natural beauty Drummond Island has to offer. This should be directed to locals as well as visitors. Many do not realize the lasting impacts their actions have on the environment and the delicate balance we need to maintain to continue enjoying the recreation we all love about Drummond Island.

We need more help promoting responsible recreation and education on the ORV trails like the projects that Tread Lightly has helped with.

Stop the influx of off-road visitors

I'm tired of waiting for the ferry

Have more maps on trails and trash cans!!

The Township Park trail expansion is fantastic and an excellent example of enhancement of recreation on Drummond. Drummond has incredible silent sports potential and creation of new hiking trails that don't allow motorized vehicles would be an excellent use of resources.

Establish more target ranges for IDPA and USPSA competition

Don't lose the island to high-tech items. Family and kids need to get back to the basics of life. Less electronics

You folks do a wonderful job! I have been to several places in our country but none captured my soul like Drummond. Thank you for keeping this beautiful place natural and untouched by the corporate world.

Happy to have input, thank you.

Incorporate additional hiking trails w marked signs like heritage trail.

Glen cove road better graded please

Manage motorized off road use way better. This is way out of hand.

It is my personal opinion, the people who are building recreation on Drummond Island, are doing a fantastic job. Keep up the good work.



Simple nature activities and areas to enjoy what God has blessed this island with:-) Maybe force on a conservation program :-)

Trash is a problem

Please keep the Township Park open and maintained so we can keep having a place to come and camp and enjoy Heaven on Earth.... Drummond Island sunsets are the best

I am very glad that it is first come first serve for camping. It is really hard to get reservations for camping in the summer throughout the Upper Peninsula and this aspect is a very big draw for our family. Since it is our little slice of heaven, we enjoy not dealing with the frustrations of technology, over booking or worrying about having internet access to make and keep reservations. We go to Drummond to get away from society and technology. It reminds us of the old fashioned way of the world, and I'm glad there is not the pressure to be like the rest of society. I'm hoping that the island members understand and continue to keep with the slower way of life and keep the picturesque aspects of nature in mind as they are making decisions in the future.

Maintenance of snowmobile trails that are rutted up by Jeeps/ORV/ATVs

You're doing a great job

Monitoring of illegal jeep, UTV/ATV use on snowmobile trails during winter!

The ORVs are not following the laws, please try to figure out a way to penalize those that break the law.

Right now I feel there are way to many people that come to the Island and totally disrespect the land, and the people that live there, and the property owners there. Some issues need to be addressed before going forward and creating more.

Always an enjoyable experience for sure!

We just feel blessed to live on such a beautiful island with so much nature and wildlife

I'm not very fond of motorized summer sports on Drummond Island. We live near the trails and we have had our mailbox run down twice in the past couple of years by ATVs. They are also often heard revving engines at all hours. Some believe the island is a rock to conquer which leads to less care for the nature and wildlife that we cherish. I don't know how to fix that except to promote the nature and wildlife activities more prominently.

Thank you!

Packs of 4-wheelers 10-12 strong are using public roads and not allowing cars/trucks to pass.

More trails that are pedestrian/non-hunter friendly. Perhaps these trails would provide access to some of the inland lakes, bird watching and backpacking campsites.



Open and improve Rainbow hiking trail.

Gems in Michigan is a fabulous program. I hope Drummond Island uses some the same processes going forward.

The ORV vehicles need to be controlled. There needs to be better access for people to get rid of their garbage so that hopefully they don't continue throwing it around. There needs to be education on what private property is.

The orv trail information given at the visitor center is sketchy at best. Providing visitor's information on how to download readily available MDNR maps of the trail system on an app like Avenza would be very helpful.

The island has been our home away from home for almost 2 decades. We love it!

no

Where to fish

I believe that people come to Drummond to enjoy the natural setting and laid back pace. To get away from the modern world. I suggest that your plan should reflect this and refrain from making any changes that would modernize the island too much. It is very hard to put the genie back in the bottle.

7 more responses are hidden

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APPENDIX D: PROJECT IDEA TEMPLATES PREPARED BY SUBCOMMITTEES

DNR 5 Year Recreation Plan Idea Capture Template (with examples)

Instructions: Please use the following sections to detail your ideas. Each idea should have its own template. Feel free to include sketches, diagrams, or additional notes to clarify your suggestions.

1. General Information

- **Idea Title:** [Give a brief title or description of the idea]
- **Subcommittee Name:** [i.e. Parks and Recreation]
- **Subcommittee Member Name:** [Name of the member proposing the idea]
- **Description:** [Provide a detailed description of the proposed improvement, including its purpose, intended benefits, and any relevant considerations.]

2. Location and Scope

- **Park or Location Name:** [i.e. Drummond Island Township Park]
- **Location within the Area:** [Specify the area or location within the area where the improvement would be implemented]
- **Location Type:** [Township, State Land, Other (please specify)]
- **Scope:** [Describe the scale and scope of the improvement, including any associated infrastructure or modifications]

3. Budget and Resources

- **Estimated Cost:** [Provide an estimate of the financial resources required to implement the improvement if known (can also include estimates like "< 5k" , ">20k" for initial scoping)]
- **Potential Funding Sources:** [Identify possible sources of funding, such as grants, donations, or municipal budgets]
- **Resource Needs:** [List any additional resources or support needed to execute the improvement, such as volunteer labor, materials, or expertise]

4. Stakeholder Engagement

- **Community Impact:** [Assess how the improvement will benefit the local community and visitors]
- **Stakeholder Engagement Plan:** [Outline strategies for engaging relevant stakeholders, including community groups, local authorities, and users]

5. Timeline

- **Proposed Timeline:** [Provide a timeline for the implementation of the improvement, including key milestones and deadlines if known (high level estimates)]

6. Additional Notes or Attachments

- [Include any supplementary information, sketches, diagrams, or supporting documents relevant to the proposed improvement]

APPENDIX E: PROJECT RESOURCES (SITE PLANS, ETC.)

As the plan is carried out, this is where site plans, resolutions of support, funding commitments, and the like should be placed.

Name of Document:

Photo of Document:

APPENDIX F: PUBLIC NOTICES & ADOPTION MEETING MATERIALS

30-DAY REVIEW PERIOD NOTICE

Date of the Notice: Drummond Island Digest, June and July 2024 issues.

Type of the Notice: Newspaper announcement in the Drummond Island Digest.

Plan Location: At the Drummond Island Township Hall, Drummond Island Public Library, and Drummond Island Tourist Association from Monday, June 17th to Thursday, July 18 2024 or online at the Drummond Island Township website:

<https://www.drummondislandtownship.org/>

Duration of Draft Plan Public

Review Period: Monday, June 17 through Thursday July 18 2024

Copy of the Notice: See Notice.

PUBLIC HEARING

Date of the Notice: Drummond Island Digest, June and July 2024 issues.

Name of Newspaper: Drummond Island Digest

Date of Meeting: Thursday, July 18 and July 25 2024

Copy of the Notice: See notice.



DRUMMOND TOWNSHIP

2025-2029 DNR RECREATION PLAN FINAL DRAFT

Available for Public Review
Monday, June 17 through Thursday, July 18, 2024

View the final draft on the Drummond Township website: www.drummondislandtownship.org

Or, a copy will be available at the following locations during normal business hours:

- Drummond Island Public Library
- Drummond Island Tourist Association-Visitor Center
- Drummond Island Township Hall

**PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE HELD ON
THURSDAY, JULY 18TH AND
THURSDAY, JULY 25TH
AT 6:30 PM
DRUMMOND ISLAND TOWNSHIP HALL**

MINUTES FROM PUBLIC MEETING

2025-2029 DNR Recreation Plan - Final Draft Public In-Person Meeting – Thursday July 18, 2024

Meeting called to order: 6:32pm

Number of people in Attendance: 14

Lynne Coulter, Steering Committee Co-Chair, introduced the topic, gave a brief history of how the sub-committee members developed this Recreation Plan during workshops using the survey information. Initial workshop work sheets were available for review.

Question: Can the plan be updated? Yes, once it is submitted and approved by the MiGrant committee, any changes can be resubmitted for approval using similar process.

Question: Will this Recreation Plan submission expedite grant proposals? Yes it can since it show that Drummond Island has a Recreation Plan not only involving DNR projects, but other community based projects.

Question: Does the DNR approve, accept or acknowledge this Recreation Plan? The MiGrant will provide written approval. If additional information is needed, they will also make their requests in writing.

Question: What projects under the current 2020-2024 Recreation Plan have been completed?

- Heritage Trail/Twp Park: Interpretive signs (40 signs along the 3 mile trail) funded by donations and a grant through the Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District. Project leader: Drummond Island Silent Sports.
- Webcams at the Drummond ferry docks and Yacht Haven Marina, installed by Drummond Island Tourist Association and funded by monthly advertising sponsors.

Question: What were the highest activities engaged in and requested as additional activities from the survey data? The survey data was discussed, as well as the proposed projects that reflected that data.

Also discussed mountain bike trails using 50 inch wide trails and multi-use trails for bikes, walking, equestrian.

It was suggested that contact information be listed on the Recreation Plan Facebook page for each of the subcommittees so that people can select a Recreation Plan project they are interested in volunteering.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm

2025-2029 DNR Recreation Plan - Final Draft

Public In-Person Meeting – Thursday July 25, 2024

Meeting called to order: 6:32pm

Number of people in Attendance: 11

Lynne Coulter, Steering Committee Co-Chair, outlined the requirements for the Rec Plan:

- Initial meetings, subcommittee workshops, in-person meeting after the 30-day review of the Rec Plan Final Draft.
- Explained how the gathering of data through the public survey steered the projects included in the Rec Plan and Community Plan.
- Noted that the subcommittees are responsible for the execution of the projects through to completion. Subcommittee can meet with the Steering Committee to report project progress updates, seek guidance for fundraising for matching funds, grant opportunities, etc. These monthly meetings will start August 15th and continue each month on the 3rd Thursday at 6:30pm in the Township Hall.

Written comments received were read and discussed. In-

person comments and questions that were discussed:

- Townline Road & Tourist Road are dangerous for people to run, walk, bike ride on the non-existent shoulder. Krystal Truax, Steering Committee Co-Chair, led the discussion about the proposed walking/biking trail that will run from the museum and past the school to the Four-Corners intersection.
- Other pedestrian use along busy roads were discussed:
 - Tourist Road has no shoulder for walkers, etc. Paved road is too narrow for such a hilly winding road. Potential solution is to have County Road Commission widen the road.
 - Township Park Road is too narrow for emergency vehicles to pass each other in the case of an emergency at Township Campground. Road is also too narrow for pedestrians to walk during summer camping season. Potential solution is to have Twp seek bids to widen the road; it is on Twp property.
- Why isn't the roof over the ice rink included in the 2025-2029 Recreation Plan? The Steering Committee will look into adding that. It was also noted that the grant for the ice rink roof was not awarded (not all grant applications are awarded grant funding) but can be resubmitted by the Drummond Twp Bd. And/or Grant Committee.
- The process from this point on to submission of the Rec Plan to Grant Committee was outlined.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17pm.

COPY OF ADOPTION MEETING MINUTE

DRUMMOND ISLAND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 3, 2024
DRUMMOND ISLAND TOWNSHIP HALL
29935 E. PINE ST. DRUMMOND ISLAND, MI 49726

Supervisor Cameron asked Bob Muter to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
Supervisor Cameron called roll. Treasurer Stevenson, Clerk Fairchild, Trustee Matkovich and Supervisor Cameron were present.
Trustee Kruzel was absent

Clerk Fairchild read the minutes of the August 8, 2024 regular meeting.

Moved by Trustee Matkovich, supported by Treasurer Stevenson, that the August 8, 2024 minutes be approved as read.
Motion carried 4-0

Moved by Trustee Matkovich, supported by Clerk Fairchild, that the accounts payable in the amount of \$43,220.68 be approved.
Motion carried 4-0

Moved by Supervisor Cameron, supported by Trustee Matkovich, that a budget of \$1,500.00 be created for general merchandise for the golf course be created.
Motion carried 4-0

Moved by Trustee Matkovich, supported by Treasurer, that a budget of \$2,300 be created for the Melissa Account expenses.
Motion carried 4-0

Moved by Supervisor Cameron and supported by Clerk Fairchild that we move on with the County maintaining S. Sims Pt Rd. Rob Laitinen was present to answer any questions from the public.
Motion carried 4-0

Motion to approve the 2025-29 DNR Recreation Plan. Moved by Clerk Fairchild and supported by Supervisor Cameron.
Motion carried 4-0

Motion to approve the propane bid from Webster Garner for \$1.279 per gallon for the 2024-2025 season starting September 1, 2024 – August 20, 2025
Motion carried 4-0

Motion to continue to look into the township taking over ownership and upkeep of the Finnish Cemetery.

Moved by Clerk Fairchild and supported by Treasurer Stevenson

Motion to approve a new appointment of election commission for the November 5, 2024 election. Clerk Fairchild, Treasurer Stevenson, and Supervisor Cameron.

Roll Call Vote: Treasurer Stevenson
 Clerk Fairchild
 Supervisor Cameron
 Trustee Matkovich

There were reports given by Chad Cameron (Supervisor) Lynn Coulter (DISS) Amy Bernhardt (DITA).

Moved by Treasurer Cameron, supported by Trustee Matkovich , that the meeting be adjourned at 7:56 p.m.
Motion carried 4-0

Submitted by,

Amanda Fairchild, Township Clerk

COPY OF LETTER TO REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Drummond island Township
2025-2029 Recreation Plan

October 18, 2024

Jeff Hagan, CEO
Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning & Development Commission
2345 Meridian Street
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Dear Jeff,

The Drummond Island Recreation Planning Steering Committee is pleased to send you the attached /enclosed 2025-2029 Recreation Plan for Drummond Island Township. Please keep this for your records.

This plan was approved by the Drummond Island Township Board of Trustees on September 3, 2024 at their regular scheduled monthly meeting and we will be submitting the plan to Michigan's Department of Natural Resources promptly.

Please contact us with any questions. I can be reached at 906-440-0221 or lacoulter906@gmail.com. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Lynne Coulter
Drummond Island Recreation Planning Steering Committee

Cc:
Chad Cameron, Township Supervisor
Drummond Island Township
29935 E Pine Street
PO Box 225
Drummond Island MI 49726

APPENDIX G: POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORTS



Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Grants Management

PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

*This information required under authority of Part 19, PA 451 of 1994, as amended;
the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Stat. 897 (1964); and Part 715, of PA 451 of 1994, as amended.*

GRANT TYPE: MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE
(Please select one) LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND RECREATION PASSPORT BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Drummond Island Township

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01104 Y 1

PROJECT TYPE: Land Acquisition

PROJECT TITLE: Big Shoal Bay Acquisition

PROJECT SCOPE: 13.9 acres to be used for ever for outdoor recreation only

To Be Completed By Local Government Agency (Grantee)

Name of Agency (Grantee) Drummond Island Township	Contact Person Amanda Fairchild	Title Twp Clerk
Address 29935 E Pine Street	Telephone 906-493-5321	
City, State, ZIP Drummond Island MI 49726	Email clerk@drummondislandtownship.org	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? Yes No
If yes, please describe change(s).
In 2024, hiking trail (with half mile loop and 1 mile loop) was added north of beach.

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) Yes No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. Yes No

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area? Yes No
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.
Plans are to install a park entry (beach & trail) sign in 2025.

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. Yes No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. Yes No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No
Park/beach maintenance is scheduled as needed; hiking trail will also be as needed.
Pit toilet is pumped and maintained weekly during summer months.

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants) Yes No N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain. Yes No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?
Beach is open sunrise to sundown. Hiking trail will have similar hours.

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

The 13.9 acre parcel has only been used for recreational use. The Big Shoal Twp Beach is located on the south side of the S Big Shoal Bay Road and, until this year, the rest of the property has been basically unused. This summer, Drummond Island Silent Sports Ltd (DISS), a non-profit organization that establishes, maintains and promotes non-motorized trails, created a hiking trail on the north side of the road; this project is also listed in the 2025-29 Rec Plan under Non-Motorized Sports subcommittee. The trail is comprized of 2 loops; a half mile loop and a 1 mile loop. There are some beautiful forested areas with awesome rock formations on this trail and we are excited to hear from hikers that they have already enjoyed hiking the trail. Both loops have been marked with yellow (half mile) & red paint (one mile). We will be designing a trailhead sign with trail map in the near future (while coordinating new signage for other projects at the same time to reduce costs) and installing the sign in the spring 2025. Our group has also discussed installing a more formal 'Big Shoal Beach' sign, indicating that it is on Twp property and will include information about the land acquisition. The Rec Plan Water Access subcommittee has included in the 2025-2029 Rec Plan, plans to include safety information, since it is a designated kayak/paddling launch.

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.

Amanda Fairchild

Please print

Amanda Fairchild

Grantee Authorized Signature

12/17/24

Date

LYNSE A. COULTER

Please print

Lynse A. Coulter

Witness Signature

12/17/24

Date

Send completed report to: **POST COMPLETION GRANT INSPECTION REPORTS
GRANTS MANAGEMENT
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PO BOX 30425
LANSING MI 48909-7925**

