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Dear Ms. Easterwood:

SUBJECT: Argentine Township/Linden Community Schools Recreation Plan

Please find attached your copy of the recreation plan checklist recently submitted to our office for approval. Your recreation plan has been approved.

Your recreation plan will expire December 31, 2014.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Our address is: **Grants Management, Department of Natural Resources and Environment, P.O. Box 30425, Lansing, MI 48909-7925.**

Sincerely,

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PREFACE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This 5 year Parks and Recreation Plan has been developed under the Michigan Department of Natural Resources- Grants Management "GUIDELINES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND GREENWAY PLANS" dated January 27, 2006. There were several other documents, data, and resources used to develop the plan content. These sources are credited under the references section found in the appendix.

To assist in the development of this plan, a Parks and Recreation Plan Committee was established. A diversified cross section of community members, this committee provided assistance, input, and final decisions related to future parks and recreation improvements within the community. Both the Argentine Township Board and the Linden Community School Board have the authority to make decisions regarding parks and recreation expenditures within the community. The planning commission has the responsibility to review and approve all new development and ensure that it is in compliance with local codes zoning ordinance standards.

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INTRODUCTION

Argentine Township and Linden Community Schools have recognized a need for improving the community's parks and recreation options and promoting Argentine as a quality sustainable place to live and play. This stems from the growing trends in recreation and the desire to be active, healthy and conscious of the environment. A comprehensive and sustainable parks and recreation system is vital to a community's physical and mental health, social interaction, protection of natural resources, and economic growth.

In a collaborative effort, Argentine Township and Linden Community Schools have chosen to develop a new Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan. This document is intended to serve as a planning tool over the next 5 years for township officials and the school board to make decisions related to future park and recreation amenities and improvements. It identifies attainable goals and objectives as well as an action plan that can then be used to focus on key areas for more specific design and budgetary purposes. It has been created under the guidelines established by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grants Management.

To aid in this process and assure the plan was completed in an efficient manner, a Parks and Recreation Plan Committee was established. To best represent the community this committee consisted of several local residents from different locations in the township, as well as representatives from the Planning Commission, Township Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Lake Association, and Linden Community Schools.

This plan begins with a **community description** to better understand the landscape and demographics of the township. The **administrative structure** is then outlined which describes the governmental and jurisdictional methods by which future decisions will be made. This is followed by a description of the **planning and public input process** and survey results which were used in assembling the goals and objectives. The existing **recreation inventory** and **natural resource inventory** are then described in narratives, charts and maps. This is followed with a series of **goals and objectives** that were established using recommended planning



methods. The goals and objectives are followed by an **action program** describing recommended improvements and proposed projects in the form of narratives, charts and maps. And lastly, the **local adoption** includes resolutions by the Argentine Township Board and Linden Community School Board.