

Chapter 1065

Brown Bridge Conservation

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CROSS REFERENCES

Parks - see S.U. & P.S. Chapter 1064

Parks and recreation facilities in home rule cities - see MCL Secs. 117.4e, 117.5

Brown Bridge Trust - see Charter, Section 129

1065.01 PURPOSE.

The purpose of this chapter is to assure that the City’s property commonly known as the “Brown Bridge Quiet Area” will be preserved in its predominantly natural, scenic, forested and open space condition and to:

- (a) Restore, preserve and protect the integrity of the natural environment, including its inhabitants, yet allow managed public use for generations to come;
- (b) Protect its natural resource and watershed values;
- (c) Maintain and enhance biodiversity, serenity and solitude;
- (d) Retain quality habitat for native plants and animals;
- (e) Maintain and enhance its natural features;
- (f) Prohibit any uses which may impair or interfere with the Management Plan.
- (g) Provide for limited oil and gas extraction.

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1065.02 ESTABLISHMENT.

The Brown Bridge property was established as a natural area for quiet recreation by City Commission resolution on March 21, 1977, and July 1, 1991, on the City-owned property including frontage on the Boardman River commonly known as “Brown Bridge Quiet Area” and legally described as: All of Section 15 and Section 14, except the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4, East Bay Township (T.26N., R.10W.,) and the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 22, Paradise Township (T.26N., R.10W.), Grand Traverse County, Michigan. The Brown Bridge Quiet Area consists of the following described areas shown in the Brown Bridge Management Plan on a map entitled Brown Bridge Quiet Area:

- (a) **Core Area**, described generally as that portion of the Brown Bridge Quiet Area consisting of all City-owned land south of Hobbs Highway and Ranch Rudolf Road and north of Brown Bridge Road, extending to the east and west property lines of the Quiet Area.
- (b) **Grasshopper Ranch Area** purchased by the City on July 21, 1993.
- (c) **Perimeter Area** described generally as that portion of the Brown Bridge Quiet Area consisting of all City-owned lands outside of the Core area and the Grasshopper Ranch Area.

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1065.03 BROWN BRIDGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

- (a) **Established.** Upon recommendation of the City Manager, the Brown Bridge Advisory Committee is established pursuant to Section 30 of the City Charter. This Committee shall be a committee advisory to the City Commission and City Manager.
- (b) **Composition; terms; expenses; vacancies.** The Brown Bridge Advisory Committee shall consist of twelve voting members. No less than six of the members shall be City residents. Appointments shall be for three-year terms and shall be made by the City Commission. One member shall be the City Manager or his or her designee ex officio with voting authority and one member shall be a City Commissioner with voting authority. Members shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in Committee activities.
- (c) **Organization.** The Brown Bridge Advisory Committee shall hold regular meetings at least quarterly. All meetings shall be open to the public. The Committee may develop rules governing their operations. Seven members shall be considered a quorum.
- (d) **Duties.** The Brown Bridge Advisory Committee shall make recommendations to restore, preserve and protect the integrity of the Brown Bridge Quiet area under the direction of the City Manager. The Committee shall make recommendations regarding the Brown Bridge Quiet Area Management Plan.

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1065.04 MANAGEMENT PLAN.

A Brown Bridge Quiet Area Management Plan shall be prepared by the Brown Bridge Advisory Committee and adopted by the City Commission. The Plan shall be reviewed by the Brown Bridge Advisory Committee every five years or as directed by the City Commission. Any amendments shall be adopted by City Commission.

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1065.05 REAL PROPERTY DISPOSITION RESTRICTIONS.

The following restrictions apply to disposition of real property in the Brown Bridge Quiet Area:

- (a) **Core Area.** The City Commission may sell, donate, or long-term lease real property in the Core Area only after a public hearing and upon a unanimous vote. Such proposed action shall be introduced and scheduled for a public hearing at least two weeks after introduction. Notice of the public hearing shall be published in an official newspaper of general circulation in the City.
- (b) **Perimeter Area.** The City Commission may sell, donate or long-term lease real property in the Perimeter Area only after a public hearing and upon a vote of at least five affirmative votes. Such proposed action shall be introduced and scheduled for a public hearing at least two weeks after introduction. Notice of the public hearing shall be published in an official newspaper of general circulation in the City.
- (c) **Grasshopper Ranch Area.** Real property in the Grasshopper Ranch Area may only be sold, donated or leased according to the terms of the City Charter and the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Land Acquisition Project Agreement between the Department of Natural Resources and the City of Traverse City dated July 21, 1993.
- (d) **Utility Easements.** The City Commission may grant an easement for utility or related purposes according to its usual procedures.

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