Benzie County Assets

*Asset mapping is a process that helps communities identify and describe their strengths and resources, which can then be used to address community needs and improve health. This can include community engagement, partnership building, and resource allocation. Each county asset list contains the following: social services, social and/or grassroot organizations, education, health institutions, public services, community-based organizations, infrastructure, and noteworthy people and groups.*

## **Social Service**

### Community Center

* Grow Benzie

### Housing Organizations

* Habitat for Humanity
* Housing North
* Frankfort Housing Commission
* Homestretch

### Food Pantry/Kitchens

* Benzie Area Christian Neighbors (BACN)
* The Baby Pantry at St. Philip’s Episcopal Church
* Benzie Food Partners Food Pantry
* Benzie Friends Resource Food Pantry
* Benzie Recovery Center Meal Site
* Fresh Winds Christian Community Food Pantry
* Lake Ann United Methodist Church Food Pantry

### Emergency Housing Shelters

### Halfway Houses

### Domestic Violence Shelters

* Women’s Resource Center

## **Social/Grassroot Organizations**

### Seniors’ Group/Services

* Benzie Senior Resources
* The Gathering Place
* Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan

### Special Interest Group

* Joy 2 Ride Benzie County
* The Crystal Lake & Watershed Association

### Advocacy Groups/Coalitions

* Grow Benzie
* Benzie Faith in Action
* Advocates for Benzie County
* 100 Women Who Care – Benzie County

### Cultural Organizations

* Oliver Art Center
* Benzie Area Symphony Orchestra
* Benzie Area Historical Society and Museum

### Hunting/Sportsman Leagues

* Benzie Sportsman’s Club
* Betsie River Sportsmen’s Club

### Amateur Sports Leagues

## **Education**

### Colleges or Universities

### Community College

* Northwestern Michigan College

### Before-/After-School Program

* SEEDS
* Lake Ann Elementary Before/After Care

### Vocational/Technical Education Programs

* Skilled Trades Apprenticeship Readiness Training (S.T.A.R.T)
* Northwest Education Services Career Tech
* Adult Education: NW MI Works!

## **Health Institutions**

### Hospital

* Paul Oliver Memorial Hospital

### Healthcare Clinic

* Frankfort Family Care
* Crystal Lake Clinic
* Frankfort Medical Group
* Northwest Michigan Health Services

### Health Department

* Benzie-Leelanau Health Department

### Behavioral Health Services

* Centra Wellness Network
* Benzie Friends Drop-in Center
* Catholic Human Services
* Northwest Michigan Health Services, Inc.
* Embrace Wellness LLC

## **Public Service**

### Library

* Benzie Shores District Library
* Benzonia Public Library
* Betsie Valley District Library
* Darcy Library of Beulah
* Almira Township Library

### Police Department

* Benzie County Sheriff’s Department
* Frankfort Police Department

### Fire Department

* Benzonia Township Fire Department
* Thompsonville Fire & Rescue
* Frankfort Fire Department
* Almira Township Fire & EMS Department
* Inland Township Fire Department
* Homestead Township Fire Department

### Emergency Medical Services

* Benzie County EMS
* Thompsonville Fire and Rescue
* Almira Township Fire & EMS Department

## **Community-Based Organizations**

### Religious Organizations

* Blaine Christian Church
* First Congregational Church of Benzonia
* Lake Ann United Methodist Church

### United Way

* United Way of Northwest Michigan

### Community or Philanthropic Foundation

* Munson Healthcare Foundation
* Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation

### Political Organizations

* Benzie County Republicans
* The Democratic Party of Benzie County

## **Infrastructure**

### Parks

* Homestead Township Park
* Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore
* Benzonia Township Memorial Park
* Beulah Village Park
* Lake Ann Park
* Almira Township Park
* Almira Township Lakefront Park
* Burnett Park
* Lake Ann Pathway
* Inland Township Park
* Elberta Waterfront Park
* Penfold Park
* Open Space Park
* Bellows Park
* Academy Park

### Public Pools

### Vacant Private Building or Lot

* Fox Lane, Benzonia

### Public Lake or Coastline

* Lake Michigan
* Crystal Lake
* Lake Ann
* Platte Lake
* Lower Herring Lake
* Upper Herring Lake
* Betsie Lake
* Long Lake
* Rush Lake
* Little Platte Lake
* Loon Lake
* Mud Lake
* Otter Lake
* Bass Lake
* Pearl Lake

### Community Gardens

* Grow Benzie

### Farmer’s Markets

* Frankfort Farmers Market
* Elberta Farmer’s Market
* Grow Benzie

## **Noteworthy Person/Group**

### Local Artists/Musicians

* Barefoot Music
* Ellie Harold
* Corey and Stacey Bechler

### Community Leader

* Art Jeannot
* Josh Stoltz
* Rick Schmitt

### Celebrity or Influential Figure

## **Other**