

## **Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund 2009 Recommendations**

### **Development Projects Recommended for Funding:**

#### **Bridgeport Township (Saginaw County), Liberty Park Improvements, \$500,000.**

Development includes a multi-purpose field, accessible parking lots and accessible pathways to link park facilities.

#### **DNR-Parks and Recreation Division, State Park Infrastructure Development, \$489,000.**

These funds would support repair, replacement and renovation of obsolete and deteriorated infrastructure in various Michigan state parks.

**Village of Spring Lake (Ottawa County), Grand River Greenway Non-Motorized Trail, \$465,000.** This project includes development of a trail within the Village of Spring Lake and recreation facilities that include 16 new boat slips, restrooms, canoe/kayak launch, and four wildlife viewing/fishing areas along the Grand River and the Grand River Marsh.

**Village of Dexter (Washtenaw County), Mill Creek Park Development, \$450,000.** This project includes development to include storm water management, pathways, an amphitheatre, native landscapes, wetland enhancement, interpretative signage, fishing and observation areas, boating access and stream bank stabilization.

**DNR – Parks and Recreation Division, William G. Milliken State Park and Harbor East Riverwalk (Wayne County), \$450,000.** These funds would be used to construct the final connection of the Detroit East Riverwalk through the William G. Milliken State Park and Harbor in downtown Detroit.

**DNR – Parks and Recreation Division, Holland State Park Campground Restroom (Ottawa County), \$450,000.** This project would replace an outdated toilet/shower building servicing the Lake Macatawa campground at Holland State Park, with a new “green” and universally accessible building.

**L’Anse Area Schools (Baraga County), L’Anse Area Schools Village Park, \$440,000.** This project would develop a nature trail, community and native species gardens, relocation and modernization of existing sports fields and equipment.

**Wayne County, Elizabeth Park Riverwalk – Northpointe, \$400,000.** Development includes stabilization of the shoreline along the Detroit River and construction of the Northpointe Riverwalk in Elizabeth Park.

**DNR – Parks and Recreation Division, Dodge #4 State Park Water System Replacement (Oakland County), \$400,000.** This project would replace the antiquated water system at Dodge #4 State Park in Oakland County.

**Lowell Area Recreation Authority (Kent County), The Lowell Area Trailway, \$398,000.** This project includes the development of a three-mile new accessible trail system for recreation and non-motorized transportation, serving the communities of Vergennes and Lowell townships and the City of Lowell. The trail will connect natural areas, parks and schools.

**Tuscarora Township (Cheboygan County), Indian River Pathway Development, \$393,400.** These funds would support development of a one-half mile non-motorized pathway connecting the Gaylord-Cheboygan Trail to the Burt Lake State Park entrance and a pedestrian crossing and outlook over the Sturgeon River.

**City of Hastings (Barry County), Hastings Riverwalk Development, \$370,000.** Development would include a 1.6 mile non-motorized recreational trail from Riverwalk Park to Tyden Park using the Thornapple River corridor where possible. It would include paved trails, boardwalks, two river outlook decks and a riverside pocket park.

**White Lake Township (Oakland County), Bloomer Park Development, \$350,000.** This project includes development of parking facilities, a fishing platform and observation deck overlooking Grass Lake, a boardwalk and trails.

**Montrose Township (Genesee County), Barber Memorial Park Improvements, \$348,500.** These funds would support development of shore fishing/viewing platforms, a boat launch, restroom building, water and electrical service, playground, path extensions and interpretative signs. All new facilities will be universally accessible.

**City of Bay City (Bay County), Birney Park Renovations, \$325,000.** This project includes utility upgrades, sidewalks, a central plaza, seating wall, playground, landscaping, lighting, signage and sidewalk bump-outs at the entrance

**Bay County, Pinconning Park Improvements, \$325,000.** This project includes rehabilitation and extension of existing pathways, overlook/fishing platform, floating fish dock, archery range, play structure, cabin and campsite improvements on the Pinconning River and Saginaw Bay.

**Pittsfield Township (Washtenaw County), Hickory Woods Park Development, \$300,000.** These funds would support development of multi-use trails, storm water bio- swales and wet meadow, pond restoration, interpretative signage, a restroom building, access road and parking area.

**Holland Township (Ottawa County), Helder Park Improvements, \$275,000.** This project would include development of a new entrance drive and parking, walking trails, wetland boardwalks, pedestrian bridge and overlook deck, renovating of existing softball fields and the sidewalk to 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**Village of Alanson (Emmet County), Island Sanctuary Park Boardwalk, \$250,000.** This project would include an elevated boardwalk, bridge, fishing platform, floating dock, gazebo and pedestrian path.

**Watersmeet Township (Gogebic County), Central Agonikak National Recreation Trail Enhancement, \$240,000.** This project would develop a 2.29 mile section of the Agonikak National Recreation Trail in the Sylvania Wilderness as part of a 40-mile trail system linking Michigan and the Land O' Lakes region in Wisconsin.

**Spring Lake Township (Ottawa County), North Bank Trail Development, \$231,500.** This project would include the completion of 1.5 miles of separated bike path along a former railroad grade. The trail will be part of an 18-mile regional trail connecting Spring Lake to Coopersville.

**City of Wayland (Allegan County), Rabbit River Park Development, \$223,400.**

Development includes a hard surface trail, wildlife viewing/fishing decks, educational/picnic shelter, restroom, interpretative signage and a park entrance with parking area.

**Fillmore Township (Allegan County), Fillmore Township Park Development, \$201,000.**

This project would develop the township's first park, and includes a paved parking area, access drive, group picnic shelter, restroom, playground and accessible nature trails throughout the site's various habitats.

**Village of Colon (St. Joseph County), Colon Community Park Development, \$200,000.**

This project would develop non-motorized trails, a wetland boardwalk, fishing platform, look-out gazebo, playground, basketball/tennis courts, an ice rink, sand volleyball area, horseshoe pits, amphitheatre and picnic area.

**City of Gladwin (Gladwin County), Gladwin City Park and Campground Improvements, \$200,000.**

This project includes the development of an accessible restroom, an accessible platform over the Cedar River, a walkway, water and electric service to the campground area, tennis court resurfacing and roadway replacement.

**DNR-Executive Office, Building Demolition Initiative, \$175,000.** These funds would be used to support demolition of abandoned, vacant and surplus buildings on DNR properties, so the Department may reclaim the sites for recreational and resource protection uses.

**City of Grand Haven (Ottawa County), City Beach Improvements, \$115,200.** Development includes a family restroom facility, picnic tables and a sidewalk to link the bathroom facility to an existing accessible walkway to Lake Michigan.

**Village of Concord (Jackson County), Concord Mill Pond Trailhead Park-Falling Waters, \$109,400.** Development would include a trailhead at Mill Pond Park at the current terminus point of the Falling Waters Trail, bridge repairs, 20 parking spaces and a boat launch.

**City of Cedar Springs (Kent County), Frederick Meijer White Pine Trail Staging Area, \$100,000.** These funds would be used to develop a trailhead area for improved access to the Frederick Meijer White Pine Trail and proposed Cedar Creek walking trail.

**City of Negaunee (Marquette County), Pennies for the Park at Miners Park, \$75,000.** The project entails construction of a pavilion and restroom at Miners Park.

**DNR-Office of Communications, Retention and Recruitment, Rose Lake Shooting Range Development (Clinton County), \$75,000.** These funds would be used to make improvements at the Rose Lake Shooting Range.

**St. Joseph Township (Berrien County), Maiden Lane Community Park Improvements, \$70,000.** Development would include renovation/expansion/improvement of existing storage facility to incorporate a pavilion.

**City of Kentwood (Kent County), Pinewood Park Splash Pad, \$65,000.** Development includes installation of a splash pad at the park.

**Village of Baraga (Baraga County), Marina Boardwalk and Boat Launch, \$50,000.** This project includes construction of a boardwalk adjacent to the existing marina walkway, a launch ramp and skid pier and a picnic area.

**City of Sault Ste. Marie (Chippewa County), Sherman Park Picnic Shelter Development, \$42,200.** These funds would be used to develop an open-air picnic shelter and four picnic tables at the existing beach at Sherman Park.

**City of Frankenmuth (Saginaw County), Cass River Greenway Water Trail Development, \$35,300.** Development includes a universally accessible canoe/kayak launch along the Cass River bank with parking, way finding signage and restroom facilities.

**Meade Township (Mason County), Meade Township Park Development, \$34,000.** These funds would support development of a picnic shelter, drinking fountain and restroom.

**Tuscola Township (Tuscola County), Cass River Greenway Water Trail Development, \$32,700.** Development would include accessible canoe/kayak launch on the Cass River, along with parking, way finding signage and restroom facilities.

**Meridian Township (Ingham County), Central Park Fishing Dock, \$30,000.** This project would develop a fishing dock, interpretative signage and park amenities at Central Park.

**Republic Township (Marquette County), School Lake Fishing Access, \$26,000.** This project includes development of parking, a pathway, boardwalks and a floating fishing pier. The pathway will form part of the connection of the Iron Ore Heritage Trail.

**City of Vassar (Tuscola County), Cass River Greenway Water Trail Development, \$15,400.** Development would include an accessible canoe/kayak launch along the Cass River bank, with parking, way finding signage and restroom facilities.

**Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority (Marquette County), Iron Ore Heritage Trail Interpretative Signage, \$15,000.** The funds would be utilized for interpretative signs for the Iron Ore Heritage Trail System.

#### **Acquisition Projects Recommended for Funding:**

**Northville Township (Wayne County), Linear Park Acquisition – Phase I, \$4 million.** These funds would be used to acquire 51.01 acres to create a linear park connecting the former Northville State Hospital property with the Wayne County Hines Parkway system. This would acquire and preserve a 200-year old growth forest and link to the Southeast Michigan Greenways Network. The county originally requested \$7,053,700, and the board indicated it would consider recommending the balance of the grant request in 2010.

**DNR-Executive Office, Southeast Michigan Eco-Region Acquisitions, \$3.8 million.** These funds would be used to acquire critical in-holdings in existing state parks, recreation areas, state game areas, state harbors and natural river areas. The funding includes \$3.3 million for the William G. Milliken State Park and Harbor's second phase, and \$500,000 for other regional acquisitions.

**City of Saugatuck (Allegan County), Saugatuck Harbor Natural Area Acquisition – Phase I, \$3.5 million.** The city originally requested \$12.6 million, and the board agreed to recommend a \$3.5 million grant this year, and recommend \$3.5 million each of the next two years. The funds would be used to acquire a 171-acre parcel adjacent to Oval Beach City Park to be managed as a natural area open to non-motorized recreation.

**Acme Township (Grand Traverse County), Acme Waterfront Park – Phase II, \$2,266,500.** This project would acquire 2.11 acres for the township’s public waterfront park.

**DNR-Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division, Little Pigeon River Property Acquisition (Cheboygan County), \$1.8 million.** This project would acquire fee simple interest in approximately 1,060 acres of land adjacent to the Pigeon River Country State Forest, including over 6,600 feet of Little Pigeon River frontage.

**DNR-Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division, Menominee River Oxbow Acquisition (Menominee County), \$1.5 million.** These funds would be used to acquire 1,265 acres of land surrounded by the Escanaba River State Forest and Menominee River, including five miles of river frontage, unique hardwood species, rolling upland forest, and oxbow and excellent wildlife habitat.

**Garfield Charter Township (Grand Traverse County), Boardman Lake Trail and Nature Reserve Expansion, \$1,231,800.** This project would acquire 61 acres for expansion of the township nature reserve and acquisition of easements for the Boardman Lake Trail along the Boardman River.

**Monroe County, Academy Preserve Acquisition – Phase II, \$1 million.** This project would acquire 128 acres of open space in the City of Monroe and Frenchtown Township, which includes oak savannah, oak-hickory forest, lowland forest, farm land and a forested island in the River Raisin.

**DNR-Wildlife Division, Grassland/Bird Habitat Initiative, \$1 million.** These funds would be used to acquire parcels within dedicated boundaries of four state game areas – Maple River, Gratiot-Saginaw, Fish Point and Verona – with high potential for grassland restoration and pheasant/grassland bird habitat.

**DNR-Wildlife Division, Huron Mountains Deeryard Complex (Marquette County), \$750,000.** These funds would be used to acquire a contiguous 1,280-acre parcel in northwest Marquette County within the Huron Mountains deeryard complex.

**Ottawa County, Grand River Ravines Acquisition, \$720,000.** This project would acquire approximately 100 acres of high quality natural land, which includes huge ravines, mature forest and rolling meadows, with approximately 1,100 feet of frontage on the Grand River for county park greenway purposes.

**Plainfield Township (Kent County), Grand Isle Acquisition, \$520,000.** This project would acquire approximately 62 acres of a former golf course with 2,900 feet of Grand River frontage, wooded wetlands and several small ponds for a central park with active and passive recreation.

**City of Rochester Hills (Oakland County), Sheldon-Mead Greenspace Acquisition, \$510,000.** This project would acquire 39 acres of property along Sheldon and Mead roads for greenspace preservation. It would help secure sensitive wetlands, woodlands and provide greenway connectivity.

**DNR-Executive Office, Northern Lower Peninsula Eco-Regional Land Consolidation, \$500,000.** These funds would be used to acquire various properties within the northern Lower Michigan eco-region to improve DNR ownership by eliminating in-holdings within state project areas, protecting critical resources and habitat with an emphasis on winter deer habitat and providing public access.

**DNR-Executive Office, Upper Peninsula Eco-Regional Land Consolidation, \$500,000.** These funds would be used to acquire various properties within the Upper Peninsula eco-region to improve DNR ownership by eliminating in-holdings within state project areas, protecting critical resources and habitat with an emphasis on winter deer habitat and providing public access.

**DNR-Executive Office, Southwest Lower Michigan Eco-Regional Land Consolidation, \$500,000.** These funds would be used to acquire various properties within the southwest Lower Michigan eco-region to improve DNR ownership by eliminating in-holdings within state project areas, protecting critical resources and habitat with an emphasis on winter deer habitat and providing public access.

**Plainfield Township (Iosco County), Plainfield Nature Park Expansion, \$428,400.** This project would acquire two parcels totaling 110.4 acres of land adjacent to the Plainfield Nature Park.

**Addision Township (Oakland County) Lake George Nature Park Acquisition, \$428,000.** These funds would support acquisition of rights in land for an 82-acre property to allow public access to the natural and water resources of a passive recreation nature park.

**DNR-Parks and Recreation Division, Pinckney State Recreation Area Land Consolidation, \$415,391.** These funds would support the acquisition of up to 500 acres of land from more than 20 property owners for land consolidation in the Pinckney State Recreation Area.

**City of St. Johns (Clinton County), St. Johns Trailside Parkway Acquisition, \$106,900.** These funds would support the acquisition of 0.7 acres of land located adjacent to the future Clinton-Ionia-Shiawassee Rail-Trail for use as a trailhead.

**Fort Gratiot Township (St. Clair County), Parker Road Park Expansion, \$100,000.** These funds would support acquisition of approximately 20 acres of land for the expansion of the Parker Road Park to allow the balance of a pond to become a park facility and to provide for future extension of the Bridge-to-Bay Trail.

**Niles Township (Berrien County), Niles Community Park Expansion, \$90,000.** These funds would be used to acquire 10.9 acres along the St. Joseph River, connecting to an existing community park and the Bi-State Trail in Indiana.

**Village of Spring Lake (Ottawa County), Grand River Greenway Trail Acquisition, \$88,700.** These funds would support the acquisition of 0.43 acres to connect Tanglefoot Park to

downtown Spring Lake and to South Street sidewalk to intermediate and middle schools and sports complex fields.

**City of Portland (Ionia County), Two Rivers Park Acquisition, \$82,500.** These funds would support acquisition of 1.68 acres for the expansion of Two Rivers Park, located at the confluence of the Looking Glass and Grand Rivers.

**City of Durand (Shiawassee County), Diamond District Park Land Acquisition, \$80,000.** These funds would support acquisition of two parcels of land within the proposed park boundaries of the Diamond District Park.

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