

Recreation Plan Prepared By:

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City of Caseville, Huron County, Michigan

INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

The City of Caseville has created a new Community Recreation Plan to replace its previous plan, which expires on December 31, 2023. This new plan examines the recreational needs of the citizens of Caseville and provides for a planned approach to meet those needs.

This plan was prepared to conform to Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) guidelines for community recreation plans. A MDNR approved recreation plan allows the City of Caseville to be eligible to apply for recreation grants which are administered through the MDNR's Recreation Grants Section. In order to remain eligible for MDNR grants, a community must have an up-to-date recreation plan. A recreation plan is current for five years. At the end of these five years, a new plan must be created. The new Caseville City Recreation Plan will cover the years 2024 to 2028.

In addition to maintaining grant eligibility, there are a number of other purposes for having an up-to-date recreation plan. These purposes include:

- Establish short- and long-term goals that reflect input from residents and realistic plans of city officials.
- Analyze current facilities and determine which ones cater to the needs and desires of Caseville residents.
- Determine what can be modified, added, and establish budgetary priorities.

A. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

An overview of the City of Caseville's social and physical characteristics provides an important basis for the future development of its recreation infrastructure. The social characteristics section documents a number of relevant demographics, including: population, age and employment data. Ethnic and racial distribution will be considered as a factor despite less than 1.88% diversity as part of the population. While Caseville shows 652 year-round residents, many of the actual households are seasonal. The residential population swells during the year due to the relaxing recreational aspects of the community. It is not unusual for the population to increase by over 200% during any given week throughout the year. Year-round population, as well as seasonal population, age, racial and ethnic background, and other demographic information should and will be taken into account when planning for recreational facilities.

The physical factor section will examine such pertinent issues as land use plans, zoning, transportation, soil types, and climate. These aspects are important when determining the appropriate location for recreational activities and facilities.

1. Social Characteristics

Age

The median age for Caseville city residents is 62.8 years old. This will be taken into consideration on all recreational projects. Caseville's popularity as a seasonal destination requires that youth and family needs be given a high priority. These statistics are illustrated in the following chart:

Table 1: City of Caseville / Age Distribution

POPULATION BY AGE AND PERCENTAGE			
2020	CASEVILLE CITY	HURON COUNTY	STATE OF MICHIGAN
Under 5	26 / .4%	1,490 / 4.7%	466,113.34/ 4.4%
5 to 19 years	73 / 7.0%	4,883.00 / 19.0%	3,052,599 / 21.3%
20 to 44 years	158 / 14%	7,571.10 / 24.3%	3,111,195 / 23.2%
45 to 64 years	188 / 30.2%	8,521.00 / 30.6%	2,619,648/ 28.1%
65+ years	207 / 44.8%	8,076.00 / 21.4%	1,361,530 / 23%
Source: 2020 U.S. Census Board	652	30,541.10	10,611,085.34

Employment

This page illustrates employment by industry for the City of Caseville. As can be seen from the 2020 chart, there are 226 jobs in the City of Caseville. Employment statistics are illustrated in the following chart:

Table 2: Employment by Industry

2020

RETAIL SALES, OTHER SERVICES	26
CONSTRUCTION	31
FINANCE	18
EDUCATION,	43
ADMINISTRATION, PROFESSIONAL	10
AGRICULTURE	15
MANUFACTURING	61
OTHER	22
TOTAL JOBS	226

Persons with Disabilities

Efforts such as barrier free access to the riverfront and a handicap accessible kayak ramp, have been made to encourage enjoyment of the waterfront for those with disabilities. Due to the aging population of Caseville, it is necessary to take into consideration people with physical limitations. While the percentage of people with disabilities is small, it has been and will remain an important factor for consideration when making plans for our community.

Population Trends

Population trends play an important role when planning for future recreational needs of a community. This section examines population trends based on the 2000 Census, 2010 Census, and 2020 Census. Trends in Caseville, Huron County, and the State of Michigan are examined.

Table 3: Population

	2000 CENSUS	2010 CENSUS	2020 CENSUS
City of Caseville	888	777	652
Huron County	36,079	33,118	31,407
Michigan	9,817,242	9,883,640	10,005,000

Table 4: Percentage Change in Population

	% CHANGE 2000-2010	% CHANGE 2010-2020
City of Caseville	- 12.5 %	- 16.1%
Huron County	- 8.2%	- 5.2 %
Michigan	+ 6.8 %	+ 1.2 %

Table 5 illustrates the projected population for the years 2020, 2030, 2040. The Office of the State Demographer predicts that the population of the State of Michigan as a whole will continue to increase. As of this writing in 2023, the hope is that the trends will change upwards in Huron County, and that the City of Caseville will benefit from this growth.

A factor which may impact the growth of the Caseville area in the near future is the aging of the overall population in general, and the baby boomer generation, in particular. As more of these people retire, Caseville may see an influx due to its reputation as a retirement and resort community.

Table 5: Population Projections

	CITY OF CASEVILLE	HURON COUNTY	STATE OF MICHIGAN
YEAR OF 2020	652	31,407	10,005,000
YEAR OF 2030	671	32,350	10,305,150
YEAR OF 2040	691	33,320	10,614,304

Racial /Ethnic Distribution

The racial and ethnic makeup of the City of Caseville is very homogeneous. According to 2020 Census data, 98% of residents in the City of Caseville were caucasian.

Population Make-up

One other factor which needs to be taken into account is the large influx of part time residents throughout the year. According to the 2020 Census, the City of Caseville has a total of 652 residents. In addition, the city serves as the local center for commerce. So, it also sees an increase in the number of people who are staying in surrounding townships, including but not limited to: Caseville, Hume, Lake and McKinley. Due to the recreational and relaxation opportunities in Caseville, the city swells by more than 1,000 people and the surrounding township by 5,000 people on a regular basis.

In the summer months, there are many recreational opportunities that increase this large population gain. Caseville provides entertainment by sponsoring summer festivals such as RibStock, Cheeseburger in Caseville and an Independence Day celebration. Lake Huron provides swimming, boating, kayaking, canoeing and fishing opportunities.

In the colder months, Caseville hosts PumpkinFest, Hollyberry Fair, Christmas in Caseville and Shanty Days, which are festivals that bring additional people to our area in the fall and winter months. There is a sledding hill at the county park for people to enjoy. Ice fishing is a huge sport in Caseville because of the sheltered harbor which provides a wind block for those fishing. Snowmobiling is another activity in which many people participate. Snowshoeing and cross-country skiing can be enjoyed at some of the local parks where there are trails.

2. Physical Factors

Land Use and Zoning

Land use and zoning are important factors which need to be considered when planning for future recreational facility development. Most of the property in Caseville is zoned commercial or residential. There is only a small area of land that is zoned industrial. Because we would like to focus on our commercial district, the Caseville DDA added streetscapes, including attractive hard surfaces and street lighting to make the city corridor more attractive and welcoming. The Downtown Development Authority (D.D.A.) encourages its merchant members to continuously upgrade and beautify the face of the downtown area by promoting matching façade grant possibilities. Additionally, the D.D.A. added new entry signs to the city and “wayfinding” banners throughout town directing people to popular attractions and important service locations.

Topography

Most of the Caseville area is relatively flat land which provides for future development. Development has been concentrated in the City of Caseville, the areas immediately surrounding the city, and along the shoreline. Much of surrounding land is used for farming. Many surrounding townships are home for wind turbine farms which provides unique sites for tourism.

This physical setting has proved to be attractive, and the Caseville area enjoys a reputation as a popular resort and retirement community.

Water Resources, Fish, and Wildlife

The City of Caseville is located at the tip of Michigan's "Thumb" in Huron County. The most obvious physical asset of the City of Caseville is its proximity to Lake Huron's Saginaw Bay. In addition, the Pigeon River runs through the city and creates a natural harbor. Since Caseville is on Saginaw Bay, many boaters come to visit our warm waters and sheltered harbor. Fishing is a year-round sport. The city is also close to state land for hunting and Rush Lake serves as a state game area. Accessibility is a constant goal for the city planners. In 2019, dredging was completed in the harbor and a three-year maintenance plan was put into place.

Map # 6. Soils

Soil types should also be considered when planning for development. The three most common soils for the area are covert, plainfield, and tobico. The covert series of soils are deep, moderately well drained soils. These soils are rapidly permeable. The plainfield soils series are also deep and excessively drained. Plainfield soils are also rapidly permeable. The tobico soil series are deep soils but are poorly drained. Tobico soils are also rapidly permeable.

Transportation Systems

The major access route to Caseville is M-25 which starts in Bay City and follows the shoreline of the Thumb through Caseville and ends in the Detroit area.

Tourists travel from the surrounding states and Canada via watercraft. Our harbor is able to house boats up to 60 feet and has transient docks available. Visiting guests with boats up to 100 feet are also welcomed for the day and can be accommodated at other locations. With Charity Island only 10 miles away, a charter boat is available for guests to visit the island from Caseville. Au Gres is only 20 miles away and it is an easy day trip for visitors by boat. The area also offers Thumb Area Transit and a bike path.

Climate

The climate of Caseville is typical of the Midwestern United States. However, the proximity to Lake Huron influences this climate. Caseville's summer temperatures tend to be cooler because of the effect of Lake Huron. During winter, the area also tends to receive a greater amount of snow for this reason. Precipitation tends to be well distributed throughout the year.

3. Implications for Recreation Planning

The social and physical characteristics which have previously been examined have a number of implications on recreation planning for the City of Caseville and its facilities. The most obvious and probably most important physical features of Caseville are its location on the shore of Saginaw Bay, its natural harbor, and its beaches. These features are the main focus of the existing recreational activities within the city.

The tourism industry brings a significant amount of people and income to Caseville. Almost 36% of people employed in the City of Caseville are employed in the retail and service trades. While many of the recreational facilities are enjoyed by both residents and tourists alike, there are some differing needs and desires. The summer residents and tourists are probably most interested in typical summer resort types of facilities and activities. These include such things as beaches, boat launches, marinas, and camping facilities. While many Caseville residents enjoy these activities there is also a need for diversification to include facilities and activities for the rest of the year. These may include such items as an ice-skating rink, walking / bicycling paths, a community recreation center, pickleball courts, inline skating facilities, plus canoeing and kayaking routes throughout our river and harbor basin.

One of the social characteristics that was discussed, is the age distribution of the population in the City of Caseville. Given the fact that 72% of Caseville's population is over 45 years of age this will be taken into consideration when planning for recreational facilities. Due to the seasonal popularity as a destination, youth and family needs will also be given high priority. Also, any recreation facility constructed will be ADA compliant to accommodate residents and visitors who may have a mobility limitation.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

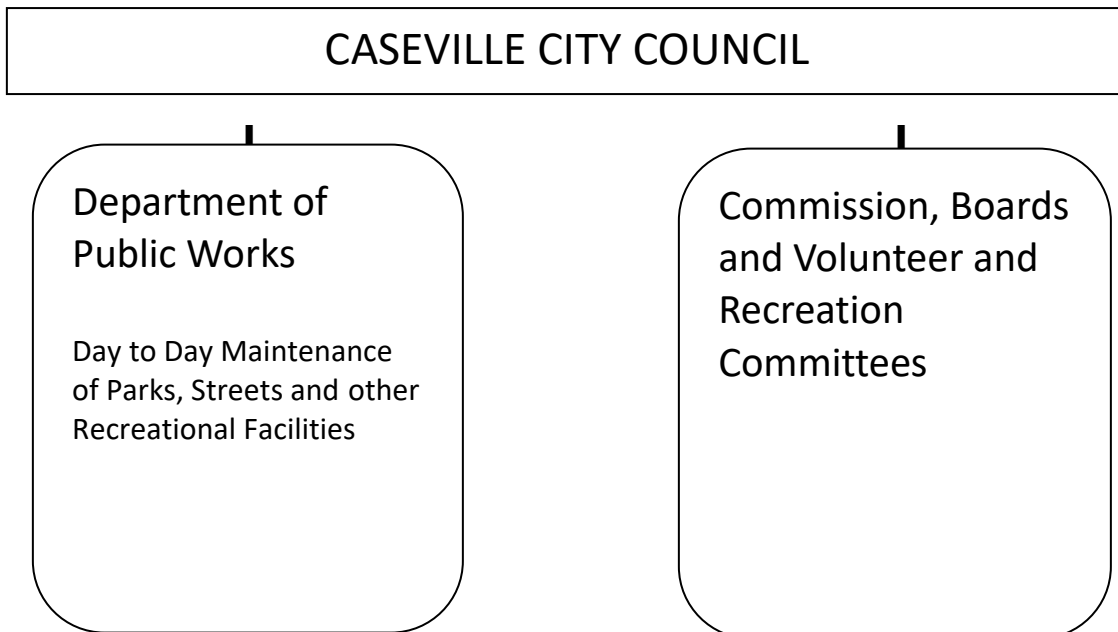
1. Budget

The yearly budget for Caseville's Park system is approximately \$42,000 for DiVincentis Park, Pointe Park, Riverside Park and the City G.A.R. Park. This amount covers wages and general upkeep of facilities. Any new projects or facilities are funded through separate appropriations by the City Council or Caseville DDA.

2. Organizational Chart

An organizational chart of Caseville's Recreation system is included below.

Organizational Chart of Caseville Recreation System Caseville Citizens - elect City Council and Mayor



Standard Operation Procedures

The administrative structure for the City of Caseville is very direct. The City Department of Public Works is responsible for general maintenance and day-to-day operations of the parks. The City's Recreation Committee, comprised of 3 council members and the mayor, make recommendations to the council.

In addition, a Harbor Commission oversees the Caseville Municipal Harbor. This Commission is comprised of six appointed members. Three of these members are appointed by the City of Caseville and three are appointed by Caseville Township.

Commission or Advisory Board

The City Planning Commission has been given the responsibility of updating the recreation plan. They also act as an advisory board to the City Council.

Volunteers

Caseville Chamber of Commerce attracts visitors to our community, with volunteers helping with festivals and helping to maintain our positive community image. One group that can help maintain our community is the Huron County jail work crew. They help set up and take down for festivals. Other volunteers are involved with the Caseville Community Christmas Fund, Caseville Community Chest, Historical Society, Library Club, Food Pantry, and Eagles Clubs, and additional volunteers.

C. PLANNING PROCESS

1. Process and Key Persons

The Caseville Recreation Plan was developed by the Planning Commission with the input of the citizens of Caseville. The update process commenced in April, 2023 and included input from city residents and members of the various city boards.

2. Public Involvement Process

A questionnaire was placed in the Utility Bills that were sent out the first of October, 2022. The completed questionnaires gave valuable input. Many of the suggestions from the public have been included in this new recreation plan in the planning results section. This citizen input, as well as input from the planning commission, provided the base information used in the creation of the action program.

On December 6, 2023, the Planning Commission held a public hearing to review suggestions for recreational activities. The Planning Commission will continue to find opportunities for community involvement and input. The final plan was then sent to Caseville City Council for input and public review on December 11, 2023. The City Council approved this plan on December 11, 2023.

3. Planning Results

This is a partial list based on public responses of recreational desires:

- ★ Movie night in park
- ★ Kids Playscape
- ★ Community Recreation / Multipurpose facility
- ★ More year-round recreation opportunities including ice skating
- ★ Additional boat launches
- ★ In-line skating facilities
- ★ Winter activity hill
- ★ City walk with additional benches
- ★ Update bathrooms at ball park
- ★ Library
- ★ Summer Rec. Program
- ★ Community pool

The most commonly heard themes were that there needed to be more to do year-round and more focus on recreational opportunities for residents.

D. RECREATION INVENTORY

1. Park Facilities

The waterfront is the main focus of recreation in the Caseville area. With the County Beach, the City's Breakwall, Pointe Park and the Municipal Harbor and Riverside Park, the waterfront is one of the main attractions for tourists. As previously noted, the Caseville Municipal Harbor is run by a Harbor Commission made up of appointees from the City of Caseville and Caseville Township. The harbor provides boat launch facilities, as well as slips for boats. The city is developing additional boat launch facilities at Riverside Park, which is adjacent to the municipal harbor. The city has one handicap accessible kayak/canoe launch at Point Park and is adding an additional one at Riverside Park.

In addition to the harbor, Caseville currently has three parks. The first of these is the Main Street Park. This small *1/2-acre* facility consists of paths, benches, monuments, attractive landscaping, and a gazebo. A second park, John DiVincentis Park, is located adjacent to the Caseville School and is part of the Caseville Community Recreation Area (C.C.R.A.). This park includes 8 horseshoe pits, barbecue grills, 2 basketball hoops, a pavilion, one slide, monkey bars, a set of swings, spring animals, ball field and a recreation building. The second part of the C.C.R.A. is located on the Caseville School property which has a large playscape, baseball fields, track & field, and three tennis courts. The third park is Pointe Park. This area provides parking for activities along the Pigeon River and on the breakwall that extends into Lake Huron. Sidewalks are available from the parking lot to the beach area and also, there is a pavilion with restrooms. This park's facilities have been extensively updated over the past five years. Cement walkways provide accessibility for exercise and fishing opportunities. The fourth park, Riverside Park, is currently being developed for additional recreational activities.

When comparing Caseville's recreational facilities to suggested recreational facility development standards, the city compares favorably. Caseville appears to have enough of the traditional types of facilities; such as basketball courts and baseball fields. There is a need for additional opportunities for year-round recreation. Caseville has a high percentage of senior citizens, approximately 37% currently, and there should be more opportunities for activities such as walking routes, water front and wildlife viewing, picnicking and table and deck games.

2. Private Facilities

In addition to the recreational opportunities provided by the public sector, a number of private facilities exist within the Caseville area. Some of these facilities are not actually located within the city limits.

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Outdoor Recreation

1. Camping locations
2. Caseville Bumper Boats
3. Adventure Golf
4. Go Cart Track
5. Batting Cages
6. Kiteboarding/ Windsurfing
7. Beach Volleyball
8. Kayaking & Canoeing

Marinas

1. Caseville Resort & Marina
2. Mariner's Cove Marina
3. Huron Yacht Club
4. Harbor Light Marina
5. Kappen Marina & RV Site
6. Caseville Municipal Marina

Indoor Recreation

1. Roller Skating
2. Game Room
3. Racquetball
4. Pickleball
5. Fitness Center
6. Bingo at Eagles Club

Golf

1. Caseville Golf Course
2. Scenic Golf Course
3. Bird Creek Golf Course
4. Century Oaks Golf Course

3. Other Recreation Facilities in Huron County

Other recreation facilities within the county have an impact on the City of Caseville. The following is a partial list.

Huron County Parks

1. Caseville County Park
2. Sebewaing County Park
3. Philp County Park
4. Oak Beach County Park
5. McGraw County Park
6. Bird Creek County Park
7. Lighthouse County Park
8. Stafford County Park
9. Wagener County Park

Other Facilities

1. Huron County Nature Center and Wilderness Arboretum
2. Verona State Game Management Area
3. Wildfowl Bay Game Management Area
4. Gagetown State Game Management Area
5. Rush Lake Game Management Area
6. Canoe and Kayak Rental Facilities
7. Sand Point Nature Preserve

Harbors

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| 1. Harbor Beach Harbor | 4. Bay Shore Marina | 7. Bay Port Marina |
| 2. Port Austin Harbor | 5. Beadle Bay Marina | 8. Brush's Marina |
| 3. Sebewaing Harbor | 6. Caseville Municipal Harbor | |

State Parks

1. Port Crescent State Park
2. Albert E. Sleeper State Park

4. Evaluation of Existing Facilities

Most of the existing facilities in Caseville are handicap accessible. Budgetary constraints have made making all restrooms accessible, a challenge. The city has added accessible bathrooms at Pointe Park, which was the one area that needed the most improvement. The existing vault toilets were removed. Main Street Park and the John DiVincentis Park meet most handicap requirements. The new Riverside Park will have ADA accessible facilities when developed.

5. Evaluation of Existing Programs

The City of Caseville does not have organized recreation programs. If in the future, the city does decide to provide organized programs it ensures that these programs will be barrier free compliant.

6. Transition Plan

The city is continuing its quest to improve recreational facilities by addressing barrier free shortcomings. The newly acquired Riverside Park is an opportunity, under development, to make this park inclusive for all. The city is currently undertaking over \$600,000 in development made possible by a grant from the Michigan DNR Trust Fund (\$298,800) and Saginaw Bay WIN (\$25,000). Improvements include: a seawall along the riverfront, handicap accessible fishing access, lighting, boat/jet ski launches, a canoe/kayak launch, concrete walkways and a paved parking lot. A handicap accessible paved route to view the waterfront, would benefit many mobility impaired individuals. At Riverside Park, the city is also attempting to gain funding for a recreation/community center. This proposed development would create barrier free bathrooms, recreation/event center and an outdoor pavilion facility which will provide easier access for handicapped users. Also, this development would see improved parking/walking areas, making this property more accessible and improve mobility for all individuals to enjoy a more convenient place to spend the day.

7. Barrier Free New Facilities Design

It is the policy of the City of Caseville to make its recreation facilities available to all segments of the population. In particular, the City of Caseville is committed to ensuring that all new facilities will be barrier free. This commitment by the city can be seen from the Pointe Park improvements. The issue of barrier free access is especially important to the City of Caseville because of its reputation as a retirement community and its relationship with Special Olympics. City planners have joined with the Water Warriors Program for the last 33 years, which raises money for Special Olympics.

8. Accessibility issues at existing facilities addressed

Some of the accessibility issues in Caseville's recreation facilities have already been addressed. For example, the boardwalk at Pointe Park was specifically designed to be handicap accessible, and funding was served to provide ADA compliant restrooms. Other facilities such as Main Street Park and John DiVincentis need improvements to accessibility. Both parks require minor modifications to achieve these goals and will be implemented as improvements are made. These issues have been examined in previous sections.

E. ACTION PROGRAM, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE, AND RATIONALE

1. Action Program

COMPLETED IMPROVEMENTS

2020 Bathrooms at Point Park
2022 Landscape improvements at Pointe Park
2022 Acquired Riverside Park

2. Capital Improvement Schedule

**Table 6: Action Program and Capital Improvement Schedule
Year 2024**

YEAR	PROJECT	BENEFITS	COSTS AND ANTICIPATED FUNDING SOURCES
2024	City Walk with additional benches Safe walk ways to school and recreation facilities. Replace brick pavers in sidewalks.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Serves both local and tourist population <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance aesthetics <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide for more passive recreation activities: walking safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$600,000• CDBG / Local / DNR DDA
2024	Dredging of existing waterways along with additional waterways.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance boating	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cost uncertain• Army Corps
2024	Construction of Jet Ski /Boat launch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Free up limited existing launch	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$100,000• Local / DNR
2024	Summer Recreation Program	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Serves both local and tourist population	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• City

**Table 7: Action Program and Capital Improvement Schedule
Year 2025**

YEAR	PROJECT	BENEFITS	COSTS AND ANTICIPATED FUNDING SOURCES
2025	New restrooms at DiVincetis Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Serves both local and tourist population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$100,000 • C.A.R.A.
2025	Construct Playscape – construct new and update existing playground equipment to UD/ADA standards throughout the city.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Serves both local and tourist population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$50,000 • Local / DNR
2025	Bike paths within the city	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Serves both local and tourist population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City approx. \$25,000. • Part of MDOT program
2025	Construction of Community Recreation / Multipurpose Center	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provides for year-round activities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provides for greater variety of activities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide activity center for elderly population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2,000,000 • Local / DNR • Private foundation

**Table 8: Action Program and Capital Improvement Schedule
Year 2026**

YEAR	PROJECT	BENEFITS	COSTS AND ANTICIPATED FUNDING SOURCES
2026	Additional Breakwall located near Yacht Club	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safe Harbor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Calmer water for boats docked along river and marinas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Army Corps
2026	Ice Rink	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Skating and hockey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City

2026	Splash Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provides activity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Serves both local and tourist population	• Local / Grant
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YEAR	PROJECT	BENEFITS	COSTS AND ANTICIPATED FUNDING SOURCES
2027	Visitor center development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Serves both local and tourist population	• Local / Grant
2027	Rollerblade/Skate park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provides activity	• Local / Grant
2027	Pool	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provides activity	• Local / Grant
2026	Winter Activity Hill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sledding	• Local / Grant

**Table 9: Action Program and Capital Improvement Schedule
Year 2027**

**Table 10: Action Program and Capital Improvement Schedule
Year 2028**

YEAR	PROJECT	BENEFITS	COSTS AND ANTICIPATED FUNDING SOURCES
2028	Acquire land for future recreation facilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provides for greater variety of activities	• \$2,000,000 • Local / DNR
2028	Band shell and concession at the beach	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For movies and concerts	• Local / Grant
2028	Outdoor theater	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For movies and concerts	• Local / Grant

3. Rationale for Action Program and Capital Improvement Schedule

The Action Program takes into account the unique demographic, social, and physical characteristics of the Caseville area. This action program covers the five years from 2024 to 2028.

An item to highlight on the Capital Improvement Schedule for the year 2025, shown in **Table 7**, is continued work on Pointe Park. Pointe Park is one of the public waterfront areas in the City of Caseville and is now paved and accessible. This area has already seen a number of improvements, which include shore fishing opportunities, a lighted seawall and a canoe/kayak launch. These facilities have proven to be very popular, however, there are continued improvements that can be done. A playscape could be developed for use and would bring more visitors to this area and enhance their experience of Caseville.

Also, the Capital Improvement Schedule for 2025, shown in **Table 7**, calls for development of Riverside Park for future recreational facilities and a community center. Construction of a community recreation/multipurpose facility is one of the top priorities due to the number of older citizens within the city. Riverside Park's development is necessary to make it more accessible for all. The development will allow for better access to the Pigeon River and Lake Huron. Once fully developed, everyone will be able to use this property to enjoy the outdoors.

The Capital Improvement Schedule for 2026, illustrated in **Table 8**, calls for development of a splash park. A splash park would be great for both locals and tourists alike to enjoy Caseville. This facility would provide summertime entertainment, while using recycled water and maximizing energy efficiency.

Also, the Capital Improvement Schedule for 2026, illustrated in **Table 8**, calls for working with the Army Corp of Engineers, to add an additional Breakwall to stop destructive waves from entering the river leading to the city. An ice rink and a winter activity hill for sledding and tobogganing fun would allow the residents and visitors of Caseville an additional recreational opportunity for winter months.