## STATE OF MICHIGAN

#### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

# PARKS & RECREATION—AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES SPARK GRANTS

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2018, the Board of Commissioners (Board) supported the Silver Creek Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2021, the Board supported the Gun Lake Park Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2022, the Board awarded Phase I Conceptual Design of the West Side Park beach access to Abonmarche Consultants, Inc; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Michigan Natural Resources Spark Grant Applications for said projects are supported by the County's 5-Year approved Parks and Recreation Plan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the County Administrator to apply for the following Spark grants

- Silver Creek Improvement Project \$596,100
- Gun Lake Park Improvement Project \$522,500, which includes a County financial obligation in the amount of \$14,000 (2.5%), for a total project cost of \$536,500
- West Side Park Beach Access Project \$985,000; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** the County Administrator is authorized to sign on behalf of the County the grants and complete the necessary budget adjustments to complete this action.



Completed RFA form must be attached to a work order request through the Track-It System. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Administration @ ext. 2633.

RFA#: <u>226929</u>

Date: 05/31/2023

Request Type	Grant	Select a Request Type to reveal and complete required form.
Department Requesting	Parks	
Submitted By	Brandy Gildea	
Contact Information	Ext 2542	
Name of Grant:		
ARPA-0972 Silver Creek	Improvements - Phase 1 Spark Grant	
Summary of Grant:		
provide safe, accessible, prexisting park infrastructure	ablic recreation facilities and spaces to imperand make it easier for people to enjoy both	ant program that is split into three rounds will support projects that prove people's health, introduce new recreation experiences, build on the indoor and outdoor recreation. Individual grant amounts will range tost DNR grants this one does not require a match.
Grant Submission Deadlin	e Date 06/26/2023	
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ACCEPTANCE		
New		
Renewal		
Continuation		
Amount (Not including lo	cal match) \$596,100.00	
Source of Grant Funds (%		
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Term of Grant	Must be completed by 2026	
Does it involve personnel?	,	
● No		
○ Yes		
Does it involve ongoing O	perational Activities (recoverable?)	
● No		
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Admin Fees	\$0.00	
Equipment / Ongoing Cos	ts	
Does it effect other operat		
Yes		
No		

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Disposition:		
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Changes in Grant:		

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# Applicant Information

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Name of Applicant (Government Unit)*	Unique Entity Identifier Numbe	r* Sign	na Vendor Number*	SIGMA Address ID*
Allegan County	V9QWHKM9ZEC1	CV0	022586	0003
Organization Type*				
Local Unit of Government  Name of Authorized Representative*		Title*		
Brandy Gildea		Parks I	Manager	
Address*	City*	State*	ZIP*	County*
3283 122nd Avenue	Allegan	MI	49010	Allegan County
Telephone*	E-mail*			
(269) 673-0378	bgildea@allegancounty.org			
State House District*	State Senate District*		U.S. Co	ongress District*
District 43 The following link contains District Maps - Proposal Title (Not to exceed 60 character)		process/fin	District al-maps	4
Silver Creek Improvements -Phase 1 Address of Site*	City, Village or Tow	nship of S	ite* Zip*	
3900 134th Ave	Hamilton		49419	
County in which Site is located*				
Allegan				
What is/will be the applicant's type of owner [X]Fee simple ownership. Please upload the MIDNR_DocumentationSited Silver Creek Deed 1970.pdf Less than fee simple. Explain what rights to Lease/Easement. Upload a copy of the lease.	he deed and site control form which can be Control_GrantApplication_signed.pdf the applicant has and what agency holds	the underlyii n can be fou	ng fee simple ownership nd in the handbook.	
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## Narrative Details - Part 1

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#### Park Name\*

Silver Creek County Park & Campground

Is this an existing park?\*

IXIYes

If yes, please explain what features currently exist at the park?

Silver Creek Park is a highly visible and recognizable equestrian park that has both day-use facilities and a rustic campground. There are park signs in the surrounding area to allowpeople to navigate to the park

easily. Silver Creek is 320 acres in size and contains over six miles of equestrian trails and and connects to 30 miles of horseback riding trails located in the State Game Area. There are 75 campsites in the park which are all available for horse camping. Silver Creek also has 450 feet of frontage on Silver Creek, which is a designated high-quality coldwater trout stream.

If you are submitting multiple Spark applications, what is the priority for this application? (1=highest)\*

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#### **Proposal Description**

#### What do you want to do?\*

The proposed improvements (Phase 1) include newbarrier-free campsites, a newday-use parking area and electronic registration/ payment booth, electrical service throughout the park and electrical pedestals at the barrier-free campsites as well as a LED security light. Universal Accessibility will be incorporated into all proposed improvements.

#### 1. Public benefit and anticipated outcomes

#### 1a. How was the community negatively impacted by COVID? How does this project address that? (Maximum of 10 Points)\*

Our community was affected by covid due to so many indoor and group/sports activities being closed down that so many parks and outdoor facilities were identified (positive) but as they were heavily used amenities have become worn sooner than later and park needs/wants (lack of activities/ resources) have been identified. This project helps provide updated amenities and add better amenities for all users (examples: ada sites, electric/water, day use parking, safety lighting). Coivd also affected our community's mental health by causing a lot of stress about jobs, being isolated, or being scared they would get sick. Silver Creek Campground and Equestrian Park provided a place for people to go where they could get away from all of it for a fewdays and do activities that improved both their physical and/or mental health.

#### 1b. How will this project contribute to strong healthy communities that promote health and safety? (Maximum of 8 Points)\*

A key improvement in the project is providing three barrier-free campsites and a newday-use parking lot. We have seen a huge increase in our day -use out there and this will make it easier and safer for them to trailer in their horses. Because of the added security light and newElectronic/Pay/Registration Stations safety for the visitors and delinquent behavior will be minimized.

#### 1c. What kind of stakeholder and community input did you have? (Maximum of 4 Points)\*

Several methods were used to info the public about the proposed project and to receive feedback as the improvements/plan was being developed:

- 1. On-site input sessions/public meetings (3 meetings)
- 2. Social media pages with weekly updates with pictures and/or videos on Facebook and Instagram.
- 3. Board updates that go to our Board of Commissioners, who then share with all their constituents.
- 4. Website updates.
- 5. Spring and Fall Newsletter that we create each year for Silver Creek Park.
- 6. Staff at the parks updating users coming in.

#### While not a requirement for funding, is this project part of a community recreation or capital improvement plan?\*

This plan has been identified and meets many goals in the 2020-2024 Allegan County Recreation plan (which is on file with the DNR) Please provide examples of documented stakeholder and community input that you have (including Letters of Support).

Letters of Support.pdf

## 1d. Certified Resolution from the highest governing body (Maximum of 2 Points):\*

#### 2. Access to the Project Site

2a. Access to the Project Site: Based upon the geographic location of the proposed project, the DNR will determine what portion of the community's population will be within a half mile of the project site. (Maximum of 7 Points)

2b. How will the public reasonably access the project site. Select all that apply.\* (Maximum of 7 Points)

[X]/Vehicle Bus stop within 0.25 miles

Sidewalk Boat/Kayak

Dial-a-ride

# 2c. What programs and partnerships currently exist that bring people to your project and activate the space?\* Example – Summer camp, farmers market, music in the park etc. (Maximum of 3 Points)

Hamilton middle school uses the park for their STREAM School. My understanding is the point of the STREAM

School is to observe biodiversity systems and practice survival skills. Many Boys Scout Troops also use Silver Creek Park to earn their winter camping and nature badges. The Allegan County Equestrian Trail System (ETS) is a collaborative effort between Allegan County Parks, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and the volunteer group Friends of the Allegan County Equestrian Trail System (FACETS). Horseback riding in Allegan. Used by many house groups for events (CMO and endurance rides)

#### 3. Financial and Social Considerations

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Household income, park density, and health are all important attributes of a strong, healthy community and the basis for the social and financial scoring section. DNR will score this section based on statewide available data and the geographical location of the proposed project. (Maximum of 19 Points)

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#### 4. Clarity of scope and ability to execute

4a. Provide your targeted dates for the following project milestones.\* (Maximum of 10 Points)

Target Completion Date Description of Timeline

Public Input 3/14/2019 completed Planning and Design 3/14/2019 completed

Bidding (must be complete by 12/31/2024) 12/22/2023 plan to complete within 10-12 weeks of knowing if grant was awarded have construction (must be complete by 10/31/2026) 7/26/2024 have construction start asap in the spring of 2024 and be completed within 2020 weeks.

2-3 months.

Programming and activation 7/29/2024 Programming and activation would start as soon as construction in

completed.

#### Conceptual Site Development:\*

Silver Creek-SiteDevelopmentPlan.pdf

Do you have a Licensed Landscape Architect, Engineer, or Architect under contract or on staff for this project?\* [X]Yes No If yes, what is the firm name and did you use a competitive selection process to retain them? MCSA Group Inc. We used the County's RFP process to select an Architect for this project.

Are construction plans and specifications available?\*

Yes

|X|No

4b. Are Federal, State and/or Local permits required for the project?\* (Maximum of 4 Points)

No

TYPE OF PERMIT PERMITTING AGENCY EFFORTS TAKEN TO OBTAIN PERMIT OR DETERMINING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS Permit Status

SESC Allegan County Permit application prior to the start of construction Initial Consultation
Site Plan Review Allegan County
any evidence of contamination within the project area?\*

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Is there any evidence of contamination within the project area?\* Select all the following project partners or support staff.

**Contact Name** 

Description

[X]Local Government Staff Brandy Gildea Park Manager

Non-Profit Organization/Group Community Foundation Regional Planning Agency Volunteer

Friends Group State or Federal Agency

Land Conservancy

Other

#### 5. Access to new opportunities for people of all abilities

5a. Please select what groups you have received feedback from and upload the associated support documentation.\* (letters, plan review comments, testimonials, etc.) (Maximum of 5 Points)

No feedback received.

Center for Independent Living
Center for Assisted Living

[X]Local or regional Disability Network

Disability Newtwork-Lakeshore- Letter of support.pdf

Physical or Recreational Therapist

[X]Individual

Letters of Support.pdf

Formal Group or Organization

Other

# 5b. What specific features make your project unique and can clearly show that input from the above groups has been incorporated?\* (Maximum of 10 Points)

Silver Creek has the largest Equestrian trail network in all of West Michigan. Because of its connection to the Allegan County Equestrian Trail System and 450 Feet of Silver Creek frontage, Silver Creek Park and Campground provides a unique recreational opportunity to the residents of Michigan. The addition of Three Barrier Free Campsites allows users of all abilities to access the park. The proposed Electronic Pay/ Registration Stations are ADA compliant, contain post-consumer recycled materials and will provide better efficiency and easier access to the park users. A newparking area for 29 day-users will allowmore non-campers to access and use the park. Improvements to a portion of the campground road will allowusers with all vehicle types to reach the more rustic campsites. A newelectrical system throughout the park, this initial phase including pedestals at the barrier-free campsites, and a LED Security Light will allowfor more amenities to the users nowand in the future. Restoration seeding will be with

#### 6. New Construction, Renovation and Future Maintenance

Please do not include mobilization, site work, etc. in the scope list.

Questions 6a1 and 6a2 - Maximum of 7 points.

native species that are already found at the park.

6a1. Is new construction part of your project?\*

If yes, please identify the major components of your construction project.

Scope List Brief Description

Utilities
Campground Improvements

- -

[X]Yes

No

newelectrical system throughout the campground three ada modern sites

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Parking - Gravel/Crushed Stone w Accessible Parking

newparking area for 29 day-users

6a2. Is this renovation (replace with the same scope item) or redevelopment (change of use with similar

ilar *[X]*Yes

footprint) part of your project?\*

If yes, please identify the major components of your construction project.

Scope List

Brief Description

Age of existing item in years?

No

30-40 years

Access Road/Entrance Drive improving drives to sites and parking area

What mechanisms and resources are in place to maintain this investment? Please check all that apply.\*

[X]General Fund support for Parks and Recreation

Millage

Endowment Fund

Endow Grants

[X]Friends Group

Dedicated Parks and Recreation Staffing

None of the above

Other

Based upon the existing mechanisms and resources, how long could you maintain this investment?\*

For the life of the park (50 + years)

6b. Describe the selection of materials, the way the project is designed, and other features that make it sustainable.\* (Maximum of 2 Points)

All materials are locally sourced. Adding a LED safety lights

6c. What design features or considerations in your project reduces long term maintenance?\* (Maximum of 2 Points)

Led lights

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# Financial Details

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Budget Categories	Need for	or project?*	Tota	al Cost
Pre-planning - Only includes conceptual designs, public input, public surveys and other meetings.	Yes	[X]No		\$
Administration - Internal activities necessary to support the oversight and implementation of the project. This category is capped at 5% of the Project Subtotal.	Yes	[X]No		\$
Project Permitting, Plan Designs and Oversight - This category is capped at 25% of the Project Subtotal.	[X]Yes	No		\$49,900
Construction Programming	[X]Yes Yes	No <i>[X]</i> No		\$546,200 \$
Equipment - directly related to activities supporting the construction improvements of the project; maintenance equipment is not eligible.	Yes	[X]No		\$
improvements of the project, manneriance equipment is not engine.		Subtota	al	\$596,100
This program does permit the use of funds to cover indirect costs. Do you wan Yes		costs in this project?*		
Tes [	[X]No	Budget Tota	I	\$596,100
Grant amount requested*				\$596,100
Does this project have match?* Total Match		Yes	[X]No	\$0
Total Project Cost				\$596,100
Maintenance - Funding identified is based upon possible need to help supporthe spark grant does not allow for ongoing maintenance, however the DNR ma		,		\$

# **Additional Information**

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#### **Additional Information**

Provide any additional information relevant to the project such as site photos, support letters, surveys, etc.

The county will complete Phases II & III (getting funds by applying for a grant and from funds raised from local horse groups) once Phase 1 is funded and completed. Phase III will be adding a modern restroom/shower facility. Phase III will be creating more modern ada campsites. This will attract even more users.

Title: Document Upload:

LINK TO STATE GAME

**AREA TRAILS** 

- RELOCATED TRAIL

- SANITATION STATION

NEW ELECTRIC PAY /

- 16' WIDE TWO WAY

NEW VAULT TOILET

**IMPROVEMENTS** 

OR WATER

**MODERN ADA** 

**NEW SHOWER /** 

**EXISTING PICNIC** 

HITCHING POSTS

SHELTER

**RESTROOM BUILDING** 

**CAMPSITES** 

**WATER** 

CAMPGROUND ROAD

- EQUESTRIAN CAMPSITE

(16 - 41) - NO ELECTRICAL

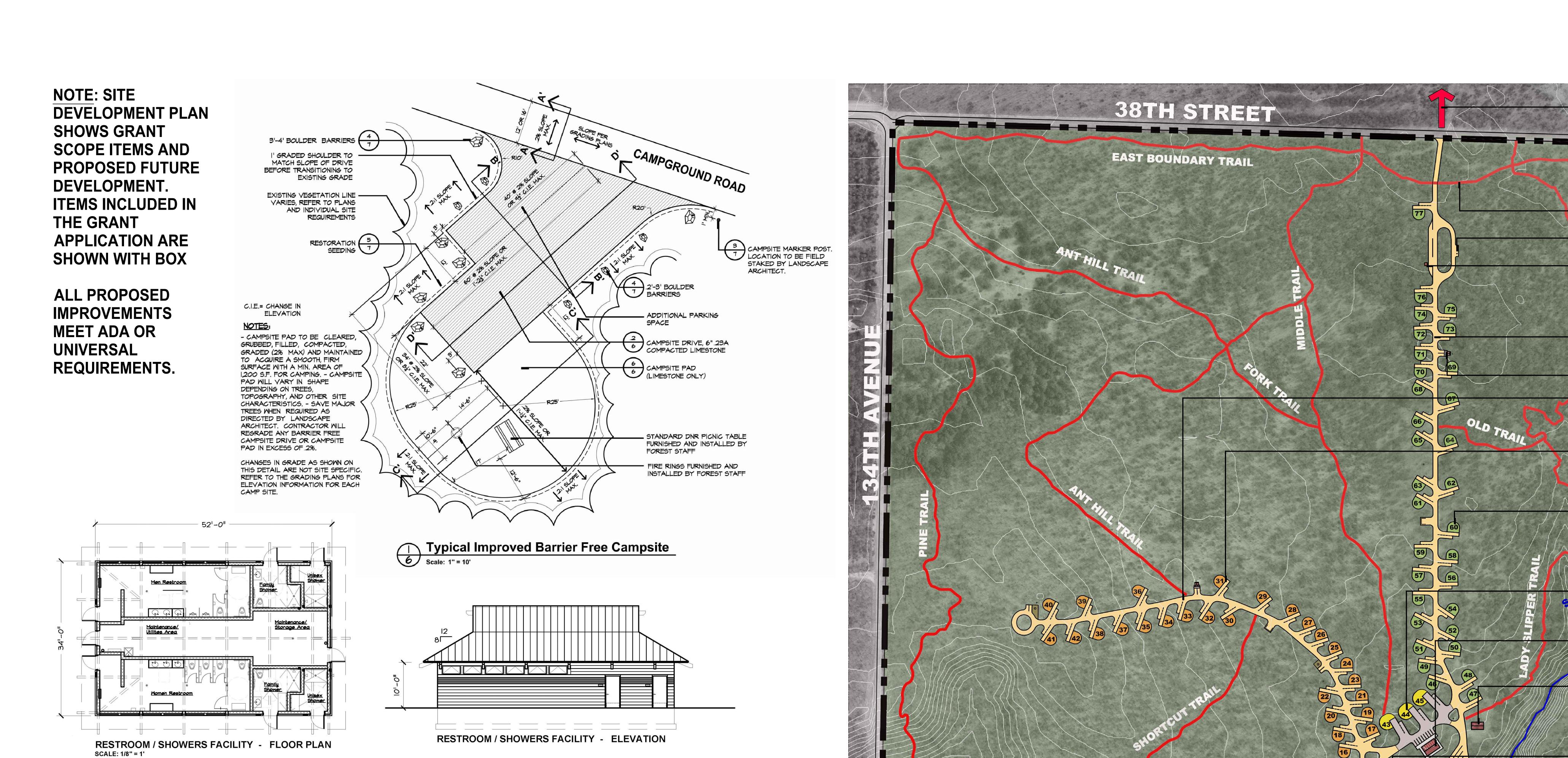
**- EQUESTRIAN CAMPSITES** 

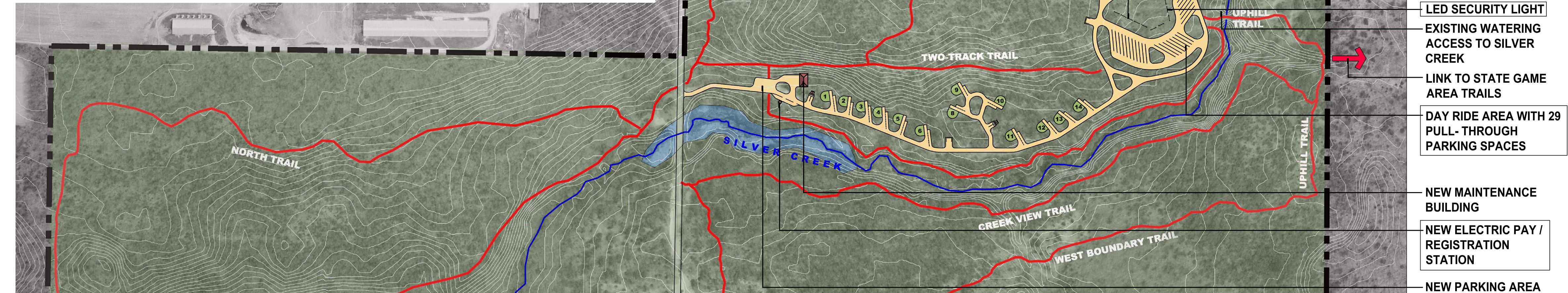
WITH ELECTRICAL AND

**CAMPGROUND ROADS** 

REGISTRATION

**STATION** 









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RFA#: <u>226928</u>

Date: 05/31/2023

Request Type	Grant	Select a Request Type to reveal and complete required form.
Department Requesting	Parks	Science a nequestry pe to reveal and complete required form.
Submitted By	Brandy Gildea	-
Contact Information	Ext 2542	
Name of Grant:  ARPA-0971 Gun Lake Imposed Summary of Grant:  Administered by the DNR provide safe, accessible, purexisting park infrastructure from a minimum of \$100,000 Grant Submission Deadlin  APPLICATION  ACCEPTANCE  New  Renewal  Continuation  Amount (Not including locations)	Michigan Spark Grants, a \$65 million grantablic recreation facilities and spaces to improve and make it easier for people to enjoy both 100 to a maximum of \$1 million.  The Date Jun 26, 2023	at program that is split into three rounds will support projects that rove people's health, introduce new recreation experiences, build on a indoor and outdoor recreation. Individual grant amounts will range
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Yes		
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Comments

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Allegan County	V9QWHKM9ZEC1	CVC	0022586	00036
Organization Type*				
Local Unit of Government		<b></b>		
Name of Authorized Representative*		Title*		
Brandy Gildea		Parks	Manager	
Address*	City*	State*	ZIP*	County*
3283 122nd Avenue	Allegan	МІ	49010	Allegan County
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State House District*	State Senate District*		U.S. Co	ngress District*
District 43 The following link contains District Maps - Proposal Title (Not to exceed 60 chara		orocess/fir	District 4	4
Gun Lake Improvements Address of Site*	City, Village or Towr	nship of S	ite* Zip*	
2397 Patterson Road	Wayland		49348	
County in which Site is located*				
Allegan				
What is/will be the applicant's type of owner [X]Fee simple ownership. Please upload the simple ownership. Please upload the simple of the simple. Explain what rights be because/Easement. Upload a copy of the lesser.	ne deed and site control form which can be the applicant has and what agency holds th	ne underlyi can be fou	ng fee simple ownership. Ind in the handbook.	
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#### Park Name\*

Gun Lake Park
Is this an existing park?\*

[X]Yes No

If yes, please explain what features currently exist at the park?

Gun Lake Park is currently a family-friendly park offering a variety of site amenities and public

watercraft access to Gun Lake. Amenities include over 450 feet of beach, a playground and swings, a basketball court, picnic tables, grills, a covered pavilion (which fits up to 75 people), and modern restroom facilities. The park also has a one-lane approach to a dual watercraft launch with an ADA-accessible dock. Day-use parking is located across the road from the actual part of the park that has amenities

If you are submitting multiple Spark applications, what is the priority for this application? (1=highest)\*

2

# Proposal Description What do you want to do?\*

The necessary improvements which are also denoted in the parks and recreation plan address

outdated equipment and add amenities and safety features to better serve the community and its access to Gun Lake. The site is small and is primarily used for its watercraft launch in Gun Lake but has the potential to drawmore visitors for its land amenities.

A renovated asphalt drive will provide a smoother circulation route and include a bypass lane and two accessible parking spaces. A concrete drive to the boat launch will replace the existing concrete, and newelectric gates with vehicle detection loops and a WiFi-controlled pay station under a security light and entry gate will separate the launch space. An accessible kayak launch connected by a walkway will increase access to Gun Lake. The beach area is expanded to twice the existing length and widened by five feet. The addition of five benches (one barrier-free) along the existing retaining wall at the water's edge will provide a place for visitors to enjoy lake views and fishing, increasing non-watercraft-related activities and use.

A pedestrian crossing with solar-powered rapid flashing beacons on both sides

of Patterson Road will provide unobstructed visibility and high awareness of pedestrians crossing to and from the existing parking lot west of Patterson. A concrete unloading space will provide easy access to the existing pavilion for the public and for partnership programs. Native plantings are used around the pedestrian crossing and bike racks to define the park entry. The existing play structure and surrounding area, grills, pavilion, restroom building, and accessible picnic tables will remain. The swings will be replaced with the addition of playground safety surfacing and edging. LED lights with sensors will replace existing lights on the restroom building on the north side of the park and the maintenance building on the west side of the parking lot. These lights will reduce energy consumption and light pollution while still meeting the needs of the users,

The site contains an open tree canopy of mature maples (Acer spp.) and young sycamores (Platanus spp.) and turf groundcover. The proposed project includes the addition of 7 deciduous trees to enhance the microclimate and increase shade. Additional native plants will assist with flooding, improving water quality and providing habitat. A newstormwater system throughout the park will reduce ponding and flooding, allowing existing vegetation to thrive and reducing pollutants that would otherwise enter the lake.

## 1. Public benefit and anticipated outcomes

#### 1a. How was the community negatively impacted by COVID? How does this project address that? (Maximum of 10 Points)\*

Our community was affected by covid due to so many indoor and group/sports activities being closed down that so many parks and outdoor facilities were identified (positive) but as they were heavily used amenities have become worn sooner than later and park needs/wants (lack of activities/ resources) have been identified. This project helps provide updated amenities and add better amenities for all users (examples: larger beach, sitting areas, ada kayak launch), while also focusing on ensuring that users can safely access the parks, with improved crosswalk with signage/lights and overhead lighting at the launch. Coivd also affected our community's mental health by causing a lot of stress about jobs, being isolated, or being scared they would get sick. Gun Lake Park provided a place for people to go where they could do activities that improved both their physical and/or mental health.

## 1b. How will this project contribute to strong healthy communities that promote health and safety? (Maximum of 8 Points)\*

A key improvement in the project is improving barrier-free access, to increase the number of activities available to users of all abilities. Updated lighting also increases safety for users when accessing park and watercraft launch in the early or late hours. That we are offering public ADA access to Gun Lake from Allegan County (east side of Lake). We have users from all over West Michigan come to fish and use the lake for watercraft activities and The only other public access is over a 20-minute drive for all users from Allegan County (or coming from primary Highway 131 - Kalamazoo/Grand Rapids users). Also, the only park located along the east sid of the lake. Parks can provide crucial vehicles for inclusion, stimulating positive interaction among park users of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds. Parks can help reduce stress and promote mental health and the more facilities that are layered onto a park the more use it can get from people with different interests and skills.

#### 1c. What kind of stakeholder and community input did you have? (Maximum of 4 Points)\*

Several methods were used to info the public about the proposed project and to receive feedback as the improvements/plan was being developed:

- 1. On-site input sessions/public meetings (3 meetings)
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While not a requirement for funding, is this project part of a community recreation or capital improvement plan?\*

This plan has been identified and meets many goals in the 2020-2024 Allegan County Recreation plan (which is on file with the DNR)

Please provide examples of documented stakeholder and community input that you have (including Letters of Support).

Letters of support.pdf

Gun Lake Park - Public Meeting Notes.pdf

1d. Certified Resolution from the highest governing body (Maximum of 2 Points):\*

#### 2. Access to the Project Site

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2b. How will the public reasonably access the project site. Select all that apply.\* (Maximum of 7 Points)

XNehicle

Bus stop within 0.25 miles

|X|Sidewalk |X|Boat/Kayak

[X]Bike Trail

Dial-a-ride

2c. What programs and partnerships currently exist that bring people to your project and activate the space?\* Example – Summer camp, farmers market, music in the park etc. (Maximum of 3 Points)

The Outdoor Discovery Center partners with Allegan County to provide educational programs such as the "Up Close and Wild" and the "Morning Bird Walk." Allegan County's programming partnership with the Outdoor Discovery Center can be increased through the kayak launch, providing another level of access to Gun Lake. The Outdoor Discovery Center typically holds a program each summer that has included stand-up paddle boarding, kayaking, and fishing, with recreational and educational opportunities. The kayak launch will provide easier access for users of all abilities, and the improved site layout will meet the needs of outside organizations with the drop-off area and more connectivity throughout the site.

#### 3. Financial and Social Considerations

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#### 4. Clarity of scope and ability to execute

4a. Provide your targeted dates for the following project milestones.\* (Maximum of 10 Points)

Target Completion Description of Timeline Date

Public Input 3/10/2022 Completed Planning and Design 3/10/2022 Completed

Bidding (must be complete by plan to complete within 10-12 weeks of knowing if grant was 12/22/2023 12/31/2024)

awarded

Construction (must be complete by have construction start asap in the spring of 2024 and be 7/26/2024

completed within 2-3 months.

Programming and activation would start as soon as Programming and activation 8/1/2024

construction in completed

## Conceptual Site Development:\*

GLP SitePlan 020322.pdf

10/31/2026)

Do you have a Licensed Landscape Architect, Engineer, or Architect under contract or on XYes No staff for this project?\*

If yes, what is the firm name and did you use a competitive selection process to retain them? OCBA Landscape Architects.

We used the County's RFP process to select an Architect for this project.

Are construction plans and specifications available?\*

4b. Are Federal, State and/or Local permits required for the project?\* (Maximum of 4 [X]Yes

Points)

**TYPE OF PERMIT** 

**EFFORTS TAKEN TO OBTAIN PERMIT** PERMITTING AGENCY OR DETERMINING PERMIT **Permit Status** 

REQUIREMENTS

Parks Manager

Yes

[X]No

Initial Consultation

No

Permit application prior to the start of SESC Allegan County Initial Consultation construction Permit application prior to the start of Initial Consultation Site Plan Review Allegan County construction Allegan County Road Permit application prior to the start of General Permit Initial Consultation Commission construction

Permit application prior to the start of **MDEQ JPA** State of Michigan

construction Is there any evidence of contamination within the project area?\* Yes IXINo

Select all the following project partners or support staff.

**Contact Name** Description

[X]Local Government Staff Brandy Gildea

Non-Profit Organization/Group Community Foundation Regional Planning Agency Volunteer

Friends Group State or Federal Agency Land Conservancy

Other

## 5. Access to new opportunities for people of all abilities

5a. Please select what groups you have received feedback from and upload the associated support documentation.\* (letters, plan review comments, testimonials, etc.) (Maximum of 5 Points) No feedback received.

Center for Independent Living

Center for Assisted Living

[X]Local or regional Disability Network GLP Letter of Support.pdf

Physical or Recreational Therapist

[X]Individual Letters of support.pdf

Formal Group or Organization

X/Other Letter of Support - Road Commission.pdf

5b. What specific features make your project unique and can clearly show that input from the above groups has been incorporated?\* (Maximum of 10 Points)

That we are offering public ADA access to Gun Lake from Allegan County (east side of Lake). The only other public access is over a 20-minute drive for all users from Allegan County (or coming from main Highway 131 - Kalamazoo/Grand Rapids users)

6. New Construction, Renovation and Future Maintenance

Please do not include mobilization, site work, etc. in the scope list.

Questions 6a1 and 6a2 - Maximum of 7 points. 6a1. Is new construction part of your project?\*

IXIYes No

If yes, please identify the major components of your construction project. Scope List

Brief Description

Boating/Canoe/Kayak Launch or Ramp ada kayak launch

Parking Paved with Accessible Spaces adding ada parking near launch

Site Amenities (Benches, Picnic Tables, Trash Bins, Signage, etc.) benches, signage

Landscaping trees

Utilities over head safety light -led upgrades

Other wifi access

6a2. Is this renovation (replace with the same scope item) or redevelopment (change of XYes No

use with similar footprint) part of your project?\*

If yes, please identify the major components of your construction project.

Scope List Brief Description Age of existing item in years?

Beach/Shoreline Improvements exapand beach area 20-30 years

Play Equipment (including safety surfacing) adding newswings with improved &

expanded safety surface area 10-20 years

Access Road/Entrance Drive boat launch drive 30-40 years

What mechanisms and resources are in place to maintain this investment? Please check all that apply.\*

XIGeneral Fund support for Parks and Recreation

Millage

**Endowment Fund** 

Grants

Friends Group

[X]Dedicated Parks and Recreation Staffing

None of the above

Other

Based upon the existing mechanisms and resources, how long could you maintain this investment?\*

for the life of the park (50 + years)

6b. Describe the selection of materials, the way the project is designed, and other features that make it sustainable.\* (Maximum of 2 Points)

All materials are locally sourced. Lights will be changed to all LED.

6c. What design features or considerations in your project reduces long term maintenance?\* (Maximum of 2 Points)

newdrainage will keep the park from flooding (which has caused problems with beach erosion and rotting playground surfacing materials faster).

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# Financial Details

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udget Categories	Need for	project?*	Total Cost
e-planning - Only includes conceptual designs, public input, public veys and other meetings.	Yes	[X]No	,
Iministration - Internal activities necessary to support the oversight and plementation of the project. This category is capped at 5% of the Project btotal.	Yes	[X]No	
oject Permitting, Plan Designs and Oversight - This category is opped at 25% of the Project Subtotal.	[X]Yes	No	\$54,00
nstruction	[X]Yes	No	\$482,50
ogramming  uipment - directly related to activities supporting the construction	Yes	[X]No	,
provements of the project; maintenance equipment is not eligible.	Yes	<i>[X]</i> No	•
		Subtotal	\$536,500
s program does permit the use of funds to cover indirect costs. Do you war	nt to include indirect c	osts in this project?*	
s	<i>[X]</i> No	Budget Total	\$536,500
ant amount requested*			\$522,50
pes this project have match?* tal Match	[ <sup>2</sup>	X]Yes N	No \$14,000
tal Project Cost			\$536,500
General Funds or Local Restricted Funds (Applicant's own cash)			\$4.4.0C
ARPA FUNDS			\$14,00
Force Account Labor/Materials (Applicant's own paid labor or materials)			
Federal or State Funds			
Cash Donations			
Donated Labor and/or Materials			
<b>untenance</b> - Funding identified is based upon possible need to help supports spark grant does not allow for ongoing maintenance, however the DNR ma		-	

# **Additional Information**

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## **Additional Information**

Provide any additional information relevant to the project such as site photos, support letters, surveys, etc.

Title: Document Upload:

Letters of Support -public



#### **PROPOSED**



# **SITE PLAN**





## **PROPOSED**

A 5' wide concrete walk

Renovated asphalt drive to boat launch and barrier-free parking

C Unloading space

D Bollard

Bike racks (3)

E Low maintenance plantings

G 6' bench on concrete pad (4 total)

H Expand beach 23' x 225'

Pedestrian crossing with solarpowered rapid flashing beacon, both sides of Patterson

New swings and safety surfacing

Restroom building: convert lighting to LED, add motion sensors

New shade tree (typical)

M 'Kayak Drop-Off, No Parking' sign

Pedestrian Crossing Ahead' sign

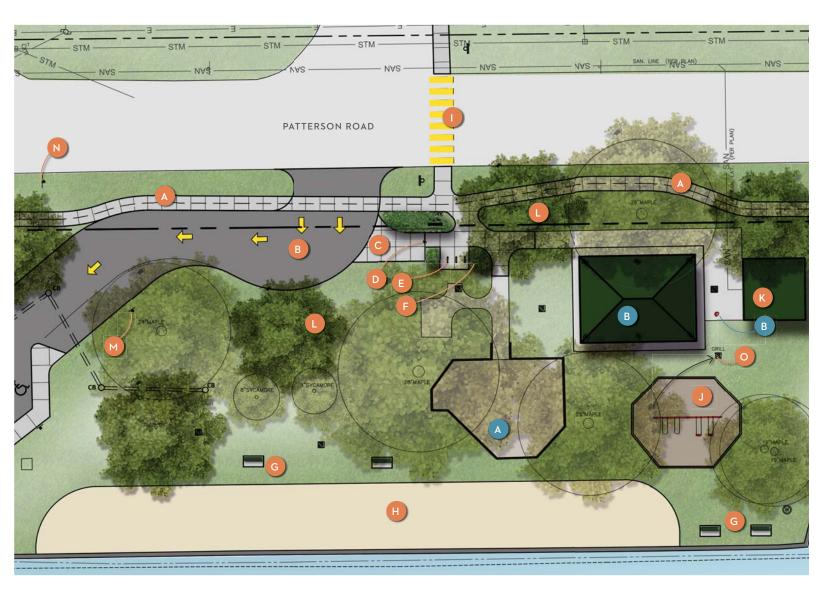
Shift existing grill

## **EXISTING**

A Play area

Picnic shelter

C Drinking Fountain



# **ENLARGEMENT**







Completed RFA form must be attached to a work order request through the Track-It System. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Administration @ ext. 2633.

RFA#: <u>226946</u>

Date: 06/01/2023

Request Type	Grant	Select a Request Type to reveal and complete required form.
Department Requesting	Parks	Select a nequest Type to reveal and complete required form.
Submitted By	Brandy Gildea	
Contact Information	Ext 2542	
Name of Grant:  ARPA-0970 West Side Par  Summary of Grant:  Administered by the DNR, provide safe, accessible, puexisting park infrastructure	Michigan Spark Grants, a \$65 million ablic recreation facilities and spaces to and make it easier for people to enjoy to a maximum of \$1 million. Unli	n grant program that is split into three rounds will support projects that o improve people's health, introduce new recreation experiences, build on y both indoor and outdoor recreation. Individual grant amounts will range ke most DNR grants this one does not require a match.
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Continuation	1 (1) (000,000,00	
Amount (Not including loc		
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Term of Grant		
Does it involve personnel?  No Yes		
Does it involve ongoing O  No Yes	perational Activities (recoverable?)	
Admin Fees	\$0.00	
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Does it effect other operat		
Yes		
No		

	Date:	06/01/2023
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Changes in Grant:		

RFA#: 226946

# **Applicant Information**

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Name of Applicant (Government Unit)	Unique Entity Identifier Number	er <mark>*</mark> Sign	na Vendor Number*	SIGMA Address ID*
Allegan County	V9QWHKM9ZEC1	CV0	0022586	00036
Organization Type*				
Local Unit of Government  Name of Authorized Representative*		Title*		
Brandy Gildea		Parks I	Manager	
Address*	City*	State*	ZIP*	County*
3283 122nd Avenue	Allegan	MI	49010	Allegan County
Telephone*	E-mail*			
(269) 673-0378	bgildea@allegancounty.org			
State House District*	State Senate District*		U.S. Cor	ngress District*
District 38 The following link contains District Maps - Proposal Title (Not to exceed 60 chara		-process/fina	District 4 al-maps	
West Side Park - Beach Access Improve Address of Site*	ements Phase 1 City, Village or Tow	nship of S	ite* Zip*	
2152 Lakeshore Drive	Fennville		49408	
County in which Site is located*				
Allegan				
What is/will be the applicant's type of own [X]Fee simple ownership. Please upload West Side Deed for Man West Side Deed for Lag Less than fee simple. Explain what rights Lease/Easement. Upload a copy of the lease	the deed and site control form which can b in Parcel - 1921.pdf noon Property - 1967.pdf the applicant has and what agency holds	the underlyir n can be fou	ng fee simple ownership. nd in the handbook.	

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Regional Partner

Project Category

Comments

## Narrative Details - Part 1

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#### Park Name

West Side County Park Is this an existing park?\*

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If yes, please explain what features currently exist at the park?

Nο

West Side Park is located on the beautiful Lake Michigan shoreline. It consists of 11 acres with 630 feet of beautiful, sandy beach on Lake Michigan. A dune stairway provides easy access to the beach. West Side has picnic tables, two covered pavilions, two modern restroom buildings, and a fenced playground.

If you are submitting multiple Spark applications, what is the priority for this application? (1=highest)\*

1

## **Proposal Description**

What do you want to do?\*

Development to include the construction of, and installation of an accessible ramp and landing, and overlook area. The Lake Michigan Shoreline is the true asset of this park and this proposed project will provide barrier-free access for all users to enjoy. This is phase 1 of 3 phases.

1. Public benefit and anticipated outcomes

1a. How was the community negatively impacted by COVID? How does this project address that? (Maximum of 10 Points)\*

Our community was affected by covid due to so many indoor and group/sports activities being closed down that so many parks and outdoor facilities were identified (positive) but as they were heavily used amenities have become worn sooner than later and park needs/wants (lack of activities/ resources) have been identified. This project helps provide ADA access to Lake Michigan. There is no other ADA access to Lake Michigan in Allegan County. Coivd also affected our community's mental health by causing a lot of stress about jobs, being isolated, or being scared they would get sick. West Side Park Park provided a place for people to go where they could do activities that improved both their physical and/or mental health.

1b. How will this project contribute to strong healthy communities that promote health and safety? (Maximum of 8 Points)\*

West Side Park provides a place for people to go where they could do activities that improve both their physical and/or mental health. It will provide ADA access to Lake Michigan that many Allegan County residents currently don't have. Parks can provide crucial vehicles for inclusion, stimulating positive interaction among park users of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds. Parks can help reduce stress and promote mental health and the more facilities that are layered onto a park the more use it can get from people with different interests and skills.

1c. What kind of stakeholder and community input did you have? (Maximum of 4 Points)\*

Several methods were used to info the public about the proposed project and to receive feedback as the improvements/plan was being developed:

- 1. On-site input sessions/public meetings (3 meetings)
- 2. Social media pages with weekly updates with pictures and/or videos on Facebook and Instagram.
- 3. Board updates that go to our Board of Commissioners, who then share with all their constituents.
- 4. Website updates.
- 5. Staff at the parks updating users coming in.

While not a requirement for funding, is this project part of a community recreation or capital improvement plan?\*

This plan has been identified and meets many goals in the 2020-2024 Allegan County Recreation plan (which is on file with the DNR) Please provide examples of documented stakeholder and community input that you have (including Letters of Support).

Westside County Park ADA Beach Access Feedback.pdf

WS Beach Access Feedback from Emails.pdf

1d. Certified Resolution from the highest governing body (Maximum of 2 Points):\*

#### 2. Access to the Project Site

2a. Access to the Project Site: Based upon the geographic location of the proposed project, the DNR will determine what portion of the community's population will be within a half mile of the project site. (Maximum of 7 Points)

2b. How will the public reasonably access the project site. Select all that apply.\* (Maximum of 7 Points)

[X]Vehicle Bus stop within 0.25 miles Sidewalk [X]Boat/Kayak

[X]Bike Trail

Dial-a-ride

[X]

Walking (lots of neighbors)

2c. What programs and partnerships currently exist that bring people to your project and activate the space?\* Example – Summer camp, farmers market, music in the park etc. (Maximum of 3 Points)

The Outdoor Discovery Center partners with Allegan County to provide educational programs such as the "Up Close and Wild" and the "Morning BirdWalk.".

#### 3. Financial and Social Considerations

Household income, park density, and health are all important attributes of a strong, healthy community and the basis for the social and financial scoring section. DNR will score this section based on statewide available data and the geographical location of the proposed project. (Maximum of 19 Points)

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## Narrative Details - Part 2

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#### 4. Clarity of scope and ability to execute

4a. Provide your targeted dates for the following project milestones.\* (Maximum of 10 Points)

**Target Completion Date** Description of Timeline

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West Side Park Site Plan.pdf

Do you have a Licensed Landscape Architect, Engineer, or Architect under contract or on staff for this project?\* [X]Yes

No

[X]Yes

If yes, what is the firm name and did you use a competitive selection process to retain them? Abonmarche Consultants, Inc. We used the County's RFP process to select an Architect for this project.

Are construction plans and specifications available?\* [X]No 4b. Are Federal, State and/or Local permits required for the project?\* (Maximum of 4 Points) [X]Yes

EFFORTS TAKEN TO OBTAIN PERMIT OR PERMITTING AGENCY TYPE OF PERMIT **Permit Status DETERMINING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS** 

Site Plan Review Ganges Township Permit application prior to the start of construction Initial Consultation Site Plan Review Allegan COunty Permit application prior to the start of construction Initial Consultation SESC Allegan County Permit application prior to the start of construction Initial Consultation State of Michigan MDEQ JPA Permit application prior to the start of construction Initial Consultation /X/No

Is there any evidence of contamination within the project area?\* Select all the following project partners or support staff.

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Brandy Gildea

Formal Group or Organization

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Questions 6a1 and 6a2 - Maximum of 7 points. 6a1. Is new construction part of your project?\*

If yes, please identify the major components of your construction project.

Scope List **Brief Description** 

Other Timber ADA Ramp. Overlook or Observation Deck TIMBER OVERLOOK

6a2. Is this renovation (replace with the same scope item) or redevelopment (change of use with similar

[X]Yes Nο footprint) part of your project?\*

If yes, please identify the major components of your construction project.

Scope List **Brief Description** Age of existing item in years?

Access Pathway 6' wide or more CONCRETE WALK, 8' WIDE 0-10 years

## Michigan Spark Grant Application

ARPA-0970

Gazebo/Pavilion/Shade Structure

RELOCATED GAZEBO

0-10 years

What mechanisms and resources are in place to maintain this investment? Please check all that apply.\*

[X]General Fund support for Parks and Recreation

Millage

**Endowment Fund** 

Grants

Friends Group

[X]Dedicated Parks and Recreation Staffing

None of the above

Other

Based upon the existing mechanisms and resources, how long could you maintain this investment?\*

for the life of the park (50 + years)

6b. Describe the selection of materials, the way the project is designed, and other features that make it sustainable.\* (Maximum of 2 Points)

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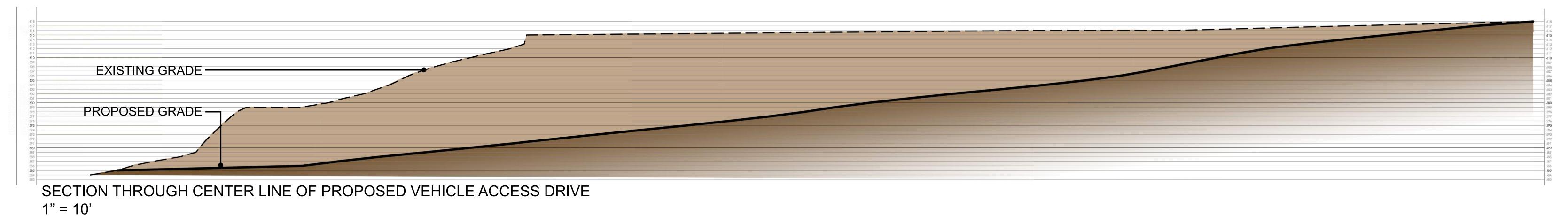
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#### **Additional Information**

Provide any additional information relevant to the project such as site photos, support letters, surveys, etc.

This project is part of a larger project that will ensure we can maintain the beach and structure to provide access as the water levels change. This is Phase 1 of 3 for this total project.

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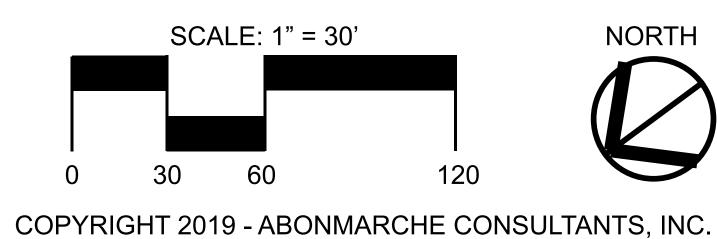


WEST SIDE PARK BEACH ACCESS - OPTION A

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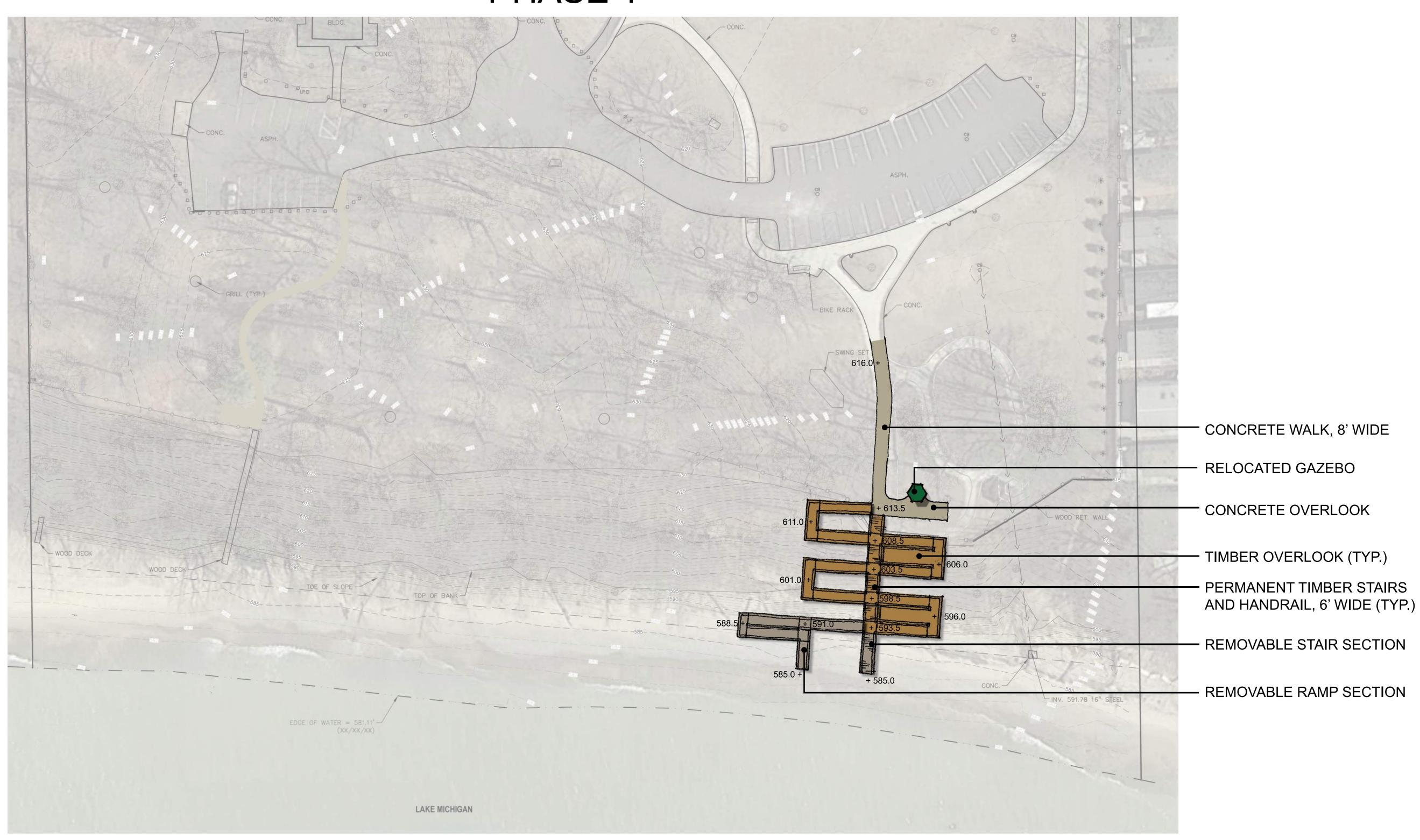
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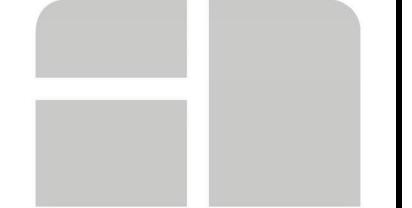




# PHASE 1



NOTE: ALL SPOT ELEVATIONS NOTED ARE APPROXIMATE.



# WEST SIDE PARK BEACH ACCESS - OPTION A

PREPARED FOR: ALLEGAN COUNTY

DATE: MAY 31, 2023



