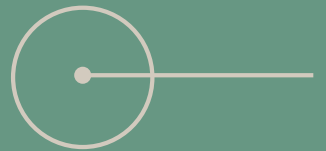




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Historic postcard of The Royal
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Common Ground, the public beach,
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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3rd Generation Woodland
Park Resident from MI

"This is my history built on the backs of my grandparents, relatives, and generations before me. My family [has] six generations here in Woodland Park... We are the history. It is ours to preserve, build on and promote, making sure their hard work, their vision, and love for this area will not be forgotten."

Established in 1921, Woodland Park represents an extraordinary opportunity for recognizing, enriching, and stewarding the African American histories for future generations. During the Jim Crow era, it was one of the “few places where blacks were allowed to freely relax, call their own, and be truly free.” It was also a place where blacks and their families and friends of other races, and mixed races, could safely live, visit, commune, and celebrate the natural beauty of the Midwest.

In 2022, the Fremont Area Community Foundation provided a significant grant through The Right Place, Inc., to support a historic community planning initiative for Woodland Park and nearby Idlewild .

In Woodland Park, the efforts focused on identifying key historic resources and areas for potential recognition by the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office and the National Register of Historic Places.

Between October 2022 and September 2023, the consulting team together with the Woodland Park Workgroup, Julie Burrell and Jodi Nichols (The Right Place, Inc.), and Ryan Coffey (MSU Extension), undertook an inclusive and comprehensive approach to:

- i. gather community feedback;
- ii. complete a reconnaissance-level survey of the cultural landscape and potential sites of historic significance and integrity;
- iii. identify areas for preservation, adaptive reuse, and potential future economic development in keeping with the historic and local character of Woodland Park;
- iv. synthesize and recommend available tools, resources, and strategies which could support Woodland Park's historic community planning and implementation efforts going forward.

This report is a culmination of the collaborative process. The goals are to:

- Highlight the stories, beauty, distinctiveness, and significance of Woodland Park and Idlewild as historic African American places.

- Stimulate revitalization and foster interest in the two communities by developing a preservation-based vision for equitable growth that respects the local histories.
- Foster broader participation and build momentum towards investing in and restoring more assets, while remaining accessible to diverse communities.

Besides an overwhelming community support for seeking recognition and historic designation status, the reconnaissance-level survey has found that much of the core area of Woodland Park continues to demonstrate historic integrity. More importantly, it is significant as a physical testament to the African American quest for freedom, equality, and reprieve in places they could call their own.

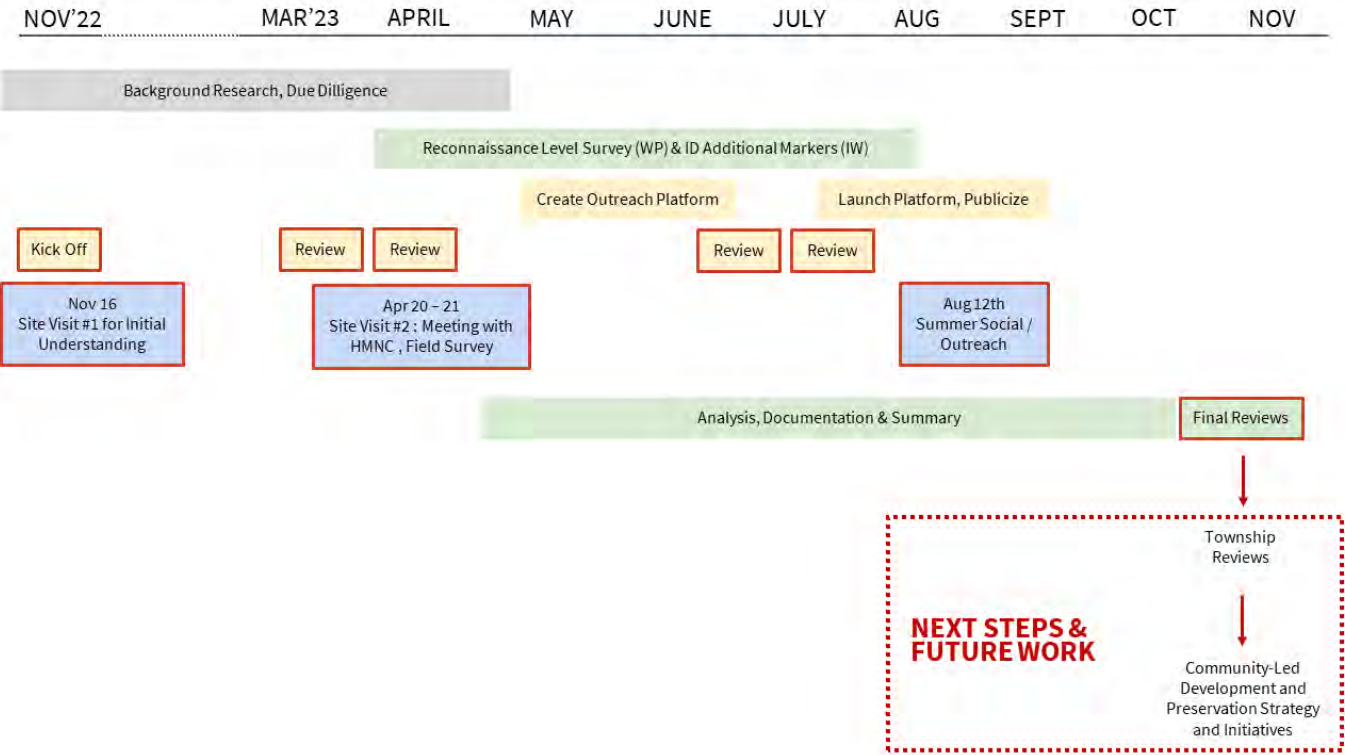
Woodland Park is a beloved historic African American resort community. It is also vulnerable, as many African American historical sites are at risk of disappearing, as noted by the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund and the 2022 National Park Service's *"African American Outdoor Recreation: A National Historic Landmarks Theme Study"*,

The case for a potential nomination to the National and/or State Register of Historic Places and the next steps for community stewardship are the beginning of what will be a timely and critical process to honor the people, the place, and the histories, as part of a broader, fuller tapestry of the African American and other cross-cultural experiences.



(Above)
Entry showing the Kelsonia Inn and the Royal Breeze Hotel at Bitely from the *Negro Motorist Green Book* (Green 1946, 46).

PREPARATIONS & PROCESS



(Above)
Overall process and timeline for the Historic Community Planning initiatives in Woodland Park & Idlewild.



(Above)
Afro American Travel Map showing Bitely (Woodland Park) in Michigan (New York Public Library, 1942).

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & FUTURE DIRECTIONS

BROOKING'S LAKE
SUNSET POINT WOODLAND PARK - BITELY, MICH.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

OVERVIEW

As part of the historic community planning process, a multi-prong engagement approach was developed to reach out to the Woodland Park community members. This included:

- 2 in-person site visits in November 2022 and April 2023 for meetings and field surveys with the Work Group to better understand the people and the place;
- 3 online Zoom meetings with the Work Group to prepare for the Summer 2023 engagement efforts;
- 1 dedicated project website to share about the history of Woodland Park, why the community is embarking on this historic community planning effort, and ways in which residents (year-round and seasonal) and visitors can provide their feedback;
- 1 online community questionnaire shared via the website;
- 1 in-person summer pop-up outreach at the Founders' Day event on August 12, 2023. The event was publicized through strong word-of-mouth by the Work Group, the community's Facebook group, local press releases, and event posters in prominent locations at Woodland Park and Merrill Township.

The purpose of the outreach was to understand the historic preservation values, aspirations, and interests of the Woodland Park residents, visitors, and friends. Community feedback enabled the Work Group to:

- (i) Identify areas for preservation, adaptive reuse, and potential future development in keeping with the historic, local, and landscape character of Idlewild; and
- (ii) Set the table for future stewardship, including ways to honor the community's values, stories, and its natural and historic resources.

- A total of 135 questionnaire responses were completed (95 online and 40 paper responses).
- Approximately 60+ community members and neighbors participated at the Founders' Day event. There, community members were asked to provide their feedback on (i) potential historic district boundaries for consideration in a nomination to the state or national register of historic places; (ii) potential areas for preservation and re-use; (iii) three words to describe their aspired future for Woodland Park.

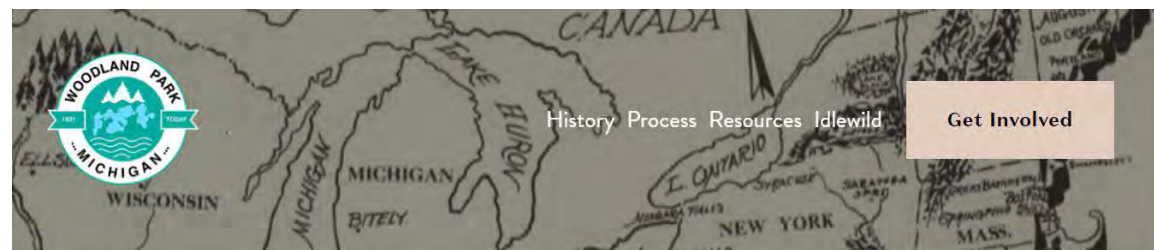
(Previous spread)

Historic postcard showing the lake life amidst the Manistee National Forest setting. (Courtesy of the Steven F. Jones Sr. Collection.)

(Opposite page)

Community outreach at Yvonne's Common Ground and the Kelsonia Inn in conjunction with the Founders' Day event on Aug 12, 2023

- Vendors, local groups, and lively music created a festive atmosphere at the Founders' Day event. An engagement area to interface with residents and visitors, distribute and collect questionnaires, and elicit feedback on mapping was set up inside the Kelsonia Inn. This area featured a table and several easels to display visual materials.
- Work Group members took turns directing interested parties in from outside to come connect with the information and team members. The location in the historic inn had many benefits, including a quiet space to converse and focus on the questionnaires, boosting response rates and diversifying participants.
- Work Group members also used the space to interview and record residents, capturing their stories beyond the written response. These stories will be invaluable for future work. Small items of swag and postcards featuring a QR code link to the questionnaire online were given as takeaways.



(Above)
Woodland Park Historic Community Planning project website for various outreach and to build broader awareness.

OUTREACH OUTCOMES

ONLINE ENGAGEMENT

392 **UNIQUE VISITORS**

1,013 PAGE VIEWS

LOCAL ENGAGEMENT

QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONDENTS

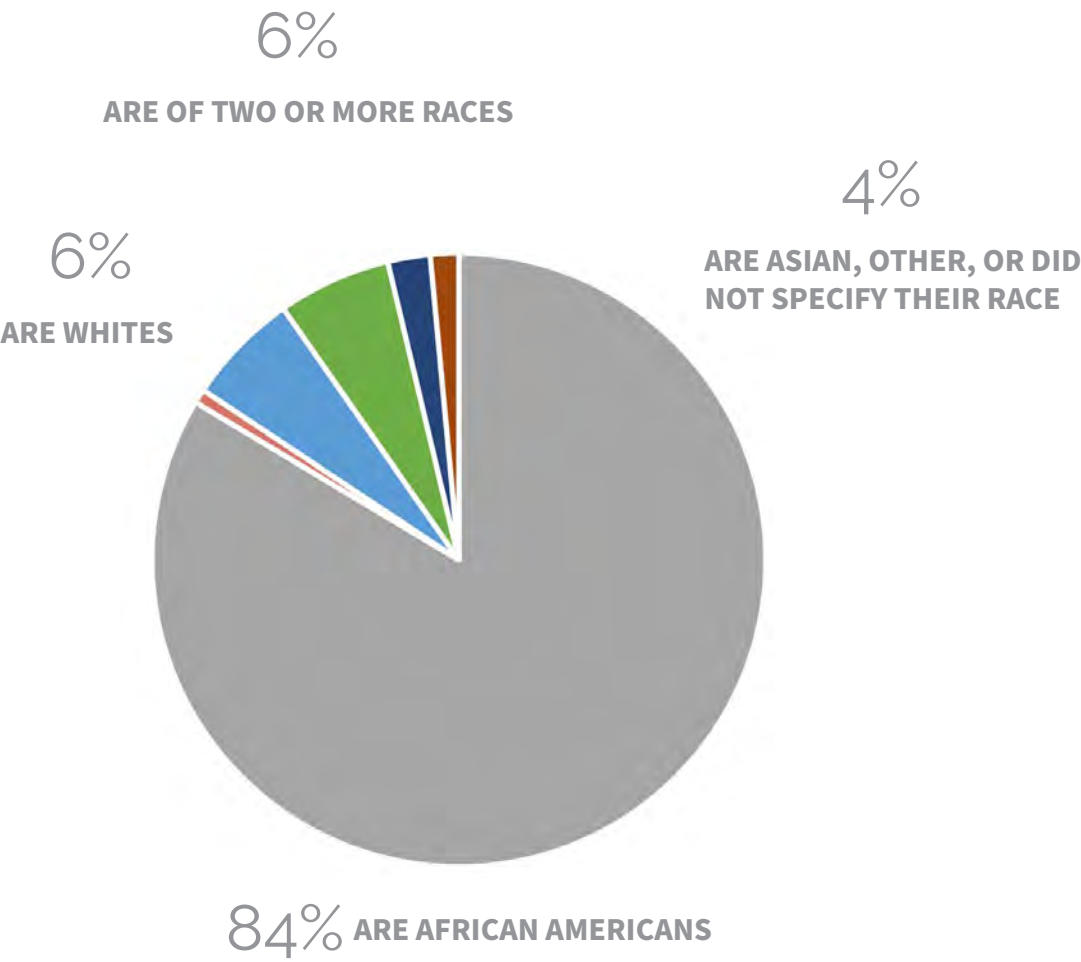
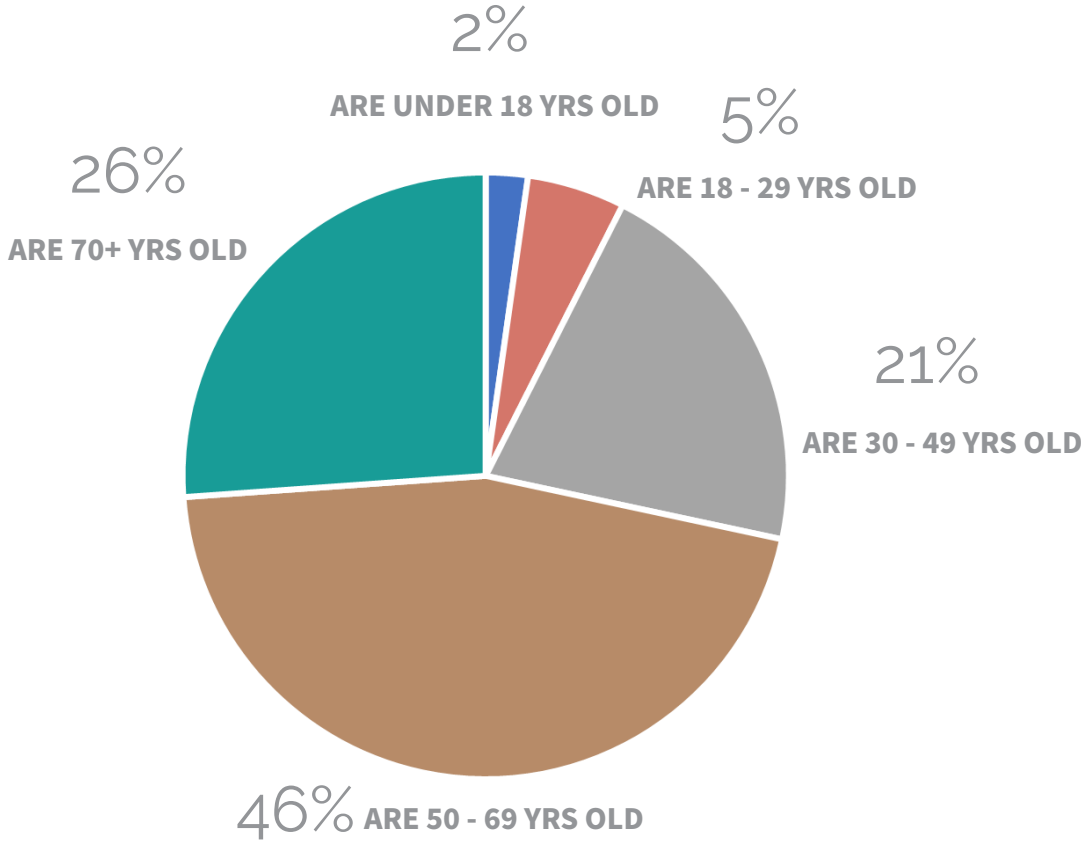
Summer Outreach Window: July 24 - September 8, 2023

92% KNEW OF WOODLAND PARK THROUGH FAMILIAL / PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

73% ARE REGULAR RESIDENTS / VISITORS

70% LIVED IN / VISITED WOODLAND PARK FOR > 20 YEARS

50% GREW UP IN THE AREA / VISITED AS A YOUNG CHILD



*** Note: While Woodland Park is often referred to as an African-American resort community, it was and continues to be a place with a predominant African-American population that was open to other races, including whites, and households and individuals of more than one race.*

Community Planning Effort Launched For Woodland Park, Idlewild

A community planning initiative is getting underway for Woodland Park and Idlewild, two historic African American resorts that continue to serve as retreats for residents, and year-round vacationers.

With help from the Fremont Area Community Foundation, The Right Place, and MSU Extension, a small community workgroup and third-party consultants (Broad Studio and HYK Consulting) are starting on a historic community planning initiative for Woodland Park and Idlewild.

Goals of the process include highlighting the stories, beauty, distinctiveness, and significance of Woodland Park and Idlewild as historic African American resort communities; stimulate revitalization and interest in both communities, by developing a preservation-based vision for equitable growth, that respects the local histories; and promote broader participation and build momentum towards investing in and restoring more assets, while remaining accessible to diverse communities.

All community residents, neighbors, visitors, and friends are welcome to visit

and share their thoughts anytime during the outreach events.

Online questionnaires are also available until August 31, to gather community feedback at the websites built for the project, at www.woodlandparkmi.org, and www.idlewild-michigan.org.

The main work in Woodland Park has focused on surveying and documenting key sites, structures, and landscape elements of historical significance. This is intended to support an application for Woodland Park to be considered as a historic place for preservation.

"This project is not just about preserving our rich history, it is also about maintaining and building on the dream of Woodland Park's extraordinary and insightful founders. Our permanent and seasonal residents, as well as our visitors, are encouraged to share in this exciting endeavor as we move forward," noted Ziyadah Shakir and Debbie Jones, members of the Woodland Park work group.

In Idlewild, the work has included the identification of potential properties for additional historical markers, areas for potential preservation and reuse/revitalization, and ways in which the historic

and natural character of the community can continue to be protected.

Idlewild Work Group members CJ Grier and Larry Lewis reflected: "Idlewild was and is a place like no other. It is home to many for many different reasons. We encourage those who love Idlewild and want to be part of its future to take the short online survey, or to connect with us at Williams Island on August 12."

About Woodland Park and Idlewild

Woodland Park is a historic African American resort, in northwest Newaygo County, just west of the M-37 and I1 Mile Avenue intersection, north of Brohman. Founded in 1921, the community offered a place of rest and recreation, and had

close interactions with Idlewild during the era of Jim Crow segregation.

Known as the "Black Eden", Idlewild is located just east of Baldwin, in Lake County, Michigan. Established earlier in 1912, this premier African American resort community hosted a vibrant mix of black intellectuals, religious and political leaders, entrepreneurs, and entertainers. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as a nationally significant historic site.

Woodland Park and Idlewild still serve as retreats for residents and year-round vacationers. Both communities remain committed to preserving their histories, while supporting their current and future potential.



Most Popular

1. County and Township coordinate on ORV park
2. SHERIFF'S CORNER: Clarifying laws on shooting firearms
3. Baldwin's football team has ended season
4. SHERIFF'S CORNER: Addressing Budget Questions and Grant
5. Motorcycle rider strikes deer, transported to hospital Wednesday
6. SHERIFF'S CORNER: revisiting laws

NEWS

Woodland Park and Idlewild launches historic community preservation project

Seek community engagement during Aug. 12 events

Cathie Crew, Staff writer

Aug. 10, 2023



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Williams Island in Idlewild in Lake County, is one of many historically significant sites the Community Work Group initiative hopes to preserve and revitalize.

Photo courtesy of Idlewild Historical Society

LAKE, NEWAYGO COUNTIES — A small community workgroup, along with third-party consultants Broad Studio and HYK Consulting, are embarking on a historic community planning initiative for Idlewild in Lake County and Woodland Park in Newaygo County, according to a news release from The Right Place, Inc. and the Lake County Economic Development Alliance.

(Above & Left)

News media coverage on the Idlewild & Woodland Park Summer Outreach by the *Benton-Michiana Spirit* and *The Lake County Star*

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK & KEY DIRECTIONS

PRESERVATION OBJECTIVES

Except for one questionnaire participant who did not provide a response, all the other 133 respondents believe that preservation of natural and historic resources in Woodland Park is a worthwhile goal.

The priority objectives reflect a clear coalescence around the African-American heritage and identity as a lens to protect and educate about Woodland Park’s historic significance. As a community with multi-generational families and friends, there is a strong sense of enabling local stewardship. This could have been shaped by a rootedness to the culture, an awareness of relational dynamics, and a desire to have a direct impact on the local economy, employment, and community.

The unique emphasis on strengthening the local zoning and enforcement to protect the natural and historic character of Woodland Park stems from the community’s concern with “blight”, the growing presence of properties which have not been cared for, and accumulation of scrap and debris. This is reinforced by a desire to steward Woodland Park as a “clean” and “beautiful” community.

Other objectives and suggestions shared by respondents include:

- Rid the area of "blight" - old, non-working vehicles on the properties, overgrown yards, abandoned. Established site requirements to protect the beauty of the community.
- Redevelop, establish environmental sanitation.
- Protect and maintain the wetlands and the forests from being overdeveloped and/or destroyed.
- Protect Woodland Park Beach.
- Maintaining and fixing the memorial Dorothy Harrison basketball court / park

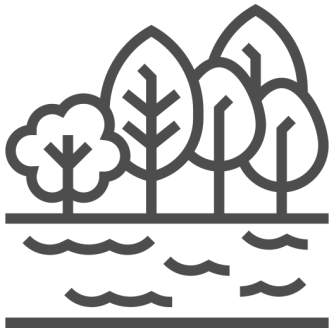
PRESERVATION ELEMENTS

The interests in preservation elements reflect the centrality of the lakes in Woodland Park’s identity, including Woodland Lake, East Lake, and West Lake. This encompasses the bays sculpted by the lakes, framing key views in the forested setting with notable peninsulas like Shangri-la, Sunset Point, and Mayo Point. Preservation in the lakes also extends beyond the historic significance, and into the environmental preservation practices given the Dow Chemical spill from the train derailment. Restoring and protecting the lake ecology is intrinsic to how the community interacts with its environment, through boating, fishing, and other water recreation activities.

5 TOP OBJECTIVES FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

- **Promote the African-American history and culture.**
- **Promote and educate residents and visitors on the history of Woodland Park.**
- **Protect and maintain historic buildings and areas within Woodland Park.**
- **Strengthen the local zoning and enforcement to protect the natural and historic character of Woodland Park.**
- **Establish and indicate historic buildings, sites, and districts, including key landscape features, as visitor destinations.**

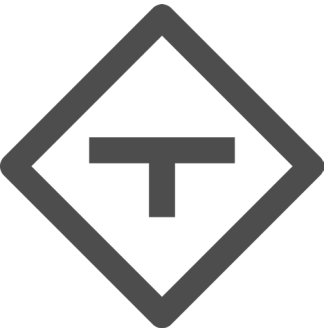
KEY ELEMENTS TO PRESERVE



LAKES
(Woodland Lake, East Lake, West Lake)



BUILDINGS & STRUCTURES
(Historic buildings / structures of any type and style)



KEY INTERSECTION
(Woodland Park Center, the 4 Corners at the Intersection of 11 Mile Rd / Bingham Ave)

The Woodland Work Group first identified potential areas for preservation and revitalization through a mapping exercise facilitated by the consulting team. Key terms and definitions for differentiating these potential areas and guiding the exercise are listed below:

KEY TERMS		PRESERVE	REVITALIZE	DEVELOP
	DEFINITION	To keep a building, structure, or site/environment from destruction and to see to it that the object is not irredeemably altered or changed. Changes to the original are often closely guided by the Secretary of Interior's Standards, especially when local district regulations are operative, or when eligibility for programs such as the National Register of Historic Places and/or Historic Tax Credits (HCTs) should be maintained.	To maintain and steward the physical attributes and distinctive character of a place, while also permitting a range of sensitive adaptations for contemporary life, and permitting parameters to be tailored to the needs of the place. A balanced mix of conservation, regeneration, and innovation.	To build or create a new building, structure, or landscape. Former structures and features, including landscapes, can be demolished.
	HISTORIC INTEGRITY & CHARACTER	Maintain historic integrity and character. Strict requirements from the Office of the Secretary of the Interior.	Additions, repairs, and any new builds / landscapes honor historic integrity and character.	Does not necessarily have to maintain historic integrity and character.
	<i>*These terms reside on a spectrum, and often projects can fall between these clean definitions.</i>			

A draft map of these areas and connections, including scenic routes / drives, were then shared with the community for feedback via the Founders' Day Pop-Up Engagement Event and the online questionnaire.

The map on the following spread shows the final list of areas identified by the Woodland Park community, consistent with the three top elements which were emerged from the questionnaire: including lakes and intersections, sites and structures, and key scenic routes.

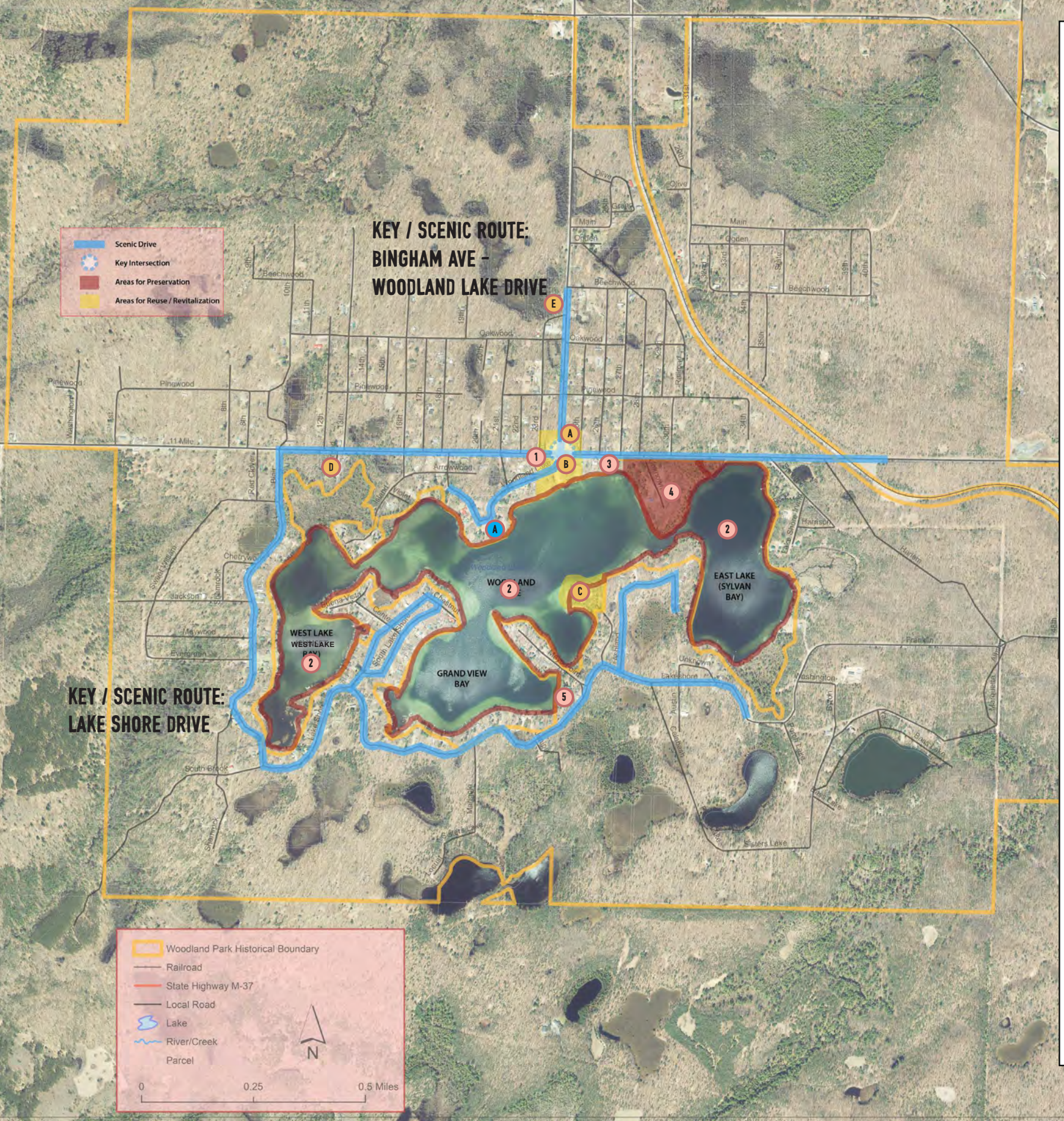
The prominence of Woodland Park Center at the intersection of 11 Mile Road (former Broadway) and Bingham Ave (former 24th Ave) reinforce the historic significance of both these wider thoroughfares, how they connected Woodland Park with other regional communities, and the historic structures which still stand or used to define this community core. This includes Kelsonia Inn, Yvonne's Common Ground (former Pine Cone Tavern), the Dorothy Harrison Memorial Playground (former Fishe's Grocery / Woodland Park Grocery), and the Mourner's Bench. The intersection also opens up to a view of Woodland Park with the public beach, and continues to be the heart of the community.

In the absence of notable buildings like the Royal Breeze, the Clubhouse, Pine Cone Tavern, and Fishe's Grocery which defined the resort character of Woodland Park in its heyday, the community is keenly aware of the need to protect, preserve, and rehabilitate what are left of its historic structures. These include or could include the Schoolhouse, Kelsonia Inn, Oh Dear's, the Woodland Park Property Owner's Association, the First Baptist Church of Woodland Park, the stone chimney and steps at the former Royal Breeze, and cottages at Shangri-la resort.



(Above)
Stone chimney and hearth at the former Royal Breeze Hotel at 2544 Woodland Lake Dr.

WOODLAND PARK: FRAMEWORK FOR PRESERVATION, REVITALIZATION, COMMEMORATION



PRESERVE

1 11-MILE & BINGHAM INTERSECTION

2 WOODLAND LAKE & EAST LAKE

3 SCHOOL HOUSE

3 SCHOOL ICE HOUSE

4 SHANGRI-LA RESORT

5 ROSE'S TERRACE

REUSE / REVITALIZE

A OH DEAR'S

B KELSONIA INN

C SUNSET POINT

COMMEMORATE / MARK

D WOODY'S BAR (FORMER BLUEBELL GARDENS)

E WOODLAND PARK PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

A ROYAL BREEZE HOTEL SITE



(Above) Existing historical marker at Woodland Park outside the Schoolhouse.

POTENTIAL EDUCATION & COMMEMORATIVE APPROACHES

Potential education and commemorative approaches to tell the Woodland Park story leaned towards a clear, pressing desire for state/national recognition and designation:

- Nominate Woodland Park to the Michigan or the National Register of Historic Places;
- Apply for and install additional historical markers for significant properties;
- Host community events to celebrate the history of Woodland Park; Host educational programs on Woodland Park in collaboration with schools, institutions, museums etc.

Woodland Park currently only has one historical marker for the community by the Schoolhouse along 11 Mile Road. Additional markers or interpretive signs would greatly expand the awareness of the community's historic significance, especially on properties where notable structures may no longer be standing. This includes the site of the Royal Breeze Hotel, which emerged as a priority for the community.

Wayfinding and destination signage along key scenic routes and gateways to the Woodland Park community such as Bingham Ave, Woodland Lake Drive, and Lake Shore Drive, and the intersections of 11 Mile Rd and Bingham Ave, as well as 11 Mile Rd and M-37 can be a means to provide identity and coherence to the community.

Woodland Park's Founders Day and the WildWood celebration with Idlewild have been defining community events in celebrating Woodland Park's history. There are opportunities to host a few more events, provide wrap-around activities, such as a boating tour or walking tour of Woodland Park, or open houses at the Schoolhouse and the Kelsonia Inn.

The Baldwin Schools have also educated generations of Woodland Park and Idlewild youth. The history and relationship of the schools, together with key institutions such as the Heritage Museum of Newaygo County, would be a vital area for more immediate action steps and to foster a greater awareness of Woodland Park, especially for engaging the younger and future generations.

FUTURE ENGAGEMENT & APPENDICES

The successful community engagement would not have been possible if not for the commitment and efforts of the Work Group to rally their family, friends, and neighbors. The strong momentum they built will benefit from continued engagement going forward.

Please refer to the Appendices for aggregated questionnaire results.

98%

OF QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONDENTS FELT IT WAS FAIRLY OR VERY IMPORTANT FOR WOODLAND PARK TO SECURE SOME KIND OF HISTORIC DESIGNATION.

THIS WOULD BE SIMILAR TO IDLEWILD'S EFFORTS TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES IN 1979, AND LATER IN 2010 WITH AN EXPANDED HISTORIC DISTRICT BOUNDARY.

5 TOP GOALS TO BALANCE PRESERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

- Preserving the historic character of Woodland Park.
- Engage the next generation.
- Preserving the natural character, including the landscape features.
- Support economic development.
- Maintaining environmental sensitivity.

**WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN
WOODLAND PARK IN THE FUTURE,
WHILE IT CONTINUES TO HONOR ITS
HISTORIC AND NATURAL CHARACTER?**

DESIRED USES & AMENITIES	DESIRED PROGRAMMING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General store that is historically based Coffee shop Ice cream store / parlor Sit-down restaurant Gas station, EV charging station, Car wash Laundromat Welcome center Lake trails Venue for young people (maintaining the character of the community is important), e.g. soda shop Bathhouse, Shower house for campers Camper tank clean out space, water fill station like what can be found at a state park and camp ground, on a charge per use or membership programs. Tiny house / ADU dwellings, smaller manufactured homes in place of older structures and trailers Community space Updated playground Turn the schoolhouse into a (self-guided) museum with regular hours about Woodland Park (this has been a long term goal but it is difficult to get funding and people working on the project) Fix zoning issues with the master plan; historical building improvements, housing code ordinance enforcement, septic tank inspections, tax rate equalizations Development of a special "Lake District" to further protect Woodland Park Deck / Pier into the lake, with a horseshoe shaped pier to protect small children Better public boat launch Revitalize beach as a community resource with dedicated restroom facility Historical landmarks or markers, with audio/visual devices to show historic photos and what individual buildings could look like The use of the historical library The development of an elegant entry coming into Woodland Park. Nature/learning center (schools could learn about Black history and flora+fauna of the area) Community garden Farmers' market Community Club for movies and games, Save Oh Dears' / Old Dears' Save at least one of the Daggs rentals One or two modern overnight lodging options, Bed & Breakfast Better cellular service and high-speed internet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> History storytelling in the park; promote black history of the area; brief history of Woodland Park and its residents, e.g. first African American family, settlement of black families; display Woodland Park history as a welcome center or on a pavilion in the park; digital presentations or physical audio-based interactive tours of historically preserved areas Annual event celebrating the culture of African Americans Barbecue festival Live concerts; music attracts people of all ages and backgrounds Summer campfires with stories and food Programs focusing on respect for the natural character of the area Boat tours Fishing Camping Food trucks / vendors Clean up land programs Agricultural development projects for fresh fruit, vegetables Beautification committee to check areas for trash and design a spring planting each year for high traffic areas to enhance the local aesthetic Community outreach Local group of property owners and residents to monitor land use within historic boundaries once identified Stones for remembering loved ones Year-round use Engage the youth Poster board parties Lifeguard on duty from Memorial through Labor Day; water safety; swimming markers Funds to help clean up vacant lots and tear down old properties Streets named after historical WP figures Better promotion of the area More awareness / education of dumping areas

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE WOODLAND PARK TO FEEL IN THE FUTURE? PLEASE SHARE 3 WORDS / ADJECTIVES.



C H A P T E R T W O

NEXT STEPS & IMPLEMENTATION



NEXT STEPS & FUTURE WORK

Seasonal Woodland Park resident from MI who grew up in the area

"So much of the history of the Black Community has dealt with its struggles and very little attention has been paid to its shining successes. Woodland Park is a success in every sense of the word and the recognition of that success and that history needs to live on in perpetuity."

" Our family has owned property since 1960 as a summer vacation spot. I enjoyed being able to get away from the city. As a young child I recognized the importance of being a part of a proud African American community of Woodland Park and Idlewild; black owned businesses, entrepreneurs. The area offered a peaceful, safe, fun environment."

Seasonal Woodland Park resident from MI who grew up in the area

Seasonal visitor from GA who knew about Woodland Park from family and friends

"Black people were an integral part of developing and building this country. That should never be forgotten. They and their spaces should be remembered and recognized, sharing how they live, work and play, not only as they did in the past, but how they see themselves living today and in the future as well."

Through the historic community planning work undertaken in Woodland Park, a Reconnaissance Level Survey of the built environment and a Cultural Landscape Survey were conducted. Both documents, contained here within, set the stage for a **future National Register of Historic Places submission.**

The Woodland Park work group has been very direct from the beginning of this process that the National Register is a community goal, which was substantiated by survey results. Taking what has been compiled in this phase, short-term next steps include working with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to navigate the nomination process, including to confirm eligibility and, if possible, complete the associated submission documentation. SHPO has already been involved in these earlier conversations, which is a best practice in the field of historic preservation.

(Previous spread)
Historic postcard showing the Rose Terrace Cottage. (Courtesy of Ziyadah Shakir.)

PROCESS FOR A NOMINATION TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

1. Undertake reconnaissance-level survey of individual resources, and intensive-level survey of proposed district.

2. Complete Architectural Properties identification for each resource, and Architectural District/Complex information for proposed district.

3. Complete Preliminary Questionnaire for MI SHPO to determine eligibility for listing.

4. If eligibility for listing is determined by SHPO, prepare National Register Nomination.
5. Engage in nomination review and approval process with SHPO staff, including multiple revisions to draft nomination.

6. Property owners and local elected officials are notified by letter of proposed nomination and upcoming hearing.

7. Presentation of property/district to State Historic Preservation Review Board at one of three yearly meetings.

8. Formal submission of nomination materials to Keeper of the National Register by SHPO.

9. Formal listing of the property by the Keeper of the National Register.

(Compiled from guidance listed on the the MI SHPO website.)

Traditional preservation narratives tend to focus on the built environment, but for places like Woodland Park there is so much more to their historic integrity than this. While some resources have been lost, their standing impact on the community has not.

As such, while the lens of integrity is applied with respect to its seven aspects as defined by the National Park Service (location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association), a holistic assessment of integrity should also consider how these aspects might be understood in context. This includes an understanding of, among other things, the landscape and its elements, planned spatial frameworks, and the intangible cultural heritage of the place. With this in mind, the use of a Cultural Landscape lens became an integral part of the work. This 'both-and' approach afforded by pairing an Architectural Properties and Architectural District survey together with a Cultural Landscape survey should be advanced in the subsequent process with SHPO.



(Above) Examples of historical interpretive signs in Saugatuck-Douglas commissioned by the local community through the Saugatuck-Douglas Museum incorporating historic maps, photographs, and descriptions.

Additionally, attention should be given moving forward to **evolving national understandings of integrity in the historic African American context**, where conventional standards of integrity may not always serve African American communities and their places in an equitable way. In 2019, a National Council on Public History annual meeting on improving existing National Register nominations yielded the following observation:

"Evaluating physical integrity is a major part of any nomination. Too often, however, when considering a place with ties to an underrepresented community, compromised elements of design, materials, and workmanship are cited as evidence that it lacks sufficient integrity for National Register designation. Yet design, materials, and workmanship may not be the most important aspects of integrity for resources associated with historically marginalized communities. Stories related to location, setting, feeling, and association are usually more relevant."

The international community offers additional helpful perspectives and best practices which may help round out a holistic view of integrity, through the balanced acknowledgement of a place's human-made and natural features and the (closely related) safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage associated with a place. UNESCO's *Ethical Principles for Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage* states that:

"The dynamic and living nature of intangible cultural heritage should be continuously respected. Authenticity and exclusivity should not constitute concerns and obstacles in the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage."

Aligned with UNESCO's position is the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) and their 2011 Valetta Principles, which also advances a holistic understanding of integrity, where historic settlements and communities are an integral, inseparable part of the larger natural or man-made context. This includes tangible and intangible elements:

- Tangible: Urban structure, architectural elements, the landscapes within and around the town, archaeological remains, panoramas, skylines, view-lines and landmark site.
- Intangible: Activities, symbolic and historic functions, cultural practices, traditions, memories, and cultural references that constitute the substance of their historic value.

Along with a potential National Register nomination building on the completed surveys in this report, there are other ways to keep the history of Woodland Park alive in the community. **Historic markers, signs, and interpretive displays** could be located around the community to commemorate both the tangible and intangible cultural heritage and history of the place. This recognition is especially key for impacting younger generations, those without the ability to "remember when." Visible markers of historic and contemporary pride in the community will also impact residents and visitors to the area.

Important sites for preservation, reuse/revitalization, and commemoration identified through this process have yielded a tractable list to focus future rehabilitation and economic development efforts. This includes many placemaking opportunities and infrastructure priorities to be pursued in the short to long term.

Concerns surrounding blight and property maintenance were communicated by the group. Besides further awareness and education of Woodland Park's historic significance for others to respect the place, it would be important to also **revisit existing zoning ordinances**, strengthen the language where appropriate, and **provide additional support for enforcement**. To effectively preserve and protect also requires a commitment to monitor and enforce violations when they occur.

Additional avenues for funding were also identified to help support this future work. The African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund, granted by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, is one such opportunity. \$3.8 million was distributed in 2023 to forty individual sites working to advance preservation activities that represent African American cultural heritage nationwide.



(Above) Example of a simple, more economical historical interpretive sign using an alu board (aluminum composite panels) in Saugatuck-Douglas commissioned by the local community through the Saugatuck-Douglas Museum.

WOODLAND PARK

POTENTIAL IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK

	NEXT STEPS	TIMEFRAME**	POTENTIAL CHAMPIONS & COLLABORATORS	POSSIBLE FUNDING
Federal & State Designation	Nominate Woodland Park to the National Register of Historic Places	Near Term	Work Group, Merrill Twp, The Right Place, Inc., MSU Extension	Fremont Area Community Foundation
Governance	Consider and implement appropriate forms of governance to protect the historic, cultural, and landscape resources in Woodland Park	Mid and Long Term	Work Group, Merrill Twp Staff & Elected Leaders	Merrill Twp
	Revisit and update zoning ordinance, where needed, to monitor and manage activities or dilapidation which may compromise the overall character of Woodland Park (e.g. Ordinances for foreclosed, vacant, and abandoned property registry, Jackson MI)	Mid and Long Term	Work Group, Merrill Twp Staff & Elected Leaders	Merrill Twp
	Strengthen local enforcement and resources for monitoring and abatement in parallel with zoning ordinance updates	Near to Mid Term	Work Group, Merrill Twp Staff & Elected Leaders	Merrill Twp
	Work with property owners of identified properties for historic preservation and reuse to develop appropriate rehabilitation approaches which are financially viable, and support future uses aligned with the community's desired improvements	Near to Mid Term	Work Group, Private Property Owners, The Right Place, Inc., MSU Extension	Grants & Local Community Support (e.g. USDA Community Facilities Grant, EPA Grants)
Signage and Markers	Apply for and install additional historical markers for significant properties (e.g. Royal Breeze Chimney, Shangri-La, Sunset Point)	Near to Mid Term	Woodland Park Historical Society	Grants & Local Community Support
	Install a coordinated series of interpretive signs around Woodland Park, such as trails and historic area to a self-guided walking tour	Near to Mid Term	Woodland Park Historical Society	Grants & Local Community Support

	NEXT STEPS	TIMEFRAME**	POTENTIAL CHAMPIONS & COLLABORATORS	POSSIBLE FUNDING
Advocacy & Perspectives	Host educational programs on Woodland Park in collaboration with schools and institutions to engage the next generation	Near to Mid Term	Baldwin Schools, Baldwin Schools Alumni Association, MSU Extension, Ferris State University	Instutional Budgets for Teaching and Programming, Grants
	Conduct walking and/or boat tours of Woodland Park, focusing on the local history, nature, and culture	Near to Mid Term	Woodland Park Historical Society	Grassroots, Museum and other Instutional Partner Budgets and/or Grants
	Continue to digitize historic documents, record and incorporate oral histories, and provide online storytelling through the Woodland Park website	Near to Mid Term	Woodland Park Historical Society	Grassroots, Museum and other Instutional Partner Budgets and/or Grants
Revitalization	Develop a feasible economic development strategy and preservation plan based on the Community's values, identified priorities, and aspired improvements	Mid Term	Work Group, Merrill Twp, The Right Place, Inc., MSU Extension	Grants & Local Community Support
	Develop a feasible business development plan based on the economic development strategy and preservation plan	Mid Term	Work Group, Merrill Twp, The Right Place, Inc., MSU Extension	Grants & Local Community Support
	Develop a streetscape improvement plan to strengthen the sense of arrival and identity, as informed by the community's framework of: -gateways, -key scenic drives, -intersections, -views, -trails, -series of historical markers / interpretive signs	Near to Mid Term	Work Group, Private Property Owners, The Right Place, Inc., MSU Extension	Merrill Twp, Grants from Public and Philanthropic Sources

**Timeframe: Near Term (1 to 3 years), Mid-Term (3 to 8 years), Long-Term (8 years +)

WOODLAND PARK

GUIDANCE FOR CREATING & STEWARDING

A RURAL HISTORIC DISTRICT

	POTENTIAL TOOLS & APPROACHES		RECOMMENDED	FOR ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION
Federal & State Designations	National Register of Historic Places	Individual Resource		X
		District	X	
		Cultural Landscape	X	
	National Historic Landmarks Program (NHL)			
	National Heritage Area (NHA)			
	National Monument			
	National Conservation Area (NCA)			
Protection & Governance	The Michigan Historical Marker Program		X	
	Local District + Commission (conventional SHPO model per PA 169 of 1970)			X
	Design Guidelines accompanying Local District (aligned with PA 169 of 1970)			X
	Limited Local Historic District + Commission (benchmarking De Pere, Wisconsin Neighborhood Preservation Plan, 2010)			X
	Architectural Design Voluntary Recommendations			X
	Conservation Overlay District (possibly coordinated with Merrill Township zoning policy)			X
	Campstead Easement (benchmarking tools developed for Squam Lake, New Hampshire)			X
	Land / Lake Conservancy			X
	Lake Association (already established)		X	
	Local zoning and enforcement to address blight and related issues		X	
Heritage-Focused Resources	Save America's Treasures Grants		X	
	African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund		X	
	Robert F. Smith Internship Program (or similar), carrying possible local museum affiliations such as: (i) Jim Crow Museum (Ferris State), (ii) Charles H. Wright Museum, (iii) Holland Museum, (iv) others		X	
Signage and Markers	A community-driven extension of commemorative and informational markers, or a series of interpretive signs + trails with self-guided tours		X	
	A community-driven wayfinding package to guide visitors and reinforce an established sense of place		X	
Advocacy & Perspectives	The Cultural Landscape Foundation - Maintain awareness of tools, methods, and related resources			X
	Reference the African American Outdoor Recreation National Historic Landmark Theme Study (2022) to maintain awareness of evolving national understandings around NR eligibility, best practices, etc.		X	
	Reference UNESCO and ICOMOS verbiage specific to Intangible Heritage Conservation, and apply to strategy		X	
	Local Conservation and/or Preservation Society, Local Historians, Historical Society, etc.		X	
	Community Events, Education, and Collections Facilitation		X	
Documentation	Comprehensive Cultural Landscape documentation, including maps (benchmarking the Cultural Landscape Report for Glen Haven Village Historic District		X	
	Historic American Landscape Survey (HALS)			

In conclusion, Woodland Park is a nationally significant site of Black America and a very present testament to the tenacity of the community. It is and continues to be a place with a predominant African-American population that is open to other races, including whites, and households and individuals of more than one race.

Despite persistent racism and the losses of historic places, African Americans have strove to preserve, reclaim, and revitalize historically Black outdoor spaces which were created during the age of segregation (Kahrl et al 2022, 149). Woodland Park is no exception.

Through this process, the Woodland Park community has laid a roadmap towards honoring their past for the future. The strong, unified, well-organized local effort by the Work Group has achieved clarity and consensus on the preferred course of action. Their continued involvement and leadership, in collaboration with other community and institutional partners and agencies, will help to drive this groundwork forward.

****Note:** This table lists a broad range of potential tools and approaches available within preservation and adjacent arenas. Based on community input and the consulting team's professional assessment of each item's current applicability for Woodland Park, a tailored combination of tools and approaches has been selected as a recommended strategy. Certain tools and approaches which are not currently included in the overall recommended strategy may still have applicability, and should be reconsidered on a routine basis. Such items may serve as strong contingency options, while others may emerge as applicable as circumstances evolve over time.

GLOSSARY

ACCOMPANYING THE GUIDANCE FOR CREATING & STEWARDING A RURAL HISTORIC DISTRICT

FEDERAL & STATE DESIGNATIONS

National Register of Historic Places

“The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation. Authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect America's historic and archeological resources.”

–National Park Service

Nomination to the National Register can be carried out using different forms which are design for different nomination types. These forms include: Individual Resource, District, and Cultural Landscape.

National Historic Landmarks Program (NHL)

“National Historic Landmarks (NHLs) are historic properties that illustrate the heritage of the United States. The over 2,600 NHLs found in the U.S. today come in many forms: historic buildings, sites, structures, objects, and districts. Each NHL represents an outstanding aspect of American history and culture.”

–National Park Service

National Heritage Area (NHA)

“National Heritage Areas are places where historic, cultural, and natural resources combine to form cohesive, nationally important landscapes. Unlike national parks, National Heritage Areas are large lived-in landscapes. Consequently, National Heritage Area entities collaborate with communities to determine how to make heritage relevant to local interests and needs.

In 1984, the first National Heritage Area, Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Area, was signed into law by President Ronald Reagan. In his dedication speech, Reagan referred to National Heritage Areas "a new kind of national park" that married heritage conservation, recreation, and economic development. As of 2023, 62 National Heritage Areas are designated.”

–National Park Service

National Monument

"National monuments are nationally significant lands and waters set aside for permanent protection. These public lands are similar to national parks in many ways, with some key differences."

–National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA)

National Monuments must be designated by the President under the Antiquities Act of 1906.

National Conservation Area

"Congress designates National Conservation Areas (NCAs) and similarly designated lands to conserve, protect, enhance, and manage the public lands for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations."

–U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

This tool is used for Public Lands.

The Michigan Historic Marker Program

"The Michigan Historical Marker Program was established by the legislature and governor in 1955. Since then, more than 1,700 historical markers have been placed across the state - and in several other states and Europe - making Michigan's one of the premier marker programs in the nation.

Each marker reflects an important story of a place, an event or a person. It powerfully shows the importance a community places on its heritage and serves as a signpost of historical significance. A marker dedication ceremony is an event of commemoration and even celebration that introduces a lasting resource for tourism, education and community heritage."

–Michigan History Center

GOVERNANCE

Local District + Commission

"A local historic district is a historically significant area that is protected by a historic district ordinance. The local unit of government appoints a historic district commission to review proposed work to the exterior of resources in the district to determine if the work meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitation. Designating an area as a local historic district is one of the few ways a community can provide legal protection for its historic resources."

-Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC)

In this case, a new Township Ordinance would enable a Local District (per PA 169 of 1970).

Design Guidelines Accompanying a Local District

Tailored guidelines invite property owners to consider solutions which calibrate their projects with the design traditions of the place, and allow for new work to harmoniously contribute to the existing context through regeneration.

The guidelines are distinctly graphical in their approach and invitational in tone to maximize accessibility and use.

Limited Local Historic District + Commission

The Limited Local Historic District and Commission would operate similarly to a Local District, but would only evaluate proposed work for select, prioritized design items (ex. garage door placement in relation to the main façade, etc.). This idea is benchmarked off of an approach explored in the De Pere, Wisconsin Neighborhood Preservation Plan (2010), and thus may require further adjustment for Michigan's legal frameworks.

Architectural Design Voluntary Recommendations

Similar to Design Guidelines Accompanying a Local District (discussed above), these guidelines would be offered by a municipality or nonprofit organization for voluntary use, and without coordination with other regulatory frameworks such as a Historic District Commission, etc.

Conservation Overlay District

“Neighborhood conservation districts are areas located in residential neighborhoods with a distinct physical character that have preservation or conservation as the primary goal. Although these neighborhoods tend not to merit designation as a historic district, they warrant special land use attention due to their distinctive character and importance as viable, contributing areas to the community at large. Accomplished through the adoption of a zoning overlay or independent zoning district, neighborhood conservation districts provide a means to protect character-defining streetscapes in older areas threatened by new development or governmental policies that undermine rather than encourage neighborhood preservation. Specific objectives often include protecting a viable neighborhood against outside development pressures, whether mansionization, as in Dallas, waterfront condominiums, as in Annapolis, or demand for parking lots and commercial encroachment, as in Boise. Conservation district programs have been established to stabilize existing neighborhoods, as in Nashville, to increase or preserve the supply of affordable housing, as in Phoenix, and to revitalize close-in neighborhoods, as in Davis, California.

While individual conservation district programs vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, and a number of programs, indeed, constitute a hybrid of these two approaches, conservation district programs generally can be placed into one of two categories: the “historic preservation model” or the “neighborhood planning model.” Both types of programs seek to preserve an area’s special character. The difference lies in the methods and kinds of protection available and the level of neighborhood involvement.”

-“Protecting Older Neighborhoods Through Conservation District Programs”, by Rebecca Lubens and Julia Miller published in *Preservation Law Reporter* (2003).

Campstead Easement

A benchmarked tool “pioneered” by Historic Preservationists and Landscape Conservationists, which was tailored for the natural and recreational area of Squam Lake, New Hampshire:

“[The Campstead Easement’s] legal framework is that of a typical conservation or preservation easement, but its objectives relate more closely to planning goals. Conservation Society staff work with the owners of each prospective property to identify character-defining features and long-term property objectives. These stakeholders craft a legal agreement that promotes preservation of the camp or cottages; requires use of natural materials for repair or replacement; and restricts future alterations to building height, footprint, and materials.”

-Elizabeth Durfee Hengen and Jennifer Goodman, "Meshing Conservation and Preservation Goals with the National Register", *Forum Journal* Vol. 32, No. 3 (2019)

Land Conservancy

“A land trust or land conservancy is a community-based, nonprofit organization that actively works to permanently conserve land. In some cases, land trusts acquire land outright. They also partner to conserve land that remains the property of willing landowners using a tool called a conservation easement. Land trusts also manage or restore land once it has been conserved.

Land trusts can be local, state or regional in scope, working directly with private landowners and community partners to protect land that has natural, recreational, scenic, historical or agricultural values. Land trusts work in 93 percent of U.S. counties — serving urban, suburban and rural communities.

Land trusts can be all-volunteer or made up of a volunteer board of directors and paid staff that represent a diversity of skills and experience in conservation and carry out the day-to-day activities of running a land trust.

Every land trust is as unique as the community it serves.”

-Land Trust Alliance

Local Zoning and Enforcement

This could include: i. A revisit and update of zoning ordinance(s), where needed, to monitor and manage activities or dilapidation which may compromise the overall character of the place (e.g. Ordinances for foreclosed, vacant, and abandoned property registry, Jackson MI); ii. Strengthen local enforcement and resources for monitoring and abatement in parallel with zoning ordinance updates.

Lake Association

Typically a local, registered nonprofit established to educate, advocate, and organize efforts for the protection of specific waterways, and to promote conservation practices within the watershed. Lake management activities which could be undertaken include water quality monitoring, invasive species management, land acquisition to protect sensitive areas, wetland restoration, erosion control, and long-range lake management plans. As a nonprofit entity, the Lake Association can be eligible for grant funding opportunities.

RESOURCES

Save America's Treasures Grants

“The Save America’s Treasures grant program was established in 1998 to celebrate America's premier cultural resources in the new millennium. After more than 20 years, this grant program has awarded more than 1,300 grants totalling more than \$300 million to projects across the United States. Funded projects, selected from 4,000-plus applications requesting \$1.5 billion, represent nationally significant historic properties and collections that convey our nation's rich heritage to future generations. The National Park Service administers Save America's Treasures grants in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.”

–National Park Service

African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund

“The African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund works to advance the broader preservation movement towards a more diverse and equitable representation of American history. Grants showcase the beauty and complexity of Black history and culture in America, while underscoring the urgent need to protect, preserve and interpret these invaluable American assets.”

-National Trust for Historic Preservation

Robert F. Smith Internship (or similar), carrying possible local museum affiliations such as: (i) Jim Crow Museum (Ferris State), (ii) Charles H. Wright Museum, (iii) Holland Museum, (iv) others

“Internships provide guided learning experiences consisting of hands-on training, mentoring, attendance at educational events, and cultivation of contacts for the next generation of researchers, scholars, curators, and other museum, library, preservation, and heritage professionals – individuals who will assume the mantle of identifying, documenting, curating, and digitizing treasured artifacts that reflect African American history and culture.”

-National Museum of African American History and Culture

In previous years, Offsite Internships have been offered in collaboration with Host Organizations. If a local museum were to become a Host Organization, it might be possible to design and offer a nationally-prestigious field-immersion internship at Idlewild and/or Woodland Park to continue heritage conservation and related work on behalf of the community(s).

SIGNAGE & MARKERS

Commemorative and Informational Markers

Interpretive signage that can serve multiple purposes, including: recognizing important events, people and places; sharing relevant historical information, photographs, and resources; and creating a place on the landscape to capture the tangible and intangible history of a place.

Wayfinding

Directions on the landscape, typically in the form of signs, that point residents and visitors to sites of note, including: historic markers, historic sites, business districts, recreation areas, community hubs, and civic centers. Additional supplements, such as maps, brochures, and flyers, and even important architectural or natural features can supplement wayfinding.

ADVOCACY & PERSPECTIVES

The Cultural Landscape Foundation

“A non-profit established in 1998, The Cultural Landscape Foundation® (TCLF) connects people to places. TCLF educates and engages the public to make our shared landscape heritage more visible, identify its value, and empower its stewards.”

-The Cultural Landscape Foundation® (TCLF)

Specifically, TCLF has facilitated a program called “Landslide”, which is “an ongoing collection of important landscapes and landscape features that are threatened”. In 2021, this program’s theme was “Race and Space: Hidden Histories Revealed” and presented “thirteen sites across eleven states and spanning almost a millennium of history. These cultural landscapes broaden our awareness about the origins of our nation and illustrate the dramatic social and geographic changes of the eighteenth, nineteenth, and twentieth centuries. Examined together, these sites represent local stories and global themes, shedding light on how settlement and removal, slavery and Jim Crow, urban renewal, and environmental injustice have shaped our national landscape and continue to impact communities, families, individuals, and cultural and natural resources.”

Although the Race and Space project has concluded, the TCLF remains as an important resource to consider as both communities of Idlewild and Woodland Park pursue strategies involving National Register nomination work, local commemoration efforts, and documentation as Cultural Landscapes.

African American Outdoor Recreation National Historic Landmark Theme Study (2022)

“The African American Outdoor Recreation National Historic Landmark Theme Study analyzes how race impacted African Americans’ experiences and access to outdoor recreation and leisure resources from the emancipation period in 1865 through the early 21st century. The study focuses on recreational activities, moments in the history of recreation and the places African Americans created for themselves to relax and recharge, as well as those for which they fought for access. The research provides important context in understanding Black recreation history and how it is interconnected with the history of national parks, including the NPS’s own patterns of exclusion.

National Historic Landmark theme studies examine national historic context on specific American history or prehistory topics for possible historic property designation. This theme study identifies the associated spaces and places and provides a contextual framework to evaluate whether properties might meet National Historic Landmark criteria.”

-National Park Service

UNESCO & ICOMOS Principles on Tangible & Intangible Heritage

Through intentional calibration with perspectives established by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), preservation, planning, economic development, and other strategies in both Idlewild and Woodland Park may be able to robustly consider important project aspects such as intangible cultural heritage and its safeguarding, and specific threats including “decontextualization, commodification and misrepresentation”, as well as external development pressures arising through the growth of tourism.

-6. Ethical Principles for Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage (UNESCO, 2018), Valletta Principles (ICOMOS, 2011)

Local Historian / Historical Societies

Community-focused individuals and groups whose goal is to collect, protect, and advocate for the history of the area. They can be formal or informal, have public facing elements, such as exhibitions and programming, or not. Local historians and archivists, the Woodland Park Historical Society, the Historic Idlewild Preservation Society, and the Idlewild Historic & Cultural Center are champions of the past, and stewards of the future.

Community Events, Education, and Collections Facilitation

Intentional community programming including events, educational outreach, and collection of historic items, stories, and practices would be vital in ensuring both the tangible and intangible heritage are sustained for the future. Efforts for such programming are best initiated and led by the community. These could also involve collaboration with other communities organizations such as local schools, higher education institutions, museums, foundations, and public agencies. The spirit of co-creation and co-production with multiple stakeholders is key.

Examples include the WildWood event between Idlewild and Woodland Park, exhibition and education efforts with the Heritage Museum of Newaygo County and the Holland Museum.

DOCUMENTATION

Comprehensive Cultural Landscape Documentation

Benchmarked from the Cultural Landscape Report for Glen Haven Village Historic District completed by the Olmsted Center for Landscape Preservation, this approach allows for a detailed qualitative and graphical analysis of key landscape features, spatial frameworks, and place-related attributes, both natural and man-made.

Historic American Landscape Survey (HALS)

“The Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS) mission is to record historic landscapes in the United States and its territories through measured drawings and interpretive drawings, written histories, and large-format black and white photographs and color photographs. The National Park Service oversees the daily operation of HALS and formulates policies, sets standards, and drafts procedural guidelines in consultation with the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA).”

-National Park Service Heritage Documentation Programs (HDP)

C H A P T E R O N E

CULTURAL LANDSCAPE & HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEYS

Royal Breeze Hotel, Woodland Park Resort, Bitely, Mich.

WOODLAND PARK HISTORY

Established in 1921 from the remnants of the old Brookings Lumber Company mill, Woodland Park is a historic African American resort located in northwest Newaygo County, Michigan, a mile from the Pere Marquette Railway mainline.

During the era of Jim Crow segregation, it was identified as “Bitely” on the Afro-American Travel Map and listings within The Negro Motorists Green Book. Green books were published annually as guides for African American travelers during segregation, identifying Black friendly businesses, accommodations, and places of recreation.

Nestled in the Manistee National Forest and encircling the crystal-clear waters of Woodland Lake and East Lake, Woodland Park offered a quiet retreat for black intellectuals, religious leaders, educators, and entrepreneurs. In fact, Woodland Park was the second of such resorts in Michigan, developed by Marion E. Auther, a black Ohio businessman who had also founded the Idlewild resort earlier in 1912. At their peak, a shuttle car service made the 15-mile trip between Idlewild and Woodland Park, especially for those interested in the late-night entertainment scene at Idlewild.

Investors, residents, and visitors of Woodland Park came from across the country beyond Michigan: Atlanta, Chicago, Cleveland. In the summer months, excursion buses drove from and to major Midwestern cities for tourists, prospective land buyers, and property owners.

Throughout the 1920s and early 1930s, Woodland Park also hosted and entertained attendees of Idlewild’s Chautauqua events, attracting intellectuals and social activists associated with the Niagara Movement, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the National Association of Colored Women (NACW), the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AMEC), the Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA), and Harlem’s New Negro Movement.

After the Civil Rights Act passed in 1964, new opportunities opened for blacks in America, leading to a natural, steady decline of African American resorts such as Woodland Park. The population and year-round residents gradually began to encompass other races.

Today, the Woodland Park community remains committed to preserving the history of this important site.

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Historic postcard showing the Royal Breeze Hotel overlooking Woodland Lake (Source: Detroit Public Library Digital Collections.)

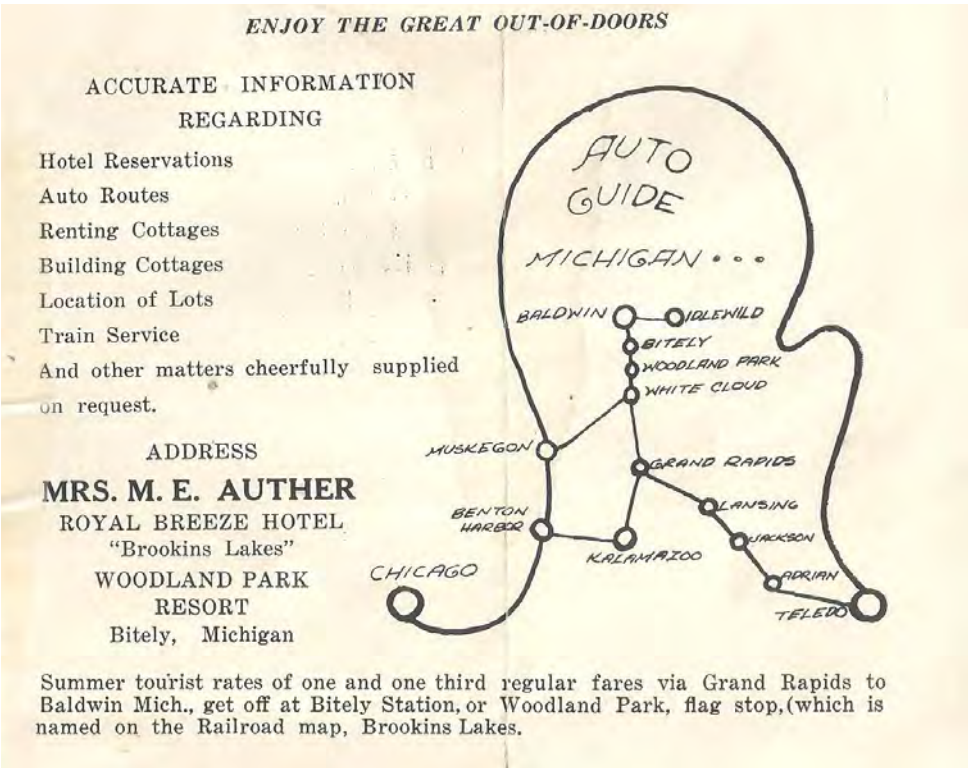
RECONNAISSANCE- LEVEL SURVEY

Nationally, Woodland Park is identified in the “African Americans and the Great Outdoors” report conducted by the National Park Service in 2022 as a location for potential landmark study. Of the 14 Michigan sites associated with African American outdoor recreation listed by the National Park Service, it is one of three which are still physically present. (The two others are Idlewild and Val Du Lakes Farm Resort.) Woodland Park's significance as an African American outdoor recreation place closely aligns with the criterion of the potential landmark study.

Locally, the Woodland Park work group communicated at the start of this project historic that recognition and designation was a key outcome they would like to see achieved. The nearby community of Idlewild has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1979, with a boundary increase occurring in 2010. As no previous survey work had been completed in Woodland Park, undertaking a reconnaissance-level ground survey became a top priority.

In addition to studying the structures and resources that remain in the community, the work group was clear about the inclusion of resources and places no longer standing. Both the tangible and intangible heritage of Woodland Park are important to its preservation and were taken into consideration while completing the survey. The removal, decay, and demolition of these important structures reflects the impact of the Civil Rights Act (1964) on places of Black leisure, and ongoing struggles with income and social inequalities.

Woodland Park is also a natural place, situated in the woods on a picturesque lake. The landscape is just as important, and in some places tells even more of the community's history than the remaining properties. The structures of Woodland Park, past and present, express the evolution of the community and its cultural identities. In recognizing that both the patterns and practices of the Woodland Park community are part of the broader natural context, a survey of the cultural landscape was also conducted and included in this report.



With this methodology in mind, the following **boundaries** were identified:

- Bingham Avenue, from the Woodland Park Property Owners Association building to the north, south to the beach.
- 11 Mile Road/Broadway Avenue, from the Merrill Township Fire Station to the west, east to Shangri-La.
- Woodland Lake Drive, from the former Royal Breeze to the west, east to the beach.
- Sunset Point, contiguous to the above via Woodland Lake.

The aerial map on Pg 58 - 59 shows Woodland Park in context, including the proposed boundaries described above, as well as other key features such as the landscape, rail and road connectivity, and extant fabric.

While the broader community includes the Pere Marquette Railway with a stop at Bitely, Michigan, which served as the main gateway for residents and visitors to Woodland Park prior to the modern highway system, this is not included in the analysis.

(Above)
Historic advertisement for Woodland Park Resort and the Royal Breeze Hotel by Mrs Marion Auther, showing the location of the community relative to other major cities in Michigan and the Midwest. (Courtesy of the Steven F. Jones Sr. Collection.)

Statement of Significance

Woodland Park made significant contributions to the broader patterns of American history and culture. Woodland Park represents Black American culture and society in the creation of Black outdoor recreational spaces during Jim Crow segregation, and the nationwide development and practice of leisure activity. Platted lots offered Black Americans the opportunity of home ownership and an escape to summer cottages and vacationing for an expanding Black middle class.

Preliminary National Register of Historic Places Criteria Evaluation

- A. “Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.”
- B. “Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.”

As identified in the “African Americans in the Great Outdoors,” report from the National Park Service, places like Woodland Park are nationally significant because they offered Black Americans the freedom of leisure in their own space on their own terms. The communities created Black social recreational spaces, that were influential in shaping and sustaining Black civic engagement and social activism (Kahrl et al 2022). In Woodland Park, homeownership was possible for individuals who faced exclusionary policies elsewhere. The “American Dream,” was sold here, and into the present many of these properties are retained and celebrated by the family members they have been passed down to.

Several influential Black Americans have vacationed and resided in Woodland Park. This includes both the Little and Jones families, the siblings and descendants of Malcolm X. These family members have been influential in the research, survey, and documentation of the community.

More importantly, Woodland Park stands as an intact, physically present exception to the reality that African American outdoor recreational spaces were vulnerable to dispossession, physical destruction, and loss, Acknowledging Woodland Park's heritage -- tangible and intangible -- is just as critical in understanding the contextual and thematic relationships with other existing properties, such as Idlewild (where there continues to be cross-community interactions and events), as well as other properties now lost.

Last but not least, Woodland Park is significant in deepening the national understanding of the regional fabric of African-American resorts. Its development by black entrepreneurs (Marion Auther and Ella Foster Auther) for the growing African-American middle class further contextualizes how automobile ownership access spurred the parallel expansion of African American resorts.

Period of Significance: 1921-1964

Woodland Park was established in 1921. 1964 marks the passing of the Civil Rights Acts, which led to the desegregation of vacation destinations and resort communities across the country. This led to the decreased popularity of places like Woodland Park.

National Park Service, "African American Outdoor Recreation: A National Historic Landmarks Theme Study" Sites in Michigan (Kahrl et al 2022, 210-211)		
NAME	PROPERTY TYPE	YEARS IN OPERATION
Double J Ranch (also Pink Mansion), Constantine Township	Resort, Ranch	1940s
Evergreen Resort, South Haven	Resort, Lake	1950s
Green Pastures Camp, Jackson County	Campground	1931 - 1960s
Holy Family Resort, Benton Harbor	Resort, Lake	1962 - Unknown
Idlewild, Idlewild	Resort, Lake	1912 - Present
Johnson's Shady Nook Farm	Resort, Lake	1930s - 1960s
Medicine Acres, Rose Center	Resort, Lake	1940s - 1955
Paradise Lake, Cass County	Resort, Lake	1920s
Pitchford's La Maison, Covert	Resort, Lake	1930s - 1960s
Sugar Island, Detroit	Amusement Park	1944 - 1948
Thornton's Resort, South Haven	Resort, Lake	1932 - 1940s
Val Du Lakes Farm Resort, Oceana County	Resort, Rural	1920s - Present
West Michigan Resort, Benton Harbor	Resort, Lake	1908 - 1915
Woodland Park Resort, Merrill Township	Resort, Lake	1921 - Present

WOODLAND PARK CONTEXT & PROPOSED HISTORIC DISTRICT

Potential Historic District
(Surveyed April 2023)

TRAIN STOP AT
BITELY
(PLATFORM AT
STEVE'S GROCERY)
CEMETERY AT
BITELY

WOODLAND PARK
LOT OWNERS
ASSOCIATION

FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH

COMMUNITY
CHURCH

WOODY'S
BAR

NELL'S DINER
(DEMOLISHED)

YVONNE'S COMMON
GROUND
(FORMER PINECONE
TAVERN)

THE FORMER
BROOKINGS
MILL

THE ROYAL BREEZE
(HISTORIC CHIMNEY
STRUCTURE)

SUNSET
POINT

THE CLUBHOUSE

MAYO
POINT

INLET CREEK /
GREEN'S CREEK

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ENVIRONMENTAL
REMEDATION
AREA

MINOR LEACHING IN
EAST LAKE
(DOW CHEMICALS)

POTENTIAL
BRIDGE
LOCATION

ICE HOUSE
FROM SUNSET
POINT(?)

SHANGRI LA /
COOMB'S HILL

KELSONIA
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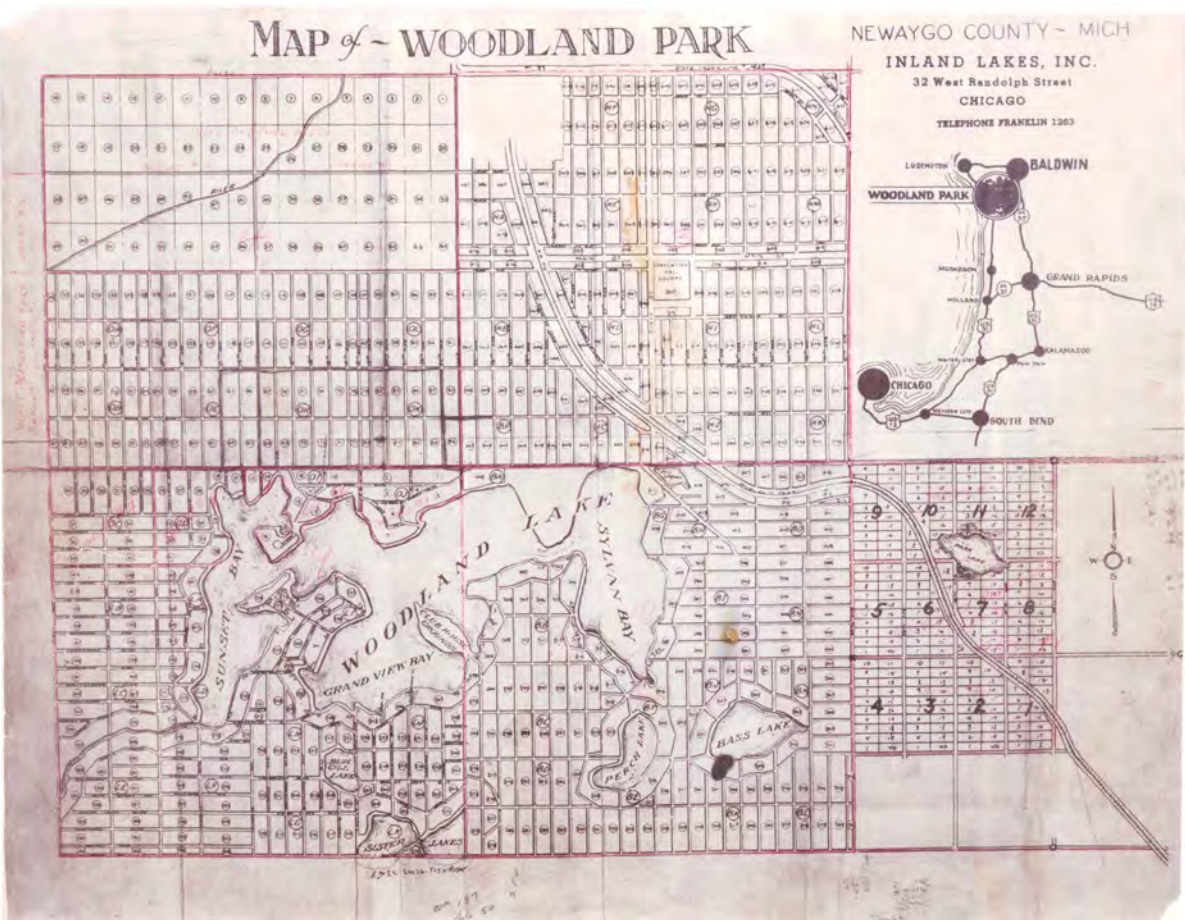
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TRAIN STOP AT
BROMAN



(Above)
1921 Advertisement map of Woodland Park showing Woodland Lake, its bays, creeks, and neighboring lakes (Courtesy of Wetherell Surveyors, Newaygo County)

CULTURAL LANDSCAPE SURVEY

METHODOLOGY

The proposed Woodland Park Historic District is located in Woodland Park, Michigan, which is part of the Huron-Manistee National Forest, established in 1945. **Boundaries for the proposed district have been defined n Pg 14.**

This cultural landscape survey for Woodland Park was developed according to the *Guide to Cultural Landscape Reports: Contents, Process, and Techniques* (National Park Service, 1998). It consists of three parts:

(i) Site History (**See Site History from Architectural District Survey)	Narrative and graphic documentation of the physical evolution of the landscape from the early 20th century to the present.
(ii) Existing Conditions	
(iii) Analysis	Concise discussion of the property's historic significance according to the National Register criteria, and an evaluation of the landscape characteristics and associated features that contribute to that significance. The analysis incorporates concepts from National Register Bulletin 30: Guidelines for Evaluating and Documenting Rural Historic Landscapes.

The purpose of this Cultural Landscape Survey is to supplement the Reconnaissance Level Survey report for Woodland Park, Michigan. The two documents are intended to support a potential application to the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office, for Woodland Park to be considered for the National Register of Historic Places.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

(This section provides a concise overview of the historic district and its physical context as it currently exists based on fieldwork and documentation of significant features. Photographs and an existing conditions plan supplement the text.)

The lakefront community is centered on Woodland Lake, East Lake (historically known as Sylvan Bay), and West Lake (historically known as Sunset Bay), surrounded by cottages along several key routes:

- West Woodland Lake Drive
- 11 Mile Road (formerly known as Broadway)
- Bingham Ave
- North Lake Shore Drive
- West Lake Shore Drive
- Mayo Point

Bingham Ave has served as the key north-south corridor between Woodland Park and Bitely. Arriving train passengers traveled south from the Bitely station via a shuttle service for approximately 2.4 miles to the heart of Woodland Park at the intersection of Bingham Avenue and 11 Mile Road (formerly known as Broadway). At the terminus of Bingham Ave is the public beach, a sandy, man-made promontory with views to Woodland Lake.

Several buildings of historic significance dating to the 1920s and 1930s face Bingham Ave and 11 Mile Road. Because of the setting in the Huron-Manistee National Forest, the woodlands are distinguished by conifers such as Norway Spruce, Jack Pine, Red Pine, and White Pine. Other northern hardwoods are also present, including Aspen and Scrub Oak. These reflect secondary succession which has occurred after the extensive lumbering activities in the late nineteenth century, giving way to a mixture of grasses, shrubs, pines, young oak transitioning towards a more mature forest cover.



(Above)
A guest cottage at the Shangri-La Resort observed during field surveying.

Extant early 1900s features outside the proposed historic district include the Pere Marquette railway line, and any potential remnants of the Brookings Lumber Mill settlement which predate the Woodland Park Resort. The Lumber Mill settlement had a wooden footbridge over the shallow, narrow channel connecting Shangri-la and the southern banks east of Sunset Point, store, post office, bunk houses, out buildings, and a one-room schoolhouse built for the mill children dating back to 1889 (Toran 2021a, 8). Of these, only the schoolhouse remained. Further research may also indicate the location of Native American activity and settlement prior to the Brookings Lumber Mill.

ANALYSIS & EVALUATION

This section contains (i) a review of the landscape's significance integrity according to the National Register Criteria for the Evaluation of Historic Properties; and (ii) an analysis of the historic district organized by landscape characteristics and associated features. Photographs and maps accompany the narrative.

Landscape Significance

Landscape significance is determined through an identification and evaluation method defined by the National Register of Historic Places program. According to the National Register, Historic significance may be present in districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that meet at least one of the following criteria:

- A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history.
- B. Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C. Embodies the distinctive characteristic of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represents the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.
- D. Yields or may be likely to yield information in prehistory or history.

Period of Significance: Outdoor recreation space for African Americans was significant between the end of the Civil War in 1865 and the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the impact of desegregation on African American outdoor properties. In the case of Woodland Park, the period of significance dates from 1921 when it was first established, to 1964 after the passage of the Civil Rights Act.

Areas of Significance: The resort made significant contributions to the broader patterns of American history and culture. Several areas are prominently overlaid, based on the key areas identified in the National Parks Service's *"African American Outdoor Recreation: A National Historic Landmarks Theme Study"* (Kahrl et al 2022),

- **Entertainment / Recreation**

Woodland Park represents Black American culture and society in the creation of Black outdoor recreational spaces during Jim Crow and Segregation and the development and practice of leisure activity. It offered Blacks the "time and space for leisure on their own terms and among their own people", in a lake and forest setting which provided pleasure and relief from the ever-present and overwhelming strictures of Jim Crow (Kahrl et al 2022, 159).

- **Social History and Ethnic Heritage – Black**

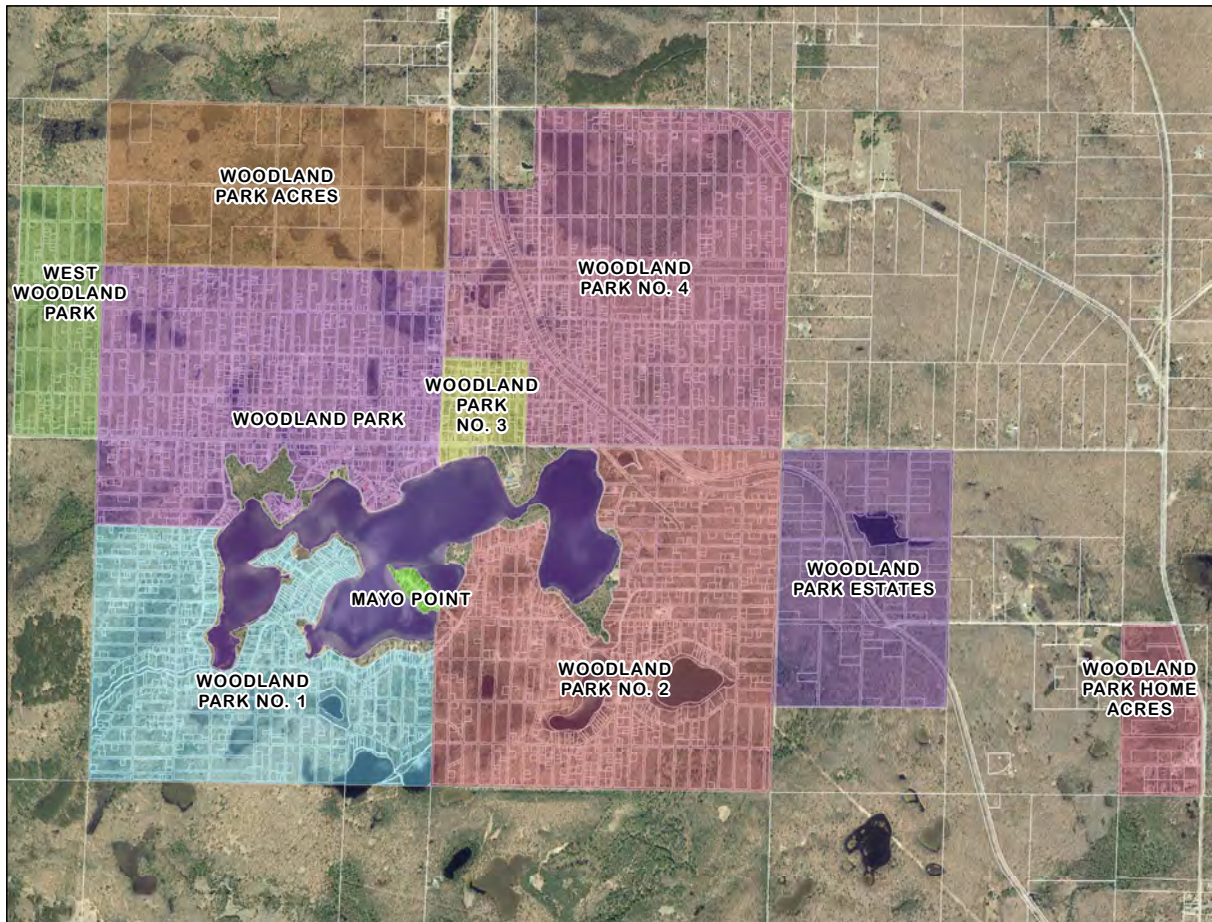
Woodland Park represents the national pattern of civil rights, social justice, and the life ways of Black Americans and mixed-race African-Americans. It served as the quieter 'sister' community to Idlewild, which was the place of production and dissemination of Black music and Black popular culture. At the same time, shuttle buses provided a convenient connection between the two communities, bringing audiences, skaters, and pleasure seekers from Woodland Park to Idlewild. Its very presence demonstrated an expressed rejection of Jim Crow by Black Americans, while the beach and lakes associated with the resort offered the community a place to gather and spend time together outdoors. They fished, swam, sailed, kayaked, boated, jet skied, snowmobiled, and celebrated community and national festivals.

These outdoor recreational settings, local taverns and gathering places in Woodland Park, thus served as Black social spaces and safe havens to discuss issues of the day, all which became influential in shaping and sustaining Black civic engagement and social activism.

For the youth in Woodland Park, their experiences both within and outside of Woodland Park reinforced the national pattern of civil rights, social justice, and life ways of awareness of the discrimination and inequities of the Jim Crow era was well engrained in their school and bussing experiences. As the community did not have a high school, the children had to travel to other areas for their education. They were excluded from Hesperia Community Schools, were moved to Walkerville Public Schools, before they ended up at Baldwin High School.



(Above)
Historic postcard showing Marion Auther, one of the founders of Woodland Park Resort, and the fish he caught from Woodland Lake (Courtesy of the Steven F. Jones Sr. Collection.)

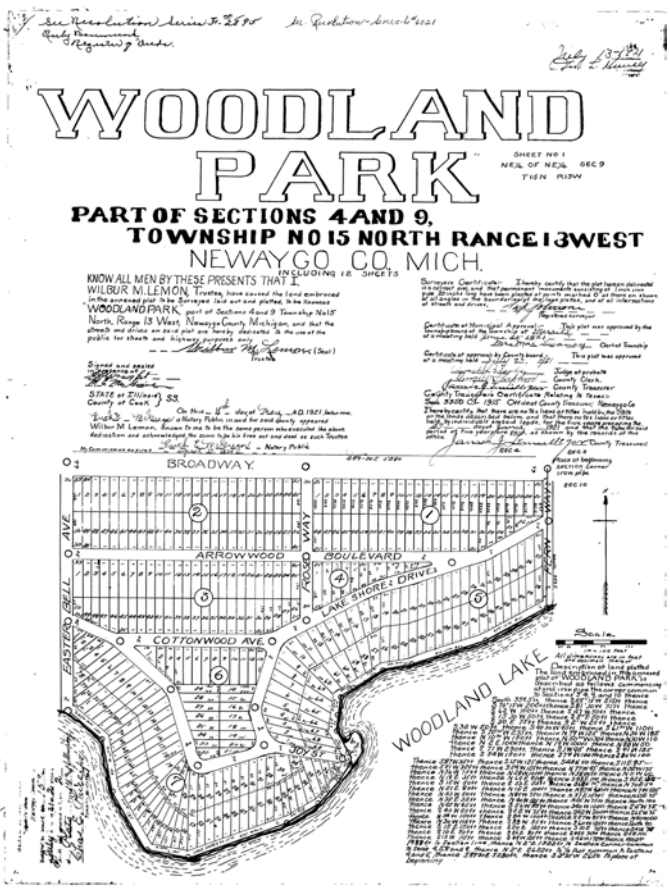


(Above)
Subdivisions with platted lots in Woodland Park starting with Woodland Park Subdivision in 1921 to Woodland Park Home Acres in 1928, and Mayo Point in 1949 (Courtesy of Newaygo County GIS & Historic Plats of Woodland Park, Michigan State University)

On school buses, the Woodland Park children were asked to move for their white peers to choose their seats once they were outside of the Woodland Park community. Talks of the marches in Detroit and other civil rights movements were ever present in among the young Woodland Park residents, even if they did not have the wherewithal or local mobilization to travel to participate in the marches at the large cities (Shakir 2023).

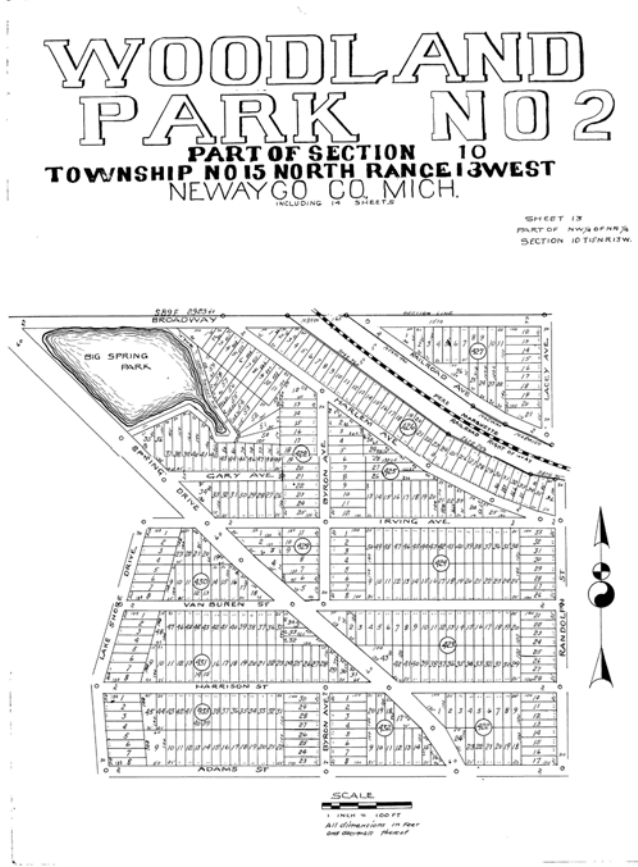
- Community Planning and Development**

Woodland Park was established by Marion Auther, an African American businessman who was one of the leading salesmen for the Idlewild Resort Company. Seeing the growing demand and popularity of Idlewild, Marion and his wife Ella purchased land from the Brookings Lumber Mill with the assistance of Wilbur Lemon, a white Chicago businessman. Between 1921 and 1949, a 200-acre area was platted out into ten different areas: Woodland Park, Woodland Park No. 1 to No. 4, Woodland Park Home Acres, Woodland Park Acres, Woodland Park Estates, West Woodland Park, and Mayo Point (Toran 2021a,28).

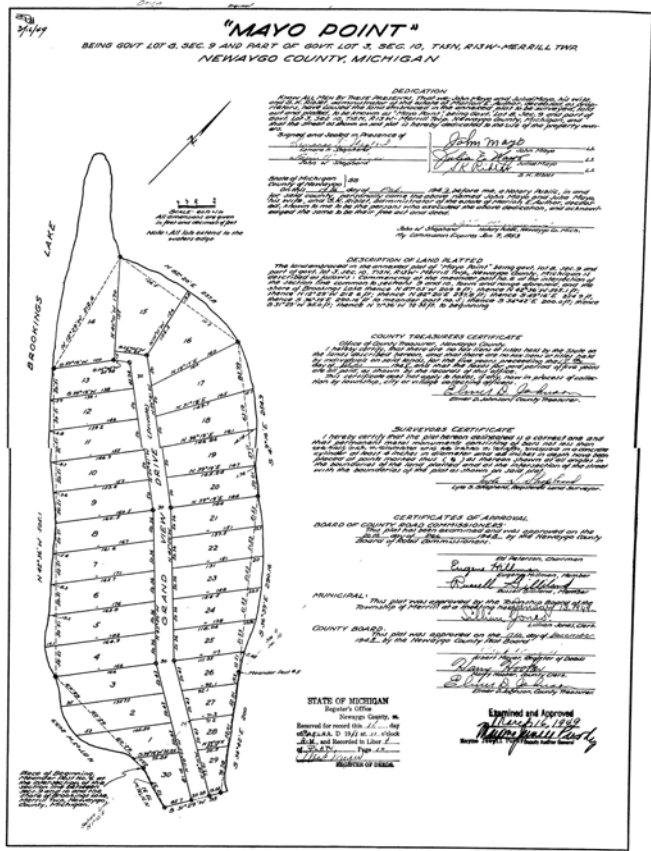


Like Idlewild, the platted lots offered Black Americans the opportunity of home ownership and an escape to summer cottages and vacationing for an expanding Black middle class. What set Woodland Park apart from Idlewild, though, was the fact that it was developed by Black Americans for Black Americans to have the “time and space for leisure on their own terms and among their own people” (Kahl et al 2022, 159).

Smaller plots measuring 25 feet by 100 feet on average were intended for cottage dwellers; and larger plots were meant for farming. There were two larger plots of land which were not subdivided. Eventually, this was where the clubhouse would be located and the other became Sunset Point, off West Lakeshore Drive on the south side of the lake. The latter remains a large piece of undivided lakeside property today (Toran 2021a, 29).



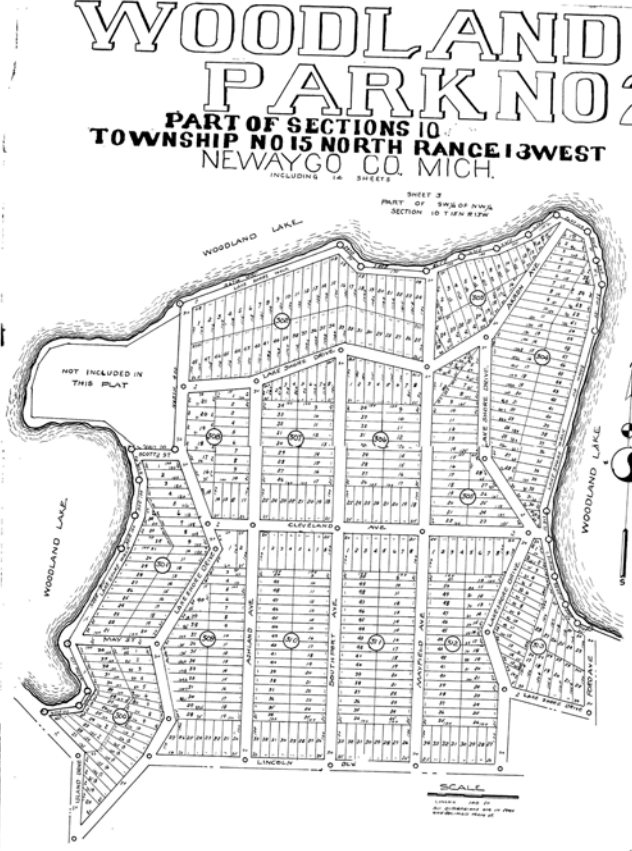
(Above)
Samples of the earliest platted lots showing Broadway and Lakeshore Drive, as well as the role of the Pere Marquette as both of driver of development and form (Courtesy of Newaygo County GIS & Michigan State University, Historic Plats of Woodland Park)



(Above)
Large platted lots which were not subdivided, and later developed into the Clubhouse at Mayo Point and Sunset Point (Courtesy of Newaygo County GIS & Michigan State University, Historic Plats of Woodland Park)

A large area which was not included in the original plats and subdivision for Woodland Park that still holds historic significance today is the 14.92-acre triangular peninsula of Shangri-La. Formerly known as Combs' Hill, this was owned by a white couple from Van Buren County, Frank and Sadie Combs, who purchased the land from what was part of the former mill. They built a house and several small cabins and started the Oakleaf Resort. During the time of prohibition, this resort was a lucrative venture for the Combs who kept a store of liquor on the property in a hidden basement. (Toran 2021b).

Cottages were built through various types of construction: some sourced through local materials and lumber from the forest; others were ordered through the Sears, Roebuck & Co. catalog (Toran 2021a, 30). The lakefront lots were connected by a 10-foot-wide, continuous community waterfront trail – Lakeshore Walk. Located at the terminus of the public right of ways leading towards Woodland Lake, this trail and the corridors afforded multiple ways of experiencing and viewing the lake. More significantly, this intentional community access enabled the community to circumnavigate Woodland Lake on foot. Today, it remains one of the distinguishing spatial organization features of Woodland Park.



To welcome and accommodate the increasing number of travelers, one of the former Brookings Mill buildings along 11 Mile Road (Broadway) was repurposed into Woodland Park's first hotel by the Authers. A former boarding house located by Woodland Lake was later turned into the Royal Breeze Hotel, with 56 rooms, two huge stone fireplaces, a full kitchen, a large dining room and a screened-in veranda. Three small cottages were later constructed on the grounds for rent with brand new furnishings (Toran 2021a, 20-22).

Woodland Park's development was carefully documented and photographed by Ella Auther, who turned them into postcards and effective marketing prints. As early as 1924, she wrote to W.E.B DuBois, introducing Woodland Park and its hotel and the new resort as a “twin sister to Idlewild” (Toran 2021a, 32).

Woodland Park's distinction did not go unnoticed by the white community. An article in the Muskegon Chronicle on July 4, 1925, about Woodland Park noted that it was,

"One of the most extensive places of its kind in the state, all of which is handled entirely by members of the colored race. Prejudiced persons have been forced to admit that the founders of the project are the equal in intelligence and foresight of the best brains of the white race."

The Authers' initial investments catalyzed further interest, attracting other Black Americans seeking seasonal getaways, year-round stays, and associated entrepreneurial activities to sustain a growing community. Some of the **notable residents** who were Black elites or a Black middle class included:

- **Yvonne Little-Jones-Woodward**, the youngest sister of Malcolm Little (Malcolm X). She was the first black telephone operator at Michigan Bell in Grand Rapids during the 1940s, and lived in Woodland Park. Yvonne served as a community pillar, and she owned and operated a store at 8819 N. Bingham Ave, as well as a vacation property at Sunset Point (Amsterdam News 2020, Woodland Park 100th Anniversary Celebration 2021).
- **Hallie Quinn Brown**, a founder of the National Association of Colored Women, a pioneer Black educator, and a gifted elocutionist who was passionate about the Civil Rights and African American Culture. She purchased a lot from Wilbur Lemon and built a one-room cottage with a fireplace at 2630 Woodland Lake Drive (Toran 2021a, 45).



(Above)
Historic postcard showing the Royal Breeze Hotel overlooking Woodland Lake (Courtesy of the Steven F. Jones Sr. Collection.)



(Above)
Historic photograph showing the Clubhouse and its screened-in veranda (Courtesy of the Steven F. Jones Sr. Collection.)

- **Clyde & Willie Swanson**, a biracial couple who purchased a property from Wilbur Lemon and named it Swanson's Point with a dock and a view to the lake (Toran 2021a, 37). Escaping the prejudice, the Swansons later added more cottages for and built a home for their personal residence.
- **Mattie Keller**, an entrepreneurial widow who left Atlanta to start her own business in Woodland Park with the resort's first corner store. After much success as M.T. Keller's Coffee Shop and Oil Station on 11 Mile Road, she later built Kelsonia Ranch. (Toran 2021a, 47 – 48).
- **John and Queenie McKinney** who migrated from the south and started the McKinney's Inn (later renamed Back of the Moon), which served as an after-hours place where people who did not want to go all the way to Idlewild for their late-night drinking could enjoy themselves in Woodland Park. (Toran 2021a, 53).
- **Bishop Ransom Reverdy and Emma Reverdy**, who purchased Hallie Quinn Brown's cottage. Bishop Ransom was the 28th Bishop in the AME Church, a civil rights activist, editor of the AME review, friend to Presidents William McKinley, FDR, Harry Truman, orator, political philosopher, race and religious leader, social critic, writer, and theologian (Toran 2021a, 91-93)
- **Erskine Tate** was a Chicago Jazz violinist and orchestra leader. His band, the Vendome Orchestra, included the well-known Louis Armstrong. Tate purchased a property in Woodland Park and performed for Charlotte and Tommy Tucker, who fixed up the Oak Leaf and renamed it the Shangri-La resort. Charlotte Tucker had once been a pianist for Sarah Vaughn, a well-known black recording artist (Toran 2021a, 83-87).

Pleasure travel and vacationing would not be complete without other entertainment venues. Other early gathering places which were developed included the Bee Hive Dance Hall across the street from Mattie's trolley store on 11 Mile Road, and the Pine Cone Tavern (the original Woodland Park Hotel renamed) (Toran 2021a, 49).

The Clubhouse opened in 1928 together with ten small cottages at the tip of Mayo Point to host and accommodate the Authers' elite guests. It was built to impress all who saw, complete with a large stone fireplace, a large dining area and kitchen, a screened-in veranda on three sides of the clubhouse, and a view of the lake across the Royal Breeze. The Clubhouse had an impressive walkway and a 40-foot boardwalk (Toran 2021a, 50).

With more year-round residents living in Woodland Park with school-age children, the need for a school became pressing. The one-room schoolhouse from the Brookings Mill settlement at 2316 W. 11 Mile Road was in good shape and rehabilitated to launch the Woodland Park School – the first segregated school for children of color who could not attend the nearby white schools because of the Jim Crow laws. Howard Maxwell from Ohio who came to live in Woodland Park became the first school teacher (Toran 2021a, 54).

Collectively, these properties and activities by which were owned and initiated by the African American settlers and entrepreneurs embody the American ideal of “opportunity for all”, fueled as well by the patronage and support of a Black elite. Visitors to the Royal Breeze included W.E.B. DuBois and Antony Overton – the J.D. Rockefeller of the black race who started the Hygienic Manufacturing Company, Victory Life Insurance Company, and the Douglass National Bank. (Toran 2021a, 56).

Landscape Integrity

Integrity is the ability of a property to convey its historic identity or the extent to which a property evokes its appearance during a particular historic period, usually the period of significance. The National Register of Historic Places recognizes seven aspects of integrity: location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. Aspects of integrity deemed most important for evaluation are based on a property's significance under National Register criteria. Retention of these aspects is essential for a property to convey its significance, though not all seven aspects of integrity need to be present to convey a sense of past time and place. Collectively, these aspects help foster an understanding of the landscape's historic character and cultural importance.

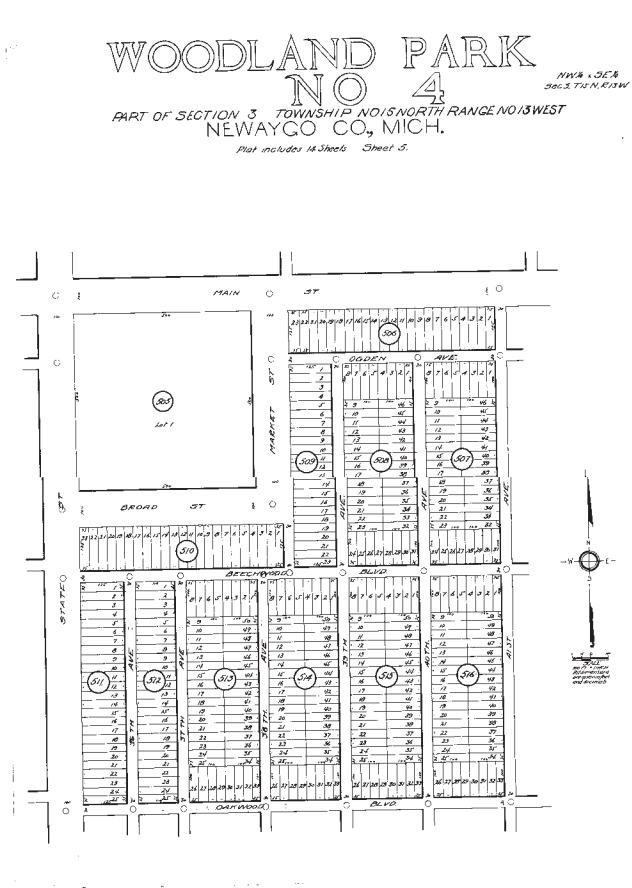
- **Location**

Location refers to the place where the cultural landscape was constructed or where the historic event occurred. The location of Woodland Park remains unchanged.

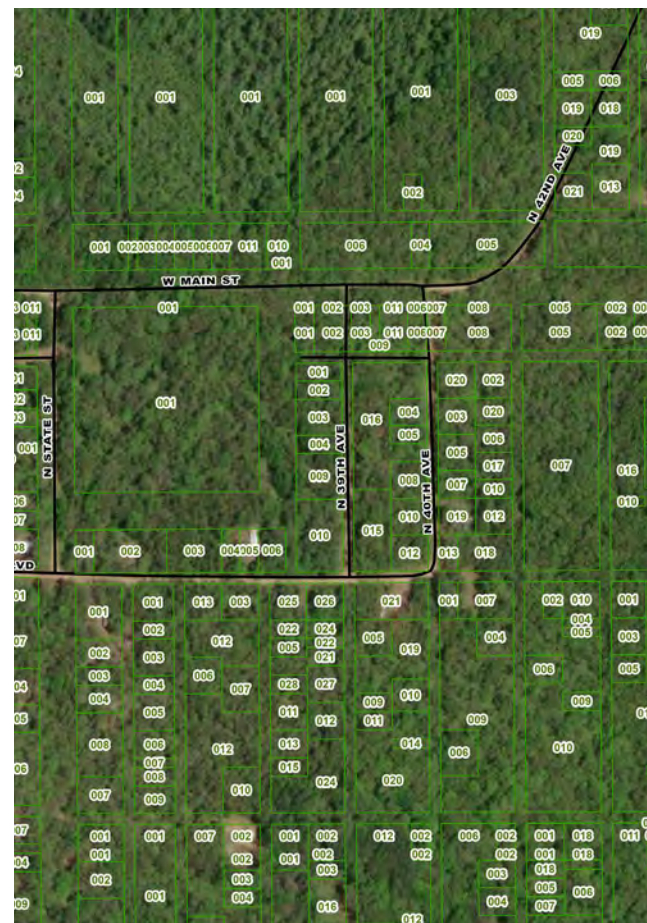
Evaluation: Retains location

- **Design**

Design is the combination of elements that create the form, plan, space, structure, and style of a cultural landscape. Woodland Park retains its historic settlement form, centrally organized around Woodland Lake and East Lake, as well as the intersection of Bingham Ave and 11 Mile Road (formerly Broadway). Cottages and buildings encircle the lakes, primarily along West Woodland Lake Drive, portions of 11 Mile Road,



(Above)
Woodland Park No. 4 Plat Section 5 showing Main Street and the Conventional Hall Square, compared with the existing conditions and parcel lines from a 2021 - 2022 aerial view (Courtesy of Newaygo County GIS & Michigan State University, Historic Plats of Woodland Park)



North Lake Shore Drive, West Lake Shore Drive, and Bingham Ave. Within the areas proposed for the historic district, most buildings date to the period of significance.

While the original plats from Woodland Park No. 4 and the 1944 Map showed an intention to create a commercial core at Main Street, State Street, Broad Street, and Market Street, with lots fronting Main Street as well as a "Conventional Hall Square" measuring 500 feet by 500 feet (5.74 acres). The prominence of these streets can be noted by their unusually wide, 100-foot rights of way. Most of this commercial core, central square, and Main Street concept was never developed. Over time, many of the vacant lots and intended right of ways, such as Market and Broad Street, became forested.

Reinforcing the lakefront community and the forested setting is a public lakefront trail, a public beach, and a public boat launch.

Even after more than a century, Woodland Park retains its basic historic design and layout.

Evaluation: Retains design

• Setting

Setting refers to the physical environment of a property, or how the site is situated and its relationship to surrounding features and spaces. The extant setting closely resembles the landscape surrounding the resort community's period of significance.

At the heart of the Woodland Park community are Woodland Lake, East Lake, and West Lake. Surrounding and embedded within Woodland Park are native vegetation through secondary succession and intentional reforestation. The reforestation occurred in 1933 with the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) under Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal, where the CCC Bitely 670-C camp just north of Woodland Park helped to replant over 2,900 acres of Norway spruce and pine trees. The CCC Bitely 670-C camp also installed key infrastructure for the community, such as roads, bridges, trails, campgrounds, telephone lines, and helped with fire protection and suppression (Toran 2021a, 73-74).

Secondary succession occurred alongside the reforestation, resulting in a rich ecosystem of swamps, scrubs, and hardwood forests, as part of the Huron-Manistee National Forest which was established later in 1945. Further to the north is Bitely, a community named after Steven Bitely who had a sawmill company. These features of the landscape setting are still present and matured overtime, reinforcing the natural environment much sought after by the African American residents and vacationers as a place of respite.

Evaluation: Retains setting

• Materials

Materials are the physical elements that were combined or deposited during the historic period. All types of construction materials and other landscape features are included under this aspect of integrity.

Several of the buildings which date to the historic period retain a significant amount of their original materials.

Bingham Ave, Broadway (11 Mile), North and West Lake Shore Drives, and Woodland Lake Drives are still present, all of which date to the period of significance. The public foot path and trail along the lakefront likewise remains present and accessible. Wetland areas, Woodland Lake, East Lake, and the rail line continue to be distinctive physical vestiges of the past.



(Above)
Example of Forsythia shrubs introduced in the predominantly evergreen landscape of pine trees at Woodland Park.

Missing materials include most of the dirt roads defining the plat-
ted grid structure, the footbridge connecting Shangri-La and the southern
banks of Woodland Lake, the boardwalk along Mayo Point, docks at Sunset
Point, several buildings and structures, and some fences.

Evaluation: Retains Materials

- **Workmanship**

Workmanship refers to the physical evidence of the crafts of a parti-
cular period. Buildings dating to the historic period which are still stand-
ing generally retain their original simple, vernacular design. These build-
ings are either one or two-story clapboard structures with gable roofs.
The concrete steps of the Royal Breeze leading to Woodland Lake are
still intact, as are the trees which have since created a thicker canopy and
forested setting.

The grape trellis on the front lawn of the Kelsonia Inn remains in its
original location and retains its historic growth habit. In the same vein, the
public beach continues to be replenished with sand on a regular basis to
compensate for the seasonal erosion and use.

Workmanship related to additional plants is more difficult to evaluate
since original design and planting dates are not known. There is, however,
a clear community preference for the introduction of evergreens as vege-
tative buffers, ornamental Maples to enliven the cottage yards, Forsythias
for the early spring blooms, and the Yucca (Adam’s Needle) for decora-
tive purposes. In particular, the Yucca is historically associated with Afri-
can American communities. The abrasive leaves were used to “ward off
evil spirits” and groupings of Yucca were planted as boundary markers
around properties, and as grave markers in African American cemeteries
(University of Tennessee Knoxville McClung Museum of Natural History
& Culture, n.d.).

The presence of asphalt roads on Bingham Ave and 11 Mile Road
are also not reflective of road construction in Woodland Park during the
period.

Evaluation: Retains workmanship

- **Feeling**

Feeling refers to the property’s expression of the aesthetic or historic
sense of a particular time period. The period of significance coincided with
the age of the railroad and the emergence of the automobiles which trans-
ported residents and vacationers. Before the desegregation, these trans-
portation types also supported the growth of local businesses, housing,
and tourism. The presence of the hotels, inns, clubhouse, taverns, and
privately-owned cottages around the lake collectively contributed to the
resort community character.

Although parts of the historic resort retains its historic appearance,
the feel of the resort has been diminished because of the loss of activity
associated with the transportation types and business operations; as well
as some loss of landscape features associated with these activities (dock,
boardwalks, footbridge, and key resort buildings such as the Royal Breeze
Hotel, the Club House, Pine Cone Tavern, and the Woodland Park Grocery
Store etc.).

Evaluation: Diminished Feeling

- **Association**

Association refers to the direct link between the historic event and
the cultural landscape. Extant features associated with the character and
activities of the African American resort community include Woodland
Lake, East Lake, the Huron-Manistee National Forest setting, Bingham
Ave, 11 Mile, West Woodland Lake Drive, the Pere Marquette railroad,
Shangri-La, Sunset Point, the beach, several historic cottages, the Kelsonia
Inn, Oh Dear’s, and the Schoolhouse.

Evaluation: Retains association

- **Integrity of the Property as a Whole**

The proposed historic district retains integrity in its location, design,
setting, materials, workmanship, and association. It has diminished inte-
grity in feeling. While there have been changes since the historic period,
overall, the landscape retains the characteristics, physical attributes, and
the historic associations it had during the period of significance, from
1921 when Marion & Ella Auther first established Woodland Park Resort,
to 1964 when the Jim Crow era of segregation ended.

Analysis & Evaluation According to Landscape Characteristics & Associated Features

This section reviews the extant condition of landscape characteristics and features through a comparison of their historic and existing conditions, and evaluates each feature type’s contribution to the character of the proposed historic district. Each extant landscape characteristic or feature is evaluated using the following format.

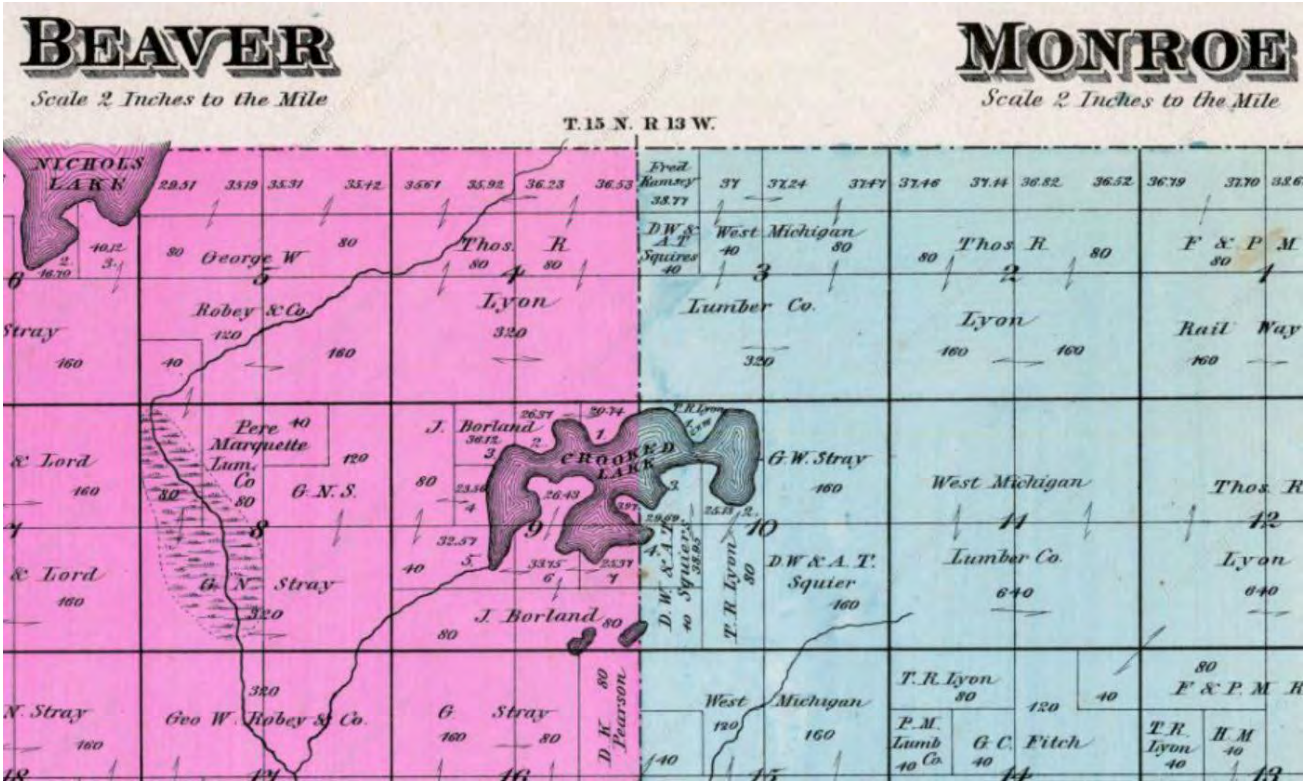
(i) Historic Condition	A brief outline of the history of landscape characteristics and associated features.
(ii) Existing Condition	A brief description of the physical condition.
(iii) Evaluation	A determination of each landscape characteristic or feature’s contribution to the significance of the landscape.
	Contributing – Features that contribute to the significance of the proposed historic district were present during the period of significance (1921-1964), possess historic integrity, and are related to the areas of historic significance.
	Potentially Contributing – If the historic district boundary is redrawn to include these features they would contribute to the significance of the historic district.
	Non-Contributing – Features that do not contribute to the significance of the historic district were not present during the period of significance, do not retain historic integrity, or are unrelated to the area of historic significance.
	Undetermined – Features that require additional information to determine if they contribute to the significance of the historic district.

Topography & Hydrology

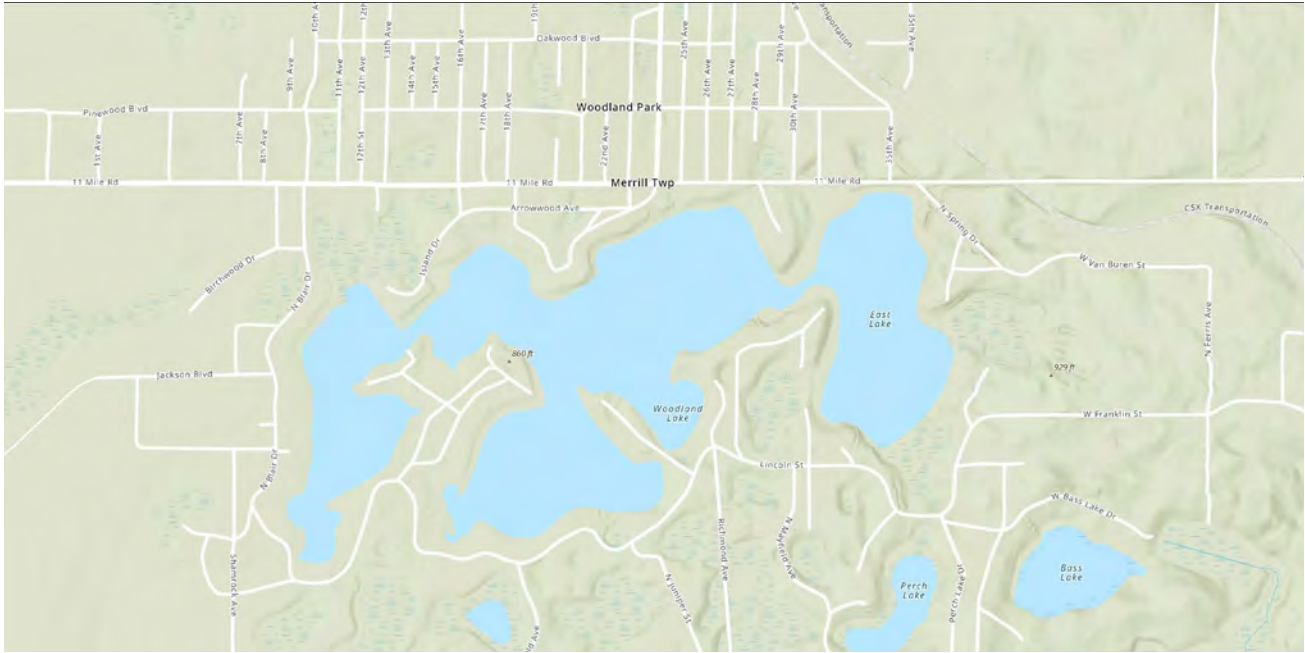
Natural systems and features refer to the natural aspects that have shaped development and the resultant form of a resort landscape.

Historic Condition: The freshwater lake, the multiple bays, a forested setting, the Pere Marquette railway stop at Bitely, and the proximity to Idlewild which was established earlier in 1912, combined to make Woodland Park a compelling African American resort community.

Unlike Idlewild which was founded by white developers for the African American middle class to vacation and purchase property, Woodland Park was founded and developed by African Americans for African Americans. The similar topographic and hydrological settings as Idlewild, the infrastructure and cleared land from the former Brookings Lumber Mill were additional factors that bode well for Woodland Park, which quickly saw the development of resort services (inns and accommodations, store, piers, diner, etc).



(Above)
1880 Beaver & Monroe Township Atlas showing the hydrology in and around Woodland Park (Formerly Known as Crooked Lake)
(Courtesy of the Newaygo County Heritage Museum)



(Above)
2022 Terrain map of Woodland Park showing the continued form of the freshwater lakes, the terrain defining the bays, and the significant presence of wetlands which limited actual development to Woodland Lake Drive (Lake Shore Drive) on the southern banks of Woodland Lake (Source: ESRI Community Maps)

A public beach was created by the cleared land and continual replenishment of sand. It is buffered by an allee of conifers. Water recreation was also supported by the construction of a public boat launch at Sunset Bay. Several peninsulas made for natural viewing areas at Mayo Point and Sunset Point, while the unique narrow channel at the Shangri-La enabled easy crossing by a footbridge which was a remnant of the former mill.

The land surrounding the relatively shallow lake varied in topography. There are notable areas of wetland, as well as areas with steeper slopes approaching the lake, such as the former Royal Breeze Hotel, Shangri-La, and the western bay defining East Lake. The extensive patches of wetlands south of Lake Shore Drive and along the north-south avenues north and south of 11 Mile Road similarly shaped the form of the resort community. These determined where development could or could not occur, even where parcels were platted, resulting in a significant number of vacant lots that still remain today.

Following the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Woodland Park saw a gradual decline in visitors, yet many multigenerational families have remained. Through all these changes, the community's forested setting, access to Woodland Lake, and the connection with Idlewild have remained constant.

Existing Condition: Significant features that continue to influence the community's resort use include Woodland Lake and the area forests, now visited by year-round outdoor recreation users for fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, and summer vacationing. Locals and newcomers continue to visit or reside more extensively, because of the tranquility of the forests, and the remarkable lake views carved out by the multiple bays (Sunset Bay, Grand View Bay, and Sylvan Bay).

Evaluation: Contributing

The site topography and hydrology contribute to the significance of the proposed historic district.

- **Spatial Organization**

Spatial Organization refers to the arrangement of elements creating the ground, vertical, and overhead planes that define and create spaces.

Historic Condition: Buildings and structures were initially constructed on land that was previously cleared, had existing infrastructure from the former Brookings Mill, or on larger plots of undivided land with key lake views, such as the tip of Mayo Point and the parcel which became Sunset Point. These were also organized at the intersection of Broadway (11 Mile) and Bingham (24th Ave).

Despite the intent of the 1925 plat map of Woodland Park No. 4 Subdivision which sought to create a 'main street' and a central commercial core, major development did not occur along Main Street, State Street, Broad Street, and Market Street. By 1938, most of the key developments were located along Broadway (11 Mile), Lake Shore Drive (Woodland Lake Drive), and 24th Ave (Bingham Ave). Together with North Blair Drive and the southern branch of Lake Shore Drive, Shore Walk (the lakefront community trail), the Pere Marquette railroad, Woodland Lake (including West and East Lake), and the forest, these early circulation features constitute the community's historic spatial organization.

Existing Condition: Broadway (11 Mile), 24th Ave (Bingham Ave), Lake Shore Drive, Shore Walk (the community lakefront trail), and the form of Woodland Lake retain their historic organizing function. The lakefront landscape is reinforced by the development of more cottages around Woodland Lake amidst a wooded setting, than were present in 1938. The historic spatial quality of the landscape is maintained, even with the loss of a few buildings and structures.

Evaluation: Contributing

The spatial organization contributes to the significance of the historic district.

- **Circulation**

Circulation refers to spaces, features, and materials that constitute systems of movement, and includes roads, sidewalks, and paths.

Between 1921 and 1949, a 200-acre area in Merrill Township was platted out into ten different areas: Woodland Park, Woodland Park No. 1 to No. 4, Woodland Park Home Acres, Woodland Park Acres, Woodland Park Estates, West Woodland Park, and Mayo Point. Text on the plat maps state that “the streets and drives on said plat are hereby dedicated to the use of the public for streets and highway purposes only”.

Bingham Ave (24th Ave)

Historic Condition: Bingham Ave (24th Ave) has been the primary community road connecting Woodland Park to Bitely. The first record of the road appears as 24th Avenue on the 1921 plat map of Woodland Park, commissioned by Wilbur M. Lemon. The map states the road was 66 feet wide. As this was the historic boundary between Beaver Township and Monroe Township (before they merged into Merrill Township), dating back to the 1880 Atlas of Newaygo County, with different lumber ownership on either side of this north-south spine, the road likely pre-dates 1921 and was probably constructed to in the late 19th century to support the lumber mills. With the founding of Woodland Park, Bingham Ave (24th Ave) served as the key gateway connecting the community to Bitely where residents and visitors arrived by train on the Pere Marquette, or to Idlewild further north where visitors were transported to Woodland Park by the excursion shuttle.

The 1938 historic aerial of Woodland Park depicts several structures and cleared land flanking Bingham Ave (24th Ave), between 11 Mile (Broadway) and just north of Oakland Boulevard. Notable properties which were developed along Bingham Ave (24th Ave) include Oh Dear's Inn, the First Baptist Church of Woodland Park, Woodland Park Lot Owners' Property Association, The Grotto / Fische's Grocery / Woodland Park Grocery (c.1930s).

The prominence of Bingham Ave (24th Ave) is also evident in a 1936 Plat Map of Merrill Township, among other platted north-south streets.

Existing Condition: Bingham Ave (24th Ave) has a 66-foot-wide right of way; the road itself is approximately 25 feet wide and has an asphalt surface. It is owned by the Newaygo County Road Commission.

Evaluation: Contributing.

Bingham Ave (24th Ave) contributes to the significance of the historic district.



(Above)

Historic postcards showing The Grotto / Fische's / Woodland Park Grocery Store at the intersection of 24th Ave and Broadway (Courtesy of the Steven F. Jones Sr. Collection)



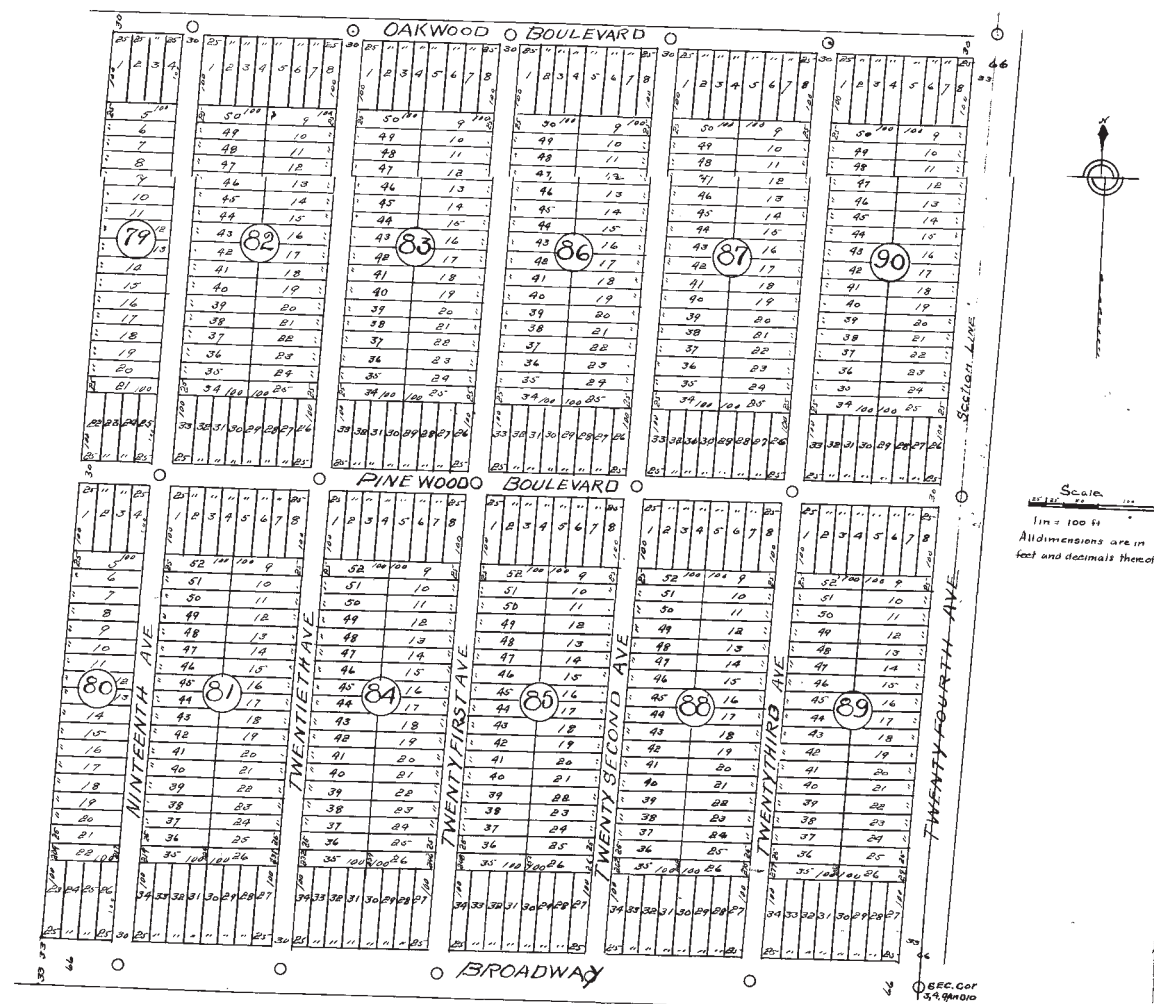
(Above)

Historic postcard showing the Oh Boy Rest Room / Old Dear's Inn fronting 24th Ave (Courtesy of the Steven F. Jones Sr. Collection.)

WOODLAND PARK

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NEWAYGO CO, MICH
INCLUDING 12 SHEETS

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11 Mile Road (Broadway)

Historic Condition: Like Bingham Ave (24th Ave), Broadway has been the primary community road connecting Woodland Park to Nichols and Walkerville to the west, and to M-37 to the east.

The first record of the road appears as Broadway on the 1921 plat map of Woodland Park, commissioned by Wilbur M. Lemon. The map states the road was 66 feet wide.

The 1938 historic aerial of Woodland Park depicts several structures and cleared land fronting 11 Mile Road (Broadway), between Easterbell Ave and Combs' Hill (Oakleaf Resort). The prominence of 11 Mile Road (Broadway) is also evident in a 1936 Plat Map of Merrill Township, among other platted east-west streets.

Notable properties which were developed along 11 Mile Road (Broadway) include Pine Cone Tavern, Kelsonia Inn, the Woodland Park Schoolhouse, and the Oakleaf / Shangri-La Resort. Buildings on these properties fronted 11 Mile Road; the exceptions were cottages within Shangri-La which fronted the Bosman Ave private driveway.

Existing Condition: 11 Mile Road (Broadway) has a 66-foot-wide right of way; the road itself is approximately 25 feet wide and has an asphalt surface. It is owned by the Newaygo County Road Commission.

Evaluation: Contributing.

11 Mile Road (Broadway) contributes to the significance of the historic district.

(Opposite Page)

1921 Plat of Woodland Park showing the intersection of Broadway (11 Mile) and 24th Ave (Bingham Ave) and their wider 66-foot right-of-way vs the narrower 30-foot right-of-way for secondary roads (Courtesy of Newaygo County GIS & Michigan State University, Historic Plats of Woodland Park).

Woodland Lake Drive (Lake Shore Drive)

Historic Condition: The first record of Woodland Lake Drive (Lake Shore Drive) appears in the 1921 plat map of Woodland Park, commissioned by Wilbur M. Lemon. The map states the road was 30 feet wide. It was the first lakefront road developed south of 11 Mile (Broadway) at the terminus of Bingham Ave (24th Ave).

The 1938 historic aerial of Woodland Park depicts several structures and cleared land fronting Woodland Lake Drive (Lake Shore Drive), between Easterbell Ave and the Bingham Ave (24th Ave) intersection.

Notable properties which were developed along Woodland Lake Drive (Lake Shore Drive) include Pine Cone Tavern, Kelsonia Inn, the public beach, and the Royal Breeze Hotel.

Existing Condition: Woodland Lake Drive (Lake Shore Drive) has a 30-foot-wide right of way; the road itself is approximately 25 feet wide and has a sandy, gravel surface. It is owned by the Newaygo County Road Commission. The distinctive loop it forms along this small peninsula on Woodland Lake remains a key feature of the community's shared lakefront experience, tying together public gathering and recreation spaces in what are presently Yvonne's Common Ground (former Pine Cone Tavern), Kelsonia Inn, and the public beach.

Evaluation: Contributing.

Woodland Lake Drive (Lake Shore Drive) contributes to the significance of the historic district.



(Left)
1938 Historic aerial showing the wider right of way Along 24th Ave and Broadway, and the spatial organization shaped by the layout of Woodland Lake Drive and North Bosman Ave (Courtesy Michigan State University, Historic Aerials of Woodland Park).

North Bosman Ave

Historic Condition: The first record of Woodland Lake Drive (Lake Shore Drive) appears in the 1938 historic aerial of Woodland Park. It is a private drive on Shangri-la (Brookings property / Oakleaf Resort) and served as the primary access and organizational spine for this unique peninsula on Woodland Lake, and terminated at the wooden footbridge across the narrow channel.

The 1938 historic aerial of Woodland Park depicts several structures and cleared land around North Bosman Ave including a primary residence at Shangri-la (Brookings property / Oakleaf Resort) and several smaller cottages. The 1938 historic aerial also shows a couple of two-track trails and the wooden footbridge.

Existing Condition: North Bosman Ave is approximately 25 feet wide and has a sandy, gravel surface. It remains a private drive on the property. The cleared land has become more overgrown with ecological succession though a shared, central open space is still visible. While the wooden footbridge is no longer present, the drive still serves as the primary access and organizational element on the historically significant and physically intact resort.

Evaluation: Contributing.

North Bosman Ave contributes to the significance of the historic district.

North Blair Ave - North Lake Shore Drive - West Lake Shore Drive (Lake Shore Drive)

Historic Condition: The first record of North Blair Ave – North Lake Shore Drive – West Lake Shore Drive (Lake Shore Drive) appears in the 1921 and 1922 plat maps of Woodland Park and Woodland Park Subdivision No. 1, commissioned by Wilbur M. Lemon. The map states the road was 30 feet wide. It was the other major lakefront road developed south of 11 Mile (Broadway) and circumnavigated Woodland Lake.

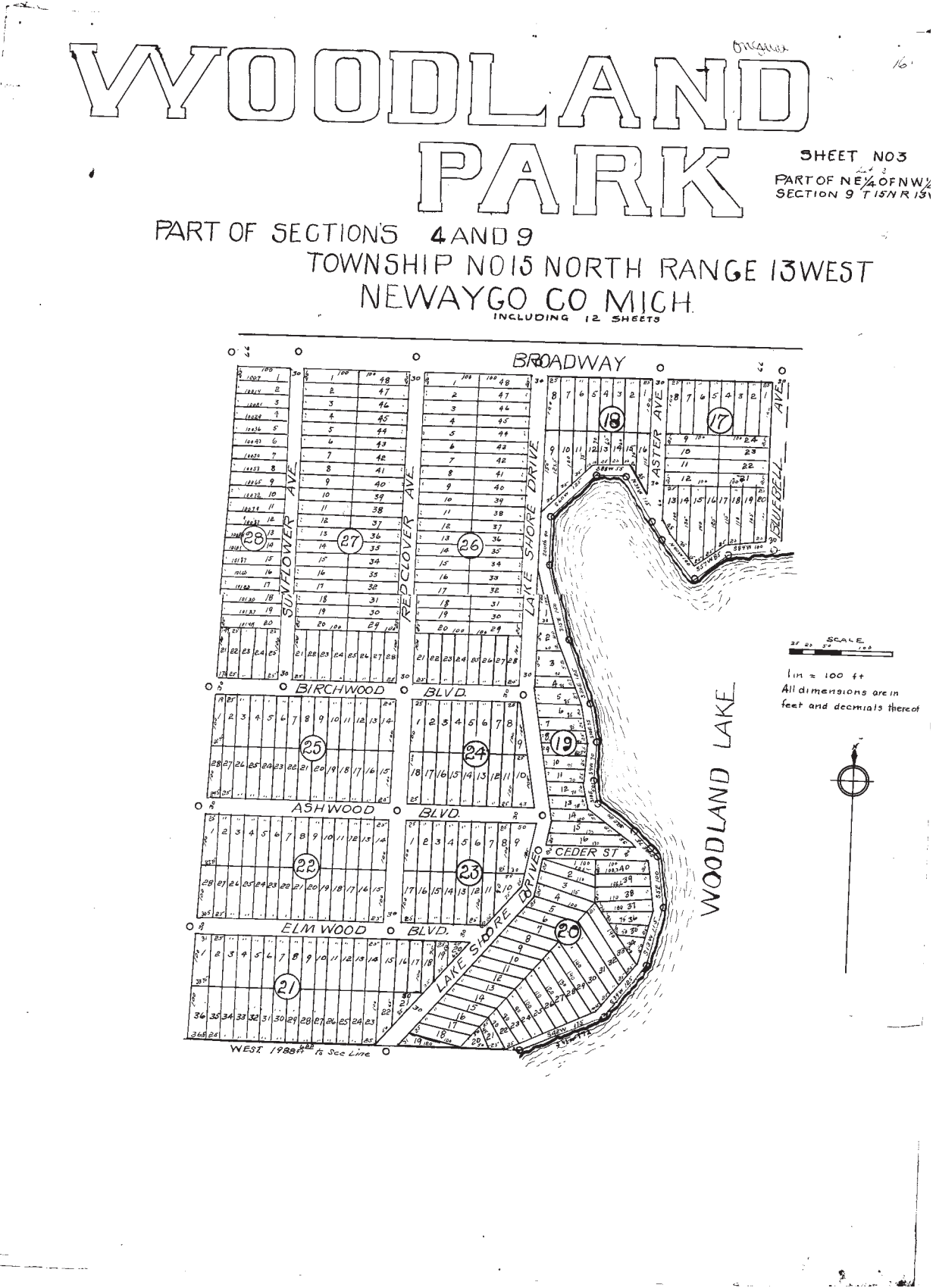
The 1938 historic aerial of Woodland Park depicts a few structures and cleared areas along Lake Shore Drive, including the Clubhouse at the tip of Mayo Point, and several smaller cottages at Sunset Point. The 1938 historic aerial also shows a couple of two-track trails and the wooden footbridge.

Existing Condition: North Blair Ave – North Lake Shore Drive – West Lake Shore Drive (Lake Shore Drive) is approximately 25 feet wide and has a sandy, gravel surface. It is owned by the Newaygo County Road Commission. There are many more lakefront cottages which have since been developed, and the drive still serves as the primary access and organizational element.

Evaluation: Contributing.

North Blair Ave – North Lake Shore Drive – West Lake Shore Drive (Lake Shore Drive) contributes to the significance of the historic district. The unpaved streets retain the feeling of sandy paths through the woods, which would have been similar to the historic conditions of these drives when the community was established.

(Opposite Page)
1921 Plat of Woodland Park Subdivision
showing sections of Lake Shore Drive and the
'Shore Walk' community lakefront trail (Cour-
tesy of Newaygo County GIS & Michigan State
University, Historic Plats of Woodland Park)



Secondary Roads

Historic Condition: The plats for Woodland Park, Woodland Park No. 1 to No. 4, Woodland Park Home Acres, Woodland Park Acres, Woodland Park Estates, West Woodland Park, and Mayo Point, depicts dozens of secondary roads within Woodland Park. These secondary roads were plat- ted to be 30 feet wide.

Based on the1938 historic aerial of Woodland Park, almost of these secondary roads were developed. Over time, many of the peripheral lots remained undeveloped and became overgrown with vegetation, which has gradually extended into some of the secondary roads. By 1965, the most visible secondary roads which remained extended west to Eighth Ave and north to Ogden Blvd.

Existing Condition: Physical evidence of the roads is clear in the core area of Woodland Park that was and continues to be inhabited. Others further away from the core were not evident during the field investiga- tions in 2022 and 2023, unlike the 1938 Aerial which shows the platted grid structure.

Evaluation: Undetermined.

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Table of Secondary Roads Platted in Woodland
Park Identified from the Historic Plats

NORTH SOUTH SECONDARY ROADS	EAST-WEST SECONDARY ROADS
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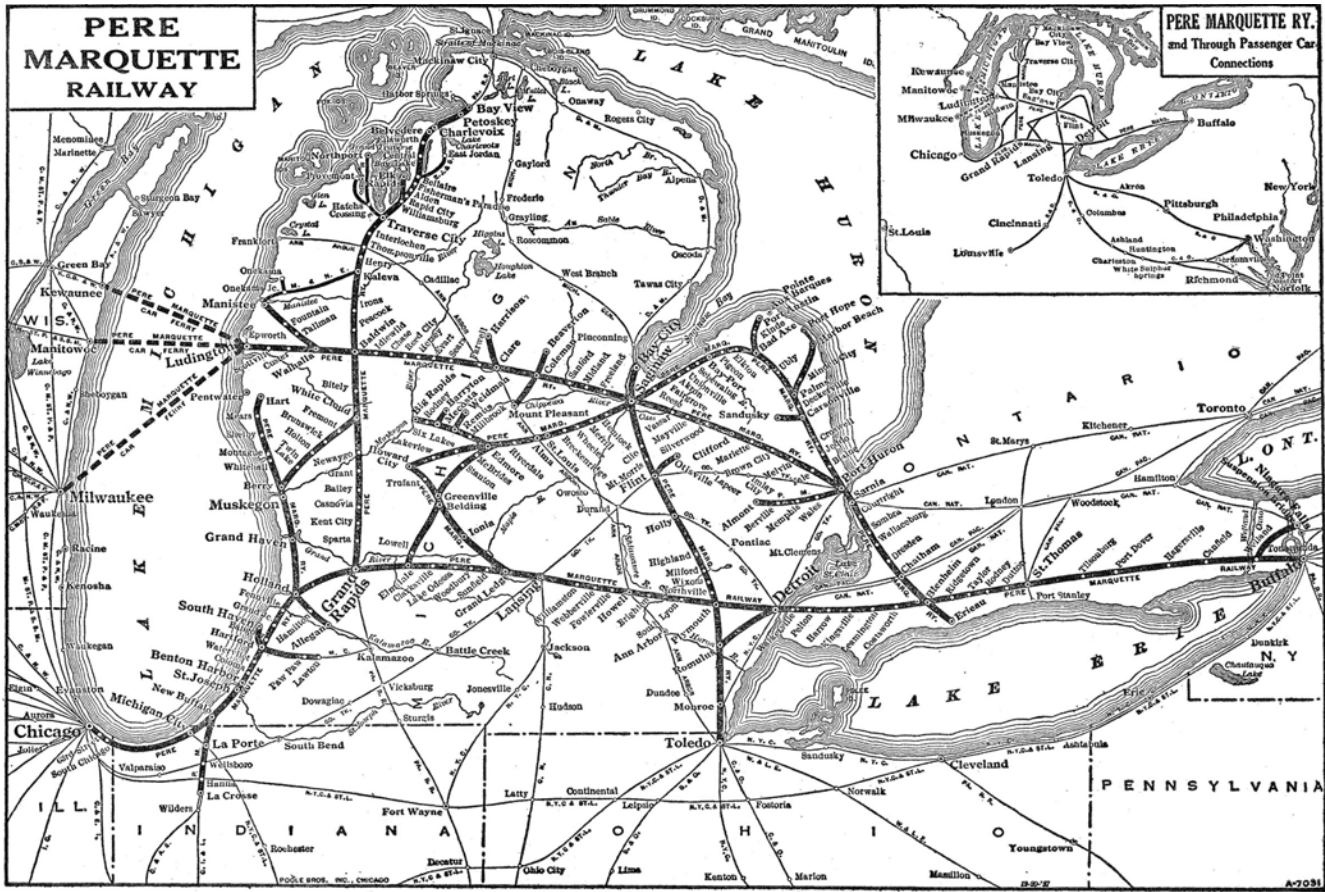
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WEST WOODLAND PARK

24TH AVE (BINGHAM AVE)

BROADWAY (11 MILE ROAD)

(Spread)
1921 Map of Woodland Park showing the right of ways, the primary arteries of Broadway, 24th Ave, Lake Shore Drive, and the community 'Shore Walk' (Source: Wetherell Surveyors, Newaygo County, with additional annotations by Har Ye Kan)



(Above)
1937 Map of the Pere Marquette Railway
(Source: <http://www.american-rails.com/pm.html>)

Pere Marquette Railway

Historic Condition: The Pere Marquette rail line was part of the system between Chicago and West Michigan. In Newaygo and Lake counties, this extended from White Cloud to Baldwin, servicing the lumber mills and settlements, prior to the advent of the automobile. The rail line skirting through Woodland Park was later absorbed into the Marquette Rail short line operations between Genesee to Wyoming. Notably, the Pere Marquette Depot at Bitely closed in 1938, and passenger service was discontinued and transitioned over to commercial freight service, carrying chemical, paper, and general freight products.

In 1978, a Dow Chemical train carrying toxic chemicals derailed near Woodland Park’s East Lake, resulting in a chemical spill of approximately 30,000 gallons. Carcinogenic compounds were found in the lake and groundwater. The local community still remembers the clean up and environmental impacts of the accident, which greatly diminished the water recreation activities and severely compromised the ecological quality in Woodland Lake. Aquatic life was not seen in the East Lake until sometime in the 1990s when various fish started coming back (Woodland Park Work Group 2022).

Existing Condition: The presence and impact of the active rail line is still felt today, often through retrospective references. These include memories of the Pere Marquette line, the stop at Bitely, the shuttles which brought passengers from Bitely to Woodland Park, and the environmental impacts of the 1978 Dow Chemical train derailment.

As an infrastructure, the original Pere Marquette railroad track shaped the layout of the community, as evidenced by the platted subdivisions and the proximity of the intended ‘main street’ to the rail line, even though it never came to fruition.

Evaluation: The Pere Marquette railroad track contributes to the significance of Woodland Park as a whole, outside of the proposed historic district. While it did not have a stop in Woodland Park, the Bitely stop was notable in the Pere Marquette railway map and the Negro Green Book as the gateway to this African American resort community.

Concrete Stairs at the Former Royal Breeze Hotel to Woodland Lake

Historic Condition: A set of concrete steps extended from the verandah of the former Royal Breeze Hotel to Woodland Lake, located along Lake Shore Drive. The steps were poured parallel to the slope, approximately three feet wide, and ran between several trees perpendicular to the lake, affording views to the lake. The steps terminated at a concrete landing with a couple of benches for respite. Historic postcards of the Royal Breeze Hotel from the lake also showed two handrails running alongside the steps.

Existing Condition: Concrete steps are present. Wooden handrails are missing.



(Above)
Remnants of the concrete stairs at the site of the former Royal Breeze Hotel leading to the Woodland Lake observed during the field survey.

Concrete Stairs at the Shangri-La to Woodland Lake

Historic Condition: A set of concrete steps extended from the shores of Shangri-La to Woodland Lake. The steps were poured parallel to the slope, approximately three feet wide, and ran perpendicular to the lake, affording expansive views. The steps terminated at a concrete landing and had likely served as a boat launch area.

Existing Condition: Present.

Wooden Stairs at the Shangri-La to Woodland Lake

Historic Condition: Three sets of steep wooden and stone steps extended from the slopes of Shangri-La to Woodland Lake. The steps were constructed parallel to the slope, approximately two- to three-feet wide, and ran perpendicular to the lake, affording expansive views.

Existing Condition: Present. Wooden steps have been built upon the stone steps, and the original iron bolts holding the steps structurally are also visible. A more recently constructed handrail provides additional support and safety.

Evaluation: Contributing.

Because of the varying terrain along the banks of Woodland Lake (including East Lake and West Lake), stairs are a common landscape feature along the lakefront even in contemporary times. The remaining historic stair structures are still in use to access the lake; others have been replaced with more recent structures which is not unexpected given the natural weathering over time, especially for wooden stairs. These elements are a visible expression of how the community modified and worked with the landscapes in integrating land and water, and to engage in outdoor recreation from afar, along, and within the lake.



(Above)
Remnants of the concrete stairs at Shangri-La observed during the field survey.



(Above)
Remnants of the concrete and wooden stairs along the slopes of Shangri-La observed during the field survey.



(Right)
Remnants of concrete seawall with rebar along the Woodland Lake Shore at Sunset Point observed during the field survey.



- **Structures**

Structures refer to three-dimensional constructs such as docks, seawalls, bridges, excursion bus.

Seawalls

Historic Condition: There are no formal records or mention of seawalls in Woodland Park, although these are visible landscape features, especially along more popular properties such as the Royal Breeze, the Club House, Shangri-La, and Sunset Point which enabled water vessels to dock by their property. As the lake is recharged through precipitation and is fed by a modest inlet creek (Green's Creek), the shores are generally shallow. Reinforcement of the shoreline would have been likely, given the area's predominantly sandy soil composition (Plainfield sand, Coloma sand, Grat-tan sand) and its vulnerability to shoreline erosion over time.

Existing Condition: Portions of the concrete seawall and rebar remain. Many have fallen into the lake adjacent to the lake shore, and are evident from the clear, shallow waters. These are no more than two feet in depth, presumably from the early 20th century when rebar concrete construction became commonplace.

Evaluation: Contributing.

The concrete seawalls, while in various states of erosion, reflect landscape interventions in Woodland Park historically to protect the shoreline,

and especially the publicly accessible lakefront trail. Despite the loss of many of the original docks and boat launches due to natural weathering over more than half a century, what remains at Sunset Point is a representative sample that would contribute to the significance of the historic district.

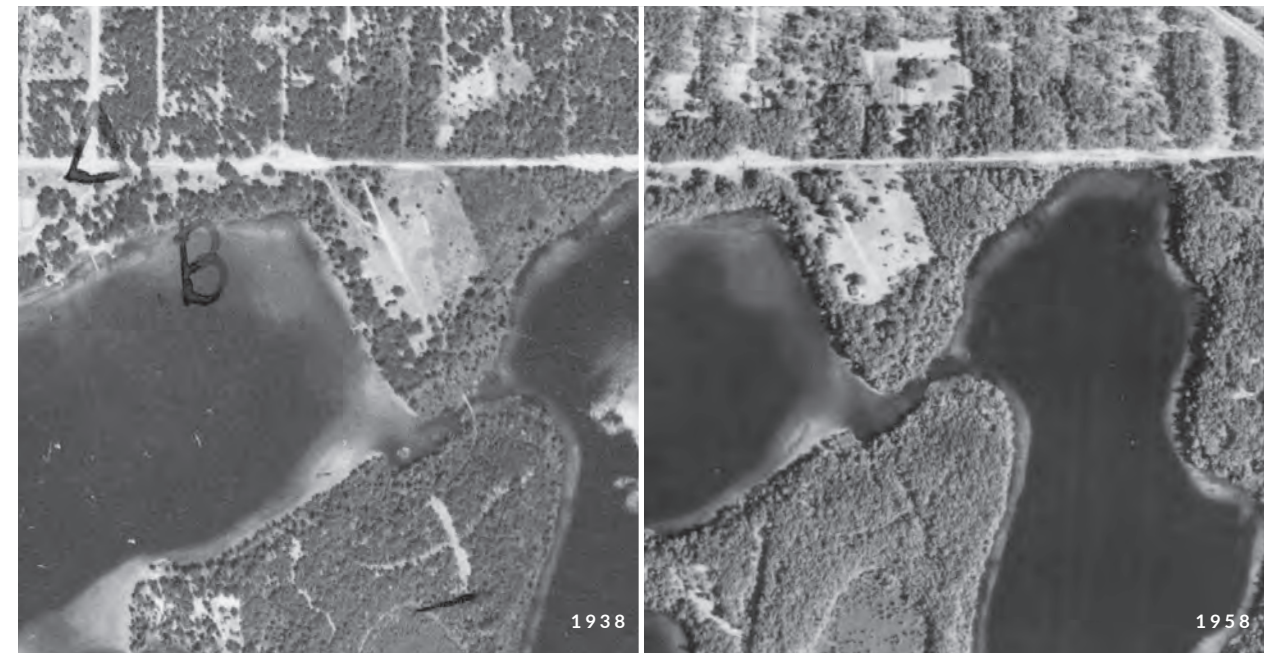
Wooden Footbridge

Historic Condition: The wooden footbridge was constructed across the narrowest point in the channel between East Lake (Sylvan Bay) and Woodland Lake as part of the Brookings Mill settlement. This served as a convenient connection between the Oakleaf Resort (later Shangri-La) and Sunset Point. Based on historic aerial imagery, the footbridge served the community up to around 1952. Between 1952 and 1958, it fell apart, leaving just the abutments by 1958.

Existing Condition: Missing. There are no longer visible traces of the wooden footbridge, whether from current aerials or from the site surveys. The trails leading to the footbridge have likewise become overgrown with vegetation and are not evident.



(Above)
Historic photograph showing the wooden footbridge (Courtesy of Dianna Cross Tora / Beye Shoebox Collection)



(Above)
Aerial view of Woodland Park Lake showing the wooden footbridge in 1938 and the remaining abutments, first captured in 1958 (Courtesy of Michigan State University Historic Aerials of Woodland Park)

Excursion Bus

Historic Condition: Woodland Park and Idlewild were served by an excursion bus plying between the two communities during the summer. This enabled Idlewild visitors and residents to seek a quieter, idyllic retreat in Woodland Park, and for the Woodland Park community to participate in the music, clubs, entertainment, horseback riding, and roller skating at Idlewild. Because of the proximity and the dedicated service, the excursion bus provided a safe passage between the two communities and made day trips or overnight getaways possible (Woodland Park Work Group, November 2022).

The first buses were bought by the Authers, one of which was later purchased by a real estate broker, Jesse P. Parker from Detroit. Parker booked excursions from different cities to Woodland Park and Idlewild, and later owned and operated the Pine Cone Tavern (Toran 2021a, 49).

Existing Condition: Missing.



(Right)
Historic postcard showing vacationers and the excursion bus (shuttle) connecting Idlewild & Woodland Park (Courtesy of the Steven F. Jones Sr. Collection.)

- **Vegetation**

Vegetation refers to indigenous or introduced trees, shrubs, vines, and herbaceous materials.

Manistee National Forest

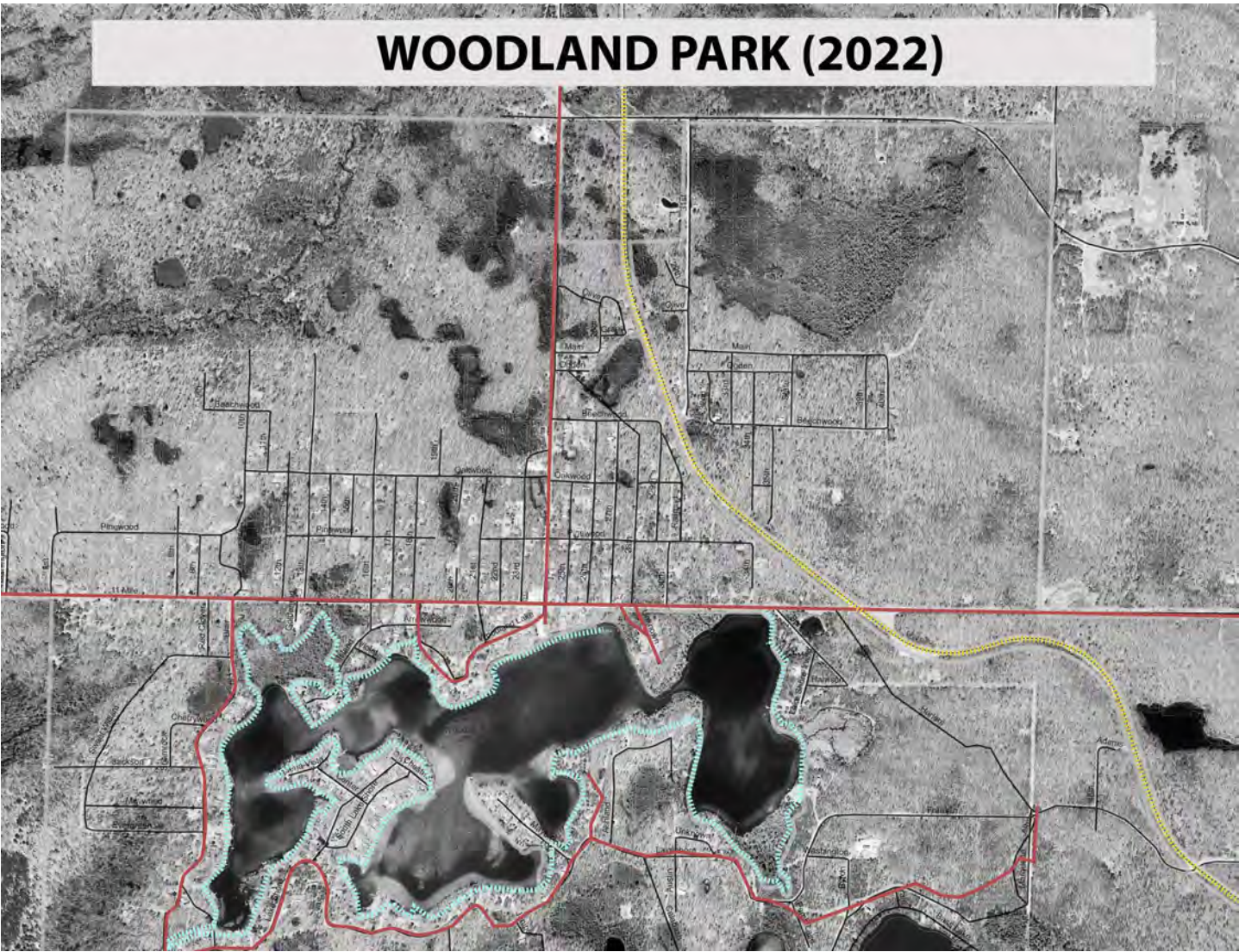
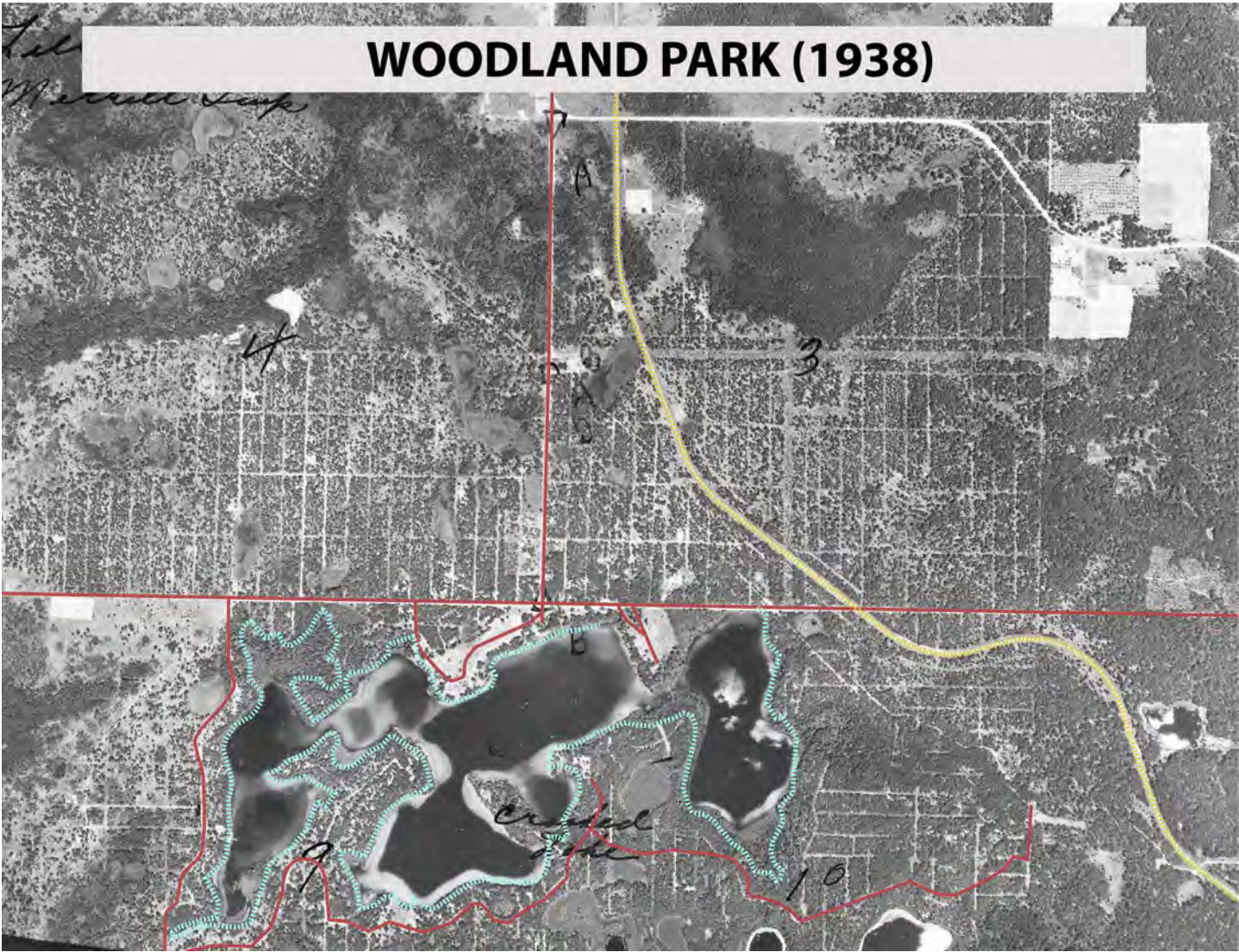
Historic Condition: The European settlement and extensive logging of the area led to reforestation efforts during the Great Depression. While the Manistee National Forest was officially established in 1938, the history of the forest land began well before that. Prior to the logging era, most of the area (and the state) was covered by forests on Michigan's glacially agitated soil, with larger and greater proportions of pine, tamarack, hemlock, and few aspen, red maple, and birch.

Early conservations efforts began in 1900s to replenish the desolate forest land and reached its peak during the Great Depression with the Civilian Conservation Corps between 1933 and 1942. This occurred in the two decades after Woodland Park was first platted, and contributed to its subsequent mix of hardwoods, red and white pine, and bracken fern.

Existing Condition: The Manistee Forest continues to mature. Today, more of the ecological succession has occurred especially in areas that were undeveloped. A c.2022 aerial of the community from Newaygo County GIS depicts a vegetative pattern that is similar but also more extensive than the pattern depicted on the 1938 aerial.

Evaluation: Contributing.

The Manistee Forest setting contributes to the significance of the historic district.



(Spread)
Aerial view of Woodland Park Lake comparing the Forest Growth in 1938 and 2022. Colored lines on the maps depict the underlying framework of 11 Mile Road (Broadway), 24th Ave (Bingham Ave), North Bosman Ave, Blair Ave, Woodland Lake Drive, and Lake Shore Drive Together with the Lakefront Trail. Over a span of 80 years, the forest cover has matured and spread significantly across the secondary roads and original grid structure (Courtesy of Michigan State University & Newaygo County GIS, Historic Aerials of Woodland Park)

Ornamental Trees, Shrubs, Flowers

Historic Condition: While it may be difficult to ascertain the degree to which ornamental trees, shrubs, and flowers were extant in Woodland Park, it appears that these were introduced around the resort community at the major places of accommodation and public areas, or at least the areas included in historic photographs reviewed. A few 1930s postcards of private residences included images of flower beds or gardens. Some of the more noteworthy species include white pine, oak, birch, maple, forsythia, and yucca.

Existing Condition: The mix of white pine, oak, birch, maple, forsythia, and yucca are found in various properties within the historic district. An allee of spruce trees serve as a visual screen between the public beach and the adjacent residential property. At Yvonne's Common Ground (former Pine Cone Tavern), a bed of daffodils, hyacinth, and perennials, and feather reed grasses and decorative stone mark the intersection and entry to the community's gathering space.

Evaluation: Undetermined.

Mature trees, shrubs, and flowers located around the pre-1964 buildings may contribute to the significance of the historic landscape. Ornamental trees, shrubs, and flowers planted adjacent to post-1964 buildings do not contribute to the significance of the historic district.



(Right)

Historic postcard showing a variety of plant species introduced at the Royal Breeze Hotel and around foundation beds, c. 1963 (Source: <https://www.hippostcard.com/listing/royal-breeze-hotel-bitely-mi-1963/4417381>)



(Above)

Forsythias and Yuccas in the residential landscapes along Lake Shore Drive and Sunset Point observed during the field survey.



(Above)

Spruce tree and a bed of spring blooms and grasses at Yvonne's Common Grown observed during the field survey.

- **Small Scale Features**

Residential Features: Hand pumps

Historic Condition: Landscape features that would have typically been associated with residences and inns included hand pumps, wood piles and laundry tubs. According to Ziyadah Shakir and Debbie Jones, hand pumps supplied water to the community well into the 1960s and 1970s. It is assumed that most if not all the houses and businesses would have hand pumps, based on historic postcards of places such as the Kelsonia Grotto.

Existing Condition: Hand pumps are a noticeable feature in the historic district. The ones observed at Yvonne's Common Ground, Sunset Point, and Shangri-La are likely made of cast iron and still retain their maroon color. Concrete pump pads of different shapes and dimensions are also present for two of the three, like the historic example at Kelsonia Grotto to provide a safe collection surface and prevent surface water from entering the well.

Evaluation: Contributing.

On parcels where historic buildings may no longer be standing, such as Yvonne's Common Ground (the former Pine Cone Tavern) or portions of Sunset Point, the presence of the historic hand pumps are a visible reminder of everyday life in the community.



(Above)
Historic postcard of the Kelsonia Grotto showing small scale features such as a water pump and a gasoline pump (Courtesy of the Steven F. Jones Sr. Collection)



(Left)
Examples of historic water pumps at Sunset Point, Yvonne's Common Ground, and Shangri-La Observed During the Field Survey.

Gasoline Pumps

Historic Condition: The Woodland Park community was accessed by automobiles and excursion buses which would have required a ready source of gasoline for refueling. Historic postcards of the coffee shop and Fische's Grocery show the presence of vehicles and the evolution from early kerosene pumps to more modern, metered versions that were commonplace after the mid-1930s.

Existing Condition: Mostly Missing.

The pumps were removed with the closure and demolition of Fische's Grocery (Woodland Park Grocery). The site where the pumps and grocery store once stood has since become a community playground. There remains a gasoline pump by the Schoolhouse.

Evaluation: Undetermined.



(Above)
Historic gasoline pump by the Schoolhouse observed during the field survey.



(Right)
Historic postcards of an early coffee shop & oil station (c. 1920s) and Fische's Grocery showing the gasoline pumps (c. 1960s) and the presence of automobiles (Courtesy of the Steven F. Jones Sr. Collection.)



Fences

Historic Condition: Historic postcards and photographs depict the modest use of fences to encircle cottages or garden beds. These ranged from wood and wire fences to simple post and rail fences. The historic postcards and photographs also showed that a good number of cottages were not fenced and these retained an open, wooded feeling in the forested setting.

Existing Condition: The original fences are missing (such as Oh Dear's) or have been replaced due to natural weathering over time. Post and rail fences are still a part of the landscape, particularly along Lake Shore Drive to demarcate the boundaries from cottage to cottage.

Evaluation: Non-contributing. Remnants of fence structures, if present, adjacent to pre-1964 buildings may contribute to the significance of the historic landscape. Those that were constructed after 1964 do not contribute to the significance of the historic district.



(Above Left)
Historic Postcards of Oh Boy / Old Dear's with a fence in the front yard (Courtesy of the Steven F. Jones Sr. Collection)

(Above Right, Left)
Historic postcards of the Hughes Cottages and Rose Terrace Cottage surrounded by a wood and wire fence (c. 1960s) (Courtesy of Ziyadah Shakir)





(Above)
Washington Daggs Cottages.
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BUILDING FORMS AND STYLES

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Historical development and built fabric are organized within a general grid structure which conformed topologically to earlier settlement patterns from the lumbering industry and landscape features, including Woodland Lake, East Lake, and West Lake, as well as descending banks and prominent peninsulas.

Within the community, the existing and historic built structures are composed of several types:

- Residential (i.e. Cottages and Houses)
- Hospitality (i.e. Inns, Hotels, Guest Cottages)
- Commercial (i.e. Stores, Diners)
- Religious (i.e. Churches)
- Civic (i.e. Schoolhouse, Property Owners' Association)

Cottages and Houses

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Other noteworthy stylistic groups such as Minimal Traditional houses and Concrete Block Houses, such as 2419 Pinewood Blvd also contribute to the overall palette and link the character of construction to that of nearby Idlewild.

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(Above)
Typical “teardrop” profile clapboards
on cottages observed during the field
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(Above)
Example of a typical concrete block
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(Above)
The Kelsonia Inn at southwest corner of Bingham Ave (formerly 24th Ave) and 11 Mile Rd (formerly Broadway) (Courtesy of the Steven F. Jones Sr. Collection.)



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A guest cottage at the Shangri-La Resort observed during the field survey.

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(Above)
Historical schoolhouse with the belfry and historical marker located at 2316 Broadway (11 Mile Road).



(Above)
Historical icehouse (not original to the site) just west of the Schoolhouse.



(Above Left)
Stone chimney and hearth at the former Royal Breeze Hotel at 2544 Woodland Lake Dr.



(Above Right)
Shangri-la Resort sign along 11 Mile Rd (formerly known as Broadway), advertising the "modern house keeping cottages" and outdoor recreation activities like "fishing, lawn games, and boats".



(Above)
The Woodland Park Property Owners' Association Building at 9073 N. Bingham Ave.

Property Owners' Association Building

This building is characterized by its rectangular massing and horizontal features, which include a flat roof and heavy overhang. The overhang's fascias are slightly angled to face the ground, and occasional eave penetrations for downspouts are visible (although downspouts are no longer present).

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Additional Features

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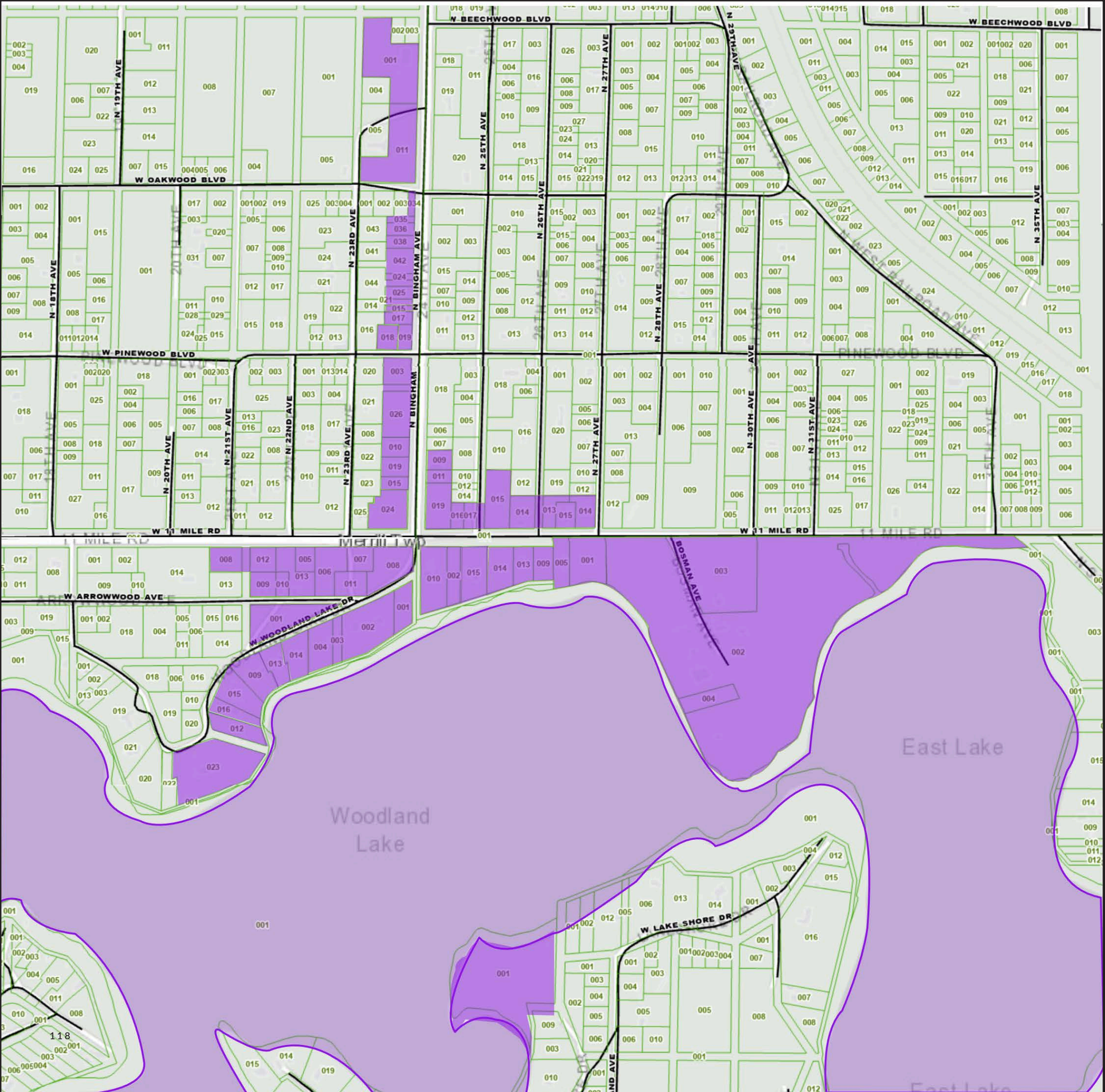
(Left)
An advertisement for the sale of real estate in Woodland Park shows a small "Cape Cod" home in the Minimal Traditional style. (Source: Jones 2010)

HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEYED

Address	Type	Status
2373 Arrowood	Cottage	Contributing
2481 Arrowood	Vacant	Contributing
8773 Goldenrod	Woody's Bar	Outside Boundaries
8819 N. Bingham	Playground	Contributing
8834 N. Bingham	Old Dears	Contributing
8835 N. Bingham	Vacant	Contributing
8889 N. Bingham	Vacant	Contributing
8935 N. Bingham	Cottage	Contributing
8937 N. Bingham	Vacant	Contributing
8941 N. Bingham	Vacant	Contributing
9073 N. Bingham	Woodland Park Property Owners'	Contributing
2419 Pinewood	Cottage	Contributing
8721 Bosman	Shangri-La Cottages	
	Cottage E1	Contributing
	Cottage E2	Contributing
	Garage E3	Contributing
	Cottage E4	Contributing
	Cottage E5	Contributing
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	Cottage W3	Contributing
	Cottage W4	Contributing
	Cottage W5	Contributing
2316 W. Broadway	Schoolhouse	Contributing
2319 W. Broadway	Cottage	Contributing
2328 W. Broadway	Cottage	Contributing
2346 W. Broadway	Cottage	Contributing
2358 W. Broadway	Modern Manufactured Home	Non-Contributing
2361 W. Broadway	Cottage	Contributing
2383 W. Broadway	Vacant	Contributing
2391 W. Broadway	Vacant	Contributing
2392 W. Broadway	Kelsonia Inn	Contributing
2416 W. Broadway	Yvonne's Common Ground	Contributing
2440 W. Broadway	Vacant	Contributing
2446 W. Broadway	Vacant	Contributing

Address	Type	Status
2468 W. Broadway	Vacant	Contributing
2506 W. Broadway	Merril Township Fire Station	Contributing
3202 W. Broadway	Vacant	Contributing
2353 W. Lake Shore	Sunset Point	Contributing
2415 W. Oakwood	First Baptist Church of Woodland Park	Contributing
2446 Woodland Lake	Cottage	Contributing
2456 Woodland Lake	Cottage	Contributing
2468 Woodland Lake	Modern Manufactured Home	Non-Contributing
2460 Woodland Lake	Vacant	Contributing
2480 Woodland Lake	Modern Manufactured Home	Non-Contributing
2492 Woodland Lake	Cottage	Contributing
2512 Woodland Lake	Cottage	Contributing
2518 Woodland Lake	Cottage	Contributing
2526 Woodland Lake	Cottage	Contributing
2530 Woodland Lake	Modern Manufactured Home	Non-Contributing
2544 Woodland Lake	Former Royal Breeze	Non-Contributing
2311 11 Mile	Cottage	Contributing
2335 11 Mile	Cottage	Contributing
2472 11 Mile	Cottage	Contributing
8946 N. 23rd	Vacant	Contributing
8832 N. 25th	Vacant	Contributing
Parcel 62-06-03-356-009	Vacant	Contributing
Parcel 62-06-09-230-001	Beach	Contributing
Parcel 62-06-10-100-005	Vacant	Contributing
Parcel 62-06-09-227-011	Vacant	Contributing
Parcel 62-06-09-229-001	Vacant	Contributing
Parcel 62-06-04-480-034	Vacant	Contributing
Parcel 62-06-04-480-035	Vacant	Contributing
Parcel 62-06-04-480-036	Vacant	Contributing
Parcel 62-06-04-480-038	Vacant	Contributing
Parcel 62-06-04-480-042	Vacant	Contributing
Parcel 62-06-04-480-024	Vacant	Contributing
Parcel 62-06-04-480-017	Vacant	Contributing
Parcel 62-06-04-480-019	Vacant	Contributing
Parcel 62-06-04-485-026	Vacant	Contributing
Parcel 62-06-04-485-010	Vacant	Contributing
Parcel 62-06-04-485-015	Vacant	Contributing
72 Total Resources 67 Contributing Properties – 93%		

MAP OF HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY



Michigan SHPO Architectural District/Complex Identification Form



District Overview and Location

District/Complex Historic Name	Woodland Park Historic District		
Current/Common Name	Woodland Park		
Roughly bounded by streets	Bingham Avenue, from the Woodland Park Property Owners Association building to the north, south to the beach. 11 Mile Road/Broadway Avenue, from the Merrill Township Fire Station to the west, east to Shangri-La. Woodland Lake Drive, from the former Royal Breeze to the west, east to the beach. Sunset Point, contiguous to the above via Woodland Lake.		
City, State, Zip Code(s)	Bitley, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Total Acres in the District			
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/>

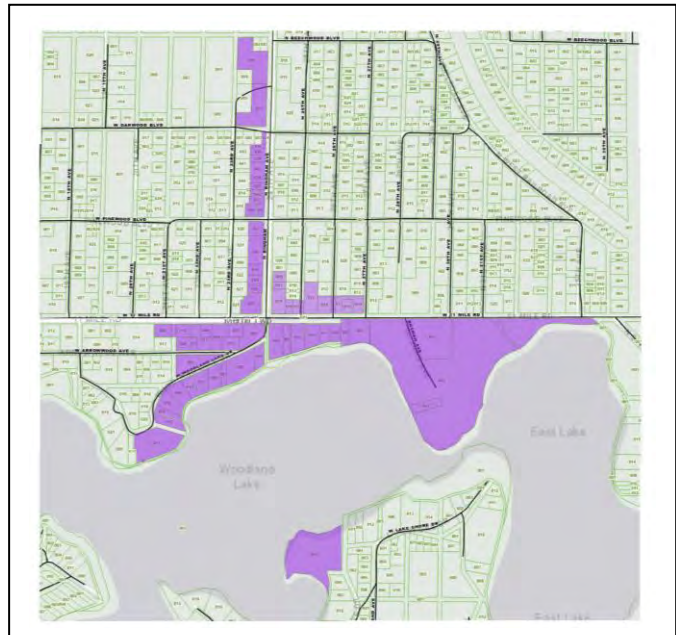
District/Complex Type

(Insert map or aerial photo with boundaries below.)

Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Rural/Farm Complex <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	

District/Complex Information

Total Number of Resources	72
Contributing Resources	67
Non-Contributing Resources	5
Significant Dates	1921-1964
For complexes provide a list of resources: <i>See attached</i>	



National Register Eligibility

Is the district listed in the National Register?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If yes, provide:	Date Listed:	NRIS #:
<i>If not already listed, complete the information below:</i>					
Eligible Under:	Criterion A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>	
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/>	b. <input type="checkbox"/>	c. <input type="checkbox"/>	d. <input type="checkbox"/>	e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>					
Area(s) of Significance	Architecture, Entertainment/Recreation, Ethnic Heritage: Black, Social History				
Period(s) Significance	1921-1964 --- Establishment of resort to Civil Rights Act (desegregation)				
Integrity – Does the district/complex possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?					
General Integrity:	Intact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):	
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Condition of District?	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Poor <input type="checkbox"/>		
Threats to Resource?	Demolition by neglect, lack of funds at homeowner, township, and county levels				

Survey Date	4/22/2023	Recorded By	A. Minnebo, N. Rolinski, H. Y. Kan
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For SHPO Use Only	SHPO Concurrence?: Y / N	Date:
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Narrative District/Complex Description

Provide a detailed description of the district/complex, including general character of the district/complex, types of buildings and structures including outbuildings and bridges, and the qualities distinguishing the district/complex from its surroundings. This is required for all districts/complexes.

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More vertically proportioned double hung windows appear elsewhere on the building in less formal arrangements.

Overall, this modest community building presides with restrained civic stature and formality, in keeping with regional trends in modern architecture which can be observed in the design of contemporaneous community centers, schools, offices, and similar building programs. Additionally, its distinct concrete block construction connects the building and its users to the nearby community of Idlewild, where this material palette was widely used during the Periods of Significance of both communities. The building is centrally located within a large lot, offering open and partially wooded green areas on each side.”

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History of the District/Complex

Provide information on previous owners, land use, construction and alteration dates in a narrative format. This is required for all intensive level surveys and recommended for other identification efforts.

Established in 1921 from the remnants of the old Brookings Lumber Company mill, Woodland Park is a historic African American resort located in northwest Newaygo County, Michigan, a mile from the Pere Marquette Railway mainline.

During the era of Jim Crow segregation, it was identified as "Bitely" on the Afro-American Travel Map and listings within The Negro Motorists Green Book. Green books were published annually as guides for African American travelers during segregation, identifying Black friendly businesses, accommodations, and places of recreation.

Nestled in the Manistee National Forest and encircling the crystal-clear waters of Woodland Lake and East Lake, Woodland Park offered a quiet retreat for black intellectuals, religious leaders, educators, and entrepreneurs. In fact, Woodland Park was the second of such resorts in Michigan, developed by Marion E. Auther, a black Ohio businessman who had also founded the Idlewild resort earlier in 1912. At their peak, a shuttle car service made the 15-mile trip between Idlewild and Woodland Park, especially for those interested in the late-night entertainment scene at Idlewild.

Investors, residents, and visitors of Woodland Park came from across the country beyond Michigan: Atlanta, Chicago, Cleveland. In the summer months, excursion buses drove from and to major Midwestern cities for tourists, prospective land buyers, and property owners.

Throughout the 1920s and early 1930s, Woodland Park also hosted and entertained attendees of Idlewild's Chautauqua events, attracting intellectuals and social activists associated with the Niagara Movement, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the National Association of Colored Women (NACW), the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AMEC), the Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA), and Harlem's New Negro Movement.

After the Civil Rights Act passed in 1964, new opportunities opened for blacks in America, leading to a natural, steady decline of African American resorts such as Woodland Park. The population and year-round residents gradually began to encompass other races.

Today, the Woodland Park community remains committed to preserving the history of this important site.

Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

Provide a detailed explanation of the district/complex's eligibility for the National Register, including an evaluation under the four criteria, discussion of the seven aspects of integrity, and recommendations about eligibility. This is required for all districts/complexes.

Woodland Park made significant contributions to the broader patterns of American history and culture. Woodland Park represents Black American culture and society in the creation of Black outdoor recreational spaces during Jim Crow segregation, and the nationwide development and practice of leisure activity. Platted lots offered Black Americans the opportunity of home ownership and an escape to summer cottages and vacationing for an expanding Black middle class.

References

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District Inventory

Complete this form for the district as well as individual Michigan SHPO Architectural Resource Identification Form for each individual address.

STREET ADDRESS	CITY/TOWNSHIP	COUNTY	YEAR BUILT	CONTRIBUTING ? (YES OR NO)
2373 Arrowood	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newago	--	Yes
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8835 N. Bingham	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newago	--	Yes
8889 N. Bingham	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newago	--	Yes
8935 N. Bingham	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newago	--	Yes
8937 N. Bingham	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newago	--	Yes
8941 N. Bingham	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newago	--	Yes
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Cottage W3	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newago	--	Yes
Cottage W4	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newago	--	Yes
Cottage W5	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newago	--	Yes
2316 W. Broadway	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newago	--	Yes
2319 W. Broadway	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newago	--	Yes
2328 W. Broadway	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newago	--	Yes
2346 W. Broadway	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newago	--	Yes
2358 W. Broadway	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newago	--	No
2361 W. Broadway	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newago	--	Yes
2383 W. Broadway	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newago	--	Yes
2391 W. Broadway	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newago	--	Yes
2392 W. Broadway	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newago	--	Yes
2416 W. Broadway	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newago	--	Yes
2440 W. Broadway	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newago	--	Yes
2446 W. Broadway	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newago	--	Yes
2468 W. Broadway	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newago	--	Yes
2506 W. Broadway	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newago	--	Yes
3202 W. Broadway	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newago	--	Yes
2353 W. Lake Shore	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newago	--	Yes
2415 W. Oakwood	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newago	--	Yes
2446 Woodland Lake	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newago	--	Yes
2456 Woodland Lake	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newago	--	Yes
2468 Woodland Lake	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newago	2016	No
2460 Woodland Lake	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newago	--	Yes
2480 Woodland Lake	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newago	--	No
2492 Woodland Lake	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newago	--	Yes

2512 Woodland Lake	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newaygo	--	Yes
2518 Woodland Lake	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newaygo	--	Yes
2526 Woodland Lake	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newaygo	--	Yes
2530 Woodland Lake	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newaygo	--	No
2544 Woodland Lake	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newaygo	--	No
2311 11 Mile	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newaygo	--	Yes
2335 11 Mile	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newaygo	--	Yes
2472 11 Mile	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newaygo	--	Yes
8946 N. 23rd	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newaygo	--	Yes
8832 N. 25th	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newaygo	--	Yes
Parcel 62-06-03-356-009	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newaygo	--	Yes
Parcel 62-06-09-230-001	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newaygo	--	Yes
Parcel 62-06-10-100-005	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newaygo	--	Yes
Parcel 62-06-09-227-011	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newaygo	--	Yes
Parcel 62-06-09-229-001	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newaygo	--	Yes
Parcel 62-06-04-480-034	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newaygo	--	Yes
Parcel 62-06-04-480-035	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newaygo	--	Yes
Parcel 62-06-04-480-036	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newaygo	--	Yes
Parcel 62-06-04-480-038	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newaygo	--	Yes
Parcel 62-06-04-480-042	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newaygo	--	Yes
Parcel 62-06-04-480-024	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newaygo	--	Yes
Parcel 62-06-04-480-017	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newaygo	--	Yes
Parcel 62-06-04-480-019	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newaygo	--	Yes
Parcel 62-06-04-485-026	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newaygo	--	Yes
Parcel 62-06-04-485-010	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newaygo	--	Yes
Parcel 62-06-04-485-015	Woodland Park, Merrill Twp.	Newaygo	--	Yes

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Property Overview and Location



Street Address	2302 W. Broadway		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-10-100-001		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	VACANT/UNDEVELOPED
Architectural Style	
Building Form	
Roof Form	
Roof Materials	
Exterior Wall Materials	
Foundation Materials	
Window Materials	
Window Type	
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name				
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use				
Current Building Use	VACANT/UNDEVELOPED			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

Undeveloped parcel (no buildings present). Character defining features of this site are addressed within the Cultural Landscape section(s) of the report.



History of the Resource

Provide information on previous owners, land use, construction and alteration dates in a narrative format. This is required for all intensive level surveys and designation and recommended for other identification efforts.

Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

Provide a detailed explanation of the property's eligibility for the National Register, including an evaluation under at least one of the four criteria, discussion of the seven aspects of integrity, and recommendations about eligibility. This is required for all properties.

2302 W. Broadway is contributing to the Woodland Park Historic District. This undeveloped parcel is immediately adjacent to the historic Shangri-La Resort. It retains its integrity specific to the location, setting, feeling, and association of the area on the historic lakefront. It resides within the original Woodland Park plat boundaries.

Woodland Park made significant contributions to the broader patterns of American history and culture. Woodland Park represents Black American culture and society in the creation of Black outdoor recreational spaces during Jim Crow segregation, and the nationwide development and practice of leisure activity. Platted lots offered Black Americans the opportunity of home ownership and an escape to summer cottages and vacationing for an expanding Black middle class.

References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

Newago County GIS
Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location



Street Address	2311 11 Mile Road		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-03-358-015		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	Rectangular
Roof Form	Hipped, Closed Eave, Steep
Roof Materials	Metal
Exterior Wall Materials	Horizontal Vinyl
Foundation Materials	Concrete Block
Window Materials	Wood
Window Type	Fixed picture window
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name				
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use	Residential			
Current Building Use	Residential			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

This is a single story cottage fronting narrow to the street, with a metal hipped roof. The front door is approximately centrally located, with a small concrete stoop oriented parallel to the street. Prominent openings include large picture windows. Siding is of a horizontal vinyl pattern resembling clapboards, and corner boards are accented in color. A gutter runs along the front eave where visitors might approach the cottage, but is omitted along the sides.



History of the Resource

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Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

Provide a detailed explanation of the property's eligibility for the National Register, including an evaluation under at least one of the four criteria, discussion of the seven aspects of integrity, and recommendations about eligibility. This is required for all properties.

2311 11 Mile Road is contributing to the Woodland Park Historic District. This early cottage retains its integrity specific to the location, design, materials, workmanship, setting, feeling, and association of the area. It resides within the original Woodland Park plat boundaries.

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References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

Newago County GIS
Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location



Street Address	2316 11 Mile Road/Broadway		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-10-101-009		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historical Society	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	Rectangular, Front Gable
Roof Form	Gable, Closed Eave, Medium
Roof Materials	Asphalt
Exterior Wall Materials	Horizontal wood clapboard
Foundation Materials	Concrete Block
Window Materials	Wood
Window Type	1/1, 4/4 Double Hung
Outbuildings	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	2 - Ice House, Privy

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name				
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use	School			
Current Building Use	Historical Society, Museum			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

This structure is primarily characterized by rectangular massing and a front gabled roof structure of moderate pitch. The structure is larger than most within the Woodland Park vicinity, claiming a civic stature among other private and community buildings.

A small belfry structure housing a bell resides at the roof peak near the front of the building. The building's facade is symmetrically composed with modest double hung windows flanking a central entry door. The main gable is trimmed with a frieze board which mediates between the gable's raking soffit and the structure's main vertical wall, which is clad with wood clapboards and corner boards. Windows openings are trimmed with exterior casings, which feature a small drip cap / edge integrated into each head casing and a wood sill at the casing base.

Along the eastern side of the structure, large banks of double hung windows are observed, consistent with early 20th-century schoolhouse design techniques for optimizing availability of daylight within classroom spaces. All windows are observed to include external storm sashes.

While the concrete block foundation is largely concealed at the building's front, it can be observed along the building's eastern side, as the hill slopes away towards the waterfront.

A small outbuilding clad with horizontal wood boards (unpainted) is observed to the east and downhill of the main structure, and may have served as a schoolhouse privy (outhouse).

Additionally, a historical icehouse (not original to the site) resides to the west of the main building. Although the original location of the icehouse is uncertain, its current placement affords increased awareness and visibility of the artifact. The icehouse is roughly square in plan, with a simple gabled massing. It is clad with horizontal wood siding and corner boards, and its door faces Woodland Lake. It features very thick walls (including the door), where the wall cavity design is air-filled for optimized thermal resistance. The icehouse structure rests upon concrete blocks.



History of the Resource

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Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

Provide a detailed explanation of the property's eligibility for the National Register, including an evaluation under at least one of the four criteria, discussion of the seven aspects of integrity, and recommendations about eligibility. This is required for all properties.

2316 W. Broadway is contributing to the Woodland Park Historic District. The schoolhouse retains its integrity specific to the location, design, materials, workmanship, setting, feeling, and association of the area. It resides within the original Woodland Park plat boundaries and is a direct result of the year-round residents who made this area their home. The Woodland Park state historic marker was erected on this site by the Michigan Historical Commission in 2009.

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References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

Newago County GIS
Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location



Street Address	2319 W. Broadway		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-03-358-013		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	Rectangular
Roof Form	Hipped, Open Eave, Steep
Roof Materials	Asphalt
Exterior Wall Materials	Horizontal Wood
Foundation Materials	Concrete Block
Window Materials	Boarded Over
Window Type	Boarded over
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name				
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use	Residential			
Current Building Use	Residential			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

This single-story vernacular structure is defined by its simple rectangular massing (oriented narrow to the street) and shallow hipped roof. An entry door is located on the building's side, near the front corner. The building rests upon a concrete block foundation, with one visible block course appearing above grade. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles and the structure is clad with horizontal wood clapboards which feature a distinct "tear drop" profile common in the Woodland Park area, where the clapboard drip edge is slightly rounded. The structure is trimmed with wood corner boards, while the eaves are open with exposed rafter tails. The facade of the structure features large panels constructed of beadboard. These panels are hinged from above. When the panels are closed (hanging down), the facade openings are fully concealed. Further research may be warranted to investigate the details of the facade openings when the panels are raised, as well as in regards to the building's use given the unique system of panels and openings.

As a conjectural sidenote, one panel may have been modified with a small notch to reduce interference with a nearby tree when opened.



History of the Resource

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Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

Provide a detailed explanation of the property's eligibility for the National Register, including an evaluation under at least one of the four criteria, discussion of the seven aspects of integrity, and recommendations about eligibility. This is required for all properties.

2319 W. Broadway is contributing to the Woodland Park Historic District. The cottage retains its integrity specific to the location, design, materials, workmanship, setting, feeling, and association of the area. It resides within the original Woodland Park plat boundaries.

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References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

Newago County GIS
Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location



Street Address	2328 W. Broadway		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-10-101-013		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	Rectangular, Side Gable
Roof Form	Gable, Hip, Closed Eave, Low
Roof Materials	Metal Standing Seam
Exterior Wall Materials	Horizontal Vinyl
Foundation Materials	Concrete Block
Window Materials	Vinyl
Window Type	Double Hung
Outbuildings	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	Garage

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name				
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use	Residential			
Current Building Use	Residential			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

Survey Date	4/22/2023	Recorded By	N. Rolinski	Agency Report #	
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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

This structure features a simple massing with a gable at one end and a hip roof at the opposite end, with the primary ridge running perpendicular to the street. It is clad in horizontal vinyl resembling clapboards and metal roof covering. A small wooden entry porch featuring a sloped roof extension supported by posts provides shelter at the front door. Double hung windows with decorative shutters face the street. A chimney can be observed near the roof ridge towards the hipped end. A detached garage clad in metal terminates the driveway.



History of the Resource

Provide information on previous owners, land use, construction and alteration dates in a narrative format. This is required for all intensive level surveys and designation and recommended for other identification efforts.

Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

Provide a detailed explanation of the property's eligibility for the National Register, including an evaluation under at least one of the four criteria, discussion of the seven aspects of integrity, and recommendations about eligibility. This is required for all properties.

2328 W. Broadway is contributing to the Woodland Park Historic District. The cottage retains its integrity specific to the location, design, materials, workmanship, setting, feeling, and association of the area. It resides within the original Woodland Park plat boundaries.

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References

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Newago County GIS
Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location



Street Address	2335 W. 11 Mile Road		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-03-357-014		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	Rectangular, Side Gable
Roof Form	Gable, Box Eave, Medium
Roof Materials	Asphalt
Exterior Wall Materials	Concrete Block
Foundation Materials	Concrete Block
Window Materials	Vinyl
Window Type	1/1 Double Hung, Sliders
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name				
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use	Residential			
Current Building Use	Residential			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

The structure is characterized by rectangular massing with a moderately-pitched side-gabled roof. Wall construction features a distinct concrete block technique consistent with other examples in the Woodland Park area as well as in the nearby community of Idlewild. A large chimney constructed of concrete block resides at one of the gable ends, approximately located at the midpoint between the structure's ridge and front eave. On the structure's street-facing facade, windows include a pair of double hung units as well as two slider units. At the building corner, a porch-like area is inset into the structure's main massing, residing under a portion of the main roof structure, which is supported by a corner post.



History of the Resource

Provide information on previous owners, land use, construction and alteration dates in a narrative format. This is required for all intensive level surveys and designation and recommended for other identification efforts.

Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

Provide a detailed explanation of the property's eligibility for the National Register, including an evaluation under at least one of the four criteria, discussion of the seven aspects of integrity, and recommendations about eligibility. This is required for all properties.

2335 W. 11 Mile Road is contributing to the Woodland Park Historic District. The cottage retains its integrity specific to the location, design, materials, workmanship, setting, feeling, and association of the area. It resides within the original Woodland Park plat boundaries.

Woodland Park made significant contributions to the broader patterns of American history and culture. Woodland Park represents Black American culture and society in the creation of Black outdoor recreational spaces during Jim Crow segregation, and the nationwide development and practice of leisure activity. Platted lots offered Black Americans the opportunity of home ownership and an escape to summer cottages and vacationing for an expanding Black middle class.

References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

Newago County GIS
Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location



Street Address	2346 W. Broadway		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-10-101-014		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	Rectangular, Side Gable
Roof Form	Gable, Closed Eave, Medium
Roof Materials	Metal Standing Seam
Exterior Wall Materials	Horizontal Wood
Foundation Materials	Concrete Block, Alum Clad
Window Materials	Vinyl
Window Type	Double Hung
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name				
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use	Residential			
Current Building Use	Residential			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

This vernacular cottage is characterized by its bungalow form, which features rectangular massing and a side gabled roof. The roof is moderately pitched and additionally includes a lower pitched “kick out”, where the building extends toward the street. On the street-facing facade, a prominent entry door is accessed by a small stoop and accompanied by a small window which is approximately square in proportion. Double hung windows of varying size are also observed on one side of the cottage. The structure is clad with horizontal wood clapboards which feature a distinct “tear drop” profile common in the Woodland Park area, where the clapboard drip edge is slightly rounded. The structure is trimmed with wood corner boards, soffits, and fascias. The roof is covered with metal and the structure rests on a concrete block foundation. In some locations, the foundation is covered with a metal cladding which is formed to resemble rusticated masonry units. Owing to the narrow dimension of the building’s front and the building’s relatively tall foundation, the cottage archives a stature which is slightly vertical in emphasis, as it overlooks the site’s large open hillside, neighboring common yards, the water’s edge, and Woodland Lake beyond.



History of the Resource

Provide information on previous owners, land use, construction and alteration dates in a narrative format. This is required for all intensive level surveys and designation and recommended for other identification efforts.

Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

Provide a detailed explanation of the property’s eligibility for the National Register, including an evaluation under at least one of the four criteria, discussion of the seven aspects of integrity, and recommendations about eligibility. This is required for all properties.

2346 W. Broadway is contributing to the Woodland Park Historic District. The cottage retains its integrity specific to the location, design, materials, workmanship, setting, feeling, and association of the area. It resides within the original Woodland Park plat boundaries.

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References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

Newago County GIS
Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location



Street Address	2353 W. Lake Shore Drive		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-10-159-001		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>
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Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	Rectangular
Roof Form	Gable, Open Eave, Med
Roof Materials	Asphalt
Exterior Wall Materials	Horizontal Wood
Foundation Materials	Unknown
Window Materials	N/A
Window Type	N/A
Outbuildings	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	2, Outhouse and Boat House

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name	Sunset Point			
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use	Residential			
Current Building Use	Undeveloped/Vacant			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

Undeveloped parcel (no buildings present). Character defining features of this site are addressed within the Cultural Landscape section(s) of the report.



History of the Resource

Provide information on previous owners, land use, construction and alteration dates in a narrative format. This is required for all intensive level surveys and designation and recommended for other identification efforts.

Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

Provide a detailed explanation of the property's eligibility for the National Register, including an evaluation under at least one of the four criteria, discussion of the seven aspects of integrity, and recommendations about eligibility. This is required for all properties.

2353 W. Lake Shore Drive is contributing to the Woodland Park Historic District. The peninsula retains its integrity specific to the location, setting, feeling, and association of the area. Directly across the water from the rest of the proposed district boundaries, it was an important area of recreation and leisure.

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References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

Newago County GIS
Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location



Street Address	2358 W. Broadway		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	2-06-10-101-015		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

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Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	Rectangular, Side Gable
Roof Form	Gable, Boxed Eave, Low
Roof Materials	Asphalt
Exterior Wall Materials	Horizontal Vinyl
Foundation Materials	Concrete Block
Window Materials	Vinyl
Window Type	Double Hung, Picture Window
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name				
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use	Residential			
Current Building Use	Residential			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

This is a gabled structure with simple rectangular massing oriented such that the ridge runs parallel to the street. The house rests upon a poured concrete foundation, and is clad with horizontal vinyl resembling clapboards, and features double hung windows with decorative shutters. Access to both the house and a lakefront deck is afforded along the side.



History of the Resource

Provide information on previous owners, land use, construction and alteration dates in a narrative format. This is required for all intensive level surveys and designation and recommended for other identification efforts.

Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

Provide a detailed explanation of the property's eligibility for the National Register, including an evaluation under at least one of the four criteria, discussion of the seven aspects of integrity, and recommendations about eligibility. This is required for all properties.

2358 W. Broadway is non-contributing to the Woodland Park Historic District due to age.

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References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

Newago County GIS
Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

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Property Overview and Location

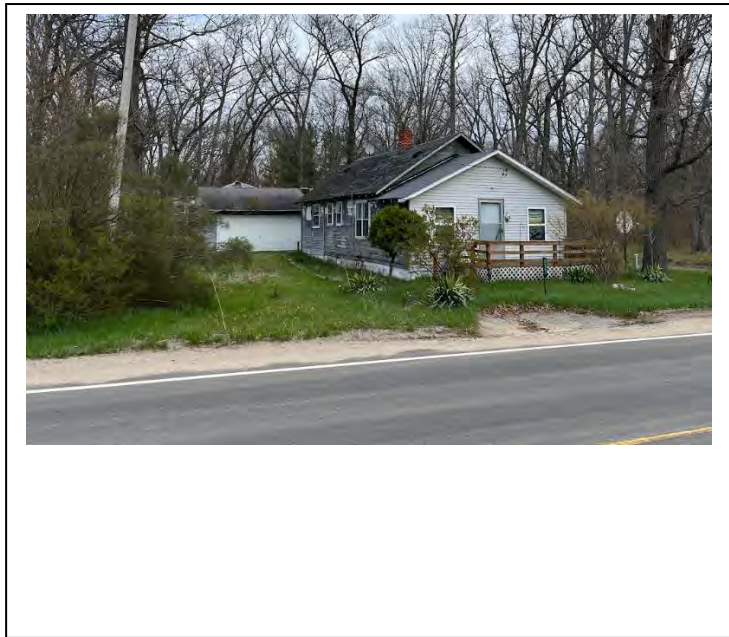


Street Address	2361 W. 11 Mile Road/Broadway		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-03-356-017		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

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Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	Rectangular, Front Gable
Roof Form	Gable, Open Eave, Steep
Roof Materials	Asphalt
Exterior Wall Materials	Horizontal Clapboard and Vinyl
Foundation Materials	Concrete Block
Window Materials	Wood w/ Vinyl Storms
Window Type	1/1 Double Hung
Outbuildings	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	Garage

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name				
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use	Residential			
Current Building Use	Residential			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

This vernacular structure is characterized by rectangular massing with a moderately pitched gabled roof, oriented such that the roof's primary ridge runs perpendicular to the street. At the front of the structure, a small extension telescopes forward with a secondary gable of lower pitch, such that the secondary gable largely fills the space within the primary gable. At the facade facing the street, a symmetrically composed entry consists of a central door and flanking double hung windows. The eaves are open with exposed rafter tails. The structure is clad with horizontal wood clapboards as vinyl. Windows along the build side vary in size, proportion, and grouping, appearing to correspond to the functions of various spaces within the structure. The building rests upon a foundation which appears to rise several steps above grade. A detached accessory garage appears behind the main structure.



History of the Resource

Provide information on previous owners, land use, construction and alteration dates in a narrative format. This is required for all intensive level surveys and designation and recommended for other identification efforts.

Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

Provide a detailed explanation of the property's eligibility for the National Register, including an evaluation under at least one of the four criteria, discussion of the seven aspects of integrity, and recommendations about eligibility. This is required for all properties.

2361 W. Broadway is contributing to the Woodland Park Historic District. The cottage retains its integrity specific to the location, design, materials, workmanship, setting, feeling, and association of the area. It resides within the original Woodland Park plat boundaries.

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References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

Newago County GIS
Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location



Street Address	2383 W. Broadway		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-03-356-016		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	
Roof Form	
Roof Materials	
Exterior Wall Materials	
Foundation Materials	
Window Materials	
Window Type	
Outbuildings	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	Shed

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name				
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use				
Current Building Use	UNDEVELOPED/VACANT			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

The parcel is largely undeveloped. Character defining features of this site are addressed within the Cultural Landscape section(s) of the report. A small storage shed is observed at the north end of the property. The shed features a low-pitch gable, and a pedestrian door.



History of the Resource

Provide information on previous owners, land use, construction and alteration dates in a narrative format. This is required for all intensive level surveys and designation and recommended for other identification efforts.

Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

Provide a detailed explanation of the property's eligibility for the National Register, including an evaluation under at least one of the four criteria, discussion of the seven aspects of integrity, and recommendations about eligibility. This is required for all properties.

2383 W. Broadway is contributing to the Woodland Park Historic District. The site retains its integrity specific to the location, setting, feeling, and association of the area. It resides within the original Woodland Park plat boundaries.

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References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

Newago County GIS
Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location



Street Address	2391 W. Broadway		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-03-356-019		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	
Roof Form	
Roof Materials	
Exterior Wall Materials	
Foundation Materials	
Window Materials	
Window Type	
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name				
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use				
Current Building Use	UNDEVELOPED/VACANT			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

Undeveloped parcel (no buildings present). Character defining features of this site are addressed within the Cultural Landscape section(s) of the report.



History of the Resource

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Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

Provide a detailed explanation of the property's eligibility for the National Register, including an evaluation under at least one of the four criteria, discussion of the seven aspects of integrity, and recommendations about eligibility. This is required for all properties.

2391 W. Broadway is contributing to the Woodland Park Historic District. The site retains its integrity specific to the location, setting, feeling, and association of the area. It resides within the original Woodland Park plat boundaries.

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References

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Property Overview and Location



Street Address	2392 Woodland Lake Drive		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-10-101-010		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	Rectangular, Front Gable
Roof Form	Gable, Box Eave, Medium
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles
Exterior Wall Materials	Horizontal Aluminum
Foundation Materials	Concrete Block
Window Materials	Mix of wood and replacements
Window Type	1/1 Double Hung, Casements
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name	Kelsonia [Inn, Lodge, Hotel]			
Current/Common Name	Kelsonia			
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use	Hotel			
Current Building Use	Private Residence			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

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The Kelsonia Inn is a two-story rectangular structure, and is large in comparison to most buildings in the area. It features horizontal siding and a primary front gable of moderate pitch. Historical photographs show the Inn with exposed rafter tails and dark accent trim and window casings, while the current state conceals the rafter tails and most accents. A single-story enclosed porch runs along its front and side (addressing Broadway Ave. and Woodland Lake Drive respectively) under a hipped roof. The enclosed porch features multiple openings and utilizes a variety of window types, including paired casement windows and larger arranged clusters of sliding sashes which do not appear to be original. Additional double hung windows can be observed within the front elevation. Window muntin patterns are found within the casement windows and feature eight subdivided lights, each vertical in proportion. Within the porch, one encounters the wall belonging to the two-story structure, which separates the porch space from the rooms inside. The wall is clad with clapboards featuring a distinct “teardrop” profile (where each clapboard's drip edge is rounded) common to multiple buildings in the area. Additional windows within this wall appear to be original and are of the casement type, featuring a prairie-type muntin pattern.



History of the Resource

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Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

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References

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Newago County GIS
Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

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Property Overview and Location



Street Address	2415 W. Oakwood Boulevard		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-04-436-011		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	Rectangular, front gable
Roof Form	Gable, boxed eave, steep
Roof Materials	Asphalt
Exterior Wall Materials	Concrete block, vinyl
Foundation Materials	Concrete Block
Window Materials	Steel/Metal
Window Type	Stained glass
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name	First Baptist Church of Woodland Park			
Current/Common Name	First Baptist Church of Woodland Park			
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use	Religious			
Current Building Use	Religious			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

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This structure's massing is primarily rectangular with secondary additive elements. It is oriented narrow to the street, with ridges running perpendicular to N Bingham Ave. and a primary gable which addresses it. Its large size and stature (in comparison to most buildings in the area) speak of its role within the community as a place of religious gathering. The building is centrally located with a selectively-cleared site, flanked at its edges by thicker forest character. An octagonal window with colored glass features prominently within the forward-most gable (when viewed from N Bingham Ave.). The building is clad with horizontal vinyl siding resembling clapboards, and the roof is covered using asphalt shingles. On one side of the structure, a ramp provides access to the main floor, and the building's primary roof extends to shelter the ramp area. At the far end of the building (which addresses the N 23rd Ave. right-of-way), a vertical belfry or steeple-like structure can be seen, capped with a moderately pitched pyramidal roof, and accented by subtle rafter tails. A formal entrance framed by symmetrical stairs can be observed at the far side of the building, suggesting that this was originally used and/or understood as the building's front, even though it reads as the rear when viewed from N Bingham Ave. Ancillary wings and other elements can be observed, including a gabled wing featuring a door and double hung window, accessed by a small porch-like entrance under a roof canopy facing N Bingham Ave.



History of the Resource

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Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

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References

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Newago County GIS

Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location



Street Address	2416 W. Broadway				
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309				
County	Newaygo				
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-09-227-008				
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:		Long:		
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/>	Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Residential <input type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Object <input type="checkbox"/>



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	community park
Roof Form	
Roof Materials	
Exterior Wall Materials	
Foundation Materials	
Window Materials	
Window Type	
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name				
Current/Common Name	Yvonne's Common Ground			
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use				
Current Building Use	Recreation			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

Yvonne's Common Ground does not feature built structures, but includes several features which contribute to Woodland Park as a Cultural Landscape.



History of the Resource

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Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

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References

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Newago County GIS <i>Shadows Beyond the Pines</i> , Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

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Property Overview and Location



Street Address	2419 Pinewood		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-04-480-018		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

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Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	Rectangular
Roof Form	Side gable, boxed eave, low
Roof Materials	Asphalt
Exterior Wall Materials	Concrete Block
Foundation Materials	
Window Materials	Wood
Window Type	Sliders
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name				
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use	Residential			
Current Building Use	Residential			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

The structure is characterized by rectangular massing oriented wide to the street, with a low-pitched side-gabled roof. Wall construction features a distinct concrete block technique consistent with other examples in the Woodland Park area as well as in the nearby community of Idlewild. A chimney constructed of concrete block resides at one of the gable ends, approximately located near the roof peak. On the structure's street-facing facade, windows include slider units. Among the slider pairs, one is tall, affording considerable daylight through a relatively large opening, while the other two are short in comparison, affording more privacy through smaller openings. A front door and stoop feature prominently near the tall slider window opening, suggesting that social space relates to the entrance intentionally within the building's interior. At one gable end, an extension telescopes from the building with subordinate massing, and features a coordinated gable end roof structure, horizontal siding, and large utility doors (also clad with horizontal siding).



History of the Resource

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Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

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2419 Pinewood is contributing to the Woodland Park Historic District. The site retains its integrity specific to the location, design, materials, workmanship, setting, feeling, and association of the area. It resides within the original Woodland Park plat boundaries.

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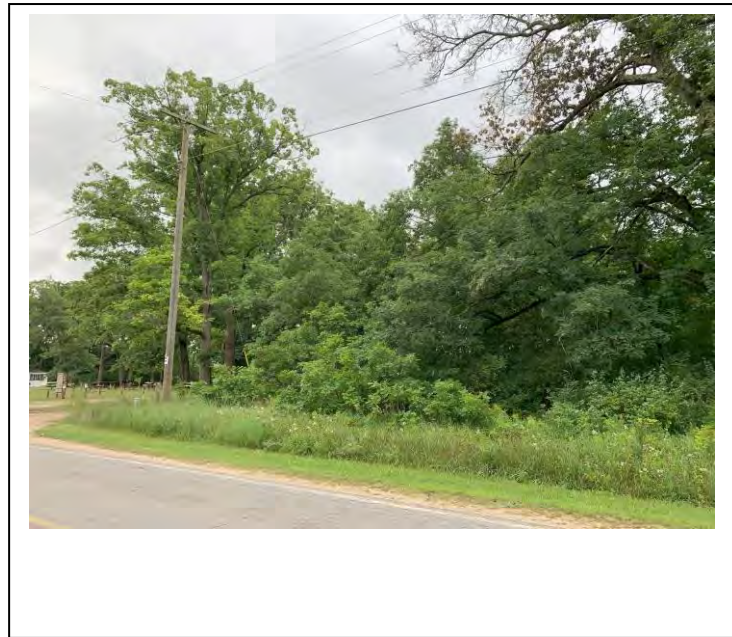


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City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-09-227-007		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>
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Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	
Roof Form	
Roof Materials	
Exterior Wall Materials	
Foundation Materials	
Window Materials	
Window Type	
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name				
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use				
Current Building Use	UNDEVELOPED/VACANT			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

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Property Overview and Location



Street Address	2446 W. Broadway		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-09-227-006		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>
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Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	
Roof Form	
Roof Materials	
Exterior Wall Materials	
Foundation Materials	
Window Materials	
Window Type	
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name				
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use				
Current Building Use	UNDEVELOPED/VACANT			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

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References

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Property Overview and Location



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City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-09-230-002		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	Minimal Traditional
Building Form	"L" Shape, Front Gable
Roof Form	Gable, No Eaves, Medium
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles
Exterior Wall Materials	Horizontal Wood
Foundation Materials	Concrete Block
Window Materials	Wood
Window Type	3/2 Double Hung w/Storms
Outbuildings	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	One (1) Double Stall Garage

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name				
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use	Private Residence			
Current Building Use	Private Residence			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

This minimal traditional house features a gabled “L” massing and roof forms of moderate pitch. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles and the walls are clad with horizontal wood clapboards, which are wide in reveal when compared to neighboring examples using similar cladding systems. Cladding is mitered at building corners. Window openings vary in size and proportion, and most often feature double hung units, observed in pairs and individually. A masonry chimney appears near the center of the structure, slightly beyond the primary peak when viewed from the public right-of-way. The structure is set upon a concrete block foundation, which rises only a few inches above grade. A small entry portico is located at the front door, composed of a flat roof extension and metal support posts. Eaves and trim are minimal.



History of the Resource

Provide information on previous owners, land use, construction and alteration dates in a narrative format. This is required for all intensive level surveys and designation and recommended for other identification efforts.

Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

Provide a detailed explanation of the property’s eligibility for the National Register, including an evaluation under at least one of the four criteria, discussion of the seven aspects of integrity, and recommendations about eligibility. This is required for all properties.

2446 Woodland Lake Drive is contributing to the Woodland Park Historic District. The site retains its integrity specific to the location, design, materials, workmanship, setting, feeling, and association of the area. It resides within the original Woodland Park plat boundaries.

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References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

Newago County GIS
Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location



Street Address	2456 Woodland Lake Drive		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-09-230-003		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	Square, Pyramidal
Roof Form	Hipped, Closed Soffit, Med.
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles
Exterior Wall Materials	Horizontal Wood
Foundation Materials	Concrete Block
Window Materials	Wood
Window Type	1/1 Double Hung, Picture
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name				
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use	Private Residence			
Current Building Use	Private Residence			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

This structure is characterized by its rectangular massing and hipped roof. It is clad in wood clapboards which are wide in comparison to other clapboard examples in the area. The clapboards are mitered at house corners. Windows include a prominent picture window, horizontal in proportion, which faces the street, as well as two one-over-one double hung windows, symmetrically located about an exterior corner (the front-right corner when viewed from the street). The structure rests on a concrete block foundation. A masonry chimney is visible near the roof peak.



History of the Resource

Provide information on previous owners, land use, construction and alteration dates in a narrative format. This is required for all intensive level surveys and designation and recommended for other identification efforts.

Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

Provide a detailed explanation of the property's eligibility for the National Register, including an evaluation under at least one of the four criteria, discussion of the seven aspects of integrity, and recommendations about eligibility. This is required for all properties.

2456 Woodland Lake Drive is contributing to the Woodland Park Historic District. The site retains its integrity specific to the location, design, materials, workmanship, setting, feeling, and association of the area. It resides within the original Woodland Park plat boundaries.

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References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

Newago County GIS
Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location



Street Address	2460 Woodland Lake Drive		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-09-230-004		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	
Roof Form	
Roof Materials	
Exterior Wall Materials	
Foundation Materials	
Window Materials	
Window Type	
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name				
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use				
Current Building Use	UNDEVELOPED/VACANT			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

Undeveloped parcel (no buildings present). Character defining features of this site are addressed within the Cultural Landscape section(s) of the report.



History of the Resource

Provide information on previous owners, land use, construction and alteration dates in a narrative format. This is required for all intensive level surveys and designation and recommended for other identification efforts.

Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

Provide a detailed explanation of the property's eligibility for the National Register, including an evaluation under at least one of the four criteria, discussion of the seven aspects of integrity, and recommendations about eligibility. This is required for all properties.

2460 Woodland Lake Drive is contributing to the Woodland Park Historic District. The site retains its integrity specific to the location, setting, feeling, and association of the area. It resides within the original Woodland Park plat boundaries.

Woodland Park made significant contributions to the broader patterns of American history and culture. Woodland Park represents Black American culture and society in the creation of Black outdoor recreational spaces during Jim Crow segregation, and the nationwide development and practice of leisure activity. Platted lots offered Black Americans the opportunity of home ownership and an escape to summer cottages and vacationing for an expanding Black middle class.

References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

Newago County GIS
Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location



Street Address	2468 W. Broadway		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-09-227-005		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

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Building <input type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	
Roof Form	
Roof Materials	
Exterior Wall Materials	
Foundation Materials	
Window Materials	
Window Type	
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name				
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use				
Current Building Use	VACANT/UNDEVELOPED			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

Undeveloped parcel (no buildings present). Character defining features of this site are addressed within the Cultural Landscape section(s) of the report.



History of the Resource

Provide information on previous owners, land use, construction and alteration dates in a narrative format. This is required for all intensive level surveys and designation and recommended for other identification efforts.

Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

Provide a detailed explanation of the property's eligibility for the National Register, including an evaluation under at least one of the four criteria, discussion of the seven aspects of integrity, and recommendations about eligibility. This is required for all properties.

2468 W. Broadway is contributing to the Woodland Park Historic District. The site retains its integrity specific to the location, setting, feeling, and association of the area. It resides within the original Woodland Park plat boundaries.

Woodland Park made significant contributions to the broader patterns of American history and culture. Woodland Park represents Black American culture and society in the creation of Black outdoor recreational spaces during Jim Crow segregation, and the nationwide development and practice of leisure activity. Platted lots offered Black Americans the opportunity of home ownership and an escape to summer cottages and vacationing for an expanding Black middle class.

References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

Newago County GIS
Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location



Street Address	2468 Woodland Lake Drive		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-09-230-014		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

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Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	2016
Architectural Style	Modular Home
Building Form	Rectangular, Side Gable
Roof Form	Gable, Boxed Eave, Med.
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles
Exterior Wall Materials	Horizontal Vinyl
Foundation Materials	Cement Slab
Window Materials	Vinyl
Window Type	6/6 (simulated) Double Hung
Outbuildings	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	One (1), Shed

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name				
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use	Private Residence			
Current Building Use	Private Residence			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

This structure is characterized by rectangular massing with ranch orientation (wide to the street and waterfront, narrow on the sides). It features a low-pitch gable at each of its sides, and a small gabled pediment over the front door. Windows include six-over-one double hung units, found both in pairs and individually. Decorative shutters are used to frame the window openings. The structure is clad in horizontal vinyl resembling clapboards, and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles. A decorative skirt runs along the base of the house.



History of the Resource

Provide information on previous owners, land use, construction and alteration dates in a narrative format. This is required for all intensive level surveys and designation and recommended for other identification efforts.

Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

Provide a detailed explanation of the property's eligibility for the National Register, including an evaluation under at least one of the four criteria, discussion of the seven aspects of integrity, and recommendations about eligibility. This is required for all properties.

2468 W. Woodland Lake Drive is non-contributing to the Woodland Park Historic District due to age.

Woodland Park made significant contributions to the broader patterns of American history and culture. Woodland Park represents Black American culture and society in the creation of Black outdoor recreational spaces during Jim Crow segregation, and the nationwide development and practice of leisure activity. Platted lots offered Black Americans the opportunity of home ownership and an escape to summer cottages and vacationing for an expanding Black middle class.

References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

Newago County GIS
Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location



Street Address	2472 W. 11 Mile Road		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-09-227-013		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	Rectangular, Cross Gable
Roof Form	Gable, Closed Eave, Med
Roof Materials	Asphalt
Exterior Wall Materials	Horizontal Wood
Foundation Materials	Concrete Block
Window Materials	Unknown
Window Type	1/1, Double Hung
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name				
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use	Residential			
Current Building Use	Residential			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

This structure features two large intersecting gable forms of moderate pitch, with additional gabled extensions including a wing and entry vestibule. The house walls are clad with horizontal wood siding and its roof is covered with asphalt shingles. It had a variety of double hung and small rectangular windows.



History of the Resource

Provide information on previous owners, land use, construction and alteration dates in a narrative format. This is required for all intensive level surveys and designation and recommended for other identification efforts.

Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

Provide a detailed explanation of the property's eligibility for the National Register, including an evaluation under at least one of the four criteria, discussion of the seven aspects of integrity, and recommendations about eligibility. This is required for all properties.

2472 W. 11 Mile Road is contributing to the Woodland Park Historic District. The site retains its integrity specific to the location, design, materials, workmanship, setting, feeling, and association of the area. It resides within the original Woodland Park plat boundaries.

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References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

Newago County GIS
Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location



Street Address	2473 Arrowwood Avenue		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-09-227-010		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	Rectangular, Side Gable
Roof Form	Gable, Open Eave, Med
Roof Materials	Asphalt
Exterior Wall Materials	Concrete Block
Foundation Materials	Slab
Window Materials	Unknown
Window Type	1/1, Double Hung
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name				
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use	Residential			
Current Building Use	Residential			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

This single-story structure features rectangular massing with a moderately sloped, side-gabled roof. Its walls are constructed of concrete block, and its roof is covered using asphalt shingles. Much of the detail is not fully discernible from the property's edge.



History of the Resource

Provide information on previous owners, land use, construction and alteration dates in a narrative format. This is required for all intensive level surveys and designation and recommended for other identification efforts.

Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

Provide a detailed explanation of the property's eligibility for the National Register, including an evaluation under at least one of the four criteria, discussion of the seven aspects of integrity, and recommendations about eligibility. This is required for all properties.

2473 Arrowwood is contributing to the Woodland Park Historic District. The cottage retains its integrity specific to the location, design, materials, workmanship, setting, feeling, and association of the area. It resides within the original Woodland Park plat boundaries.

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References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

Newago County GIS
Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location



Street Address	2480 Woodland Lake Drive		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-09-230-013		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	Modular Home
Building Form	Rectangular, Side Gable
Roof Form	Gable, Boxed Eave, Medium
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles
Exterior Wall Materials	Horizontal Vinyl
Foundation Materials	Cement Slab
Window Materials	Vinyl
Window Type	1/1 Double Hung
Outbuildings	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	Carport/Boat Storage

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name				
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use	Private Residence			
Current Building Use	Private Residence			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

This structure is characterized by rectangular massing with ranch-like proportions (the front of house is wider than the sides), set at an oblique angle in relation to the street and waterfront. It features a low-pitch gable at each of its sides. Windows include a one-over-one double hung unit visible from the street. Decorative shutters frame each window opening. The structure is clad in horizontal vinyl resembling clapboards, and the roof covering is asphalt shingles. A decorative skirt runs along the base of the house.



History of the Resource

Provide information on previous owners, land use, construction and alteration dates in a narrative format. This is required for all intensive level surveys and designation and recommended for other identification efforts.

Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

Provide a detailed explanation of the property's eligibility for the National Register, including an evaluation under at least one of the four criteria, discussion of the seven aspects of integrity, and recommendations about eligibility. This is required for all properties.

2480 W. Woodland Lake Drive is non-contributing to the Woodland Park Historic District due to age.

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References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

Newago County GIS
Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location



Street Address	2481 Arrowwood		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-09-227-009		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	
Roof Form	
Roof Materials	
Exterior Wall Materials	
Foundation Materials	
Window Materials	
Window Type	
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name				
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use				
Current Building Use	UNDEVELOPED/VACANT			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

Undeveloped parcel (no buildings present). Character defining features of this site are addressed within the Cultural Landscape section(s) of the report. A small structure can be observed using satellite imagery, but it is not visible from the property edge.



History of the Resource

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Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

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2481 Arrowood is contributing to the Woodland Park Historic District. The site retains its integrity specific to the location, setting, feeling, and association of the area. It resides within the original Woodland Park plat boundaries.

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References

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Newago County GIS
Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location



Street Address	2492 Woodland Lake Drive		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-09-230-009		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	Ranch
Building Form	Rectangular
Roof Form	Hipped, Closed Eave, Medium
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles
Exterior Wall Materials	Horizontal Vinyl
Foundation Materials	Concrete Block
Window Materials	Vinyl
Window Type	1/1 Double Hung
Outbuildings	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	Attached two-stall garage

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name				
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner	Dr. Stevens			
Historic Building Use	Private Residence			
Current Building Use	Private Residence			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

This structure is characterized by its low-slung rectangular massing and hipped roof structure. The building is set in a ranch-like orientation, running parallel to the street and water's edge. A small wing extends forward from the main house toward the public right-of-way, adding additional complexity and detail to the hipped roof design. Windows are one-over-one double hung units, trimmed with exterior casing. A masonry chimney appears near the center of the house. A small extending roof structure provides shelter over the entry door, which is located a few steps above grade, and accessed by a supplemental ramp constructed of wood. Cladding is horizontal vinyl resembling clapboards. A two-stall garage is located at the side of the structure, set at a lower point as the terrain falls away on the site.



History of the Resource

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Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

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References

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Newago County GIS
Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location



Street Address	2506 W. Broadway		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-09-226-008		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	Square, Garage
Roof Form	Gable, Boxed Eave, Medium
Roof Materials	Metal, Standing Seam
Exterior Wall Materials	Concrete Block
Foundation Materials	Concrete Block
Window Materials	Wood
Window Type	Steel Casement w/ Six Lights
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name	Merrill Township Fire Department			
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use	Fire Department			
Current Building Use				
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

This structure is characterized by simple rectangular massing and a low-slung front-gabled roof. The roof is covered with metal and the building's walls are constructed of concrete blocks. The front of the building features two large vehicle bays containing overhead doors. Vertical wood siding fills the shallow front gable and bears the text:

"MERRILL TOWNSHIP FIRE DEP'T."

A pedestrian door and two window openings containing metal casement units can be observed on the side of the structure.



History of the Resource

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Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

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References

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Newago County GIS
Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location



Street Address	2512 Woodland Lake Drive		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-09-230-015		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	1900-1902
Architectural Style	Vernacular Cottage
Building Form	Rectangular
Roof Form	Side Gable, Medium
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles
Exterior Wall Materials	Horizontal Vinyl
Foundation Materials	Cement Slab
Window Materials	Vinyl/Aluminum Clad
Window Type	Sliding, Crank Operated
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name				
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use	Private Residence			
Current Building Use	Private Residence			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

This structure features rectangular massing with a side-gabled roof and a porch-like area inset into the corner of the house. The porch-like area is sheltered under a roof extension which is supported by freestanding posts. The structure is clad with horizontal siding of an unknown material resembling clapboards and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Eaves and trim are minimal. Windows include a small slider unit facing the public right-of-way and a comparatively tall, double hung window near the entry door. The structure is set upon a concrete foundation, which rises only a few inches above grade.



History of the Resource

Provide information on previous owners, land use, construction and alteration dates in a narrative format. This is required for all intensive level surveys and designation and recommended for other identification efforts.

Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

Provide a detailed explanation of the property's eligibility for the National Register, including an evaluation under at least one of the four criteria, discussion of the seven aspects of integrity, and recommendations about eligibility. This is required for all properties.

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References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

Newago County GIS
Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location



Street Address	2518 Woodland Lake Drive		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-09-230-015		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

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Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	ca. 1940s
Architectural Style	Vernacular Cottage
Building Form	Side Gable, Square
Roof Form	Gable, Box Eave, Medium
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles
Exterior Wall Materials	Horizontal Vinyl
Foundation Materials	Cement Slab
Window Materials	Vinyl/Aluminum Clad
Window Type	1/1 Double Hung
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name				
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use	Private Residence			
Current Building Use	Private Residence			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

This structure is characterized by rectangular massing and a side-gabled roof structure. As a primary focal point, a small gabled entry vestibule occupies the center of the overall composition, which is largely symmetrical. The facade features a double hung window on one side of the entry, and a secondary door on the opposite side. The structure is clad with horizontal vinyl resembling clapboards and the roof is covered using asphalt shingles. A small masonry chimney is located at one of the gable ends near the roof peak.



History of the Resource

Provide information on previous owners, land use, construction and alteration dates in a narrative format. This is required for all intensive level surveys and designation and recommended for other identification efforts.

Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

Provide a detailed explanation of the property's eligibility for the National Register, including an evaluation under at least one of the four criteria, discussion of the seven aspects of integrity, and recommendations about eligibility. This is required for all properties.

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References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

Newago County GIS
Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location



Street Address	2526 Woodland Lake Drive		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-09-230-016		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	Vernacular Cottage
Building Form	Side Gable, Rectangular
Roof Form	Gable, No Eave, Medium
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles
Exterior Wall Materials	Horizontal Aluminum
Foundation Materials	Concrete Block
Window Materials	Vinyl/Aluminum Clad
Window Type	1/1 double hung w/SecurityBar
Outbuildings	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	One (1) single stall garage

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:		Intact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Date(s):
Historic Name				
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use				
Current Building Use				
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

This structure features rectangular massing with a side gabled roof structure. A small extension under a nested gable appears near the entrance. The house is clad with horizontal aluminum resembling wide clapboards, and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Visible windows include paired and single double hung windows of varying size and proportion. A small chimney is visible, located outboard of the primary ridge and near the apparent entrance side of the house.



History of the Resource

Provide information on previous owners, land use, construction and alteration dates in a narrative format. This is required for all intensive level surveys and designation and recommended for other identification efforts.

Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

Provide a detailed explanation of the property's eligibility for the National Register, including an evaluation under at least one of the four criteria, discussion of the seven aspects of integrity, and recommendations about eligibility. This is required for all properties.

2526 W. Woodland Lake Drive is contributing to the Woodland Park Historic District. The site retains its integrity specific to the location, design, materials, workmanship, setting, feeling, and association of the area. It resides within the original Woodland Park plat boundaries.

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References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

Newago County GIS
Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location



Street Address	2530 Woodland Lake Drive		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-09-230-012		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	Modular
Building Form	Side Gable, Rectangular
Roof Form	Gable, Box Eave, Medium
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles
Exterior Wall Materials	Horizontal Vinyl
Foundation Materials	Cement Slab
Window Materials	Vinyl
Window Type	1/1 double hung, hexagon
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name				
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use	Private Residence			
Current Building Use	Private Residence			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

This structure is characterized by its rectangular massing set perpendicular in relation to the street and waterfront. It features a low-pitch gable fronting the street. Windows include cottage-proportioned double hung units with subdivided sashes facing the side yard, as well as a subdivided octagonal window facing the street. The entry door, located several steps above grade, fronts the side yard. Decorative shutters frame each rectangular window opening. The structure is clad in horizontal vinyl resembling clapboards, and the roof covering is asphalt shingles. A decorative skirt constructed of metal runs along the base of the house.



History of the Resource

Provide information on previous owners, land use, construction and alteration dates in a narrative format. This is required for all intensive level surveys and designation and recommended for other identification efforts.

Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

Provide a detailed explanation of the property's eligibility for the National Register, including an evaluation under at least one of the four criteria, discussion of the seven aspects of integrity, and recommendations about eligibility. This is required for all properties.

2530 W. Woodland Lake Drive is not contributing to the Woodland Park Historic District due to age.

Woodland Park made significant contributions to the broader patterns of American history and culture. Woodland Park represents Black American culture and society in the creation of Black outdoor recreational spaces during Jim Crow segregation, and the nationwide development and practice of leisure activity. Platted lots offered Black Americans the opportunity of home ownership and an escape to summer cottages and vacationing for an expanding Black middle class.

References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

Newago County GIS
Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

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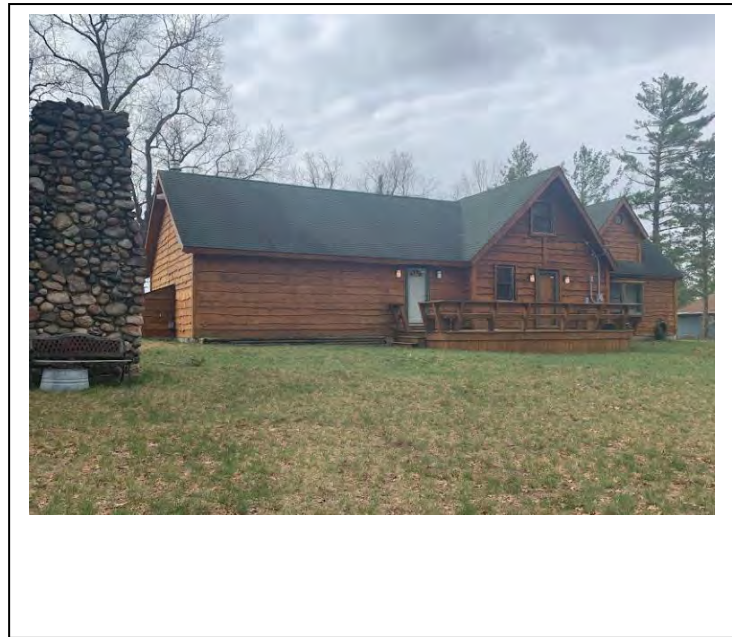


Street Address	2544 Woodland Lake Drive		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-09-232-023		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	Cross Gable, Rectangular
Roof Form	Gable, Closed Eave, Steep
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles
Exterior Wall Materials	Wood "hewn" edges
Foundation Materials	Concrete Block
Window Materials	Vinyl
Window Type	Bay, double hung, fixed
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name	Royal Breeze			
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use	Hotel			
Current Building Use	Private Residence			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

This structure is characterized by its plan and massing which is composed of several gabled wings. The cladding is wavy edge wood with a natural finish (not painted) and the roofing material is green asphalt shingles. Windows include double hung, bow, and octagonal. The structure resides on the former site of the Royal Breeze Hotel, and a now-freestanding stone fireplace and chimney breast from the original hotel as well as a concrete stairway which descends to the lake remain visible on the site.



History of the Resource

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Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

Provide a detailed explanation of the property's eligibility for the National Register, including an evaluation under at least one of the four criteria, discussion of the seven aspects of integrity, and recommendations about eligibility. This is required for all properties.

2544 W. Woodland Lake Drive is not contributing to the Woodland Park Historic District due to age.

Woodland Park made significant contributions to the broader patterns of American history and culture. Woodland Park represents Black American culture and society in the creation of Black outdoor recreational spaces during Jim Crow segregation, and the nationwide development and practice of leisure activity. Platted lots offered Black Americans the opportunity of home ownership and an escape to summer cottages and vacationing for an expanding Black middle class.

References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

Newago County GIS
Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location



Street Address	8773 N. Goldenrod Avenue		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-09-131-018		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	Rectangular
Roof Form	Gable, Boxed Eave, Medium
Roof Materials	Metal, Standing Seam
Exterior Wall Materials	Horizontal Vinyl
Foundation Materials	Concrete Block
Window Materials	Vinyl
Window Type	Sliding, Fixed
Outbuildings	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	Wood shed(s)

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name	Woody's			
Current/Common Name	Woody's Bar and Grill			
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use	Restaurant			
Current Building Use	Restaurant			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

This structure's massing is primarily rectangular with secondary additive elements. It is oriented narrow to the primary street of W 11 Mile Rd, with ridges running perpendicular to it, and perpendicular to the right-of-way of N Goldenrod Ave. At the northern end of the building, a two-story gabled element can be observed. In this element, slider window units can be observed in the upper story, while main floor access is afforded by a utility door. Additionally, a covered area resides alongside the building under a shed roof. The public entrance is observed further south, where the building transitions from two stories to one story. The public entrance is framed by a simple gabled portico which shelters a single lite entry door. Additional window units are observed within the single-story portion of the building. The building is clad with horizontal vinyl resembling clapboards, and its roof is covered with metal. A shelter for firewood features prominently to the north of the building, set back further than the building but still visible from the N Goldenrod Ave. right-of way.

History of the Resource

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Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

Provide a detailed explanation of the property's eligibility for the National Register, including an evaluation under at least one of the four criteria, discussion of the seven aspects of integrity, and recommendations about eligibility. This is required for all properties.

8773 N. Goldenrod Avenue is contributing to the Woodland Park Historic District. The site retains its integrity specific to the location, design, materials, workmanship, setting, feeling, and association of the area.

Woodland Park made significant contributions to the broader patterns of American history and culture. Woodland Park represents Black American culture and society in the creation of Black outdoor recreational spaces during Jim Crow segregation, and the nationwide development and practice of leisure activity. Platted lots offered Black Americans the opportunity of home ownership and an escape to summer cottages and vacationing for an expanding Black middle class.

References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

Newago County GIS
Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location



Street Address	8819 N. Bingham Avenue		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-04-485-024		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>
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Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	community playground
Roof Form	
Roof Materials	
Exterior Wall Materials	
Foundation Materials	
Window Materials	
Window Type	
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name	Grocery/Mourner's Bench			
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use				
Current Building Use	Recreational			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

Undeveloped parcel (no buildings present). Multiple play and recreation structures reside within an enclosed fence area. Additional character defining features of this site are addressed within the Cultural Landscape section(s) of the report.



History of the Resource

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Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

Provide a detailed explanation of the property's eligibility for the National Register, including an evaluation under at least one of the four criteria, discussion of the seven aspects of integrity, and recommendations about eligibility. This is required for all properties.

8819 N. Bingham Avenue is contributing to the Woodland Park Historic District. The site retains its integrity specific to the location, setting, feeling, and association of the area. It resides within the original Woodland Park plat boundaries.

Woodland Park made significant contributions to the broader patterns of American history and culture. Woodland Park represents Black American culture and society in the creation of Black outdoor recreational spaces during Jim Crow segregation, and the nationwide development and practice of leisure activity. Platted lots offered Black Americans the opportunity of home ownership and an escape to summer cottages and vacationing for an expanding Black middle class.

References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

Newago County GIS
Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location



Street Address	8832 N. 25 th Avenue		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-03-357-015		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	
Roof Form	
Roof Materials	
Exterior Wall Materials	
Foundation Materials	
Window Materials	
Window Type	
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name				
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use				
Current Building Use	UNDEVELOPED/VACANT			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

Undeveloped parcel (no buildings present). Character defining features of this site are addressed within the Cultural Landscape section(s) of the report.



History of the Resource

Provide information on previous owners, land use, construction and alteration dates in a narrative format. This is required for all intensive level surveys and designation and recommended for other identification efforts.

Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

Provide a detailed explanation of the property's eligibility for the National Register, including an evaluation under at least one of the four criteria, discussion of the seven aspects of integrity, and recommendations about eligibility. This is required for all properties.

8832 N. Bingham Avenue is contributing to the Woodland Park Historic District. The site retains its integrity specific to the location, setting, feeling, and association of the area. It resides within the original Woodland Park plat boundaries.

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References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

Newago County GIS
Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location



Street Address	8834 N. Bingham		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-03-356-009		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	Rectangular, front gable
Roof Form	Gable, open eave, medium
Roof Materials	Asphalt
Exterior Wall Materials	Horizontal wood siding
Foundation Materials	Concrete Block
Window Materials	Wood
Window Type	Double Hung
Outbuildings	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	1 (one)

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name	Oh Dears, Old Dears, Oh Deers			
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use	Commercial, Hotel			
Current Building Use	Residential			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

This two-story vernacular structure is characterized by simple rectangular massing and a front gabled roof. It features a row of double hung windows in the facade's upper story, addressing the street. At the main level, a full-width open porch, elevated above grade, shelters the entryway and front windows. The front windows run continuously across the facade, continuing around both corners to briefly extend along the building's sides, creating the impression of an enclosed porch or sunroom-like space within the building's main massing. The array of windows also suggests a mixed-used character. Many windows within this composition are currently covered by plywood sheets. The building is clad with horizontal wood siding, and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The eaves are open with exposed rafter tails and minimal trim. The building rests on a tall foundation which rises several steps above grade. The size of the building (large in comparison to most buildings in Woodland Park), combined with its prominent location and stature, recall the community-oriented role it played in Woodland Park during its operation. A small accessory structure, front-gabled with simple rectangular massing resides near the main building's rear corner. This accessory building, clad with horizontal siding, is symmetrically composed with a central entry door flanked by window openings.



History of the Resource

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Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

Provide a detailed explanation of the property's eligibility for the National Register, including an evaluation under at least one of the four criteria, discussion of the seven aspects of integrity, and recommendations about eligibility. This is required for all properties.

8834 N. Bingham Avenue is contributing to the Woodland Park Historic District. The site retains its integrity specific to the location, setting, feeling, and association of the area. It resides within the original Woodland Park plat boundaries.

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References

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Newago County GIS
Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location

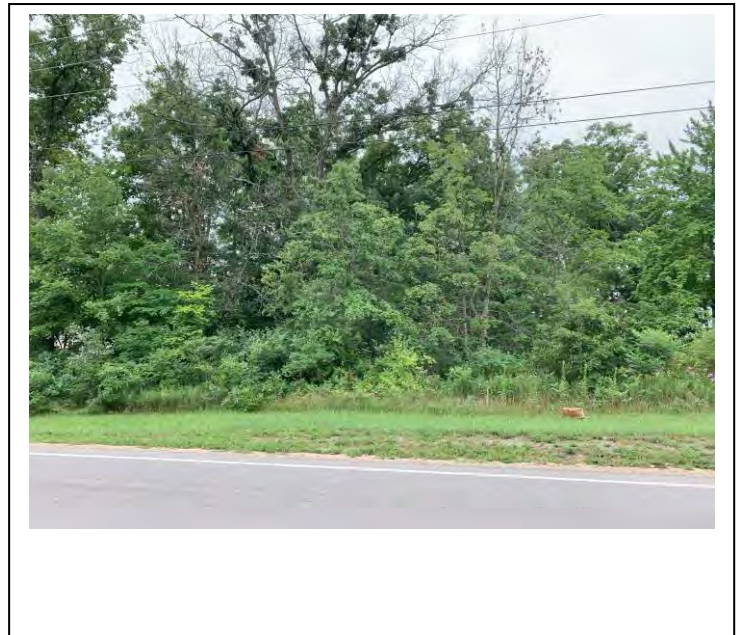


Street Address	Parcel South of 8834 N. Bingham		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-03-356-009		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	
Roof Form	
Roof Materials	
Exterior Wall Materials	
Foundation Materials	
Window Materials	
Window Type	
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name				
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use				
Current Building Use	UNDEVELOPED/VACANT			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

Undeveloped parcel (no buildings present). Character defining features of this site are addressed within the Cultural Landscape section(s) of the report.



History of the Resource

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References

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Newago County GIS
Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

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Property Overview and Location



Street Address	8935 N. Bingham Avenue		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-04-480-015		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

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Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	Rectangular
Roof Form	Side gable, closed eave, med
Roof Materials	Asphalt
Exterior Wall Materials	Horizontal wood, vertical sides
Foundation Materials	Covered
Window Materials	Wood
Window Type	Double hung, sliding, and fixed
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name				
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use	Residential			
Current Building Use	Residential			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

This is a single story structure featuring a primary hipped roof with an integrated gabled extension, springing from one side. The structure is clad with horizontal wood siding and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Windows include slider and double hung types, but are largely concealed from view by plywood. The foundation type and material is not visible from the right-of-way. The structure is a freestanding cottage, centrally located within a clearing.



History of the Resource

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Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

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References

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Newago County GIS
Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location



Street Address	9073 N. Bingham Avenue		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-04-436-001		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

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Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	c. 1959
Architectural Style	
Building Form	Rectangular
Roof Form	Flat, boxed eave, low
Roof Materials	Asphalt Membrane
Exterior Wall Materials	Concrete block
Foundation Materials	Concrete Block
Window Materials	Steel/Metal, Glass Block
Window Type	Awning/Hopper, Fixed
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name	Woodland Park Property Owners Association			
Current/Common Name	Woodland Park Property Owners Association			
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use				
Current Building Use				
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

This building is characterized by its rectangular massing and horizontal features, which include a flat roof and heavy overhang. The overhang's fascias are slightly angled to face the ground, and occasional eave penetrations for downspouts are visible (although downspouts are no longer present).

The building's walls are constructed with concrete blocks, and the main floor is expressed with five regularly spaced bays facing Bingham Avenue. A primary entrance is located off-center at one of the five bays, while the other bays contain large 2x2 grids of mullied windows, where the upper units are taller than the lower units.

As grade falls away to the south along the N Bingham Avenue side, a lower level is revealed with a corner entry and arrays of square window openings. The spacing of the lower windows departs from that of the main floor bays, creating a variety of local compositions within the overall facade.

More vertically-proportioned double hung windows appear elsewhere on the building in less formal arrangements.

Overall, this modest community building presides with restrained civic stature and formality, in keeping with regional trends in modern architecture which can be observed in the design of contemporaneous community centers, schools, offices, and similar building programs. The building is centrally located within a large lot, affording open and partially-wooded green areas on each side.



History of the Resource

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Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

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References

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Newago County GIS

Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

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Property Overview and Location



Street Address	No Address Assigned – Public Beach		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-09-230-001		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

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Building <input type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BEACH	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	
Roof Form	
Roof Materials	
Exterior Wall Materials	
Foundation Materials	
Window Materials	
Window Type	
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name				
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use	Beach			
Current Building Use	Beach			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

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Undeveloped parcel (no buildings present). Character defining features of this site are addressed within the Cultural Landscape section(s) of the report.



History of the Resource

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Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

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The beach is contributing to the Woodland Park Historic District. The site retains its integrity specific to the location, setting, feeling, and association of the area. It resides within the original Woodland Park plat boundaries.

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References

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Property Overview and Location



Street Address	No Address Assigned – Parcel East of 2316 W. Broadway		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-10-100-005		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

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Building <input type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	
Roof Form	
Roof Materials	
Exterior Wall Materials	
Foundation Materials	
Window Materials	
Window Type	
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name				
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use				
Current Building Use	UNDEVELOPED/VACANT			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

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References

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Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location



Street Address	No Address Assigned – South of 2440 W. Broadway		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-09-227-011		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>
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Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	
Roof Form	
Roof Materials	
Exterior Wall Materials	
Foundation Materials	
Window Materials	
Window Type	
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name				
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use				
Current Building Use	UNDEVELOPED/VACANT			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

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References

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Property Overview and Location



Street Address	8721 Bosman Ave, Cottage E1		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-10-100-002		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	Concrete Block Cottage
Building Form	Rectangular
Roof Form	Hipped, Boxed Eave, Low
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles
Exterior Wall Materials	Concrete Block
Foundation Materials	Concrete Block
Window Materials	Unknown
Window Type	Unknown
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
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General Integrity:	Intact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name	Shangri-La			
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use	Resort			
Current Building Use	Resort/Private Residence			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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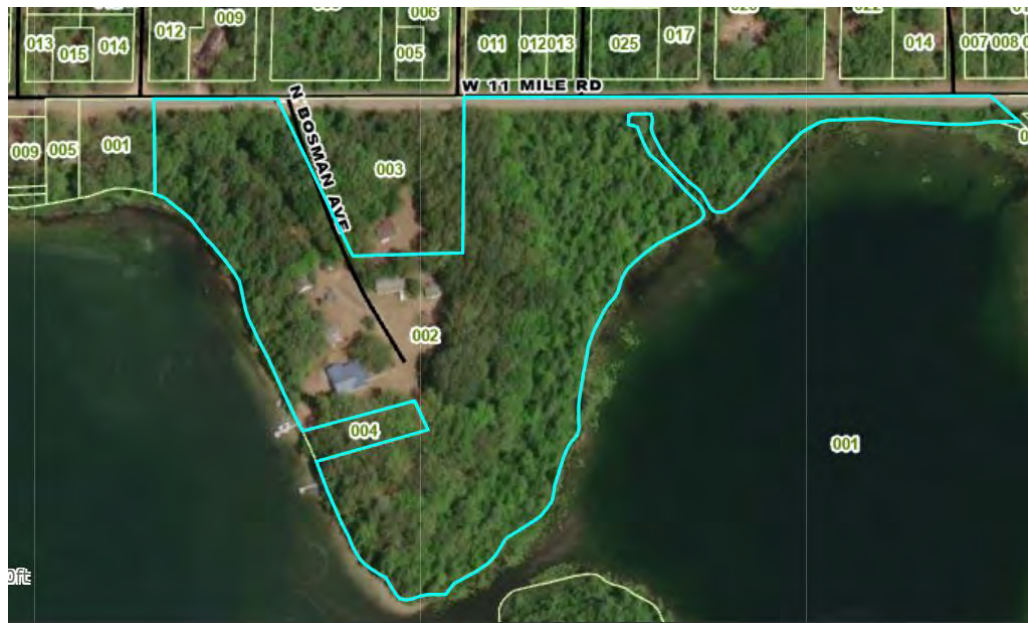
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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

This is a low-slung rectangular structure with a shallow hipped roof and concrete block construction. Openings are currently concealed with plywood. A vertical frieze board runs along the intersection between the soffit and wall, and visually spans over each opening. Roof material is brown asphalt shingles, and a small chimney is located along one of the narrow sides of the house.



History of the Resource

Provide information on previous owners, land use, construction and alteration dates in a narrative format. This is required for all intensive level surveys and designation and recommended for other identification efforts.

Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

Provide a detailed explanation of the property's eligibility for the National Register, including an evaluation under at least one of the four criteria, discussion of the seven aspects of integrity, and recommendations about eligibility. This is required for all properties.

Cottage E1 at Shangri-La is contributing to the Woodland Park Historic District. This early cottage retains its integrity specific to the location, design, materials, workmanship, setting, feeling, and association of the area. It resides within the original Woodland Park plat boundaries.

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References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

Newago County GIS
Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location



Street Address	8721 Bosman Ave, Cottage E2		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-10-100-002		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	Vernacular Cottage
Building Form	Rectangular
Roof Form	Hip/Pyramid, Open Eave, Low
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles
Exterior Wall Materials	Mix of clapboard
Foundation Materials	Concrete Block
Window Materials	Wood
Window Type	Casement, 4 Lites
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name	Shangri-La			
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use	Resort			
Current Building Use	Resort/Private Residence			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

This small vernacular cottage features a medium-pitch hipped roof with brown asphalt shingles. The roof also includes a small shed extension over a covered open porch supported by square posts. Fascias are used under the hip roof structure, but exposed rafter tails appear at the porch extension. The cottage is clad with horizontal clapboards which vary from side to side. On the Bosman Avenue side, the clapboards have a distinct “teardrop” profile (where each drip edge is rounded), and are terminated at the base of the wall with a decorative skirt board. On the opposite (porch) side, a wider dutch lap profile is used. Corner boards of trim are used to mediate between the varying siding types. The cottage features both double hung and cased single sash windows. The cased single sash windows each have four sub-divided lights and are vertical in orientation, and appear in groups of three. A partially glazed panel door is used for access from the porch, while a solid panel door is used for access from the Bosman Avenue side. The cottage rests on a concrete foundation.



History of the Resource

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Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

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Cottage E2 at Shangri-La is contributing to the Woodland Park Historic District. This early cottage retains its integrity specific to the location, design, materials, workmanship, setting, feeling, and association of the area. It resides within the original Woodland Park plat boundaries.

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References

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Newago County GIS

Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location



Street Address	8721 Bosman Ave, <i>Garage E3</i>		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-10-100-002		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	Rectangular, Garage
Roof Form	Side Gable, Closed Eave, Med
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles
Exterior Wall Materials	Mix of clapboard
Foundation Materials	Concrete Block
Window Materials	N/A
Window Type	None, Fiberglass Garage Door
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name	Shangri-La			
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use	Resort			
Current Building Use	Resort/Private Residence			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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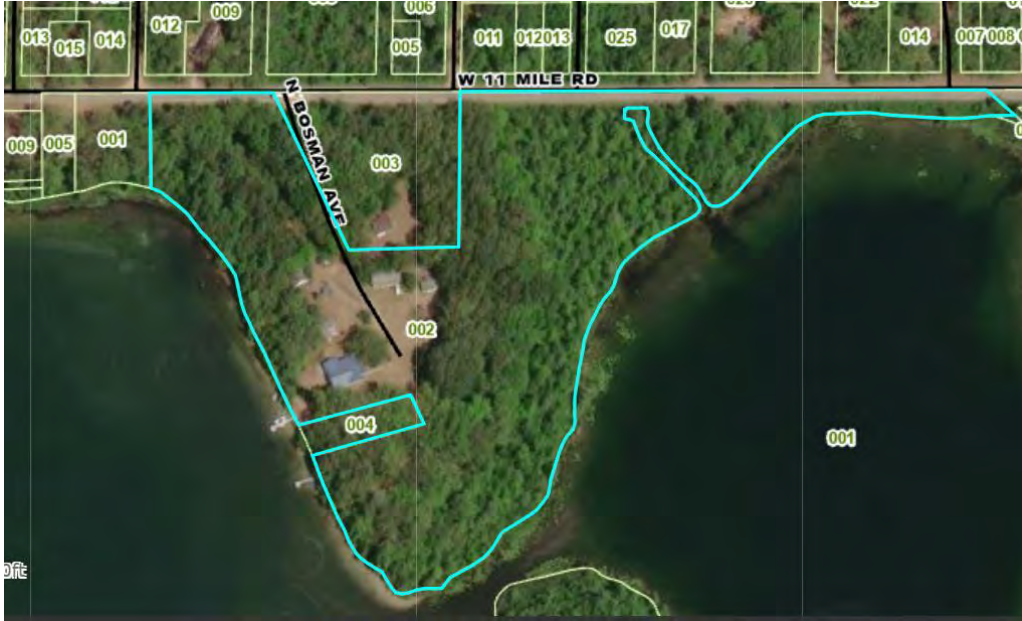
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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

This is a side gabled structure with low to medium roof pitch and asphalt shingles. Its walls are constructed with concrete blocks, and overhead garage doors are featured in the front openings. The structure appears to serve utilitarian and storage purposes.



History of the Resource

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Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

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Garage E3 at Shangri-La is contributing to the Woodland Park Historic District. This early cottage retains its integrity specific to the location, design, materials, workmanship, setting, feeling, and association of the area. It resides within the original Woodland Park plat boundaries.

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References

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Newago County GIS
Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location



Street Address	8721 Bosman Ave, Cottage E4		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-10-100-002		
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Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

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Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	Rectangular, Front Gable
Roof Form	Gable, Open Eave, Medium
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles
Exterior Wall Materials	Horizontal Vinyl
Foundation Materials	Covered
Window Materials	Wood
Window Type	1/1 Double Hung
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name	Shangri-La			
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use	Resort			
Current Building Use	Resort/Private Residence			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

This vernacular cottage is characterized by a broad front gable configuration, with a main gable spanning the living space, and a smaller gable of matching pitch “telescoping” forward over an enclosed front porch. The cottage is clad in horizontal siding resembling clapboards, and the roof is covered with green asphalt shingles. Windows are typically double hung, and are occasionally grouped. Prominent exposed rafter tails accentuate the overhangs, and a chimney near the center of the living space appears near the roof peak. A partially glazed panel door is observed between the enclosed porch and the cottage interior, and appears to closely resemble other entry doors found within the Shangri-La Resort. This cottage belongs to a pair of intact matching cottages located side by side.



History of the Resource

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Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

Provide a detailed explanation of the property’s eligibility for the National Register, including an evaluation under at least one of the four criteria, discussion of the seven aspects of integrity, and recommendations about eligibility. This is required for all properties.

Cottage E4 at Shangri-La is contributing to the Woodland Park Historic District. This early cottage retains its integrity specific to the location, design, materials, workmanship, setting, feeling, and association of the area. It resides within the original Woodland Park plat boundaries.

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References

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Newago County GIS

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Property Overview and Location



Street Address	8721 Bosman Ave, Cottage E5		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
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Property Type

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Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	Rectangular, Front Gable
Roof Form	Gable, Open Eave, Medium
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles
Exterior Wall Materials	Horizontal Vinyl
Foundation Materials	Covered
Window Materials	Wood
Window Type	1/1 Double Hung
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name	Shangri-La			
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use	Resort			
Current Building Use	Resort/Private Residence			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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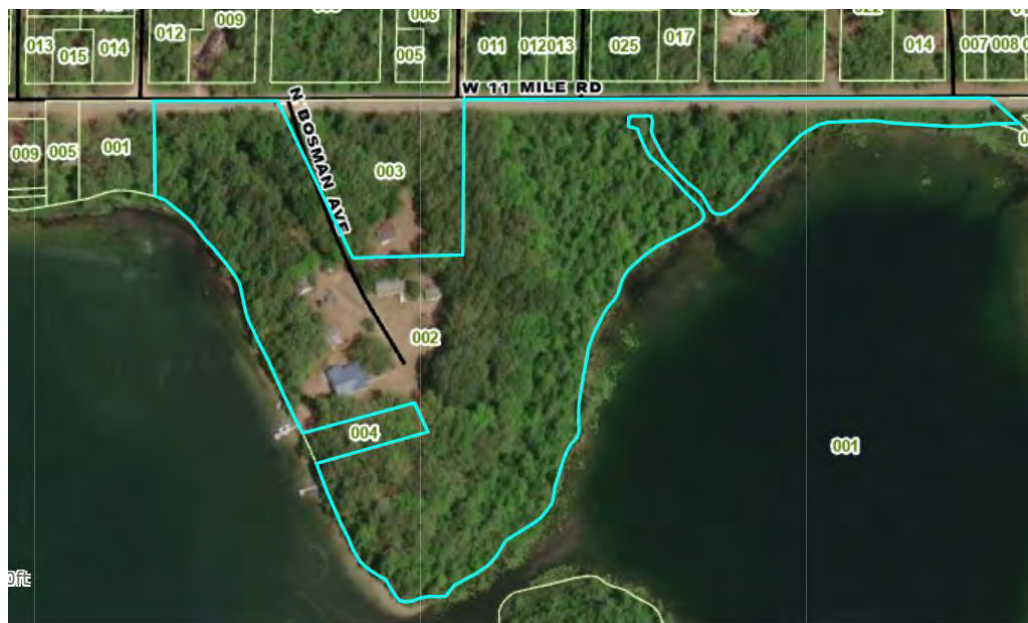
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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

This vernacular cottage is characterized by a broad front gable configuration, with a main gable spanning the living space, and a smaller gable of matching pitch “telescoping” forward over an enclosed front porch. The cottage is clad in horizontal siding resembling clapboards, and the roof is covered with gray asphalt shingles. Windows are typically double hung, and are occasionally grouped. Prominent exposed rafter tails accentuate the overhangs, and a chimney near the center of the living space appears near the roof peak. A partially glazed panel door is observed between the enclosed porch and the cottage interior, and appears to closely resemble other entry doors found within the Shangri-La Resort. This cottage belongs to a pair of intact matching cottages located side by side.



History of the Resource

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Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

Provide a detailed explanation of the property's eligibility for the National Register, including an evaluation under at least one of the four criteria, discussion of the seven aspects of integrity, and recommendations about eligibility. This is required for all properties.

Cottage E6 at Shangri-La is contributing to the Woodland Park Historic District. This early cottage retains its integrity specific to the location, design, materials, workmanship, setting, feeling, and association of the area. It resides within the original Woodland Park plat boundaries.

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References

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Newago County GIS

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Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location



Street Address	8721 Bosman Ave, Cottage E6		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-10-100-002		
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Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

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Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	Square
Roof Form	Hipped, Open Eave, Medium
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles
Exterior Wall Materials	Horizontal Vinyl
Foundation Materials	Slab
Window Materials	Wood
Window Type	4/1, 1/1 Double Hung
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name	Shangri-La			
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use	Resort			
Current Building Use	Resort/Private Residence			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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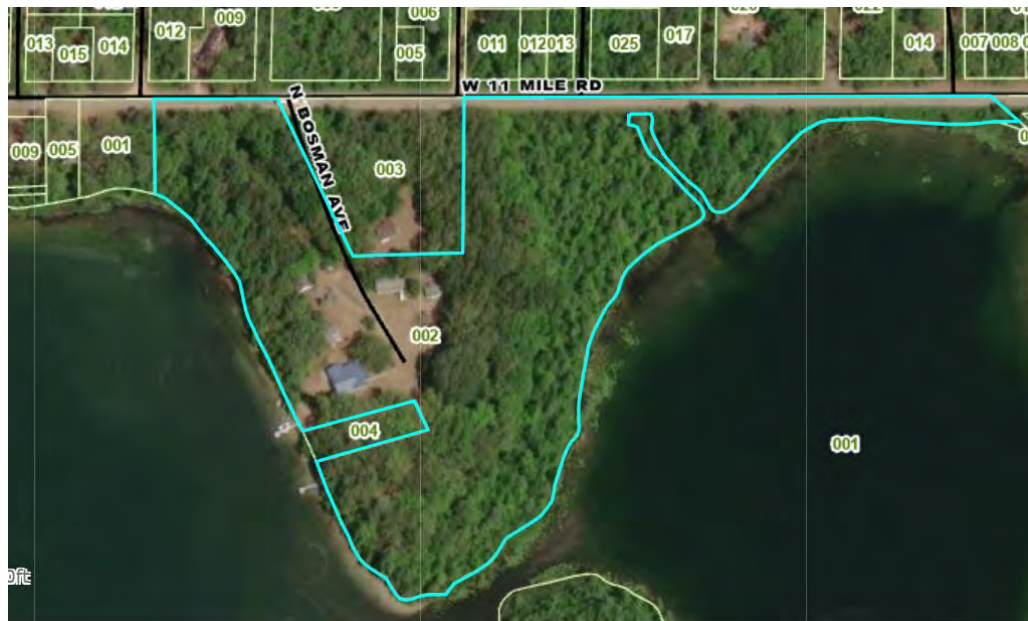
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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

This single-story cottage features a simple hipped roof with an additional shed roof covering a small enclosed entry area. Cladding is horizontal, roofing material is asphalt shingles, and windows are 4-over-1 double hung (proportions are taller under the main hipped roof, and shorter at the entry area). Windows are occasionally paired together. A small central chimney is visible near the peak of the roof.



History of the Resource

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Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

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References

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Newago County GIS

Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location



Street Address	8721 Bosman Ave, Cottage W1		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-10-100-002		
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Property Type

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Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	Ruins, Side Gable
Roof Form	Gable, Open Eave, Steep
Roof Materials	Green Asphalt Shingles
Exterior Wall Materials	Horizontal Clapboard
Foundation Materials	Covered
Window Materials	Wood
Window Type	6/6 Double Hung
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

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Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
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General Integrity:	Intact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name	Shangri-La			
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use	Resort			
Current Building Use	Resort/Private Residence			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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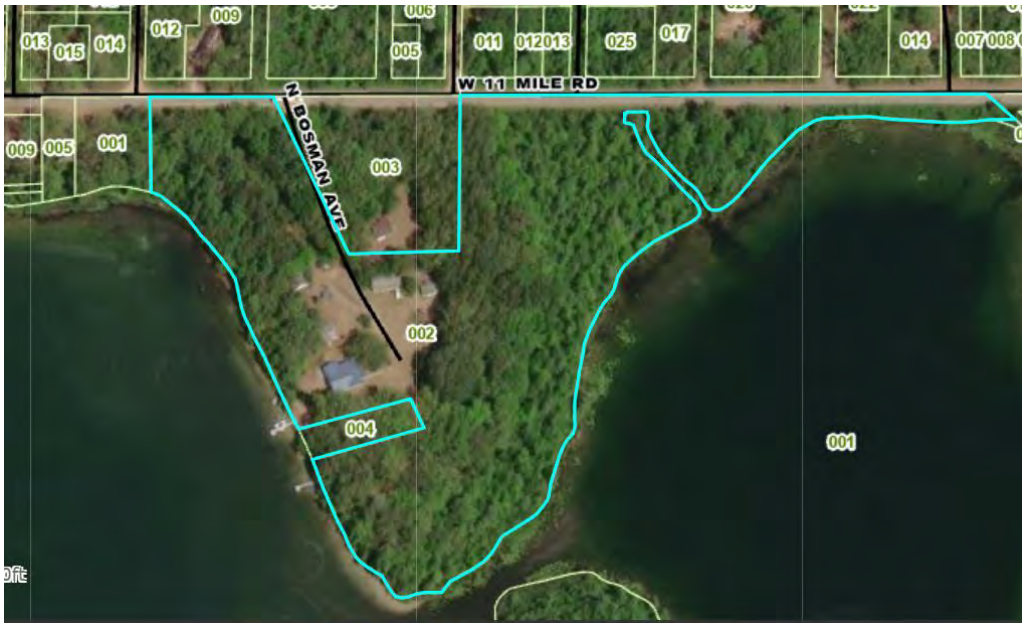
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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

This vernacular structure is characterized by a prominent side gable roof with a steep pitch (estimated 12:12) over the building's primary two-story section. A subordinate roof component, now partially collapsed, "kicks out" at a shallower pitch towards Bosman Avenue, where a small pedimented entrance was located featuring a glazed entry door. On the opposite side of the cottage, a porch faces Woodland Lake under a low-pitch shed roof. The cottage is clad with horizontal wood dutch lap siding and roofed with green asphalt shingles, and features double hung windows with 6-over-6 sashes, as well as coordinated 6-light barn sashes (a shorter window with a single sash). Pictures indicate deteriorated exterior trim and casework and open eaves.



History of the Resource

Provide information on previous owners, land use, construction and alteration dates in a narrative format. This is required for all intensive level surveys and designation and recommended for other identification efforts.

Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

Provide a detailed explanation of the property's eligibility for the National Register, including an evaluation under at least one of the four criteria, discussion of the seven aspects of integrity, and recommendations about eligibility. This is required for all properties.

Cottage W1 at Shangri-La is contributing to the Woodland Park Historic District. This early cottage retains its integrity specific to the location, design, materials, workmanship, setting, feeling, and association of the area. It resides within the original Woodland Park plat boundaries.

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References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

Newago County GIS
Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location



Street Address	8721 Bosman Ave, Cottage W2		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-10-100-002		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	Square
Roof Form	Hipped, Closed Eave, Medium
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles
Exterior Wall Materials	Horizontal Vinyl
Foundation Materials	Covered
Window Materials	Wood
Window Type	1/1 Double Hung
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name	Shangri-La			
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use	Resort			
Current Building Use	Resort/Private Residence			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

This vernacular cottage features a hipped roof which cascades down to cover a side sun porch. The roof's main ridge runs perpendicular to the front wall, suggesting that the narrow end of the plan serves as the front. On the main massing element, the windows are individual double hung units regularly spaced and moderately vertical in emphasis, while on the sun porch, shorter double hung units are grouped and arranged around the entry door. Cladding is horizontal vinyl resembling clapboards. Eaves are closed, and a rear chimney is visible near the main ridge. The cottage is further characterized by its placement on the hillside, allowing the building to grow in stature as the hill falls away towards the lake.



History of the Resource

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Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

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Cottage W2 at Shangri-La is contributing to the Woodland Park Historic District. This early cottage retains its integrity specific to the location, design, materials, workmanship, setting, feeling, and association of the area. It resides within the original Woodland Park plat boundaries.

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References

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Newago County GIS
Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location

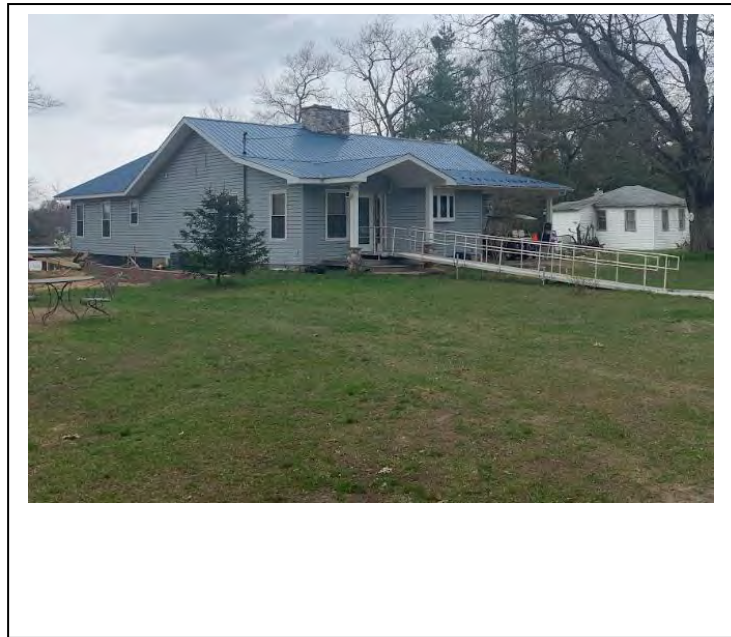


Street Address	8721 Bosman Ave, Main House W3		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-10-100-002		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	Rectangular, Side Gable
Roof Form	Gabled, Boxed Eave, Medium
Roof Materials	Metal
Exterior Wall Materials	Horizontal Vinyl
Foundation Materials	Concrete Block
Window Materials	Vinyl
Window Type	Casement
Outbuildings	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	1 Shed, 1 Garage, 10 Cottages

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name	Shangri-La			
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use	Resort			
Current Building Use	Resort/Private Residence			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

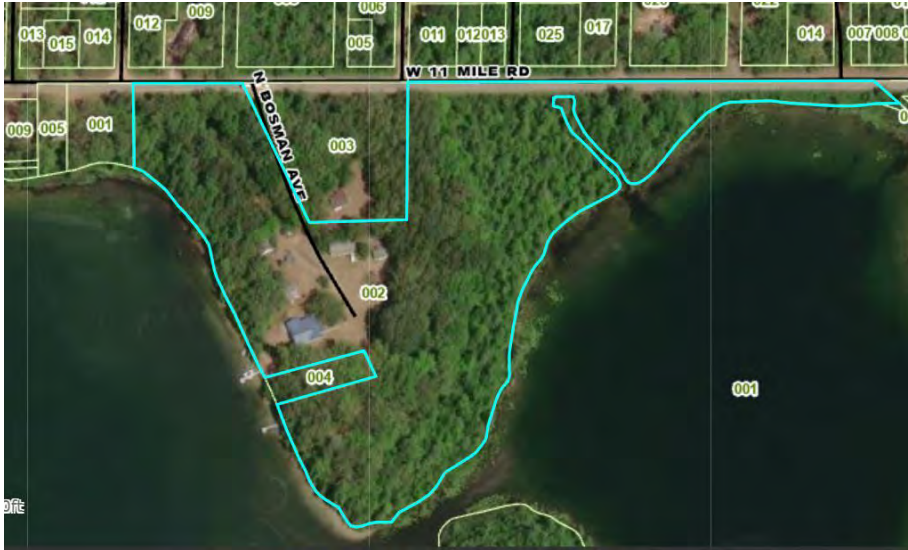
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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

This vernacular cottage features a compound roof assembly recalling a simple cross-gabled bungalow form, in which two main ridges intersect near the building's center, and a smaller gabled portico roof projects forward to express a formal entrance. Roof pitches also vary, as in the case of the main crossing gable, where a shed roof "kicks out" to a shallower pitch as it approaches the front of the building. Windows include individual double hung units and a small bow/bay window near the front entry. Cladding is horizontal vinyl resembling clapboards. A small inset porch resides under the main roof structure providing a protected outdoor space at the building's corner. The entry portico features an open (vaulted) gable form supported on two square posts. Round stones resembling field stones are used at the post bases, and also appear in the prominent chimney, which is broad in proportion and centrally-located and near the ridge.



History of the Resource

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Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

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Cottage W3 at Shangri-La is contributing to the Woodland Park Historic District. This early cottage retains its integrity specific to the location, design, materials, workmanship, setting, feeling, and association of the area. It resides within the original Woodland Park plat boundaries.

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References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

Newago County GIS
Shadows Beyond the Pines, Dianna Cross Toran (Xlibris, 2021)

Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location



Street Address	8721 Bosman Ave, Cottage W4		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-10-100-002		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	Square
Roof Form	Hipped, Open Eave, Medium
Roof Materials	Asphalt, Maple Leaf Shingles
Exterior Wall Materials	Horizontal Vinyl
Foundation Materials	Slab
Window Materials	Wood
Window Type	1/1 Double Hung w/ screens
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name	Shangri-La			
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use	Resort			
Current Building Use	Resort/Private Residence			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

This is a small vernacular cottage with a compound roof consisting of a primary rectangular hip and a shed roof extension on one side. The roof features distinct Maple Leaf shingles. A front sun porch with double hung windows is inset under the cottage's primary hipped roof. Taller double hung windows, found in groups and as individuals, are used elsewhere on the cottage, which clarifies hierarchy of internal spaces, emphasis on verticality, and compositional intentions. The cottage features open eaves and exposed rafter tails, as well as a single chimney near the rear extent of the roof ridge.



History of the Resource

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Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

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Cottage W4 at Shangri-La is contributing to the Woodland Park Historic District. This early cottage retains its integrity specific to the location, design, materials, workmanship, setting, feeling, and association of the area. It resides within the original Woodland Park plat boundaries.

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References

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Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location



Street Address	8721 Bosman Ave, Cottage W5		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-10-100-002		
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Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	Square
Roof Form	Hipped, Open Eave, Medium
Roof Materials	Asphalt
Exterior Wall Materials	Horizontal Vinyl
Foundation Materials	Slab
Window Materials	Wood
Window Type	4/1 Double Hung
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name	Shangri-La			
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use	Resort			
Current Building Use	Resort/Private Residence			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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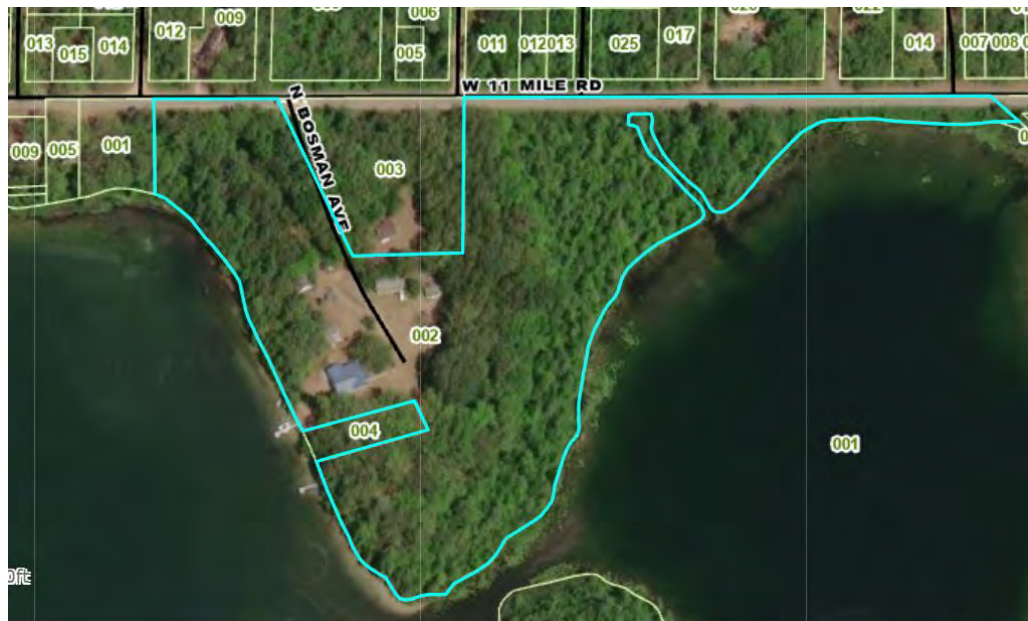
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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

This is a vernacular cottage with a rectangular hipped roof, exposed rafter tails, horizontal clapboard siding, and 4-over-1 double hung windows as well as slider windows. The major massing element of the cottage is characterized by its simple rectangular plan, while there is a small enclosed sun porch which also fronts the shoreline. The cottage features distinct vertical emphasis both in its window proportions and in its eave height.



History of the Resource

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Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

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Cottage W5 at Shangri-La is contributing to the Woodland Park Historic District. This early cottage retains its integrity specific to the location, design, materials, workmanship, setting, feeling, and association of the area. It resides within the original Woodland Park plat boundaries.

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References

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Newago County GIS
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Property Overview and Location



Street Address	No Address Assigned – North of 2468 Woodland Lake Drive		
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Bitely, Merrill Township, Michigan, 49309		
County	Newaygo		
Assessor's Parcel #	62-06-09-229-001		
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat:	Long:	
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>
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Architectural Information

Construction Date	
Architectural Style	
Building Form	
Roof Form	
Roof Materials	
Exterior Wall Materials	
Foundation Materials	
Window Materials	
Window Type	
Outbuildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Woodland Park Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance				
Period(s) of Significance				
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name				
Current/Common Name				
Historic/Original Owner				
Historic Building Use				
Current Building Use	UNDEVELOPED/VACANT			
Architect/Engineer/Designer				
Builder/Contractor				

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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

Undeveloped parcel (no buildings present). Character defining features of this site are addressed within the Cultural Landscape section(s) of the report.



History of the Resource

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Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

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References

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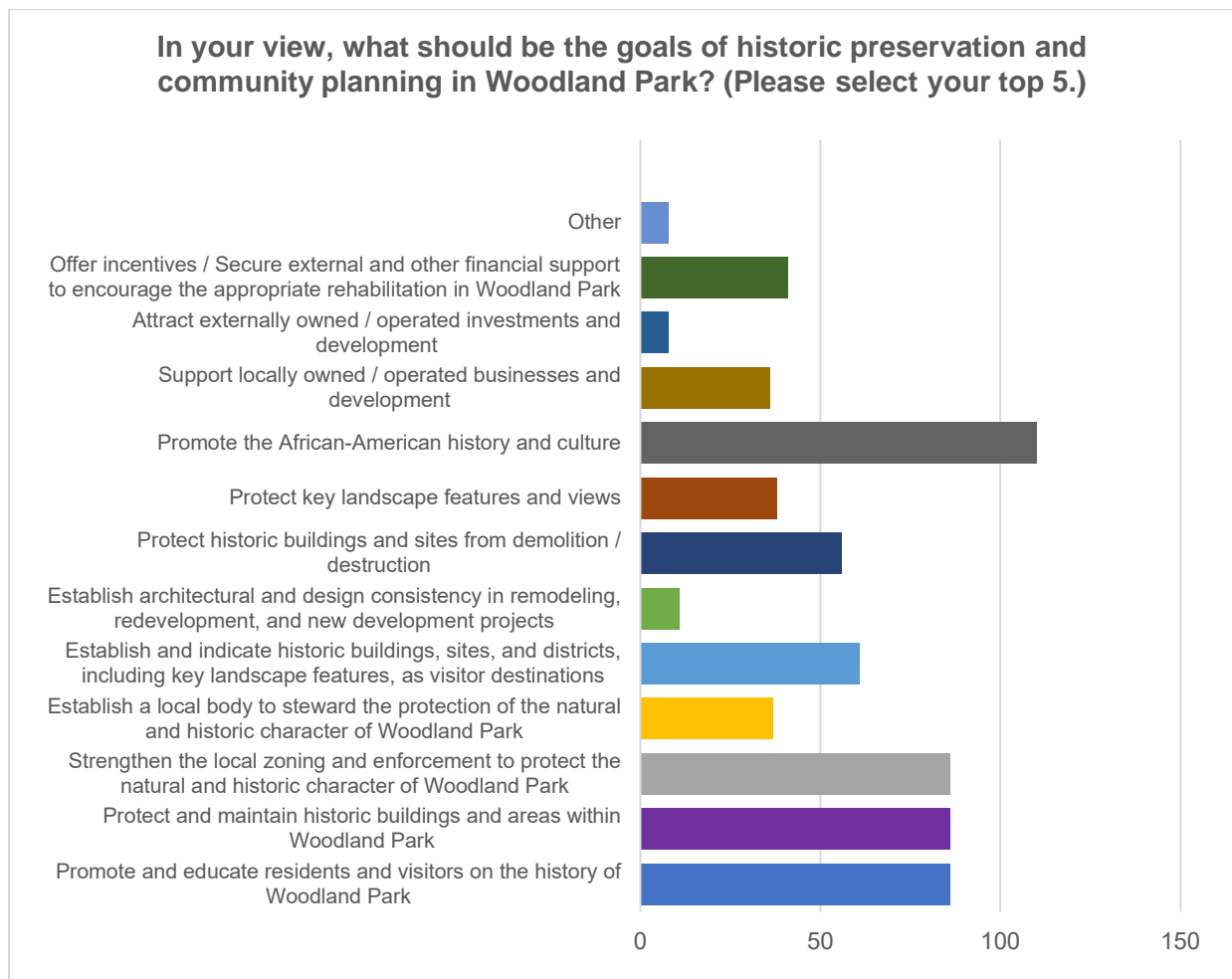
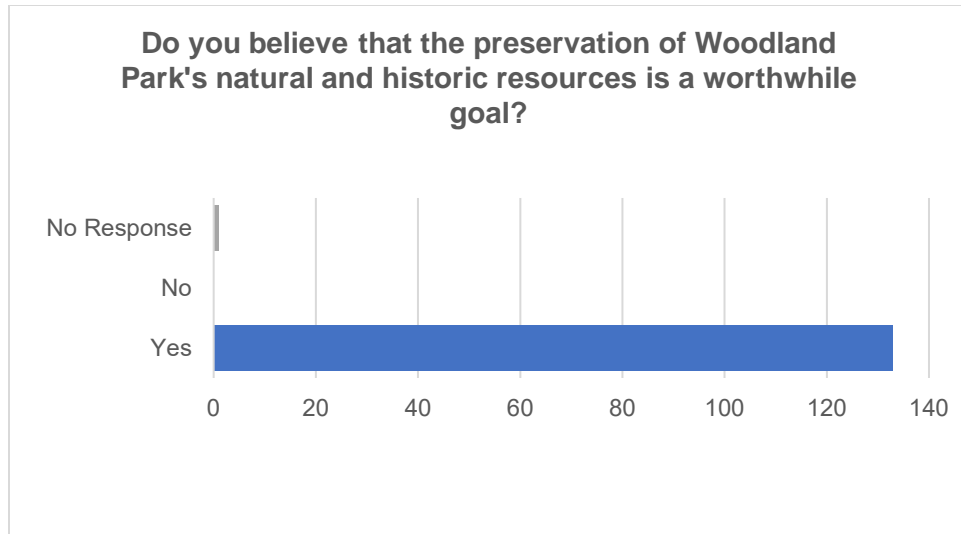
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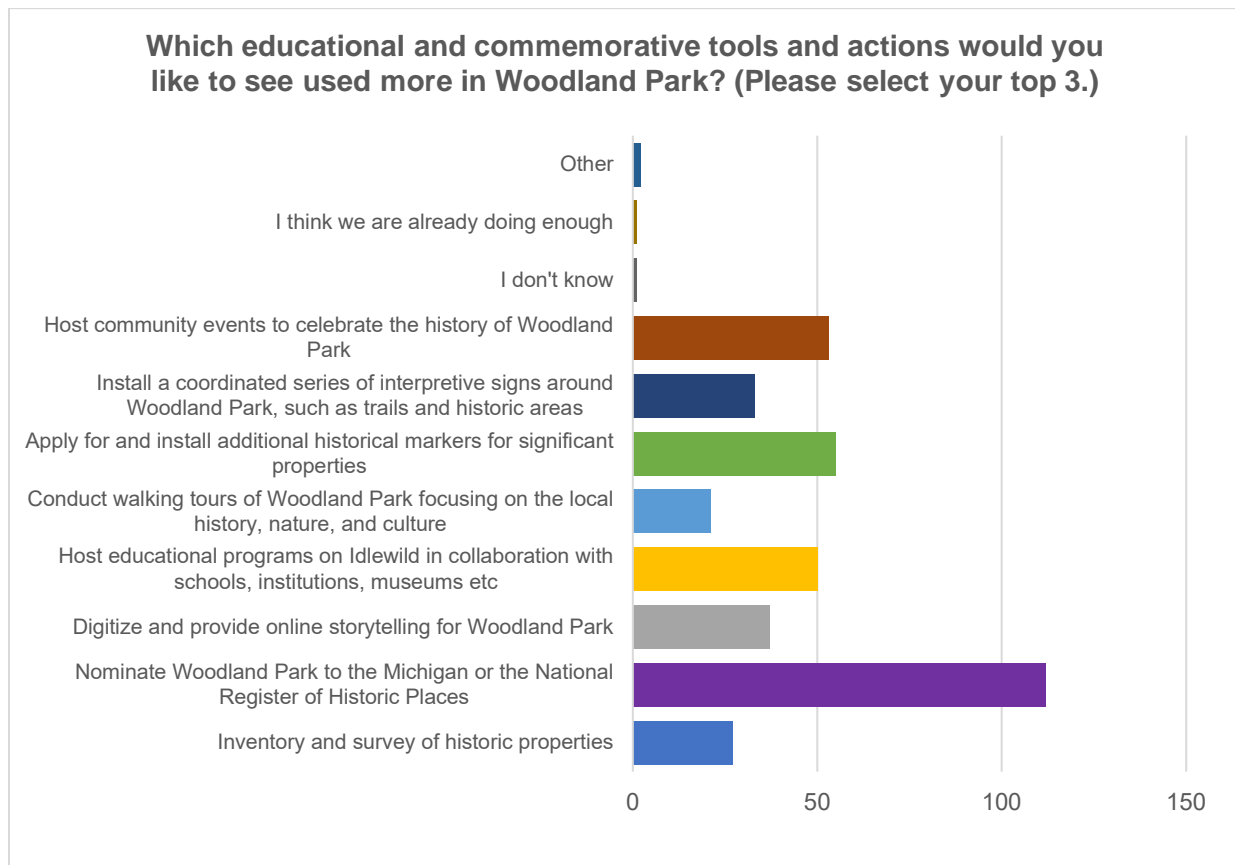
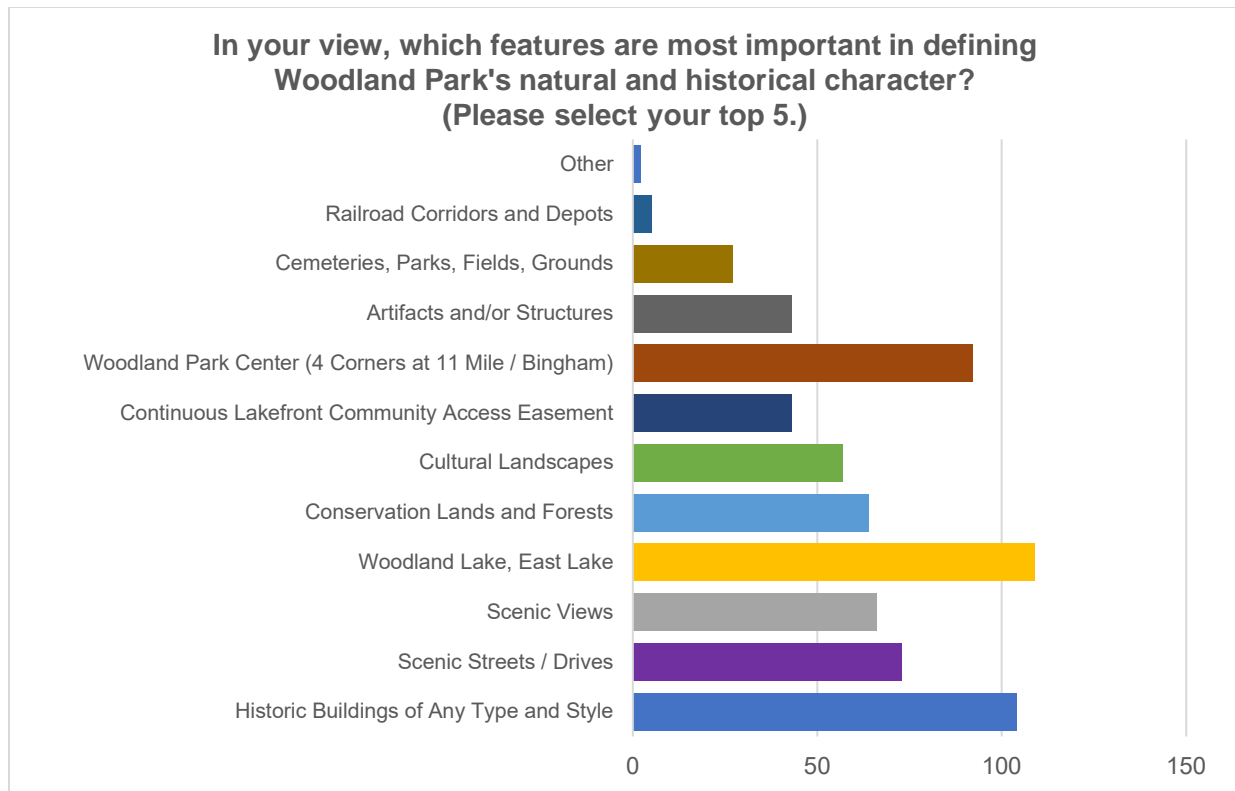
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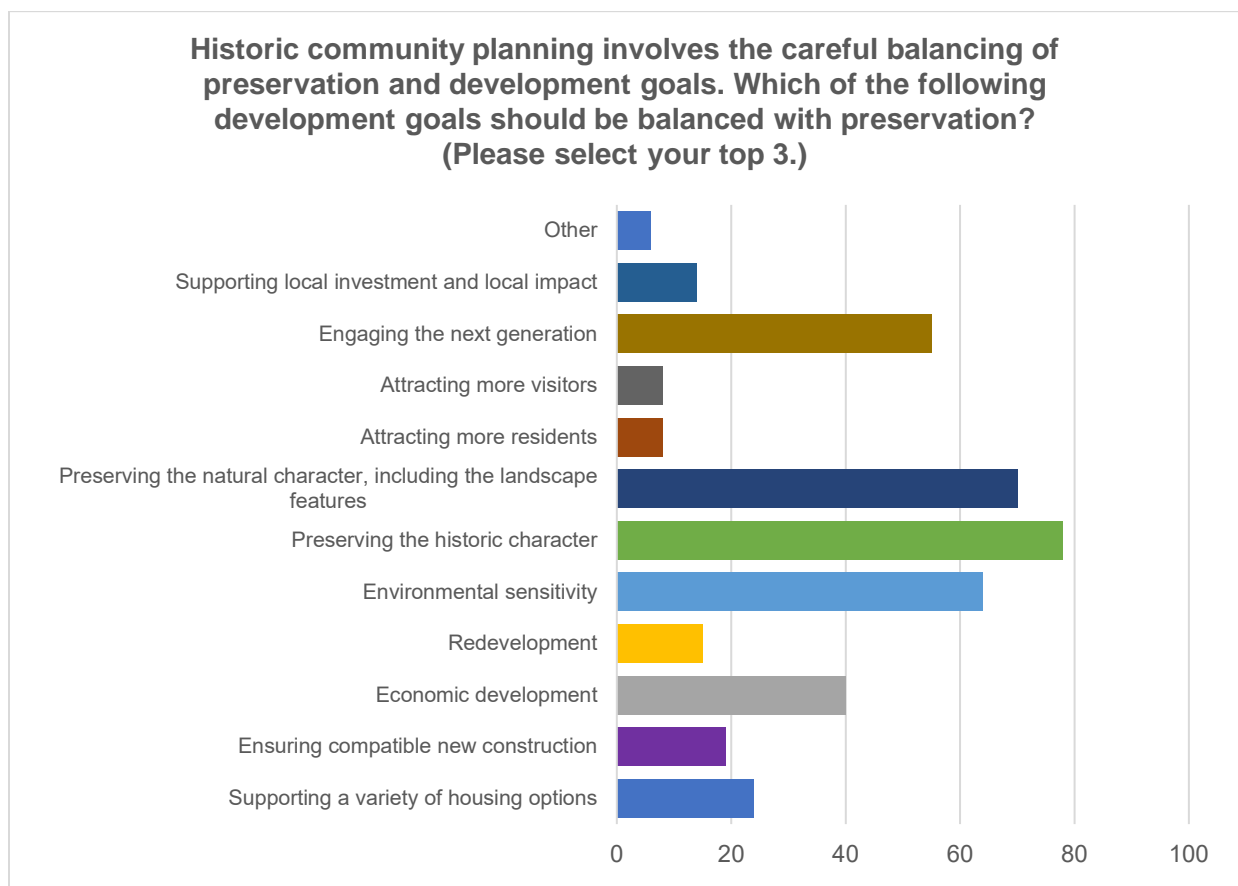
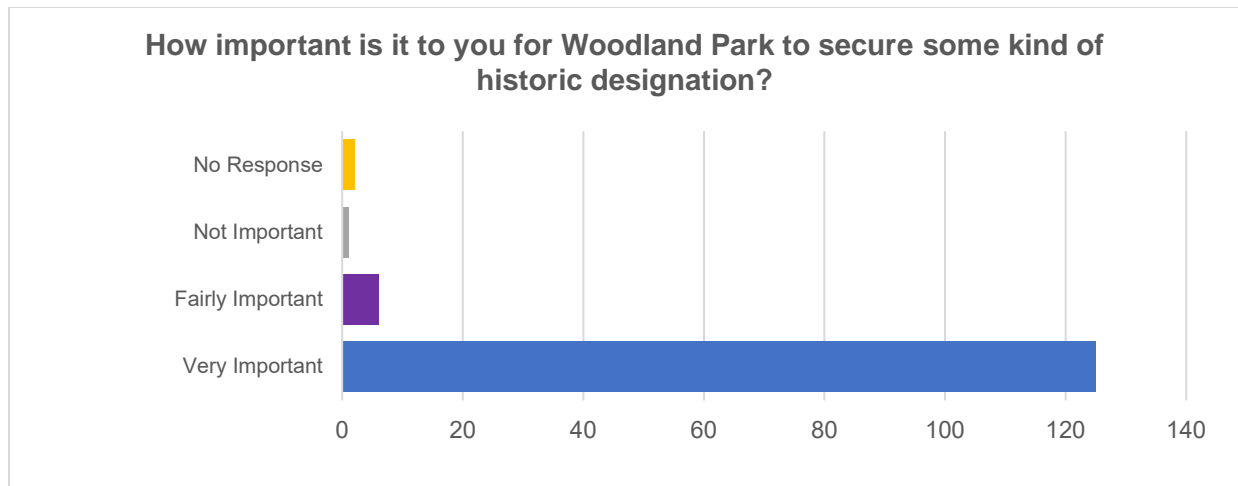
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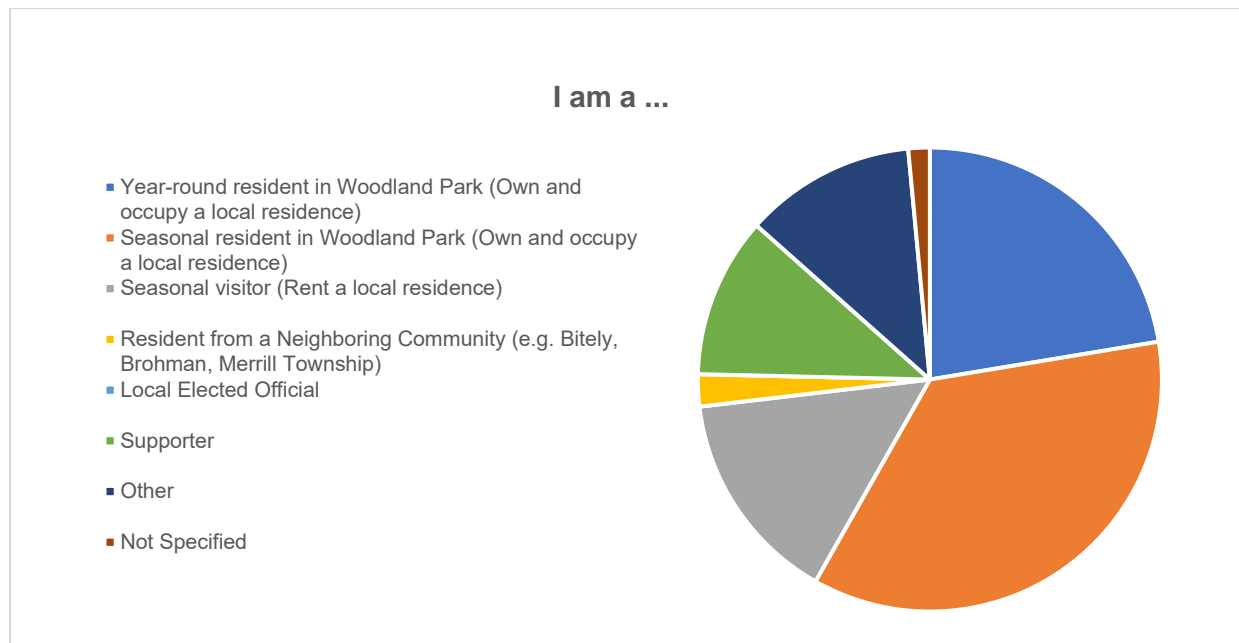


Desired Uses & Amenities	Desired Programming
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General store that is historically based • Coffee shop • Ice cream store / parlor • Sit-down restaurant • Gas station, EV charging station, Car wash • Laundromat • Welcome center • Lake trails • Venue for young people (maintaining the character of the community is important), e.g. soda shop • Bathhouse, Shower house for campers • Camper tank clean out space, water fill station like what can be found at a state park and camp ground, on a charge per use or membership programs. • Tiny house / ADU dwellings, smaller manufactured homes in place of older structures and trailers • Community space • Updated playground • Turn the schoolhouse into a (self-guided) museum with regular hours about Woodland park (this has been a long term goal but it is difficult to get funding and people working on the project) • Fix zoning issues with the master plan; historical building improvements, housing code ordinance enforcement, septic tank inspections, tax rate equalizations • Development of a special Lake District to further protect Woodland Park • Deck / Pier into the lake, with a horseshoe shaped pier to protect small children • Better public boat launch • Revitalize beach as a community resource with dedicated restroom facility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History storytelling in the park; promote black history of the area; brief history of Woodland Park and its residents, e.g. first African American family, settlement of black families; display Woodland Park history as a welcome center or on a pavilion in the park; digital presentations or physical audio-based interactive tours of historically preserved areas • Annual event celebrating the culture of African Americans • Barbecue festival • Live concerts; music attracts people of all ages and backgrounds • Summer campfires with stories and food • Programs focusing on respect for the natural character of the area • Boat tours • Fishing • Camping • Food trucks / vendors • Clean up land programs • Agricultural development projects for fresh fruit, vegetables • Beautification committee to check areas for trash and design a spring planting each year for high traffic areas to enhance the local aesthetic • Community outreach • Local group of property owners and residents to monitor land use within historic boundaries once identified • Stones for remembering loved ones • Year-round use • Engage the youth • Poster board parties • Lifeguard on duty from Memorial through Labor Day; water safety; swimming markers • Funds to help clean up vacant lots and tear down old properties • Streets named after historical WP figures • Better promotion of the area

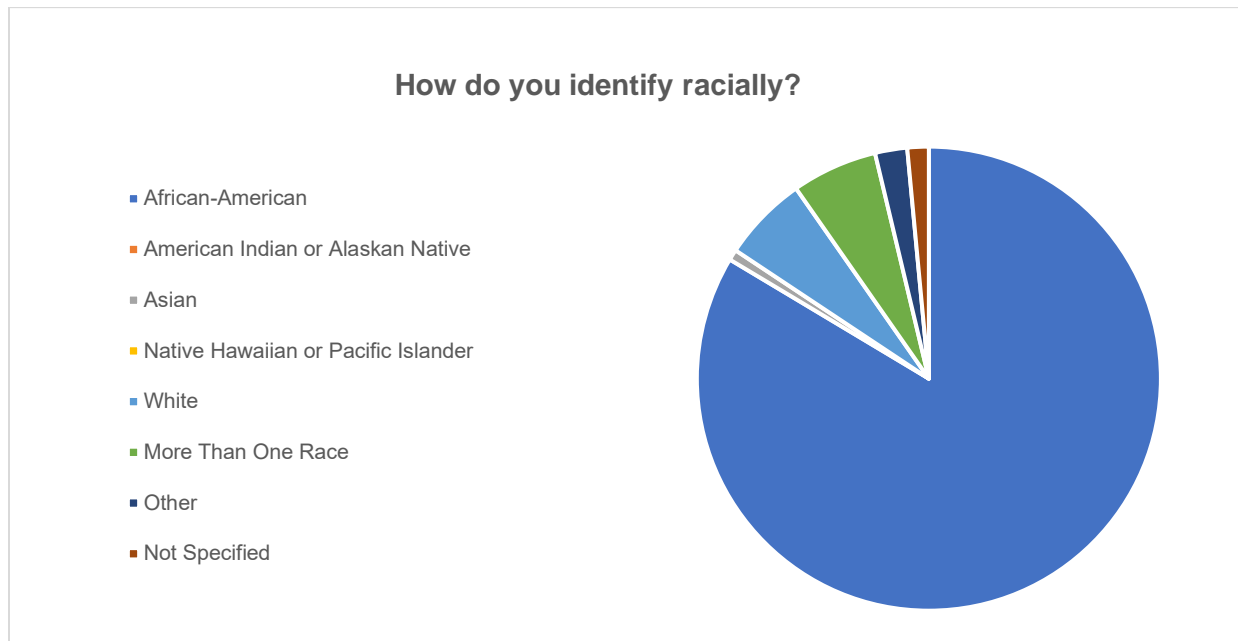
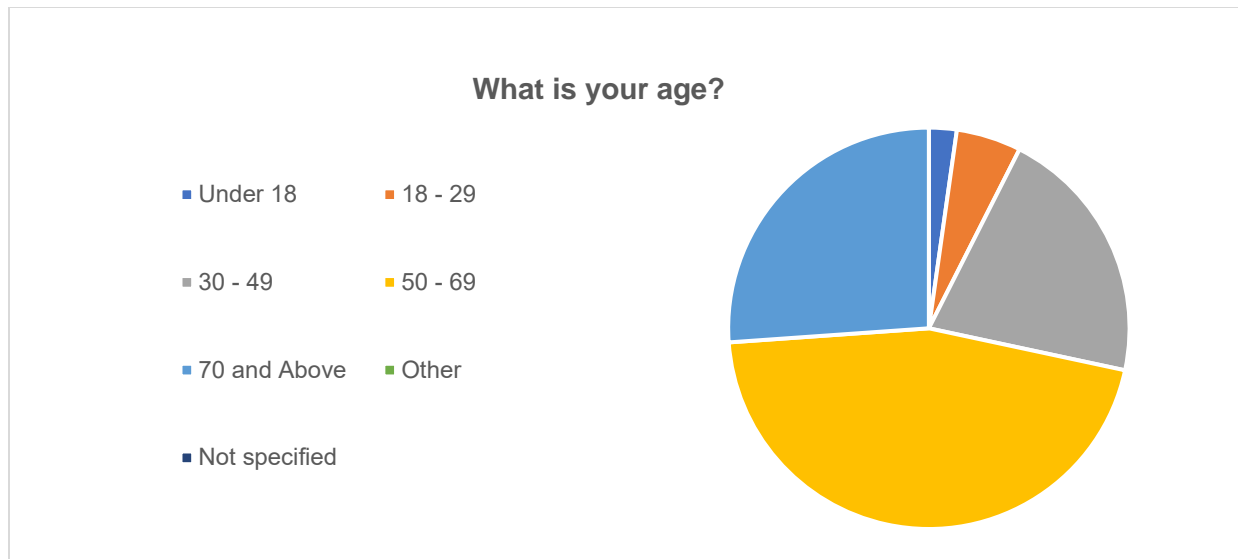
WOODLAND PARK QUESTIONNAIRE RAW DATA (Revised Draft. 11/09/23)

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Historical landmarks or markers, with audio/visual devices to show historic photos and what individual buildings could look like• The use of the historical library• The development of an elegant entry coming into Woodland Park.• Nature/learning center (schools could learn about Black history and flora+fauna of the area)• Community garden• Farmers' market• Community Club for movies and games,• Save Old Dears• Save at least one of the Daggs rentals• One or two modern overnight lodging options, Bed & Breakfast• Better cellular service and high-speed internet	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More awareness / education of dumping areas
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RESPONDENTS' DEMOGRAPHICS

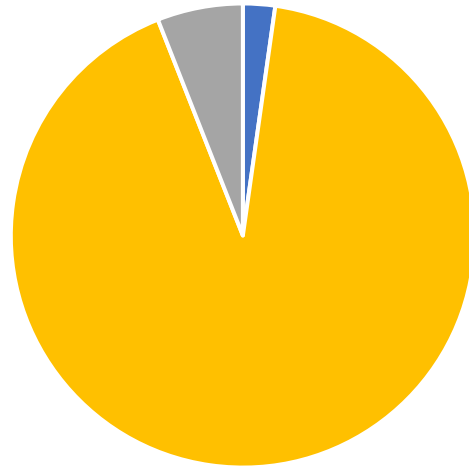


- Seasonal residents and visitors came from various parts of the United States, including:
 - Michigan (Benton Harbor, White Cloud, Grand Rapids, Muskegon, Bloomfield Hills, West Bloomfield, Farmington Hills, Kentwood, Grandville, Flint, Detroit, Fruitport, Lansing, Portage)
 - Illinois (Chicago, Country Club Hills, Glenview, Flossmoor, Crete)
 - Minnesota (Minneapolis)
 - Ohio (Cincinnati, Columbus)
 - Missouri (Kansas City)
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 - California (Los Angeles)
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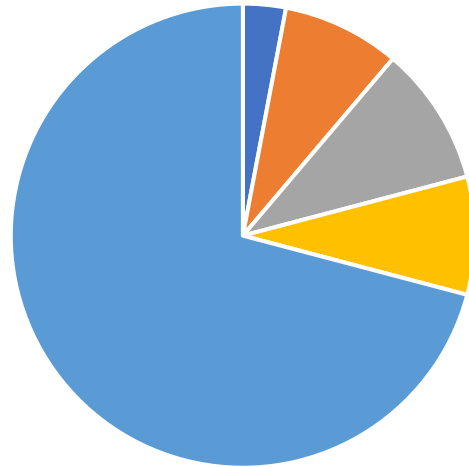
Do you identify as Hispanic?

■ Yes ■ No ■ Not Specified



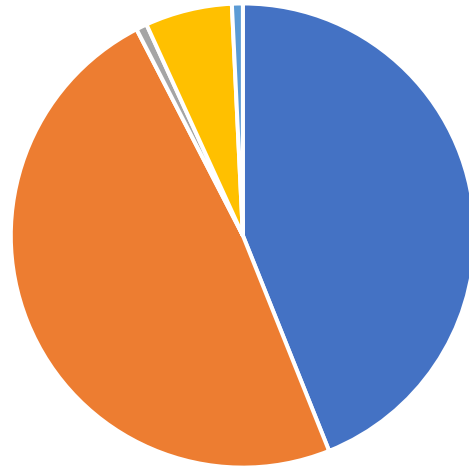
How long have you visited / lived in Woodland Park?

■ Less than 1 year
■ 2 to 5 years
■ 6 - 10 years
■ 11 - 20 years
■ More than 20 years
■ Other



How did you get to know about Woodland Park

- I grew up in the area / I visited the area as a child
- Through family / friends
- Through news features and other media
- Other
- Not Specified



Please share more about why a historic designation is very important / fairly important / not important to you.

Woodland Park is an extension of Idlewild. Our history should be included in the national registry. It was a booming logging community years ago.

The area is steeped with culture and history for African American families and their traditions.

Woodland Park is a part of our history as African Americans. It should be celebrated

So much of the history of the Black Community has dealt with its struggles and very little attention has been paid to its shining successes. Woodland Park is a success in every sense of the word and the recognition of that success and that history needs to live on in perpetuity.

I would select Fairly Important but, I would not want it to be a vote to interfere with the good folks that are doing their best, today, living in the city or nearby and can only afford a small parcel of land in the country (legally purchased and legal to camp on) and can maybe only afford to start in a tent or camper to legally enjoy their land with their family. This day and age these types of places are far between and becoming less and less as the area grows. Now it is growing again BECAUSE OF RECREATION, and I believe most of those that have vested interest have the best intention to help the area thrive for the next generation to be able to still enjoy as FORESTED and RECREATION and not just a residential drive by that only a few can afford to be at because the costs of everything are skyrocketing. They aren't making more land and we value these small legal to camp on parcels as precious and key to many people's happiness in this crazy world.

It is very important due to the fact it was a lake resort community first started by several african-american men and has flourished throughout the years by the black residents who most diligently have maintained a home and/or summer residence there in a most positive manner and by keeping alive the rich history of Woodland Park through their children whom have grown up there and decided to continue to live there as well as respecting and maintaining it's rich black culture and keeping it alive as well despite the adversity of other non-black groups and corporations pushing for a not so positive change.

Heritage is important. Gives the community something to rally around.

To identify and recognize the rich history of Woodland Park.

Woodland Park is already a State Historic Site. In the early to mid 1900's African Americans were not able to travel and vacation in places that white folks were able to visit. Woodland Park was one of the few places in the state where African Americans were able to vacation and purchase vacation property. It wasn't until the 1960 and 1970's that African Americans were able to go to the same places that white people were able to visit and stay in the same places they were able to stay in. We must never forget our past and we do not want to return to those times.

To show the value of our area

Bitely has a very rich history and if we do not preserve it, it will be lost and/or "cancelled." History just doesn't seem as important and more and that makes me sad.

My family history and the history of the African American community is important to me and the area. Without either, woodland park would not be what it is or was. The beauty of the community starts with the history of how it was developed and grown.

To maintain the history and beauty of the land

It's important to acknowledge our history!!!

There is a rich history here; famous persons visited and resided here. There are still 4 to 5 generations residing, and some building date back 100 yrs.

Very important to preserve the beauty of Woodland Park

I have published 2 books about Woodland Park. It deserves its place in history. We have a family cottage there that was built in 1947.

I want to see Woodland Park remain as it is which is a retreat in the woods.

There is a lot of wonderful history behind woodland park that people don't know about yet. Preserving streets and buildings that were used during that time and getting historical markers put up will only add to the magic of woodland park

Wry important -Woodland Park has a vast history from it's establishment that is being overlooked and under protected.

It's important because our ancestors came to woodland park and built on this years ago it goes back to our roots there is a story behind this land

This area began as a logging center and cultural safe space for people of color beginning in 1921. The natural surroundings including wildlife, majestic Brookings Lake, and unique flora attracted families from four states (Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan) to build homes and lead lives away from the threats and discrimination of the broader American society. These families included an international link to the country of France. My great-grandfather Antoine Plaut, an émigré and engineer for General Motors, was one of the original settlers of the town with my great grandmother Lola Plaut Tyson who worked as a domestic before their marriage. Together they raised Ina, James, Antoine Jr, Josephine (my grandmother), Eddie, Alexander, Herman, Franklin, and Woodland (Virginia) in a home that still stands at 2826 11 mile road. Antoine Prosper Plaut invented the automotive carburetor (U.S. Patent Number US1204901A). The community's ingenuity extended to farming, fishing, and construction. My paternal grandparents John and Phenoy Carter along with 10 children made the great African American migration in 1939 from the south (Arkansas) to Woodland Park and built their home from the ground up by hand.

Retain black history

The African American Community needs to continue to preserve the cultural.

because preservation of the past and knowledge will better inform the future.

The historic designation is very important. We could use this to honor and recognize the developers and pioneers that established Woodland Park.

Woodland Park is one of the few areas designed to be a comfortable relaxing safe haven for people of color.

A historic designation is very important to me because Woodland Park is safe haven for African Americans. It is a place I grew up and have come to love.

This is my history built on the backs of my grandparents, relatives and generations before me. My family are six generation here in Woodland Park . We are the history. It is ours to preserve, build on and promote, making sure their hard work, their vision and love for this area will not be

My family and I visited this area every summer while I was growing up, and a historic designated would make so others could do the same in the future.

The Woodland Park area has been a travel destination and safe refuge for African Americans for many decades

Woodland Park is where my family grew up and lived for decades. Woodland Park is part of my family's history and it's a beautiful landmark that I would like to visit for year to come.

A historic designation is very important because of fond childhood memories

I would come to Woodland Park every summer growing up, from Chicago. This was a really relaxing place and time in the sixties for me.

Cultural awareness, community and continuity is very important!

Because it could be part of multiple peoples lives. (Dylan😊)

My Grandmother & Grandfather lived and built the family and owned property since 1927. Our family has lived and owned property since then. All of my Aunts were born in Woodlawn Park. We have six generations of family members in my grandmothers lineage who continue to live and enjoy Woodlawn Park. In the past 20 years people have come in and purchased property and destroyed the historical land by cutting down and selling trees and destroying scenic lake views. Even riding horses on our beach. This after someone had gone in and killed all my cousins horses. My family owes property all over Woodland Park and we would like the Community to be preserved.

Woodland Park has a rich history. It has been a retirement resort for black people for decades. Woodland Park was a vibrant place for inner city children to spend summer vacations and learn the value of hard work, whether it was picking fruit or simply helping garden on family land. Black home ownership and businesses gave the small community of black people pride in themselves and provided an example for younger generations. Neighboring towns and other cultures of people in the surrounding communities around woodland park including (Baldwin, White Cloud Freemount) shared in making that entire area of Michigan a place where residents could take pride in their own small communities and live in peace.

The fact that people from many major cities visited Woodland Park during my life time, meant it was at one time the most desirable and comfortable resort areas during my life (born and raised in Woodlawn Park).

The park is important to me because my best memories are there

My family has owned property in woodland park for 4 generations, I want to keep the integrity of the park and its land.

i think the design is incredibly important to me because of how much history and significance it stands not only for the state but for the country

It's a part of history, specifically AA, which has only recently broaden its view outside of slavery.

To accurately preserve the importance of why the area was developed.

The history of the area and its people are very important to the history of this country. It needs to be known by all who visit or passthrough. Being listed on the National register of historic places would ensure that this history is passed down and preserved.

Protect the rich culture that was established over 100 years ago. legal protection/ historic resources. Woodland park also know has the hidden gem is held sacred to our community.

It has always been a place of historic significance within the African American community that resides within its borders

Woodland Park is a community with a rich history that deserves to be celebrated and preserved

Woodland Park was Built by African Americans

To not lose the history and be able to identify and tap into those who can share the history.

To protect where I was raised and to show why it's important.

People need to know of the area and the amazing community that exists there.

I met my husband up here at the age of 10 and it is a beautiful place.

It's important to keep the African American history alive.

For the history.

The history of our ancestors and how they pass it down generations

History

A cornerstone community for Idlewild and the black community.

Woodland Park Resort's historical designation is really important to me. We here in the park feel the importance, we are over 102 years old and counting. All the structures that are being surveyed are deemed historical already. We have a schoolhouse that was built in the 1930's. So much history in the park, The Royal Breeze hotel had over 60 rooms

Maintain the history
It will preserve the history and integrity of the area for future generations.
It is very important to me because we have to preserve our history and culture of Black America.
Embraces our history
The historic designation is very important to me because of the rich African American history. Woodland Park was originally developed as a resort town for African Americans, since they were unable to attend other resorts due to segregation. I was born in Fremont, MI in 1968. Raised and lived in Woodland Park for some time. My family and I have been a part of this community my entire life and I now own property in Woodland Park. So the historic designation, will ensure that the architecture, planning and developing of this land by African Americans will never be forgotten.
It is important to maintain the history of the community
Black people were an integral part of developing and building this country. That should never be forgotten. They and their spaces should be remembered and recognized, sharing how they live, work and play, not only as they did in the past, but how they see themselves living today and in the future as well. And while preservation is critical, it should be done and maintained in a way that is visually pleasing to all residents and visitors alike. There has to be visitor and property owner requirements "and" restrictions that are "strictly enforced" to maintain the beauty and history of Woodland Park.
Benefit = organization and consistency; drawback = restrictions
Historic designation is very important in that it will help to maintain Woodland Park's important historic role in the African American history and help to ensure the upkeep of the area through the establishment and enforcement of proper zoning laws.
Because it is my home and where a lot of my family resides.
Historic value
Woodland Park should remain as a visual memory to the struggles of the past for African Americans; The area represents the history of a refuge for Black Americans, when most vacation areas barred Black Americans.
To share our history beyond our township and to make this African American landmark known to other African Americans
There are very few places in the country where families have owned land for generations. Very few black families were able to obtain land in the 1920s. Many of the original families and structures are still there.
It is very important as it gives historical cultural sites such as WP a sign of respect and gives a sense of identity which is long overdue.
It is very important because it helps to preserve and maintain its history, original architectural structure, and avenue for continuous financial support.
This was one of the few places that African-Americans/Blacks could live peacefully and with pride prior to the Civil Rights Movement. Preserving this area should be a priority. As an American, the promises made to African-Americans should be kept. This is one of so many steps to make things right and just for all.
The importance of family and others knowing this as part of history
It's a cultural first! Black people purchased the land and maintained developed sold it and named it its a place where black people could vacation when they couldn't go anywhere else.
It is very important to me because of the rich black history, something that African Americans built
It is paramount that an education of the history of the area is preserved so that it will not be erased by people that gentrify areas and don't respect the significance of the area.
Woodland Park has a rich and unique history for African Americans and its story should be told as an important part for the entire state of Michigan.

This is very important in part because the story of this African American town, built by African Americans, for African Americans can live on forever. And these stories have deep and significant meaning to generations of people. Especially because this town was built as a place of revelries and relaxation for Black people— at a time in our history where very little other resort places existed for Black people. It was a place where Black Joy could expand!
Our history, particularly black history & their birthplace are of the utmost importance to preserve & protect for current & future generations to be aware of & understand their origins.
In addition to the beautiful and natural atmosphere, the history of this area represents the strength of America through it's diversity. It should be protected.
To help with preservation of the area
Because it was one of the first places for black people to vacation before integration
We grew up in this area and remember fondly the community, the bustling busy months during the summer vacationers. Would like to see the area revitalized and known as a destination as opposed to a place people happen to pass through.
It's very important because it needs to be valued that Woodland Park was a response to the most degrading malady of this society; "Racism" , and the African Americans displayed their resilience by establishing this community.
If historic designation is not granted, there will be no record of blacks ever living here. This has happened all over this country. Gentrification, black removal. All history will be erased and white-washed.
We do not want to lose the significance and history of Woodland Park for the Black Culture!!
I am a 4th generation descendant of Woodland Park and understand the importance of WHY this place was established and would love to see the historic significance maintained!
I love where I was born and live. What more can I say.
It was built by black people and for black people when they could not buy land like this anywhere in the county. It was a first of its kind, Woodland Park. That history should be protected, not eliminated. That is historical all by itself.
I believe there is too much "Black History" to be ignored and not shared. To be a black community located in some of the most beautiful country and on a couple of the best inland lakes in the state.
Building WP was history making for blacks 100 years ago. It has been taken care of and preserved. We must continue and protect our history, so important. Why not get recognized? So we can keep what is ours to remember
Woodland Park is the first place that Blacks could see themselves owning and having a property on a lake
I believe the historic designation is very important due to the fact of the African American history in the community. It was a reprieve for the community to come, enjoy and celebrate the natural beauty without all the racial discrimination. Many of the families that had places in the early 1900s still own. Also tying in the indigenous history of the area. The hills and mounds here were sacred, and this area was an important area for hunting/fishing and migration.
Upgrade sanitation of residential communities, streets and sites
Preserving history helps show future generations the communities they come from and all the great things that have been done. It gives hope to allow future generations to continue our ancestors legacy and to not forget the strength of community.
To preserve the culture and heritage for future generations
It was a family reunion place in the summer from the south.
People need to know the history of this area
Our present and future are enhanced by the past. Knowing the history and what took place to develop this lovely place is very important. We do not want the history of WP to get lost.

There were few places where blacks were allowed to freely relax, call their own, and be truly free. WP is one of the few places that still stands as a testament to this. This should not be lost.
This is a place where at one time only blackc people live and raise their children together, share happiness and love with each other. I feel in my heart that Woodland Park is a very historic place that black people live together as one.
It's historic we want to keep that way.
History is a very important part of black lives. Knowing what was done in the past can only improve our future.
It has become a family thing since 1963. Now two of our daughters have cottages here too to raise their children and grandchildren here. We are now retired residents here. Loving all seasons.
It is important to preserve the history of Woodland Park. It would be great to continue to pass down the legacy and heritage that is ours.
Having resources to educate, enlightened on the importance of preserving areas that served our community at one point. Whether it was for safgety, community, it serves a purpose.
To keep the 60 years of history and to let people know about it.
When we as black people could come and be on a beach and could enjoy. It is important to keep it comfortable for us to relax and feel free.
Preserve history and a way of life in the past.Learn from our past moving into the future. How can we move forward i f we don't understand where we came from?
Important because Woodland Park should and can be recognized and remembered by those who love and visitors can know about the breadth and development of the area
Its important because the people who helped build this community did so with little to no resources! It was a safe haven for individuals who faced discrimination and needed a getaway! It's a historic experiance!
New comers will try to change Woodland Park, and not for betterment of our community
Any area where folk (black and/or others) can thrive is of the utmost importance
The historical relevancce is important to at least 3 generations of our family. There is historical cultural significance.
In the 50s and 60s our family spent summer months at our home here in Woodland Park.

In a few sentences, please share with us any distinctive or favorite memories you have of Woodland Park.

I remember sitting in the yard as my father in law Isaac Woods barbecued and a deer ran past. It startled me but what an awesome sight!

I felt God's presence then and now.

As a child walking to the beach and going to Fishers store for ice cream. Countless summers of exploring the then undeveloped woods

I was sitting in the yard and a deer shot past me. That was an awesome experience!!!

The lake, the lake and did I mention the lake? As a child, exploring the woods, climbing trees, spending hours at the beach (day and night), and the Royal Breeze Hotel. The Royal Breeze was the social spot for all ages. There was a fireplace, a billiards table, the Harris' cooking burgers, card tables, jukebox, pinball machine and the next room over always had full grown people playing bridge and other card games. Rarely did anyone get out of line. Everyone looked out for each other.

Sitting round the campfire with family and friends. Hanging out with friends and family in this beautiful, forested area and meeting new people always a blessing. Trail Rides. Woody's. Boating/kayaking always amazing and relaxing (* unless Sue comes out to yell at you for using the beach to launch your kayak when no one else is even around. lol.-need for beach improvements and boat launch improvements)

Attending school at the historical 2-room schoolhouse during which my mom Josephine Tyson Plaut was a school teacher as well.

I haven't spent much time in the area, but love camping at Nichol's Lake

Our family has owned property since 1960 as a summer vacation spot. I enjoyed being able to get away from the city. As a young child I recognized the importance of being a part of a proud African American community of Woodland Park and Idlewild; black owned businesses, entrepreneurs. The area offered a peaceful, safe, fun environment.

I am a relative newcomer to the area (I have been here 26 years) so I don't have memories of the early days of Woodland Park but I so enjoy hearing the stories of early WP.

Camping at Nicholas Lake and eating at Woodys Bar. NCT walks along West side of Woodland Park. UP north feeling

I've only been here for 3 years now, but in that time I've met a lot of people and in my opinion it is the people that make this place so great.

The stories that are being told by past landowners and visitors. Would love to see lots of pictures of past experiences.

Founders weekend, summer parades and community events highlighting the history and community.

Fishing on the lake and spending time with my loved ones.

Family time together!!!

There was pure joy swimming in the lake and engaging with all children from all backgrounds. I explored old Native American ruins, and enjoyed going to The Royal Breeze.

Growing up as a child and coming to stay at our summer home with my parents creating childhood memories and we felt safe away from the city life.

Every memory I have of Woodland Park is cherished. Time spent with my grand parents, parents and my children and friends is always happy.

The collective was a fun community event where cottages on Mayo Point hosted for some type of food and or drink. It was a great way for people to get to know each other and it was a lot of fun.

Watching the fireworks for the first time in our pontoon

Being welcomed in woodland park homes and laughing. People willing to help you when needed.

The evening bin fires. Laughter

All of my memories are cherished ones. My summers spent with my grandparents and my immediate family members and cousins.

Hotel on the lake beautiful bon fire the park there the bar woodys the people

I have many pictures of my brother and I swimming in Brookings Lake in the 1970s. I have an awesome picture of my grandmother riding a horse through town and my own mother (very pregnant with me) wearing a yellow sundress sitting on a horse! I remember Mr. Fish's general store, with its one gas pump, and how excited all us beach kids were to walk across 11 mile (all holding hands) to buy popsicles from him. Boating, fishing, swimming, birdwatching...there were endless adventures to be had in this wonderful town. Even today, my 14 year old son carries on the legacy by visiting Woodland Park each summer, visiting his 100 year old Aunt Lorraine who still lives on 11 Mile Road and helping her garden before diving in the lake for a cool dip.

Loved that it was a lot of families having fun. Not tourists area

Boating and swimming on the lake.

the peaceful, communal warmth and the beer chats at the picnic tables.

It feels great to be able to enjoy lake living in my own state without racial animus.

Sitting around the camp fire with neighbors on the weekends and sharing memories of what the area used to be.

I grew up going to woodland park every summer with my grandparents. It instills nostalgic memories as well as taking some time to unplug from the technological world we live in today!

Running down the hill to the beach every Sunday after church, helping my grandmother clean her rental cabins every spring, welcoming my vacationing friends from the different cities, saying goodbye to the same friends, when their vacation was over, dancing, playing cards, walking in groups to the Royal Breeze, eating Burgers, chili and lemon chiffon pie at Nell's diner, walking thru the woods making trails and playing games, walking to the corner to make a telephone call for my mother at the communities only payphone and the beat goes on!

I remember driving ATVs with my cousins near Woodland Lake Dr. On summers that my family was there for 4th of July, we would play with sparklers at Woodland Park Beach. Every summer I see one of my Aunts in Woodland Park and she would give me Spanish lessons.

Lake, Beach

I guess all of my fondest memories are going there as a child and staying at the family hotel.

Taking my family to the lake for swimming and picnics. Hosting our family reunion in Woodland and coming together as a community enjoying the peaceful and safe environment of family and friends.

I like the serene and peaceful surroundings of Woodland Park. Woodland Park is special to me because my family lived in Woodland Park for many years.

As a teen in the late 60's I remember boating on the lake and just enjoying nature

Family gatherings (birthdays, anniversaries, reunions, etc), place of solace from urban life in CA

I remember my first birthday at the hotel. My mom Rashidah also has a bunch of photos of me in the lake. Finally, I remember going on the boat with Velma and Jeff

My family owns property all around the lake. My memories consist of Summers with the family fishing, boating, jet skiing, swimming in the lake, falling in the lake off the jet skis. Introducing my daughter to her family history and how my grandmother used to rent cottages all around the lake. They also are of having family reunions up on the lake, the 4th of July riding our family's pontoon and enjoying the fireworks. There's nothing like the serenity you feel being on the lake in the summer watching the sunset, watching the sun rise, being with family and friends. The fresh air, the clean water and peace that Woodland Park has always provided.

My favorite memories of Woodland park are bonfires at Woodland park beach. Spending hot summer days swimming and avoiding the heat at the Royal Breeze Hotel. Walking in the woods on paths of pine needles, fishing and pontoon rides. Just to name a few things. The sand dunes. Two tracking.

There are tons and tons of memories

The paths in the woods (short cuts to grandma's house). The Royal Breeze Hotell where I worked as a server, dishwasher and danced, played card games, pool, and enjoyed the juke box with many Motown selections. I fished on the lakes banks or used our family row boat to fish. Met friend at the beach to swim. Rode our sleds down the hill on Lake Shore Drives.

I have many memories swimming in the lake and also playing basketball with friends

For my family Woodland Park is the dream setting in which my husband and I fell in love as teenagers. We spent our summers together building dreams and creating memories. After graduating from college we decided to make our life hear in Woodland Park, we purchased a historic home at the center of town, raised our two children here and continue to love and support our community 30years later.

first, being able to hear and learn about so much African american history in one place was incredibly important. one of my favorite memories was going on the lake and driving the boats

I loved being on the water. I also loved the historical discussions centered around the history of Woodland park.

Woodland Park provided one of the few areas of historical significance for Black Americans as a place to relax and enjoy the natural area. I enjoyed my visits. I would like it to continue for my child to enjoy in the future.

I would spend summers in the Park meeting new friends. I have memories of walking to the Woodland Park Grocery store, walking to relatives houses and swimming at the beach. I even worked on the "Program" that enlisted the local youth to work to clean up public areas of the Park. We would remove trash, rake the sand at the beach, trim trees and other weeds from the highway right-of-way. We made lifelong friends working on the "program" while making minimum wage (if I Riding my bike as a child to the woodland park store, spending summers on the beach, fishing and enjoying the lake.

I spent my most formative years in Woodland Park.

It has always meant 'family' to me.

I grew up in Woodland Park for a short period of my life and have been back consistently to visit since my childhood. My family's history in Woodland Park runs deep and as the next generation I would love to continue to learn about the history and culture of Woodland Park.

Swimming, Fishing, Family Reunions

The beach as a hangout and our own beach.

Walking around lakeshore dr with my family to go and see another family member that didn't live far.

The monthly property owners association evening event.

I loved walking the roads and going to the

When I was playing this cat and mouse game on my grandmas computer in the grocery store. I really loved that moment, and seeing my great grandma rocking in her rocking chair. I was always in that store or the back of that store sleep or watching tv or cleaning, working, having fun too, buying snacks from Pop can money and working at the store of course. My grandma would Tell me; Keep half of whatever you making and save it.
Family hotel
Visiting with friends enjoying the beach, meeting the residents around d the lake, as well as pontoon boating on the lake.
As a child I remember coming to Woodland Park. It was always a fun adventure. My favorite memories were spending time with my family. We would all gather to go swimming, go on walking adventures and boat riding.
Taking the boat on the water
That horseshoe shaped pier.
My favorite memory is going to the corner store on 11 mile road and admiring all of the unique items in the store and returning the bottles for money
Being out on the lake on a pontoon boat, with family friends, enjoying the day. Visiting neighbors and sharing stories and a meal. Sitting around a fire pit near the lake with family and friends, at night, while the reflection of the moon glistening on the lake.
Attending & Hosting family gatherings and watching the children enjoy the outdoor activities
There are many. But for sure one of my favorite memories is sitting around bon fires with my kids and their friends roasting marsh mellows and watching the kids enjoy the "freedom" only afforded them at Woodland Park.
I enjoyed swimming in the lake behind our compound, in addition to that I learned to perfect my cards game playing with friends and family from around the lake.
Lake and buildings
Visiting Woodland Park was always an adventure, an escape from the dangers and hostility of urban life to the serenity and safety of the forest. The area provided an experience that could be shared with people who had come before me. I could see and sense the beauty that their eyes saw, and I could feel the same sense of freedom and hope.
When I was around 5-6 I was playing with my brother in the hotel and an adult came up to us and asked if we wanted to play "The Quiet Game". They then stated that the winner would receive \$20 at which point I asked "What are the rules?". My brother was then handed \$20 and praised. I've never trusted authority since.
Raising grand children who learned to appreciate WP's natural beauty
Family reunions on the lake.
Our beautiful lakes, the royal breeze, going for walks in the woods at night, bon fires on the beach.
My memories are founded on stories of and from family members who are former residents. As an educator, however, I am most enamored with the one-room schoolhouse and the potential for exploring 'Key principles' for educating Black children.
Being at the beach/hotel that has memories of proud African-Americans who, in their own right, helped shape Woodland Park and American.
Reunions in the park and at the hotel with family
Staying at the hotel (Kelsonia Inn) barbecuing kids swimming at the beach playing cards with friends
Family reunions
Family reunions dancing and enjoying family
My memories are of friendly people that seemed to care for one another and offered help when needed.

I spent most of my summers as a child and lived there for a year to attend elementary school in Baldwin. I frequently visit as an adult and love to just and be still by the water or enjoy the activities on the water.

I had so much fun renting a cabin with my friends and sitting outside around the fire pit and riding jet ski's on the lake!

Waking up with the sunrise & seeing the morning dew on the grass & tree leaves.

Breathing the freshest air on the face of the earth.

The smell of burning wood in the distance & the ever peaceful sound of silence.

The gathering of family, friends, & neighbors for all day fun in the sun as a youth at Woodland Park beach.

What felt & seemed like endless great times day in & day out in the light & the dark of the great Woodland Park!

As a child, I remember spending time at the beach with family and friends.

I also remember walking down the tree lined streets at night, and looking up into a sky full of stars.

Water skiing on the lake and the great fishing

Going to Woodland Park School, Swimming on Sundays

Swimming at the Beach, 4H Activities, Holiday Parties @ School House, The Corner Store / Gas, Fishing at East Lake

A safe home environment for me to be developed in. Teaching my children to swim and various other water sports

Coming here for the summer actually broadened my horizons and made me a more worldly person, by meeting and interacting with people from other places and from many other backgrounds

Being able to run out of the house and jump in the lake whenever it was hot

Going swimming after a hard day of lawn work as a child

The lake, the peace of mind, and togetherness

Woodland Park Lake - swim there every summer. All summer, love spending time at Treasa Inn and Royal Breeze. Also my church, Woodland Park Baptist Church all my life. It is a beautiful place to call home and live.

I remember Nellis' Diner, the fire station, and Bluebell Gardens (now Woody's Bar)

Baseball games, swimming, waiting on my friends from other cities to get in town

Stuck in the middle of the lake on jet ski with no key

Raised here, walking to school & schoolhouse

Fishing on the Lake and events that encourage the cultural and historical heritage of the park (resort)

We would come up when I was little, ride our Aunt's pontoon and swim all day long. Also spending most of my childhood up here being raised. This place offered a beautiful place to be raised. Historic.

As a child impressed with the cleanliness, nature and comradre of residents

Coming up and learning about all the powerful community leaders who would come up to avoid racism and use a place of meeting and connecting to improve the lives of AA.

Meeting the future wife 60 years plus later (60+) 2019

We just moved here 6 years ago and starting our memories

beach facilities

Short and sweet - my husband proposed to me one night while up at WP for the weekend with friends!!

Lake night moon light on the lake. Very impressive fireworks show!

Sitting around campfires, swimming at the beach, Fireworks
Didn't know which Bathroom to go in at Woody's. Didn't know a buck from a doe. Being at my daughter's house. Drinking my budweiser looking ou at the lake
I learned how to fish in the park. I learned how to water ski in the park. I learned how to bbq in the
Summer with family, watching boating activities, swimming, going to Mr. Fish store
Coming here to attend dance parties on the lake. Visiting with friends.
We love the lake, peaceful sunrise/sunsets, appreciate awareness of the eco environment to be protected
My first time in Woodland Park we was on the Lake until 2:00 AM. We had a good time at the fourway stop sign at what we call the Hotel and Beach. So I decided to build me a home here.
Always had bon fires, horseback riding, canoeing. Falling asleep in the park because we couldn't find any streets because there were no lights so we just stopped and fell asleep till the morning
The lakes in general, clear, clean waters. Fishing and recreational activities. Seeing Bald Eagles in a natural habitat. Promotingn community, supporting the local one-room school house.
Remembering the people who established business. We used to have dozens of grocery stores, accomodationns, boat rides, hotel, sedding in winter, ice efishing, fun for the young and old, dancing. A fun resort. Like to see that again.
My favorite memory is the lake and riding on the boat watching the sunset!
Seeing a Black community
It was a place where you were accepted as a black person. It was comfortable for our families.
The beach at Nichols Lake. Royal Breeze Lake. Fishing with my father.
I personally remember the warm feeling I got when talking to the past residents of Woodland Park. We have gotten away from treating each other with love and like a family.

What potential uses, amenities, programming, or developments would you like to see in Woodland Park in the future, while continuing to honor its historic and natural character?

History storytelling in the park, Live concerts
A general store that is historically based
A grocery store. Maybe a coffee shop
one grocer, one gas station, one EV charging station, a venue for young people (one). I stress one because maintaining the character of the community is important to me.
While camping or being out in Nature- legally- in this beautiful Forest rich in history, it would be nice to provide a bath house/shower house / camper tank clean out space/ water fill station, like what would be found for campers anywhere else. Like a State Park and Campground. Charge per use or membership programs could be had. Township hall seems to have a bit of land they are not using that could be converted. Create a few jobs, keep people and the forest soil cleaner by offering these things. A Recreation and Resort area like none other, where you can own land, keep this a very unique community, the likes of which are disappearing as time goes on. Side by sides, bikes, golf carts all waving to each other is such a fun experience and brings many to the area. Woodys can be seen many days of the summer filled with recreational vehicles, likely boosting his economy :) Unique opportunity to keep this Pure Michigan enjoyment for all. Most of us all want to clean the blight, we all came and drove by it and saw all the campers and decided this is where we want to be when we purchased. Rare and unique place to stay. Please do not make it solely residential in use, it would be devastating to Hundreds of families. Please come, camp and stay a while and use the lakes and trails before deciding to do anything else- besides keeping it Recreational. As it has already been abandoned before, we are bringing it back to life. one auction at a time. A museum and historic walks sound like a nice addition.
Tiny house/ADU dwellings and or smaller manufactured homes in place of older dilapidated structures and trailers
I think a community space is very important. I have driven through Woodland Park when they are advertising for their weekend festival and it feels small town homey. More community engagement is never a bad thing.
A more updated playground area.
<p>* Would love to have the schoolhouse turned into a museum about Woodland Park. This has been a long term goal but it is difficult to get funding and people to work on the project.</p> <p>*It would also be great if the township could purchase a bit more of the land around the boat launch to make it easier for people to launch and pick up their boats.</p> <p>* There are too many campers set up permanently in WP. People who purchase small plots of land where they can never build (due to zoning) are putting up campers. This takes away from the historic atmosphere of the area.</p>
Need to fix zoning issues with master plan
I would love to see a museum that is self guided. Put everything behind glass and have buttons you can push to learn about the various items and the history of Woodland Park
Boat tour, Food Trucks/Vendors
Historical Landmarks, clean up land programs, agricultural development projects fresh fruits, vegetables
Community outreach
I would like Woodland Park to be a nature/learning center. Schools could visit to learn about the rich Black history, as well as the flora and fauna of this area. I would like a Woodland Park museum/cultural center and the old buildings restored.

More programs for the younger generations. It would be beneficial to have something that will create jobs for the locals.
Save Old Dears, at least one of the Daggs rentals, and support the school museum.
Better cellular service and internet. Especially for emergencies.
Clean lake, clean beach, less abandon unkept homes
Please Save Old Dears on Bingham and at least one of the Daggs cottages on 21st street
Tourist come through and get the history of woodland park find out how it came to exist
There should be one or two modern overnight lodging options. Music attracts people of all ages and backgrounds, and I would love to see a live music showcase once a year in the park. There should be a beautification committee that routinely checks public areas for trash and designs a spring planting each year for high traffic areas to enhance the local aesthetic.
Promote black history of the area
Annual event celebrating the culture of African Americans
summer camp fires with stories and food; programs focusing on respect for the natural character of the area.
1. High speed internet 2. Decrease blight 3. A very small convenience store/coffee shop/fuel station/High Speed EV Station 4. Development of a special "Lake District" in order to further protect Woodland Park. Without protecting our most valuable resource, the lake and it's natural spring waters, all will be lost.
High speed internet, enhanced community center and limited camping
A deck or pier placed into the lake
Maybe a small local store, a young persons hangout like a soda shop, local group of property owners and residents to monitor the use of land within our historic boundaries once identified, regular hours to view our schoolhouse museum, developing/enhancing annual events/celebrations like Founder's Day (for example)
Store, Gas Station
Boating, fishing and camping. Recreational
It would be nice to have a brief summary of the history of Woodland Park and it's residents. For example. the first African American family and the history of the settlement of the Black families.
residential development, visitor accommodations, Economic development
Better Internet access, local park rangers
Some sort of stones that people can remember of their loves ones
I would like to see the Beach area revitalized as a community resource. As of now people who visit the beach use our family's property for its restrooms. There should be a separate facility constructed for Woodland Park residents and visitors who visit the beach. There should be a play area constructed for the children.
Not sure at this time
Maintaining support for local businesses, parks, beaches, and preserving and maintaining proper use of the land.
I would like to see a cooler basketball court
Updated equipment in the youth park, clean and safe beach, historical information about community founders and those that supported the efforts.
i would like it as an education center
Tours
the development should be able to support year round use.

Historic markers, Audio/visual devices that could show historic photos, data, etc on what Woodland Park and/or individual buildings used to look like. These exhibits or displays could be similar to museum style. The exhibit could be housed in the Lot owners building or displayed somewhere similar during the summer months May 1 thru September 1.
I hope to see a community garden or a quick shop stand. Losing the woodland park store was devastating to our community. Also having the history of woodland park displayed as a welcome center or on a pavilion would be great.
Engaging our youth to learn about Woodland Park's history
Updated Playground
Develop a NEW venue where residents can host activities and display historical photos, newspaper articles, other communications written by locals.
Housing
Boat tours, walking tours, community concerts
Different programs for the kids
More places for visitors to stay.
More places to rent.
Not sure
Welcome center
Preservation and commemorative designation
Posterboards parties,
Vacation, educational
Community engagement events.
Woodland Park Grocery Store
Tours history lessons
I would like to see the beach developed for the summer months. With the old horseshoe shaped pier to protect small children inside the horseshoe shape and more experienced swimmers on the outside. Also, a lifeguard on duty from Memorial Day thru Labor Day.
Coffee shops, museums and bed and breakfast
Water safety, property maintenance
locally owned businesses to support residents, tourists
additional hotels/motels or Airbnb's with appropriate restrictions
Gift Shop, General Store
Gas stations would be very beneficial as well as a car wash.
Lake and trails
Widespread affordable internet access, historical building improvements, housing code ordinance enforcement, septic tank inspections, tax rate equalizatrions
Quality Affordable Housing, Accessible Passenger Rail to Significant and Nearby Communities, Abolition of Personal Motor Vehicle Use Within Designated Areas
grocery store, sit down restaurant, laundromat, gas station. (Let's call this a mini mall).
National center for exploring and strengthening Black entrepreneurship opportunities. National center for exploring and strengthening the study and improvement of foundational principles for educating Black students; especially Black males.
Activities for young people. Grocery and retail stores and/or boutiques.
Ice cream store(parlor) a beautiful beach
Internet, Breakfast/Lunch/ coffee Dinner
Stronger wi-fi signal throughout the area
Info center, local store, hotel
Farmer's Market, Rental cabins, community club with events

I would like to see some digital presentations or physical audio based interactive tours of historically preserved areas.
I dont know
Funds to help clean-up vacant lots and tear down old properties
I have lake property that I would like to cultivate an area on
boat tours, trail hiking
More historical markers
More articles in the Bench newspaper by Judy, a laundromat, a car wash
Have a little store, Have an information center
Small convenience store, A Play Center
Internet, Car Wash
Low speed limit, beautiful beach, lifeguard pier
Small general store
Have a local grocery store
Current facilities and landmarks
It would be great to have another store :) Tightening up the zoning and enforcing laws on building (I know it may not fall within the historic realm)
A new and improved beach area and park area. Streets named after historical WP Figures
Better public boat launches, better promoting the area, Bar B Que Festival with music
Restore beach facilities
cleaner beach area, safe swimming markers, monitor properties that appear to be abandoned and/or not maintained. If possible to redo the hotel to make it usable and have a local store.
Nothing modern. Nothing that will take away the historic feel or naturalness of Woodland Park or its 'woody' nature feel.
General Store, Place for kids or community place for young people to enjoy movies and games
Gathering of the community
Landmark shown, history classes
Better beach area, better boat launch areas, mowing sides of roads, pickup trash and debris, no
More investments for future development, community investments where families are encouraged to mingle and network
General store, boat tours, pontoon tours, live fishing, game room
Computer programs on history, past, future. Protect what is here now, control things like the number of trees you can cut down, what type of living dwellings allowed
More housing as said in order to accommodate visitors, fishermen, boaters to enjoy our beautiful lakes
I would like to see the beach redone! If the beach is more attractive it will attract more visitors.
More awareness of the dumping areas
Clean up dilapidated properties, restoration and build up run down properties

I would suggest to Add in camper tank clean outs and fresh water station. Add a shower bath house and sell memberships or passes to use it and pay for it, add a laundry site for visitors. This is already split up as the perfect place for folks to own a small piece of land in an ever-growing economy, and ruining our open spaces that are left with city scapes, residential housing rules that slowly eliminate recreation- where it has been legal to camp forever/decades/generations. keep it forested, keep it for recreation. Michigan State 2 tracks and Trails surround us. Lakes surround us. If we are celebrating history of the areas- will the local Native Americans be included that Brookings lumber clear cut history that then turned into Woodland Park only after those in Idlewild made some money. If you had to bus folks in to enjoy it what were the chances it would ever turn residential. I appreciate the history that is here, and the buildings, but please do not push out the real money- recreation. Let us keep it as Pure Michigan as we can. Include All the historic points and Grow with the times. Majority here want to keep it recreation, camping, family enjoyment. Count the landowners with and without homes, RECREATION is what brought us here, forested lands and lakes to enjoy with family and friends round a campfire! One of the last places to call your own in the forest, without having to rent a campsite temporarily. Not many can afford a 'vacation home' but many can afford a small parcel of land to call their own.

The use of the historical library, The development of an elegant entry coming into Woodland Park.

The Woodland Park work group has identified the following as potential areas for:

(i) Historic Preservation,

(ii) Revitalization & Adaptive Reuse.

Please share your thoughts on these potential areas and how they could be refined.

The areas identified are good

Identify wetlands on the peripherals and devise a plan to make sure they stay that way.

opening a few to public to enjoy, like sunset point would be really cool, to enjoy a sunset view with your friends and neighbors. revitalizing the beach would be GREAT. Adding a spot to get in with your kayak and dog would be great as the Boat Launch needs a survey and to be cleaned up and made better, it is in distress and NASTY I will not go there to launch a canoe or kayak or paddle board, dirty oily and slimy. When asked township&wpla representative said if we don't like it to go to another lake, and it was not in the interest of the township to get a survey seeing how they are likely trespassing on an unused cabin property, and we would likely loose space if anything?? not the answer we wanted to hear. along with 'if we make it nice others will want to use it and it wont be a secret'... ? what kind of answers are those. I think the Schoolhouse or O'Dears would be a great museum space. Preserve the park as well of course for the kids that love to play there, gives them something to do, maybe park improvements would be nice. Added cameras to these places since, people are people and there are all sorts wherever you go, more advantage gets taken in quiet locations. Preserve the natural landscape around the lake is a good idea. Not sure what turning the areas into historic district would do to some of the smaller lot owners, hoping that ALL landowners will be able to still camp there since many have already for generations, and some just purchased to start their own family traditions after coming up with other friends and family and

I am not from the area, but love that there are so many historical places that can be highlighted in this project.

Correction; Woodland Lake Dr. It is 11 Mile Road (Formerly Broadway) Preservation of the environment, planting trees. Identifying each location and restoring the structures.

I agree with the map

Peaceful. Resting, Harmony

Woody's Bar is fairly recent in our history. The Bar was called "Blue Bell" instead. Also, there was a smoke fish house on Bingham near Main Street.

The Corner Store location should be added and Yvonne's Common ground should include the site of Woodland Park's first hotel, Woody's site should show the Bluebell Gardens, and on 23rd Daggs rentals, 21st Community Church.

Please add a historical marker at the site of the corner store, woody's should show that it was the site of Blue bell gardens, The site of the community church on 21st should be recognized. Yvonne's common ground should have a marker indicating the site of the first hotel.

Restoring the Royal Breeze would encourage commerce during summer months without compromising the environment (with overdevelopment). Setting historic boundaries and boundaries on how the land is accessed is important to preserving the character as well as the ecological health of Brookings Lake and surrounding and.

Good selections! I'd leave this to the committee.

I agree with the map as displayed.

I am okay with these areas but some are privately owned so I don't know how that will work.

I think woodys bar and grill should be closer to houses

Site of The former Royal Breeze Hotel, Yvonne's common ground woodland Park Beach and hotel

They could be better maintained to look nicer

Historical markers with photos and information on the landmarks.
i think the refined plan is great
I agree with potential areas identified in map
I'm satisfied with the way These historic areas currently are.
Great
Make the beach bigger and clean the growth out of the shore line.
NA
Tyson Hotel on East Lake restoration
More construction but preserve history
The potential areas are stables in the community
With the current knowledge that I have, it seems that the potential areas as shown are comprehensive. I would simply recommend strengthening this with support from local and or former residents input.
I agree with the group
Yes I agree with the desitnations
Start with the historical places of significance 1st, offer revitalization, low to no-interest grants for places that need to be preserved.
Not sure. I would be in agreement with the majority
I don't know right now how they could be refined. I agree with the Woodlawn Park work group.
To me it appears that a lot of thought has already been put into this & I agree wholeheartedly on how the draft map is currently designated.
This looks very good to me
All the above
I think the areas are well defined.



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