

Chapter 3 – Services & Facilities

Background

The potential location for future development must be analyzed according to the types of existing land uses, the amount of vacant land within each land use type, the character of the land itself, and the availability of certain utilities, services, or facilities. This chapter will explore the location and extent of existing services. Services are provided in many ways by public or quasi-public agencies or by private enterprises. Each service provider makes the service available to the best of its capabilities. The resulting service levels determine the capacity of a given location to attract various types of land development.

Transportation

Roads

Presque Isle Township’s road network is critical to providing the flow of goods and services and enabling residents to move efficiently to and from employment, shopping, and recreational activities. The major roadway in the Township is U.S. 23 running north/south between Grand Lake and Long Lake and running the entire length of the Township. The Presque Isle County Road Commission maintains U.S. 23 under contract agreements with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).

To demonstrate the amount of traffic passing through Presque Isle Township the following traffic count statistics are provided. The data reflects an approach including traffic routes both in and outside the Township that may be traveled by Presque Isle Township residents and visitors. The annual average daily count is listed below.

Table 3-1: Traffic Counts

| Road Segment | AADT | Year |
|---|--------|------|
| Shubert Hwy – 0.5 miles west of US 23 | 308 | 2022 |
| Grand Lake Rd – 0.6 mile south of Rayburn Hwy | 1,301* | 2022 |
| | 1,209 | 2020 |
| E Co Rd 638 (Krakow Twp) | 1,424* | 2022 |
| | 1,324 | 2020 |
| US 23 (Alpena County) – 1.25 miles south of Grand Lake Rd | 4,836* | 2022 |
| | 4,529 | 2020 |
| US 23 (Pulawski Twp) – 0.25 miles SE of M-65 | 2,381* | 2022 |
| | 2,230 | 2020 |

AADT = Average Annual Daily Traffic

*estimated count

Source: Michigan Department of Transportation

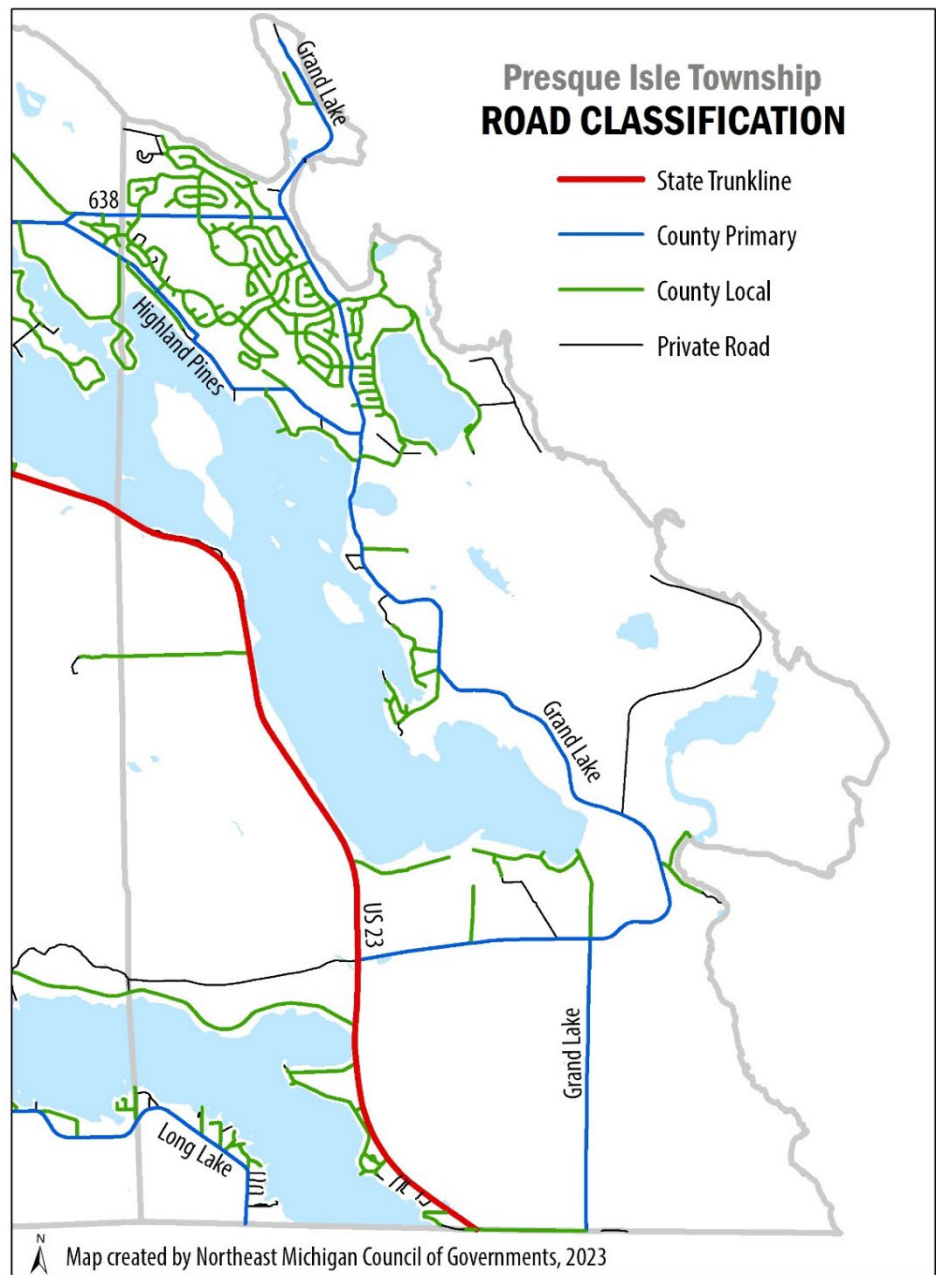
Several county primary paved roads connect outlying portions of the Township with U.S. 23. East 638 Highway north of Grand Lake connects U.S. 23 to the Presque Isle peninsula area. Rayburn Highway south of Grand Lake connects U.S. 23 to East Grand Lake Road. East Grand Lake Road on the east side of Grand Lake connects U.S. 23 in Alpena County to North Point of Presque Isle peninsula. A constraint to any northern Michigan road system is that during the spring thaw, weight restrictions must be placed on any road not meeting certain construction standards. This necessary action often restricts the flow of goods throughout the community. U.S. 23 is the only all-season road in Presque Isle Township.

The Presque Isle County Road Commission maintains the county primary and county local roads in partnership with the townships. In addition to routine maintenance and snow removal, the Road Commission maintains a plan for scheduling annual projects to improve or replace road surfaces, to improve drainage features, and to upgrade bridges and stream crossings.

Complete Streets

Presque Isle subscribes to a rural vision for Complete Streets, including paved shoulders and pathways that can encourage pedestrianism and non-motorized transportation. It is Presque Isle’s goal to make its roadways as safe and efficient for all users as possible.

Figure 3-1 Road Classification



Public Transportation

While Presque Isle County does not have an overall public transportation system, there is a limited transit system in place. In 1999, the *Presque Isle County Transportation Coordination Study* was conducted with funding assistance from MDOT. The purpose of the study was to inventory existing transportation services, estimate the overall transportation needs, and provide a coordination plan for the present transit system. The inventory of existing transportation services found that Presque Isle County Council on Aging (PICCA) was and still is a major provider in the County. The general public as well as senior citizens and handicapped persons may use the buses. Services are provided on a demand/response basis, in addition, to regularly scheduled out-of-town trips.

One of the results of the *Presque Isle County Transportation Coordination Study* along with neighboring counties' studies was the creation of the Straits Area Regional Ride. The multi-county service area (Cheboygan, Emmet, and Presque Isle) coordinates buses to provide regional access to medical appointments, employment, shopping, or entertainment in Mackinaw City, Cheboygan, Petoskey, Indian River, Pellston, and other regional destinations. Presque Isle County also participates in the Regional Ride effort to coordinate bus services with Alpena and Alcona counties.

Several other agencies, including Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health, Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, and Presque Isle County Family Independence Agency provide transportation services to their clients.

Long-Distance Bus Service

Indian Trails provides statewide public transportation services on a daily basis. A bus route runs through Presque Isle County, stopping in Rogers City to drop off and pick up passengers. The northbound bus passes through the County with St. Ignace as the final destination. The southbound bus passes through the County with Detroit as the final destination before transferring to Greyhound Bus Company. Indian Trails has two 44-passenger buses set aside for this route. Both are wheelchair lift equipped and have space set aside to accommodate wheelchairs. MDOT subsidizes this transportation service for areas in northern Michigan.

Air Service

Regional air service is available at either Alpena County Regional Airport or Pellston Regional Airport. Commercial air service is provided by Delta Air Lines to and from Detroit Metro Airport two to three times daily. Flights into Alpena from Detroit continue on to Sault Ste. Marie, while flights into Pellston from Detroit continue on to Escanaba.

The County of Presque Isle owns and operates one public airport. Rogers City, County Airport is a Tier 1 general utility airport. Tier 1 airports accommodate general aviation private planes for both business and recreational use. The Leo Goetz Airport in Onaway was closed in 2019.

The Presque Isle County Airport presently features an east-to-west 4,106 feet by 75 feet paved and lighted runway. Runway 9/27 features navigation systems, an on-field automated weather system, improved aprons, taxiways, and a pilot's building. Additionally, the County has owned and leased hangars as well as a fueling system.

Airport zoning has been developed and adopted, to preserve safe approaches to the recently improved field. This airport provides access to the Rogers City Renaissance Zone and Air Industrial Park, as well as serving recreational and general business traffic on the eastern side of the County.

Deep Water Ports

Port of Calcite in Rogers City operated by Carmeuse Lime & Stone, a division of Carmeuse Natural Chemicals, and the Port of Stoneport in Presque Isle Township operated by Lafarge Corporation are major commercial port facilities for Great Lakes and international shipping. At the ports of Calcite and Stoneport, limestone is the primary commodity that is shipped to several Great Lakes ports and worldwide. The location of these ports is important to the limestone-producing industry because they provide ready transport for a resource that is located near Lake Huron. In addition, boats using the ports transport limited amounts of other commodities such as fuel oil for boat refueling. The opportunity for lake transport of other commodities should be explored by enterprises needing to move large quantities of heavy items.

Rail Service

No active rail lines currently exist in Presque Isle County. Former D&M tracks have been sold or leased to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and have been converted to snowmobile trails. For the past several years, snowmobilers have been able to travel the former grade from Hawks in Presque Isle County to Mackinaw City. The former grade from Alpena to Hawks through Posen was open for snowmobiling for the first time in the winter of 2002-2003.

Water & Sewer Services

Residents of the Presque Isle Harbor Development receive service from the privately owned Presque Isle Harbor Water Company. The Presque Isle Harbor Water Company is regulated by Environment Great Lake Energy (EGLE), Drinking Water and Environmental Health Division. There are no public sewage or wastewater treatment facilities in Presque Isle Township.

Individual wells and septic systems serve the remainder of the Township. District Health Department #4 is the permitting agency for private wells and septic systems. Soil conditions such as hydric soils or bedrock close to the surface may pose challenges to siting a traditional septic system. Lakefront communities often crowd residences along the shoreline, which can directly affect both groundwater and surface water quality by increasing the potential for pollutants from improperly designed or inadequately maintained septic systems. Alternative on-site systems, such as raised drain field systems or hold and pump systems, may be appropriate in high-density or cluster lakeshore developments where soil conditions, distance between lots, or shallow bedrock make traditional systems inappropriate. Septic systems meeting Health Department Code, which are properly maintained, provide on-site wastewater treatment that is biologically equivalent to a municipal sewage treatment plant. Careful consideration must be given to protecting the Township's surface water and groundwater resources.

Solid Waste

Under the provisions of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, PA 451 or 1994, Part 115, each county is required to have a Solid Waste Management Plan approved by (EGLE) or formerly the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The *Presque Isle County Solid Waste Management Plan* identifies that the County's solid waste may be received at any of the following three Type II Landfills: Elk Run Sanitary Landfill in Allis Township, City Environmental Services, Inc. of Waters in Crawford County, or Montmorency-Oscoda-Alpena Sanitary Landfill in Montmorency County's Loud Township. The plan also indicates that solid waste may be accepted at the Elk Run facility in Presque Isle County from numerous northern Lower Peninsula and eastern Upper Peninsula counties.

Residents and business owners generally contract with private waste haulers to pick up refuse, and the waste haulers deliver the waste to one of the three landfills. Household trash may also be delivered for a per-bag price to transfer stations in Rogers City, Krakow Township or Ocqueoc Township. Additionally, dumpsters are located at several businesses around the County, where trash is accepted at a per-bag price.

Presque Isle County operates a voluntary recycling program, providing nine recycling stations where recyclable materials may be deposited. These are located at the transfer stations in Rogers City, Krakow Township, and Ocqueoc Township, in the communities of Millersburg and Hawks, and at the Allis Township Hall, North Allis Township Hall, Presque Isle Township Hall, and Posen Village Hall. Newspaper, glass, tin, and #2 HDPE plastic are accepted at the recycling stations.

The *Solid Waste Management Plan* encourages residents to compost yard waste, but the County does not have a formal composting program. The Rogers City Transfer Station provides a collection point for material to be composted for city residents. The plan states, "Composting is expected to remain the responsibility of the individual."

Public Safety

Crime Rate

One of the factors to be considered by prospective new residents to a community is the crime rate. **Figure 3-3** illustrates crime statistics per thousand residents for the last five years as reported by Munetrix with data collected by the Michigan State Police. From 2015-2020 there has been a fluctuation in crime-related activities in all categories. This can be attributed to the relatively low population within the Township. Property crimes within the Township have trended downward since 2009 and have stabilized in the past five years. Overall crime rates from 2015-2020 remain relatively low in comparison to the previous decade which had the highest crimes per thousand residents in 2011 with 18.38 crimes per thousand.

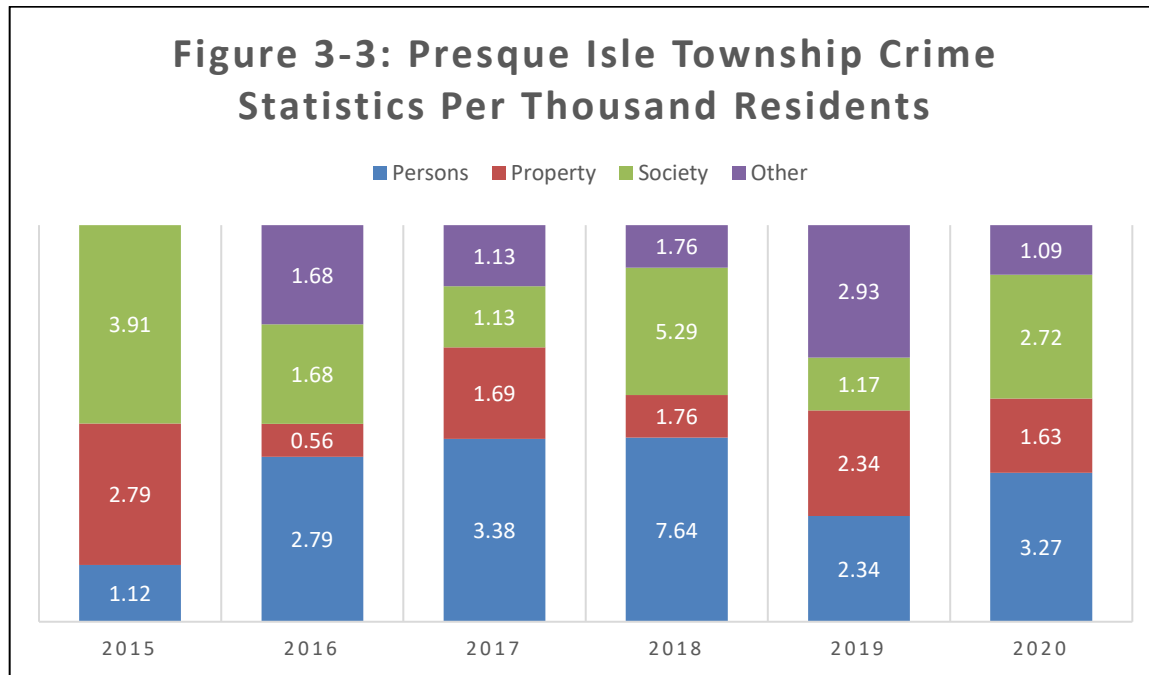


Table 3-4 compares crime rates for Presque Isle Township against rates for neighboring Townships. Of the Townships compared, Presque Isle Township has the lowest crime rate per thousand residents in 2020. It is also worth noting that crime rates for both Presque Isle County and Montmorency County are significantly less than surrounding counties.

Table 3-2 Crimes, Presque Isle Township & Surrounding Townships, 2020

| Township | Persons | Property | Society | Other | Total Crimes | Crimes per 1,000 Population |
|--------------|---------|----------|---------|-------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Krakow | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 12.16 |
| Posen | 2 | 5 | | | 7 | 9.19 |
| Pulawski | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 20.78 |
| Alpena | 94 | 140 | 129 | 98 | 461 | 52.71 |
| Presque Isle | 6 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 16 | 8.72 |

Source: Munetrix

Law Enforcement

Law enforcement protection for Presque Isle Township is primarily the responsibility of the Presque Isle County Sheriff Department. The department operates the county jail and maintains 24-hour road patrol, court services, marine patrol, snowmobile patrol, animal control, emergency dispatch, and a victims service unit. The Michigan State Police from the Alpena post provide patrols of state highways and provide additional support to the Sheriff Department as necessary. Countywide enhanced 911 emergency services, operated out of the Sheriff Department, receiving calls for fire, emergency medical services, and law enforcement and dispatch the call to the appropriate service provider. With assistance from NEMCOG, Presque Isle County has developed a *Hazard Mitigation*

Plan with the most recent update being in 2021. Representatives from the Sheriff Department, Michigan State Police, Rogers City were on the plan development team. The Plan is referenced and included in the implementation of this *Master Plan*.

In addition to the County Sheriff Department, Rogers City operates a police department and provides law enforcement services within their boundaries. Due to funding constraints, the Onaway Community is currently under contract with Presque Isle County Sheriff Department, as the Onaway Police Department closed in 2013.

Fire Protection

Presque Isle Township, through a special tax assessment, funds two fire stations. Fire District #1, located on the east side of Grand Lake, serves the north and east central sections of the Township, while Fire District #2 serves the southern and west central portions of the Township and the northern portion of Alpena Township in Alpena County. All the fire departments in Presque Isle County provide mutual aid as needed.

Emergency Medical Services

By calling 911, Presque Isle County residents needing emergency medical treatment or ambulance transport will receive care from the appropriate service provider, depending on the caller's location.

Through its fire department, Presque Isle Township, East Grand Lake Fire Department has ambulance service **with an EMT, but not a paramedic.** When transport is necessary, the Township has an arrangement with Alpena County emergency service providers.

Utilities

Energy

The majority of Presque Isle Township electric power is provided by Presque Isle Electric and Gas Co-op (PIE&G) headquartered in Onaway. Three phase services for operation of heavy machinery or equipment available at Stoneport Quarry Holcim/Lafarge operation. Alpena Power serves the southern portion of Presque Isle Township.

With the purchase of Aurora Gas by Presque Isle Electric and Gas in 2018, PIE&G service area furnishes natural gas to all of Presque Isle Township.

Communications

Except for remote locations, local telephone service is provided throughout the Township while residents have the option of choosing long-distance service from several long-distance carriers. In recent years, calling areas for the local exchanges have been expanded to offer a wider range of toll-free calling. Dial-up internet service is generally available where the local telephone is available. In some areas of the Township, broadband services such as Integrated Services Network (ISDN) and T-1 lines. A number of cellular telephone services are available throughout the area, and

several communications towers are located in Presque Isle Township to enhance reception. However, reception and transmission may be limited in areas away from the major road or in remote areas.

Furthermore, NEMCOG, Connected Nation, and the Michigan High Speed Internet Office currently do, or have collaborated, on regional broadband projects with the goal of “creating better economic and life opportunities by expanding access, adoption, and use of Broadband.” The projects were made possible with funding from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Michigan Public Service Commission, and Michigan Department of Technology Management and Budget. One such project analyzed the availability of all telecommunication providers in the Northeast Michigan region, as well as gaps in services. Because the population of Presque Isle County and the region are so geographically dispersed, this region of the State is more under-served than the rest of the State. Connected Nation provides recommendations and resources for residential users, business and public sector, emergency services, libraries, schools, museums, and telecommunication providers, in addition to available funding sources.

Presque Isle Electric and Gas Co-op is working to bring fiber-speed internet to members receiving electric service throughout its entire territory. PIE&G is tentatively scheduled to complete fiber internet Phase 2 in 2023 encompassing the Township and a majority of the County.

Charter Communication service offers cable television scattered throughout the Township and may not be available based on location. Charter generally installs service where development is at a density of 15 to 20 residences per mile. Charter’s services also include high-speed internet service. For many remote locations in the Township, many residents rely on private satellite dishes, where reception is comparable to that of cable providers services. Satellite dish providers offer high-speed Internet services, as well. While Low Earth Orbit (LEO) Satellites have become a more cost-effective way to provide satellite internet services for providers. The expansion of satellite internet services may continue to expand to remote areas within the Township.

Education

The entirety of Presque Isle Township is incorporated within the Alpena Public School District, serving the K- 12 population. Hinks Elementary School on U.S. 23 North serves the Township’s elementary population. The district's junior high school campus is located on Third Street just outside the Alpena city limits. The high school is located just inside the city limits on the corner of Third and Bagley. Busing is available to transport all students to the appropriate school.

Alpena Community College (ACC) in Alpena and North Central Michigan College (NCMC) in Petoskey, both two-year institutions, serve the higher education needs for the region's population. Both institutions offer several associate degree programs, career, and technical training, liberal arts, and transfer programs. In addition, ACC has a joint agreement with Spring Arbor College offering bachelor and masters degree programs in several fields including BA in Elementary and Secondary Education, MA in Education, BA in Family Life Education, BS in Management Health Services, BA in Management Organizational Development, and MA in Organizational Management. Central Michigan University offers MA in Counseling through ACC. Lake Superior State University

(LSSU) has in the past offered bachelor's and master's degree programs in several fields through ACC. Many other state universities have learn-at-home programs, where students earn credit via the Internet.

Library

A branch of the Presque Isle District Library, the Grand Lake Library is located on East Grand Lake Road in a township-owned building previously used as a fire station. Many civic groups and residents contributed volunteer labor and donated material to help renovate the structure for library purposes, which was reopened in 1988. The library is open five days a week year-round. Support services such as inter-library loan, computer search, book ordering and processing, summer children's story hours, and reference-related services are offered. The Presque Isle Women's Club and Friends of the Grand Lake Library continue to assist the library through fundraising and contributed labor.

Township Facilities

Township Hall

In addition to providing office and meeting space for the Township government, Presque Isle Township Hall is also used for additional activities. The Grand Lake Sportsmen's Club holds regular meetings at the hall. Basketball and volleyball are played regularly in the gym. The facility is also rented for private social events. The Township has a part-time custodian and maintenance advisor on staff to maintain the facility.

Township Cemetery

Presque Isle Township owns and maintains a **five-acre** public cemetery, located off Kauffman Road a half mile east of Grand Lake Road. Cemetery records are maintained by the Township Clerk. **A four to seven-acre expansion is planned for the year 2003. The Township projects that a total expansion of eight acres will be needed within ten years. Did any "expansion" ever take place? Is it still in the plans?**

Township Recreational Facilities

Presque Isle Township also operates other recreational and park facilities. These include the New Presque Isle Lighthouse Park, Old Presque Isle Lighthouse Park, Range Light Park, and Safety Trail (Grand Lake Rd.). The Township does have additional park opportunities that they have continued to explore. A full description of each site or activity can be reviewed in the *Presque Isle Township Five-Year Recreation Plan*.

Local Groups

Although churches and private civic organizations in Presque Isle Township are not affiliated with any governmental unit, they are listed in this chapter because of the important services they

provide to community residents. The organizations presently active in Presque Isle Township include:

- Grand Lake Community Chapel (inter-denominational)
- Long Lake Improvement Association
- Grand Lake Association
- Friends of the Grand Lake Library
- Grand Lake Sportsmen’s Club
- Presque Isle Township Historical Society
- Presque Isle Harbor Association
- Grand Lake Chapel Guild
- Presque Isle Community Club
- Friends of Thompson Harbor State Park
- Any additional or any to be removed

Agencies Involved in Land Use Activities

While it is not imperative or possible to list the projects and activities that each federal or state agency is involved in, it is important to list the agencies as excellent resources for the Township Planning Commission and Township staff. Agencies involved in land use and natural resources are the following:

- Natural Resources Conservation
- Presque Isle Soil Conservation
- Presque Isle County Building & Zoning
- Presque Isle County Economic Development Corporation
- Presque Isle County Emergency Management
- District #4 Health Department
- Michigan State University Extension
- Farm Bureau
- Northeast Michigan Council of Governments
- Northeast Michigan Community Services Agency
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- U.S. Forest Service
- Michigan Department of Natural Resources
- Michigan Department of Environment Great Lakes & Energy
- Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development
- Michigan Economic Development Corporation
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Geological Survey
- U.S. Energy Information Administration
- Any Additional Resources

Health Services

Mid-Michigan Medical Center formerly Alpena General Hospital (AGH) serves local residents' health care needs and has received the federal designation as a rural regional referral center for northeast Michigan. Mid-Michigan (Alpena) offers a wide variety of healthcare services.

Several private nursing homes and nursing services are also available in the local area, including Tendercare with long-term extended care facilities in both Alpena and Rogers City.

Although there is no longer a hospital in Presque Isle County, the number of healthcare providers are numerous. Rather than list them in this document, healthcare services can be located in the "Directory of Health Care Services for Presque Isle County" or by contacting the Health Department or the Presque Isle County Council on Aging.

District Health Department #4 is often able to fill health care needs of the community, not available or affordable elsewhere. The Health Department service area includes Alpena, Cheboygan, Presque Isle and Montmorency Counties. Programs offered by the agency fall under three categories: home health care, environmental health, and personal health.