

2021 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Recommendations

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Upper Peninsula

Delta County – City of Escanaba, Webster Park Splash Pad - \$150,000

Development project in the City of Escanaba to create a barrier-free splash park at Webster Park in a residential neighborhood. The Webster Park Splash Pad location is also adjacent to Webster School which houses the community's kindergarten program.

Dickinson County – DNR, Menominee River - Piers Gorge Accessible Trail - \$300,000

Development at the Menominee River Recreation Area at Piers Gorge, which contains some of Michigan's most beautiful scenery and rare opportunity for white-water rafting. The project will replace two small pedestrian bridges and improve riverside trails along the gorge to provide access to scenic overlooks and provide for emergency access to the falls for rafters. This project is critical to providing safe white-water rafting experiences on the river and public access at the park, while protecting sensitive natural areas. The river provides exceptional viewing opportunities for bald eagles, osprey, and waterfowl. The Menominee River State Recreation Area encompasses nearly 10,000 acres of public land along both sides of 17 miles of the river through natural surroundings. The Park is co-managed by both Michigan and Wisconsin.

Dickinson County – City of Iron Mountain, Pewabic Hill Mountain Bike Trail System - \$183,200

Development project for Iron Mountain's 102-acre Pewabic Hill Park for a mountain bike trail system. The park's hilltop terrain is ideal for mountain biking and offers spectacular views of downtown and the surrounding landscape. The project includes parking and signage for the park. Pewabic Hill will be part of the Dickinson Trail Network, a regional system of non-motorized trails at multiple locations throughout Dickinson County.

Houghton County – DNR, Douglass Houghton Falls Scenic Site Development - \$300,000

Development of the Douglass Houghton Falls Scenic Site, between Laurium and Lake Linden, in the Keweenaw Peninsula. Douglass Houghton Falls, on Hammell Creek, is Michigan's highest waterfall, falling approximately 110 feet down nearly vertical rock cliffs. The site is noted for its unique regional geology and is named for Douglass Houghton, Michigan's first state geologist. The Michigan DNR Parks and Recreation Division will develop the 63-acre Douglass Houghton Falls Scenic Site to provide improvements which will allow the public to safely view the waterfalls as well as other scenic vistas. The improvements will include parking, a vault toilet, access walks, a pedestrian bridge and overlooks.

Mackinac County – DNR, Straits State Park Improvements - \$300,000

Development project for the Learning Commons Building as part of the Straits of Mackinac Heritage Center located in the west unit of Straits State Park near St. Ignace, which includes the Father Marquette National Memorial. The Learning Commons is part of a long-range collaborative project between the DNR's Michigan Historical Center and regional partners such as Moran Township, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Mackinac Straits Health System, and Lake Superior State University. The Learning Commons Building will provide learning opportunities around the Anishinaabe and French heritage of the region. Native American perspectives on the natural world will be explored, as well as current and future uses of Michigan's natural resources.

Mackinac County – Clark Township, Peek-a-Boo Trail - \$200,300

Development of a mountain bike trail network totaling 4 miles in length on DNR-owned land in Clark Township. The trail will offer multiple skill levels to accommodate beginner through experienced riders. The trail network will be constructed over existing cross-country ski trails. The forested property is adjacent to the Pearson Creek which features a large beaver pond.

Marquette County – Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority, Iron Ore Heritage Trail - Marshlands Boardwalk - \$218,200

Development to provide a nature trail experience along the Iron Ore Heritage Trail in Negaunee. A new non-motorized trail and boardwalk loop off the main trail route, will provide access to a natural marshland for bird and wildlife viewing. The Iron Ore Heritage Trail is a 47-mile, year-round, multi-use trail that crosses the Marquette Iron Range through multiple communities in Marquette County and provides interpretive signage focusing on the region's mining heritage and bountiful natural resources.

Northern Michigan

Alcona County – DNR, Harrisville State Park - Footbridge Replacement - \$50,000

Development to replace a footbridge that is a critical pedestrian link between the modern campground and the day-use beach area. The bridge is over 20 years old, and the abutments are failing due to erosion. The new bridge will provide an accessible route from the campground to the beach.

Alpena County – City of Alpena, Bay View Park Restroom and Pavilion - \$300,000

Development of restroom facilities to support events and activities at Bay View Park, including the band shell, kiddie park and tennis and basketball courts. This will also provide additional facilities for events and activities downtown and at the marina.

Antrim County – Antrim County, Grass River Natural Area River Access Improvements - \$300,000

Development of the Grass River Natural Area boardwalk river access trail to provide a safer, more environmentally sensitive, and completely accessible trail for the community. This project will complete the replacement and improvement of another .39 mile (2,050 LF) of the trail and increase the width to make it accessible to all. The project will also build new observation platforms that are ramped for access, enlarge the dock area, and install an accessible kayak launch.

Benzie County – DNR, Platte River Hatchery Accessibility and Education - \$300,000

Development to enhance accessibility of the Platte River State Fish Hatchery Visitors Center, hatchery, and raceway buildings, as well improve site grounds and accommodations. The project includes improvements and updates to interpretive displays for drop-in visitors, schools, and other groups to enjoy and learn more about the importance of Michigan's fisheries and aquatic resources. Other improvements include renovation of existing infrastructure to comply with and exceed ADA minimum requirements, a fishing platform, picnic shelter, benches along trails, and development of a new trail section to loop guests back to the Visitors Center and guest parking area from the Upper Platte River. Finally, a solar installation will demonstrate technology that will reduce the facility's global climate change impact and show guests that the Department is on a path towards carbon neutrality by 2050.

Charlevoix County – City of Boyne City, Boyne City Open Space Pathway - \$300,000

Development of non-motorized pathways at the Boyne City Open Space Park. The parcel was recently purchased with MNRTF funding and is 4.6 acres with 600 feet of frontage on Lake Charlevoix. The site is used as an open space park available for public use and enhances the economic activity at adjacent properties including the public boat launch and commercial businesses downtown.

Emmet County – City of Petoskey, Winter Sports Park Hockey Rink Pavilion - \$298,000

Development to install a pavilion to cover the existing hockey rink of approximately 115' by 215' in size. The pavilion will be nearly surrounded by bio-swaales and a rain garden to manage the roof water run-off. Additionally, the project will include solar panels to further invest in resilient and sustainable practices of facility design. The solar panels will reduce utility costs to the city as well as our dependence on fossil fuel. This investment in the community is made possible by the Petoskey Noon Rotary and other donors who chose the project to celebrate their 100-year anniversary. The pavilion will enhance community recreation and quality of life for generations once installed.

Gladwin County – City of Beaverton, Beaverton Trailhead - \$255,000

Development of a trailhead for the Beaverton Trail at Porter Street and M-18 in the City of Beaverton. The trailhead will provide barrier-free parking, bike loops, a trail information kiosk, wayfinding signage, benches, lighting, and other amenities. This project also includes a fishing or observation deck on Ross Lake. The intent is to improve access and safety for trail users and attract visitors from all over Michigan.

Iosco County – AuSable Charter Township, Iron Belle Trail Segment- \$300,000

Development of 4.8 miles of the Iron Belle Trail (also Phase IV of the Iosco Exploration Trail) along the Lake Huron side of US-23 in AuSable Township, Iosco County. The 10'-wide, primarily asphalt non-motorized trail will serve both a regional need as part of cross-state and cross-county trail systems and as a local recreation and transportation facility between Tawas and Oscoda.

Kalkaska County – Garfield Township, Veteran's Park Playground and Access - \$112,500

Development of Garfield Township's Veteran's Park to include a reconfigured driveway, accessible walkways, and a universally accessible playground. Due to the park's popularity, the current entrance drive is congested and will be relocated to improve safety and traffic flow. In addition, accessible walkways will be added to improve access to amenities throughout the park and provide a fitness path.

Missaukee County – Missaukee County, Cadillac Single-Track Bike Trail - \$110,900

Development of an all-season, sustainable Single-Track Trail at the Cadillac Pathway. The trail will be developed to attract mountain bikes as well as snow-shoe users in the winter. The single track will run roughly parallel to the existing Cadillac Pathway, which is preferred by walkers, hikers, and cross-country skiers and adjacent to the Clam River. The single-track trail will attract local as well as regional mountain bikers, as there is not another single-track facility within a 45-minute drive of Cadillac.

Presque Isle County – City of Rogers City, Lakeside Park Pavilion and Playground - \$185,000

Development to renovate Lakeside Park with modern restrooms and play equipment. The existing bathrooms were constructed in 1964 and do not meet standards set forth in the Americans with Disabilities Act. The playground equipment that is being replaced is outdated and does not meet current safety standards. Lakeside Park, the most popular of the City's park system, is home to its public boat harbor, beach, and community performance shell. The Park hosts many annual events, including a summer concert series and weekly city band performance as well as the extremely popular Nautical Festival and multiple fishing tournaments.

Wexford County – DNR, Mitchell State Park - Pavilion & Restroom Replacement - \$300,000

The proposed project will replace an outdated restroom pavilion building, improve accessibility, and improve pedestrian and vehicle circulation in the day-use beach area of Mitchell State Park. The existing building serves day-use visitors and provides a shelter for shaded picnic and event space. The building has exceeded its useful life and no longer meets design standards. The day-use beach area lacks pedestrian access connections, and the parking lot configuration often causes back-ups during the busy season. The day-use beach area continues to be a popular location for swimming, picnicking and playground activities and connects directly to the Carl T. Johnson Interpretive Center via a culvert walkway under M-115.

Western Michigan

Allegan County – Casco Township, Casco Nature Preserve Park Improvements on Lake Michigan - \$291,000

Development of amenities at the Casco Township Nature Preserve, a trailhead and rest stop along the Lake Michigan National Water Trail at the beach and the Blue Star Trail - a regional non-motorized bicycle route and a segment of U.S. Bicycle Route 35. The project includes a new driveway, parking lot, and restroom building as well as walkways overlooking Lake Michigan.

Allegan County – City of Fennville, Paradise Park Improvements - \$300,000

Development of a multi-purpose sports field and pathway within Paradise Park. The existing ballfield will be renovated to improve drainage and facilitate the creation of a new wetland and sledding area at the park. An elevated boardwalk with an overlook deck will connect the new path to the adjacent neighborhood.

Allegan County – Ganges Township, Pier Cove Park Renovation - \$266,000

Development project to enhance the overall accessibility and scenic value of Pier Cove Park while honoring the rich history, quiet restfulness, and natural beauty of this unique lakeshore area. A new walkway and gathering space will add barrier-free accessibility to parking, reconstruction of steps down to the beach, and a new Lake Michigan overlook.

Berrien County – City of Bridgman, Toth Park Playground Renovation - \$50,000

Development project at Toth Park to replace aged play equipment with new equipment and ADA surfacing. New ADA-accessible pathways will connect the play equipment to existing access paths, outdoor pavilion, and restrooms, creating an improved and safer user experience in the park.

Berrien County – City of Niles, Niles Dam Park Development - \$232,800

Development of a boat launch and related parking at Niles Dam Park along the Dowagiac River. With the removal of the Pucker Street Dam, the City of Niles is investing in the first phase of park redevelopment to create a premier outdoor recreation experience for the community. This site is an enormously popular fishing destination in a unique cold-water fishery. It also connects to the Dowagiac River Water Trail. Renovation of the current dirt parking lot, walkways and steep boat launch will offer improved recreational opportunities for anglers, kayakers, canoeists, tubers and nature enthusiasts.

Berrien County – Niles Charter Township, Ontario Trailhead Development - \$124,600

Development of a trailhead at Ontario Street for the Indiana-Michigan River Valley Trail (I/MRVT) system. The proposal is to use an existing 1.5-acre parcel of land which borders the I/MRVT and implement trail-specific features to support trail use and enjoyment. The I/MRVT has been in progress for over 10 years. It was completed in November 2019 and connects three cities in southwest Michigan and northcentral Indiana. There are currently no trailhead facilities between South Bend and Niles.

Berrien County – St. Joseph Charter Township, Carronde Park Tennis Court Renovation - \$50,000

Development to renovate the 45-year-old tennis courts at Carronde Park. This renovation will result in improved ADA access to the courts and the addition of pickleball courts and green space.

Berrien County – St. Joseph Charter Township, Kedzie Kids Park Playground Renovation - \$50,000

Renovation of Kedzie Kids Park to replace 30-year-old play structure with a universally accessible play structure, swing, and surfacing, to improve play access for all ability levels. Renovation of the popular 0.3-acre neighborhood park will include a new accessible pathway from the parking area.

Cass County – City of Dowagiac, Riverside Park Development - \$300,000

Development project for Dowagiac's Riverside Park. The project consists of an overlook and fishing platform, benches, recycling bins, native landscaping, parking facilities and ADA accessibility to the creek. Riverside Park is bordered by beautiful Dowagiac Creek and users will enjoy fishing, relaxation and wildlife viewing along the water. The Park will also serve as a trailhead for the proposed Elks Trail once it is completed.

Ionia County – City of Belding, Lightning Bend Trailhead and Pathways - \$300,000

Development of amenities at Lightning Bend Preserve, home to many rustic trails that meander through towering forests, past lush vernal pools, and along ridges overlooking the Flat River. The project proposes improvements to the existing park trailhead off Merrick Street with a new bathroom facility and the development of a neighborhood trailhead off Gooding Street. In addition, there will be an accessible non-motorized trail connection to both park trailheads and the Flat River, and essential upgrades to the existing 18-hole disc golf course known as SMASH Park.

Ionia County – City of Ionia, Fred Thwaites Grand River Trail Reconstruction - \$300,000

Development project to renovate 3.2-miles of the Fred Thwaites Grand River Trail along the Grand River from Ionia Free Fair Grounds to Quarry Road. Along with repaving the existing trail, this project aims to significantly improve the Cleveland Street trailhead. At this newer trailhead, the improvements will include a paved parking lot, benches, picnic tables, a trailhead kiosk, and portable restroom enclosure. The trail is a vital connection between the city's commercial district, neighborhoods, Riverside Park, and the Ionia Free Fair Grounds.

Ionia County – Village of Saranac, Scheid Park Improvements - \$300,000

Development to expand amenities at Scheid Park, a 15.6-acre neighborhood park along the Fred Meijer Grand River Trail (FMGRT). The project will construct a restroom-concession building, provide additional barrier-free parking and accessible walkways to existing ball fields.

Kalamazoo County – DNR, Fort Custer Recreation Area - River Valley Trail - \$300,000

Development of 1.5 miles of paved non-motorized trail through Fort Custer Recreation Area. The trail will become part of the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail through the town of Augusta and linking the Kal-Haven Trail and the Battle Creek Linear Path for a total trail length of 140 miles. This trail is also part of Michigan's Iron Belle Trail and is part of a regional effort with Kalamazoo County to expand the non-motorized trail network. The trail will provide economic benefits to the Kalamazoo-Battle Creek region as people use the trail for recreation and tourism.

Kalamazoo County – DNR, Gourdneck SGA Access Improvements - \$300,000

Development to improve public access to the Gourdneck State Game Area. The Hampton Lake Trail parking lot will be enlarged and resurfaced (60' x 100') and boulders will be installed to stop vehicle access to the interior of the game area. In addition, a kiosk will be installed with interpretive information and an accessible boardwalk will be constructed leading to a scenic fishing deck and accessible kayak launch on Hampton Lake. The game area lies within the Portage city limits. Since its establishment in 1941, suburban development has gradually expanded around the game area. Despite this urban-wildland interface, the area has remained a popular destination for hunters, and hosts a variety of wildlife and natural communities. In cooperation with the city of Portage, the SGA is being developed as a model urban state game area that will introduce residents to hunting, wildlife, and nature.

Kent County – Cannon Township, Kies Road Iron Belle-North Country Trail Connector - \$300,000

Development of the IBT/NCT trailhead at Luton Park, operated by Kent County. The project will construct a non-motorized trail connector on the north side of Kies Road through a scenic rural part of the township. Trailhead developments will include a trail map, bike fix station, benches, a rain garden, and bike racks.

Kent County – City of Grand Rapids, Development of River Edges Trail - Leonard to Ann Segment 1 - \$300,000

Development of 690' of a non-motorized trail with river frontage along the east bank of the Grand River. The segment includes the Leonard Street underpass, a universally accessible 12' wide shared use trail with a 2' buffer, river access, LED lighting, native planting slope restoration, benches with accessible companion seating, and signage. Ultimately, the trail will connect downtown Grand Rapids to the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park.

Kent County – City of Grand Rapids, Development of River Edges Trail - Leonard to Ann Segment 2 - \$300,000

Development of 3,215' of a non-motorized trail with river frontage along the east bank of the Grand River. This segment will extend from Leonard Street to the railroad bridge and include a spur connecting to Monroe Avenue. A universally accessible 12' wide shared-use trail with a 2' buffer, river access, LED lighting, native planting slope restoration, benches with accessible companion seating, and signage. Ultimately, the trail will connect downtown Grand Rapids to the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park.

Kent County – City of Grand Rapids, Development of River Edges Trail - Leonard to Ann Segment 4 - \$300,000

Development of 559' of a non-motorized trail with river frontage along the east bank of the Grand River. The segment includes the Ann Street underpass, a universally accessible 12' wide shared-use trail with 2' buffer, river access, LED lighting, native planting slope restoration, benches with accessible companion seating, and signage. Ultimately, the trail will connect downtown Grand Rapids to the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park.

Kent County – City of Grandville, Buck Creek Trailhead at Mill Race Park - \$231,300

Development of the Buck Creek Trailhead at Mill Race Park to add a pavilion, interpretive signage, “naturescape” playground, trail loop with bridge over Buck Creek, native plantings, and parking. The improvements will accentuate the natural beauty of the park, provide additional recreational amenities within walking distance of many residents, and improve access to the park’s natural resources.

Kent County – City of Kentwood, East Paris Park Improvements - \$214,100

Development of East Paris Park to renovate the existing bituminous trails completed by a previous MNRTF grant. The trails will be replaced with an 8'-wide limestone path that will provide an accessible surface that can easily be repaired when roots appear. The project also provides for various amenities including a trail map kiosk, LED lighting, benches, bike racks, grills, picnic tables, serving tables, and a reading trail.

Kent County – City of Lowell, River Valley Rail-Trail - Lowell Connector - \$300,000

Development of 2.1 miles of non-motorized trail to connect the Fred Meijer River Valley Rail Trail through the City of Lowell, including a pedestrian bridge across the Grand River. This trail is part of the 125-mile Fred Meijer Mid-West Regional Trail network, allowing uninterrupted use from Owosso to Lowell to Belding to Alma. It is accessible to downtown Lowell, the home to the North Country National Scenic Trail, which parallels portions of the proposed project.

Kent County – Plainfield Charter Township, Grand Rogue Park - \$300,000

Development of the Grand Rogue Park at the confluence of the Rogue and Grand Rivers. The project includes the first water access at the site via an access dock, kayak launch, and observation deck. Additional improvements include a road and parking lot, pavilion, improvements to the existing play equipment, benches, picnic tables, grills, bike racks, and signage.

Lake County – Lake County, Lake County ORV Park - \$300,000

Development of the Lake County ORV Skills Development Center for novice users. This facility will complement the improvements to Webber Township's Community Park (Grant #TF21-0127) just south of the property. The project will include a paved parking lot, two safety training areas, a tot-lot and learner trail, a beginner trail, and a skill development trail.

Lake County – Webber Township, Webber Township ORV Park - \$183,800

Development of the existing township park to complement the ORV Training Center construction on the adjacent Lake County property to the north (Application TF21-0141). Features include paved parking, access pathways and renovation of the existing shelter to provide the site's first modern restroom.

Mason County – City of Ludington, Cartier Park Bathhouse - \$300,000

Development project to remodel two bathhouses at Cartier Park, a 68-acre park with 2500-feet of frontage on Lincoln Lake. Cartier Park hosts the only location in the city that offers camping opportunity and a natural forested setting. The bathhouse renovation will incorporate modern accessibility features.

Mecosta County – Mecosta County, Brower County Park - Water Access - \$281,400

Development project to improve water access opportunities for multiple user groups camping and recreating at Brower County Park. The project improvements include an accessible kayak-canoe launch, fishing platform, and paved parking spaces with a barrier-free trailer space. Sustainable design improvements include a bioswale to collect runoff, a boat and trailer wash down facility for invasive species control, and the addition of a vault toilet structure with solar lighting.

Montcalm County – Crystal Township, Crystal Township Park Redevelopment - \$300,000

Development of Crystal Township's Park on Crystal Lake, approximately 300 feet of beach and lake viewing via a cascading terrace built into the existing hill. The project will renovate the access pathway to incorporate two universally accessible ramp systems to the terraces and includes mobility beach mats from the lowest terrace to the water.

Muskegon County – City of North Muskegon, Ball Fields and Universal Access Hunting Blind - \$300,000

Development of Russell Road Park, which was acquired with MNRTF assistance in a previous cycle. The project will construct a baseball diamond and universal access hunting blind within the wooded portion of the park. Site amenities will include an access driveway, parking, walkways, and spectator seating.

Ottawa County – City of Hudsonville, Buttermilk Creek Park Bathrooms & Parking - \$152,600

Development of the newly established 10.4-acre Buttermilk Creek Park natural area. The project will provide a public restroom building, a rain garden feature, and onsite parking lot. These amenities will serve both Buttermilk Creek Park and the Buttermilk Trail, which is a non-motorized public pathway system that the city has been constructing in segments over the past 10 years to enhance walkability and connectivity within the city and surrounding townships.

Ottawa County – Ottawa County, Idema Explorers Trail - Stearns Bayou Connector- \$300,000
Development of a 2.3-mile trail segment along the Idema Explorers Trail that will provide the final non-motorized trail connection between the existing IET & Grand Haven – completing a 13-mile segment of the IET from the Grand Haven Pier to Riverside Park. This project includes construction of 11,182 feet of a 10’ wide pedestrian-bicycle asphalt pathway as well as 600 feet of 14’-wide pedestrian expansion of the Green Street bridge over Stearns Bayou (off the Grand River) and a 400’ by 14’ boardwalk over Little Robinson Creek. Both the bridge and boardwalk will include bump-outs for wildlife viewing, fishing, and allowing those with physical challenges to enjoy the view or rest without being in the flow of traffic.

Ottawa County – Ottawa County, Kirk Park Renovation - \$237,000
Development project to renovate Kirk Park's restroom facility to improve accessibility and extend its useful life. Moreover, the project will include installation of a new accessible playground, and trailhead amenities for three key regional trails along Lake Michigan. The trails are Lakeshore Drive Pathway between Holland & Grand Haven, the on-street paved shoulder that is part of US Bike Route 35, and the Lake Michigan Water Trail.

Van Buren County – South Haven Area Recreation Authority, Phoenix Avenue Kayak Launch Development - \$229,800
Development of a new park on the Black River in Geneva Township to become a stop on the Bangor to South Haven Heritage Water Trail. The 1.17-acre park will provide an ADA-accessible kayak launch, parking, and vault toilet. Water trail users can paddle toward South Haven and eventually connect to the Lake Michigan Water Trail or stop in the “Trail Town” of South Haven to explore the growing tourism market. This portion of the Black River is a Type 1 trout stream and improvements will support angling pursuits.

Van Buren County – Village of Paw Paw, Maple Island Boardwalk and Fishing Platform - \$300,000
Development project to replace the 82-year-old pedestrian walkway to Maple Island. The replacement will incorporate 2 new fishing platforms on the bridge, a wider walkway, bench seating, an ADA-compliant pathway to the existing island boat dock, and supporting amenities. The existing bridge is at the end of its life span and replacement is critical to the continued safety of users and their access to recreational activities on Maple Island.

Central Michigan

Calhoun County – DNR, Yankee Springs Recreation Area - Beach Wall Replacement - \$50,000
Development to replace the stone beach wall in front of the renovated pavilion to improve access to the beach and protect the pavilion from high water and wave action on busy Gun Lake.

Calhoun County – DNR, Yankee Springs Recreation Area - Fishing Pier Replacement - \$120,000

Development to replace the park's popular fishing pier at the Gun Lake day-use area. The pier has exceeded its useful life. This project will provide improved shoreline fishing access. The fishing pier will incorporate universal design principles including lowered railings where appropriate and other fishing amenities to make shoreline fishing more enjoyable for all users.

Clinton County – City of St. Johns, Scott Rd Multi-Use Trail Connector - \$155,500

Development to connect two non-motorized trails and enable trail users' access to the city's Main Park from the Fred Meijer CIS Trail. The new trail will connect the Townsend Road Multi-Use Trail to the new route alongside Scott Road from the Fred Meijer CIS to the corner of Scott and Sturgis Streets.

Clinton County – City of St. Johns, Main City Park Improvements - \$49,900

Development of Main City Park to increase accessibility to the Rotary Pavilion, ice rink and sand volleyball through the addition of paved parking, sidewalks, and accessible seating areas. The project will also renovate the sand volleyball court.

Eaton County – City of Grand Ledge, Ball Field Development at Fitzgerald Park - \$134,700

Development to create a youth ball field with ADA accessibility on a vacant and currently unused, ten-acre parcel that is adjacent to the city's iconic Fitzgerald Park. This project will include development of a 13U/14U+ baseball field, a minimum of three (3) ADA parking spaces, 3,500 square feet of ADA connecting sidewalks from the parking lot area and around the southwestern area of the field. In addition, there will be an ADA barrier-free viewing area, wheelchair accessible picnic tables, barrier-free portable bathrooms, bioretention stormwater treatment swale, a green privacy buffer along the southern boundary of the property, and a rustic connecting path into the 2.6 miles of existing trails in Fitzgerald Park.

Genesee County – Genesee County, Branch Road Universal Design Fishing Access - \$240,500

Development of a universal-design fishing location off Branch Road just North of the City of Flint. The project will move an existing ADA fishing dock approximately 800 feet north of its current location and re-install it. The project will also include a paved parking lot, accessible vault toilet, paved paths connecting all elements, an accessible picnic area, LED lighting, fencing and facility signage. This location will better facilitate the parking area and enable universal accessibility. The ADA fishing dock, in its current location, does not allow for an accessible approach.

Genesee County – Genesee County, Linden Park Pickleball Courts - \$296,000

Development of four pickleball courts, two multi-use tennis courts, paved parking facilities, a picnic area with tables, grills, and benches. The multi-use courts will be designed for either tennis or pickleball. The paved connection paths will join the parking facilities with the courts, picnic area and the multi-use trail that runs from the City of Linden to the north boundary of the park. This will allow for intergenerational park use and will be accessible to park users of all abilities.

Genesee County – Mundy Charter Township, Miracle League Field - \$256,400

Development of an accessible Miracle League Field at Mundy Township's new park, Mundy Miracle Commons. The Miracle League Field will include prefabricated dugouts with wraparound shade screening, fencing, and field lighting. Other amenities include team/spectator benches, sidewalk connections from the parking lot, trash receptacles around the site, and interpretive signage identifying ecological points of interest around the site.

Genesee County – Vienna Charter Township, Neff Road Bike Path Project- \$296,600

Development of the Neff Road Bike Path to improve safety and accessibility. The 3,000-foot paved, accessible path will connect from the City of Clio's bike path to the existing trailhead at Neff Road.

Ingham County – Ingham County, Hawk Island Park Boardwalk and Fishing Pier - \$300,000

Development project at Hawk Island Park to remove the existing boardwalk along the northeast edge of the pond and install a new accessible floating boardwalk, fishing docks and accessible path approaches. A minimum of 26% of the dock and boardwalk railings will be at a 32-inch height to provide better fishing access and viewing opportunities. The existing land path will be replaced with a 10' wide path along the water to extend to the docks. The project will include native plant restoration and interpretive signage.

Ingham County – Ingham County, Lake Lansing Park North Boardwalk/Trail - \$300,000

Development work at the popular Lake Lansing Park North that includes 680' of boardwalk replacement, 605' of trail reconstruction, new entry sign, new entry gate, interpretive signage, bench, and rain gardens. The project will provide universal accessibility to the wooded nature trail which is presently not accessible for people using wheelchairs or those with limited mobility.

Ingham County – City of Lansing, Adado Riverfront Park Improvements - \$300,000

Development Project at Adado Riverfront Park to construct an elevated deck/boardwalk and observation area for improved engagement with the Grand River. Bike racks, accessible routes, benches, and picnic tables will be included. This project will complement a separately funded effort to install a universally accessible playground with barrier-free parking.

Ingham County – City of Lansing, Fenner Pathway - \$300,000

Development of a 10-foot wide, 1.7-mile, ADA-compliant Hot-Mix Asphalt (HMA) pathway connecting Lansing's River Trail and the proposed Bear Lake Pathway, scheduled for construction in 2021, to Fenner Nature Center. With the increasing interest in biking, hiking, fishing, and nature observation supported by the River Trail along the Grand River, this project will help the city to better meet these needs by providing improved connectivity to these amenities for current users and for users currently under-served in the southeast part of Lansing.

Ingham County – City of Lansing, Corporate Research Park Path Development - \$300,000

Development project to construct a 10-foot-wide ADA-accessible HMA pathway with 2-foot shoulders from the Forest Road Pathway located on Forest Road just east of US-127 overpass then heading southeasterly to the intersection of Technology Boulevard and Collins Road where the path will meet with bike lanes and proposed sidewalk and continue south on Collins Road to Dunkel Road to connect to existing non-motorized facilities.

Ingham County – City of Mason, Rayner Park Community-Build Playground - \$242,500

Development project in the City of Mason for a playground at Rayner Park, a 62-acre regional park which features multiple recreational opportunities including baseball, volleyball, soccer, performance stage, and two large ponds. The playground will replace the heavily used 28-year-old, deteriorating wooden play structure. The structure has been professionally evaluated and is recommended to be replaced due to accessibility, decayed wood, and the materials containing Chromated Copper Arsenate. The proposed new barrier-free playground will feature a variety of play equipment, access walkways and seating.

Ingham County – Meridian Charter Township, MSU to Lake Lansing Connector Trail - \$300,000

Development of Phase III of the MSU to Lake Lansing Connector Trail, an off-road, non-motorized trail from Marsh Road to Green Road. Phase III will provide the final connection to both Ingham County Parks around Lake Lansing. The trail will improve business by connecting to the commercial core of Haslett, while furthering the outstanding recreational options within Meridian Township.

Greater Tri-Cities / Thumb

Bay County – City of Auburn, Auburn Community Park ADA Improvements – \$249,700

Development at Auburn Community Park to improve accessibility and increase the use of the park for walking running, biking and other physical activities. The project will renovate and expand the trail within the park and add an accessible canoe-kayak launch. Accessible parking and walkways will be included in the project to connect park visitors with picnic tables, grills, and disc golf.

Bay County – Monitor Charter Township, Kawkawlin River Access Improvements – \$269,400

Development to improve fishing access at Herbert Steih Memorial Park along the Kawkawlin River. The project includes a new canoe-kayak launch, pathways, pavilion, and amenities such as benches and interpretive signage along the Kawkawlin River. Improvements also include the renovation of the existing canoe-kayak launch and parking lot. The intent is to make the site more accessible and safer for all park users.

Huron County – City of Caseville, Riverside Park and Water Trailhead – \$298,800

Development of the City of Caseville’s Riverside Park and Water Trailhead. The project includes a fishing pier along the Pigeon River, an ADA-compliant kayak launch to access the Tip of the Thumb Heritage Water Trail, and a boat launch with a lift to assist boaters. Riverside Park is located in downtown Caseville and offers unique public access to nature viewing, walking, fishing, boating and picnicking.

Midland County – Midland County, Pere Marquette Rail-Trail Revitalization – \$300,000

Development to renovate over 2.5 miles of the Pere Marquette Rail-Trail and trailhead near Dublin Avenue in Midland. Improvements will provide new Universal Access improvements such as benches, informative signs and trail maps with key destinations, distances of travel noted, trash receptacles and bollards.

Midland County – Midland Charter Township, GLBRT Path Extension – \$300,000

Development of a 1-mile extension of the Midland Township Walking Path starting near Overlook Park to Stewart Road. This trail is part of the Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail (GLBRT) network connecting Midland, Bay City, and Saginaw. It is also an official connector route of the Iron Belle Trail. The trail will provide barrier-free access with at least a 6’-wide path.

Midland County – City of Midland, Tittabawassee River Pedestrian Corridor – \$300,000

Development at upper Emerson Park to improve the Tittabawassee riverfront at the confluence of Sturgeon Creek and create a welcoming pedestrian green space. Two accessible pathways will connect the project site to the adjacent Pere Marquette Rail-Trail from which trail users can enjoy universally accessible views of the river with accessible picnic locations and riverfront wildfowl viewing. Overlook platforms on either side of the confluence will provide fishing opportunities at the mouth of the creek with new accessible railings along the existing seawall. Improvements will continue onto the Pere Marquette Rail-Trail where an existing pedestrian bridge between the pathways leading to the riverfront will receive new decking and railing that will open up universal viewing of Sturgeon Creek and the Tittabawassee River.

Saginaw County – Carrollton Township, Carrollton IBT Trailhead – \$134,500

Development of a trailhead along the Iron Belle Trail (IBT) in Carrollton Township. The trailhead will include parking, a pathway connecting to the IBT, benches, interpretive signage, bike repair station, porta-john structure, and rain garden with native plantings.

Saginaw County – DNR, Saginaw Riverfront Park - Phase 3 Development – \$300,000

Development of amenities at Saginaw Riverfront Park (acquired by the DNR in 2019). Since then, the DNR has been working with Saginaw County Parks to develop the park into a passive recreation area for the City of Saginaw with two previous Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grants to help fund phases 1 and 2 of the park development. The proposed project will develop an additional 0.75 miles of trail and a scenic overlook to the wetlands located at the southern end of the park, bringing the total developed trail length within the park to 2 miles and adding a premier location for birding and wildlife observation.

Saginaw County – Thomas Township, Nature Preserve Trail and Amenities – \$300,000

Development of the Thomas Township Nature Preserve to include a hiking and observation trail of approximately 3700 feet by 8 feet and fully accessible. The trail will include six seating areas that can be used for rest or observation of the preserve, as well as the bodies of water that surround the preserve. The seating areas include benches and trash bins. The plan also includes a covered picnic pavilion area with accessible picnic tables, and an accessible observation deck and fishing platform. Interpretive signs will highlight the history of the Tittabawassee River, the preserve's location, native plantings, and habitat restoration projects.

Sanilac County – Sanilac County, Forester Park Playground Accessibility Renovation – \$80,200

Development to renovate a playground, seating and viewing areas, grills, and walkways at Forester Park on Lake Huron in Sanilac County. New, accessible playground equipment will be chosen to replace older metal slides and swings and complement accessible playground equipment obtained through a 2012 Trust Fund grant. The project will add accessible walkways from the parking area to benches for scenic viewing of Lake Huron and an accessible fire pit.

Southeastern Michigan

Jackson County – City of Jackson, MLK Equality Trail - \$300,000

Development project to renovate and increase the width of a trail from Prospect Street to South West Avenue in Jackson. This is a highly used area of the trail system and needs upgrading to meet ADA guidelines. This trail will connect to the regional Falling Waters Trail.

Jackson County – Jackson County, Sparks County Park Pickleball Courts - \$300,000

Development project that includes the addition of a pickleball court complex to Sparks Foundation County Park (Cascades Park). The complex will include eight courts and is a renovation of the former tennis courts, which haven't been used since 2008. The project will include an 8-foot-wide access pathway that connects to Jackson County's state-wide trail network, a shade structure, and fencing. Cascades Park is a regional draw and is widely known for its world-famous Cascade Falls.

Lenawee County – Raisin Charter Township, Mitchell Park Shelter Renovation and Pathways - \$267,300

Development project to renovate shelters and restrooms at Mitchell Memorial Park. New pathways will connect the parking areas, shelters, and ball fields. from the parking area to the bullpen, access pathways within the off-leash areas, water bottle and pet water filling station, benches, dog waste station, and parking lot improvements.

Oakland County – City of Ferndale, Martin Road Park Walkways and Pavilion - \$68,000

Development of an accessible walking path, picnic pavilion and basketball court at the City of Ferndale's 20-acre Martin Road Park. The project will also include benches, trash and recycling bins, drinking fountain and picnic tables to enhance the community park.

Oakland County – City of Rochester, Memorial Grove All Abilities Park - \$225,000

Development of a new play structure at the All-Abilities Playlot at Halbach Field along the Paint Creek Trail. The new playlot will feature accessible playground equipment and safety surfacing.

Oakland County – Village of Wolverine Lake, Clara Miller Park Playground - \$100,000

Development at Clara Miller Park in the Village of Wolverine Lake for a new accessible playground. The playground will feature poured-in-place rubberized safety surfacing and new play equipment designed to appeal to a variety of ages and abilities. The project also includes additional walkways and landscaping with a rain garden for gathering storm water.

St. Clair County – City of Algonac, Community Outdoor Swimming Pool Renovation - \$300,000

Renovation of the outdoor swimming pool at Lions Field Park in Algonac. The pool, originally built in 1957, will be renovated to add a sloped entry, small water play features, new deck and fencing, and a new pool equipment building. The project will improve barrier-free access, promote safe, healthy living, and attract new visitors to St. Clair County.

St. Clair County – City of Port Huron, Sanborn Park and Nature Area Trail - \$100,000

Development at Sanborn Park including renovation of a play area with a fun nature-environment theme, trail improvements, educational signage, birdhouses, and parking lot to promote use of the park for hiking, biking, and enjoying the natural area.

Washtenaw County – DNR, Pinckney Recreation Area - Potawatomi Trail Renovation - \$300,000

Development to renovate the Potawatomi Trail. This 17-mile-long trail located a short distance from Ann Arbor continues to increase in popularity with hikers and bikers. As a result of this increased use and poor trail design, the surface conditions have deteriorated. Specifically, fall lines and erosion need to be addressed to improve safety and sustainability for the future. Also, there are five wooden bridges on the trail that are between 20 and 30 years old and in need of significant repairs or replacement.

Washtenaw County – Northfield Township, Northfield Community Park - Pathways and Parking - \$300,000

Development of the newly acquired Northfield Township Community Park. This project will create the park entrance with a village green feel, along with parking and connected pathways. The central part of the park will encompass a figure-eight of walkable trails complementing the park's natural features.

Washtenaw County – Superior Charter Township, Plymouth Road Pathway Development - \$300,000

Development of a trail along Plymouth Road from the Marshall Nature Area through the Dixboro community area. The trail will provide non-motorized access to the Marshall Nature Area, which has onsite parking and offers nature trails for hiking and nature viewing opportunities. The trail will also connect to a park located in the Dixboro named, “The Green”, which has playground equipment and a ball diamond, and hosts community activities such as the Dixboro Farmers Market and township parks and recreation programming.

Washtenaw County – City of Ypsilanti, Frog Island Trailhead Accessibility - \$300,000

Development project at Frog Island Park to design and construct an accessible canoe/kayak launch. Amenities will include: an accessible fishing space; an accessible path to the track and field; paving the parking area; van-accessible barrier-free parking and green stormwater controls. Frog Island is a prime location for Huron River Water Trail and Border to Border/Iron Belle Trail access.

Wayne County – City of Detroit, Patton Park - Joe Louis Greenway Development - \$300,000

Development Project at Detroit's 93-acre Patton Park for both bicycle and pedestrian trails as part of the Joe Louis Greenway (JLG) in southwest Detroit. The Joe Louis Greenway is a 27-mile planned multi-use trail that extends from the Detroit Riverfront to Highland Park, Dearborn, and Hamtramck and includes the Dequindre Cut and portions of the Detroit Riverwalk. The bicycle portion of Michigan's Iron Belle Trail from Detroit to Ironwood runs concurrent with the JLG in this location.

Wayne County – City of Detroit, Romanowski Park - Joe Louis Greenway Development - \$300,000

Development Project at Detroit's 26-acre Romanowski Park for both bicycle and pedestrian trails as part of the Joe Louis Greenway in southwest Detroit. The Joe Louis Greenway is a 27-mile planned multi-use trail that extends from the Detroit Riverfront to Highland Park, Dearborn, and Hamtramck and includes the Dequindre Cut and portions of the Detroit Riverwalk.

Wayne County – DNR, W.G. Milliken State Park - Accessible Berm Development - \$300,000

Development of features related to the accessible pathway to the top of the big berm at WG Milliken State Park. The berm is used frequently by local residents as an exercise challenge. As a result, significant erosion has occurred. This project will provide a modern path to eliminate erosion and provide ADA accessibility to the top of the berm and memorable views of the Detroit River and Canada. Extensive landscaping is planned as part of this project which will enhance the beautify of this part of the park substantially.

Wayne County – City of Hamtramck, Veterans Park and Hamtramck Stadium Restroom Renovation - \$300,000

Development project at Hamtramck Stadium and Veterans Memorial Park to renovate a restroom facility including a drinking fountain and utility infrastructure. The project will also feature a repaved path from the Hamtramck Stadium parking lot to the restroom facility. Together, Hamtramck Stadium and Veterans Park occupy about 50% of the 26-acre Recreation District. Considering the volume of activity in the Recreation District, a restroom and drinking fountain are critical to enhancing the quality of life, health and well-being of the diverse community and many users of the park.

Wayne County – Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, Lake Erie Metropark Cherry Island Trail Improvements - \$300,000

Development project to improve the Cherry Island Nature Trail within the 1,607-acre Lake Erie Metropark located at the confluence of the Detroit River and Lake Erie. The project improves accessibility using Universal Design principles, including accessible parking, trails, boardwalks, overlooks, viewing scopes, picnic tables, benches, and bike racks. An existing filled land-bridge, which bisects the river from the wetlands, will be removed and replaced with a boardwalk to restore natural waterflow, improving habitat for fish and wildlife. Visitors to the trail can view American Lotus, a state threatened species, and witness bird migration seasons as the site is part of the International Wildlife Refuge in both Michigan and Ontario.

Total Development Grant Recommendation Amount: \$23,292,500

82 Local Developments - \$20,072,500

13 State Developments - \$3,220,000