# **Mecosta 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

* Mecosta County Senior Center/ Mecosta County Commission on Aging
* Lakeview Community Center
* Student Recreation Center – Ferris State University
* North Kent Connect
* Morley Community Center
* St. Vinny’s
* Salvation Army

### Housing Organizations

* Big Rapids Housing Commission
* Michigan State Housing Development Authority
* Mid Michigan Community Action (MMCA)
* Community Management Associates
* Our Brother’s Keeper – Homeless Shelter
* U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development – Michigan

### Food Pantry/Kitchens

* Manna Pantry of Big Rapids
* Project Starburst
* Angels of Action -nonprofit organization
* God’s Helping Hands
* Catholic Charities West Michigan, God’s Kitchen
* Feeding America West Michigan
* Chippewa Lake Community Church

### Emergency Housing Shelters

* Our Brothers Keeper Shelter
* Mecosta County – Michigan Department of Health & Human Services
* Mid Michigan Community Action Agency
* Women’s Information Service Inc. (WISE)

### Halfway Houses

* My Brothers Keeper Shelter
* Sisters Of Sobriety
* Women’s Information Service Inc. (WISE)

### Domestic Violence Shelters

* Women’s Information Service Inc. (WISE)

## **Social/Grassroot Organizations**

### Seniors’ Group/Services

* Mecosta County Senior Center/ Mecosta County Commission on Aging
* Altercare Big Rapids
* Mission Point of Big Rapids – assisted living
* Evergreen Terrace Assited Living
* The Brook of Big Rapids – assisted living
* Reed City Senior Center
* Morley Community Center
* Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan (AAAWM)

### Special Interest Group

* Clean Water Action
* Voca Lyrica
* Big Rapids Garden Club
* Big Rapids Eagles
* Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)
* Angels of Action – nonprofit organization
* Women’s Information Service Inc. (WISE)
* Big Rapids Lions Club – club that serves community
* Rotary Club of Big Rapids, Michigan – club that serves community
* Friends of the Library – Big Rapids
* Canadian Lakes Association
* Big Rapids Salvation Army
* Michigan State University Extension

### Advocacy Groups/Coalitions

* Mecosta - Osceola Human Services Collaborative Body
* Michigan Advocacy Program
* Angels of Action – nonprofit organization
* Mothers Against Drunk Driving
* Statewide Sexual Assault Hotline
* Equality Michigan (Triangle Foundation)
* Women’s Information Service Inc. (WISE)
* Face Addiction Now
* Mecosta Osceola Substance Awareness Coalition
* Mecosta/Osceola Great Start Collaborative

### Cultural Organizations

* Artworks – nonprofit organization
* Zonta Club of Big Rapids Area
* Wheatland Music Organization
* Ferris State University – Regional Cultural Centers

### Hunting/Sportsman Leagues

* Mecosta County Rod & Gun Club
* Barryton Conservation Club

### Amateur Sports Leagues

* Big Rapids Gymnastics
* Big Rapids Little League
* Big Rapids Rocket/Flag Football & Cheerleading
* Big Rapids CO-ED Volleyball League
* Northland United Soccer Club
* Big Rapids Pickleball
* American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO)
* Canadian Lakes Pickleball Club
* Westwind Gymnastics
* JD Fit Sort Performance Facility

## **Education**

### Colleges or Universities

* Ferris State University

### Community College

* Northwestern Michigan College
* Mid Michigan College
* Grand Rapids Community College

### Before-/After-School Program

* St. Peter’s Lutheran Church & School
* Chippewa Hills School District
* Brookside Elementary School
* Crossroads Charter Academy
* Young Oaks Latchkey Program – Royal Oak Schools
* Kiddies Klub House – Child Care Center
* Newbees Daycare Center
* Youth Attention Center
* Huntey’s Clubhouse

### Vocational/Technical Education Programs

* Mecosta-Osceola Career Center (MOCC)

## **Health Institutions**

### Hospital

* Corewell Health Reed City Hospital
* Corewell Health Big Rapids Hospital

### Healthcare Clinic

* Hope Clinic
* Corewell Health Big Rapids Hospital Walk-In Clinic
* Corewell Health Big Rapids Hospital Family Medicine – Big Rapids
* Corewell Health Reed City Hospital Family Medicine – Reed City
* Corewell Health Big Rapids Hospital Family Medicine – Canadian Lakes
* Corewell Health Tustin Family Medicine
* Corewell Health Reed City Hospital Walk-In Clinic
* Birkham Health Care
* Williams Family Medical
* Premier Primary Health
* Hope Primary and Urgent Care of Big Rapids PLLC
* West Michigan Pain
* Michigan Primary Care Partners

### Health Department

* District Health Department #10

### Behavioral Health Services

* Community Mental Health for Central Michigan – Mecosta County Center
* Michigan Department of Health & Human Services – Mecosta County
* Ten16 – Big Rapids
* Heidi Weipert PLLC – Therapy/Counseling
* New Journey Clubhouse
* Big Rapids Counseling

## **Public Service**

### Library

* Big Rapids Community Library
* Morton Township Library
* Reed City Area District Library
* Walton Erickson Public Library
* Ferris Library for Information, Technology and Education (FLITE)
* Barryton Public Library

### Police Department

* Big Rapids Department of Public Safety Police Division
* Reed City Police Department
* Mecosta County Sheriff’s Office
* Michigan State Police
* Ferris State University – Department of Public Safety

### Fire Department

* Big Rapids Township Fire Department
* Big Rapids Department of Public Safety – Fire Division
* Morton Township Fire Department
* Reed City Fire Department
* Morley Area Fire Department
* Evart Area Fire Department
* Wheatland Township Fire Department

### Emergency Medical Services

* Mecosta County EMS
* Spectrum Health Aero Med
* Osceola County EMS
* Morton Township Fire Department
* LIFE EMS

## **Community-Based Organizations**

### Religious Organizations

* Resurrection Life Church
* St. Michael Catholic Church
* New Hope Church
* Chapel of the Lakes Lutheran Church
* St. Peter’s Lutheran Church & School
* St. Mary Catholic Church
* Trinity Fellowship | Big Rapids
* Sylvester Community Church
* Church of the Nazarene
* Chippewa Hills Baptist Church

### United Way

* Mecosta-Osceola United Way

### Community or Philanthropic Foundation

* Mecosta County Community Foundation
* Spectrum Health Foundation
* The Ferris Foundation – Ferris State University

### Political Organizations

* Mecosta County Democratic Party (MCDP)
* Mecosta County Republican Party
* Friends of the Mecosta County Democratic Party

## **Infrastructure**

### Parks

* Hemlock Park
* Northend Riverside Park
* Buffalo Park
* Brower Park
* Paris Park
* School Section Lake Veteran’s Park
* Highbanks Park
* Pocket Park
* Brutus Dog Park
* Big Rapids Riverwalk Trailhead
* Bromley Park
* White Pine Trail – Mecosta County
* Literacy playground at BR library
* Rotary fitness park at BR hospital

### Public Pools

* Charles E. Fairman Pool
* Ferris State University – Student Recreation Center

### Vacant Private Building or Lot

* The Depot, located on Maple Street

### Public Lake or Coastline

* School Section Lake
* Chippewa Lake
* Youngs Lake
* Horsehead Lake
* Muskegon River
* Townline Lake
* Canadian Lakes
* Clear Lake
* Big Evans Lake
* Lake Mecosta
* Martiny Lake Chain
* Tubbs Lake

### Community Gardens

* Big Rapids Community Garden
* Lakeview Community Garden

### Farmer’s Markets

* Big Rapids Farmers Market
* Barryton Farmers Market
* Paris Farmers Market & Yard Sale(s)
* Morley Market

## **Noteworthy Person/Group**

### Local Artists/Musicians

* Tuba Bach
* Stage-M
* Voca Lyrica
* Kasey Thren – Musician
* Kym Nicolas – Artist
* Gallery 154 – Art Gallery

### Community Leader

* Thomas James Hogenson – Community Leader, Former Big Rapids Mayor
* Danielle Haynes – Big Rapids Chief of Police
* Marilynn Bradstorm – Board of Commissioners 1st District
* Mark Gifford – Big Rapids City Manager
* Brian Miller – Sheriff of Mecosta County Sheriff’s Office
* Fred Guenther, Mayor

### Celebrity or Influential Figure

## **Other**

### Transportation

* Mecosta-Osceola Transit Authority
* Dial-a-Ride