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INTRODUCTION

This document, the Rapid River Township Community Park, Recreation, Open space and Greenway Plan, represents the Township's vision for future recreational planning and development efforts. The plan has been divided into a series of six sections as follows:

Section 1 – Community Description: This section describes the Township's character and provides information on geographic location, adjacent communities and the extent of the plan focus.

Section 2 – Administrative Structure: This section provides information on the administration of recreational programs within the Township.

Section 3 – Recreation Facilities and Resource Inventories: This section provides detail on the Township's existing recreational facilities and helps to identify and evaluate open space areas for their potential for acquisition to provide natural resource protection and public access. This inventory also includes an assessment regarding accessibility to the Township's facilities for people with disabilities.

Section 4 – Description of the Planning Process: Describes the process and schedule used by the consultant and Parks and Recreation Committee and Rapid River Township to gather data, conduct the public process and hearings, develop the draft plan and grant documents and seek and obtain Rapid River Township Board adoption.

Section 5 – Description of the Public Input Process: Describes how public input was gathered and used in developing the Goals and Objectives as well as ranking recreational projects.

Section 6 – Goals and Objectives: Lists a series of goals with detailed objectives based on the Public Input Process, demographics and natural features inventory.

Section 7 – Action Program: This section contains a description of recreational improvements – how they will be funded and how they relate to the Goals and Objectives. The Action Program is prepared with a focused period of approximately five years; however, it is envisioned that the document will be evaluated on an annual basis to ensure consistency with the needs and desires of local residents.