Guide to Permitting and Zoning

Kalkaska County



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SECTION I – General Information





Introduction

In the construction industry time is money and delays associated with permitting and approvals add to the cost of projects. The permitting and zoning process can be cumbersome, frustrating and time consuming for those not familiar with the road map and nuances of the processes for each municipality and governmental agency. The creation of the *Guide to Permitting and Zoning* (Guide) for Kalkaska County is the result and collaboration of stakeholders in Northwest Lower Michigan to assist individuals and businesses involved with construction and development projects.

Purpose

The primary goals of the Guide are to both act as a <u>quick reference</u> as well as <u>educate</u> individuals, seasoned contractors, and developers with the know-how needed to access critical information in the approval process prior to applying for permits or undertaking a project within a county or municipality. The applicant or contractor should always contact the local Zoning Administrator, plan reviewer, or permit agent of the various agencies prior to beginning a project.

The Guide is not intended to be a "Do-It-Yourself" tool. Each project is different and following the flowcharts included in the Guide does not guarantee that a permit or approval will be issued at the end of the process. Applicants and Contractors are encouraged to seek the assistance of local professionals who have experience in dealing with the requirements of permits and approvals.

An understanding of the permitting and approval process will improve the efficiency of the process for both the private and public sector, in return creating a more successful project from the onset. More introductory information on the planning and zoning process is available in the New Designs For Growth A Citizen's Guide to Planning & Zoning, which can be found at: www.nwm.org/citizensguide-planning





New Designs for Growth

"Development needs to go somewhere or it just goes everywhere and looks like anywhere"

-Quote from the NDFG Development Guidebook

Scenic views, spectacular bays, inviting lakes and streams, miles of shoreline, year-round recreational options, clean air, small town friendliness and overall quality of life...these are some of the many attributes stimulating rapid growth in the Northwestern lower Michigan region. The vision of New Designs for Growth is to address this development expansion and help the region prosper in a way that protects the natural resources, scenic beauty, rural landscape and unique character of each community within the area.

As a model grassroots effort, which began in 1992 at the Traverse City Area Chamber of Commerce, New Designs for Growth (NDFG) has been a guiding force that has helped shape commercial and residential developments. As a collaborative team of community volunteers, advocates, planning and design professionals, developers and governmental representatives, the initiative continues to help shape the future of this region. NDFG is administered by the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments.

Following the Traverse City Area Chamber of Commerce's goal to "preserve and enhance the quality of natural resources and environments as the basis of a healthy economy," New Designs for Growth goals are:

- Protect the natural and rural landscape character of the region
- Demonstrate how development can complement the natural landscape, farmland and scenic views
- Provide better alternatives for conventional development practices
- Reduce visual pollution
- Encourage good design beyond legal restrictions and minimum standards
- Promote renovation of existing substandard sites to reduce their negative impacts
- Promote preservation and improvement of historical and cultural resources
- Encourage the preservation and enhancement of hamlets, villages, and neighborhoods
- Promote more effective communication of design principles

New Designs for Growth goals dovetail perfectly with the statewide initiatives that are set forth through the Michigan Land Use Leadership Council's Ten Tenets for Smart Growth.

Building upon a fourteen year history, the New Designs for Growth Development Guidebook reflects the latest trends and best management practices in designing sustainable communities and regions. It includes guiding principles in accordance with Michigan Land Use Leadership Council and Smart Growth policies, as well as research from a wide range of stakeholders. It contains specific examples of development practices that preserve and protect valuable land resources, while at the same time promoting economic strength and viability. The New Designs for Growth Development Guidebook is available in print and CD versions through contacting the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments Department of Planning and Community Development (www.nwm.org/planning/regional-planning-staff.html).





Related Links:

New Designs for Growth www.newdesignsforgrowth.com/

Northwest Michigan council of Governments www.nwm.org/

New Designs for Growth Development Guidebook www.newdesignsforgrowth.com/pages/guidebook/introduction/

New Designs for Growth – A Citizen's Guide to Planning & Zoning in Northwest Michigan www.nwm.org/citizensguide-planning

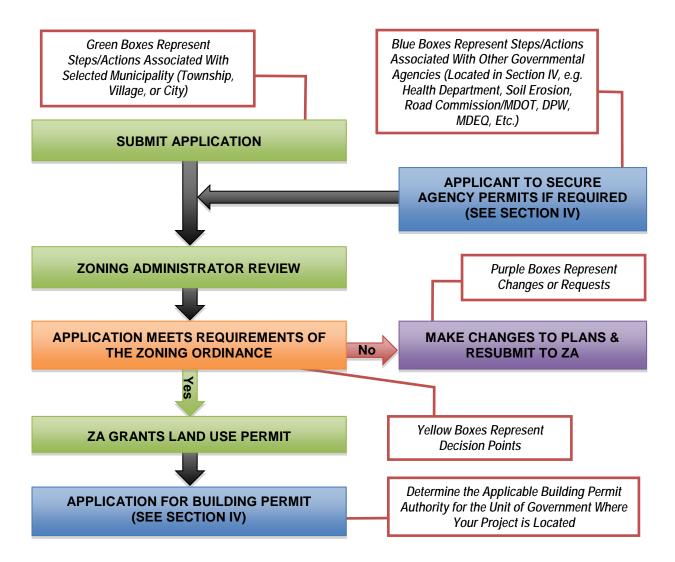




How to Use This Guide

Flowchart Legend

The flowchart legend is provided to understand the color coding of flowcharts that may be contained under a specific unit of government's listing in this guide. It also provides generic examples of the types of steps that may be contained in various land use permit processes. However, it is not intended to represent a specific unit of government's permitting process. If the specific unit of government you are interested in does not contain a permitting process flowchart, please contact the zoning administrator for specific application process information.

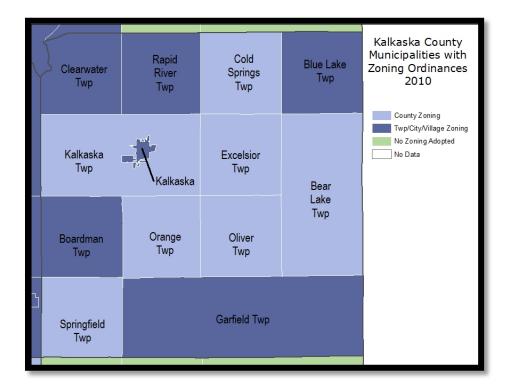


*NOTE – The flowcharts included in this guide are for educational purposes on the general process (i.e. permitted uses) and following them does not guarantee a permit or approval. Please use contact information provided for each municipality included in this document for specific permitting direction.





Kalkaska County Permitting & Zoning



There are 12 incorporated townships, and 1 incorporated village in Kalkaska County. There are no cities. County, village and township websites containing government contacts, zoning ordinances, master plans and more can be found at:

www.newdesignsforgrowth.com/pages/smartgrowthresources/northwestlowermichiganmunicipalplann ingresources/.





Zoning, Permitting & Construction: General Observations

As a relatively rural county comprised of multiple small townships and villages, many governmental jurisdictions within Kalkaska County have elected to use the County to administer zoning and permitting laws using the powers provided by County ordinance. To this extent, the requirements and expertise are centralized with the County Zoning Administrator, and therefore relatively easy to follow under the guidance and direction of the ZA office.

The following jurisdictions are covered by County law:

- Bear Lake Township
- Coldsprings Township
- Excelsior Township
- Kalkaska Township
- Oliver Township
- Orange Township
- Springfield Township

Citizens or developers wishing to improve property in these Townships or in unincorporated areas of the County should check first with the County Zoning Administrator for guidance on how best to proceed. The County ordinance will govern construction and development in these jurisdictions.

The following communities administer their own respective zoning and permitting laws:

- Blue Lake Township
- Boardman Township
- Clearwater Township
- Garfield Township
- Rapid River Township
- Village of Kalkaska

Citizens or developers wishing to improve property in these jurisdictions should check first with the Zoning Administrator or Township Superintendent in each respective location prior to commencing a project. In these jurisdictions, in most cases, the Township Zoning Administrators are hired on a contract basis.

For these non-county administered jurisdictions, it is imperative to note that zoning and permitting processes are not always readily transparent. It is sometimes difficult to get copies of some of the ordinances. Zoning Administrators in some of these communities have limited office hours and are difficult to contact. For example, Rapid River Township administers its own zoning and permitting laws per its own ordinance, but has adopted the governing language found in the County's ordinance as

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Zoning, Permitting & Construction: General Observations (cont.)

interpreted and applied by a Zoning Administrator who keeps office hours only on Thursday late afternoons. We therefore strongly recommend personal meetings with them prior to project commencement.

Please note that the County Zoning Administrator reports that the County does not have an accurate zoning map, and that maps are now being converted over to a GIS system. Much of the zoning map is subject to some level of interpretation and it is, therefore, strongly urged that zoning inquiries be made early in the development process directly to the Zoning Administrator.

Additional considerations:

- There are a few requirements that affect building/development activities in certain areas of the county, even where there is no zoning ordinance.
- You must have Zoning, Septic and Water Well permits approved and issued before you can receive a building permit. Copies of approved Zoning, Septic and Water Well permits must accompany your building application when it is submitted for review.





SECTION II – Township Permitting & Zoning Process





Bear Lake Township

Township Office 198 East Bear Lake Road

Kalkaska, Michigan 49646 231.258.4871 phone 231.258.0860 fax

Website www.kalkaskacounty.net/bearlk.asp

Meeting 1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor William F. Jackson

162 Lake Valley Road Southeast Kalkaska, Michigan 49646 231.258.9643 phone

Zoning Administrator Karen Van Horn

Contact information: see page 39

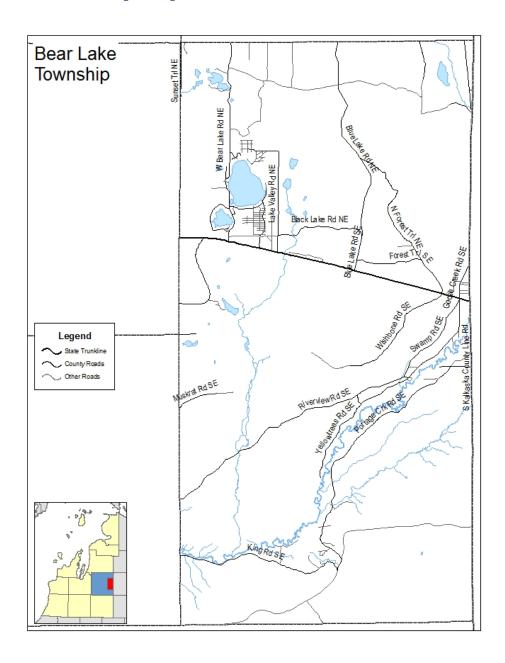
Notes: The Kalkaska County Zoning Department is responsible for all land use

permits for the Township (see page 39 for additional information)





Bear Lake Township Map







Blue Lake Township

Township Office 10599 Twin Lake Road Northeast

Mancelona, Michigan 49659

231.587.8354 phone 231.587.4066 fax

Website <u>bluelaketwpkalkaska.org</u>

Meeting 1st Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Dean McCulloch

231.587.4836 phone blsuper@torchlake.com

Zoning Administrator Blair Shearer

231.587.5698 phone blzoning@torchlake.com

Office Hours: Friday 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. to

12:00 p.m.

Documents Zoning Ordinance

bluelaketwpkalkaska.org/zoningordinance.asp

Master Plan

bluelaketwpkalkaska.org/masterplan.asp

Land Division Procedure

bluelaketwpkalkaska.org/downloads/land_split_information.pdf

Fees

bluelaketwpkalkaska.org/downloads/blue lake township fees 312.pdf

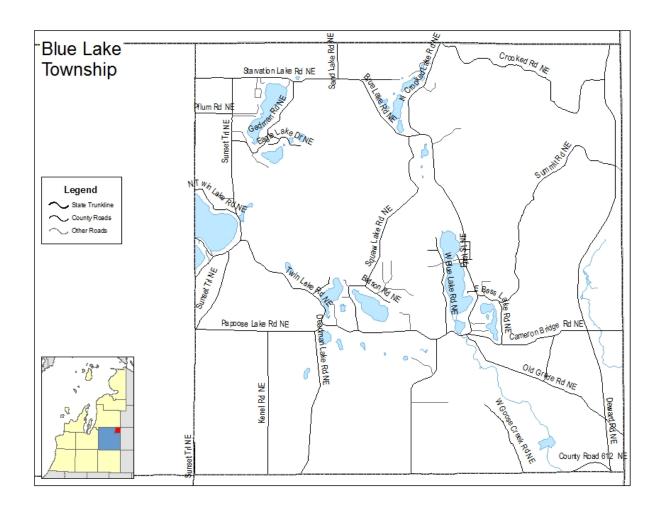
Applications and Forms Land Division Application

bluelaketwpkalkaska.org/downloads/land split application.pdf





Blue Lake Township Map







Boardman Township

Township Office 4859 Pine Street, Southwest

South Boardman, Michigan 49680

231.369.2211 phone

Website www.kalkaskacounty.net/boardman.asp

Meeting 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Gerald Gaultier

PO Box 93

South Boardman, Michigan 49680

231.369.2855 phone

Assessor Dawn Plude

231.409.1827 phone

Zoning Administrator Mary Erickson

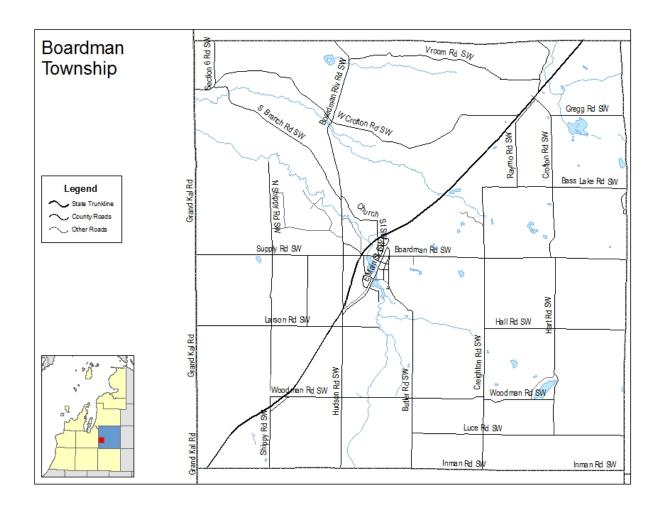
6424 Butler Road Southwest South Boardman, Michigan 49680

231.369.2551 phone 231.564.2201 cell





Boardman Township Map







Clearwater Township

Township Office 5440 River Street Northwest

PO Box 1

Rapid City, Michigan 49676 231.331.6249 phone 231.331.4375 fax

clerk@clearwatertwp.com

Website www.kalkaskacounty.net/clearwtwp.asp

Meeting 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Larry Niederstadt

231.322.2333 phone

Assessor Casey Guthrie, Assessor

P.O. Box 1

Rapid City, MI 49676

231.331.6249 (ext. 15) phone

Zoning Administrator Guy Molby

7363 Southeast Torch Lake Drive

Alden, Michigan 49612 231.331.4500 phone 231.377.7121 home

Office Hours: Every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

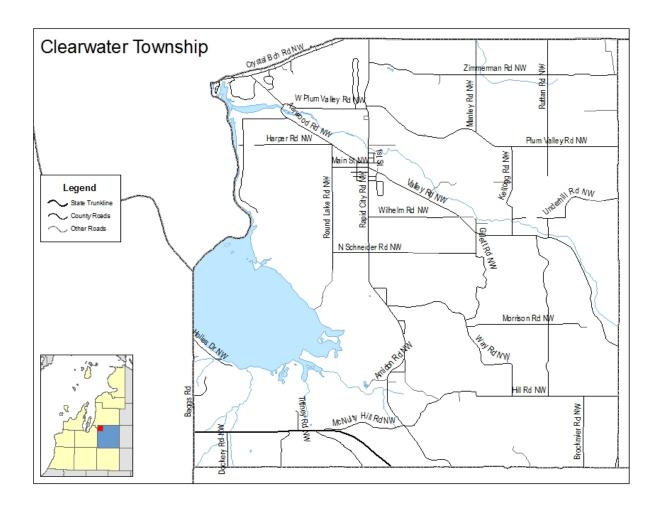
Documents Zoning Ordinance

www.clearwatertwp.com/Ordinances.aspx





Clearwater Township Map







Coldsprings Township

Township Office 6515 County Road 571 Northeast

Mancelona, Michigan 49659

231.587.8633 phone 231.587.8656 fax

clerk@coldspringstwp.com

Website www.coldspringsexcelsior.org/coldsprings.htm

Meeting 2nd Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Mike Neubecker

7860 Twin Lake Road Northeast Mancelona, Michigan 49659

231.587.5032 phone neubie@torchlake.com

Assessor David Grimm

5893 Way Road NW

Rapid City, Michigan 49676

231.331.6370

Zoning Administrator Karen Van Horn

Contact information: see page 39

Notes: The Kalkaska County Zoning Department is responsible for all land use

permits for the Township (see page 39 for additional information)

Documents Private Road Ordinance

www.coldspringsexcelsior.org/coldsprings/ Private%20Road%20Ordin%206-2-03.pdf

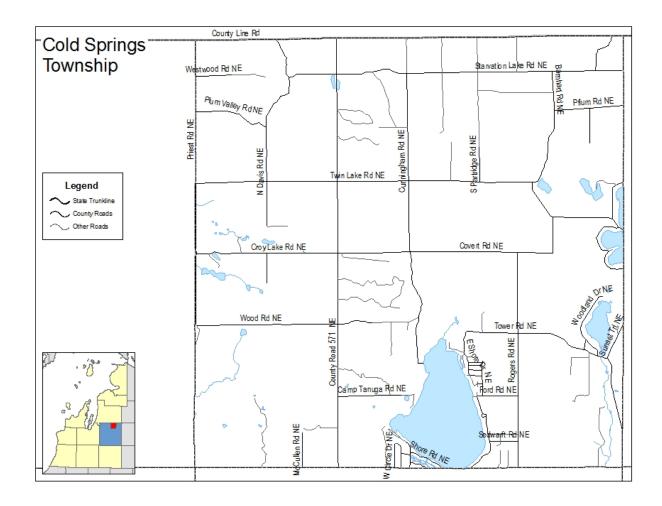
Township Septic Ordinance

www.coldspringsexcelsior.org/coldsprings/septic%20Ordinance.pdf





Coldsprings Township Map





Excelsior Township

Township Office 987 County Road 571 Northeast

Kalkaska, Michigan 49646 231.258.6108 phone 231.258.6654 fax

Mailing Address Excelsior Township

Sandy Goodale 6217 Myers Road NE Kalkaska, Michigan 49646

Website www.coldspringsexcelsior.org/excelsiorold.htm

Meeting First Monday Monthly at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Norman Groner

5636 Tyler Road SE

Kalkaska, Michigan 49646 231.258.4607 phone

Zoning Administrator Karen Van Horn

Contact information: see page 39

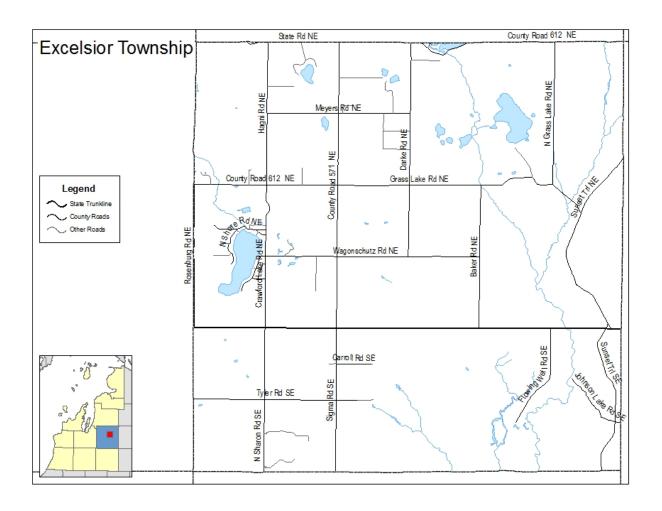
Notes: The Kalkaska County Zoning Department is responsible for all land use

permits for the Township (see page 39 for additional information)





Excelsior Township Map







Garfield Township

Township Office 466 West Sharon Road Southeast

Fife Lake, Michigan 49633 231.369.2483 phone

Website www.kalkaskacounty.net/garfield.asp

Meeting 2nd Thursday Monthly at 7:00pm

Supervisor Todd Jones

11095 Henschell Road Southwest

Fife Lake, Michigan 49633 231.879.3725 phone

Assessor Michelle Englebrecht

P.O. Box 871

Bellaire, Michigan 49615 231.676.3033 phone

Zoning Administrator Todd Jones (Acting)

231.879.3725 phone

Office Hours: By appointment only

Forms Land Use Permit Application

www.kalkaskacounty.net/downloads/app.pdf

Site Plan

www.kalkaskacounty.net/downloads/site_plan.pdf

Notice of Appeal

www.kalkaskacounty.net/downloads/notice_of_appeal_26.pdf

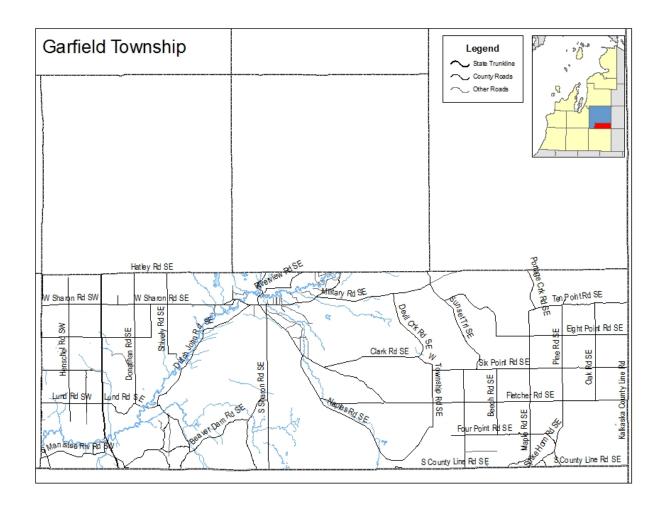
Fees

www.kalkaskacounty.net/downloads/fees.pdf





Garfield Township Map







Kalkaska Township

Township Office 209 Laurel Street

Kalkaska, Michigan 49646 231.258.9305 phone 231.258.3292 fax

Website http://www.kalkaskacounty.net/kalktwp.asp

Meeting 1st Tuesday Monthly at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Michael Winter

PO Box 855

Kalkaska, Michigan 49646-0855

231.258.5222 phone

Assessor Michael Van Horn

Zoning Administrator Karen Van Horn

Contact information: see page 39

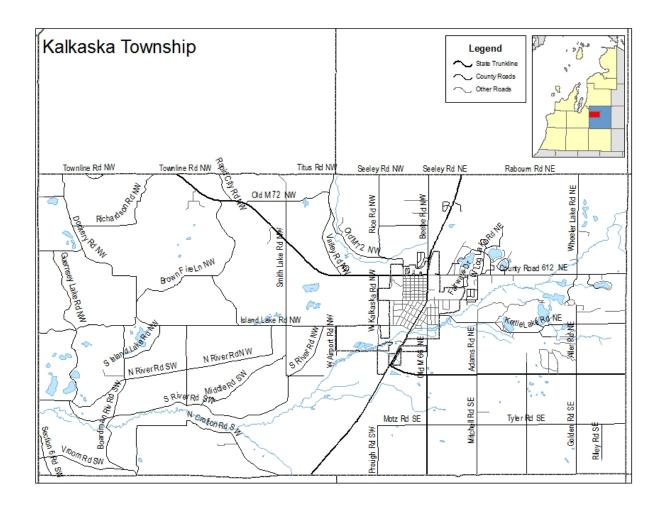
Notes: The Kalkaska County Zoning Department is responsible for all land use

permits for the Township (see page 39 for additional information)





Kalkaska Township Map







Oliver Township

Township Office 5472 Kniss Road Southeast

Kalkaska, Michigan 49646 231.258.4206 phone

Website http://www.kalkaskacounty.net/olivertwp.asp

Meeting 2nd Tuesday Monthly at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Edward Fisher

4444 North Sharon Road Kalkaska, Michigan 49646 231.258.5348 phone

Zoning Administrator Karen Van Horn

Contact information: see page 39

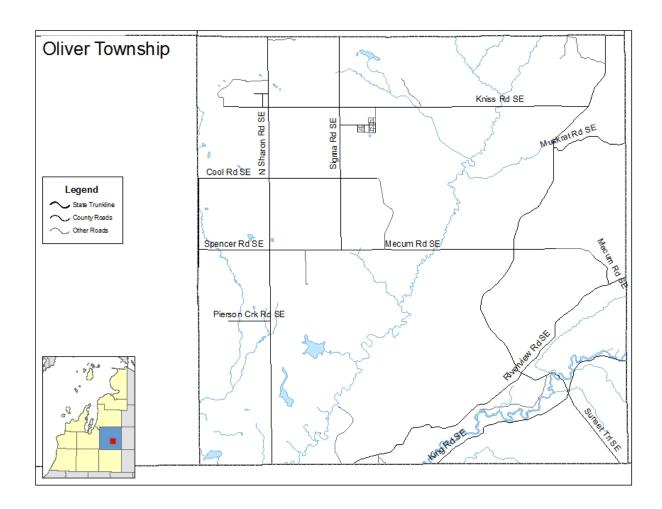
Notes: The Kalkaska County Zoning Department is responsible for all land use

permits for the Township (see page 39 for additional information)





Oliver Township Map







Orange Township

Township Office 28 Boardman Road Southeast

South Boardman, Michigan 49680

231.369.3457 phone/fax orangetwp@acegroup.cc

Mailing Address 3715 Saunders Rd SE

Kalkaska, Michigan 49646

Website http://www.kalkaskacounty.net/orangetwp.asp

Meeting 2nd Tuesday Monthly at 7:00pm

Supervisor Robert Hoenicke

1040 East Lake Drive Southeast Kalkaska, Michigan 49646 231.369.2226 phone

Zoning Administrator Karen Van Horn

Contact information: see page 39

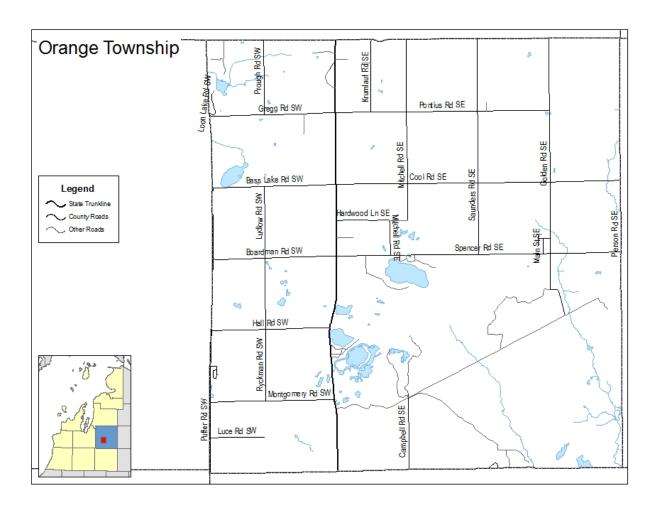
Notes: The Kalkaska County Zoning Department is responsible for all land use

permits for the Township (see page 39 for additional information)





Orange Township Map







Rapid River Township

Township Office 1010 Phelps Road Northeast

Kalkaska, Michigan 49646-9429

231.258.2943 phone

Website http://www.kalkaskacounty.net/rapidriver.asp

Meeting 2nd Tuesday Monthly at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor John S. Rogers

231.331.4163 phone 231.676.2917 cell

Zoning Administrator Roger Williams

231.258.2943 phone

Office Hours: Thursday, 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Second Thursday of every month hours are 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Documents Zoning Ordinance, Zoning Map, and the Zoning Permit Application are

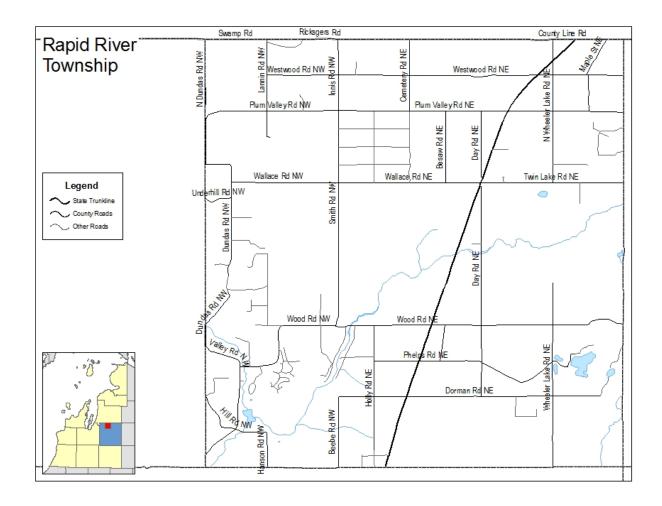
available at the following link:

www.kalkaskacounty.net/homepage5431777.asp





Rapid River Township Map





Springfield Township

Township Office 5253 Ingersoll Road Southwest

Fife Lake, Michigan 49633 231.879.4541 phone

Website http://www.kalkaskacounty.net/springfdtwp.asp

Meeting 1st Tuesday Monthly at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Thomas Gray

10357 Grand Kal Road Southwest

Fife Lake, Michigan 49633 231.879.3595 phone

Assessor A & D Assessing

231.409.1827

Zoning Administrator Karen Van Horn

Contact information: see page 39

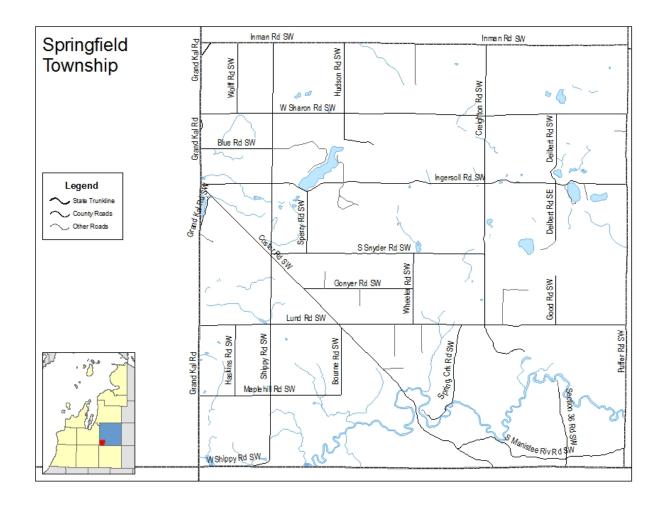
Notes: The Kalkaska County Zoning Department is responsible for all land use

permits for the Township (see page 39 for additional information)





Springfield Township Map







SECTION III – Village Permitting & Zoning Process





Village of Kalkaska

Village Hall 200 Hyde Street

Kalkaska, Michigan 49646 231.258.9191 phone 132.258.9081 fax

Website www.kalkaskavillage.com/

President Jeff Sieting

231.258.9191 phone

Village Manager/ Penny Hill

Zoning Administrator 231.258.9191 phone

Documents Land Usage Code

www.kalkaskavillage.com/wp-content/uploads/Title-XV-Land-Usage.pdf

Site Plan Review and Approval

www.kalkaskavillage.com/wp-content/uploads/site-plan-review-

ordinance-011204.pdf Sign Ordinance

www.kalkaskavillage.com/wp-content/uploads/

Chapter%20151%20Signs%20Amended%204-12-10.pdf

Permit Applications & Fees <u>www.kalkaskavillage.com/?page_id=68</u>

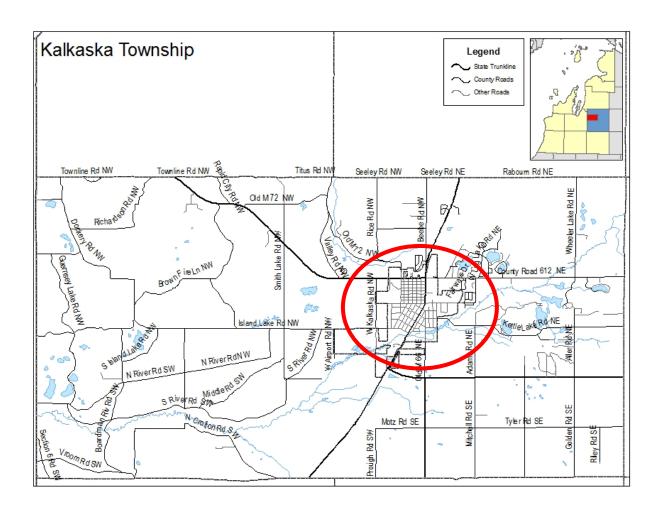
Zoning Commission Minutes www.kalkaskavillage.com/?cat=4

Brownfield Redevelopment www.kalkaskavillage.com/?cat=4





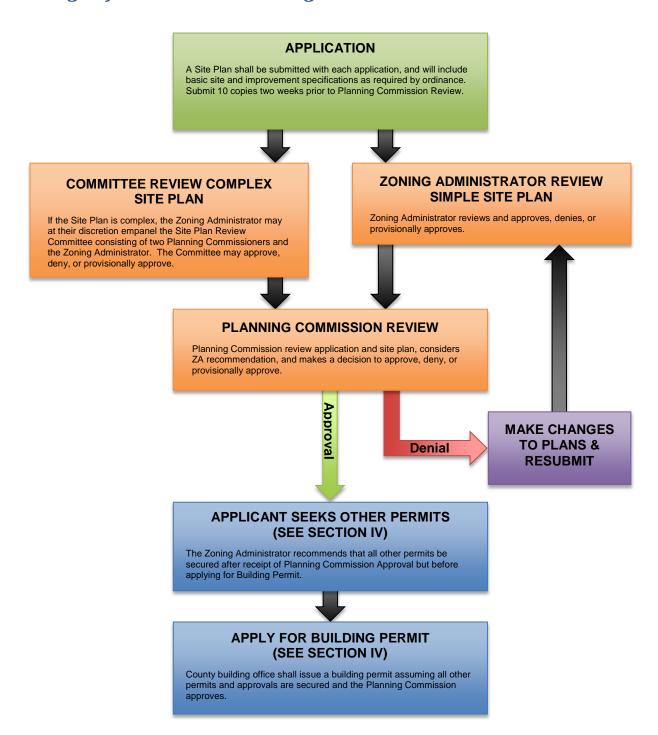
Village of Kalkaska Map







Village of Kalkaska Permitting Process Flowchart



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SECTION IV – Kalkaska County Governmental Agencies





Kalkaska County Zoning

Office Kalkaska County Government Annex

890 Island Lake Road

Rooms 5 and 6

Kalkaska, Michigan 49646

(Note: this is not the main County Building at 605 N. Birch St.)

231.258.3367 phone 231.258.2828 fax

www.kalkaskacounty.net/zoning.asp

Zoning Administrator Karen Van Horn

Kalkaska County Zoning Administrator

Soil Erosion Enforcing Agent kalkaskazoning@yahoo.com

Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Assistant Laura Hendricks

kalkaska.asstzoning@yahoo.com

Documents Kalkaska County Master Plan

http://www.kalkaskacounty.net/homepage2459479.asp

Kalkaska County Zoning Ordinance

http://www.kalkaskacounty.net/homepage2455658.asp

Kalkaska County Zoning Permit Application www.kalkaskacounty.net/zn_permit_appl.asp

Kalkaska County Soil Erosion Permit Application www.kalkaskacounty.net/zn_soil_erosion.asp





Kalkaska County Register of Deeds

Register of Deeds Jo Ann DeGraaf

Office 605 North Birch Street

Kalkaska, Michigan 49646 231.258.3315 phone 231.258.3345 fax

jdegraaf@kalkaskacounty.org

Website <u>www.kalkaskacounty.net/regdeeds.asp</u>

Office Hours Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Documents Recording Fees and Guidelines

www.kalkaskacounty.net/recfees.asp

Recording Requirements

www.kalkaskacounty.net/recreq.asp





Building Safety & Construction Code Enforcement

Office Kalkaska County Government Annex

890 Island Lake Road Kalkaska, Michigan 49646

(Note: this is not the main County Building at 605 N. Birch St.)

231.258.3365 phone 231.258.2828 fax

Directions Located 0.5 miles west of US-131, on Island Lake Rd.

Island Lake Rd. intersects with US-131 approximately 0.3 miles south of

the traffic light in downtown Kalkaska

Hours Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Website www.kalkaskacounty.net/construction_cod_2.asp

Documents Contractor License Registration Request

www.kalkaskacounty.net/homepage3941120.asp

Applying for a Building Application

www.kalkaskacounty.net/cc_applying.asp

Checklist of Requirements for Permit Issuance fwww.kalkaskacounty.net/homepage8562597.asp

Residential Check Compliance Certificate

www.kalkaskacounty.net/homepage8748439.asp

Residential Plan Review Checklist

www.kalkaskacounty.net/homepage8895707.asp

Building Permit Application

www.kalkaskacounty.net/homepage8563217.asp

Commercial Plan Review Application

www.kalkaskacounty.net/homepage9657675.asp

Electrical Permit Application

www.kalkaskacounty.net/homepage8760916.asp

Mechanical Permit Application

www.kalkaskacounty.net/homepage8895658.asp

Plumbing Permit Application

www.kalkaskacounty.net/homepage8894702.asp





Emergency Management Agency

Director Mark Laskowski

231.258.3334 phone 231.384.5784 mobile 231.258.3375 fax

laskowski2011@yahoo.com

Website <u>www.kalkaskacounty.net/emergencymanager.asp</u>

Services Offered The mission of Emergency Management is to act to minimize or prevent

damage due to disasters through pre-disaster mitigation, as well as to act during & after a disaster to safeguard lives and property, and help

affected areas recover.





Road Commission

Office Kalkaska County Road Commission

1049 Island Lake Road Kalkaska, MI 49646 231.258.2242 phone 231.258.8205 fax

Hours Monday – Friday, 6:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Website <u>www.kalkaskaroad.org</u>

Interim Manager Jeff Root

jroot@kalkaskaroad.org

Superintendent Tim Dorman

tdorman@kalkaskaroad.org

Notes The activities of Road Commissions vary from county to county. In rural

counties, for example, Road Commissions spend a great deal of time maintaining gravel roads. Commissions in the urban, more populace counties of southern lower Michigan split their time between maintaining gravel and paved roads. For most, however, winter

maintenance (plowing and salting) is a top priority.

County Road Commission duties include, but are not limited to:

- Road and bridge construction, repair and maintenance.
- Snow removal, salting, and sanding.
- Surface treatments and chip and crack sealing.
- Street lane painting and marking and maintaining road signage.
- Ensuring steady and safe traffic patterns.
- Controlling roadside vegetation, mowing and brush cutting.
- Gravel road grading.
- Roadside ditch and drain maintenance.



