

Harbor Springs Area Recreation Initiative

Possible Organizational Structures

| Entity | Who forms | Gov't Entity? | Enabling legislation | For What | Possible Funding | Decision-making Structure | Other Issues |
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| <i>Harbor Springs Area Trailways Management Council (Trailways Commission)</i> | Two or more government agencies | Yes | Established under: NREPA (Act 451 of 1994) Councils formed pursuant to: Urban Cooperation Act (Act 7 of 1967) | Operation and maintenance of designated <i>Michigan Trailways</i> owned or under control of participating jurisdictions | Funds from participating jurisdictions Private giving; Foundations State grants (DNR) Member fees; User fees; DNR grants, TEA (DOT, Federal) | Council elects officers | Cannot address open space issue Very few designated <i>Michigan Trailways</i> |
| <i>Harbor Springs Area Parks and Recreation Commission or Board</i> | Any combination of City, Village, County or Township governments | Yes | Several Acts: Recreation Board Act (Act 156 of 1917); Charter Commissions Act (Act 312 of 1929); Metro Councils Act (Act 292 of 1989) | Various aspects of public recreation according to acts | Depends on enabling act From local jurisdictions (interlocal agreement) State Grants (DNR) | Depends on enabling act | For several of these acts, recreation is not the acts focus and the language is vague Several of these enabling laws are old and the law's language reflect this |
| <i>Harbor Springs Area Trails and Open Space Non-profit organization</i> | Anybody | No | IRS code for 501 (c) (3) | according to bylaws, mission | Private giving; Foundations User fees, member fees Some government grants (not DNR) | Board of Directors Board stipulated in articles | Not a government entity - perhaps not best for our core group to address |
| <i>Harbor Springs Area Recreational Authority</i> | Two or more municipalities or districts | Yes | Recreation Authorities Act (Act 321 of 2000) | All aspects of recreation | Funds from participating municipalities grants and private giving State Grants (DNR) User fees Taxes (with voter approval) Borrow or issue bonds | Board of Directors Makeup of board stipulated in incorporating articles | Fairly new act; Not a lot of history to learn from |