

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Recommendations

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DEVELOPMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Southeastern/South Central Lower Peninsula/Tri-City

City of Alma (Griiot County) is recommended to receive \$91,300 to improve parking areas at Hampton, Holiday, King and Wright parks.

City of Ann Arbor (Washtenaw County) is recommended to receive \$300,000 to develop Gallup Park to include barrier-free access to buildings, energy improvements, barrier-free docks for boating and fishing, a patio area, updates for a park building and trail improvements.

City of Ann Arbor (Washtenaw County) is recommended to receive \$300,000 to develop an in-ground concrete skate park at Veterans Memorial Park.

Village of Chesaning (Saginaw County) is recommended to receive \$300,000 for improvements to Cole Park to include a bridge, pathways and site restoration/preparation.

City of Clio (Genesee County) is recommended to receive \$79,800 to stabilize the Pine Creek retaining wall to support the Pine Creek Run Trail.

City of Clio (Genesee County) is recommended to receive \$45,000 for improvements to Pine Run Creek Trail to include replacement of the trail under the Mill Street Bridge, demolition of the Vienna Street access and other improvements.

Dansville State Game Area Shooting Range (Ingham County), a project managed by the DNR, is recommended to receive \$300,000 to renovate the shooting range at Dansville State Game Area to include universally accessible stands, rifle and pistol berms, shooting stations, rustic restroom facilities, upgrading the entrance walkway, service drive and parking area.

City of Dearborn (Wayne County) is recommended to receive \$268,900 to develop a new bridge across the Huron River on the Camp Dearborn non-motorized trail with a fishing pier and canoe launch.

Delhi Township (Ingham County) is recommended to receive \$300,000 to develop approximately two miles of non-motorized trail to connect to the existing Lansing River Trail.

City of Detroit (Wayne County) is recommended to receive \$300,000 for improvements to Jayne-Lasky Playfield, including development of walking trails, relocation of a soccer

field, renovations to two softball diamonds, landscaping improvements and site amenities.

City of Detroit (Wayne County) is recommended to receive \$300,000 for improvements to Lipke Playfield, including relocation of a football field, conversion of open space, horseshoe courts, renovation of a softball diamond, walking trails, landscaping and site amenities.

Village of Dimondale (Eaton County) is recommended to receive \$169,900 to develop Island Park to include barrier-free access to the park and the Grand River. The plan includes a paved entrance drive, parking lot, pathways, fishing dock, universally accessible kayak launch, bridge, rain gardens, landscaping and entry sign.

City of Eaton Rapids (Eaton County) is recommended to receive \$300,000 for improvements to Mill Street Landing to include construction of a non-motorized trail, universally accessible canoe launches, rain gardens, riverbank stabilization, parking areas, site furnishings and interpretive signage.

Edenville Township (Midland County) is recommended to receive \$191,500 to develop a six-foot wide asphalt trail, wooden fishing pier with barrier-free floating dock and gangway, parking lot, barrier-free ramps and stairs.

Frankenlust Township (Bay County) is recommended to receive \$300,000 to renovate two bridges on an abandoned rail line for the Great Lakes Bay Region Trail.

City of Grand Ledge (Eaton County) is recommended to receive \$138,800 to redevelop a boat launch and boardwalk dock at Jaycee Park.

City of Harbor Beach (Huron County) is recommended to receive \$281,000 to develop a bike and pedestrian path, new restroom facilities and playground equipment along the city's waterfront.

Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority (Oakland County) is recommended to receive \$94,000 for improvements to Kensington Metropark to include a pond overlook, replace a seawall, walks and railing, group seating area, interpretive signage, viewing scopes and accessibility to pond dipping programs.

City of Inkster (Wayne County) is recommended to receive \$192,500 to construct a trail within the Lower Rouge Parkway System.

City of Jackson (Jackson County) is recommended to receive \$70,000 to resurface basketball and tennis courts in Bloomfield Park.

City of Lathrup Village (Oakland County) is recommended to receive \$50,000 to replace playground equipment at Goldengate Park.

Oakland Township (Oakland County) is recommended to receive \$300,000 to develop a paved trail, boardwalks, pedestrian bridges, interpretive/directional signage and fishing access on the Paint Creek Trail/Polly Ann Trail south connector.

Saginaw County is recommended to receive \$251,500 to develop 1.4 miles of trail to connect between the existing Saginaw Valley Rail-Trail and the pathway along Center Road.

Sanilac County is recommended to receive \$300,000 to relocate 42 rustic campsites at Evergreen Park.

Ypsilanti Township (Washtenaw County) is recommended to receive \$300,000 for renovations to Rutherford Pool.

City of Ypsilanti (Washtenaw County) is recommended to receive \$289,400 to develop the Ypsilanti Heritage Bridge under Michigan Avenue and a fishing pier.

Southwestern Lower Peninsula/West Michigan

Belvidere Township (Montcalm County) is recommended to receive \$59,000 to develop a fishing pier and parking lot on First Lake at Belvidere Township Park

City of Buchanan (Berrien County) is recommended to receive \$288,000 to develop a linear urban trail from St. Joseph River on the east end of the city to the natural prairie on the west end of the city.

Comstock Township (Kalamazoo County) is recommended to receive \$300,000 for improvements to Robert Morris Park, including a multi-use building, pavement/concrete removal, sidewalk, topsoil/seed/mulch and storage building demolition.

City of Dowagiac (Cass County) is recommended to receive \$300,000 to develop Silver Creek Russom Park. The project includes construction of an entrance road, a 325-car parking area, a one-quarter mile paved, universally accessible walking and exercise trail and a universally accessible play area.

Fred Meijer Ionia to Owosso Rail-Trail Development, a project managed by the DNR, is recommended to receive \$300,000 to develop eight miles of paved rail-trail through the communities of Ovid, St. Johns, Fowler, Pewamo and Muir. The project includes grading and drainage, bridges and culverts, access management, site amenities and signage.

City of Grand Rapids (Kent County) is recommended to receive \$300,000 to develop Pleasant Park to include play/informal sports and neighborhood gathering areas, barrier-

free playground, sledding/rolling hill, accessible concrete walks, native landscaping and rain gardens.

Grattan Township (Kent County) is recommended to receive \$23,400 to develop a parking lot, trails, gazebo, two boardwalks with observation decks and kiosks at Seeley Creek Park.

City of Hastings (Barry County) is recommended to receive \$244,900 to develop the .66 mile non-motorized recreational trail from Tyden Park to the existing pedestrian corridor of State Street, including paved trails, a river overlook, restoration of the river's edge in the park and site amenities.

Ionia County is recommended to receive \$300,000 for five miles of rail-trail surface improvements, surface grading and drainage, bridges and culverts, access management, site amenities and a signage system.

City of Kentwood (Kent County) is recommended to receive \$125,400 to develop a boardwalk addition and replace existing boardwalk at Northeast Park.

Village of Lake Odessa (Ionia County) is recommended to receive \$200,000 to develop the Lake Odessa Municipal Beach to include floating docks, walkways, new parking and security system. All will be universally accessible.

Laketon Township (Muskegon County) is recommended to receive \$300,000 to develop 1.25 miles of non-motorized trail along the entire length of Bear Lake Road to extend to an existing trail.

Laketon Township (Allegan County) is recommended to receive \$50,000 to develop a picnic area, soccer field and ball diamond at Township Hall Park.

Village of Lakewood (Muskegon County) is recommended to receive \$45,000 for improvements to Fox Lake Park, including 1,300 linear feet of six-foot wide paved, non-motorized trail along the edge of Fox Lake, seating overlook areas and boardwalk extensions for viewing and fishing.

Little Manistee River Weir, managed by the Department of Natural Resources' Fisheries Division, is recommended to receive \$300,000 to develop interpretive, educational and recreational facilities on the weir property in Manistee County.

City of Lowell (Kent County) is recommended to receive \$300,000 for improvements at the Flat River Amphitheater Park to include replacing existing concrete amphitheater with a greenspace park located on the Flat River. The project also includes a kayak/canoe launch, a boat dock, walkways and an observation/fishing area.

Village of Luther (Lake County) is recommended to receive \$84,300 for improvements to Luther Mill Pond Park, including a trail system, fishing pier, educational interpretive garden and updates to an existing parking lot and basketball court.

City of Manistee (Manistee County) is recommended to receive \$280,000 to remove and replace the First Street Beach House in Douglas Park. The new facility will be universally accessible.

Mason County is recommended to receive \$129,600 for improvements to the Mason County Campground to include replacement of an out-dated entry station with a new Welcome Center building, site entrance drive, parking/pull-off area and new entrance gates and signs.

Village of McBride (Montcalm County) is recommended to receive \$132,300 for improvements to Robert Lee Davis Memorial Park to include a restroom, playground equipment, accessible parking, accessible walkways and a new nature trail.

Muskegon County is recommended to receive \$150,800 to develop Rotary Park, to include providing access to canoeing and kayaking for persons with disabilities and a barrier-free play ground.

Ottawa County is recommended to receive \$300,000 to develop a waterfront walkway along 1,300 feet of Lake Macatawa to include paved walkways, boardwalks, overlooks and interpretive displays.

Village of Pewamo (Ionia County) is recommended to receive \$85,200 to develop a trailhead with a pavilion, restrooms and parking.

City of Roosevelt Park (Muskegon County) is recommended to receive \$45,000 to renovate four existing tennis courts.

Silver Creek Township (Cass County) is recommended to receive \$298,200 to develop the Silver Creek Russom Park to include the construction of an entrance road, a 205-car parking area, a three-quarter mile paved, universally accessible walking and exercise trail, a universally accessible play area and an irrigation well.

City of South Haven (Van Buren County) is recommended to receive \$254,800 to develop universally accessible restrooms, pavilion, basketball courts and fencing at Elkenburg Park.

City of St. Joseph (Berrien County) is recommended to receive \$247,100 for improvements at Lions Park Beach, including replacing restrooms, adding an accessible picnic pavilion, improving access to the water and concrete walkway enhancements.

Texas Township (Kalamazoo County) is recommended to receive \$300,000 to construct 1.7 miles of universally accessible, non-motorized trail from the Al Sabo Well Preserve to 12th Street.

Northern Lower Peninsula

Charlevoix County is recommended to receive \$300,000 to construct a 10-foot wide non-motorized recreational trail from Boyne City to the Evangeline/Bay Township line.

Coldsprings Township (Kalkaska County) is recommended to receive \$47,000 to develop Sands Park, including an accessible picnic shelter, restrooms, trails to the beach and parking area, lighting, beach improvements, grading, a maintenance shed and nature trail grading.

Emmet County is recommended to receive \$300,000 to develop a 10-foot wide multi-use recreational rail-trail connecting the communities of Conway, Oden and Alanson to Petoskey and Harbor Springs.

Garfield Township (Grand Traverse County) is recommended to receive \$300,000 to develop Historic Barns Park and Garden to include universally accessible paved trails, a picnic grove, interpretive center and site amenities.

Mullett Township (Cheboygan County) is recommended to receive \$280,000 for improvements to Topinabee Lakeside Park to include site preparation, observation/viewing plaza, signage, furniture, plantings, fencing, well/drinking fountain, retaining wall, universally accessible fishing/viewing deck and play apparatus.

City of Petoskey (Emmet County) is recommended to receive \$300,000 to develop a 10-foot wide concrete path, trailhead parking, road crossings, benches, interpretive signs and native seeding for the city's Downtown Greenway north segment.

City of Petoskey (Emmet County) is recommended to receive \$59,700 to construct a .37 mile paved, accessible non-motorized trail connecting Village Harbor Drive and Resort Township's East Park.

Richfield Township (Roscommon County) is recommended to receive \$55,800 to develop a universally accessible fishing pier, canoe/kayak launch, accessible route for pedestrian corridors and interpretive information displays at Lake St. Helen.

Village of Suttons Bay (Leelanau County) is recommended to receive \$240,000 to develop a 1.3 mile 10-foot wide non-motorized pathway with universally accessible amenities along Front Street.

City of Traverse City (Grand Traverse County) is recommended to receive \$210,000 to develop 2,900 linear feet of 10-foot wide non-motorized, multi-use trail on the Boardman Lake Trail West within a city recreation area to include picnic areas, shelters, seating, a fishing pier, a kayak/canoe launch and bike racks.

Tuscarora Township (Cheboygan County) is recommended to receive \$250,900 to develop a trailhead for the North Central Lake Trail to include parking, a trail gateway,

landscaping, lighting, benches, trash receptacles, bike rack and universally accessible restrooms.

Wilson Township (Alpena County) is recommended to receive \$73,600 for improvements to Wolf Creek Park to include installation of a universally accessible restroom, accessible fishing platform, landscaping and crushed limestone pathways.

Upper Peninsula

Bates Township (Iron County) is recommended to receive \$155,900 for improvements to Bates Township Park to include universal accessibility for the existing pavilion, restrooms and development of a fishing pier.

City of Bessemer (Gogebic County) is recommended to receive \$279,900 to develop the Ethnic Commons and Regional Range trailhead, including cultural and interpretive signs, flagpoles, greenspace, a gazebo, site furnishings, kiosk, pedestrian lighting, trees and landscape.

Calumet Township (Houghton County) is recommended to receive \$29,000 for trail improvements at the Calumet Lions Park.

City of Gastra (Iron County) is recommended to receive \$64,200 to develop restroom facilities with a storage area near an existing ball and soccer field.

City of Hancock (Houghton County) is recommended to receive \$262,500 to develop 382 feet of universally accessible boardwalk in the Navy Street Park.

Interior Township (Ontonagon County) is recommended to receive \$43,500 to improve accessibility at Abbot Fox Community Park, to include walkways, parking areas, a fishing/observation deck, picnic tables, grills, benches and signage.

City of Ironwood (Gogebic County) is recommended to receive \$295,900 for improvements to Depot Recreation Park and Trailhead, including non-motorized trail, construction of a pavilion with restroom facilities, pathways, parking lot, playground equipment, pedestrian lighting, outdoor furnishings, site amenities, landscaping and a kiosk.

Manistique Township (Schoolcraft County) is recommended to receive \$73,100 to provide barrier-free beach access at the township park. The project includes a new playground surface, boardwalk, viewing platform, changing building, interpretive signage, beach access path, pavilion and bike rack.

Village of Newberry (Luce County) is recommended to receive \$300,000 to develop the Tahquamenon Outdoor Recreation Complex to include a synthetic ice skating and hockey facility and associated site improvements.

Watersmeet Township (Gogebic County) is recommended to receive \$276,800 to restore and upgrade the south section of the Agonikak National Recreation Trail for non-motorized use, completing a 13-mile trail from Watersmeet Township to Land O' Lakes, Wisconsin.

Statewide Initiatives

Statewide Equestrian Initiative, a project managed by the DNR, is recommended to receive \$300,000 to develop various equestrian trails, trailheads, camping and support facilities.

ACQUISITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS

Southeast/South Central/Tri-Cities

Bath Township (Clinton County) is recommended to receive \$40,000 to acquire 4.2 acres to connect Park Lake Preserve property to Park Lake Road for future nature/walking trail development.

Bay County is recommended to receive \$259,000 to acquire 60 acres of riverfront property on the Pinconning River that adjoins Pinconning Park.

Clay Township (St. Clair County) is recommended to receive \$3 million to acquire 440 acres on Harsens Island to protect globally imperiled natural habitat, create a buffer for the St. Clair Flats State Game Area, establish a wildlife corridor and provide recreation opportunities.

Commerce, Walled Lake and Wixom Trailway Management Council (Oakland County) is recommended to receive \$3,755,400 to acquire approximately 32.91 acres of railway corridor and the Walled Lake Train Depot for non-motorized trailway use.

Cottrellville Township (St. Clair County) is recommended to receive \$337,700 to acquire four parcels for a township riverfront park.

Jackson County is recommended to receive \$187,500 to acquire approximately 40 acres to develop a non-motorized pathway connection and greenbelt between the Inter City Trail and Sparks Foundation County Park.

The River Raisin Recreation Area acquisition by the Department of Natural Resources' Parks and Recreation Division is recommended to receive \$3 million to acquire 2,000 acres in southern Jackson and Washtenaw counties for a new southern Michigan recreation area to focus on hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation.

Southeast Michigan Eco-Region Consolidation is recommended to receive \$1,475,000 for the acquisition of critical in-holdings within existing boundaries in state parks and recreation areas, state game areas, state harbors and Natural Rivers areas.

St. Clair County is recommended to receive \$150,000 to acquire 2.75 acres of former railroad right-of-way between Military Street and the St. Clair River to develop a universally accessible trail.

Washtenaw County is recommended to receive \$2,275,000 to acquire 54.17 acres of urban nature area that will connect two nature preserves.

Southwest/West Michigan

Southwestern Lower Peninsula Eco-Region Consolidation is recommended to receive \$1 million to acquire various properties within the southwest Michigan eco-region to improve DNR ownership by eliminating in-holdings in DNR project areas.

Spring Lake Township (Ottawa County) is recommended to receive \$30,000 to acquire approximately four acres for scenic views, public access to natural waterfront, preservation of the natural landscape of the township and to provide quality wetland and upland habitat areas.

Northern Lower Peninsula

Acme Township (Grand Traverse County) is recommended to receive \$862,500 to acquire approximately 475 feet of frontage on East Grand Traverse Bay in two parcels.

Iosco County is recommended to receive \$148,000 to acquire 2.89 acres of land on Van Etten Creek.

Leland Township (Leelanau County) is recommended to receive \$2,933,000 to acquire 104.5 acres of Clay Cliffs/Crary property to be managed as a township natural area.

Northern Lower Peninsula Eco-Regional Land Consolidation is recommended to receive \$950,000 to acquire various properties within the northern Lower Peninsula eco-region that will improve DNR ownership by eliminating in-holdings within state project areas.

Resort Township (Emmet County) is recommended to receive \$157,000 to acquire 76.6 acres to expand an existing township park.

Wigwam Bay State Wildlife Area, managed by the DNR's Wildlife Division in Arenac County, is recommended to receive \$400,000 to acquire 106 acres with one-quarter mile

of waterfront on Saginaw Bay to provide ice fishing, waterfowl, deer, turkey and small game hunting opportunities.

Upper Peninsula

Eagle Harbor Township (Keweenaw County) is recommended to receive \$498,000 to acquire 320 acres of property to add to the Keweenaw Coastal Wildlife Corridor for conservation and recreational access.

Negaunee Township (Marquette County) is recommended to receive \$202,700 to acquire 176.84 acres to preserve and extend the township's non-motorized trail system.

Upper Peninsula Eco-Regional Land Consolidation is recommended to receive \$950,000 to acquire various properties within the Upper Peninsula to improve DNR ownership by eliminating in-holdings within DNR project areas.

Statewide Initiatives

Various rail-to-trail acquisitions by the DNR will be recommended for \$1 million in funding to extend, connect or enhance the state recreation trail network, including lands for trailhead support facilities.