# Recreation Inventory

The Recreation Inventory section of the plan documents the existing recreational resources available within the Grand Region Consolidated Plan Area, as well as neighboring areas. The section includes descriptions of the facilities within the five municipalities, and neighboring public facilities. A review of the parks in consideration of the Americans with Disabilities Act is included for each park within the Plan Area.

**Consolidated Plan Area Parks**

The Consolidated Plan area includes 57 parks covering approximately 1100 acres of park land.

The name and location of each of the parks is shown on the Park Location Map and Park Facilities Chart on the following pages. Descriptions and additional information for each of the parks is provided in this plan section.

**Public Recreation Lands and Facilities**

The Recreation Inventory focuses on public recreation facilities. Public recreation facilities are defined as recreational facilities which are owned by governmental agencies such as the local cities, village, townships, Ottawa County, and the State of Michigan. These facilities have rules and regulations regarding public usage which are established by the unit which owns the facility.

**Public School Lands and Facilities**

The public school facilities owned by the Grand Haven Area Public Schools and Spring Lake Public Schools are sometimes available for public recreation use on a limited basis The primary use of these facilities is for education and athletics sponsored by the schools. The Districts maintain full control and scheduling of these facilities. Private and religious based schools are not considered pubic schools although they may choose from time to time to offer facilities on a limited basis.

**Non-Profit Lands and Facilities**

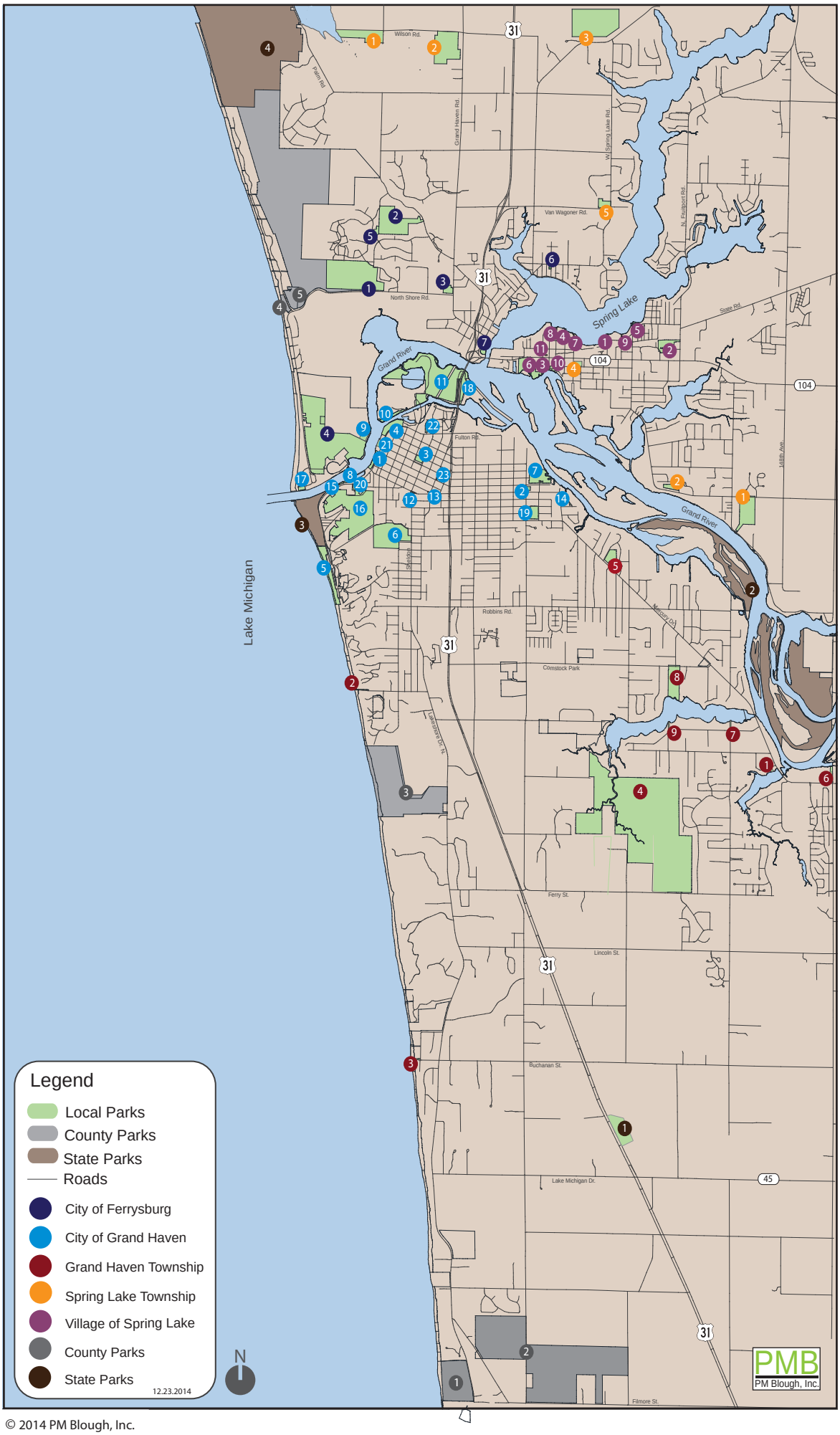
Lands owned or under the control of non-profit organizations such as Boy Scouts land conservancy's, church camps, religious organizations, gun clubs, and other non-profits, may choose to offer lands and/or facilities for public use or may choose to limit use to their own membership. These lands often provide for undeveloped green space within the community, but use is subject to the permission and rules of the organization.

**Private For-Profit Recreation Facilities**

Private for-profit recreation facilities are privately owned facilities that charge a fee for usage. Examples of these might be golf courses, campgrounds, bowling alleys, etc. These have not been inventories within this document.

# Park Location Map

# Parks of the Grand River Harbor Region




## City of Ferrysburg

1. Coast Guard Park
2. Ferrysburg Nature Preserve
3. Firebarn Park
4. Kitchel-Lindquist Dunes Preserve
5. Mike Herman Park
6. Sunnyside Prk
7. William Montague Ferry Park

## City of Grand Haven

1. Bicentenial Park
2. Bolt Park
3. Central Park
4. Chinook Pier
5. City Beach Park
6. Duncan Woods
7. East Grand River Park
8. Escanaba Park
9. Grand Haven Musical Fountain
10. Harbor Island Linear Park
11. Harbor Island
12. Johnston Park
13. Klaver Park
14. Klempel Park
15. Lighthouse Connector Park
16. Mulligan's Hollow
17. North Shore Fisherman's Parking Lot
18. Rix Robinson Park
19. Sluka Field
20. Veterans Memorial Park
21. Waterfront Stadium
22. William Hatton Park
23. Willow Park

## Grand Haven Township

1. Bignell Park
2. Brucker Access
3. Buchanan Access
4. Hofma Park & Preserve
5. Mercury
6. Odawa Battle Point Park
7. 152nd Access
8. Pottawattomie Park
9. Shiawassee Access

## Spring Lake Township

1. Black Lake Park
2. Disc Golf Course
3. Minnie Skwarek Nature Preserve
3. River Run Park
4. Rycenga Park
5. Spring Lake Township Park
6. Water Tower Park

## Village of Spring Lake

1. Alden Street End
2. Central Park
3. Cutler Street Park
4. Jackson Street End
5. Lakeside Beach
6. Mill Point Park & Boat Launch
7. N. Buchanan Street End
8. N. Division Street End
9. Parkhurst Street End
10. Tanglefoot Park
11. Whistle Stop Playground

## County Parks

1. Kirk Park
2. Hiawatha Forest
3. Rosy Mound Natural Area
4. North Beach Park
5. North Ottawa Dunes

## State Parks

1. Agnew Roadside Park
2. Grand Haven State Game Area
3. Grand Haven State Park
4. PJ Hoffmaster State Park

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# Park Facilities Chart

# Park Facilites Chart

| Recreation Inventory Chart | Park Name | Acreage | Restrooms | Playground | Picnic Shelter | Ball Field | Soccer Field | Water Access | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| City of Ferrysburg | Coast Guard Park | 80 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | No | Tennis Courts/Volleyball/Dog Park |
| City of Ferrysburg | Ferrysburg Nature Preserve | 43 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | No | Trails |
| City of Ferrysburg | Firebarn Park | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | No | Tennis/Basketball |
| City of Ferrysburg | Kitchel-Lindquist-Hartger Preserve | 112 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | No | Trails/Outdoor Classroom |
| City of Ferrysburg | Mike Herman Park | 1.75 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | No | Tennis/Basketball |
| City of Ferrysburg | Sunnyside Park | 0.5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | No | |
| City of Ferrysburg | William Montague Ferry Park | 1.8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | Spring Lake | Boardwalk |
| City of Grand Haven | Bicentennial (Riverview) Park | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Grand River | Art/Shops/Restaurants |
| City of Grand Haven | Bolt Park | 0.95 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | No | Stone Memorial/East Town Market |
| City of Grand Haven | Central Park | 2.4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | No | Fountain/Memorials |
| City of Grand Haven | Chinook Pier | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Grand River | Shops/Mini Golf/Commercial Dock/Train |
| City of Grand Haven | City Beach Park | 19.6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Lake Michigan | Beach/Dog Beach/ADA Beach Access |
| City of Grand Haven | Duncan Woods | 37.8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | No | Trails |
| City of Grand Haven | East Grand River Park | 5.5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Grand River | Boat Launch/Basketball/Dog Park/Dock |
| City of Grand Haven | Escanaba Park | 0.92 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Grand River | Interpretive Exhibits |
| City of Grand Haven | Grand Haven Musucal Fountain | 3.7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Grand River | Lighting Systems/Fountain |
| City of Grand Haven | Harbor Island Linear Park | 5.5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | Grand River | Paved Pathway/Boardwalk/Fishing Decks |
| City of Grand Haven | Harbor Island | 23 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Grand River | Boat Launch/Open Field/Fishing Docks |
| City of Grand Haven | Johnston Park | 0.11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | No | Green Space |
| City of Grand Haven | Klaver Park | 0.23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | No | Green Space |
| City of Grand Haven | Klempel Park | 0.17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Grand River | Green Space |
| City of Grand Haven | Lighthouse Connector Park | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Grand River | Art/Boardwalk/Shops |
| City of Grand Haven | Mulligan's Hollow | 80.5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | No | Skate Park/Ski Hill/Basketball/Lodge/Ice Rink/Tennis |
| City of Grand Haven | N. Shore Fisherman's Parking Lot | 1.7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Grand River | Parking Lot |
| City of Grand Haven | Rix Robinson Park | 5.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Grand River | Paved Pathway/Foot Bridge |
| City of Grand Haven | Sluka Field | 5.5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | No | Ice Rink (Winter) |
| City of Grand Haven | Veterans Memorial Park | 1.14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | No | Memorial |
| City of Grand Haven | Waterfront Stadium | 0.53 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Grand River | Bleachers |
| City of Grand Haven | William Hatton Park | 0.88 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | No | Gazebo |
| City of Grand Haven | Willow Park | 0.022 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | No | Green Space |
| Grand Haven Township | Bignell Park | 0.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Bayou | |
| Grand Haven Township | Brucker Access | 0.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Lake Michigan | Beach |
| Grand Haven Township | Buchanan Access | 0.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Lake Michigan | Beach |
| Grand Haven Township | Hofma Park & Preserve | 447 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | Bayou | 113 Acres of donated land shall be added 2023 |
| Grand Haven Township | Mercury Park | 7 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | No | In-Line Rink |
| Grand Haven Township | Odawa Battle Point Park | 2.5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Grand River | Boat Launch |
| Grand Haven Township | 152nd Access | 0.25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Bayou | Pathway/Benches |
| Grand Haven Township | Pottawattomie Park | 21 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | Bayou | Volleyball/Beach/Canoe & Kayak/Fishing Pier |
| Grand Haven Township | Shiawassee Access | 0.25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Bayou | |
| Spring Lake Township | Black Lake Park | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Black Lake | To Be Developed |
| Spring Lake Township | Disc Golf Course | 40.24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | No | Disc Golf |
| Spring Lake Township | Minnie Skwarek Nature Preserve | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | No | Trails |
| Spring Lake Township | River Run Park | 2.67 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | Grand River | Boardwalk/Pathway |
| Spring Lake Township | Rycenga Park | 80 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 2 | No | Trails/Basketball/Volleyball |
| Spring Lake Township | SL Township Community Park | 0.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | No | Michigan Historical Marker |
| Spring Lake Township | Water Tower Park | 5.33 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | No | 2 Tennis Courts/Practice Field |
| Village of Spring Lake | Alden Street End | 0.06 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Spring Lake | Kayak/Conoe Launch/Viewing Deck |
| Village of Spring Lake | Central Park | 8.4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | No | Tennis Courts/In-Line Rink/Dog Park |
| Village of Spring Lake | Cutler Street Launch Ramp | 0.2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Grand River | Kayak/Conoe Launch |
| Village of Spring Lake | Jackson Street End | 0.06 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Spring Lake | Boat Tie Ups/Fishing Deck |
| Village of Spring Lake | Lakeside Beach | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Spring LAke | Beach/Deck |
| Village of Spring Lake | Mill Point Park & Boat Launch | 4.5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | Grand River | Floating Boat Docks/Boat Launch |
| Village of Spring Lake | N. Division Street End | 0.08 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Spring Lake | Beach/Canoe & Kayak Access |
| Village of Spring Lake | Parkhurst Street End | 0.2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Spring Lake | |
| Village of Spring Lake | Tanglefoot Park | 1.4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | Grand River | 30 Full Hookup Campsites |
| Village of Spring Lake | Whistle Stop Playground | 0.3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | No | Paved Pathway |
| Trails | Grand Haven Waterfront Trail | 2.5mi | | | | | | | Grand Haven |
| Trails | Lakeshore Connector Path | 20mi | | | | | | | Grand Haven to Holland |
| Trails | Lakeside Trail | 25.9mi | | | | | | | Fruitport/Ferrysburg/Spring Lake |
| Trails | Linear Trail Park | 16.9mi | | | | | | | Grand Haven |
| Trails | North Bank Trail | 3.3mi | | | | | | | Spring Lake Township |

# City of Ferrysburg

# Coast Guard Park

**City of Ferrysburg**
**18161 North Shore Road**
**80 Acres**

**Overview**

Coast Guard Park is Ferrysburg's primary community park on land which until 1973 was owned by the United States Coast Guard as a shooting range. The park is currently about 50% developed with significant opportunities for additional facilities. The park also serves as a trail head for the North Ottawa Dunes Ottawa County Park. Coast Guard Park is a short ½ mile from the shores of Lake Michigan. Facilities include a balance of active sports, picnic facilities, and passive nature trails.

**Amenities and Facilities**

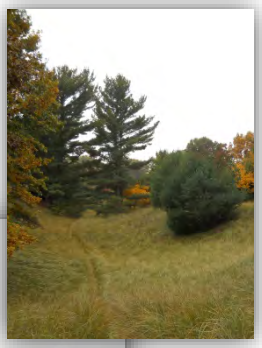
- Softball and Two Soccer Fields
- Four Basketball Courts
- Sand Volleyball Courts
- Picnic Shelter
- Nature Trails
- Two Tennis Courts –Also Striped for Pickleball
- Picnic Tables
- Restrooms
- Play Area
- Dog Park

**ADA Review**

Many of the facilities at the park are ADA accessible including the new North Ottawa Dunes County Park trailhead, picnic pavilions, parking, basketball, and tennis; while others were constructed prior to the current ADA codes require upgrades such as the restrooms and athletic fields. The Dog Park also requires additional upgrades.

# Ferrysburg Nature Preserve

**City of Ferrysburg**
**Dogwood Dr.**
**43 Acres**



**Overview**
The area is an undeveloped dune habitat nature preserve. The parcel is L shaped and is located west of Dogwood Drive and North of Mohawk Drive. The preserve is undeveloped.

**Amenities and Facilities**
Undeveloped, there are no park facilities.

**Accessibility Review**
There are currently no facilities at the Nature Preserve.

# Fire Barn Park

**City of Ferrysburg**
**North Shore Rd at 174th Ave**
**5 Acres**

**Overview**
The park is located adjacent to the firehouse, at the corner of 174th Avenue and North Shore Road. Local area youth sports leagues use the facilities. The park has no formal parking lot, but a paved parking area is included in the City's short term Capital Improvement Plan. The park has no potential for additional facilities without acquisition of land.

**Amenities and Facilities**
- Two Tennis Courts
- Basketball Court
- Children's Playground
- Baseball Field with Shared Soccer Field
- Restrooms

**Accessibility Review**
The park facilities are all older and were constructed prior to the current ADA codes. All of the facilities except for the restroom will require ADA upgrades when the facilities are renovated.

# Kitchel-Lindquist-Hartger Dunes Preserve

**City of Ferrysburg**
**20001 Berwyck Street**
**112 Acres**

**Overview**

The Kitchel-Lindquist-Hartger Dunes Preserve is a natural dune area located just south of the City and East of North Shore Drive within the City of Grand Haven City. The property is characterized by primary dunes undergoing active dune formation, secondary dunes covered with mature hardwoods, and interdunal areas of rolling sand. A Master Plan has been prepared for the property that outlines measures for long-range protection of the dune environment and minimal improvements to foster low impact public use. Restrictions in the deeds that conveyed the land to the City require the City to maintain the preserve in its current natural state as a natural, aesthetic and educational resource. Existing facilities include an entrance identification sign, a small paved parking area, an outdoor classroom structure with restrooms and three marked trails.

**Amenities and Facilities**

- Outdoor Classroom Structure
- Paved Parking Area
- Marked Trails
- Restrooms (Open for Special Events Only)

**Accessibility Review**

The parking, restrooms, and outdoor classroom structure are accessible. The trails are natural dune and woodland surfaces and would not be considered accessible by current standards.

# Mike Herman Park

**City of Ferrysburg**
**17742 Hiawatha Drive**
**1.75 Acres**

**Overview**
Tragically, in November 2005 a fifteen year old boy named Mike Herman perished in a car accident. Mike was a very active young man, who participated in many different sports, and spent many hours practicing at this field. In honor of Mike's life and passion for sports, the community came together to renovate the local field and neighborhood park.

**Amenities and Facilities**

- Baseball/Soccer Field
- Tennis Court /Basketball Hoops
- Lacrosse Nets
- Volleyball Court
- Portable Toilet

**Accessibility Review**
None of the facilities meet current accessibility standards.

# Sunnyside Park

**City of Ferrysburg**
**17200 Valley City Avenue**
**0.5 Acres**

**Overview**

Sunnyside Park is a half -acre park located on the southwest corner of West Spring Lake Road and Valley City Avenue, on the east side of the city. Sunnyside Park is a small community park that was designed to give the immediate neighborhood a park they could walk to, and where children could play safely. By being set adjacent to the bike path that runs along West Spring Lake Road, the park is accessible to residents that do not live in the immediate area and serves as a trail rest stop.

**Amenities and Facilities**

- Large Play Structure
- Swing Set
- Benches
- Picnic Table
- Restroom

**Accessibility Review**

All of the facilities are ADA accessible.

# William Montague Ferry Park

**City of Ferrysburg**
**110 Pine ST**
**1.8 Acres**

**Overview**

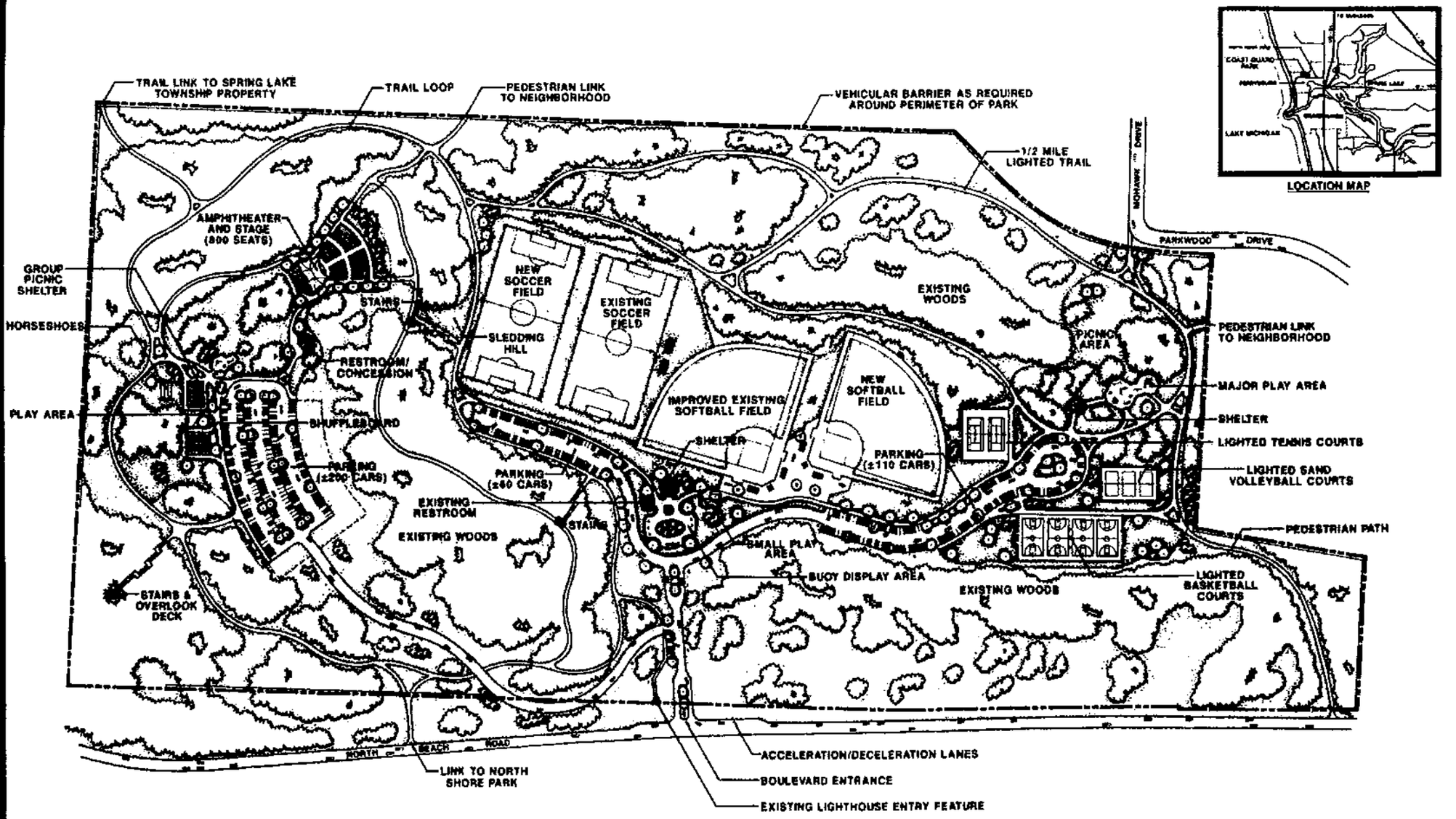
William Montague Ferry Park is located on the Spring Lake waterfront in the City of Ferrysburg, north of the M-104 off-ramp. The park occupies a highly visible location at a major entryway to the City. Its importance also lies in its provision of public access to waterfront. William Montague Ferry Park is conveniently connected to bike trails leading into the Village of Spring Lake and City of Grand Haven.

**Amenities and Facilities**

- Restroom
- 400ft Waterfront Boardwalk
- Picnic Shelter
- Picnic Tables
- Two Play Structures
- Paved Parking Lot

**ADA Review**

The Park includes accessible parking, picnic areas, and boardwalk areas. The restrooms do not meet the modern codes and would require renovating to bring them up to code.




# MASTER PLAN
# COAST GUARD PARK
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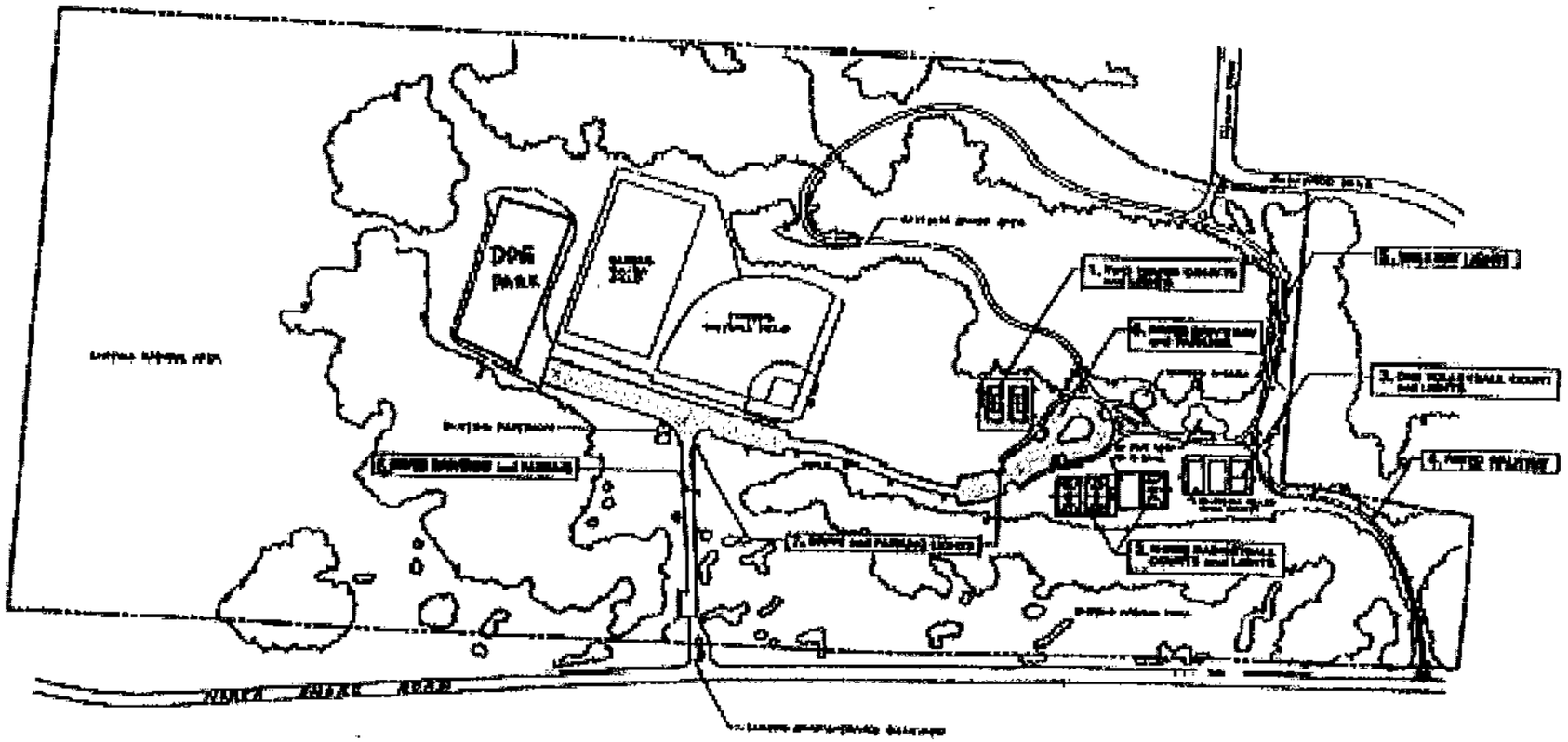
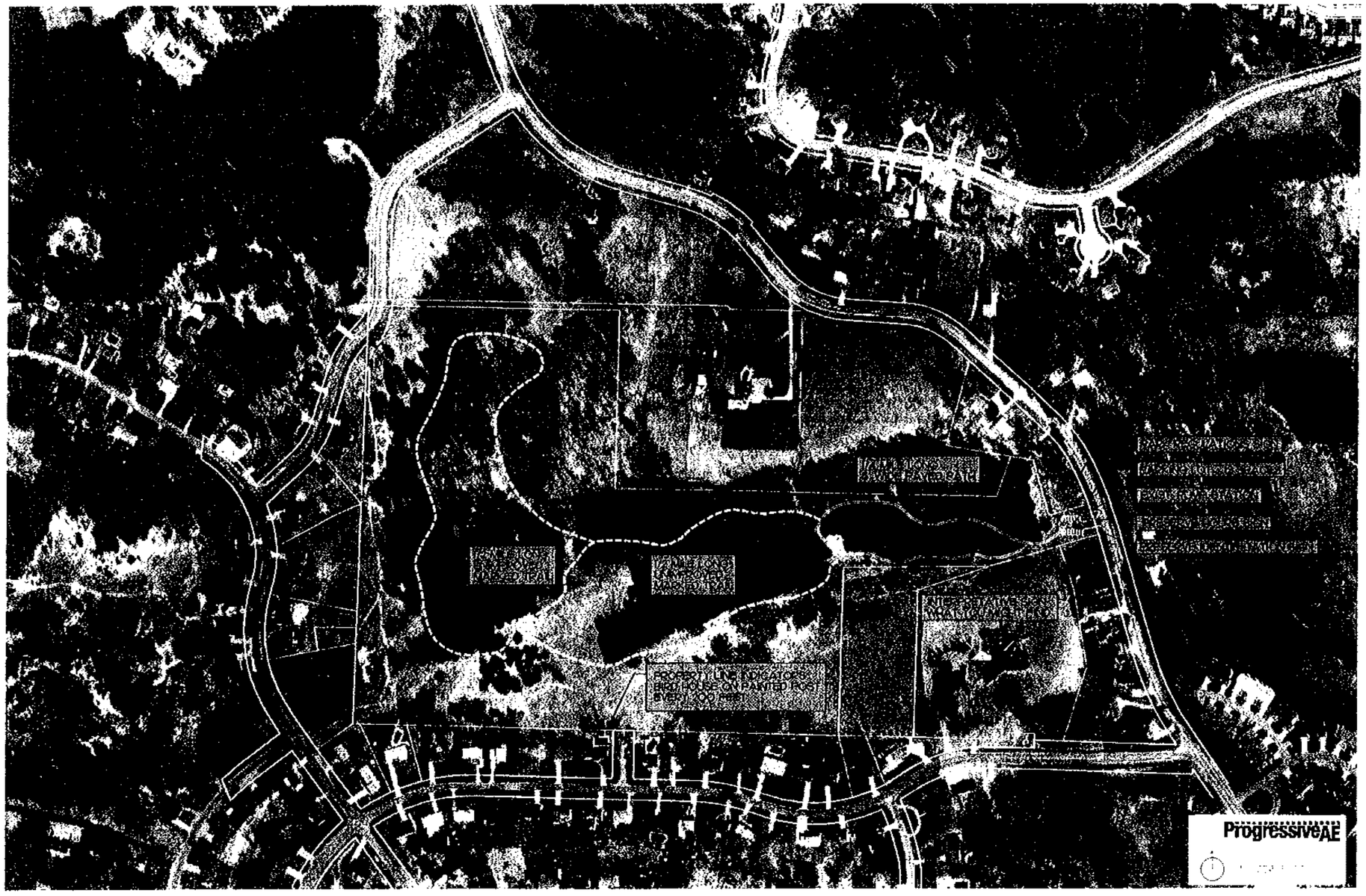
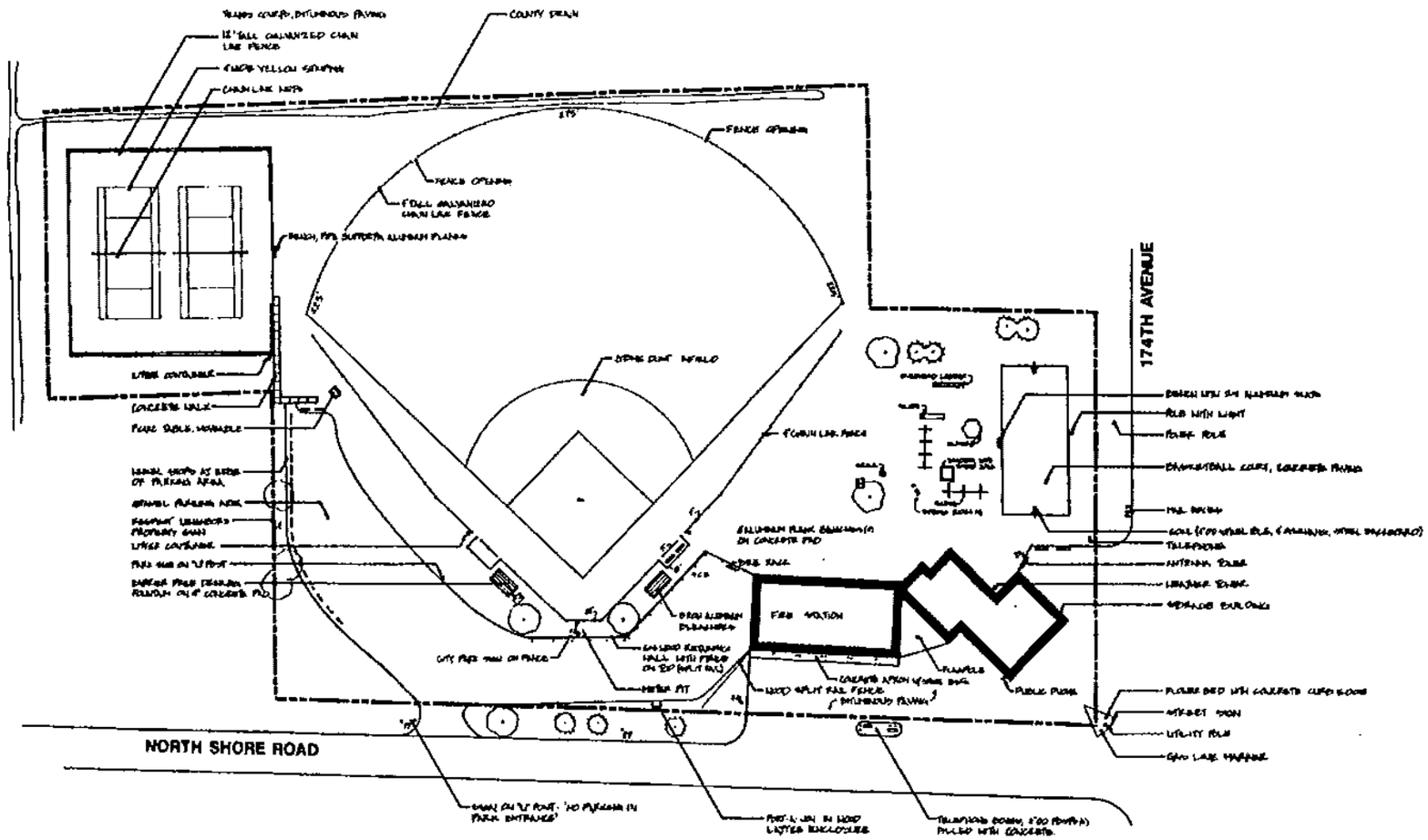



SITE PLAN
# COAST GUARD PARK
City of Petersburg, Michigan

## FERRYSBURG NATURE PRESERVE



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**SITE PLAN**
# FIREBARN PARK
City of Ferrysburg, Michigan

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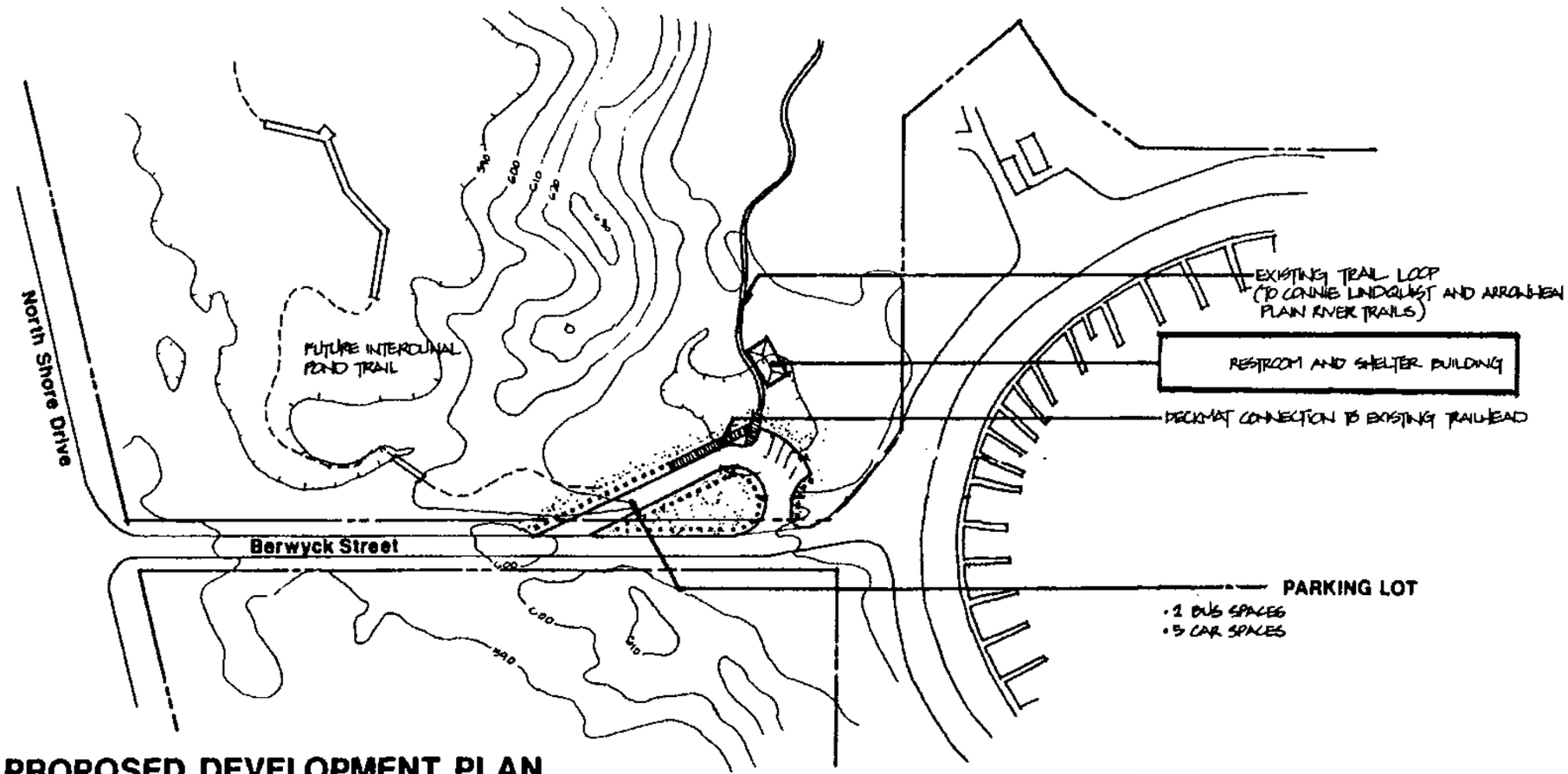


**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

# KITCHEL-LINDQUIST DUNE PRESERVE

**CITY OF FERRYSBURG**

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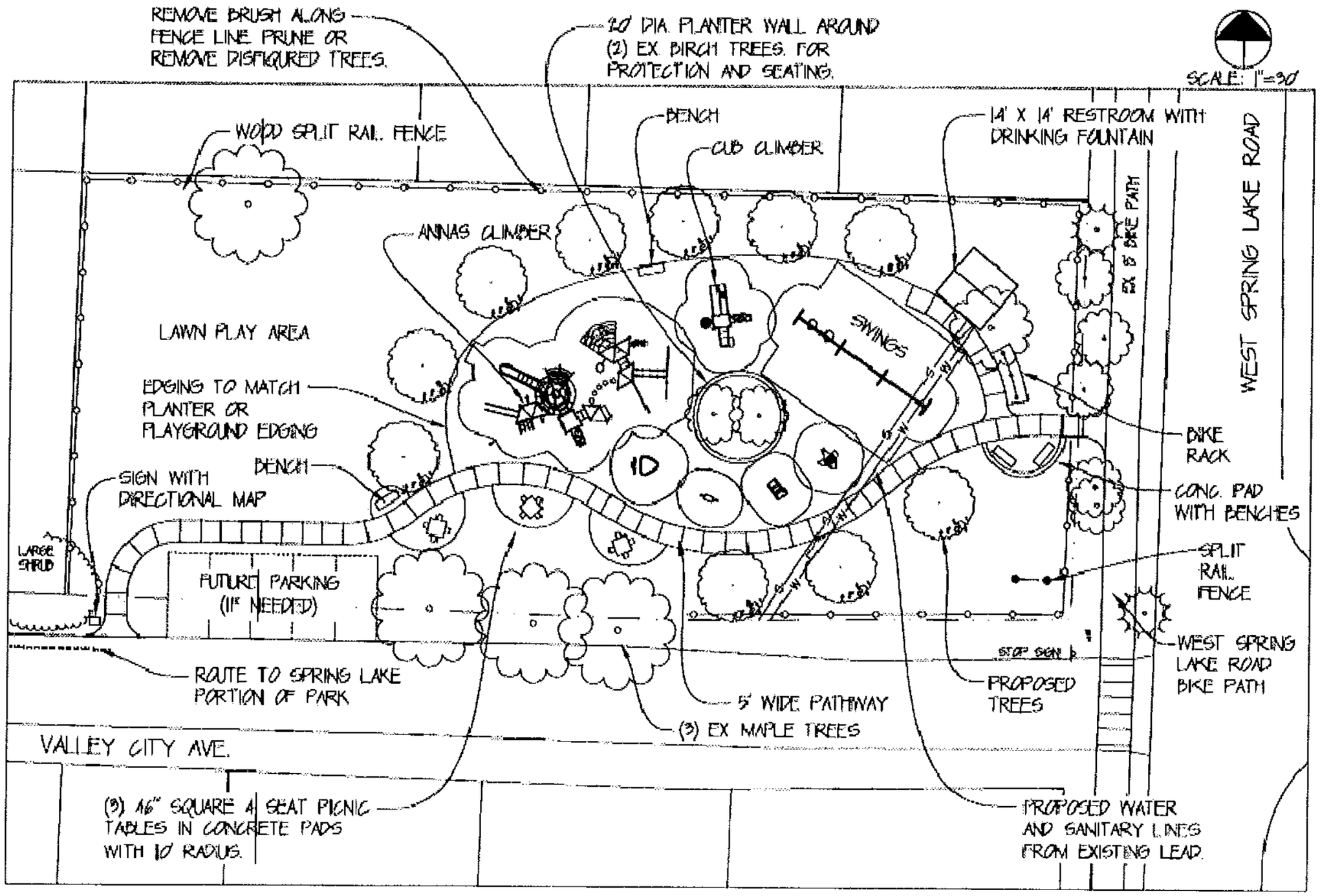


# SUNNYSIDE PARK–TRAILSIDE

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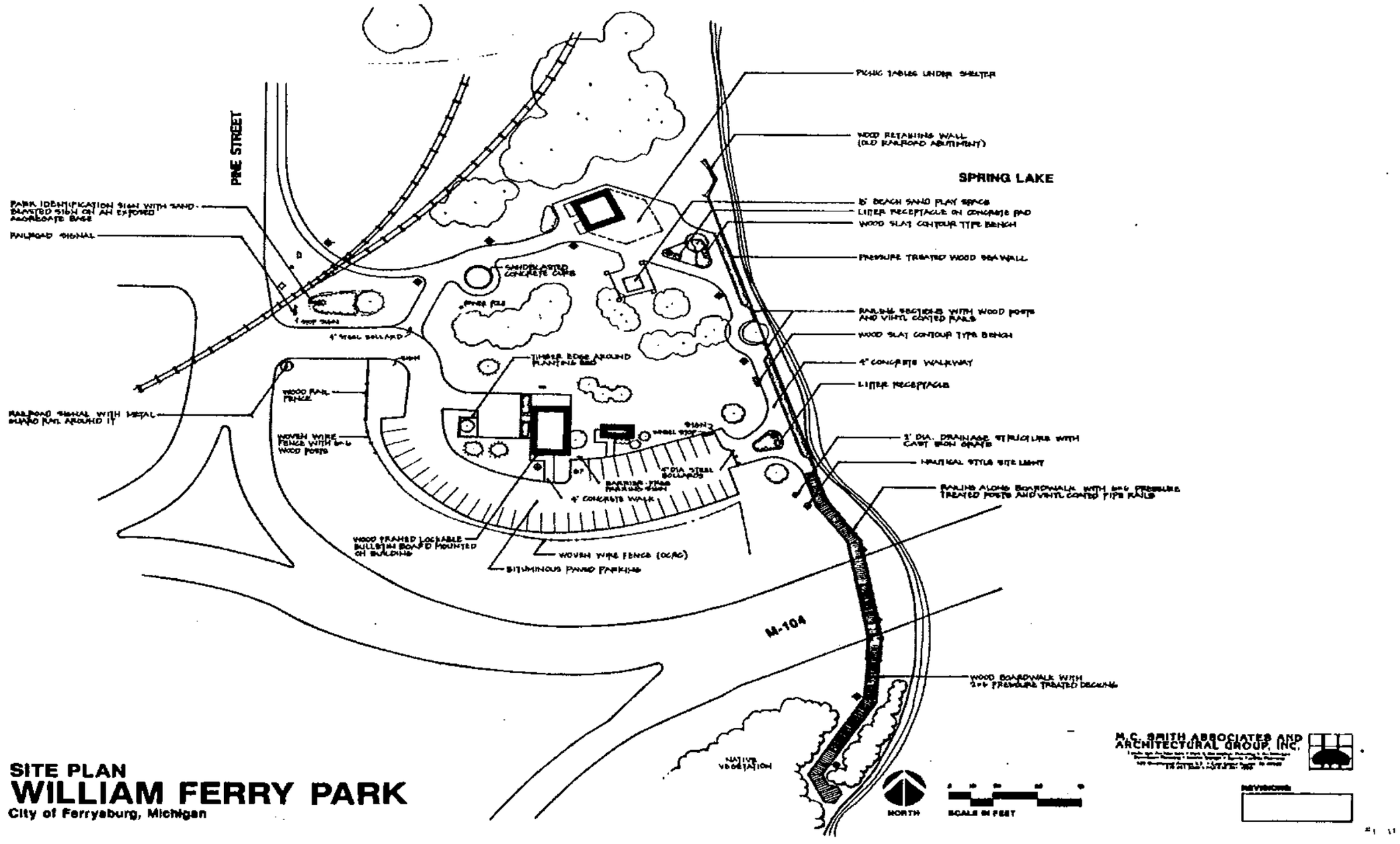


**SITE PLAN**
# WILLIAM FERRY PARK
**City of Ferrysburg, Michigan**



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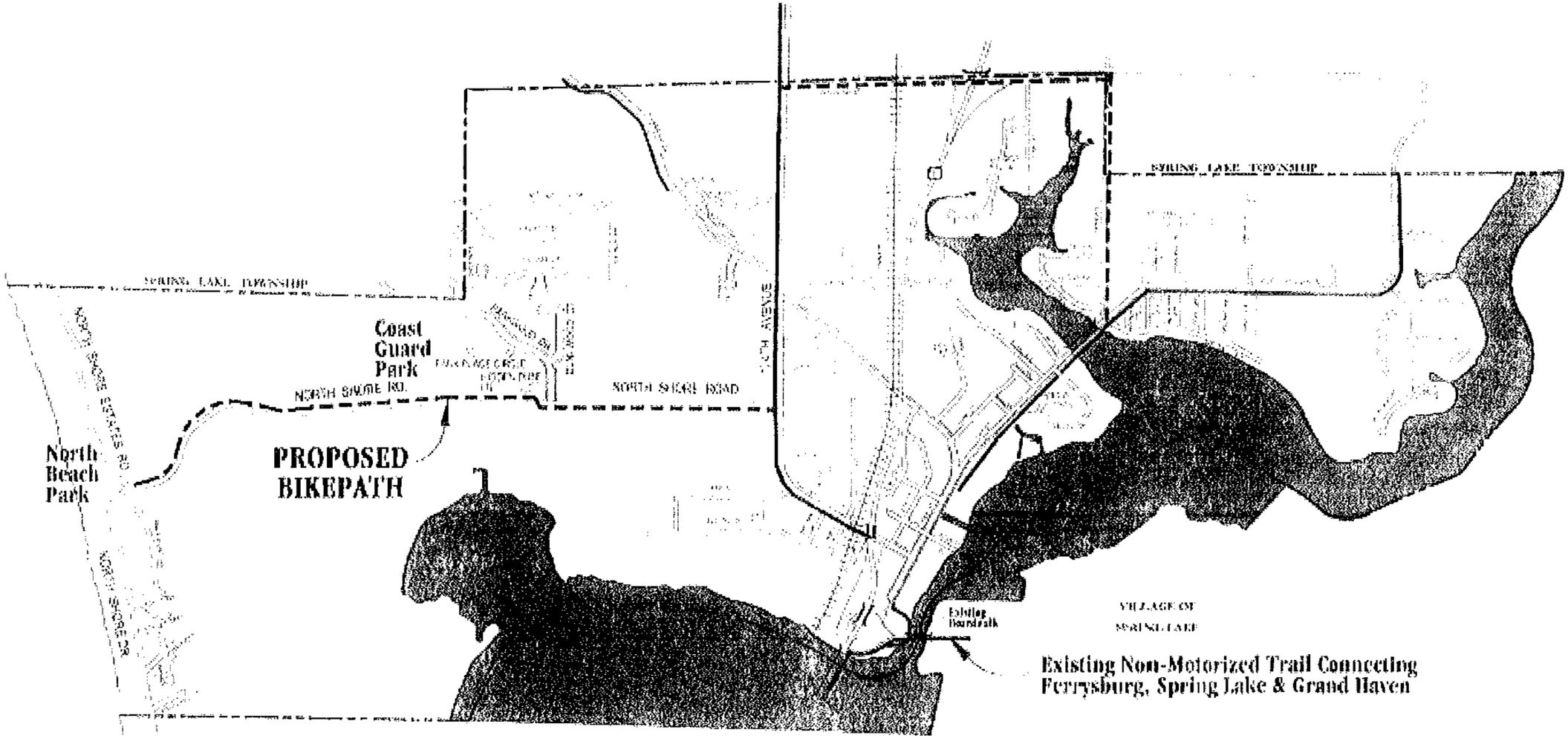


LEGEND

- Existing Non-Motorized Trail
- Proposed Non-Motorized Trail
- Existing Sidewalk

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## Non-Motorized Path and Sidewalk Networks

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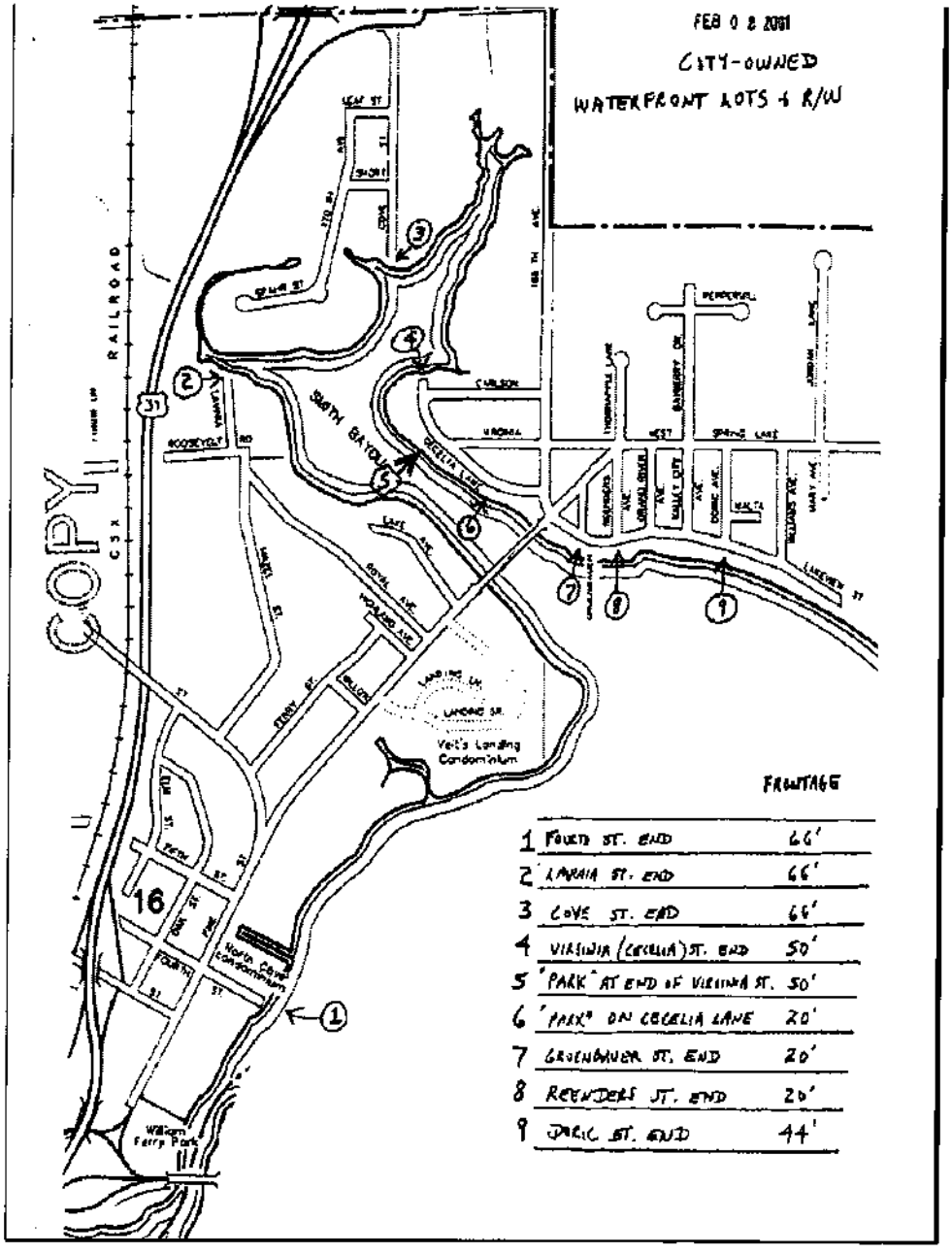
# CITY OWNED WATERFRONT LOTS



# City of Grand Haven

# Bicentennial (Riverview) Park

**City of Grand Haven**
**Harbor Avenue (Franklin St to Howard St)**
**1.0 Acre**

**Overview**

Located on the Grand River Channel on Harbor Drive, Bicentennial Park is a linear linkage along the public Grand River waterfront. The park includes a riverfront walkway with benches, boat tie-offs, a retail/food vendor area with rooftop viewing deck, public art and linkages to curb side parking along Harbor Drive. The lawn area is a popular informal sitting and blanket picnic area.

**Amenities and Facilities**

- Walkways
- Benches
- Food Shops
- Benches
- Art Sculptures
- New Deck (2015)
- Connected to Grand Haven Waterfront Trail

**ADA Review**

The main riverfront walkway is ADA accessible with access from connecting parks. Connecting walkways between Harbor Drive and the riverfront exceed 5% due to the steep natural hill and it was constructed prior to ADA accessibility requirements. The public restrooms are barrier free.

# Bolt Park

**City of Grand Haven**
**Pennoyer Ave. and Beechtree St.**
**0.95 Acres**

**Overview**
Bolt Park is a well-maintained lawn space with large trees and flower beds. The park provides a much needed green space with the community. During the spring, summer, and fall a community market is available for local vendors produce and local goods. A play structure is proposed for future construction.

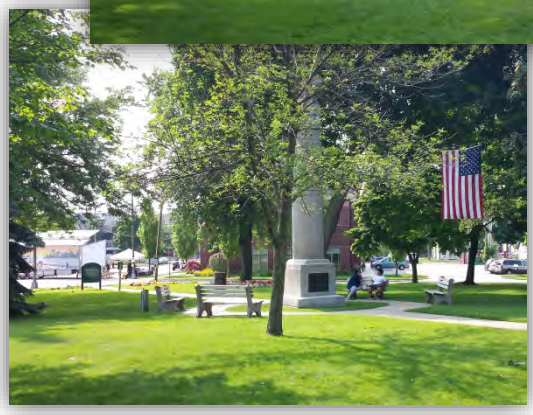
**Amenities and Facilities**

- Lawn and Trees
- Home to the East Town Market
- Parking

**ADA Review**
The public parking and sidewalks are accessible. No other facilities are located within the public greenspace.

# Central Park

**City of Grand Haven**
**Washington Ave. & Fifth St.**
**2.4 Acres**



**Overview**

Central Park is located on Washington Avenue in the center of the City providing a traditional downtown public green. Significant features include a central fountain and two memorials. As the central green, it is a focus for numerous events, including weekly summer music concerts, art fairs, and holiday events. Daily the park is enjoyed as a cool shady space to walk through and sit. The park is located adjacent to the Louit District Library, Grand Haven Community Center, Ottawa County Courthouse, and U.S. Post Office. The park and fountain is also a popular location for weddings. Many weddings and social gatherings are held in the park during the summer months.

**Amenities and Facilities**

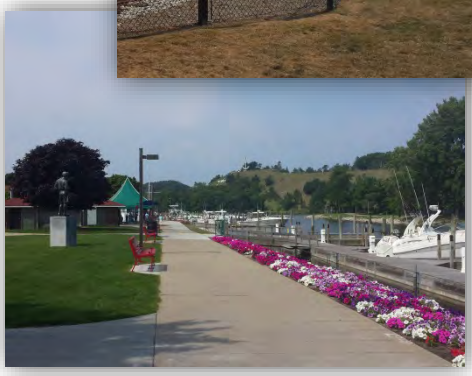
- Pathways
- Benches
- Historic Fountain
- Veterans Memorials

**ADA Review**

The park is predominately ADA accessible. Additional concrete at benches and the drinking fountain will increase accessibility in the park. The benches are historic and are not as accessible.

# Chinook Pier

**City of Grand Haven**
**N. Harbor Avenue & First St.**
**1.0 Acre**



**Overview**

Located along Harbor Avenue on the Grand River channel, Chinook Pier is approximately one acre in size. It is a special use park. Within the park is the commercial fishing marina with a fish cleaning station. Adjacent to the park is a City owned commercial building with seasonal food and retail shops. An “old fashioned” miniature golf facility is operated by the City. The Chamber of Commerce operated Farmer’s Market is open Saturdays and Wednesdays, generally from May through November. Within the park the historic steam train Engine No. 1223 is on exhibit. The play area was renovated in 2014 by a joint effort of the City and Coast Guard members stationed in Grand Haven.

**Amenities and Facilities**

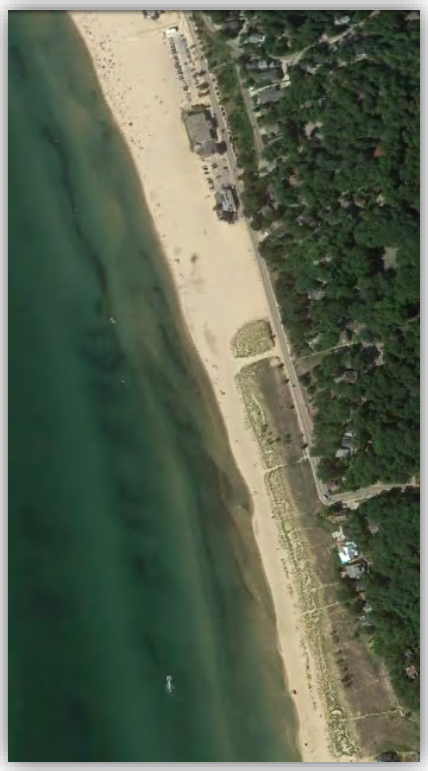
- Public Restroom Building
- Farmers Market
- Miniature Golf
- Children’s Play Area
- Splash Pad
- Commercial Boat Marina
- Fish Cleaning Station
- Historic Steam Train
- Connected to Grand Haven Waterfront Trail

**ADA Review**

The main walkways, restrooms, Farmer’s Market, splash pad, and marina areas are generally ADA accessible. Some of the facilities which were built prior to the current ADA standards, such as the Fish Cleaning station, are not ADA accessible for all persons.

# City Beach Park

**City of Grand Haven**
**Harbor Avenue south of State Park**
**19.6 Acres**



**Overview**

Located along Harbor Avenue south of Grand Haven State Park on Lake Michigan, City Beach Park is approximately 19.6 acres. This is a primarily public beach of approximately 3,250 lineal feet. Leashed dogs are allowed on the City owned beach before and after the summer swimming season and year-round south of the swim buoys to the City limits (south of Grand Avenue). Dogs are not allowed north of the southernmost swim buoy during the summer. See signs for specifics. Many special events are held in the park, including sand castle building contests, kite events, pole vaulting, and beachfront weddings. The City Beach parking lot is also a prime Lake access point for surfers, kite surfers, paddle boards and kayaks.

**Amenities and Facilities**

- Sand Beach
- Buoy Marked Swim Area
- Parking
- Restroom Facility
- Connected to Grand Haven Waterfront Trail
- ADA Beach Access Walkway
- Viewing Deck and Stairway
- Leashed Dogs in Established Areas
- Picnic Table

**ADA Review**

An accessible walkway within the sand beach is provided to within several feet of the water. Accessible parking, restrooms, and picnic tables are provided. Due to extensive sand, some activities are limited for those with disabilities.

# Duncan Woods

**City of Grand Haven**
**Sheldon Road & Duncan Ct.**
**37.8 Acres**

**Overview**

Located off Sheldon Road, Duncan Woods is a beautifully wooded nature preserve of beech and hemlock trees. The park is enjoyed extensively throughout the year. A portion of the paved drive has been closed from car access which provides a primary walking area through the forested back dune. The park is popular year round.

**Amenities and Facilities**

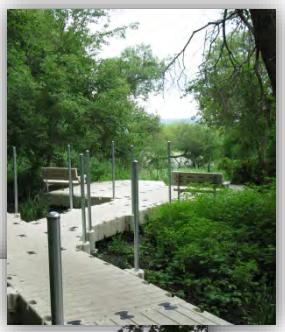
- Paved Parking & Drive
- Rustic Walking Trails
- Scattered Picnic Tables
- Connected to trails in Mulligans Hollow

**ADA Review**

The park is undeveloped other than the paved parking and drives, making ADA access limited. The portion of the roadway closed to vehicles that is used by pedestrians and bicyclists, has slopes which exceed 5%. An ADA picnic table and parking are provided.

# East Grand River Park

**City of Grand Haven**
**End Franklin St and Eastern Ave**
**5.5 Acres**



**Overview**

East Grand River Park is located adjacent to the Grand River in the northeast area of the City. The Scott Flahive Boat Launch ramp provides a public boat access, while the park provides shoreline, wetland, and dock access to the Grand River. Improvements in 2010 revitalized the park and improved ADA accessibility.

**Amenities and Facilities**

- Boat Launch
- Restrooms
- Picnic Shelter with Grill
- Lighted Parking
- Children's Play Area
- Picnic tables
- Benches
- Raised Wetland Walkway
- Floating Fishing Dock and River Observation
- Baseball field
- Basketball Court
- Small Soccer Field
- Fenced, Off-Leash Large & Small Dog Areas

**ADA Review**

The park facilities improved and added since 2010 are ADA accessible including the picnic shelter, play area, picnic tables and benches, wetland walkway, fishing dock, Dog Park and parking. The remaining facilities of the ball field, soccer field, basketball court and second play area will be improved as the park is upgraded.

# Escanaba Park

**City of Grand Haven**
**Harbor Avenue (within Lighthouse Connector Park)**
**0.92 Acres**

**Overview**
Escanaba Park is incorporated within Lighthouse Connector Park on the Grand River Channel. It is a designated historic site and memorial to the men and women that have served in the U.S. Coast Guard. There are walks, interpretive exhibits, commemorative plaques and memorials.

**Amenities and Facilities**

- Walks
- Historic Exhibits
- Connected to Grand Haven Waterfront Trail

**ADA Review**
The plaza and exhibits are accessible. The ramped walkway from S. Harbor Dr. exceeds a 5% grade. Access along the channel from the south is accessible.

# Dewey Hill & Musical Fountain

**City of Grand Haven**
**Dewey Hill (Within North Shore Dunes)**
**3.7 Acres**

**Overview**
Dewey Hill is 3.7 acres within the city-owned North Shore Dunes which includes the Musical Fountain. The lighted musical fountain preforms during the summer months each evening with prime viewing from the Riverfront Stadium and adjacent waterfront parks. The park and fountain works are not accessible to the public.

**Amenities and Facilities**
- Musical Fountain

**ADA Review**
Park land is not open for public use and does not have ADA accessible facilities.

# Flahive Boat Launch

**City of Grand Haven**
**End Franklin St and Eastern Ave**
**0.5 Acres**

**Overview**

The Flahive Boat Launch is located at the far eastern end of Franklin Street, turning north on Eastern to get to the parking area. The launch is very popular with residents and visitors alike. A joint Waterways Commission-City funded project consisting of dredging to the main channel and constructing a rip-rap wall to stabilize the north edge of the cove was completed in 2008. Flahive Boat Launch is one of only two public boat launches in the city and the only one where residents can launch their smaller boats (20 feet or less) without paying a fee. The launch is located entirely with the East Grand River Park, a unique riverfront park, which was renovated in 2010 utilizing funding from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and the City.

**Amenities and Facilities at the Launch and in East Grand River Park**

- Boat Launch
- Restrooms
- Picnic Shelter with Grill
- Lighted Parking
- Children's Play Area
- Picnic tables
- Benches
- Raised Wetland Walkway
- Floating Fishing Dock and River Observation
- Softball field
- Basketball Court
- Small Soccer Field
- Fenced, Off-Leash Large & Small Dog Areas

**ADA Review**

The Flahive Boat Launch does not meet current ADA standards as it was constructed prior to the current codes. The park facilities improved and added since 2010 are ADA accessible including the picnic shelter, play area, picnic tables and benches, wetland walkway, fishing dock, Dog Park and parking. The remaining facilities of the ball field, soccer field, basketball court and second play area will be improved as the park is upgraded.

# Grand Haven Municipal Marina

**City of Grand Haven**
**N. Harbor Dr.**
**2 Acres**

**Overview**
The Municipal Marina is located on the Grand River in the heart of the City (101 N. Harbor Drive) near Chinook Pier. Grand Haven is a favorite destination of sailors and power boaters who want access to and from Lake Michigan, the Grand River, and Spring Lake. This is the closest public marina to Lake Michigan on the Grand River. Since 2008, the City and the DNR have invested over $2 million in upgrades. Phase 1 consisted of a complete reconstruction of the fixed docks and their utilities. Phase 2 focused on much needed shoreline improvements in the floating dock section and a third phase to upgrade the floating docks is anticipated within the next 2-4 years.

**Amenities and Facilities** (Please refer to description of Chinook Pier for additional amenities)

- Water and electrical hookups for each dock
- Marina guest-only restrooms and showers
- Fishing cleaning station
- Grills/picnic tables
- On-demand public transportation to shopping, laundry and marine supply stores within and beyond the City limits.

# Harbor Island Linear Park

**City of Grand Haven**
**Franklin St & Third St.**
**5.5 Acres**

**Overview**

Linear Park contains a paved non-motorized path 250 feet in length along the Grand River South Channel. Facilities include a trailhead with a paved parking lot, fishing decks, and a small picnic shelter. Located adjacent to the Grand Haven Board of Light and Power, it provides an environmental buffer between the coal yard and the Grand River.

**Amenities and Facilities**

- Bike Path
- Picnic Shelter
- Benches
- Fishing Decks
- Connected to Grand Haven Waterfront Trail

**ADA Review**

The existing paved pathway is generally ADA accessible except where some areas are may have cracks or aged pavement. The picnic pavilion and fishing decks were constructed prior to current ADA standards and have limited access.

# Harbor Island

**City of Grand Haven**
**Beacon Blvd/US-31 and Coho Dr.**
**23 Acres**

**Overview**

Harbor Island is located along US-31 and Coho Drive near the Northwest edge of the City. Given its location along the Grand River and South Channel, along with the wide-open spaces, this 23 acre area provides many recreational opportunities. The north side of the island includes a boat launch and transfer dock facilities. The wide-open spaces allow for community events, local organized football and soccer, as well as a multitude of other special events. A paved bicycle/pedestrian path loops from one end of the island to the other, while various bodies of water provide barrier free observation platforms for viewing the wildlife.

**Amenities and Facilities**

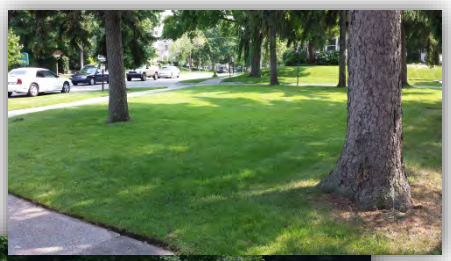
- Boat Launch with vehicle/trailer parking lot
- Open Field utilized for festivals and soccer/football
- Viewing and Fishing Docks
- Paved Bicycle/Pedestrian Path connected to Grand Haven Waterfront Trail
- Pond
- Grand River public access
- Restroom Building

**ADA Review**

Facilities within the park are predominantly ADA accessible including the restroom building. Accessible access into boats is limited.

# Johnston Park

**City of Grand Haven**
**Pennoyer Ave. & Sheldon Rd.**
**0.11 Acres**



**Overview**
Johnston Park, located on the east and west sides of Sheldon Rd is an open green space for the surrounding neighborhood. It is popular for tossing a football or Frisbee and accommodates many users who view the annual Coast Guard Parade.

**Amenities and Facilities**

- Lawn and Trees

**ADA Review**
No public facilities are provided within the green space. The adjacent sidewalks are accessible.

# Klaver Park

**City of Grand Haven**
**Pennoyer Ave. & S. Seventh St.**
**0.23 Acres**

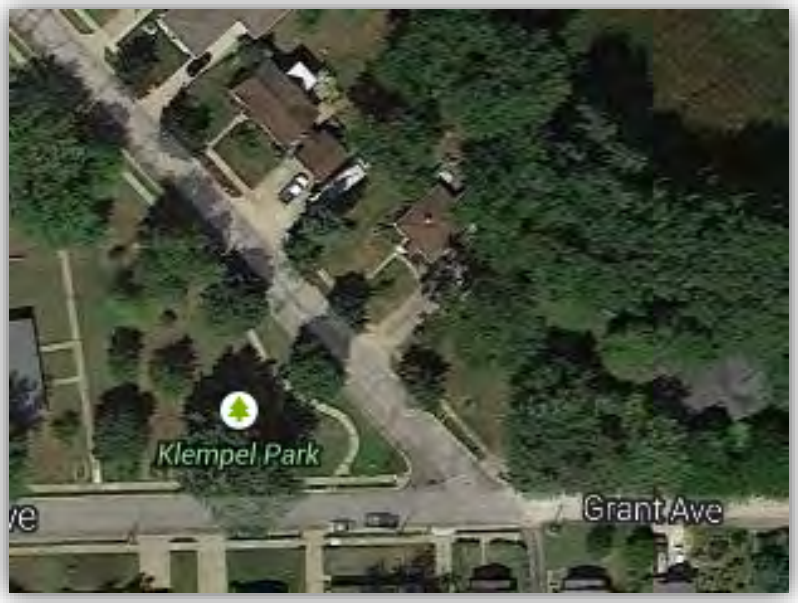
**Overview**
Klaver Park is located at the corner of Pennoyer Avenue and South Seventh Street. It is considered a lawn green space for the neighborhood.

**Amenities and Facilities**
- Lawn, trees and a flower bed

**ADA Review**
No public facilities are provided within the green space. The adjacent sidewalks are accessible.

# Klempel Park

**City of Grand Haven**
**Pennoyer Ave. & Grant St.**
**0.17 Acres**



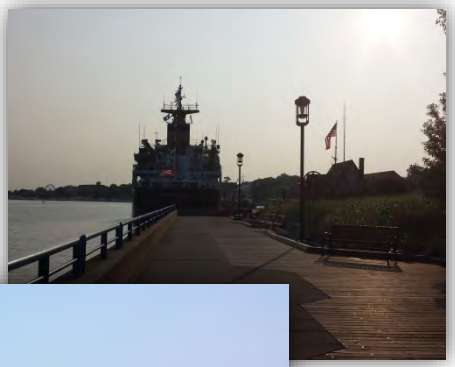
**Overview**
Located on the corner of Pennoyer Avenue and Grant Street, Klempel Park serves the surrounding neighborhood as a green space

**Amenities and Facilities**
- Lawn and Tress

**ADA Review**
No public facilities are provided with the green space. The public sidewalk is accessible.

# Lighthouse Connector Park

**City of Grand Haven**
**Harbor Avenue**
**1,700 L.F. (+/- 4.0 Acres)**



**Overview**

Lighthouse Connector Park, 1,700 feet in length, located along the Grand River between Harbor Drive and the channel, provides a connection between Bicentennial Park and the Lake Michigan South Pier. The primary function is a linear walkway which is active with a mix of walkers, joggers and bicyclists. Benches are popular for resting and channel views. A few parking spaces are located along Harbor Drive which all have views of the channel, making them popular year round.

**Amenities and Facilities**

- Lighted Walkways
- Ice Cream Shops
- Benches
- Art Sculptures
- Connected to Grand Have Waterfront Trail

**ADA Review**

The entire walkway is ADA accessible. Benches are user friendly with arms and backs, located on concrete and wood deck sections. Accessible parking is signed.

# Mulligan's Hollow Park

**City of Grand Haven**
**Mulligan Drive**
**80.5 Acres**

**Overview**

Mulligan's Hollow is a popular recreational area which includes the Tri-Cities YMCA. Winter facilities include the Mulligan's Hollow Ski Bowl with lodge, fire pit, two rope tows and an outdoor ice skating rink. Non-winter activities include an adult softball diamond, soccer field, a large Imagination Station play area, two basketball courts, picnic area, two tennis courts, six pickle ball courts, lighted in-ground skate park, and parking. A new master plan for the park was developed in 2012.

**City Amenities and Facilities**

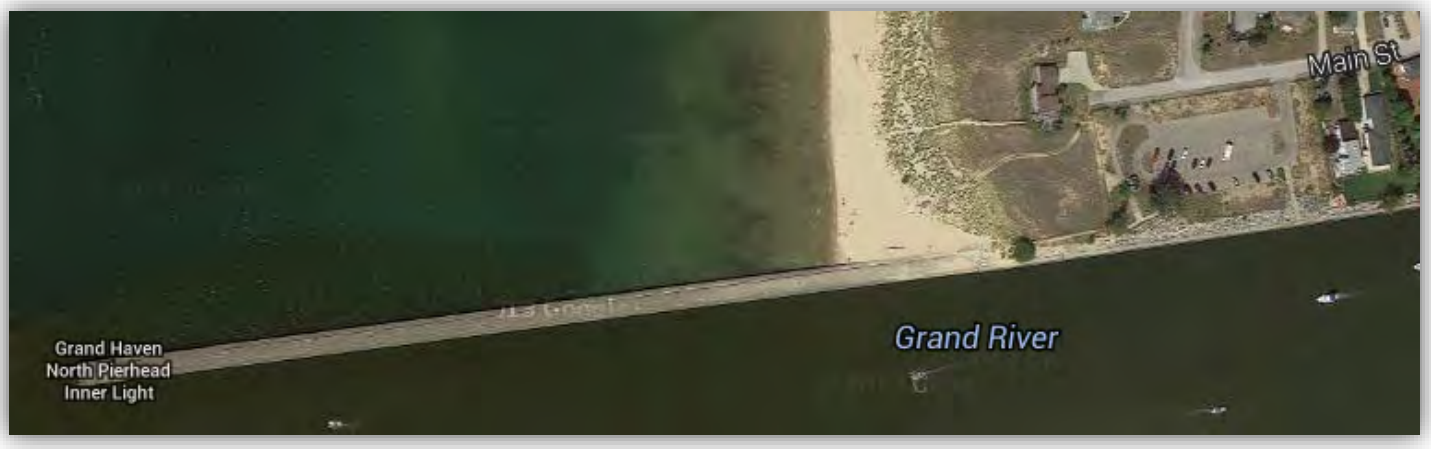
- Lighted Skate Park
- Ice Rink in Winter
- Softball Field
- Ski Hill with Tow Ropes
- Imagination Station Play Area
- Two Basketball Courts
- Lodge with Restrooms and Fire pit
- Off Leash Dog Area
- Four Tennis Courts
- Trails connected to trails in Duncan Woods
- Picnic Area
- Grills
- Sitting Areas
- Six Pickle Ball Courts
- Five Mile Hill Deck

**ADA Review**

The Lodge, fire pit, skate park, basketball, and parking are barrier free. Older facilities will be improved for accessibility as they are renovated. Facilities require connecting access pathways.

# North Shore Fisherman’s Parking Lot

**City of Grand Haven**
**Main Street**
**1.7 Acres**




**Overview**
Located at the end of Main Street off North Shore Road on the north side of the Grand River Channel, the North Shore Fisherman’s Parking Lot provides paved parking for people wanting to fish or visit the north pier head.

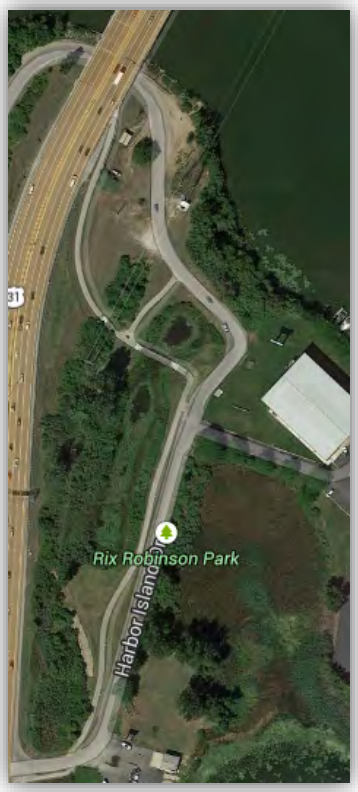
**Amenities and Facilities**

- Parking Lot
- Pit Toilets

**ADA Review**
The parking lot is asphalt pavement and the pier is constructed of concrete surfaces. There are un-level surfaces and raised edges as the pier was not constructed for pedestrian use.

# Rix Robinson Park

**City of Grand Haven**
**Grand Isle Dr. & Harbor Island Dr.**
**5.5 Acres**



**Overview**
Located along Harbor Island and Grand Isle Drive, Rix Robinson Park is a historic site. 5.5 acres in the size, the park has a foot bridge and open lawn area. The Tri-Cities connector pathway traverses the park on the south side of the bascule bridge, linking pedestrian and bicycle traffic between Grand Haven, Spring Lake, and Ferrysburg.

**Amenities and Facilities**
- Paved Bicycle/Pedestrian Path connected to the Grand Haven Waterfront Trail. Main connection point over the bascule bridge to connect to the 25.9 mile Lakeside Trail.
- Foot Bridge
- Lawn
- Pond

**ADA Accessibility**
The existing pathway is accessible. No other facilities are present.

# Sluka Field

**City of Grand Haven**
**Waverly Ave. & Beechtree St.**
**5.5 Acres**

**Overview**

Sluka Field is a full size baseball facility, utilized by Tri-Cities Kids League. The outfield fence is temporarily installed in the spring for baseball and is removed each summer so the outfield area can be utilized by organized soccer as a full-sized soccer field. A neighborhood play area has been updated with new equipment and surfacing.

**Amenities and Facilities**

- High School Regulation Baseball Field
- Soccer Field (Fall)
- Parking Lot
- Play Area

**ADA Review**

The parking lot has accessible parking and connecting walkways to the baseball field and play area. Barrier free surface for seating is provided at the ball field. The field and dugouts are not accessible. The play area is accessible.

# Veterans Memorial Park

**City of Grand Haven**
**Harbor Dr.**
**1.14 Acres**

**Overview**
Located along Harbor Drive, Veterans Memorial Park with an eternal flame which honors American Veterans of all wars.

**Amenities and Facilities**
- Memorial
- Benches

**ADA Accessibility**
The memorial area is accessible.

# Waterfront Stadium

**City of Grand Haven**
**Harbor Drive & Washington Ave.**
**0.53 Acres**

**Overview**

Located on Harbor Drive in the downtown area, the Waterfront Stadium provides a riverfront performing arts venue and seated viewing of the musical fountain. This stadium is used daily throughout the summer for a wide range of musical fountain performances, concerts, shows, memorials, and other significant community events.

**Amenities and Facilities**

- Spectator Bleachers
- Waterfront Pathway
- Connected to Grand Haven Waterfront Trail

**ADA Review**

The performance area within the stadium is accessible. The existing bleacher seating is not, but chair spaces are provided in front of the bleachers.

# William Hatton Park

**City of Grand Haven**
**Jackson Street**
**0.88 Acres**

**Overview**
William Hatton Park is a neighborhood green space which provides a small park and buffer between the railroad tracks and the neighborhood.  The park is an attractive addition with a gazebo, play area and open lawn.

**Amenities and Facilities**

- Gazebo
- Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Play Area

**ADA Review**
The park facilities were constructed prior to ADA requirements and are not accessible.  The will be improved as the park is renovated.

# Willow Park

**City of Grand Haven**
**Franklin St & Seventh St.**
**0.022 Acres (967 Sq. Ft.)**

**Overview**
Willow Park is a green space located at the corner of Franklin Street and Seventh Street.

**Amenities and Facilities**
- Lawn and Trees

**ADA Review**
No public facilities are provided within the green space.  The adjacent sidewalks are accessible.

## Recreation Harbor/Marina Facilities

The City of Grand Haven, located on the Grand River, provides public water access to the Grand River and nearby Lake Michigan through recreational harbor and marina facilities located at the following facilities:

**Grand Haven Municipal Marina**

Municipal Marina is located on the Grand River in the heart of the City (101 N. Harbor Drive) near Chinook Pier. Grand Haven is a favorite destination of sailors and power boaters who want access to and from Lake Michigan, the Grand River, and Spring Lake. This is the closest public marina to Lake Michigan on the Grand River. Since 2008, the City and the DNR have invested over $2 million in upgrades. Phase 1 consisted of a complete reconstruction of the fixed docks and their utilities. Phase 2 focused on much needed shoreline improvements in the floating dock section and a third phase to upgrade the floating docks is anticipated within the next 2-4 years.

Amenities and facilities include water and electrical, marina guest-only restrooms and showers, fish cleaning station, grills/picnic stables, on-demand public transportation to shopping, laundry and marine supply stores within and beyond the City limits.

**Flahive Boat Launch**

The Flahive Boat Launch is located at the far eastern end of Franklin Street, turning north on Eastern to get to the parking area. The launch is very popular with residents and visitors alike. A joint Waterways Commission-City funded project consisting of dredging to the main channel and constructing a rip-rap wall to stabilize the north edge of the cove was completed in 2008. Flahive Boat Launch is one of only two public boat launches in the city and the only one where residents can launch their smaller boats (20 feet or less) without paying a fee. The launch is located entirely with the East Grand River Park, a unique riverfront park, which was renovated in 2010 utilizing funding from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and the City.

Facilities include at the adjacent East Grand River Park restrooms, picnic shelter and facilities, parking, children's play area, floating fishing dock, dog park, and play fields.

**Harbor Island Boat Launch**

Harbor Island Boat Launch provides a launch on the Grand River, transfer dock facilities, with vehicle and trailer parking. Adjacent park facilities include restrooms, pathways, and open play fields.

# Grand Haven Charter Township

# 152nd Access & Shiawassee Access

**Grand Haven Township**
**152nd Ave & Shiawassee Drive**
**0.25 Acres Each**

**Shiawassee Access**

**152nd Access**

**Overview**

Both of these access sites are located at the end of 152nd Avenue and Shiawassee Drive providing public access to Pottawattomie Bayou. Neither site has designated parking, although parking is allowed within the public right-of-ways along the streets. These two sites predominately serve the adjacent neighborhoods and persons utilizing the nearby non-motorized pathway system. The 152nd Access was completed in 2013 and the Shiawassee Access was completed in 2014. Both provide ADA accessible walkways, benches and bayou viewing.

**Amenities and Facilities**

- Pottawattomie Bayou Access

**ADA Review**

Accessible walkways, benches, and bayou viewing.

# Bignell Park

**Grand Haven Township**
**Bignell Drive**
**0.5 Acres**

**Overview**

Bignell Park is a small one-half acre park located on the Millhouse Bayou of the Grand River. Although small, the park provides public access to the bayou. As the park provides informal access to the bayou, its service area includes the entire Township and neighboring City of Grand Haven.

The park is undeveloped with informal pull-off parking from the street with room for three to four cars. The area of the park at street level is approximately 15' above Millhouse Bayou with a sloping bank to the water's edge. The park is currently utilized by ice fishermen in the winter and for passive viewing of the bayou.

Park is 100 yards west of the Township's Non-Motorized Pathway System which is an accessible walkway.

**Amenities and Facilities**

- Undeveloped, there are no facilities
- Millhouse Bayou Access

# Brucker St & Buchanan St Access

**Grand Haven Township**
**Brucker St & Buchanan St**
**0.5 Acres Each**

**Buchanan St. Access**

**Brucker St. Access**

## Overview

These two small sites, of approximately one-half acre each are public right-of-way land areas at the end of Brucker and Buchanan Streets that extend into Lake Michigan. These road ends provide public access within the road right-of-ways to the sand beach and Lake Michigan. These two sites predominately serve the adjacent neighborhoods and persons utilizing the nearby non-motorized pathway along Lakeshore Drive.

## Amenities and Facilities

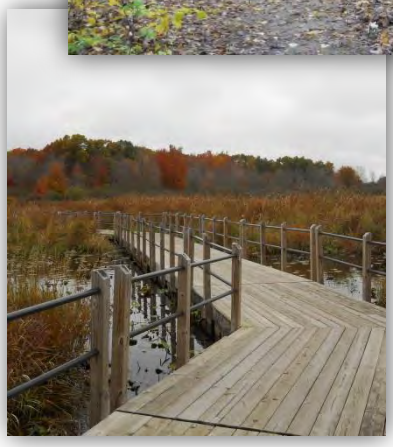
- Lake Michigan Access

## ADA Accessibility

There are no public facilities at these sites and they are not accessible.

# Hofma Park (Hofma Preserve)

**Grand Haven Township**
**15581 Ferris Street (16295 Sleeper St)**
**447 Acres**



**Overview**

Hofma Park and Hofma Preserve are located adjacent to each other on the Pottawattomie Bayou encompassing approximately 447 acres. An additional one hundred and thirteen acres, known as the Witteveen Property, has been placed in trust for the Township and will become available no later than October of 2023 for public recreation use in the future. The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board has approved the Township's receipt of $276,500 in grant funding to acquire an additional forty acres of contiguous land abutting the west property line of Hofma Park. The acquisition is expected to be completed in 2015.

The Ferris Street Park entrance provides access and parking areas for the active sports area. A trailhead is located at the north end of the parking lot providing access to the preserve. The Ferris Street Park entrance has direct access to the Non-Motorized Pathway System. There is a second parking area and trailhead at the Hofma Preserve entrance on Sleeper Street which also has access to the Non-Motorized Pathway System.

# Hofma Park (Hofma Preserve)

**Grand Haven Township**
**15581 Ferris Street (16295 Sleeper St)**
**447 Acres**

With its extensive size and quality of natural areas, the park serves a larger population than Township residents, including visitors from not only Ottawa, but surrounding counties. The park and preserve contain several miles of trails, including a boardwalk which traverses Pottawattomie Bayou and surrounding wetlands. The trail system allows visitors to enjoy a variety of wetland and upland wooded ecosystems.

**Amenities and Facilities**

**Hofma Park**

- Soccer Field (used for league play)
- Adult Softball Field (used for league play)
- Picnic Tables
- Play Equipment
- Basketball court
- Restrooms

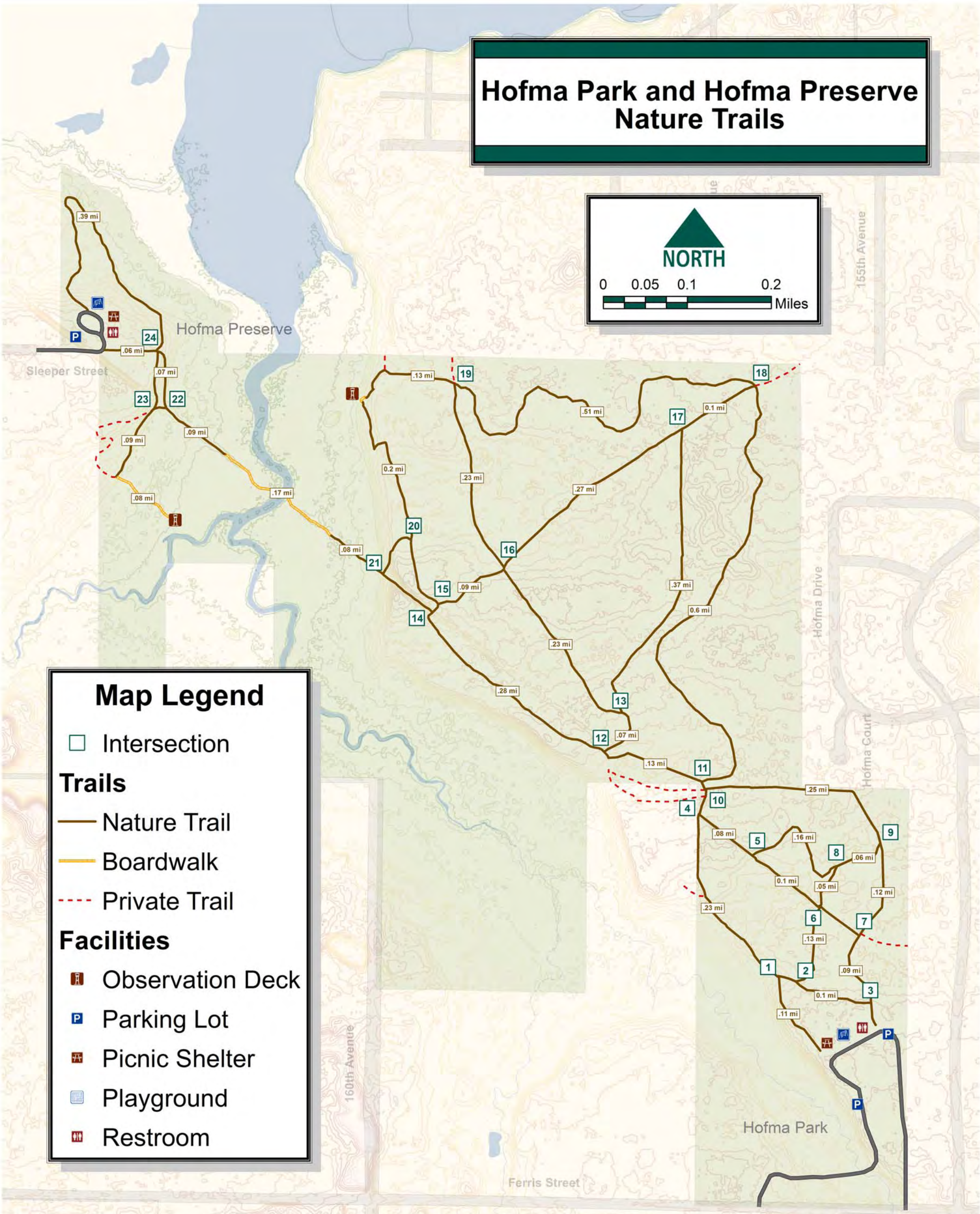
**Hofma Preserve**

- Picnic Tables
- Play Equipment
- Restroom
- Foot trails
- Boardwalk

**ADA Accessibility**

The public parking, restrooms, picnic, and play areas are all accessible. The trails are natural materials and are not fully accessible for all persons. The ball diamonds and soccer field were constructed prior to ADA accessibility considerations and are not accessible for play, but are accessible for most viewing options.

# Hofma Park and Hofma Preserve Nature Trails




## Map Legend

- Intersection

**Trails**

- Nature Trail
- Boardwalk
- Private Trail

**Facilities**

- Observation Deck
- Parking Lot
- Picnic Shelter
- Playground
- Restroom

**Park Rules and Regulations**

- Park Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
- Dogs permitted if <u>under immediate control</u>
- No hunting or trapping
- Open burning permitted in designated areas only
- Motorized vehicles are prohibited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# Mercury Park

**Grand Haven Township**
**16715 Mercury Drive**
**6.71 Acres**

**Overview**

Mercury Park, seven acres in size, is the oldest Township Park located on the northern edge of the Township adjacent to the City of Grand Haven. It is located within a residential neighborhood and serves as a neighborhood park as well as a regional park providing local recreational facilities. The park facilities include a softball field and in-line hockey rink both utilized for league and open play, a restroom building, play equipment, picnic tables, and a parking lot. The park has direct access to the Non-Motorized Pathway System.

**Amenities and Facilities**

- In-line Hockey Rink
- Picnic Shelter
- Softball Field
- Playground
- Restrooms

**ADA Review**

Most of the parks facilities are accessible including parking, walkways and seating area at the softball field, restrooms, and the in-line skate rink. The play area surfacing is not accessible.

# Odawa/Battle Point Boat Launch

**Grand Haven Township**
**14091 144th Avenue**
**2.5 Acres**

**Overview**

This 2.5 acres park is located on the Grand River. Completed in 2001, the boat launch facilities include two launches, vehicle and trailer parking, and a restroom facility. The Grand River provides waterway access into Lake Michigan to the west or towards Grand Rapids to the east. The launch is a very busy site and attracts boaters from throughout the West Michigan area. The launch site has direct access to the Non-Motorized Pathway System.

**Amenities and Facilities**

- Boat Launch
- Restroom

**ADA Accessibility**

Parking and restroom facilities are ADA accessible. The launch facilities do not meet the new 2013 ADA boat launch design accessibility requirements.

# Pottawattomie Park

**Grand Haven Township**
**15600 Comstock Street**
**20.83 Acres**

**Overview**

Pottawattomie Park is a twenty-one acre park located on the Pottawattomie Bayou of the Grand River. The park, a former 4-H camp, was donated to the Township in 1989. The park serves as a neighborhood park as well as a regional park providing large group picnic facilities and soccer facilities. The non-motorized path was extended into the park from Comstock Street to link the park with the pathway network. The park is also a very popular site for access by ice fishermen in the winter onto the Bayou.

**Amenities and Facilities**

- Three Picnic Pavilions
- Boardwalk Fishing Pier
- Small Wading Beach
- All Purpose Field
- Drop-in Canoe & Kayak Area
- Restrooms
- Play Equipment
- Parking
- Sand Volleyball

**ADA Review**

The park facilities are ADA accessible except for the canoe and kayak facilities and into water wading.

# Spring Lake Township

# Black Lake Park

**Spring Lake Township**
**Wilson Rd**
**30 Acres**

**Overview**
Black Lake Park is currently undeveloped and has no facilities.

**ADA Review**
The park is undeveloped and has no facilities.

# Disc Golf Course

**Spring Lake Township**
**Wilson Rd**
**40.2 Acres**

**Overview**
Located at 925 Wilson Road is an eighteen hole disc golf course.

**Amenities and Facilities**

- Disc Golf Course

# Minnie Skwarek Nature Preserve

**Spring Lake Township**
**Leonard Rd, East of 152dn, West of 148th**
**24 Acres**

**Overview**
Minnie Skwarek Nature Preserve is a 24 acre park open for public visitation with the following guidelines: foot travel only, no hunting, and no camping or camp fires. All pets must be leashed to protect wildlife.

Migratory birds find food and refuge during spring and fall migrations in the forests of Minnie Skwarek Nature Preserve. Spicebush, viburnums and wild grapes provide ripe fruit for migrant thrushes each fall. Nesting birds include: wood thrush, ovenbird, blue-winged warbler, black-throated green warbler, scarlet tanager, rose breasted grosbeak, vireos, and a variety of wood peckers, to name just a few.

**Amenities and Facilities**

- Trails Parking is encouraged at the Spring Lake High School just east of the trailhead.

**Accessibility Review**
Rustic trails. None of the trails meet accessibility standards for trail surfaces.

# River Run Park

**Spring Lake Township**
**Leonard Road**
**2.76 Acres**

**Overview**

River Run Park is located on Leonard Road adjacent to the River Run Subdivision with public access to the Grand River. This park includes to a section of the Leonard Road Bike Path that extends from the Village of Spring Lake to Jeffers Elementary School at the Township's eastern border. The park is open green on the west side of Leonard Road and natural area along the river.

**Amenities and Facilities**

- Shelter with river views
- Non-motorized Pathway
- Demonstration Rain Garden

**ADA Review**

The existing pathway and shelter are ADA accessible.

# Rycenga Park

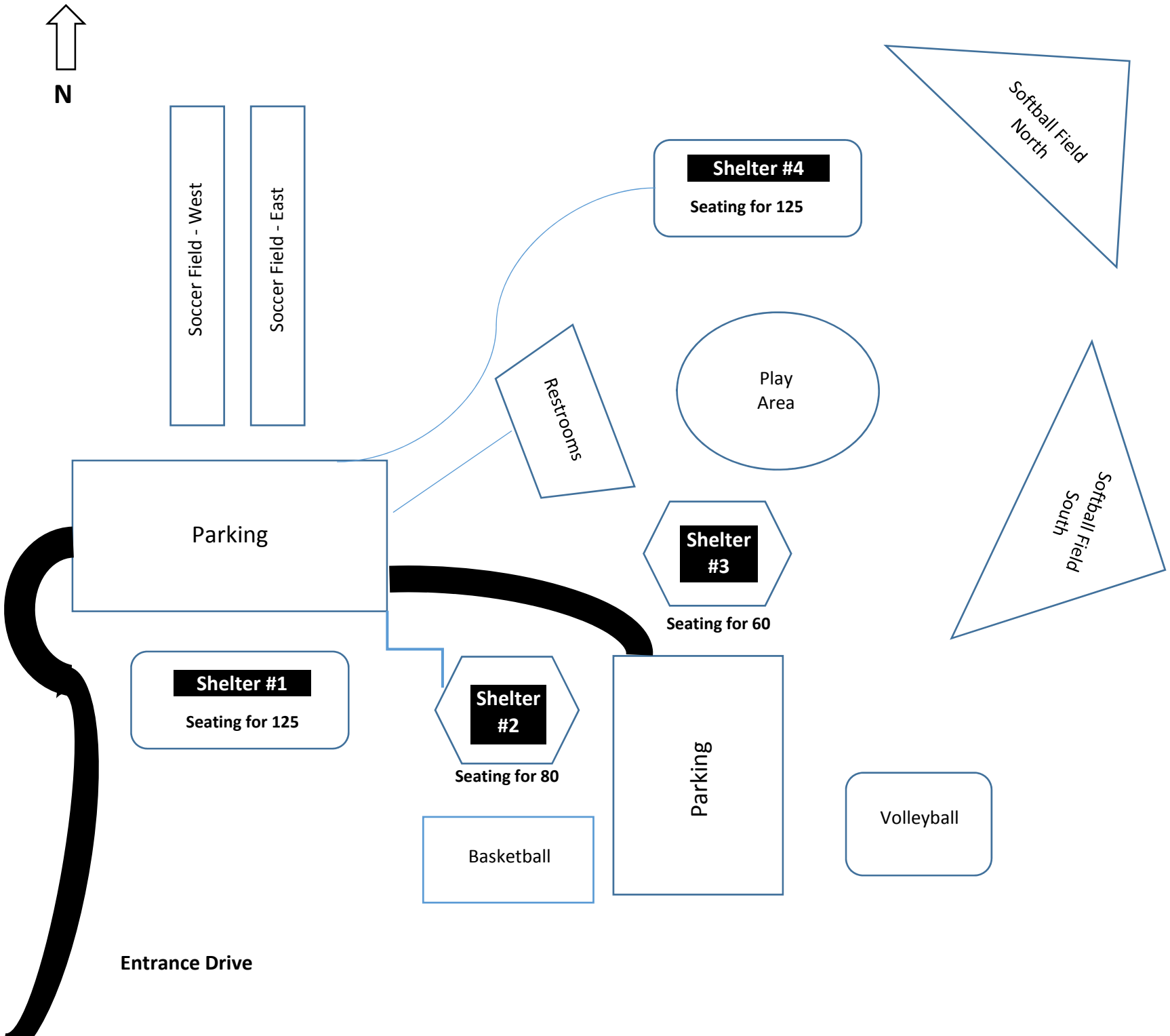
**Spring Lake Township**
**16401 Hemlock Drive**
**80 Acres**

**Overview**
Rycenga Park is located within both Spring Lake Township and Fruitport Township along Hemlock Road. The park was developed by Spring Lake Township on 40 acres gifted to the Township by John Rycenga, with 40 acres leased the township by Fruitport Community Schools. Rycenga Park is the focus for recreational activities for Township residents.

**Amenities and Facilities**

- 2 Baseball/Softball Diamonds
- 4 Picnic Shelters
- Nature Trails
    - 0.75 gravel nature trail with boardwalks
    - 1.25 mile woodchip nature pathways
- 4 Basketball Courts
- Play Area
- 2 Soccer Fields
- Parking and Restrooms
- 2 Sand Volleyball Courts

**ADA Review**
Most all of the park facilities are ADA accessible. Walkways with concrete seating surfaces would improve access to the soccer fields.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Parking
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# Spring Lake Township Community Park

**Spring Lake Township**
**Exchange Street**
**0.5 Acres**

**Overview**

Spring Lake Township Community Park is a one-half acre of land situated between the Spring Lake District Library and Spring Lake Township Hall. The open shady green space includes lawn, trees and landscape plantings. Amenities include a picnic table and a Michigan Historical paying tribute to Winsor McCay the “father of animation”.

**Amenities and Facilities**

- Picnic Table
- Michigan Historical Marker

**Accessibility Review**

None of the areas are ADA accessible at this time. Parking at the adjacent Township Hall does provide accessible parking.

# Water Tower Park

**Spring Lake Township**
**Van Wagoner Rd & W Spring Lake Rd**
**5.33 Acres**

**Overview**
Water Tower Park is located at the intersection of Van Wagoner Road and West Spring Lake Road across West Spring Lake Road from the Lakeside Trail pathway. The park functions mostly as a neighborhood green space including pick-up games of soccer and for exercising dogs.

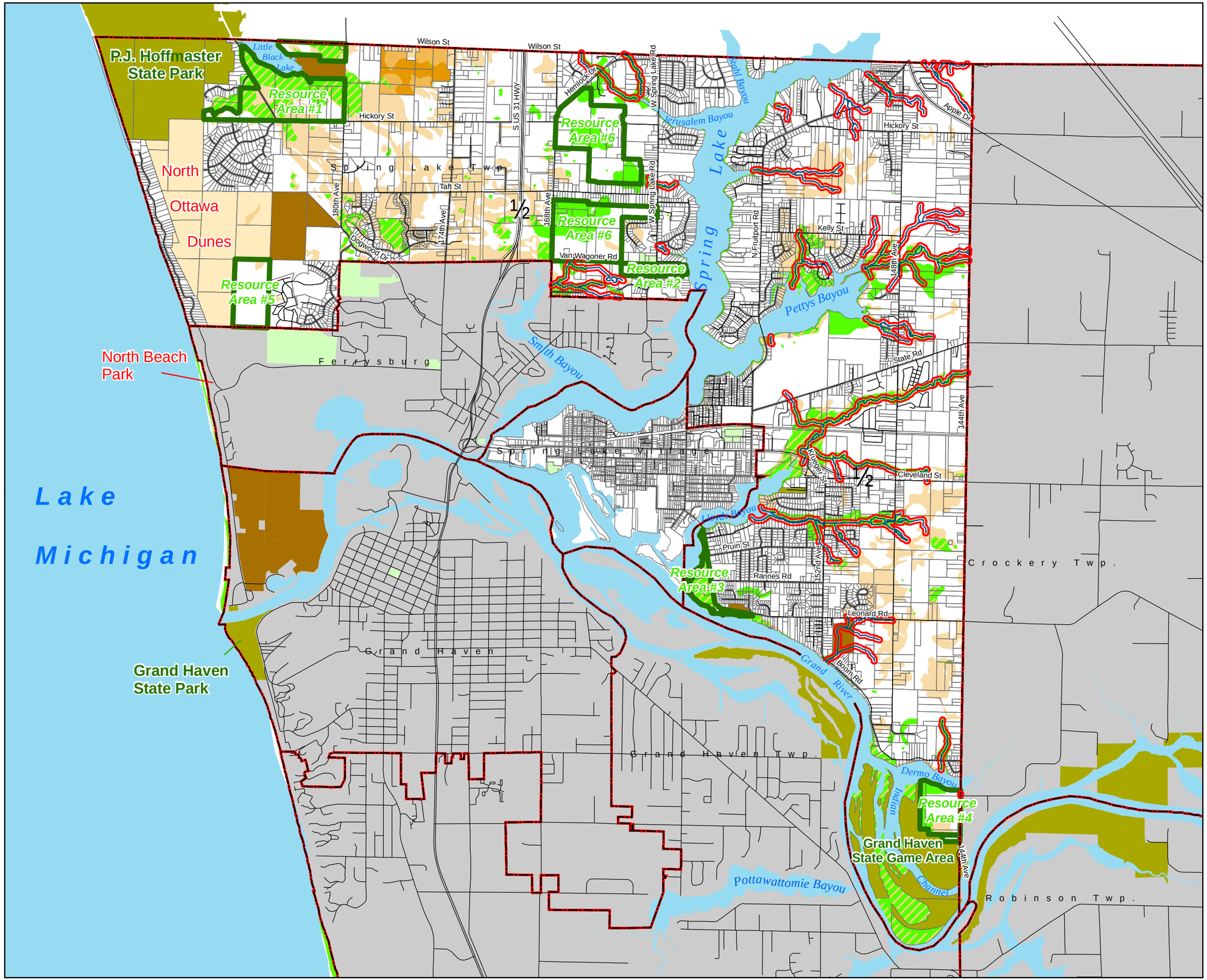
**Amenities and Facilities**

- Practice Field
- Two Tennis Courts

**ADA Review**
The park does not include parking or walkways. Improvements to existing facilities would include ADA parking and connecting walkway to the tennis courts; however, the courts are little used and most likely will be removed once they require replacement. Newer courts are available at the Spring Lake High School.

# Spring Lake Township

## Resource Inventory




Legend

- 100' Stream Buffer
- Municipal Boundaries
- Resource Areas
- Roads
- Parcels
- Open Water
- State-Owned Land
- Other Open Space
- Wetland as identified on NWI and MIRIS maps and soil area which include wetland soils
- Soil areas which include wetland soils
- Wetlands as identified on NWI and MIRIS maps
- Other Township Property

1 inch equals 3,500 feet

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# Village of Spring Lake

# Alden Street End Park

**Village of Spring Lake**
**End Alden Street**
**2,600 Sq. Ft.**

**Overview**
This street end located on Spring Lake is attractively landscaped. A sidewalk access and wood deck provide pedestrian access, lake viewing and shoreline fishing area. Bollard lights and benches provide year round lake viewing. Drop in kayak launching is allowed.

**Amenities and Facilities**

- Lake Viewing Deck
- Benches
- Kayak/Canoe drop in area

**Accessibility Review**
The overlook and walkway areas are accessible from the street. The railings are open for fishing, but were constructed prior to current ADA fishing handrail standards. The drop-in kayak/canoe area is not accessible.

# Central Park

**Village of Spring Lake**
**East of Fruitport Rd Via Central Ave, North of M-104**
**8.4 Acres**

**Overview**
Central park is the largest park within the Village of Spring Lake. The park is a focus for active recreation. Central Park has direct access from M-104 on the South and East of Fruitport road via Central Ave. It is also adjacent to and accessible from the Lakeside Trail Linear Park.

**Amenities and Facilities**

- Picnic Tables
- Grills
- Play Areas
- Restroom
- Shelter/Storage Building
- Tennis Courts (3)
- In-Line Skate Rink
- Adult and Youth Softball/Baseball Diamonds
- Basketball Courts (2)
- Dog Park

**Accessibility Review**
Central Park facilities have been constructed over several decades and many prior to the current ADA accessibility codes and standards and therefore most all of the facilities are not accessible. The park does have accessible parking, access to the tennis and basketball courts, and to the adjacent Lakeside Trial Linear Park. The restroom buildings, play areas, ball diamonds, picnic tables, and other facilities are not considered accessible. As the park is updated through renovations, these facilities can be renovated and brought up to current codes.

# PRELIMINARY MASTER PLAN
# CENTRAL PARK

DATE OF PLAN: 6.28.09

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# Jackson Street Dock

**Village of Spring Lake**
**End Jackson Street**
**2,600 Sq. Ft.**

**Overview**
Jackson Street Dock is a public street end. This Spring Lake waterfront is improved with landscaping, sidewalks, dockage for boat tie ups (including the Harbor Steamer), picnic tables and viewing/fishing deck. It was renovated in 2003.

**Amenities and Facilities**

- Viewing/Fishing Deck
- Picnic Tables
- Boat Tie Ups

**Accessibility Review**
The facilities were constructed to be ADA accessible in 2003.

# Lakeside Beach

**Village of Spring Lake**
**Corner of N. Lake St and Beach Drive**
**1 Acre**

**Overview**
This public swimming beach, about one acre in size, is located at the northwest corner of Lake Street and Beach Avenue. This facility is the main public beach on Spring. Sidewalks along Lake Street provide good pedestrian access to the park site. Parking at this location is provided along the adjacent street. The Spring Lake Area Recreation Authority provides lifeguards at the beach during the summer months. The beach provides public swimming during the summer and fishing access the remainder of the year. Residents also use the beach during non-summer months for drop in kayak access.

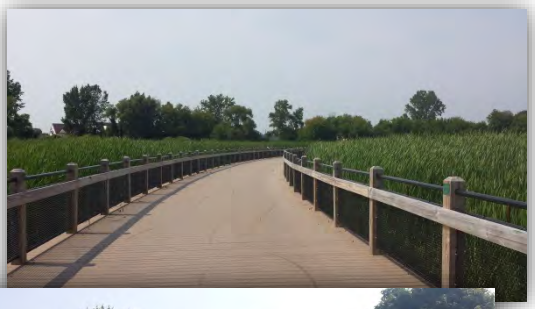
**Amenities and Facilities**

- Sand Beach
- Restrooms
- Picnic Tables
- Benches
- Deck overlooking Spring Lake

**Accessibility Review**
The walkways, picnic tables, and overlook deck with benches are all ADA accessible. The restroom building is partially accessible. The swimming beach water access has not been made accessible, although the adjacent walkway and tables are.

# Mill Point Park Preserve & Boat Launch

**Village of Spring Lake**
**School St & Exchange St**
**13.5 Acres**



**Overview**

This waterfront park contains 13.5 acres of land with Grand River frontage and wetland. The park is the site of the "Music at the Point" summer concert series, held on Thursdays, entertainment tent for festivals, fireworks during the annual Spring Lake Heritage Festival and annual Spring Lake Wooden Boat Show. The boat launch has dual launch ramps with floating docks. Parking is available for 50 truck & trailer combinations, as well as 15 auto parking spaces. Facilities include, public restrooms a boardwalk and viewing/fishing decks. The Rotary Clubs Centennial Band Shell provides a performance venue. A nine acre wetland preserve provides a nature walk and direct access to Savidge St.

**Amenities and Facilities**

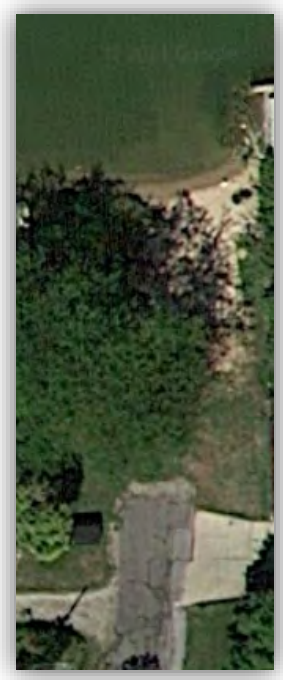
- Restrooms and Venue Shelter
- Picnic Tables and Grills
- Benches
- Deck overlooking Grand River
- Play Area
- Wetland Boardwalk
- Boat Launch and Small Marina
- Floating Boat Dock

**ADA Review**

All of the facilities within the park are ADA accessible except for the boat launch and small marina facilities. These are connected by walkways and parking, but do not meet the current ADA standards as they were constructed prior to the standards.

# North Division Street End

**Village of Spring Lake**
**End N. Division Street**
**3,500 Sq. Ft.**



**Overview**
This street end includes a small sand swimming area on Spring Lake. A guardrail at the street end blocks ingress to the 3,500 square foot open area. The site slopes downward from the street approximately eleven feet in elevation to the water's edge. Recent improvements include addition of timber edging to separate the sand beach from the adjacent grassy area. This area was signed for canoe/kayak access in 2007.

**Amenities and Facilities**

- Beach
- Canoe/Kayak Access

**Accessibility Review**
None of the facilities are ADA accessible.

# North Division Street End

**Village of Spring Lake**
**End N. Division Street**
**3,500 Sq. Ft.**

**Overview**
This street end includes a small sand swimming area on Spring Lake. A guardrail at the street end blocks ingress to the 3,500 square foot open area. The site slopes downward from the street approximately eleven feet in elevation to the water's edge. Recent improvements include addition of timber edging to separate the sand beach from the adjacent grassy area. This area was signed for canoe/kayak access in 2007.

**Amenities and Facilities**

- Beach
- Canoe/Kayak Access

**Accessibility Review**
None of the facilities are ADA accessible.

# Parkhurst Street End

**Village of Spring Lake**
**End Parkhurst Street**
**8,950 Sq. Ft.**

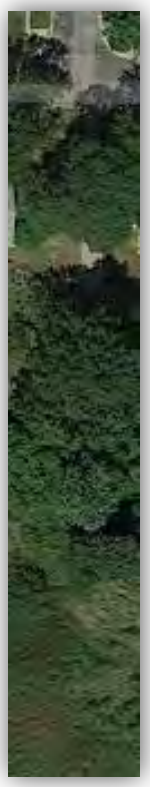
**Overview**
Access is by a bituminous walkway from Buena Vista to this street end. The large street end contains 8,950 square feet, 0.2 acres of lawn area.

**Amenities and Facilities**
- Water access

**Accessibility Review**
The pathway to the water is accessible.

# South Buchanan Street End Park

**Village of Spring Lake**
**End S. Buchanan Street**
**1.3 Acres**



**Overview**
This street extends to the north shore of the Grand River and is contiguous to undeveloped Village land, comprising a total estimated area of 1.3 acres. This wetland viewing location has good potential and is improved with a pathway for wildlife viewing. It will eventually be connected to South Street via the Grand River Greenway.

**Amenities and Facilities**

- Pathway

**Accessibility Review**
The pathway is accessible, although access onto the pathway is limited.

# S. Cutler Street Launch Ramp

**Village of Spring Lake**
**End S. Cutler St.**
**0.2 Acres**

**Overview**
Cutler Street right-of-way provides access to the Grand River. This site is east of and contiguous with Mill Point Park with a pathway connecting to Tanglefoot Campground. A gravel access drive and unimproved parking serve the site. This area is very valuable as a staging location for dredge spoils to dry out from the annual boat launch dredging just to the west. An existing fishing and river observation deck provide excellent views of the Grand River. A drop-in canoe and kayak launch is located next to the deck.

**Amenities and Facilities**

- Kayak/Canoe Launch
- Viewing Deck

**Accessibility Review**
Currently the facilities do not meet accessibility standards and are for the most part unimproved areas.

# Tanglefoot Park

**Village of Spring Lake**
**312 W Exchange St**
**1.4 Acres**

**Overview**
Operated seasonally as a recreational vehicle trailer park, this well maintained facility contains 30 full hookup (water, sewer, electric, and WIFI) campsites. Along the shoreline are common lawn areas and ten wooden boat docks that provide small boat dockage for approximately ten boats. The site contains a service building with community room, washer and dryer and bathroom with showers. Eleven overflow parking spaces are provided, 6 on Park Street and 5 on the east portion of the site adjacent to the municipal well house – off the division street end. This park was renamed Tanglefoot in 2004 to recognize the flypaper invented by the Thum family who gave the Village the land for recreational and educational purposes in 1927.

**Amenities and Facilities**

- Picnic Tables
- Service Building
- Parking
- Community & Laundry Room
- Boat Docks
- Restroom with Showers
- 30 Full Hookup Campsites

**ADA Review**
The facilities are ADA accessible.

# Whistle Stop Playground

**Village of Spring Lake**
**Grand Trunk Trail, Between Cutler St & Park St**
**0.3 Acres**

**Overview**
Whistle Stop Playground is part of the Lakeside Trail Linear Park and is located between Cutler St and Park St.

**Amenities and Facilities**

- Playground
- Pavilion

**Accessibility Review**
The picnic pavilion is accessible. The play area is partially accessible. The aging equipment does not meet current accessible standards, but as the equipment is replaced the accessibility in the park can be improved.

## ADA Accessibility Assessment of Existing Park Facilities

The *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans* prepared by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grant Management Division requires the completion of an Accessibility Assessment.

**ADA Park Review and Assessment**
This assessment was completed in each park during the individual park tours and the information has been incorporated into the planning process.

**Individual Park Inventory Sheet**s
A brief description of the accessibility of each park is included for public information on the individual park inventory sheets within the Recreation Inventory section of the plan. These sheets will be available for public viewing and use on the community websites.

**ADA Accessibility Assessment Chart**
An ADA accessibility Assessment Chart is included in this section which summarizes the accessibility of the parks within the five communities based on the MDNR Accessibility Ranking System further discussed below

**Goals and Objectives:**
Each of the communities included future Goals and Objectives for improving ADA accessibility within the parks through renovation and future development projects. These are included in the Goals and Objectives Section

**Action Plan and Future Projects**
Each of the communities embraces the commitment to make the parks more accessible. As they renovate and improve the existing parks the facilities are being upgraded and made more accessible. New facilities are incorporating the principals of Universal Design from the initial design through construction. These projects are being accomplished as funding is available for park improvements.

**MDNR ADA Accessibility Ranking System**
The MDNR planning booklet provides a ranking system to be utilized in evaluating public parks and open spaces. This ranking system is based on the following:

1= none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
2= some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
3= most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
4= the entire park meets accessibility guidelines
5= the entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design.

Appendix D. Barrier Free Accessibility Requirements for Parks, within the guidelines booklet, provides the following written comments regarding parks and accessibility.

> *"Recreational areas, facilities, and programs play an important role in the life of the community; therefore it is essential that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy these areas and any programs provided. Federal and state laws prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability, and these laws apply to parks and other recreation lands and programs controlled and operated by local units of government. The DNR has a strong commitment to barrier free recreational opportunities in our Department-managed programs and facilities. This commitment extends to those communities that receive recreation grants.*
>
> *Under the state Utilization of Public Facilities by the Physically Limited Act (Public Act 1 of 1966, as amended) all facilities, including improved areas used for recreation, must meet the barrier free design requirements contained in the state construction code. Under this act, the administration and enforcement related to barrier free design requirements are vested in the local or state government agency responsible for issuing a building permit. If the project does not require a building permit, administration and enforcement of barrier free design requirements are vested in the Department of Labor and Economic Growth.*
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> *Any request for an exception to the barrier free design requirements of the state construction code must be submitted to the Barrier Free Design Board, with the Department of Labor and Economic Growth (517-241-9300). The Barrier Free Design board has the responsibility to receive, review, and process requests for exceptions to barrier free design specifications; require appropriate equivalent alternatives when exceptions are granted; and receive, process, and make recommendations for barrier free design rules.*
>
> *Because the state construction code does not apply to many recreation facilities, it is essential that you also be aware of and understand the existing federal guidelines covering these types of facilities. In July 2004, the federal Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (known as the Access Board) issued updated guidelines, entitled the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG), for new or altered facilities covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336) or the Architectural barriers Act of 1968 (Public Law 90-480). These guidelines should eventually be adopted as enforceable standards. Until that occurs, the existing ADAAG standards must be followed when the two conflict. "*

**ADA Accessibility Assessment Chart**

The ADA Accessibility Assessment Chart is included on the following page.

# ADA Accessibility Assessment Chart

| Municipality | Park Name | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| City of Ferrysburg | Coast Guard Park | | ■ | | | |
| City of Ferrysburg | Ferrysburg Nature Preserve | ■ | | | | |
| City of Ferrysburg | Firebarn Park | ■ | | | | |
| City of Ferrysburg | Kitchel-Lindquist-Hartger Preserve | | ■ | | | |
| City of Ferrysburg | Mike Herman Park | ■ | | | | |
| City of Ferrysburg | Sunnyside Park | | | | ■ | |
| City of Ferrysburg | William Montague Ferry Park | | | ■ | | |
| City of Grand Haven | Bicentennial (Riverview) Park | | | ■ | | |
| City of Grand Haven | Bolt Park | | | ■ | | |
| City of Grand Haven | Central Park | | | ■ | | |
| City of Grand Haven | Chinook Pier | | | ■ | | |
| City of Grand Haven | City Beach Park | | | | | ■ |
| City of Grand Haven | Duncan Woods | ■ | | | | |
| City of Grand Haven | East Grand River Park | | | ■ | | |
| City of Grand Haven | Escanaba Park | | | ■ | | |
| City of Grand Haven | Grand Haven Musucal Fountain | ■ | | | | |
| City of Grand Haven | Harbor Island Linear Park | | ■ | | | |
| City of Grand Haven | Harbor Island | | | ■ | | |
| City of Grand Haven | Johnston Park | | ■ | | | |
| City of Grand Haven | Klaver Park | | ■ | | | |
| City of Grand Haven | Klempel Park | | | ■ | | |
| City of Grand Haven | Lighthouse Connector Park | | | ■ | | |
| City of Grand Haven | Mulligan's Hollow | | ■ | | | |
| City of Grand Haven | N. Shore Fisherman's Parking Lot | | | ■ | | |
| City of Grand Haven | Rix Robinson Park | | | ■ | | |
| City of Grand Haven | Sluka Field | | ■ | | | |
| City of Grand Haven | Veterans Memorial Park | | | ■ | | |
| City of Grand Haven | Waterfront Stadium | | | ■ | | |
| City of Grand Haven | William Hatton Park | ■ | | | | |
| City of Grand Haven | Willow Park | | ■ | | | |
| Grand Haven Township | Bignell Park | ■ | | | | |
| Grand Haven Township | Brucker Access | ■ | | | | |
| Grand Haven Township | Buchanan Access | ■ | | | | |
| Grand Haven Township | Hofma Park & Preserve | | | ■ | | |
| Grand Haven Township | Mercury Park | | | ■ | | |
| Grand Haven Township | Odawa Battle Point Park | | | ■ | | |
| Grand Haven Township | 152nd Access | | | | | ■ |
| Grand Haven Township | Pottawattomie Park | | | ■ | | |
| Grand Haven Township | Shiawassee Access | | | | | ■ |
| Spring Lake Township | Black Lake Park | ■ | | | | |
| Spring Lake Township | Disc Golf Course | ■ | | | | |
| Spring Lake Township | Minnie Skwarek Nature Preserve | ■ | | | | |
| Spring Lake Township | River Run Park | | ■ | | | |
| Spring Lake Township | Rycenga Park | | | ■ | | |
| Spring Lake Township | SL Township Community Park | | ■ | | | |
| Spring Lake Township | Water Tower Park | ■ | | | | |
| Village of Spring Lake | Alden Street End | ■ | | | | |
| Village of Spring Lake | Central Park | | ■ | | | |
| Village of Spring Lake | Cutler Street Launch Ramp | ■ | | | | |
| Village of Spring Lake | Jackson Street End | ■ | | | | |
| Village of Spring Lake | Lakeside Beach | | | ■ | | |
| Village of Spring Lake | Mill Point Park & Boat Launch | | | ■ | | |
| Village of Spring Lake | N. Division Street End | ■ | | | | |
| Village of Spring Lake | Parkhurst Street End | ■ | | | | |
| Village of Spring Lake | Tanglefoot Park | | | ■ | | |
| Village of Spring Lake | Whistle Stop Playground | | | ■ | | |
| Trails | Grand Haven Waterfront Trail | | | ■ | | |
| Trails | Lakeshore Connector Path | | | ■ | | |
| Trails | Lakeside Trail | | | ■ | | |
| Trails | Linear Trail Park | | | ■ | | |
| Trails | North Bank Trail | | | ■ | | |

**Key: MDNR Ranking System**

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## Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Commission

The Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Commission, funded through public millage, including residents of Grand Haven Township, has an extensive system of parks. The list below does not include all of the County Parks, but does include parks located in surrounding Townships and Cities, which are used more frequently by Township residents.

**Kirk Park-(Within Grand Haven Charter Township)**

Kirk Park is located in the southern region of Grand Haven Township. The 68 acre park is located on Lake Michigan with 1,850 lineal feet of Lake Michigan beach. The land is comprised of beach front, sand dunes and wooded back dune areas. Facilities include a picnic pavilion, playground, restrooms, Kirk Park Lodge, open picnic areas, swimming beach, hiking trails and un-groomed cross country ski trails, and horseshoe pit. New to the park is an off-leash dog beach.

**Hiawatha Forest (Within Grand Haven Charter Township)**

Hiawatha Forest, located on Fillmore, is a 365 acre flat natural site with both hardwood stands and red pine plantations with a very limited, unmarked trail system. A small parking area and information kiosk is the only developed facilities. Off-trail hiking and cross-country skiing is allowed as well as both on or off leash dog use.

**Rosy Mound Natural Area- (Within Grand Haven Charter Township)**

Rosy Mound Natural Area is 276 acres of unique sand and wooded dunes with .65 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline. Facilities include extensive walkways and stairways within the dunes and woodlands to Lake Michigan, picnic facilities, restrooms near the parking area and beach, a unique shade canopy near the beach, interpretive signs, and parking. The park is connected along Lakeshore Drive to the Township's Non-Motorized Pathway System.

**North Beach Park**

North Beach Park is a popular 7 acre park located north of the Grand River channel in the City of Ferrysburg. The park includes 745 lineal feet of Lake Michigan beach with a large natural dune formation with a dune stairway and observation platform for lake viewing. The beach is open for swimming and public access. Park facilities also include a large picnic shelter, barrier free beach

walkway, seasonal vending concession, play area, sand volleyball court, picnic tables and grills, and restrooms.

**North Ottawa Dunes**

The North Ottawa Dunes encompasses 513 acres of natural dunes areas between the Grand River and the southern boundary of P.J. Hoffmaster State Park. Ten miles of hiking trails provide access to the dunes as well as North Ottawa Beach Park, P.J. Hoffmaster State Park, Ferrysburg's Coast Guard Park, and other undeveloped land owned by Spring Lake Township. Access to the dunes ten miles of informal trails are through the trailhead and parking at Coast Guard Park with trailhead facilities including picnic tables, restrooms, and hiking trails.

**Olive Shores**

The mostly wooded 20-acre site includes a steep sand dune formation with 738' of Lake Michigan frontage. Facilities include a parking area, restrooms, picnic tables, a barrier free trail loop, and a boardwalk through the dunes with overlooks of Lake Michigan and beach access including swimming.

**Tunnel Park**

Tunnel Park is a 22 acre park located south of the Township on Lake Michigan. It offers beach swimming, picnic facilities, restroom building, four sand volleyball courts, two picnic shelters, playground, horseshoe pit, and dune stairway. A unique tunnel provides access to the Lake Michigan beach.

**Hemlock Crossing and Pine Bend**

Hemlock Crossing and Pine Bend are a combined 239 acres of woods and wetlands along the Pigeon River. The parks offer over 6 miles of trails for hiking and cross country skiing. Trails connect also to Pine Bend on the west end of the property. Facilities include parking, a Nature Education Center, a unique pedestrian bridge, scenic overlooks along the trails, two small picnic shelters with tables and grills, modern restrooms, hiking and un-groomed cross country ski trails, and a canoe and kayak launch. The adjacent Pine Bend Park offers additional parking, picnic tables and grills, the Weaver House, historic interpretation, rustic toilets and trails.

**Port Sheldon Lake Michigan Property**

Located in Port Sheldon Township, this is a small 6.68 acres of land located on Lake Michigan with 200 feet of shoreline. The park land is forested dune land and is currently undeveloped.

**Riverside Park**

This is a 64 acre park located in Robinson Township on the Grand River with approximately 4,350 feet of waterfront. Facilities include a boat launch, picnic shelter, fishing docks, and rustic toilets.

**Connor Bayou Property**

This parcel of land has nearly a mile of Grand River frontage within 142 acres of land. Facilities include a Woodland Cabin, parking areas, ADA accessible walkways, rustic toilets picnic tables, hiking trails and boardwalks, kayak and canoe launch, rover overlook decks and fishing dock.

**Pigeon Creek Park**

Pigeon Creek is a 282 acre natural area along Pigeon Creek with another 130 adjacent acres of County Open Space land. The natural areas include over ten miles of trails through the wooded and wetland areas. The trail system includes designated trails for hiking, biking, and equestrian use, and a 0.9 mile trail barrier free trail loop. Winter sports include trails groomed for classic and ski skating, and a sledding hill. Three miles of the trails are lighted for winter night use. A large indoor Pigeon Creek Lodge provides for programming, ski rental, and serves as a winter warming building. A group camping area can be reserved by recognized organizations.

**Deer Creek**

Deer Creek is a two acre public site located on the Grand River. A boat launch for small fishing boats, canoes, and kayaks with picnic tables and rustic toilets are the available facilities..

## Ottawa County Park Locations Map

## Parks

1 Adams Street Landing *(map)*
2 Connor Bayou *(map)*
3 Crockery Creek Natural Area *(map)*
4 Deer Creek Park *(map)*
5 Eastmanville Farm *(map)*
6 Grand River Park *(map)*
7 Grose Park *(map)*
8 Hager Park *(map)*
9 Hemlock Crossing *(map)*
10 Historic Ottawa Beach Parks *(map)*
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25 Grand River Ravines
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27 Johnson Street Forest *(map)*
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## Michigan Department of Natural Resources Parks & Lands

The State of Michigan owns several acres of land that provide recreational resources within the regional area. They include the following:

**Grand Haven State Park**

Grand Haven State Park is located on both the north and south ends of the channel at the mouth of the Grand River as it enters Lake Michigan. The north end provides a parking area and access to the pier for fishing. The southern portion of the park is the largest and is located directly adjacent to the City of Grand Haven and links to the channel side path. The state park includes 160 camping spaces located directly on the beach as well as a large public beach. The park is very popular and is filled to capacity almost daily in the summer months.

**P.J. Hoffmaster State Park**

Hoffmaster State Park is located five miles north of Grand Haven directly on the shores of Lake Michigan. The park is unique and features environmentally sensitive sand dunes. The park facilities include hiking trails, camping, a large beach and picnic facility. Of particular interest is the E. Genevieve Gillette Sand Dune Interpretive Center offering both static and changing exhibits featuring the formation of Michigan sand dunes, plant life, and wildlife.

**Grand Haven State Game Area**

Several hundred acres of natural area located within and along the Grand River at the north edge of Grand Haven Charter Township.

## West Michigan Land Conservancy

The West Michigan Land Conservancy has three preserves with Northwest Ottawa County; Palomita Reserve (40 acres), DePersia South Highlands Nature Preserve (13 acres), and Minni Skwark Nature Preserve (26 acres). The locations and more information can be found on the Conservancy's website.

## Duncan Woods Private Land Trust

Duncan Woods is a private trust of wooded, natural land located within the City of Grand Haven. The trust provides for public use and enjoyment of the woods and is open and operated by a private trust fund board.

## North Ottawa Rod and Gun Club

The North Ottawa Rod and Gun Club is located at 13064 160th Avenue within Grand Haven Township. The non-profit club provides opportunities for skeet and trap fields, an outdoor rifle range, a 3-D archery course, and an indoor pistol range. The public and members are invited to utilize these facilities based on club fees. The Club provides classes in youth and hunter safety, concealed carry CCW/CPL, outdoor education instruction for Grand Haven Area Public Schools, Saturday youth programs, and shooting opportunities for area residents.

## School Facilities within the Planning Area

The following public school facilities are located within the City of Ferrysburg, City of Grand Haven, Grand Haven Township, Spring Lake Township & Village of Spring Lake. The recreation facilities that are available are noted.

**Spring Lake Junior High**
Village of Spring Lake, 21 Acres
Facilities include two soccer fields, Football and training field, one adult and one children's ball field.

**Spring Lake High School**
Spring Lake Township
Facilities include 8 tennis courts, large field, baseball field, and Spring Lake Community and Aquatic Center.

**Holmes Elementary School**
Village of Spring Lake, 6.6 Acres
Facilities include a large playground, tennis courts, small ball field and low basketball hoops.

**Jeffers Elementary School**
Spring Lake Township
Facilities include a playground, basketball court.

**Lake Hills Elementary School**
Spring Lake Township
Facilities include a large playground. The school is also adjacent to 100 acres of Township owned dune land.

**Grand Haven High School**
Grand Haven Township
The High School on 129 acres is located centrally in the Township and opened in September of 1997. The building houses a gymnasium field house for 3,000 spectators, an aquatic center with a pool open for community use, and a large performing arts auditorium as well as other inside gymnasiums and facilities. The outside facilities include eight tennis courts, a soccer & lacrosse stadium, a football stadium with track

facilities, a football practice field, two baseball diamonds, two softball fields, and a cross country trail.

**Peach Plains Elementary School**
Grand Haven Township
Peach Plains Elementary School is located in the northeastern region of the Township on 14 acres of land. The recreational facilities include a playground, combined basketball/tennis courts, a play field, and a softball field. Indoor facilities include a gymnasium.

**Rosy Mound Elementary School**
Grand Haven Township
Rosy Mound Elementary School is located along Lakeshore Drive in the western regions of the Township. The school is located on a smaller school site with 10 acres of land. The school facilities available for recreation include a playground, basketball courts, a softball field, outdoor shelter, exercise course and a play field. Indoor facilities include a gymnasium.

**Lakeshore Middle School**
City of Grand Haven
Facilities include a football and track field, tennis courts, shared tennis/basketball courts, and two open fields.

**Ferry Elementary School**
City of Grand Haven
Facilities include a large playground, two softball fields, and basketball courts.

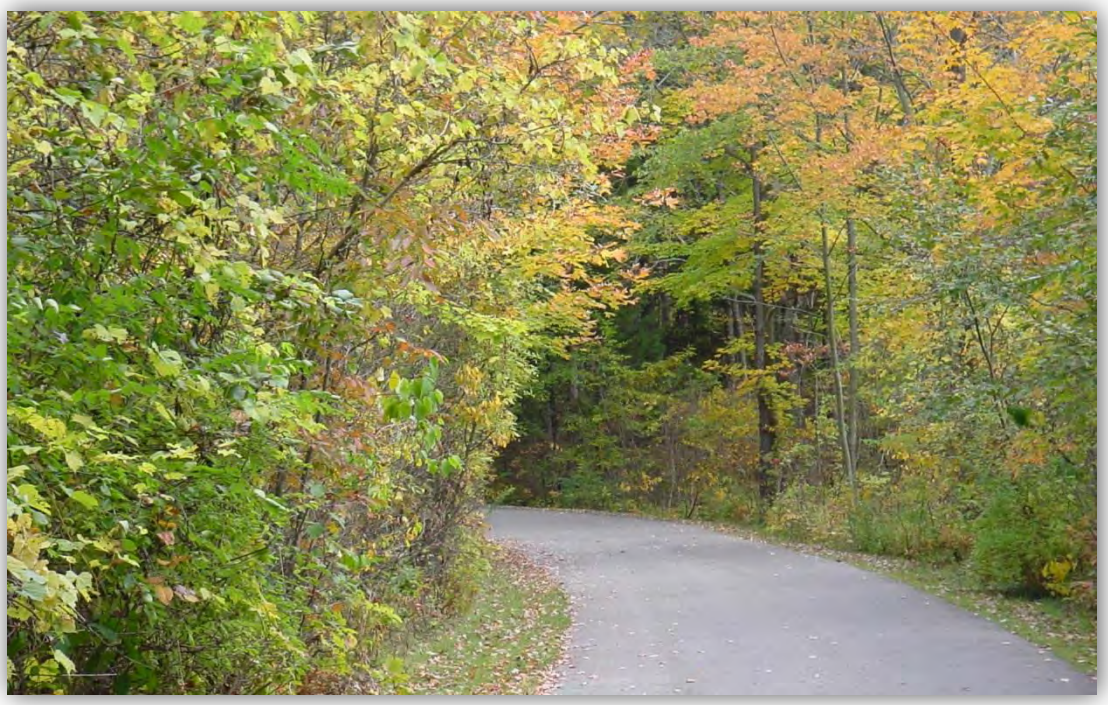
**Mary A. White Middle School**
City of Grand Haven
Facilities include two softball fields, basketball courts and a playground.

**White Pines Middle and Griffin Elementary School**
City of Grand Haven
Facilities include tennis courts, combined football/soccer/track facility, two baseball fields and a large playground area.

# Area Trail & Pathway Maps

# Trails

**Ferrysburg / Grand Haven / Spring Lake**
**68.6 Miles**



**Grand Haven Waterfront Trail / 2.5 Miles**
The Grand Haven Waterfront Trail provides a scenic route from the shores of Lake Michigan to Harbor Island and Coho Drive, past the Grand River and area shops.

**Lakeshore Connector Path / 20 Miles**
The Lakeshore Connector Path is a beautiful trail near the shoreline connecting Grand Haven with Holland.

**Lakeside Trail / 25.9 Miles**
With the over 25 miles of trails, the Lakeside trail is an expansive trail around Spring Lake, running through Fruitport Township, the City of Ferrysburg, Spring  Lake Township and the Village of Spring Lake.

**Linear Trail Park / 16.9 Miles**
The Linear Trail Park runs through many of Grand Haven's neighborhoods, from the east and connects at two points of the Lakeshore Connector Path on the west sides.

**North Bank Trail / 3.3 Miles**
The North Bank Trail is still in the processes of being completed.  It will eventually be 18 miles, running form Spring Lake to Coopersville.

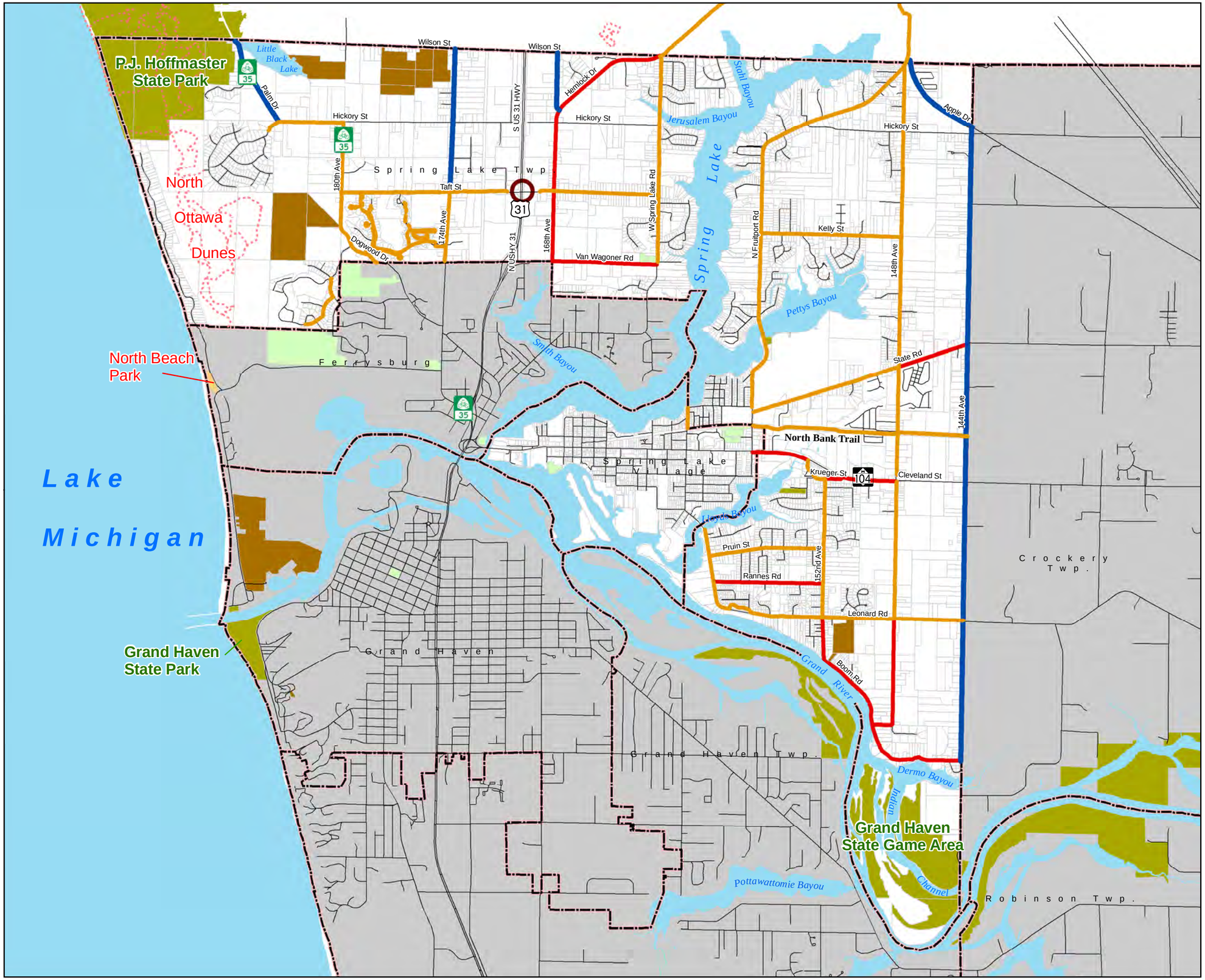
**ADA Review**
Portions of the pathway are accessible, while other portions exceed 5% slope based on existing natural slopes and driveways.

# Trails

**Ferrysburg / Grand Haven / Spring Lake**
**68.6 Miles**

Grand Haven Charter Township
Non-Motorized Pathway System
Existing and Proposed Segments
Proposed Groesbeck
Proposed Sleeper
Proposed 144th
Proposed Lincoln-Ferris Connection
Proposed 152nd
Proposed Lincoln
Proposed 168th
Proposed Buchanan
Non-Motorized Paths Proposal
1 inch = 1,500 feet
Legend
Constructed
Proposed
Grand Haven Township

# Spring Lake Township




## Bike Paths

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|---|---|
| Existing bike path: | 22.85 Miles |
| Proposed bike path: | 7.57 Miles |
| Proposed widened shoulde: | 7.35 Miles |

**Legend**

**Trail Type**

- Bike Path
- Hiking Trail
- Proposed Trail
- Proposed Paved Shoulder
- Bridge with No Bike Path
- Roads
- Municipal Boundaries
- Parcels
- Open Water
- State-Owned Land
- Local Parks
- Other Township Property
- Other Open Space

1 inch = 3,500 feet

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## Previous Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Grants Documentation

Each of the communities have receive previous Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Grants which are listed below. These projects have been vital additions to recreation within the community and are enjoyed daily. The communities have completed the required Post Completion Self Certification forms are included in Appendix A.

### City of Ferrysburg Previous Grants

**Grant Project 26-00345 Municipal Park (Fire Barn Park)**

Development of 4.8 acres of park including one ball diamond, two tennis courts, parking, fencing, landscaping and site improvements. This park remains active within the community with these facilities still in use.

**Grant Project TF 17 Kitchel-Linquist Dunes Preserve**

Purchase of additional sand dune property for the Kitchel-Linquist Dunes Preserve.
$300,000

**Grant Project BF93-291 1993 Coast Guard Park**

The project included improvements and developments to the entrance, site preparation, drives, parking, walks, paved walkway, basketball courts, sand volleyball courts, picnic shelter, and play area. These facilities remain active components of the park.

### City of Grand Haven Previous Grants

**Grant Project 26-00391 Grand River Boat Launch Area (East Grand River Park)**

Boat launch construction within the park. The boat launch is maintained and is open for public use.

**Grant Project 26-01023S Eastern Park Development (East Grand River Park)**

Restroom building, parking lot, playground, and boardwalk. The restroom building and parking lot are still in use. The playground area has been renovated with new play equipment. The boardwalk has been replaced. The playground area and new boardwalk are Universal Accessible and include a new floating fishing dock.

**Grant Project 26-01438 Chinnook Pier Park**

Development of a new public park with a picnic pavilion, playground area, lawn, and walkways. The playground equipment has been replaced.

**Grant Project 26-01639 Mulligan's Hollow Park**

Grant funds provided for the installation of a skate park which remains a popular facility within the park. The earlier small facility was expanded into a larger permanent concrete skate park.

**Grant Project BF 83-262 1993 Mulligan's Hollow Park**

The Bond Fund grant provided funding for new picnic tables, ball field improvements, lighting, tennis court repairs, and removal of older park facilities. The improvements are still in use and the park facilities have been expanded through additional park improvements.

**Grant Project BF98-100 1998 Harbor Island Observation Deck**

Construction of a floating observation deck and walkway on Harbor Island to provide for wildlife viewing and water access. These facilities are still in use by the public.

**Grant Project TF08-076 2008 East Grand River Park Improv.**

Renovation of the existing park which included new playground equipment, improvements to the picnic pavilion, new walkways, new wetland walkway, floating fishing dock, interpretive signage, and irrigation. All of the new improvements are constructed to be Universal Accessible.

**Grant Project TF09-099 2009 City Beach Restrooms**

Construction of a restroom facility at the City Beach including restrooms, concession, picnic tables, and foot wash facilities. All of the facilities are Universal Accessible.

## Grand Haven Charter Township Previous Grants

**Grant Project 26-00429 1973 Mercury Drive Park**

The grant provided funding for the development of the softball diamond. Since this grant, the Township has continued to expand development in the park with the addition of a playground, picnic facilities, restroom building, inline hockey rink and parking lots. The park is used by open community use as well as softball and hockey leagues sponsored through the Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority Programs. . $32,812.79

**Grant Project 26-00777 1976 Hofma Nature Park**

This grant provided for the purchase of the Sleeper Street property and the adjoining property totaling approximately 400 acres contiguous to the existing Hofma Park and is known today as Hofma Preserve. The park is a significant resource and today has a picnic area, playground, and restroom building as well as an extensive trail system. $23,697.56

**Grant Project 26-01358 1984 Hofma Trust Park Dev.**

This grant provided for several improvements to Hofma Preserve including the restroom building, floating bridge, and elevated/floating observation platform, wooded boardwalk, nature trails with markers and directional maps. These facilities are all in use and used daily by park visitors. $164,161.73

**Grant Project BF89-483 1989 Hofma Park Recreation**

This project included the construction of a soccer field, picnic shelter, restroom building and paved parking. The soccer field is utilized for league play and all of the park facilities are in operation. $112,000.00

**Grant Project TF90-254 1990 Pottawattomie Park**

This initial phase of Pottawattomie Park included 3 shelters, restroom building, floating fishing/observation platform, sidewalks/nature trails, fixed boardwalk, paved parking, two volleyball courts, and children's play equipment and sprinkling. These facilities are all in operation. The playground was recently upgraded with new equipment. $300,000.00

**Grant Project TF94-258 1994 Pottawattomie Park**

This project included the addition of paved and soft surface nature trails, individual picnic areas with tables, grills, and waste cans, a new soccer field, and two additional parking areas. All of these facilities are in operation. The soccer field is utilized for league and pick up play. The park remains very popular and is often full to capacity. Additional improvements have been made for a small drop in boat launch on the bayou and security cameras were added to the park. $100,000.00

**Grant Funding TF97-112 1997 144th Ave. Land Acq.**

This grant provided funding for the purchase of a property adjacent to an existing public street right-of-way that ended at the Grand River. The property was acquired for the

purpose of creating a formal boat launch facility on the Grand River that provides not only river access, but also access into Lake Michigan $123,500.00

**Grant Project TF99-048 1999 144th Ave. Boat Launch**
This grant provided the funding to complete the construction of a new boat launch on the land purchased with Grant TF97-112. The park has been named Odawa/Battle Point Boat Launch. The facility includes boat ramps and on-site parking for vehicles and trailers. The facility is heavily used throughout the boating season. Additional facilities have not been added as the development has utilized all existing available land and has not needed upgrading due to the newness of the facilities. $275,000.00

## Spring Lake Township Previous Grants

**Grant Project BF93-268 1993 Rycenga Recreational Park**
Development of Rycenga Park with a Bond Fund grant which included nature trails, overlooks, soccer and softball fields, a play area, and shelters.

**Grant Project CM00-112 2000 Rycenga Recrational Park**
A Clean Michigan grant provided funding for further development of Rycenga Park including boardwalks, tables, basketball courts, parking, and irrigation.

**Grant Project TF09-112 2009 North Bank Trail Development**
A Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant provided funding for 1.5 mile of hard surface pathway.

**Grant Project TF010-165 2010 Glafcke Family Public Preserve Acquisition**
Acquisition of 1.83 acres of land for a view shed and habitat protection on the Grand River with a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant.

**Grant Project TF011-048 2011 Pellegrom Property Acquisition**
Acquisition of 4 acres of land for a view shed and habitat protection on the Grand River with a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant.

**Grant Project TF12-064 2012 Rycenga Park Picnic Shelter & Improv.**
Funding from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund provided for a new picnic shelter, concrete walks and apron, and playground improvements which were constructed to be Universal Accessible.

## Village of Spring Lake Previous Grants

**Grant Project 26-00576 1975 Central Park**

The Land and Water Conservation Fund grant provided funding to develop site improvements including parking, and access road, three tennis courts, 6 shuffleboard courts, a picnic area, and the purchase of a LWCF sign. $15,000

**Grant Project No. 26-00850 1977 Central Park**

The Land and Water Conservation Fund grant provided funding to develop an additional two acres of park land including a restroom building, relocate and upgrade the tot lot, landscaping and the purchase of a LWCF sign. $17,000

**Grant Project No. TF88-112 1988 Spring Lake Bikeway**

The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant provided funding for the construction of 1.5 miles of 9 foot wide paved bicycle/pedestrian trail. $128,000

**Grant Project No. TF97-267 1997 Community Boardwalk**

The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant provided funding for the construction of 1,650 feet of boardwalk, 736 linear feet of concrete pathway, 364 linear feet of bituminous pathway, and public access to the Village's waterfront for fishing and observation. $64,360

**Grant Project No. CM99-439 1999 Central Park Renovation**

The Clean Michigan grant provided funding for the renovation of Central Park including ballfield lighting, regarding and reseeding of the playing surface, fencing and new bleachers. $47,280

**Grant Project No. TF09-015 2009 Grand River Greenway Non-Motorized Trail**

Development of a trail within the Village of Spring Lake and recreation facilities including 16 new boat slips, restroom, canoe/kayak launch, and four wildlife viewing/fishing areas along the Grand River and the Grand River marsh. $465,000