



12. ADJOURNMENT

13. COMMUNICATIONS

ANNUAL REVIEW SCHEDULE

March/July – Annual Budget Review

November – Master Plan, Goals, Objectives and Strategies Review

January – Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) Review

MASTER PLAN GOALS

I. GOAL: (Space/Facilities) Meet present and future community needs for parks, greenways, trails, and recreation.

- A. Objective: Plan and develop a system of parks, greenways, open space, and recreation facilities that provides a minimum of 16 acres per 1,000 Village residents.
  - ✓ Current surplus in mini-parks, neighborhood parks and community parks based on July 2008 SEMCOG population estimates.
- B. Objective: Encourage the preservation of green space and the development of new parks and/or recreation assets when opportunities arise.
- C. Objective: Following removal of the Mill Creek dam, plan and develop a linear park along the Mill Creek.
  - ✓ Dam was removed in June 2008, Mill Creek Park Master Plan adopted by Council January 26, 2009
  - ✓ Various grant application applied for in anticipation of 2010 Phase 1 park construction and development

II. GOAL: (Recreation) Encourage healthy lifestyles for Village residents through recreation.

- A. Objective: Offer Village residents a balanced program of active and passive recreation opportunities.
  - ✓ Working on developing a system of trails, implemented ice rink in 2009
- B. Objective: Offer Village residents multiple opportunities to walk, run, bike, skate, or paddle without leaving their community.
  - ✓ Grant applications for boating, walking and pedestrian connections submitted throughout 2009
  - ✓ Awarded Waterways Infrastructure grant for installation of 3 boat launches

III. GOAL: (Accessibility) Strive to make every Village park and recreation site accessible.

- A. Objective: Design and develop a system of all-season, non-motorized pathways, trails, sidewalks, and bike paths linking Village neighborhoods with both Village and adjacent non-Village parks, greenways, pathways, recreation venues, schools, and commercial retail areas.
  - ✓ Working with County Parks and HCMA on regional trail connection and B2B Initiative
- B. Objective: Ensure that all parks and recreation assets are barrier-free and universally accessible.
  - ✓ Barrier free design was incorporated into Mill Creek Park Plan and DDA is providing funding to facilitate ADA access to Mill Creek Park via Jeffords Street.

IV. GOAL: (Environment) Make nature and healthy ecosystems an important characteristic of our Village.

- A. Objective: In designated Village natural areas, enhance and preserve healthy ecosystems for native plants, fish, and wildlife.
- B. Objective: In Village urban areas, enhance the natural feel of each park.
  - ✓ Mill Creek Park has been planned as a passive park with a natural feel.
- C. Objective: Advocate for the enhancement and preservation of natural features within and surrounding our Village.

V. GOAL: (Management) Use sound planning, financial, and operational management practices.

- A. Objective: Deliver on our stated goals and objectives.
- B. Objective: Ensure that our parks and recreation assets remain available for enjoyment, now and in the future.
- C. Objective: Foster smart and efficient management practices.
- D. Objective: Identify and utilize all available Village and non-Village funding resources to meet our goals.
  - ✓ Numerous funding sources were applied for in 2009.

VI. GOAL: (Community) Foster a community-wide sense of pride in and support for our parks and recreation program.

- A. Objective: Promote parks and recreation activities in the community and our broader service area.
- B. Objective: Provide and promote opportunities for individual citizens and community groups to influence the mission, priorities, management, and operations of the parks and recreation program.
  - ✓ Mill Creek Park Master Planning Process and Westside Connector Planning engaged many parties.
- C. Objective: Deliver superior service to citizens and others seeking our help.
- D. Objective: Develop an overall parks and recreation program that makes a positive contribution to the economic sustainability of the Village.
  - ✓ Ice Rink in 2009 helped promote downtown
- E. Objective: Develop and maintain parks and recreation assets that incorporate a high degree of aesthetic appeal.
- F. Objective: Develop and maintain park and recreation assets and recreation programs that meet current industry safety standards and, where standards do not exist, develop and maintain assets and programs with careful consideration for user or participant safety.



**VILLAGE OF DEXTER  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission  
FROM: Allison Bishop, AICP, Community Development Manager  
RE: Report  
DATE: February 17, 2011

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**Park Development Updates**

I will provide an update at the meeting due to the daily changes in the projects.

Anticipated Schedule –

B2B / Subdivision Connector – open for use between February 22 and February 24, 2012  
HCMA Trail Link – not slated to start construction until August 2012  
Mill Creek Park – completion by August 2012 (tentative)

As discussed the Village will host a Grand Opening Celebration upon the completion of the park projects. It is anticipated that something would be held similar to the Main Street Bridge Project celebration, upon completion of the Mill Creek Park, likely in August or September. A date will be selected upon a more concrete project completion date.

**Geocache Update**

Roger from the South Lyon Trekkers is preparing the Dexter Geocache Trail and has ordered the pathtags for the Village. The Dexter Parks Geocache Trail should be active around April 1<sup>st</sup>. A geocache publicity event will be scheduled for the summer to help people learn the hobby. As a reminder the Dexter geocaching trail is intended to bring a new group of people to Dexter to enjoy the parks and the Village, and in turn create an economic development opportunity.

**Ice Rink Update**

Unfortunately we have only gotten about 4 days out of the rink so far this season. Mother Nature has not cooperated and we are nearing the end of the season. Last year the rink was disassembled on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will continue to keep the ice rink up and reevaluate the conditions each day. Chances are the rink will come down mid to late March as in the past.

**CIP**

The Planning Commission approved the CIP on February 6, 2012. The Parks and Recreation worksheets and the project summary sheet are included for your review. I have also included a DRAFT FY12-13 Budget Recommendations list. Annually the PaRC discusses projects for the following year that we recommend to Council for inclusion in the budget. The attached list includes the projects for the PaRC's consideration.

### **Trail Towns Workshop**

On Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> I attended a Trail Towns Workshop. The Trail Towns concept is a guide to capturing trail based tourism and promoting towns and businesses through the trails within a community. The power point presentation is attached. Over the next few months we can begin to discuss how the Village can embrace the Trail Towns concept given the number of trails coming online in Dexter over the next year. I would also like to start discussing elements of promotional materials that we have funding budgeted for. The goal is to have promotional materials available when the park opens, likely at the end of the summer and to begin circulating at community events.

### **Eagle Scout Project**

I have been working with an Eagle Scout on a potential project for the summer. The scout would like to construct a shade shelter at the Community Park basketball court. This is a project that we have discussed although have not made a priority.

### **Waterless Restroom Information**

Periodically the PaRC has discussed the need for bathrooms in downtown and for the parks. I have received the included information from Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA). The costs of the bathrooms range from \$11,000 - \$30,000 installed. The information will be added to the CIP Project #02-4.0-2012 (included) for consideration at a later date.

### **Dexter Garden Club**

The Dexter Garden Club has met with me to discuss the possibility of an "Adopt a Bed" type program. The Garden Club is most interested in Mill Creek Park, however is willing to volunteer to assist the Village with beautification in other ways as well. Staff is working with the Village Manager to find ways in which we can use the volunteers to assist with the park and downtown beautification efforts.

### **Parks Volunteer Plan**

No progress has been made on the plan. I am meeting again next week with the Village's Risk Manager to discuss some outstanding issues and I will plan to provide updates by the next meeting.

### **Washtenaw County Parks Kiosk**

Washtenaw County Parks has requested permission to install a kiosk within Warrior Creek Park at the location of the current Warrior Creek sign. The kiosk will be used to place items of information such as Border to Border (B2B) Trail maps, County interpretative events, maps, welcome information, and Dexter Village information as we require. Does the PaRC have any comments or suggestions about the installation of the sign and/or proposed location of the sign?

**Easter Eggstravaganza** – We need to select a date for the Easter Eggstravaganza and discuss some of the details:

Anticipated Event Budget - \$500

Select Date - Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> or Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Time – 10 am

Parking – I have checked with LaFontaine to see about potential parking options given the large number of participants last year. Matt LaFontaine has agreed to coordinate something with the Village upon selecting a date.

Bunny – Jack Melangton (Dexter Rotary and Dexter Chamber) has volunteered again to be our Easter Bunny.

Egg Order – I plan to order an additional 3000 eggs due to the large number of participants last year. I planned to order some pre filled and empty eggs.

Publicity – Facebook, Dexter Leader, Dexter Patch, annarbor.com, Dexter Library, Dexter Chamber, Email Update, website, Dexter Schools and Local Day Cares - other suggestions?

Bunnies on Display –Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary and Midwest Rabbit Rescue were contacted and they are not available to participate again this year. I have gotten a commitment from a local 4-H member to provide 4 bunnies at the event as part of her community service requirement.

Face Painting – This part of the event was not that well utilized, do we want to do again?

Photo Opps – Staff is working with HCMA to reproduce the bunny photo stand and eggs, otherwise we will borrow the supplies again.

Other Decorations – Staff plans to order some decorations and will bring examples to the meeting for support.

Egg Stuffing – We will be stuffing more eggs this year given the success and speed at which we were able to accomplish this task last year. Please plan for the egg stuffing gathering at the March 20<sup>th</sup> PaRC's meeting.

Donations – Stucchi's (Jim Seta) has offered to work with the Village to stuff eggs and offer coupons to participants. I will also work with Lazer Planet who participated last year.

### **5 Healthy Towns Grant**

The Village and Washtenaw County Parks were awarded a total of \$10,000 to install playground equipment in Warrior Creek Park. We postponed installation of the equipment given the time of year and the need for volunteers to install the equipment. The equipment must be purchased by the end of March. Attached is the type of play equipment that we had originally considered, however after further consideration staff is recommending that the PaRC review the boulder climbing stone included in the packet. Staff is requesting that the PaRC consider the boulder because we have considered a boulder in the past and staff is concerned with over occupying the park with additional traditional types of play equipment. A copy of the plan for Warrior Creek Park is included for your perspective as well. Please be prepared to discuss the type of equipment we will purchase and install for the spring.

### **Dog Park**

It has been recommended by a commissioner that the PaRC discuss the possibility of a dog park. Some information from the Washtenaw County Dog Parks has been provided for your reference as well as info on other dog parks in the area.

### **Renaming Warrior Creek Park**

In the past there has been consideration given to changing the name of Warrior Creek Park to Mill Creek Park. It has been suggested again that the Commission consider discussing this item. As a reminder the Village held a contest with the schools decades ago and the name Warrior Creek Park won.

### **Dexter Daze Participation**

I have been in contact with the Dexter Daze Planning Committee about possibly participating in the Dexter Daze festivities. The Dexter Daze Committee is not prepared to expand Dexter Daze down Jeffords Street therefore if the PaRC's is interested in extending the street event, hosting crafters or entertainment please be prepared to discuss at the meeting. Many different ideas have been considered the PaRC just needs to determine the level of involvement that we would like to pursue to highlight the park/parks.

Please feel free to contact me prior to the meeting if you have questions.

Thank you.



VILLAGE OF DEXTER \* CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

**PROJECT NAME: Community Park Improvements**

**PROJECT ID: 01-2.0-1998**

**PRIORITY: IMPORTANT**

**PROJECT TYPE: Park Enhancement**

**TOTAL COST: \$170,000**

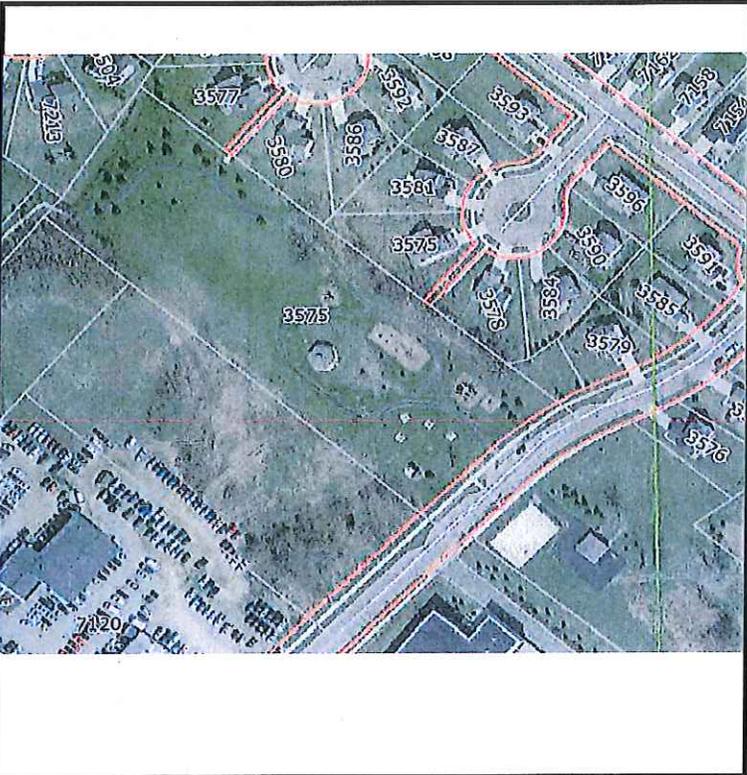
**SUBMITTED BY: Parks and Recreation**

**YEARS IN CIP (Beginning year): 14 (1998)**

**DESCRIPTION:**

**LOCATION MAP: Dexter Ann Arbor Road and Ryan Drive**

Improvements started 2004, play equipment 2005 Community Build, asphalt path in 2007, gazebo 2008, play court 2009. Remaining improvements include permanent bathrooms, water fountain, court shelter, path reconstruction. Pathway reconstruction required following drainage improvements resulting from LaFontaine stormwater improvements. Park should be complete following installation of above items.



**PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:**

Value indicates the degree to which the project will help to: 0=Not Applicable 1=Somewhat Important 2=Important 3=Very Important

2	Protect health, safety, lives of citizens
3	Maintain or improve public infrastructure, facilities
2	Reduce energy consumption, impact on the environment
3	Enhance social, cultural, recreational, aesthetics opportunities
2	Improve customer service, convenience for citizens
<b>12</b>	<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>

**BENEFICIAL IMPACTS:**

Parks provide citizens will with healthy recreation and open space opportunities within the Village. Safe, enjoyable access to parks and recreation opportunities is an important goal as stated within the Master Plan.

**MASTER PLAN AND/OR STUDY REFERENCE:**

See Parks and Recreation Master Plan Goals 1, 2 and 6 AND 2012 Village Master Plan.

**SCHEDULE:**

**SCHEDULE JUSTIFICATION:**

	Start		End	
	Month	Year	Month	Year
Study:		1998		ongoing
Design/Acquisition:		1998		ongoing
Construction:		2004		2016

The project has been ongoing. Pathway should be first priority following drainage improvements. Project to be complete after projects listed.

**PROJECT COST DETAIL:**

Bathrooms and Water Fountain	General Fund	\$100,000
Pavilion/Shelter at Play court	General Fund	\$50,000
Path reconstruction	General Fund	\$20,000

**EXPENDITURES (in thousands)**

Funding Source	Prior Yrs	FY12-13	FY13-14	FY14-15	FY15-16	FY16-17	Beyond FY17	TOTALS
General Fund	\$200	\$20		\$100		\$50		\$370
								\$0
								\$0
								\$0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$20</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$370</b>

**PROJECT NAME: Warrior Creek Park Improvements**

**PROJECT ID: 02-2.0-2001**

**PRIORITY: IMPORTANT**

**PROJECT TYPE: Park Enhancement**

**TOTAL COST: \$297,000**

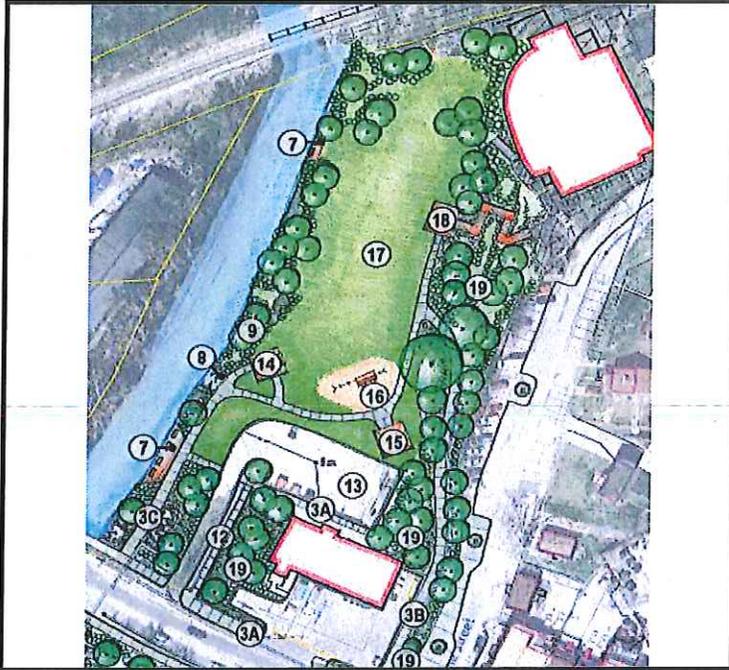
**SUBMITTED BY: Parks and Recreation**

**YEARS IN CIP (Beginning year): 11 (2001)**

**DESCRIPTION:**

In conjunction with improvements to Mill Creek Park improvements, B2B and upgrade the Village facility bathrooms and parking improvements are necessary. Project coordination could be completed with Village facility upgrades, although parking improvements/needs may be more immediate.

**LOCATION MAP: Main Street and Alpine Street**



**PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:**

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3	Improve customer service, convenience for citizens
<b>14</b>	<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>

**BENEFICIAL IMPACTS:**

Enhancement of the trailhead, park parking and restroom facilities that serve a larger area, including downtown. Promotes economic development.

**MASTER PLAN AND/OR STUDY REFERENCE:**

2009 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, Mill Creek Park Master Plan 2009 and 2012 Master Plan

**SCHEDULE:**

**SCHEDULE JUSTIFICATION:**

	Start		End	
	Month	Year	Month	Year
Study:		2008		2009
Design/Acquisition:		2013		2015
Construction:		2013		2017

Project will be completed following improvements to Phase 1 Mill Creek Park and as funding permits or progress is made towards improvements to Village facilities.

**PROJECT COST DETAIL:**

Parking Lot Improvements	General Fund	\$107,000
Picnic Shelter	General Fund	\$90,000
Public Restrooms	General Fund/Grants	\$100,000
Play Equipment	5 Healthy Towns Grant	complete 2012 \$10,000
Stair access from Alpine	Connecting Communities Grant/B2B	complete 2012 \$75,000

Funding Source	Prior Yrs	FY12-13	FY13-14	FY14-15	FY15-16	FY16-17	Beyond FY17	TOTALS
GO Bond								\$0
General Fund			\$207			\$90		\$297
Other	\$75							\$75
Grants	\$10							\$10
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$85</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$207</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$90</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$382</b>

**PROJECT NAME: Mill Creek Park Improvements/Construction - PHASE 2**

**PROJECT ID: 03-2.0-2010**

**PRIORITY: IMPORTANT**

**PROJECT TYPE: Park Development**

**TOTAL COST: \$1,200,000**

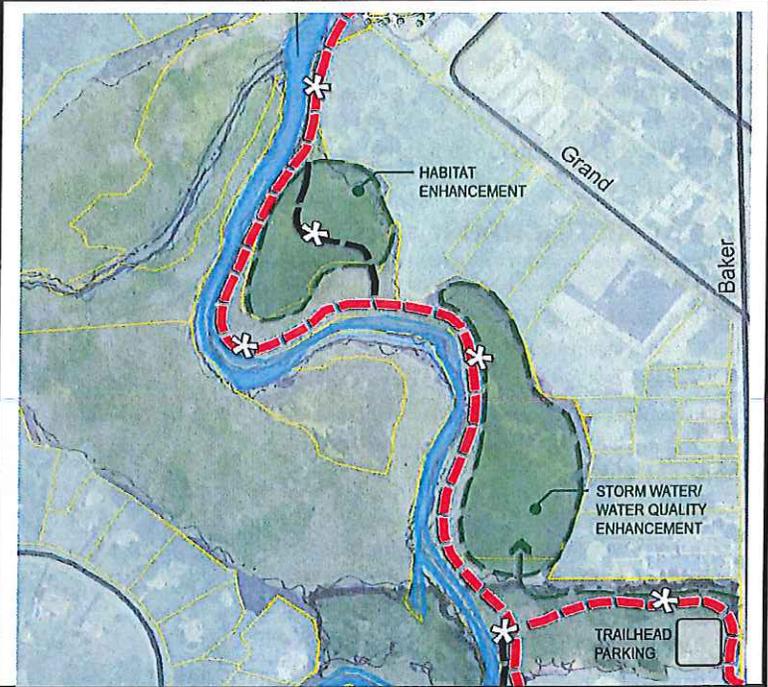
**SUBMITTED BY: Parks and Recreation**

**YEARS IN CIP (Beginning year): 12 (2000)**

**DESCRIPTION:**

Construction of a passive natural trail system south of Grand Street to the Dexter Community Schools property. Provides a major connection to a developing regional trail system and the school outdoor education area. Provides possible trailhead parking opportunity at Shield Road upon completion. Includes stormwater system improvements see project ID 02-7.0-2009. Consider eliminating trail along river at point to reduce cost and reduce impacts to habitat, may also reduce permitting needs.

**LOCATION MAP: East of Mill Creek South of Main Street**



**PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:**

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3	Improve customer service, convenience for citizens
<b>13</b>	<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>

**BENEFICIAL IMPACTS:**

Preserve and enhance the parkland along the Mill Creek and west of the Village, improve habitat and natural areas, connect parks and provide recreational opportunities to citizens.

**MASTER PLAN AND/OR STUDY REFERENCE:**

Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2009-2014 AND Mill Creek Park Master Plan 2009

**SCHEDULE:**

	Start		End	
	Month	Year	Month	Year
Study:		2008		2009
Design/Acquisition:		2015		2016
Construction:		2017		2017

**SCHEDULE JUSTIFICATION:**

Start design work in 14-15 to prepare for MNRTF acquisition grant in April 2015. STP-U funding redesignated to Westridge Subdivision connector and B2B initiative north of Warrior Creek Park. Coordination with school and outdoor lab advised. Community Connector funding or B2B funding with County should be reviewed.

**PROJECT COST DETAIL:**

Phase 2 Park Development- Grand Street to School	Phase 2	\$1,200,000
Project 02-7.0-2009 should be coordinated		\$250,000

**EXPENDITURES (in thousands)**

Funding Source	Prior Yrs	FY12-13	FY13-14	FY14-15	FY15-16	FY16-17	Beyond FY17	TOTALS
Village Commitment*				\$15		\$500		\$515
MNRTF Grant/Other Grants						\$400		\$400
Other - Unknown						\$100		\$100
Landmark Structure Donation						\$200		\$200
Inland Fisheries								\$0
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15	\$0	\$1,200	\$0	\$1,215

\* Consider adding project back to TIP for future STP-U funding.

**PROJECT NAME: Monument Park Enhancement**

**PROJECT ID: 04-2.0-2007**

**PRIORITY: IMPORTANT**

**PROJECT TYPE: Park Enhancement**

**TOTAL COST: \$100,000**

**SUBMITTED BY: Parks and Recreation**

**YEARS IN CIP (Beginning year): 5 (2007)**

**DESCRIPTION:**

Gazebo replacement/enhancement. In 2010 some gazebo rehabilitation is planned to extend the life of the gazebo. Cost sharing with the Lions Club is being considered in addition to funding budgeted.

**LOCATION MAP: Main Street and Central Street**



**PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:**

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1	Reduce energy consumption, impact on the environment
3	Enhance social, cultural, recreational, aesthetics opportunities
3	Improve customer service, convenience for citizens
<b>11</b>	<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>

**BENEFICIAL IMPACTS:**

The gazebo in Monument Park is a centerpiece for downtown and festivals. The gazebo is wood and will eventually require replacement. It is recommended that a new gazebo be designed to be consistent with the architecture downtown or consistent with the gazebo built in Community Park.

**MASTER PLAN AND/OR STUDY REFERENCE:**

Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2009-2014

**SCHEDULE:**

**SCHEDULE JUSTIFICATION:**

	Start		End	
	Month	Year	Month	Year
Study:		2013		2014
Design/Acquisition:		2014		2015
Construction:		2016		2017

The gazebo is in good condition currently, however should be evaluated in the next 5 years for rehab or rebuilding.

**PROJECT COST DETAIL:**

Park Enhancement	General Fund	\$40,000
	DDA	\$20,000
	Donations	\$20,000

**EXPENDITURES (in thousands)**

Funding Source	Prior Yrs	FY12-13	FY13-14	FY14-15	FY15-16	FY16-17	Beyond FY17	TOTALS
General Fund	\$10						\$55	\$65
DDA							\$25	\$25
Donations							\$20	\$20
								\$0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$10</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$110</b>

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**PROJECT NAME: Parkland Property Acquisition**

**PROJECT ID: 05-2.0-2010**

**PRIORITY: DESIRABLE**

**PROJECT TYPE: Park Acquisition**

**TOTAL COST: \$500,000**

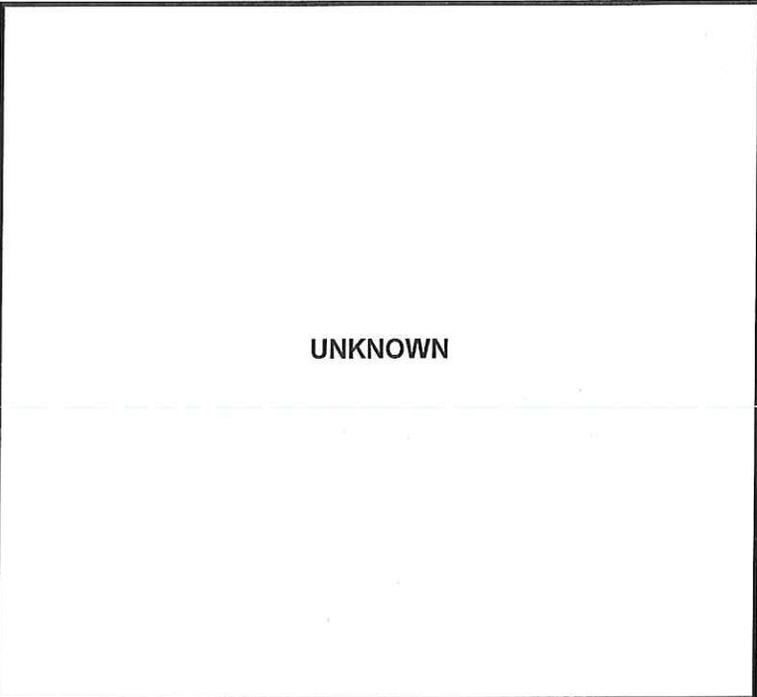
**SUBMITTED BY: Parks and Recreation**

**YEARS IN CIP (Beginning year): 2 (2010)**

**DESCRIPTION:**

**LOCATION MAP: LOCATION TBD**

The Parks and Recreation Commission is recommending that funds be set aside for the purchase of property as opportunities arise and grant matches are required. Funding could be considered for skatepark or others as opportunities arise.



**PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:**

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1	Reduce energy consumption, impact on the environment
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<b>9</b>	<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>

UNKNOWN

**BENEFICIAL IMPACTS:**

Funding will be available for property purchase when properties become available. Match available for when grants become available.

**MASTER PLAN AND/OR STUDY REFERENCE:**

Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2009-2014 AND Property Acquisition Inventory 2008

**SCHEDULE:**

**SCHEDULE JUSTIFICATION:**

	Start		End	
	Month	Year	Month	Year
Study:		2010		ongoing
Design/Acquisition:				ongoing
Construction:				ongoing

Study should occur each winter in anticipation of potential MNRTF application in April. Coordination with surrounding jurisdictions will also prioritize acquisitions and projects. Contribution to fund is likely dependent upon excess revenues.

**PROJECT COST DETAIL:**

Park Development/Property Acquisition

General Fund	\$300,000
MNRTF Acquisition	\$200,000

**EXPENDITURES (in thousands)**

Funding Source	Prior Yrs	FY12-13	FY13-14	FY14-15	FY15-16	FY16-17	Beyond FY17	TOTALS
General Fund							\$300	\$300
MNRTF Acquisition							\$200	\$200
Donations-project dependent								\$0
								\$0
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500

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**PROJECT NAME: School Property Acquisition (Mill Creek)**

**PROJECT ID: 06-2.0-2010**

**PRIORITY: DESIRABLE**

**PROJECT TYPE: Park Acquisition**

**TOTAL COST: unknown**

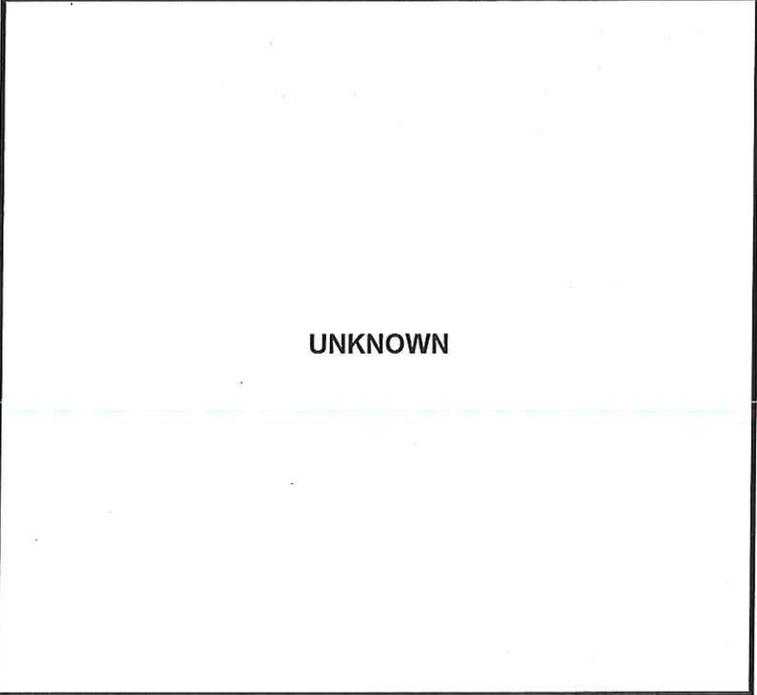
**SUBMITTED BY: Parks and Recreation**

**YEARS IN CIP (Beginning year): 2 (2010)**

**DESCRIPTION:**

Dexter Community Schools purchased property along the Mill Creek at Shield Road (8100 Shield Road). In 2010 the school indicated that they were not sure what they planned to do with the property. The property is adjacent to the creek and would be an asset to the Village Park system and Mill Creek park development plans.

**LOCATION MAP: LOCATION TBD**



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**BENEFICIAL IMPACTS:**

Additional park land for village's system, opportunity to create a greenbelt around village, cooperation with Scio Township, access to creek for parking and boat launch, expansion of Mill Creek Park.

**MASTER PLAN AND/OR STUDY REFERENCE:**

Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2009-2014 AND Property Acquisition Inventory 2008

**SCHEDULE:**

	Start		End	
	Month	Year	Month	Year
Study:		2010		ongoing
Design/Acquisition:				
Construction:				

**SCHEDULE JUSTIFICATION:**

Project should be discussed annually to determine potential MNRTF application in April. Coordination with surrounding jurisdictions will also prioritize acquisitions and projects. Consider portion of property based on schools use.

**PROJECT COST DETAIL:**

Park Development/Property Acquisition	General Fund			unknown
		Purchase Price 2008	6.5 acres \$83,846/acre	\$545,000
	MNRTF Acquisition			unknown

**EXPENDITURES (in thousands)**

Funding Source	Prior Yrs	FY12-13	FY13-14	FY14-15	FY15-16	FY16-17	Beyond FY17	TOTALS
General Fund								\$0
MNRTF Acquisition				<i>unknown</i>				\$0
Anticipates 3 acre purchase								\$0
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



PROJECT # (Priority- Section-Year)	SECTION TOTALS										TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES (Thousands)
	1st Year FY 12-13	2nd Year FY 13-14	3rd Year FY 14-15	4th Year FY 15-16	5th Year FY 16-17	BEYOND FY 17	UNDECIDED				
<b>TOTAL</b>	20	0	322	0	1340	600					2282
General Fund	20	0	322	0	640	355					1337
DDA	0	0	0	0	0	25					25
Grants	0	0	0	0	500	200					700
Private	0	0	0	0	200	20					220
Various/Unknown							unknown				

**SECTION TOTALS**

**SIDEWALKS AND WALKABILITY**

PROJECT # (Priority- Section-Year)	PROJECT NAME	1st Year FY 12-13	2nd Year FY 13-14	3rd Year FY 14-15	4th Year FY 15-16	5th Year FY 16-17	BEYOND FY 17	UNDECIDED	TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES (Thousands)
01-3.0-2009	Annual Sidewalk Repair and Replace	10	10	10	10	10	10		60
02-3.0-2009	Sidewalk Minor Repairs	10	10	10	10	10	10		60
03-3.0-2012	Main Street Walkway Curb								10
04-3.0-2012	Baker Road New Sidewalk Installation	14							14
05-3.0-2012	Dan Hoey Road New Sidewalk Installation	19							19
06-3.0-2010	Crosswalk Improvements (non-downtown)	10	10	10	10	10	10		60
07-3.0-2011	Lexington-Dan Hoey Crosswalk			15					15
08-3.0-2012	Grand Street New Sidewalk Installation		38						38
09-3.0-2004	Edison Street New Sidewalk Installation(North)			45					45
10-3.0-2004	Second Street New Sidewalk Installation				60				60
11-3.0-2004	Fifth Street New Sidewalk Installation					15			15
12-3.0-2004	Fourth Street New Sidewalk Installation					19			19
13-3.0-2004	Hudson Street New Sidewalk Installation						33		33
14-3.0-2004	Forest Street New Sidewalk Installation						38		38
15-3.0-2006	Meadowview Drive New Sidewalk Installation						10		10
16-3.0-2004	Inverness Street New Sidewalk Installation						30		30
17-3.0-2004	Edison Street New Sidewalk Installation(South)						30		30
<b>TOTAL</b>		73	68	90	90	64	171		556
General Fund		73	68	75	90	64	171		541
Street Fund		0	0	15	0	0	0		15

**SECTION TOTALS**

**BUILDINGS, GROUNDS and EQUIPMENT**

PROJECT # (Priority- Section-Year)	PROJECT NAME	1st Year FY 12-13	2nd Year FY 13-14	3rd Year FY 14-15	4th Year FY 15-16	5th Year FY 16-17	BEYOND FY 17	UNDECIDED	TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES (Thousands)
01-4.0-1994	Village Hall								0
02-4.0-2012	Downtown Restrooms							unknown	100
03-4.0-2010	Equipment Replacement	20	35	35	75				165
04-4.0-2012	Logo Development/Branding/Marketing	15	5	5					25
05-4.0-2012	Downtown and Park Bike Racks	3	3	3	4				10
06-4.0-2011	Street lighting Upgrades	10	10	10	10	10	10		50
07-4.0-2011	Fire Department Facility							unknown	0
08-4.0-2012	Office Equipment Replacement/Software Upgrades						25		25
09-4.0-2012	Wayfinding Signage			5	5				15
<b>TOTAL</b>		53	155	58	85	14	25		390
Equipment Replacement		30	45	45	85	10	0		215
General Fund		23	110	13	0	4	25		175

**SECTION TOTALS**





Village of Dexter  
CIP FY 2012-2017

Project and Fund Summary

PROJECT # (Priority- Section-Year)	PROJECT NAME	SECTION TOTALS										TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES (thousands)	
		1st Year FY 12-13	2nd Year FY 13-14	3rd Year FY 14-15	4th Year FY 15-16	5th Year FY 16-17	BEYOND FY 17	UNDECIDED					
	<b>SECTION TOTALS</b>	0	20	240	145	10	2483						2898
	Federal Aid-DWRF Loan	0	0	0	0	0	1450						1450
	Water Fund	0	20	240	145	10	1033						1448

REGIONAL COOPERATION PROJECTS

PROJECT # (Priority- Section-Year)	PROJECT NAME	FY 12-13	FY 13-14	FY 14-15	FY 15-16	FY 16-17	BEYOND FY 17	UNDECIDED	TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES (thousands)
01-10.0-2000	Baker/Shield Intersection							unknown	0
02-10.0-2008	Phase 2 Main Street Underpass							unknown*	0
03-10.0-2000	Border to Border Trail Connection thru Village		30						30
	<b>SECTION TOTALS</b>		30						30
	General Fund		10						10
	Street Fund		10						10
	County Park		10						10

SECTION TOTALS

TOTAL	General Fund	County Parks	Street Fund
0	30	0	0
0	10	0	0
0	10	0	0
0	10	0	0

GRAND TOTALS

FUNDING SOURCES	Beyond FY 17							TOTAL CIP EXPENDITURES
	FY 12-13	FY 13-14	FY 14-15	FY 15-16	FY 16-17	FY 17		
<b>TOTAL</b>	216	3302	2805	982	2125	10250		19680
General Fund	116	208	410	102	720	583		2139
Equipment Replacement	30	45	45	85	10	0		215
Street Fund	70	814	979	610	415	2155		5043
Sewer Fund	0	0	175	40	140	1405		1760
Water Fund	0	20	240	145	10	1033		1448
DDA	0	0	0	0	30	1994		2024
Federal Aid-LOAN	0	2000	0	0	0	1450		3450
Federal Aid-TE	0	0	0	0	0	300		300
Federal Aid -STP	0	0	920	0	0	660		1580
Grants	0	205	36	0	600	200		1041
Dexter Schools	0	0	0	0	0	50		50
Private	0	0	0	0	200	420		620
County Parks	0	10	0	0	0	0		10
Unknown								
<b>TOTAL minus DDA =</b>								\$17,656
<b>TOTAL minus Cooperative =</b>								\$19,650
<b>TOTAL minus Cooperative and DDA =</b>								\$17,626
<b>TOTAL ALL =</b>								\$19,680

\* Unknown-  
Baker Road Streetscape - Unknown - Numerous partners anticipated.  
Parks - School Property Acquisition - Anticipated cost - \$500,000+  
Village Hall - Anticipated cost - \$2,000,000+  
Fire Department Facility - Anticipated cost - \$2,000,000+  
Baker Shield Intersection - WATS/WCRC Estimate Forthcoming  
Phase 2 Main Street Underpass - 2010 Cost Estimate \$10,000,000



## FY 2012-13 Budget Recommendations

### • General Landscaping and Equipment Maintenance

- **Monument Park** – Landscaping bed maintenance, tree/shrub trimming, bench replacement \$1,000
- **Lions Park** – landscaping bed maintenance, planting, gazebo repairs \$1,000
- **Peace Park** - landscaping bed maintenance, tree/shrub trimming, bench replacement/repairs \$1,000
- **Community Park** – bench and trash can repair, landscaping bed maintenance, lawn repairs, pathway repairs, woodchip replacement \$2,500
- **Community Park** – Asphalt path reconstruction \$20,000
- **First Street Horseshoe Park** – general maintenance as needed \$500
- **Warrior Creek park and Community Park** – installation of playground border timbers approximately 850 feet at \$2.75/foot \$2,400
- **Warrior Creek Park** – benches around play equipment \$2,000
- **Warrior Creek Park** – Directional signage at top of hill and at top of staircase
- **Mill Creek Park**
  - Main Street Bridge Flooding and Sediment Problem TBD
  - Signage \$5,000
  - Promotional Materials \$2,000
  - Bike Racks \$2,000

### • Other General and Programming Related Budget Needs

- Equipment Purchases
  - 4 Benches and 2 Trash Cans \$5,000
- Misc. Expenses/Printed/Promotional Materials/Workshops \$2,000
- Easter Egg Hunt \$500
- Geocache Project (ongoing costs/cache replacement and pathtags) \$200
- Ice Rink –
  - New liner (TBD) \$400
  - Maintenance \$1,500
  - Installation (disassembly by DPW) \$1,500
- Parks and Recreation Programming (costs require more research)
  - Dexter Daze Band at Mill Creek Park \$1,000
  - Walk or Run \$1,000
  - Duck Race in Mill Creek Park \$500
  - Kayak Event \$1,000

### TOTAL

\_\_\_ *reduction from FY 11-12(\$23,300)*



# Trail Towns

Using Trail Systems To Leverage Place, Tourism, and Economic Development

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## What is LIAA?

LIAA is a Section 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation created in 1993 to stimulate and support greater civic engagement.

LIAA works to...

*Help people shape better communities through:*

- participation,
- education,
- information and
- the effective use of technology



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## What we'll cover:

**Part I.**  
The important role of trails and greenways  
How do trails impact community and economic development  
Why are communities considering ways to leverage their trail systems?

**Part II.**  
How can public officials, planners, business owners, trail organizations and other community stakeholders work together to support trail systems, tourism and future business and economic development opportunities - "Trail Towns"

**Part III.**  
Questions - Mobile Tour



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## Important Role of Trails and Greenways

Literature Touts the Value/Benefits of Trails and Recreation

- Physical
- Environmental
- Social
- Economic and Sense-of-Place

**Physical Benefits**  
Increased physical activity - reduce the risks of chronic diseases and mental illness

53% of Michigan residents get less than 30 minutes a day of leisure-time physical activity

24% of Michigan adults reported no leisure-time physical activity

Michigan Surgeon General Report, 2004




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## Important Role of Local Trails and Greenways

**Physical Benefits**  
Combat obesity epidemic

- 1/3 of U.S. adults are considered obese
- 12.5 million children & adolescents are considered obese
- In Michigan, just over 26% of the population is considered obese




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## Important Role of Local Trails and Greenways

**Environmental Benefits**  
Greenways help reduce water runoff - prevent septic system overload  
Parks (with large mature trees) help remove smoke, dust and other air pollutants  
Greenways protect wildlife and support biodiversity

**Social Benefits**  
Fundamental element of community development

- Help reduce crime
- Support child development
- Create stable neighborhoods





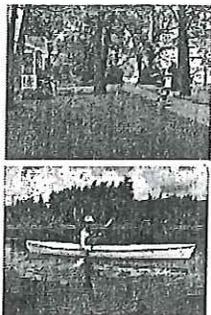
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### Important Role of Local Trails and Greenways

#### Economic & Sense-of-Place Benefits

- Increase Property Values**
  - Oakland County properties within a 1/2 mile to bike paths have increased property value by as much as 6.3% (MSU, Land Policy Institute (2008))
- #1 amenity potential homeowners would like to see in a new community** (2004, Nat'l Assoc. of Homebuilders)
- Increased Revenue**
- Increased Tourism**
  - The Rifle River Recreation Area (4,450 acres) in Ogemaw County created 37 jobs and had an economic impact of \$1,788,095 (MSU - Land Policy Institute (2010))
- Attracts affluent retirees and knowledge workers**



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### Important Role of Local Trails and Greenways

#### Economic & Sense-of-Place Benefits

Study: "Valuing Bicycling's Economic and Health Impacts in Wisconsin" January, 2010, U of W - Madison

- Recreation & Tourism (Wisc.) = \$924 million annually
- Health Benefits (Wisc.) = \$410 million annually
- Manufacturing, Sales, Services (Wisc.) = \$558 million annually
- Total for Wisconsin = \$1.9 billion annually.

League of American Bicyclists *Bicycle Friendly State* Ranking for 2010:

Where does Michigan rank?

- Educate & Encourage 4<sup>th</sup>
- Infrastructure 5<sup>th</sup>
- Policies and Programs 12<sup>th</sup>
- Overall 16<sup>th</sup>
- Enforcement 27<sup>th</sup>
- Legislation 37<sup>th</sup>
- Evaluation & Planning 38<sup>th</sup>

Christine Vogt - MSU (studies)

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### Important Role of Local Trails and Greenways

#### Economic & Sense-of-Place Benefits

Challenges:

- Poor perception/understanding of the value of trails and recreational assets compared to automobile industry, renewable energy sector
- Poor economy = lower priority on trails, recreational assets, and environment
- However, recreational resource areas endure sustained periods of economic hardship



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### What is a Trail Town?

A destination along a long-distance trail. Whether on a rail trail, towpath, water trail or hiking trail - trail users can venture off the trail to enjoy the scenery, services and heritage of the nearby community with its own character and charm.

It is a safe place where both town residents and trail users can walk, find goods and services they need, and easily access both trail and town by foot or vehicle. In such a town, the trail is an integral and important part of the community.

- Allegheny Trail Alliance, Trail Towns - Capturing Trail-Based Tourism, A Guide for Communities in Pennsylvania, 2005



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### Where Did the Trail Town Concept Originate?

**Allegheny Trail Alliance (ATA)**  
A coalition of seven trail organizations building the *Great Allegheny Passage* - a 150-mile multi-use trail between Cumberland, Maryland and Pittsburg, Pennsylvania

Connects to the 184-mile C & O Canal Towpath which runs to Washington D.C.




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### Where Did the Trail Town Concept Originate?

#### Trail Town Program and Manual

Program: Support organization to assist local jurisdictions leverage their trail for community and economic development - "maximize the economic potential of trail-based tourism"

Manual: "How-to-Guide" **TRAIL TOWNS** - Capturing Trail-Based Tourism

- Economic Impact Studies
- Trail Counts
- Outreach
- Establish Business Network
- Business Assistance
- Business Sign Grant Program
- Bike Rack Grant Program
- Public Art Program
- Preservation Planning
- Conduct Assessments



AHC - solicit art that highlights trails; bikers; boaters; wildlife

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### What is a Trail Town?

- Friendly place that supports, celebrates and encourages trail users to visit
- Meets needs of trail users and residents
  - Physical Amenities
  - Business Amenities
- Interesting place with accessible and comfortable spaces
- Promotes social interaction and a strong sense of place
- Not isolated communities - they are linked together by the trail, creating a regional destination for residents, trail users and tourists



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### What is a Trail Town

Community: Urban and Rural



Trail Type: Non-Motorized, Water, Equestrian, Snowmobile, etc...



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### Basic Elements of Trail Town Strategy

1. Entice trail users to get off the trail and into your town
2. Welcome trail users to your town by making information about the community readily available at the trail
3. Make a strong and safe connection between your town and the trail



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### Basic Elements of Trail Town Strategy - Continued

4. Educate local businesses on the economic benefits of meeting trail tourists' needs
5. Recruit new businesses or expand existing ones to fill gaps in the goods or services that trail users need
6. Promote the "trail-friendly" character of the town
7. Work with neighboring communities to promote the entire trail corridor as a tourist destination

*"High tide raises all boats"*



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### Creating a Trail Town Initiative

The initiative must come from within your community. Becoming a *Trail Town* is as much about local attitude as it is about physical improvements.

#### Key Considerations in Creating a *Trail Town* Environment

- The more *Trail Towns* there are along a corridor, the more attractive the region will be for tourism - your neighboring town's success is important to your town's success
- A safe and well-maintained trail is the centerpiece, so it's important to cooperate with and support the local trail-building and maintenance group
- A core bicycle and pedestrian-friendly philosophy should be adopted by your town



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### Key Considerations in Creating a *Trail Town* Environment - Continued

- Trail users should be accommodated both physically and socially within your town
- A work plan (blueprint) should be developed and chipped away at as funds and energy allow
- Goods and services for trail users will be appealing to other types of tourists and residents
- Local law enforcement can be important ambassadors in your town and along the trail



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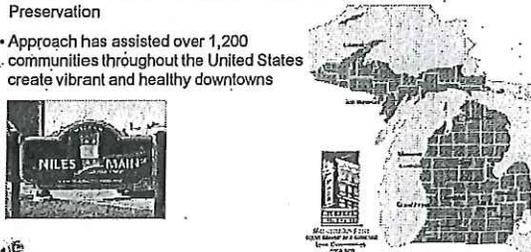
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### Creating a Trail Town Initiative

The first step is to organize the community and key stakeholders

Several approaches may work for your community

- "Main Street" Approach - Developed by the National Main Street Center of the National Trust for Historic Preservation
- Approach has assisted over 1,200 communities throughout the United States create vibrant and healthy downtowns



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### Creating a Trail Town Initiative

#### "Main Street - Four Point Approach"

**Organizing** - Gets everyone working toward the same goal - build consensus and cooperation among groups. Use a basic formula of a hands-on, volunteers driven program and organizational structure consisting of a board and committees to direct the program



**Promotion** - Sells the image and promise of a *Trail Town*. An effective marketing strategy forges a positive *trail town* image through advertising, retail promotions, special events and marketing campaigns carried out by local volunteers

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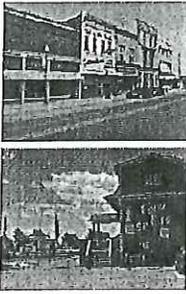
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### "Four Point Approach", continued

**Design** - Gets the *trail town* into physical shape. Must capitalize on your towns best assets (e.g. historic buildings, traditional downtown layout, natural amenities).

An inviting atmosphere can be created through:

- Attractive window displays
- Professional signage
- Well-maintained sidewalks
- Appropriate street lights
- Access to parking
- Landscaping



**Economic Restructuring** - It helps existing businesses expand and recruit new businesses to respond to the user needs

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### Getting the Initiative Started

**1. Define the Corridor** - Understand the physical and administrative character of the trail.

- What kind of trail is it?
- How long is it?
- Who manages it?
- Who is the key contact or liaison for the trail?

**2. Assess Local Capacity** - Who can help plan and implement new programs or ideas.

- Do you have a downtown or business district revitalization organization?
- Does the organization implement activities using the *Main Street Four-Point Approach*?

**"Catalyst"** - One person who organizes the *Trail Town* Initiative. This person could work for the local municipality or business revitalization organization (DDA) - this person could also be a community activist or trail enthusiast

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### Getting the Initiative Started, continued...

**3. Create and Enhance Your Local Organization** - Involve as many interested groups and individuals (that have a stake) as possible from throughout the community. Develop a volunteer base. Build Partnerships.

- Local civic groups
- Historical societies
- Financial institutions
- Church and health organizations
- Public and private entities

**4. Get The Message Out Locally**

- Establish a marketing committee
- Develop a catchy name that is easily remembered
- Develop a strong relationship with the media & community. Submit articles to the local paper, speak to community organizations and at community events

**5. Find The Resources To Implement Your Trail Town Concept** - Secure funding through grants, state and federal economic assistance programs, state and local trail and recreation advocacy organizations, conservation groups, etc...

**6. Take One Step At A Time** - Evaluate activities by outcomes, not outputs<sup>33</sup>

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### Trail Town Design Issues

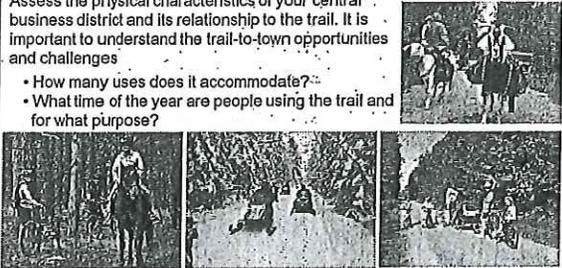
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### Trail Town Design Issues

Assess the physical characteristics of your central business district and its relationship to the trail. It is important to understand the trail-to-town opportunities and challenges

- How many uses does it accommodate?
- What time of the year are people using the trail and for what purpose?



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### Understand Trail Geography

#### A. Trail to Town Relationship

**Internal.** Located directly through the central business district

**Adjacent.** Located within 1/2 miles of the central business district

**Removed.** Located up to two miles away from the central business district




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### Understand Trail Geography - Continued

#### B. Grade



#### C. Range - Distance between trailheads along the trail and other sites/features within the community or along the trail that might attract tourists



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### Trail Town Design Issues - Connecting Elements

Identify Key Connecting Elements. Identify key connecting elements between the trail and central business district:

1. Trailhead
2. Portal
3. Pathway
4. Gateway
5. Center
6. Nodes



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### Trailhead - Area where users can access the trail by road, providing parking and some amenities for trail users.

- Make clear and appropriate information available to visitors
- Provide amenities like restrooms, water, shelter, bike racks, benches, trash receptacles, picnic tables, lighting, parking for cars and trucks (w/shade)
- Amenities need to accommodate for all seasons & all uses
- Signage that directs people to the trailhead
- The point at which the trail user may first come into contact with the community and the point at which the user will decide whether or not to enter your town



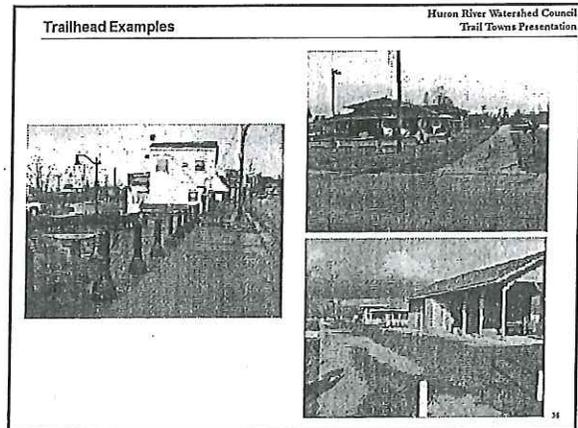
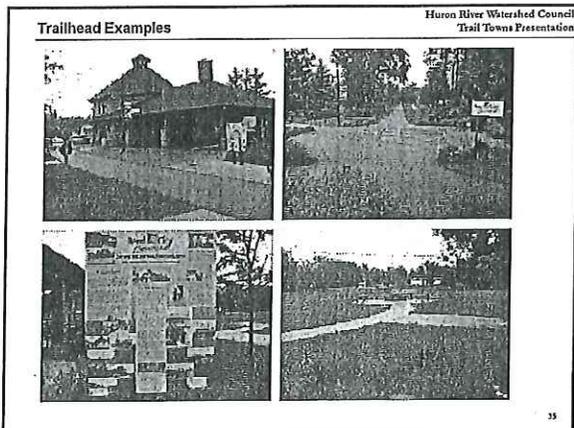
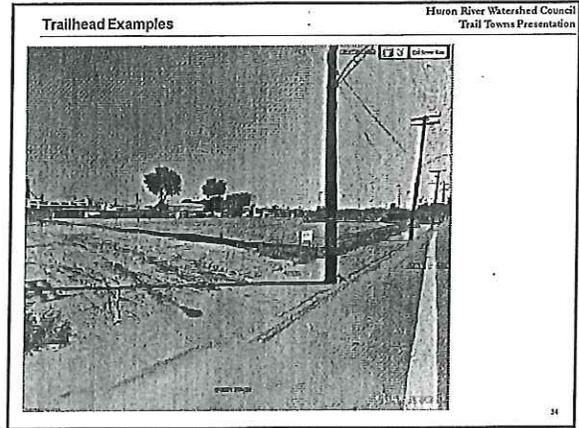
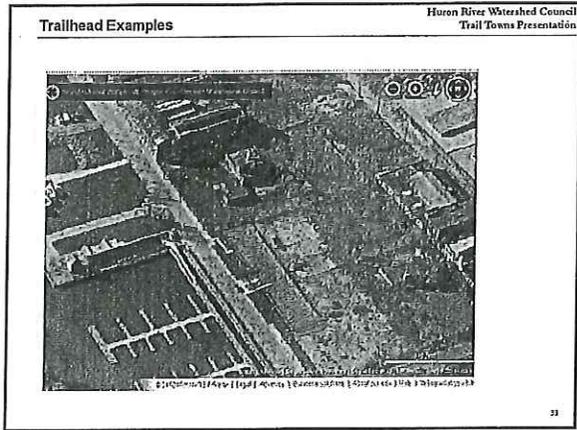
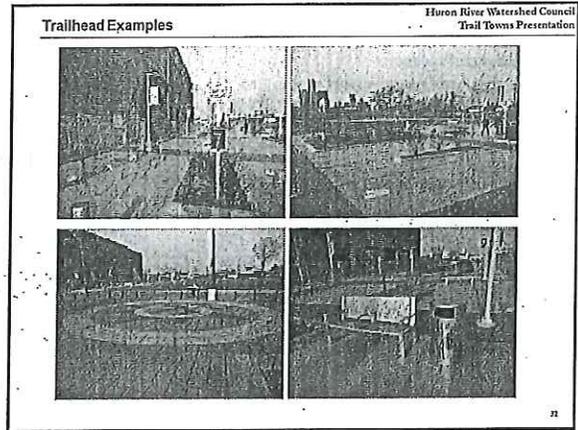
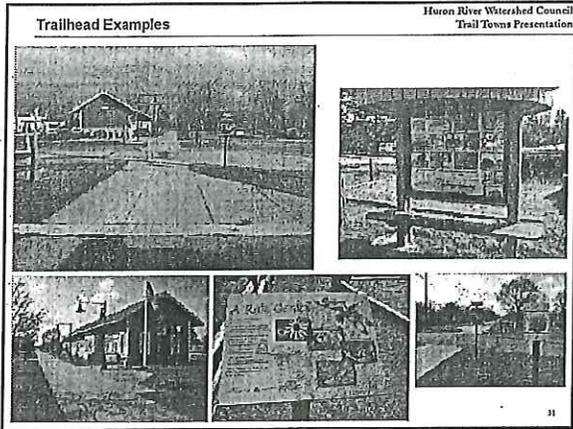
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### Trailhead Examples



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**Equestrian Trails  
Additional Needs**

- Pull-through parking to accommodate horse trailers
- Loading and unloading platforms/ramps
- Tie-up areas
- Fresh water
- Small corrals





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**Water Trails - Additional Needs**

- Parking in close proximity to well-designed put-ins
- Parking lot should be able to facilitate large groups



**Put-In Standards - National Park Service**

**Height Above Water:** Between 9" and 2' from highest expected water level

**Width:** At least 5' wide, preferably 6' to 12'

**Length:** At least 25' to allow paddlers "dry" access to entire length of their boats

**Slope:** ADA Accessible Guidelines require that slopes not exceed 8.33% whenever possible; A slope exceeding 15% will make transition from land to water difficult for any paddler

**Support:** Handrails or other support structures, including step-down designs or ropes, help paddlers balance their weight during put-in and take-out

**Location:** Ideally in areas without heavy flow, erosion, exposure to elements, heavy boat traffic, or fragile riparian habitats

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*- lasting logical launches  
www.nps.gov/rtea*

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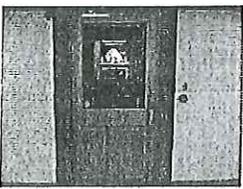
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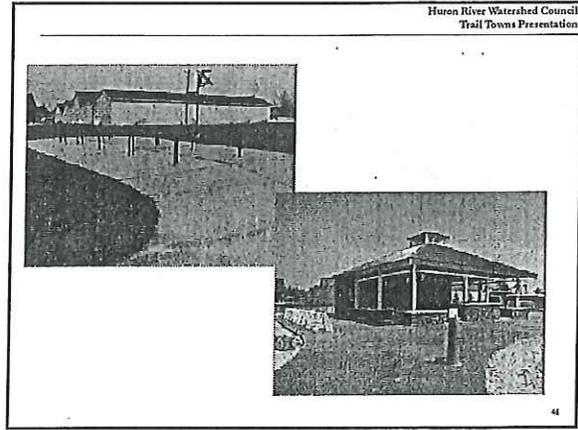
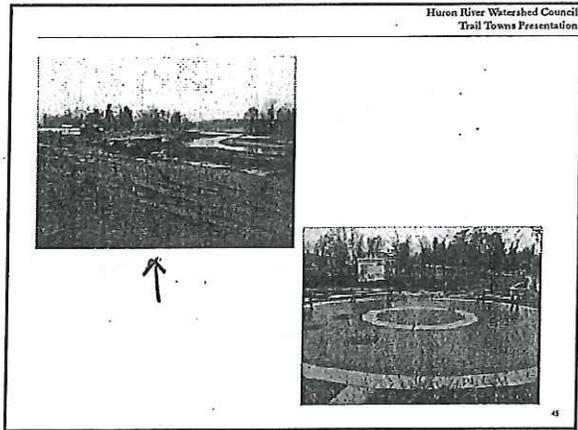
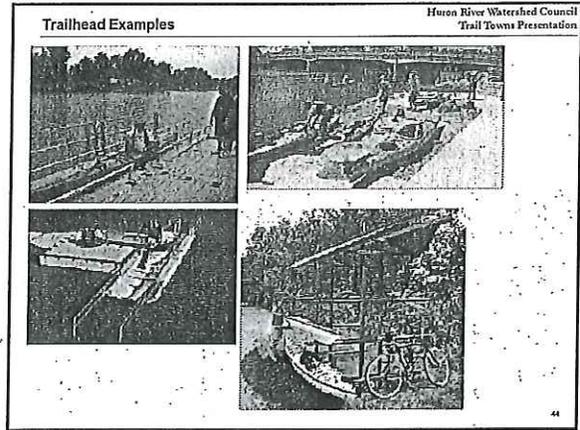
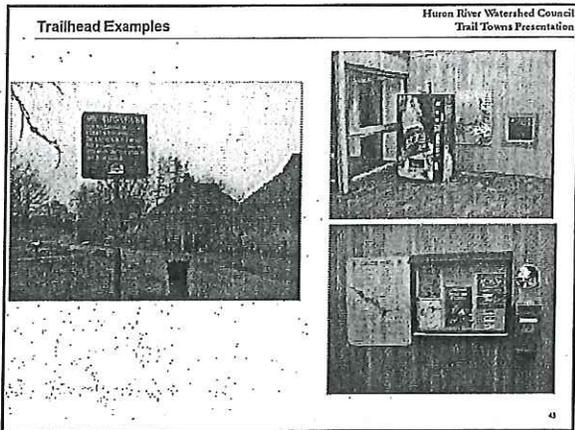

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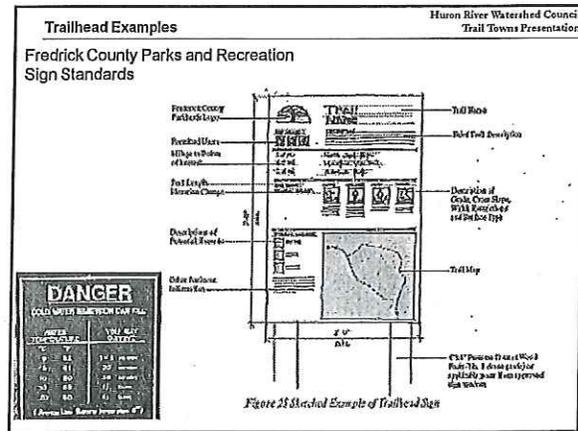
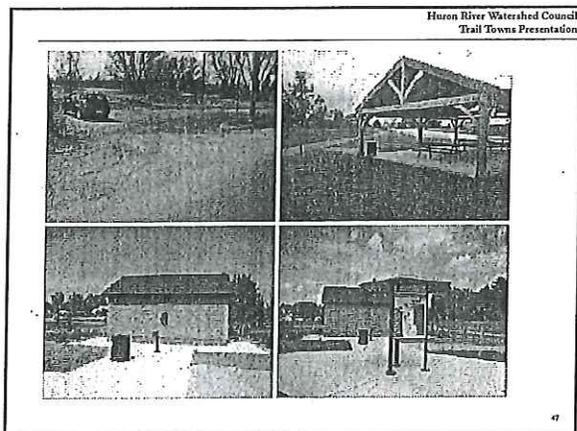


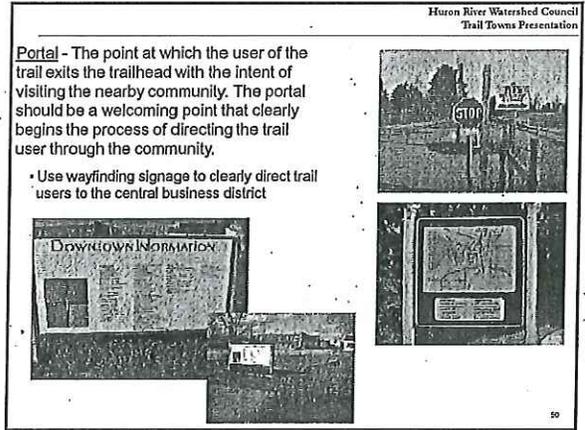
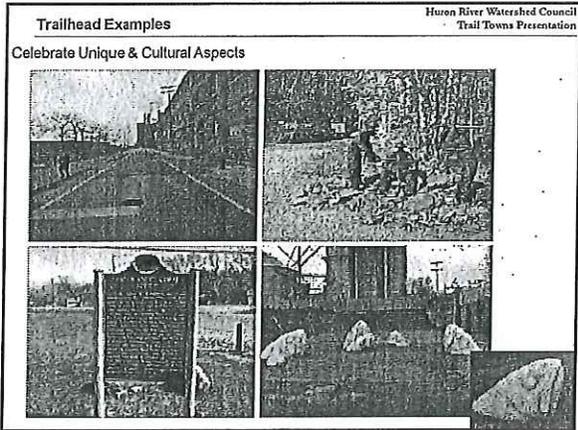


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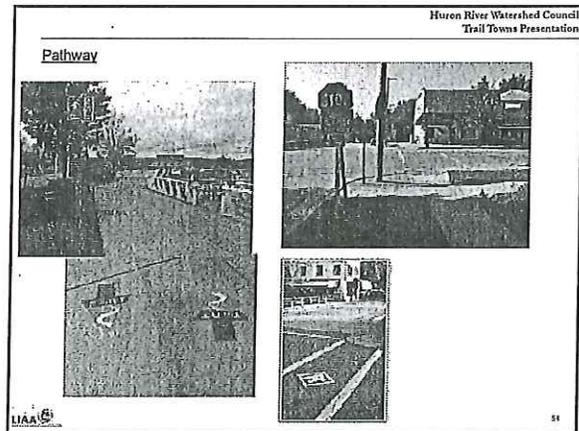
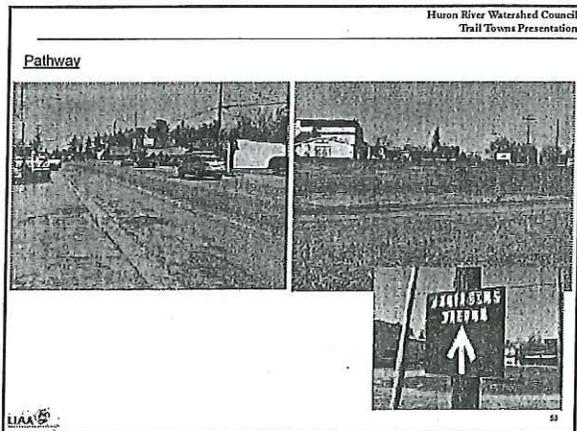
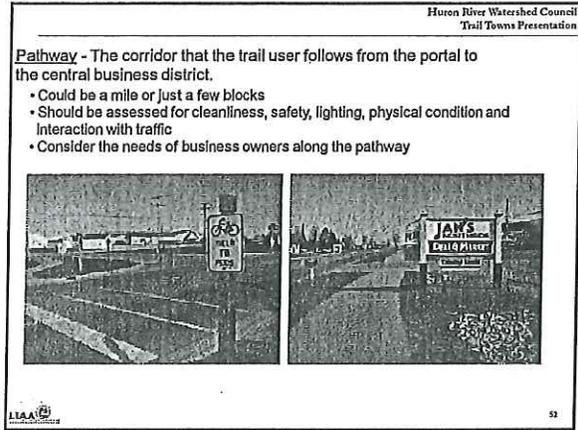
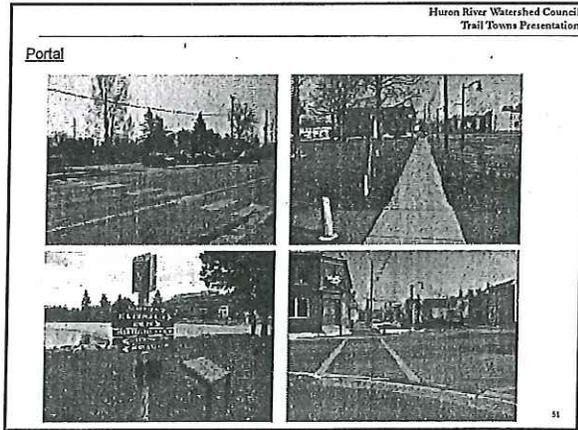


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**Gateway** - The point at which the trail users enter the business district of the community. The gateway should be located at the edge of the central business district that is closest to the trailhead along a well-developed pathway.

- Should welcome trail-users
- Directional signage to individual attractions and businesses

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**Gateway**

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**Center** - The center of the business district of the community that may serve as a hub for goods and services for the trail user.

- Regularly assessed for cleanliness, safety, lighting and physical condition
- Assessed on the availability of amenities that help the trail user enjoy their experience (e.g., bike racks, restaurants w/outdoor seating, ATM machines, internet access, public restrooms)

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**Nodes** - Points of interest along or near the pathway or in the center that will be visited or utilized by users of the trail.

- Businesses that cater to trail users (bike shops)
- Lifestyle interests (hobby shop, antique shop)
- Businesses that cater to overnight trail users (laundry, lodging)
- All trail users (medical supplies, water, casual dining, snack food)

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**Nodes**

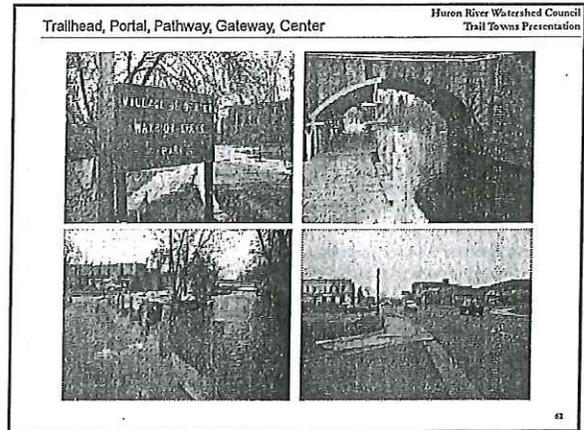
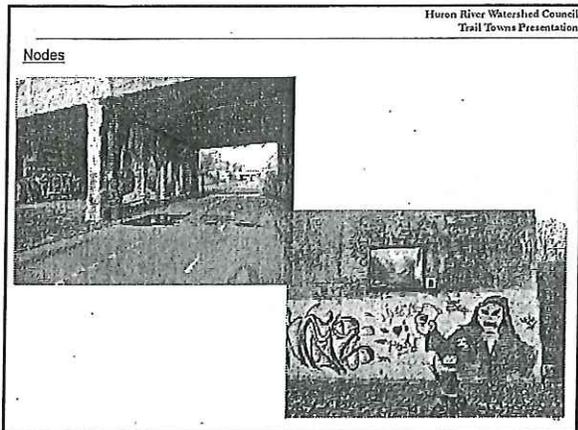
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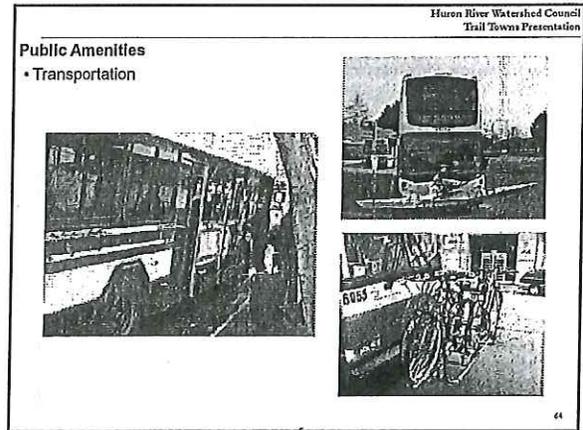
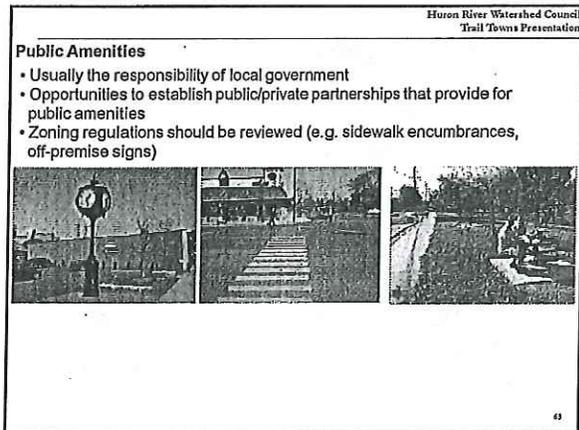
**Trail Town Design Issues**

**Nodes Examples**

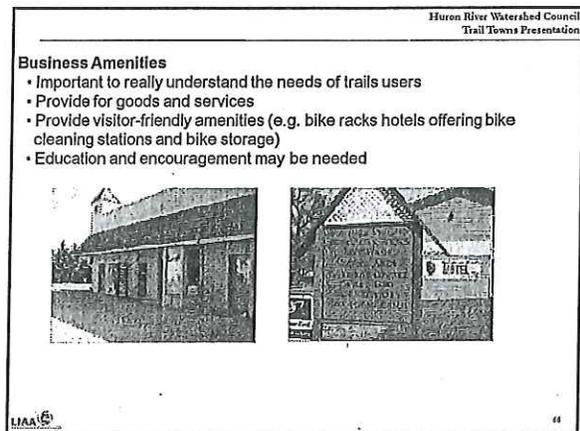
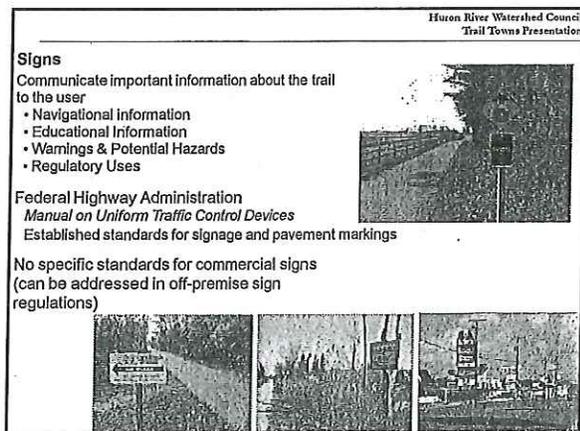
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WAVE (bike rack on bus)



Greenway Collaborative

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guidelines

present opportunities for  
economic development to  
businesses making link to  
parks and trails!

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**Economic Restructuring**  
Functions of business expansion, business retention and new business recruitment. It is important to understand how economic restructuring can capitalize on existing community assets to help establish the *Trail Town* concept.

**Understand Your Trail User** - Understand the socio-economic and lifestyle preferences of trail customers

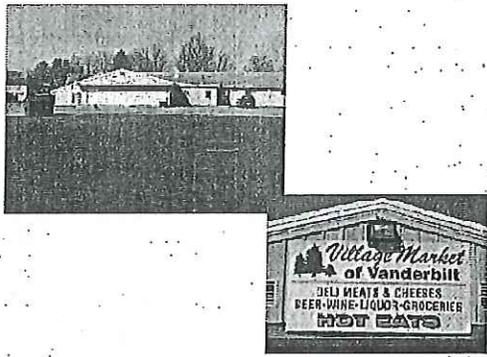
- Where do trail users eat?
- Where do trail users like to shop?
- How much money do trail users spend on biking and traveling per year?

**Assess Basic and Long-Term User Needs** - Assess if and to what extent your community is providing basic and long-term (multi-day) goods and services

**Encourage Related Business Opportunities** - Encourage local business owners to expand their offerings.

**Assist the Local Business Community** - Work with civic and economic development organizations to enhance or develop incentives (e.g. façade program) and identify resources that help local businesses take advantage of the trail.

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Paint back of DPW - Downtown  
← 1 block

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**Promoting Your Trail Town**

- Promote Your Trail Town Image**
  - Convince local residents, the larger region and tourist that you have a *Trail Town* environment
  - Develop attractive marketing materials (logo)
  - Print Ads and Website
- Hold Trail Town Events**
  - Hold events downtown or near the trail
  - Hold events that tie into your community's history, cultural identity
  - Hold events near the beginning of trail seasons
  - Incorporate presentations or workshops on trail/paddling safety, bike safety - conduct a tour
  - Utilize existing events
- Conduct Trail Town Retail Promotions**
  - Pre and post season sales
  - Weekend sidewalk sales
  - Holiday sales
  - Word of mouth

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**The Trail Town Master Plan**  
A framework for marketing efforts, capital improvements and community involvement - builds support for funding, leveraging grants

Dilemma can arise between spending too much time on developing a plan and impulsively running out and implementing the first idea that comes to mind - if you want to get something accomplished quickly, identify a short list of goals

**Recommended Goals**

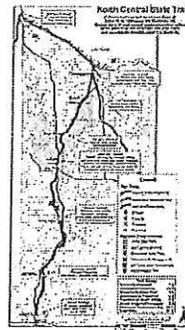
- Promote a gateway moment
- Create a sense of place
- Develop a welcoming atmosphere
- Establish the right mix of services
- Promote trail-oriented events



**Handouts**

Agenda and Schedule  
Trail Towns Power-Point  
Trail Town Summary  
Trail Town Design Assessment, Trail Town Manual - North Central State Trail  
User Trail Data Form  
Physical Elements Checklist  
Self-Assessment Checklist  
Trail Towns Design Issues Checklist  
Trailhead Signage Standards (illustration)  
MDOT - 10 Tips for Safe and Enjoyable Bike Commuting  
The Main Street Four Point Approach - National Trust for Historic Preservation  
Bicycle Friendly Community FAQ - League of American Bicyclists

**Trail Town Manual - North Central State Trail**



**Thank You**

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# Dexter Mill Creek Park Recreation Master Plan Dexter, MI



Just upstream from the banks of the Huron River, the Mill Creek Park Recreation Master Plan represents the Village of Dexter's vision to develop a linear park that will provide a variety of recreation and natural resource experiences to residents of the village and adjacent Townships. This vision came to fruition with the removal of the 1820s Mill Pond Dam. The previous impoundment now offers a large 50+ acre open floodplain lending itself to a wide variety of recreational experiences. This vision allows the Village to:

- Restore and protect the Mill Creek and its watershed consistent with today's best practices of system stewardship.
- Select, develop, and enhance site appropriate passive and low-impact active recreation opportunities.
- Develop the park as a trail system hub and a link to adjacent recreation areas and community assets.
- Build on "Dexter as a Destination" promotional efforts and stimulate additional economic activity.
- Foster community development through collaborative planning amongst Village, township, county, regional, and state commissions, authorities, agencies and stakeholders.

JJR, with assistance from Environmental Consulting Technologies (ECT), developed a comprehensive recreation master plan. Key features of the design include shared-use paths, a riverwalk, boardwalks, water access, play area, skating rink, picnic shelter, restrooms, amphitheater for special events, observation platforms, lawn areas, habitat enhancements, interpretive opportunities, naturalized stormwater management area, and native landscapes with riparian buffers.

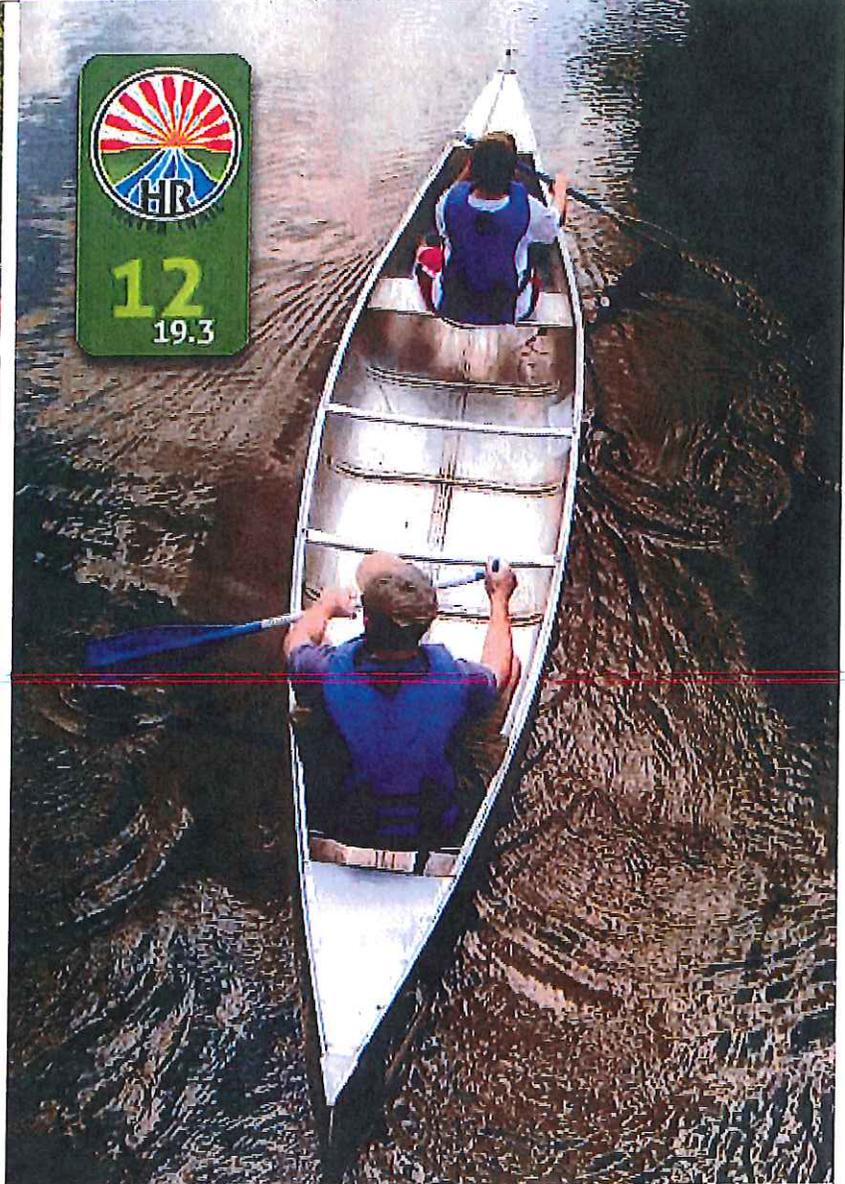
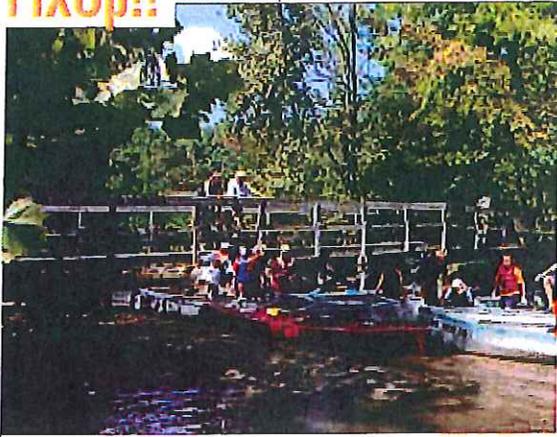
JJR led the Mill Creek Park Committee through the design process including design alternatives, public participation, stakeholder meetings, and final Master Plan preparation. The park improvements will be implemented in phases as funding is available and will result in the realization of a vision that is uncommon in many communities.

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# FIX UP! INVEST IN RECREATION



Canoeing, kayaking, rowing, biking, walking, swimming and fishing are just a few of the pursuits people enjoy along the Huron. The Huron has long been a place for recreation, but much can be done to increase access to the riverfront for passive use and improve access and passages for paddlers. City, county and metropolitan agencies have developed extensive park systems that provide access and venues for these activities and plans are in the works for more, such as additional greenways to provide trails for walkers and bicyclists. The Huron River Project's approach to the river – from Milford through Ypsilanti to Flat Rock - should enhance these projects and create additional ones.

## 2011 Accomplishments

The planning and building of the Huron River Water Trail has been the primary vehicle for investing in river recreation during this first year. The Huron River Water Trail is a 104-mile inland paddling trail connecting people to the river's natural environment, its history and the communities it touches. Planning and Branding the HRWT have been the emphases in 2011.

Bringing more paddlers and other river enthusiasts to the Huron River via the Water Trail is expected to generate positive economic impacts for river communities. Participation in paddlesports is growing according to the Outdoor Recreation Industry. Great Lakes residents comprise 20.5% of canoeists and 14% of kayakers. The Huron River already is one of the most popular rivers in Michigan for paddling and home to the largest livery in the state, Ann Arbor. Spending for equipment, restaurants and lodging is typical as paddlers take advantage of day or overnight trips. Case studies in Wisconsin and Michigan show local businesses benefit from water trails, with paddlers spending over \$1.2 million on one river in rural southwest Wisconsin alone.

## The vision of the Huron River Water Trail:

The Huron River Water Trail reconnects individuals, families, and communities to the river and to the river's recreational, economic, ecological, historic, and cultural values. The water trail is a focal point for recreational activities while boosting local economies and adding a richness and breadth to historical and cultural events along the river.

### The goals of the Huron River Water Trail are to

- Stimulate local economies
- Improve recreational access and opportunities
- Encourage physical activity
- Improve community pride and encourage partnerships and collaboration
- Make rivers and communities healthier
- Highlight cultural and historical significance

The palpable enthusiasm of paddlers and river communities enabled many accomplishments. Much of the work was driven by three working groups and a steering committee, all facilitated by HRWC and RiverUp!. Four river communities stepped forward to serve as "Keystone Communities" on the new water trail where the trail concept will first be realized. Milford, Dexter, Ann Arbor and Flat Rock are excited about becoming trail towns along the river and are committing local resources to identify needs and opportunities across all four communities. Some of their Downtown Development Authorities passed resolutions to demonstrate their support.

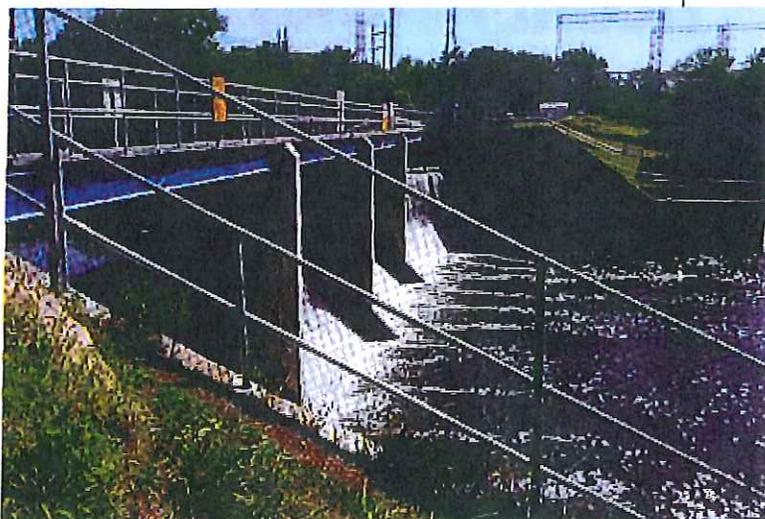
Project components this year comprised an inventory of river access points, a gap analysis of infrastructure needs, logo development and creation of a branding

piece, standard signage for trail marking, and a website ([www.huronriverwatertrail.org](http://www.huronriverwatertrail.org)) with interactive maps, recommended trips, and a forum for paddlers.

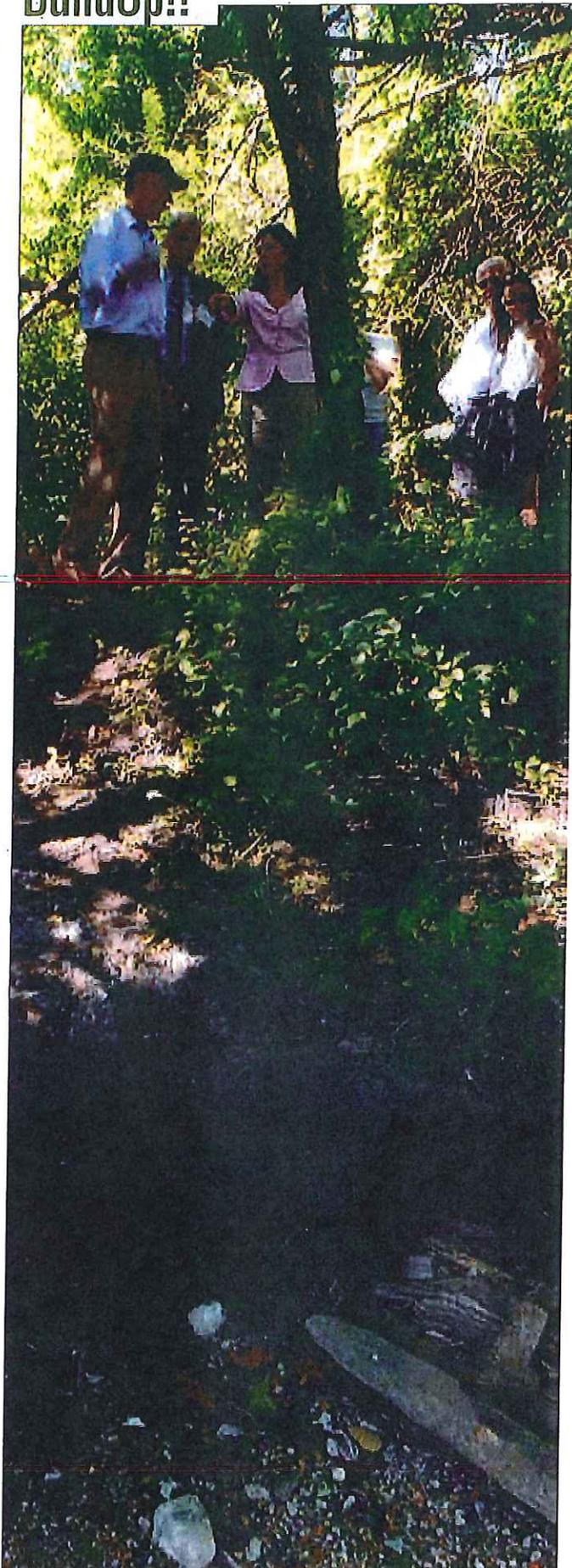
An inventory of existing water trail infrastructure examined the condition of access sites, signage, portages, camping spots, lodging, and amenities that include bathrooms, parking, picnic tables, and lockers. While some of the 32 access points and 14 portages need little improvement, others are unsafe or difficult to access. Improvement plans were developed for several sites through the combined efforts of working group members and community partners. Scope of work has been delineated at the portages of Superior Dam in Superior Township, Ford Lake Dam in Ypsilanti Charter Township, French Landing Dam in Van Buren Charter Township, and Flat Rock Dam in the City of Flat Rock, and the river access at Island Park in the City of Ann Arbor.

The infrastructure gap analysis for the Huron River Water Trail is a work in progress and many other projects will be tackled in the next few years. A complete inventory can be requested by contacting [eriggs@hrwc.org](mailto:eriggs@hrwc.org).

With the river traversing state land, regional park authority land, five counties, and 24 cities, village and townships, the need to work with partners is evident. Water Trail partners like the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority are incorporating the Water Trail in the Metroparks on the Huron River. For example, a launch at Lower Huron Metropark was improved this year to include the new Water Trail logo on signs and designs were shared of the project to assist other partners with their projects. More collaborations like this one are planned as the Huron River Water Trail is built.



SUPERIOR DAM IN SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP



## Priorities for 2012-2014

In the next few years, the HRWT will move from the Planning and Branding Phase to the Implementation Phase. Public-Private partnerships are being sought to fund the priority projects listed here and the others on the complete inventory list.

### 1. Marketing and Educational Materials:

#### a. HRWT Guidebook development:

Official guidebook to the Huron River Water Trail with narrative about physical, cultural, and historical aspects of the trail and detailed profiles of each segment and professional photography. Historians and natural areas interpreters are lending their efforts to the Water Trail by compiling the locations and events of historical and cultural significance along the river. The information will be used in a forthcoming guidebook, paddle route maps, and the website. One noteworthy event in 2012 is the bicentennial of the War of 1812, which involved downriver areas of the river and will provide a high-profile venue for promoting the Water Trail.

#### b. HRWT Vision Map and Trip Maps development:

7-8 full-color segment maps provide segment mileage and overview; water type and paddle duration; best season and current direction; put-ins, take-outs and portages; services and camping information; and hazards and other warnings. Local businesses that cater to paddlers and river recreationists have the opportunity to advertise in the trip maps.

#### c. Enhanced Website with river trip video footage and development of mobile travel guide application software

Partners involved: HRWT partner organizations and volunteers; Google

### 2. HRWT Program Staff

Dedicated staff is needed to set priorities, work with partners, volunteers, and funders, guide direction of trail development, and oversee trail improvements

### 3. Physical Improvements

#### Portage of Superior Dam

Install dock at take-out, grade take-out and put-in areas, extend footpath to more sheltered put-in, grade and stabilize footpath and cover with gravel, add signage. Work is slated for Spring 2012.

Sponsors: Dr. Thomas Buhr and John Carver

Partners involved: City of Ann Arbor; St. Joseph Mercy Hospital; Superior Township; DTE; HRWT volunteers

## In River Water Trail: for Portage Improvements



### Island Park Access

Island Park landing, located within the City of Ann Arbor park system, is a small island and linear park immediately opposite Fuller Park. Island Park contains picnic shelters, trails and footbridges spanning the river in two locations. On the north banks of the river, a "social" landing has existed for several years and is in disrepair (including river bank failure). This site is in need of a more clearly defined and functional landing that prevents additional bank erosion and provides a safer location for paddlers to access the park and river. RiverUp! has consulted with the landscape architecture planning and design firm of SmithGroupJJR to arrive at a proposed landing/launch and requisite materials and labor.

Partners involved: City of Ann Arbor, HRWT volunteers

### Portage of Ford Lake Dam

A site review of this location shows that the current portage locations should remain with improvements to the launch and landing that create defined areas for paddlers that improve accessibility and protect paddlers from wave action. New signage and an improved footpath also are needed.

Partners involved: Ypsilanti Charter Township; HRWT volunteers

### Portage of French Landing Dam

A site review of this location shows that the current portage (river right) is difficult, not well-marked and exposes paddlers to unsafe current. Options for moving the portage to river left are being pursued with the local government and private property owners. Moving the portage would take advantage of the local park where a take-out is in place, along with services such as parking, bathrooms, and picnic tables. Access to private property needs to be worked out.

Partners involved: Van Buren Charter Township, Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority; HRWT volunteers

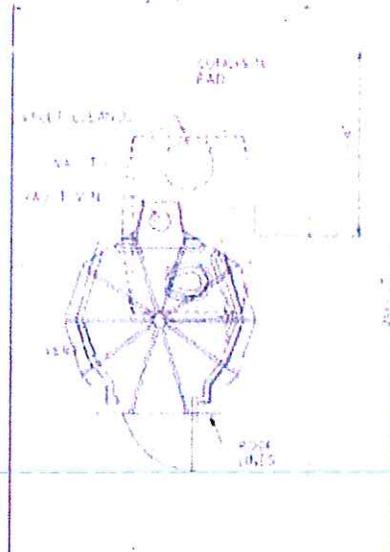
### Portage of Flat Rock Dam

This notoriously difficult portage has been reviewed several times in recent history to find better access for paddlers than the current path through locked gates at Flat Rock Metals. A site review for the HRWT identifies options on river left and river right, both of which will be presented to stakeholders in 2012 with an eye toward resolving access and safety at this most downstream dam.

Partners involved: City of Flat Rock; Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority; Downriver Linked Greenways Initiative; Flat Rock Metals

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- Acrylic restroom windows in aluminum frames
- Powder-coated steel door with ADA pull handle & deadbolt
- 18" ADA toilet riser with seat/lid, stainless steel grab bars
- 12" dia. vent pipe, 24" dia. cleanout for pump access
- Options: choice of toilet paper dispensers, hand cleaner, urinal, solar lighting system



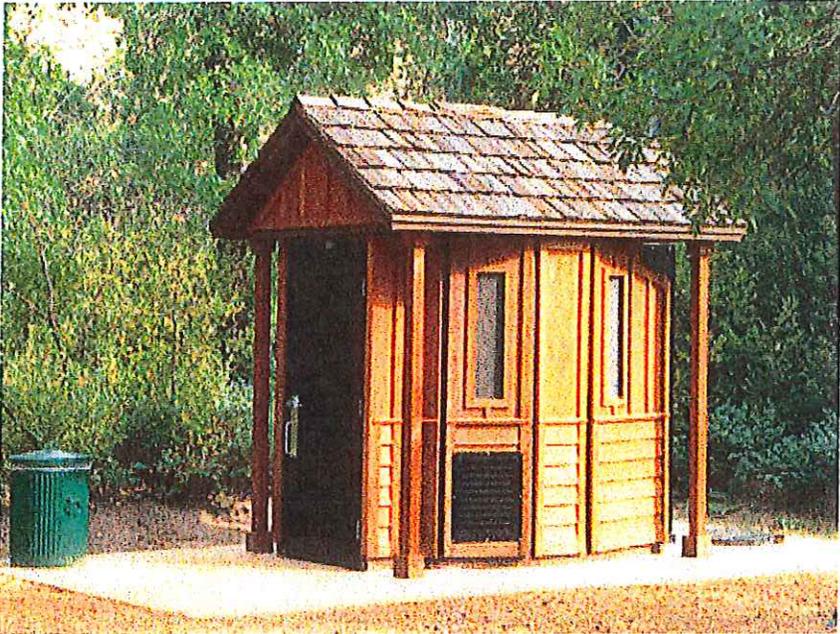
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• 1003 SST <sup>®</sup> Traditional Single Restroom w/Privacy Partition	6'3" x 9'4"	\$14,677.00
• 1004 SST <sup>®</sup> Traditional Single Restroom w/All Weather Porch & Privacy Partition	6'3" x 14'10"	\$14,979.00
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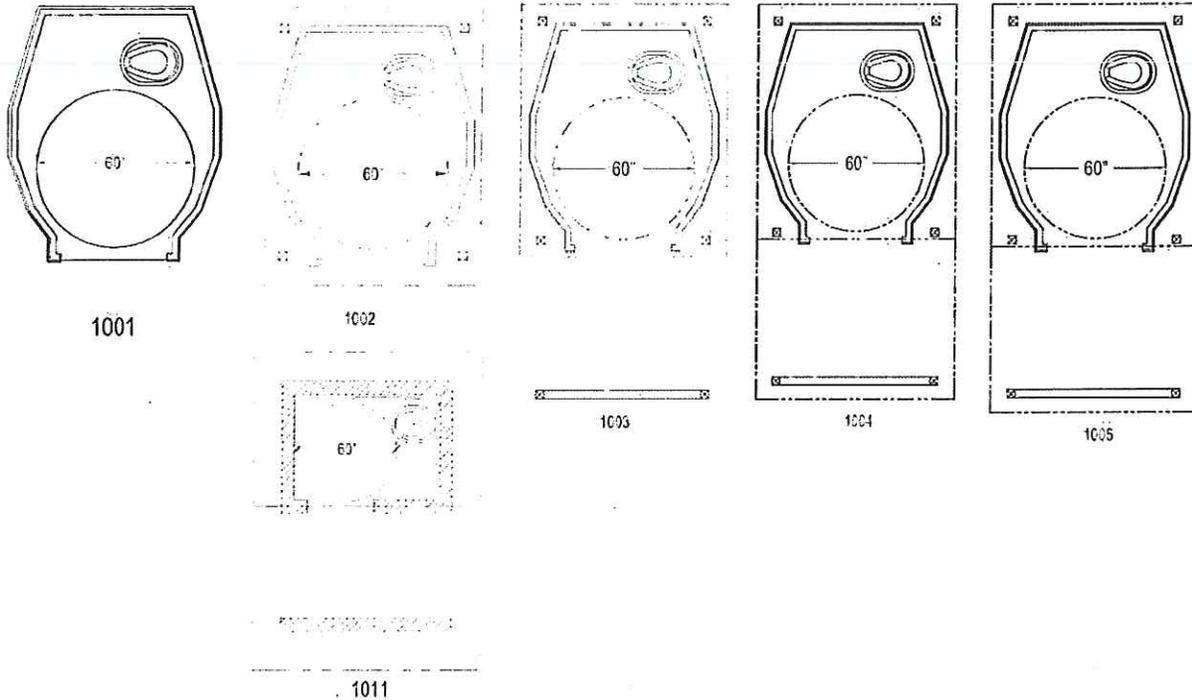
### Upgrades and Deductions

Single Traditional Log-Look Siding Package	\$ 2,859.00
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### Upgrades and Deductions

Please see list of Upgrades and Deductions available for Model 1011 on page 12.



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**Assembled Building Module(s)** ~ Pre-installed door frame, stainless grab bars, lower vent pipe/shroud, exterior siding. Lexan windows.

**Door(s)** ~ Galv. steel with black powder coat finish and stainless kick plate, plated self-closing hinges, stainless steel pull-pull closure with deadbolt.

**Roof** ~ Original roof is one-piece polyethylene. Traditional Single roof is one pre-assembled unit. Traditional Double roof is two pre-assembled units that bolt together on-site. Traditional roof includes pressure-treated support posts and anchoring hardware.

**Roofing (pre-installed)** ~ Choice of cedar shakes, Hi-Rib metal or 3-tab composition shingles. Additional cost for other roofing.

**Other** ~ 12" upper vent pipe(s). heavy-duty kick-proof wall vent(s), all necessary fasteners & hardware, installation manual and video.

**Optional Privacy Partitions & All-Weather Porch** ~ Kits include pre-assembled modules. all necessary posts, beams, fasteners and hardware.

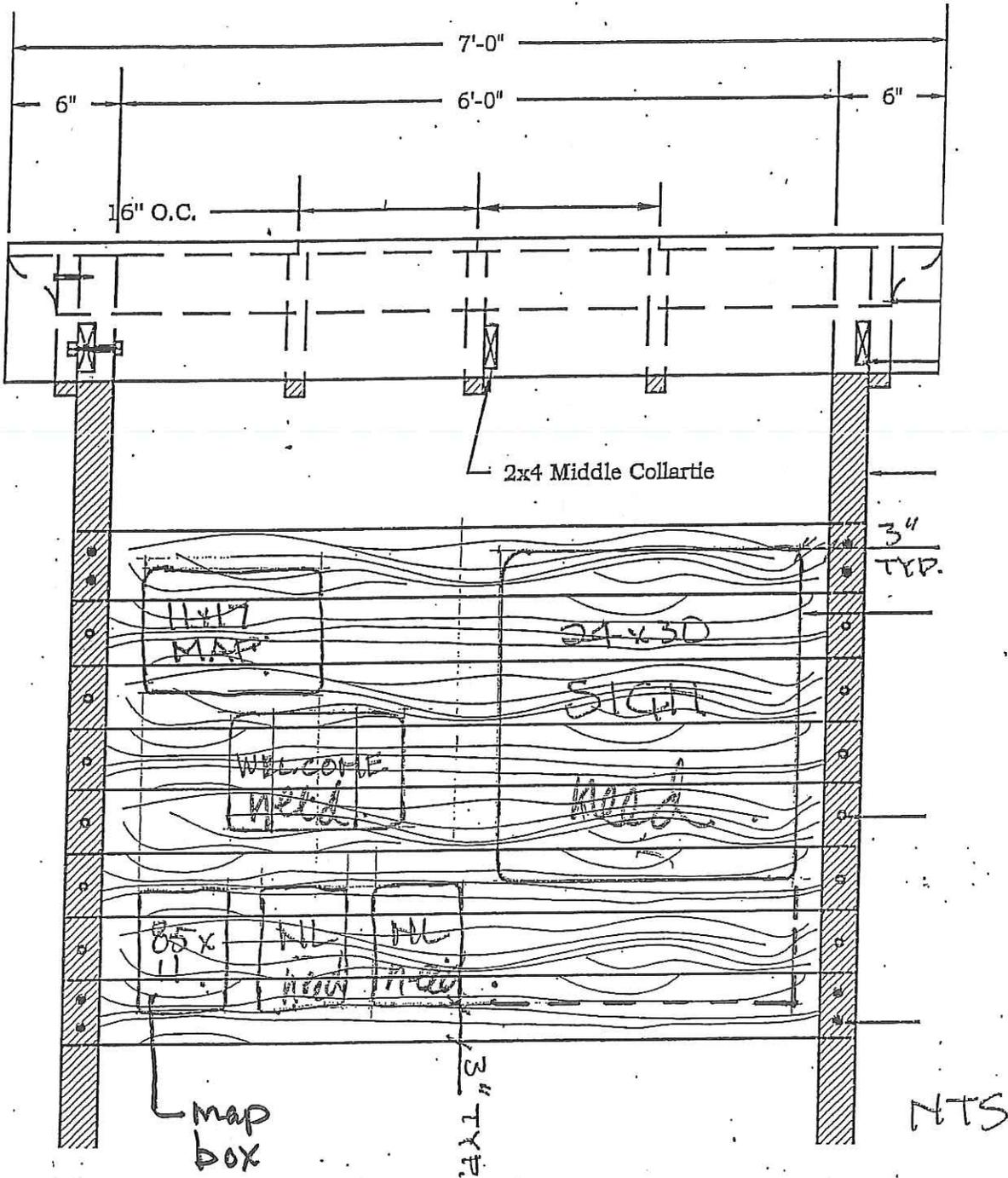
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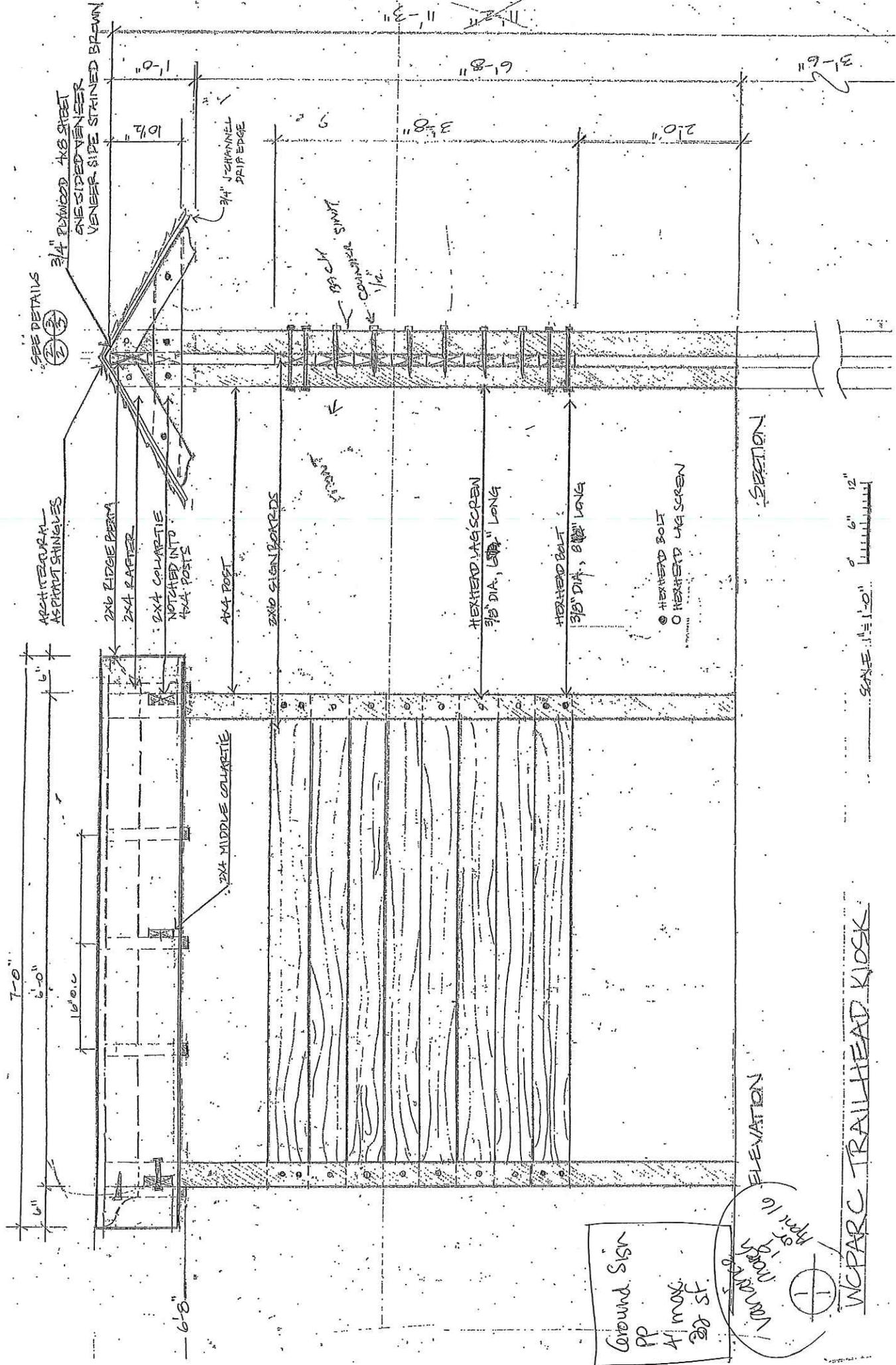
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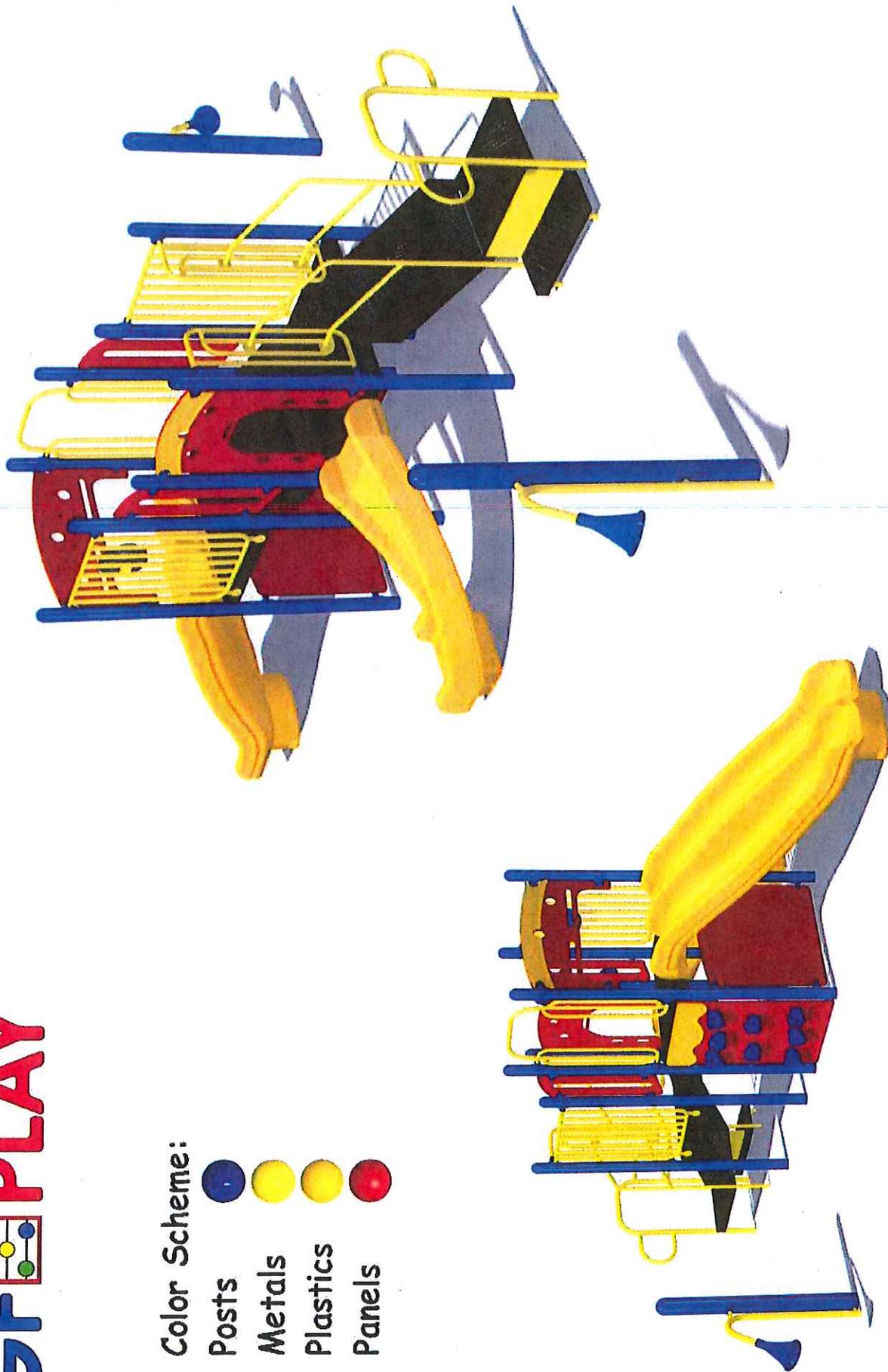
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## Color Scheme:

- Posts 
- Metals 
- Plastics 
- Panels 



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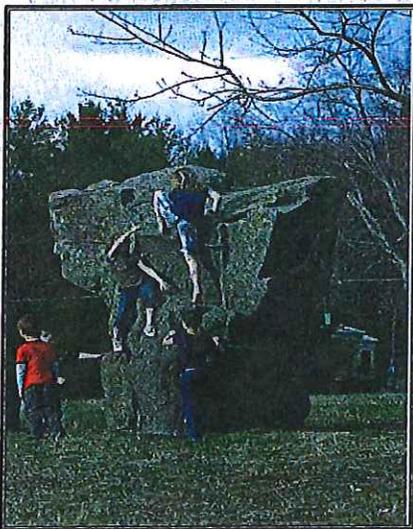




## Playground Boulders

All Playground Boulders are made from a synthetic polymer designed to create the optimal climbing surface. Installation is a very easy and safe process that uses Manta Ray Earth-Anchors to hold the boulder in place.

### XL Playground Boulder



**Dimensions: 8'W x 12'L x 8'H (Requires 4 anchors)**

**Price: \$20,250.00**

**Optional modular hold package with threadings: Add \$3,750.00**

The XL Playground Boulder is built to offer the full range of the climbing experience. It will stand out as a bold feature to any outdoor landscape and provide the most diversity in terms of climbing terrain. Designed to range in difficulty from one side to another, the climbing experience will vary depending on where you start on the boulder or what type of angle you want to climb.

### Large Playground Boulder

**Dimensions: 6'W x 8'L x 6'H (Requires 4 anchors)**

**Price: \$10,800.00**

**Optional modular hold package with threadings: Add \$2,000.00**

The Large Playground Boulder is still big enough for adults to play and share the climbing experience with their kids! It is also designed so that children can reach friendly grabs in different parts of the wall, and pull themselves up with relative ease, then move to another section for more of a challenge.



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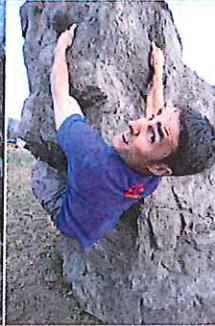
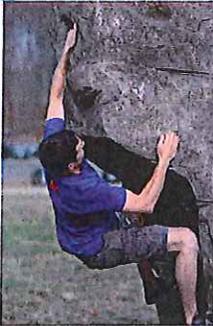


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The XL Playground Boulder is built to offer the full range of the climbing experience. With a mushroom type shape, eight feet tall and twelve feet long, this wall will stand out as a bold feature of any outdoor landscape, and will also provide

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**LARGE Playground Boulder**

Dimensions: 6' wide x 8' long x 6' tall

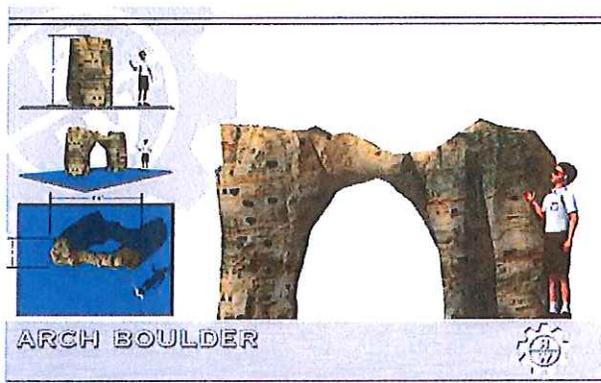
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Only a bit smaller than the XL version, the Large Playground Boulder is big enough for adults

to play and share the climbing experience with their kids, but nearly half the cost. Planned so that taller climbers can have fun traversing or climbing atop the boulder, the Large Playground Boulder is also designed so that children can reach friendly grabs in different parts of the wall, and pull themselves up with relative ease, then move to another section for more of a challenge. With a big enough profile so that multiple kids can climb or sit at the top comfortably, this version will be fun for many... at the same time!

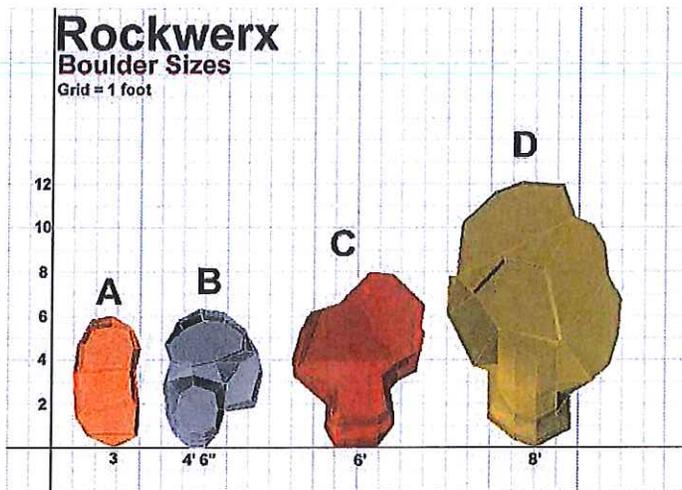




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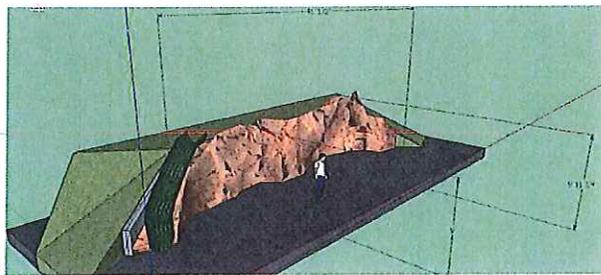


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# Swift Run Dog Park

**Your dog must be registered to use this park**

## About the Park

The Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission welcomes area dog owners and their pets to visit the new Swift Run Dog Park. The park is a collaborative park project between the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission and the City of Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation Services. The park is an outdoor space established for dog owners to allow their dogs to legally run free off-leash. All users are advised that this dog park is an unsupervised recreational area and users of this facility do so at their own risk.

## Dog Park Amenities

- 10 acre grassy field area with 5' high perimeter fencing
- large and small dog run areas
- 30-car gravel parking lot (entrance off Platt Road)
- double entry/exit control gates (wheel chair accessible)
- mowed trail, landscaping and site benches
- on site portable toilet and nearby, off site, flush-restrooms (Southeast Area Park-City of Ann Arbor)
- trash receptacles and dog waste disposal stations
- posted rules, signage and information kiosk
- NOTE: water is not available, please bring your own non-glass water containers to the park

## Park Hours

Swift Run Dog Park is open daily year-round between dawn and dusk unless otherwise posted. Park may be closed in extremely wet conditions or for regular or posted maintenance periods. The park is typically closed for maintenance every Monday morning between 8:30-11:30 am and on Friday afternoon between 12:30-3:00 pm.

## Location and Directions to the Park

The Swift Run Dog Park is conveniently located in southeastern Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County. The park is bounded on the north by Ellsworth Road and on the east by Platt Road. Parking is located off of Platt on the west side of the road.

## Before You Go to the Park

- have your dog licensed
- register and purchase a required annual dog park use permit
- learn the rules and etiquette of the exercise area

## Permits and Fees

An annual permit tag is required to be worn by all dogs inside the dog park. The permitting process is intended to help provide a safe environment for users and their pets.

## Park Rules and Etiquette

Rules and regulations have been established to help make Swift Run Dog Park a safe environment for users and their pets. As part of the registration process, dog owners must sign an agreement to comply with established rules for use of the dog park. A dog owner who fails to comply with the posted rules may be asked to leave the dog park and may have their membership revoked. Park users are further asked to observe proper etiquette to help make the dog park a safe and enjoyable place for everyone.

## Dog Park Questions and Answers

To help address public questions concerning the Swift Run Dog Park, a list of answers to frequently asked questions has been compiled. For additional information regarding the park please call the City of Ann Arbor at 734-994-2780 or email Washtenaw County Parks at [parks@ewashtenaw.org](mailto:parks@ewashtenaw.org).

## Special Activities

There are none currently scheduled. Future activities will be posted.

## ENJOY YOUR VISIT!

Remember: Dogs must be on a leash outside the fenced dogpark.



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## DOG PARK RULES

Please observe the following rules to help make our dog parks a safe and enjoyable places. Thank you very much.

1. A permit is required to use this facility. For registration information please call 734.794.6140.
2. All dogs must display current registration, license and vaccination tags. For registrations call 734.794.6140.
3. Users of this facility do so at their own risk. Dog behavior can be unpredictable around other dogs and strangers.
4. Dog owners and handlers are strictly liable for any damage or injury caused by their dog(s).
5. Dog handlers must be 16 years of age or older. Children under 16 are not allowed in the park unless accompanied by an adult.
6. All dogs must remain leashed until they are within the designated, fenced area.
7. Dogs must not be left unattended. Dogs must be in view and under the voice command of their owner at all times.
8. Dog handlers are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs.
9. Dogs in heat and puppies under four months of age are not permitted in the park.
10. Dogs that fight or exhibit aggressive behavior must be immediately removed from the park by their owner.
11. No more than two dogs per handler are allowed at one time.
12. No smoking, food or alcohol is allowed within the park.
13. Professional dog trainers shall not use the park to conduct their business.
14. Individuals failing to comply with posted rules are subject to citation, expulsion, or arrest, as well as dog impound.

*Park hours are dawn to dusk. Under no circumstances before 6 a.m. or after 10 p.m. will you be permitted in the park (hours are subject to closures for required maintenance operations). For non-emergencies at the dog park, please call 734.794.6230. If you need emergency assistance, please call 911.*

## DOG PARK FEE SCHEDULE

<b>Swift Run Dog Park permit only</b>	<b>Swift Run Dog Park AND all City-designated off-leash dog areas permit</b>
First dog/owner: \$50 (\$35 spayed/neutered with documentation)	First dog/owner: \$60 (\$45 spayed/neutered with documentation)
Each additional dog/owner: \$10 (\$5 spayed/neutered with documentation)	Each additional dog/owner: \$25 (\$15 spayed/neutered with documentation)
Replacement Tag: \$15	Replacement Tag: \$15

### Where to obtain and mail a Dog Park Permit Application:

City of Ann Arbor Clerk's Office  
Ann Arbor City Hall  
100 North Fifth Avenue  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
734.794.6140  
[www.a2gov.org/clerks](http://www.a2gov.org/clerks)

Washtenaw County Treasurer  
200 North Main Street  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
734.222.6600  
[www.ewashtenaw.org/](http://www.ewashtenaw.org/)

### Dog park locations:

- \* Swift Run, 2998 East Ellsworth Road, Ann Arbor, MI
- \* Olson Park, Pontiac Trail at Dhu Varren Road (Northeast corner), Ann Arbor, MI

Visit [www.a2gov.org/parks](http://www.a2gov.org/parks) for online maps of Swift Run and the city-designated dog parks.



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#### DOG PARK FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. What is a dog park? A. A dog park is a location set aside for dogs and their owners to exercise and play off-leash in a controlled (i.e., fenced) environment.

Q. What are the hours of the dog parks in Ann Arbor? A. Park hours are dawn to dusk (subject to closures for required maintenance operations). Under no circumstances are you permitted in the park before 6 a.m. and after 10 p.m.

Q. If I observe a problem at the park, what should I do?

- For maintenance at Swift Run Dog Park, please call: 734.971.6337 x316
- For maintenance at Olson Park, please call: 734.994.2768
- For disruptive animals, dogs lacking the proper tags, etc. please call 734.794.6230.
- For customer service : 734.794.6230.
- For an emergency, please call 911.

Q. Can I bring more than one dog to these parks? A. No more than two dogs are permitted, per handler, at one time. Professional dog trainers are not permitted to conduct training onsite.

Q. In addition to the new dog park tag my pet will need to display, what else should I have? A. Dog owners must have their dog licensed with the City, County or other municipal jurisdiction to apply for an off-leash dog permit. Current dog licenses must be displayed.

Q. Am I responsible for cleaning up after my dog? A. Yes. A receptacle for waste will be located on site; however, we will not be providing bags or scoops. A box will also be provided for dog owners to donate bags for other park users.

Q. What should I bring with me to the park? A. Please remember to have your dog(s) license and permit tags visible at all times and that they are current. Also, water and bags.

Q. Will the dog parks be policed or monitored by the Parks and Recreation Services Unit? A. There will not be a park staff person stationed at the dog parks, however, police will monitor the areas periodically. Additionally, volunteers in the community are organizing a group to monitor the parks during peak hours.

Q. When does my dog have to be on a leash at the park? A. Until you and your dog enter the fenced dog play area, your dog(s) has to be leashed.

Q. Why is there a fee for the dog park and what will the monies be used for? A. An annual off-leash dog permit will be required for access to the designated off-leash dog play areas. The permitting requirement will enable the City to provide safe environments in off-leash dog play areas for users and their pets.

Q. If my pet is a service dog, do I need to purchase a dog park permit in Ann Arbor? A. The fee for the permit will be waived, however, you will still be required to fill out the appropriate paperwork for an application and have the tag displayed.

Q. Who should I contact for information about volunteer opportunities in the dog parks? A. Canine Social Club, [www.caninesocial-club.net](http://www.caninesocial-club.net)

Q. Do I need to be a resident of Ann Arbor to obtain a dog park permit? A. No, anyone can use the dog parks once their pet meets the requirements to obtain a permit.

\*Scholarships are available. For additional information please contact: 734.794.6230.



## City of Ann Arbor/Washtenaw County Dog Park and Off-Leash Play Area Waiver and Release



*Please read this form carefully and be aware that in consideration for permission to use these facilities, you will be expressly assuming the risk and legal liability and waiving and releasing all claims for injuries, damages or loss which you or your dog might sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with and associated with use of these facilities and the surrounding areas.*

I hereby acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate and use with my dog(s) dog parks and off-leash play areas ("Parks") owned and operated either separately or jointly by the City of Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County in conjunction with its Parks & Recreation Department. I understand that the act of unleashing my dog and being physically present within the Parks necessarily involves risks of injury to me, persons that accompany me, other people using the Parks, my dog(s), and other dogs. I understand that the aforementioned risks are entirely my responsibility and I expressly assume that responsibility knowingly and voluntarily. When this Waiver and Release refers to "my dog", it includes me whether or not I am the legal owner of the dog, since I am the person responsible for the dog while using the Parks.

I understand that the permit/license system is not established to guarantee that dogs in the Parks are safe or healthy. I also understand that dog activities are intended to provide a fun and rewarding experience for a dog and its owner/handler. However, despite careful and proper preparation, instruction, medical advice, conditioning and equipment, there is still a risk of serious injury, including death, to the dog, its owner/handler or other persons or animals. I further understand that dogs, irrespective of their training and usual past behavior or characteristics, may act or react unpredictably at times based upon instinct or circumstances, and that not all hazards and dangers associated with dog activities can be foreseen. I agree to assume the risk of any injury to me, any individuals (including children) that accompany me in the Parks, and my dog(s). I understand that this risk may result from fierce, aggressive, vicious, and dangerous dogs which may be present in the Parks.

I further understand and assume the risk that not all dogs in the Parks may have been vaccinated for distemper, parvo, or rabies, all of which could result in injury to me, any individuals (including children) accompanying me, and my dog(s). I also understand that there are certain inherent risks including the propensity of a dog to behave in dangerous ways. Additional risks include, but are not limited to: the inexperience or irresponsibility of a dog owner/handler, the inability to predict a dog's reaction to sound, movement, objects, persons or other animals, dog fights, dog bites, and injuries to humans and other dogs; dog theft or unlawful capture; dog escape over or under fences; plants in the area that may be poisonous to dogs or people; mosquitoes, ticks, chiggers, fleas, or other insects may be present; and wild animals such as skunks, raccoons, opossums, or stray dogs that could be present in the Parks, all of which might injure or infect my dog(s), as well as slip and falls, premises defects, equipment failure, failure in instruction/supervision, as well as all other circumstances inherent to dog and/or outdoor activities. I knowingly and voluntarily accept responsibility for all of these risks in exchange for the privilege of using the Parks.

It is my understanding that no agents or employees of the City of Ann Arbor or Washtenaw County will supervise the Parks at any time and I therefore expressly assume responsibility for all risks associated with the Parks as well as fixtures and equipment that may be located there in an unsupervised manner.

By signing this Waiver and Release and using the Parks, I fully release and discharge the City of Ann Arbor, its Parks & Recreation Services Unit, Washtenaw County, and its Parks & Recreation Department, and their employees and agents as well as any private citizen volunteers serving as Parks stewards which have been sanctioned by either

the City or the County from any claims, demands, damages, rights of action, present or future, known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, resulting from, or arising out of, my use or intended use of the Parks. I fully and forever release and discharge the City of Ann Arbor, its Parks & Recreation Services Unit, Washtenaw County, its Parks & Recreation Department, and their employees and agents, as well as any sanctioned volunteers from any and all negligent acts or omissions with regard to the Parks and intend to be legally bound by this Release. I assume sole responsibility for, and agree to indemnify and save harmless the City of Ann Arbor, its Parks & Recreation Services Unit, Washtenaw County, its Parks & Recreation Department, and all of the employees, agents and volunteers of each for any damages from bodily injury, death, or damage or loss to property including legal and expert witness fees caused by the previously described parties.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE AND UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I HAVE ALSO RECEIVED A COPY OF THE DOG PARK AND OFF-LEASH PLAY AREA RULES AND REGULATIONS AND AGREE BY AFFIXING MY SIGNATURE BELOW TO COMPLY WITH THOSE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND TO INFORM OTHERS THAT I MAY BRING TO THESE PARKS (INCLUDING CHILDREN) OF THESE RULES AND WILL ENSURE THEIR COMPLIANCE WHILE USING THE PARKS. MY SIGNATURE CONFIRMS THAT I AM ALSO NOT AWARE OF ANY INCIDENTS IN WHICH MY DOG HAS SHOWN AGGRESSIVE, FIGHTING, OR BITING BEHAVIOR TOWARDS OTHER ANIMALS OR PEOPLE.

Dog Owner

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Handler

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If Dog Owner, or Handler is under age 18, the name and signature of a parent or legal guardian is required:

Parents Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Name \_\_\_\_\_



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