

Crawford County Recreation Plan

Public Input Survey



The Crawford County Planning Commission is seeking input on future recreation planning as it updates the Joint 5-Year Recreation Plan that includes Crawford County, South Branch Township, Lovells Township, and Grayling Charter Township. The survey takes only a few minutes and will help shape community development for years to come.

1. What is your connection to Crawford County?

- ☐ Full-time resident ☐ Seasonal resident ☐ Property owner (non-resident)
☐ I work in Crawford County ☐ Visitor ☐ Other: _____

2. Where do you live or own property in Crawford County?

- ☐ Beaver Creek Township ☐ Grayling Charter Township ☐ Maple Forest Township
☐ City of Grayling ☐ Lovells Township ☐ South Branch Township
☐ Frederic Township ☐ Other: _____

3. Please indicate your property interest within Crawford County. (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Own a home ☐ Rent ☐ Own Property ☐ Own a Business/Business Property
☐ N/A ☐ Other: _____

4. How long have you lived or owned property in Crawford County?

- ☐ Less than 5 years ☐ 5-14 years ☐ 15-19 years ☐ 20+ years ☐ N/A

5. Age of household members: (check all that apply)

- ☐ 0-5 years ☐ 6-12 years ☐ 13-19 years ☐ 20-39 years ☐ 40-59 years ☐ 60+ years

6. Parks and recreation are important to my quality of life:

- ☐ Strongly agree ☐ Agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly disagree

7. Which facilities do you use most often? (check all that apply)

- ☐ City/Township parks ☐ State park ☐ Boat access ☐ Beaches
☐ Motorized trails ☐ Campgrounds ☐ Fishing access ☐ Ball fields/courts
☐ Non-motorized trails ☐ Roadside parks ☐ Canoe/kayak access
☐ None ☐ Other: _____

8. How many times a year do you utilize the following recreational facilities or areas?

	1-5	6-10	11-20	21+
Hanson Hills Recreational Area – Grayling				
Crawford County Sports Plex (fairgrounds) – Grayling				
Grayling Fish Hatchery – Grayling				
Wakely Bridge Canoe Landing - Grayling				
Grayling Charter Township Park				
Douglas Park – Lovells Township				
Neumann's Landing/Lovells Bridge Access Site				
Crossroads Park – Lovells Township				

9. Which season(s) do you use recreation facilities/areas? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Spring ☐ Summer ☐ Fall ☐ Winter ☐ All ☐ None

10. On a scale of 1(low) to 5(high), how would you rate each aspect of the following recreational facilities or areas?

	Hanson Hills	Crawford County Sports Plex	Grayling Fish Hatchery	Wakely Bridge Canoe Landing	Grayling Charter Twp. Park	Douglas Park	Neumann's Landing / Lovells Bridge	Crossroads Park
Amount of open/natural area	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A
Seating areas/benches	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A
Safety/security and lighting	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A
Restroom facilities	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A
Accessibility for all (ADA)	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A
Outdoor exercise equipment	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A
Picnic areas	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A
Available amenities	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A
Ease of parking	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A
Play equipment	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A
Park maintenance	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	1 2 3 4 5 N/A

11. Which activities do you and your family enjoy? (check all that apply)

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|---|--|--|--|
| ☐ Archery | ☐ Basketball | ☐ Biking | ☐ Bird/nature viewing |
| ☐ BMX bikes | ☐ Boating | ☐ Camping | ☐ Canoeing/kayaking |
| ☐ Concerts | ☐ Fairs/festivals | ☐ X-country skiing | ☐ Dancing |
| ☐ Disc golf | ☐ Downhill Skiing | ☐ Fishing | ☐ Football |
| ☐ Golfing | ☐ Hockey | ☐ Horseback riding | ☐ Horseshoes |
| ☐ Hunting | ☐ Ice fishing | ☐ Ice skating | ☐ Museums |
| ☐ ORV/ATV | ☐ Pickleball | ☐ Picnicking | ☐ Playgrounds |
| ☐ Running/jogging | ☐ Skateboarding | ☐ Skeet/target shooting | ☐ Snowmobiling |
| ☐ Snowshoeing | ☐ Soccer | ☐ Swimming | ☐ Tennis |
| ☐ Theater (live stage) | ☐ Tubing | ☐ Volleyball | ☐ Walking/Hiking |
| ☐ Water Skiing | ☐ None | ☐ Other _____ | |

12. What other recreational activities and facilities/areas do you utilize in surrounding communities?

13. What barriers prevent you from using recreation facilities more often?

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| ☐ Distance | ☐ Lack of awareness | ☐ Lack of transportation | ☐ Cost |
| ☐ Lack of time | ☐ Accessibility limitations | ☐ Safety concerns | ☐ Other: _____ |

14. Are there specific waterfront access points that need improvement? Please explain.

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

15. Who should invest in facilities that support recreation tourism?

☐ County ☐ Township ☐ City ☐ All ☐ Other: _____

16. What waterfront improvements are most needed? (check all that apply)

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|---|---|--|
| ☐ Fishing piers | ☐ Boat launch upgrades | ☐ Boardwalks |
| ☐ More access points | ☐ Water quality protection | ☐ Parking expansion |
| ☐ ADA accessibility | ☐ Signage & wayfinding | ☐ Picnic areas |
| ☐ Restrooms | ☐ Seating/shaded areas | ☐ None |
| ☐ Other (please specify) _____ | | |

17. What should be the highest priority for recreation facilities over the next five years?

- ☐ Maintain amenities ☐ Update amenities ☐ Expand amenities ☐ Develop new amenities
- ☐ None of the above / Not a priority
- Please explain (optional): _____

18. Are you interested in bike lane expansions on major roadways across Crawford County?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

19. Are you interested in a dedicated area to safely fly/operate remote control recreation items?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

20. Would you be interested in any of the following recreational safety classes, if offered? (Check all that apply.)

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| ☐ Boater safety | ☐ Bow hunting safety | ☐ Hunter safety | ☐ Off-road safety |
| ☐ Rifle safety | ☐ Snowmobile safety | ☐ None of the above | ☐ Other: _____ |

21. What trail improvements are most needed? (Check all that apply.)

	Motorized	Non-Motorized
Better maintenance		
Expanded connections		
Restrooms at trailheads		
Improved winter grooming		
Signage & mapping		
Other MOTORIZED: _____		
Other NON-MOTORIZED: _____		

	Motorized	Non-Motorized
Trailhead parking		
Seating/shade areas		
None		
Unsure		

22. Are there specific improvements that would most benefit residents? (check all that apply)

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| ☐ Ball fields | ☐ Community garden |
| ☐ More community events | ☐ Expanded fishing areas or amenities |
| ☐ Additional seating and shaded areas | ☐ More walking and biking paths |
| ☐ Tennis Court/Pickleball Court | ☐ Play equipment upgrades |
| ☐ More picnic areas and shelters | ☐ Improved boat launch access |
| ☐ Enhanced lighting and safety features | ☐ Restroom upgrades |
| ☐ Outdoor exercise equipment | ☐ Improved boat launch maintenance |
| ☐ Experiential nature park amenities | ☐ More ADA accessible equipment |
| ☐ Improved signage and wayfinding | ☐ Other: _____ |

23. Are there specific improvements that would most benefit local businesses? (check all that apply)

- ☐ More community events and festivals that draw visitors
- ☐ Improved connections between recreation areas and business districts
- ☐ Trail systems that link to commercial areas
- ☐ Wayfinding signage highlighting nearby businesses
- ☐ Seasonal activities that extend visitor stays
- ☐ Bike-friendly infrastructure that supports access to businesses
- ☐ Pop-up retail or food vendor opportunities at recreation sites
- ☐ Other: _____

24. Are there specific youth activities you'd like to see in Crawford County? (check all that apply)

- ☐ Indoor recreation activities
- ☐ Nature-based programs
- ☐ Summer programs
- ☐ Arts and music programs
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ After-school recreation programs
- ☐ Improved playgrounds and equipment
- ☐ Youth sports leagues and clinics
- ☐ Summer swim lessons/aquatic programs

25. Are there specific adult activities you'd like to see in Crawford County? (check all that apply)

- ☐ Expanded fitness/wellness programs
- ☐ Walking / hiking club
- ☐ Outdoor fitness equipment
- ☐ Recreation events (runs, tournaments)
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ More adult sports leagues
- ☐ Community recreation classes
- ☐ Evening and weekend recreation programs
- ☐ Recreational interest group meet-ups

26. Are there specific family activities you'd like to see in Crawford County? (check all that apply)

- ☐ Expanded picnic areas and shelters
- ☐ Multi-age recreation programs
- ☐ Accessible playgrounds
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Community events and festivals
- ☐ Outdoor movie nights
- ☐ Family fitness classes/challenges

27. Are there specific senior activities you'd like to see in Crawford County? (check all that apply)

- ☐ Low-impact fitness classes
- ☐ Senior-focused social clubs
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Walking groups
- ☐ Guided nature walks
- ☐ Outdoor nature/education programs
- ☐ Wellness and health education programs

28. How do you prefer to receive information regarding recreational updates/offerings? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Email
- ☐ Social media
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ Word of mouth
- ☐ Community flyers
- ☐ Newspaper
- ☐ Websites
- ☐ Radio
- ☐ Other: _____

29. Do you have any additional comments regarding recreational planning?

Thank you for participating. This concludes the Recreation Plan Public Input Survey. Please return this survey to any participating local unit of government office in Crawford County, email it to ldamer@nemcog.org, or mail it to NEMCOG, Attn: L. Damer, P.O. Box 457, Gaylord, MI 49734.