

**ORDINANCE # 02 OF 2000**  
**ANTRIM CREEK NATURAL AREA**  
**ORDINANCE**

**The County of Antrim does hereby ordain:**

**ARTICLE 1**

**1.01 PURPOSE:**

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Antrim have determined that the Antrim Creek Natural Area is a diverse and fragile nature area that is in need of protection, while at the same time must be available to public access for recreational and educational use, specifically designed for low impact recreation. This ordinance is for the development and management of the Antrim Creek Natural Area as a natural area, to protect the diversity and fragile natural features found in the natural area and to keep it accessible for recreational and educational use by the public.

**1.02 PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:**

The Antrim Creek Natural Area (hereafter referred to as ACNA) is located in Banks Township, Antrim County, and is comprised of 156 acres of land containing nearly one mile of shoreline on Grand Traverse Bay as set forth in the attached map. Antrim Creek Natural Area supports an incredible array of natural diversity including hardwood forest, forested wetland, conifer swamp, shrub thicket, meadow, wet meadow and coastal dune, supporting a wide range of flora and fauna including federal and state listed threatened plant species. The Antrim Creek Natural Area is a rare and unique coastal ecosystem as set forth in the map attached. Consistent with preservation goals, The Antrim Creek Natural Area is designated as a natural area, specifically designed for low impact recreational and educational use.

**ARTICLE 2**

**2.01 PERMITTED USES:**

A person may do any of the following low impact uses in the Antrim Creek Natural Area:

- 2.01.1** Hiking or skiing upon designated trails;
- 2.01.2** Use of the beach for sunning, swimming, or playing unless such beach area is otherwise prohibited or designated;
- 2.01.3** Hunting and fishing during permitted seasons.
- 2.01.4** Fires in designated areas only.

## **2.02 PROHIBITED USES:**

A person shall not do any of the following in the Antrim Creek Natural Area:

- 2.02.1** Operate a motor vehicle, except on designated roads and parking areas, or operate a motor vehicle on a park road or parking area at a speed in excess of 15 miles per hour or as otherwise posted, in an unsafe manner or as to disobey traffic signs. When a motor vehicle is found parked in ACNA, the registration plate displayed on the motor vehicle shall constitute prima facie evidence that the owner of the vehicle is the person who parked it there;
- 2.02.2** Operate any ORV or snowmobile, except as permitted by law;
- 2.02.3** Possess a dog or other animal unless it is under immediate control, on a leash not exceeding 6 feet in length. The leash provision shall not apply to a dog while used in hunting, or in field trials or while being trained, when upon lands open to such uses;
- 2.02.4** Operate a bicycle or any other personal transportation device except on designated roads and parking areas. This provision shall not affect the use of such devices by a person with a disability under State or Federal Law;
- 2.02.5** Enter, use or occupy any area for any purpose when the lands are posted prohibiting such entry, use or occupancy as determined by the Board of Commissioners or as otherwise permitted in this ordinance;
- 2.02.6** Destroy, damage, or remove, trees, shrubs, wildflowers, planted grasses, other vegetation or any County property without first obtaining proper written permission. This subdivision shall not apply to the picking and removal of mushrooms, berries, and edible fruits or nuts;
- 2.02.7** A person shall not operate any motor, motor vehicle, radio, television, phonograph, tape player, CD player or any other device in such a manner as to create excessive noise that disturbs or annoys others;
- 2.02.8** Engage in any violent, abusive, loud, boisterous, wanton, obscene, or otherwise disorderly conduct tending to create a breach of the peace which disturbs or annoys others;
- 2.02.9** Dump, place, throw, or leave, or cause, or permit the dumping, placing, throwing or leaving of litter in the ACNA;
- 2.02.10** Possess a glass container within the ACNA;
- 2.02.11** A person shall not camp within the ACNA. Camping means the use or intended use of any devices, shelter or equipment for the purpose of sleeping or shelter between the hours of 10 p.m. and 8 a.m.;
- 2.02.12** Engage in any digging or excavation of lands within the ACNA without proper written permission.

## ARTICLE 3

### 3.01 RULE MAKING:

Because of the unique character of this property, this is a need in response to activities and use of the property that could, if not abated, have an irreparable impact upon the lands, flora, or fauna within the park. The Board of Commissioners, by a majority of elected members, may promulgate rules, not inconsistent with this ordinance or laws of this State for the use and occupancy of Antrim Creek Natural Area and may provide and develop facilities and lands for outdoor recreation and education use of the Antrim Creek Natural Area. Such rules shall be in effect upon being published by posting at the entrances to the Antrim Creek Natural Area.

### 3.02 TEMPORARY ORDERS:

Because of the unique character of this property, there is a need to immediately respond to activities and use of the property that could, if not abated, result in irreparable impact or harm to the lands, flora or fauna within the park. Upon a showing of actual or threatened irreparable impact or harm to the lands, flora or fauna within the park, the Chair of the Board of Commissioners is authorized to issue a temporary order prohibiting activities and uses which threaten or will cause irreparable harm or impact upon the lands, flora, and/or fauna of lands within the Antrim Creek Natural Area. Such temporary order shall be in effect upon being published by posting at the entrances to the Antrim Creek Natural Area. Such order shall only remain in effect until the next regularly scheduled Board of Commission meeting, at which time the Board of Commissioners, by a majority of elected members, may promulgate rules related to the temporary order.

### 3.03 POSTING:

A copy of Article 2 of this ordinance, any rule or order shall be posted at the road entrances to the ACNA. The fact that such copies, which have been posted, have been removed, defaced, vandalized, or destroyed, shall not affect the enforceability of this ordinance, rule or order.

## ARTICLE 4

### 4.01 PENALITES:

A person who violates any section of this ordinance, rule or order shall, in accordance with M.C.L.A. 46.10b and M.C.L.A. 600.8701 et. seq., be deemed responsible for a municipal civil infraction, punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.00.

**4.02 ENFORCEMENT:**

Any peace officer, law enforcement officer or conservation officer may enforce this ordinance and may issue municipal civil infraction citations.

**ARTICLE 5**

**5.01 SAVING CLAUSE:**

The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any clause, sentence, word, section, or provision is declared void or unenforceable, for any reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of said Ordinance shall remain in force.

**5.02 EFFECTIVE DATE:**

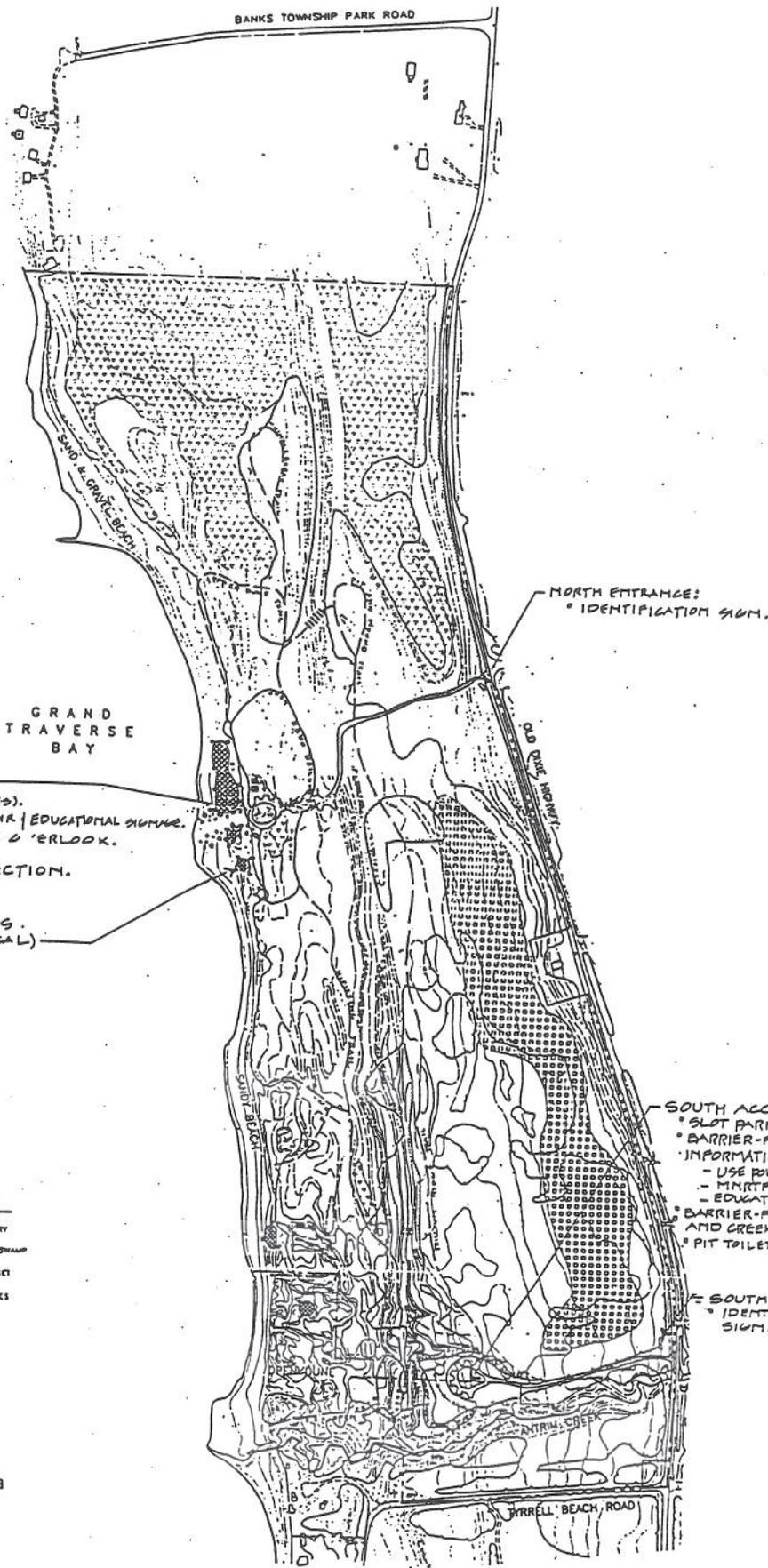
This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication of notice of adoption.

Passed: October 12, 2000

Yea \_\_\_\_\_ Nay \_\_\_\_\_

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Laura Sexton, County Clerk

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Jack White, Chair  
Antrim County Board of Commissioners



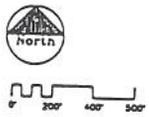
- NORTH ACCESS:**
- SLOT PARKING (20 CARS).
  - USE-POLICIES, MNRTP, DNR | EDUCATIONAL SIGNS.
  - BARRIER-FREE DUNE & OVERLOOK.
  - PIT TOILET
  - BEACH | DUNE PROTECTION.

• ENDANGERED SPECIES IDENTIFICATION (TYPICAL)

**NORTH ENTRANCE:**  
• IDENTIFICATION SIGN.

- SOUTH ACCESS:**
- SLOT PARKING (12 CARS).
  - BARRIER-FREE
  - INFORMATION ARBOR:
    - USE POLICIES
    - MNRTP | DNR SIGNS
    - EDUCATIONAL SIGNS
  - BARRIER-FREE TRAIL AND CREEK OVERLOOK.
  - PIT TOILET.

**SOUTH ENTRANCE:**  
• IDENTIFICATION SIGN.



**SYMBOL LEGEND**

	ANTRIM CREEK NATURAL AREA BOUNDARY
	WETLAND AREA HARDWOOD / CONIFER SWAMP
	WETLAND AREA NORTHERN SHOUB TRICKET
	STATE OR FEDERAL THREATENED SPECIES
	PREDOMINANTLY DECIDUOUS FOREST
	PREDOMINANTLY EVERGREEN FOREST
	BARRIER-FREE TRAIL
	EARTHEN PATH TRAIL

**Antrim Creek Natural Area Master Plan**

DATE: 9/29/90