



2020 Waterloo Township Recreation Survey

Waterloo Township has a variety of high-quality natural resources including peaceful woodlands, pristine lakes, plentiful wetlands, and prime farmland. The Waterloo Recreation Area covers approximately half of the township, preserving significant portions of those resources in perpetuity. Two Jackson County parks also provide direct access to Portage Lake and Clear Lake, as does the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) boat launch on Big Portage Lake.

There are opportunities for the Township to build upon and augment the investments the State and County have already made. The 2018 parks millage approval allowed the County Parks Department to put your tax money to work. With encouragement from locals and The Waterloo Recreation Committee the County replaced the playground equipment at Portage Lake-Ready County Park. There are many more future improvements that are slated for the Jackson County parks.

Waterloo Recreation Committee has made improvements to the Township Hall property by installing a Footpath, benches, a trash bin, Doggy doo station and A Little Free Library. The Committee is updating the Recreation Plan to re-identify and explore future opportunities of working with the county and state to make the great outdoors more accessible to all our residents. An important part of the planning process is to collect the opinions, wants and needs of local residents.

Filing the updated Recreation Plan with the MDNR will make the Township eligible again to apply for Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) and other grants administered by the MDNR through 2025. Those grants put statewide dollars to work right here in Waterloo Township, substantially augmenting local investments. Please take the time to answer this survey. **Your opinion matters!**

Thank you,

The Waterloo Recreation Committee

**Survey dates March 1, 2020 through March 31, 2020. One completed survey per person.
Thank you for your input!**

