Applicant Information

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Name of Applicant (Government Unit)* **Unique Entity Identifier Number*** Sigma Vendor Number* SIGMA Address ID* Fort Gratiot Charter Township N/A CV0021459 006 Organization Type* Local Unit of Government Title* Name of Authorized Representative* Robert Crawford Supervisor Address* City* State* ZIP* County* 3720 Keewahdin Road Fort Gratiot MI St. Clair County 48059 Telephone* E-mail* (810) 385-4489 rcrawford@fortgratiot.us State House District* State Senate District* U.S. Congress District* District 64 District 25 District 9 The following link contains District Maps - https://www.michigan.gov/micrc/mapping-process/final-maps Proposal Title (Not to exceed 60 characters)* Parker Road Park Development Address of Site* City, Village or Township of Site* Zip* 4667 Parker Road Fort Gratiot Charter Township 48059 County in which Site is located*

St. Clair

Comments

What is/will be the applicant's type of ownership and control of the property?*

[X]Fee simple ownership. Please upload the deed and site control form which can be found in the handbook. Signed Site Control FINAL.pdf

Less than fee simple. Explain what rights the applicant has and what agency holds the underlying fee simple ownership. Lease/Easement. Upload a copy of the lease/easement and site control form which can be found in the handbook.

Latitude/Longitude at park entrance*

43.045142

-82.476972

Project Category

Narrative Details - Part 1

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Park Name*

Parker Road Park
Is this an existing park?*

es [X]N

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?*

The development of Parker Road West Park is an exciting opportunity for the Township to expand its parks and recreation facilities. This is a 101-acre undeveloped piece of property owned by the Township that is adjacent to many of the Township's existing park facilities, including their non-motorized pathway. Fort Gratiot is unique in that many of the park facilities are clustered together and form an interconnected network of passive and active recreation spaces offering a variety of amenities to users. Facilities range from a dog park to a lake that hosts an RC Sailing group and a disc golf course, along with the more traditional uses like playgrounds, pathways, and pavilions. This proposal would be phase one of the development of the park, which will eventually include a full hook-up campground, softball fields, multi-purpose fields, restrooms, pavilions, playgrounds, and a splash pad. In preparation for the build-out of this park and to support the other Township parks in the vicinity, in the summer of 2022, the Township installed a water main extension installed this past summer. The extension included two taps for water service to Parker West, costing over \$1,000,000. The project was financed 50% by the Township's general fund for benefiting the recreation properties owned by the Township on Parker between Keewahdin and Carrigan Roads. The other 50% was financed by the Township's water fund to benefit the water system by increasing capacity and closing loops. The park's intent is to become a regional destination for sporting events that can accommodate participants for multi-day events at the on-site campground while also supporting the local population with pickleball, playgrounds, pavilions, a splash pad, and a sledding hill. The intent of the park is to serve a need that is lacking within the larger region. Very fewfacilities can accommodate large sporting events, and there are no hotels in the immediate area for visitors to stay. The fields and campground will meet these needs. The park will be access

The Township is providing a 20% match for the project.

DETAILED PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- 6 pickleball courts
- Pavilion
- 6-foot wide concrete path connecting the parking lot to all proposed amenities, including the pavilion, restroom, pickleball courts, and picnic tables.
- 2 recycled plastic benches with companion seating
- Recycled plastic Picnic tables
- Recycled plastic Trash Cans
- Recycled plastic Bike rack
- Concrete pad for a portable accessible restroom
- 8-ft black vinyl chain link fence and windscreen
- Landscaping with native plants and rain garden
- Gravel access drive
- Gravel Parking Lot with approximately 45 spaces, 4 of which are van-accessible ADA spaces.
- 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)*

St. Clair County was more negatively impacted by the pandemic than the state or nation on a per capita basis. Confirmed COVID-19 cases in the County were 30,821, higher than the state (29,136) and US (29,930). The County had a significantly higher mortality rate of 573 compared to the state (402) and US (326), see attachment. Unemployment rates nearly tripled in 2020 from 2019, from 4.8% to 11.7%. As with many lake-front jurisdictions, tourism is a large economic driver, and canceling many of tourism-related events and shutting down travel (including the Canadian border) had a significant economic impact on the community.

Throughout the shutdown, the Township chose not to completely close their park properties because they recognized the spaces would be crucial for residents as locations to improve both their physical and mental health. The parks were utilized throughout the entire shutdown. Since the pandemic began, staff has seen park use more than double in the Township. The staff picks up trash 2X as much as they used to. This trend in usage has continued even throughout 2022. The Township has seen a sustained increase in park use, even though society is largely back "open to activities," park usage in the Township has not decreased. According to Google mobility reports, during the shutdown, the County sawan increase in trips to parks by 1%. Additionally, since 2021, the County has made significantly more trips to parks as compared to the country, see attachment.

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

The median age in the Township is 48, which is 10% higher than the median age of the County at 44 and 20% higher than the state at 39.8 and the US at 38.2. The population older than 65 in the Township is 26% which is higher than the County (18.74%), the State (17.17%), and the US (16.03%). St. Clair County residents have a higher obesity rate at 34% (MI 32%, US 29%), and only a 6.86 rate of establishments provide recreation fitness access to exercise opportunities (MI 8.42, US 11.94). According to the CDC, 49% of the population has a pre-existing illness that puts them at increased risk for severe COVID-19.

Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the US, and the largest age demographic for players is 55 and over (29.6% of participants). In 2021, Pickleball grewto 4.8 million players in the US. Given the median age of the Township, this proposal is especially relevant to residents.

According to the Sharp Chula Vista Medical Center, it can lead to less stress on muscles, tendons, and joints, lower risk of heart disease, and improved balance and strength. It is a good aerobic workout without excessive strain, making it safe for people of all ages and those with injuries. It offers opportunities for increased social interaction and improved mental health, including reduced depression, isolation, loneliness, and enhanced social connections. Strong social connections improve quality of life, extend life expectancy, and help create connections on and off the court.

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

The 2023 update of the Township's recreation plan included an online community input survey. When asked to rank priorities over the next 5 years, respondents preferred the Township upgrade/add amenities to the existing park system and were somewhat satisfied with the variety of amenities offered at the parks. Adding pickleball courts would increase the variety of amenities at the parks. Pickleball was the #4 response when respondents ranked what they would like to see in the parks. Pickleball was also one of the top responses for the write in question to improve parks.

The Township is currently at the end of the park master planning process for Parker Road West. In March of 2021, the Township hosted a charette for the proposed design and layout of the park. Participants were split into small groups and asked to develop their own plans for the park. Then, participants presented each design to the large group and the pros and cons of each layout were discussed. From this collaborative process and several iterations of design after the meeting, the Township was able to finalize the park master plan for Parker Road West.

Prior to the charette, a group of residents came to the Township requesting pickleball courts in the Township parks because the only other courts in the surrounding area are already used to capacity. The Township was in the beginning stages of the park master plan for Parker Road West and incorporated this public input into the master plan.

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

Yes, the project is referenced in the update of the Township's 2023 recreation plan. It is also discussed in a more general sense in the 2018 recreation plan.

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

Charrette Documentation.pdf

Letters of Support Combined 1.pdf

FGLOS SCC BOC.pdf

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

2023 Sparks Grant Resolution Pickleball.pdf

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

[X]Sidewalk

Boat/Kayak

[X]Bike

*IXI*Trail

[X]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)

At this point, Parker Road West is an undeveloped park in the Township. However, the Township's parks are generally all concentrated in one large recreational complex area meaning this newpark is adjacent to many of the other well-established parks in the Township. The facilities are all connected to the Township offices and other parks by a non-motorized walking trail. If this application is awarded, the park will be home to newpickleball courts that were encouraged by a specific group of residents looking to start an unofficial Pickleball club in the Township. In the future, given the relatively small number of courts in the area and given the age demographic, there is a very real possibility the Township will become home to groups who use the courts on a regular basis. Additionally, the long-term plan for the park is a campground and sports complex, which will bring users from the larger region to the park.

Across the street, Fort Gratiot RC Yacht Club (FGRCYC) sails on Fort Gratiot Pond on Parker Road and has open sailing on Sunday afternoons. Other sailings from May — October are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This group includes local members and also draws people from Macomb County, which is part of the Detroit Metropolitan Area and is over 40 miles from the Township. Each year, the FGRCYC hosts the Mini Mack Regatta which coincides with the Port Huron to Mackinac Island sailboat race. Annual sailing regattas have hosted people from as far as Arkansas, New York, Ohio, and Canada. It is the only designated radio-controlled sailing site in Southeast Michigan on a public pond.

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)

Final close out winter 2024, park re-open to public spring 2025

[X]No

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

Public Input Stakeholder charrette and public survey input 3/23/2022 Planning and Design

6/30/2023 Once awarded ready to begin specifications and construction documents Bidding (must be complete by 12/31/2024) 9/29/2023 Once approved by DNR for public bid, documents will be advertised

Award end of 2023 with construction beginning spring 2024, complete end Construction (must be complete by 10/31/2026) 12/31/2024

of year 2024 Programming and activation

Conceptual Site Development:*

FortGratiotSparks2022-CONCEPT_combined-compressed.pdf

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

If yes, what is the firm name and did you use a competitive selection process to retain them? Spicer Group was selected via a competitive process to design, prepare cost estimates, and write grant applications for this park. The Township solicited responses from qualified professionals via an RFP in late 2021. Since that time, Spicer Group has assisted with a park master plan design process and provided cost estimates for the phased build-out of the park. The scope of the RFP also included assistance with a variety of grant applications to aid in the development of the park.

Are construction plans and specifications available?*

4/25/2025

[X]No 4b. Are Federal, State and/or Local permits required for the project?* (Maximum of 4 Points) /X/Yes No EFFORTS TAKEN TO OBTAIN PERMIT OR TYPE OF PERMIT

PERMITTING AGENCY **Permit Status DETERMINING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS**

SESC County Will apply if awarded Initial Consultation Building County Will apply if awarded Initial Consultation Yes

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 Robert Crawford Supervisor

YMCA, Joshua Chapman, [X]Non-Profit Organization/Group Letter of Support, see attached President/CEO

[X]Community Foundation Randy Maiers, President and CEO Letter of Support, see attached Dennis Delor, St. Clair County Parks

[X]Regional Planning Agency Letter of Support, see attached and Recreation Director Volunteer

[X]Friends Group Friends of the St. Clair River Letter of Support, see attached

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

Ft Gratiot Parker Road Park.pdf

Physical or Recreational Therapist

Individual

Formal Group or Organization

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)

The proposed project is designed to be flexible in use with amenities to support people of all abilities. The proposed parking will have 4 van-accessible ADA parking spaces that are connected to all the proposed amenities via a 6-ft wide concrete sidewalk. The slopes of the path will not exceed 5% longitudinally or 2% cross. There will be 2-ft of clear space on either side of the path allowing for two-way traffic, including ample space for two-way traffic with wheelchair users to be accompanied on the side by walkers and bikers. This width includes a tolerance for error and is simple and intuitive. The gradients and surfacing allowfor lowphysical effort. The benches will be installed on a paved surface adjacent to the path with adequate turning radius and clearance. The bench seat will be at 17"-19" in height, and there will be an amrest on one end to accommodate transferring from a wheelchair to the bench. There will be a clear space adjacent to the bench for companion seating, and the bench will be backed. Picnic tables are proposed under the pavilion on a concrete pad with adequate space between each table for wheelchair mobility. Each square picnic table will have 3 benches with one opening for wheelchair accessibility and have adequate area for clearance and turning radius. Each picnic table will be oriented differently than the others, so there are four different viewing/seating options for wheelchair users. The concrete pad will be graded so that there will be no more than 2% cross slope in any direction. The design also provides a concrete pad for an accessible portable restroom. The pickleball court will allowfor wheelchair access, and the gates will be 6 ft wide for equitable access. Additionally, pickleball is a sport that is friendly to all ability levels.

[X]Yes

amenities and pad for portable restroom.

gravel entrance drive off of Parker Road

6 pickleball courts and 8' black vinyl fencing

Yes

pavilion with picnic tables

benches, picnic tables, trash cans, and a bike rack

Νo

6' wide pathway connecting the parking lot to all the proposed

approximately 45 space gravel lot with 4 van accessible parking

native plantings and a rain garden for stormwater management

[X]No

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?*

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

Scope List

Brief Description

Access Pathway 6' wide or more

Access Road/Entrance Drive

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

Parking - Gravel/Crushed Stone w Accessible Parking

Athletic Field/Court

Gazebo/Pavilion/Shade Structure

Landscaping

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

footprint) part of your project?*

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

[X]General Fund support for Parks and Recreation

Mileage

Endowment Fund

Grants

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?*

The Township will be able to maintain these facilities for the entirety of their useful life. The Township's Park projects and special events are funded by the general fund. A separate budget for grounds maintenance also helps fund site improvements, equipment, and maintenance.

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

The benches, picnic tables, bike rack, and trash cans will be made from post-consumer recycled content.

- A RAIN GARDEN with NATIVE PLANTINGS-the project will utilize rain gardens, a LowImpact Development (LID) technique modeled after nature, to manage stormwater with infiltration, filtering, storing, evaporation, and detention close to its source. The rain gardens along with the native plantings will improve the environment while attracting wildlife and providing seasonal beauty and color. This provides environmental benefits and also ensures that stormwater remains on site. LID practices are integrated into the LEED certification rating systems and are also widely promoted by the US Green Building Council (USGBC).

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

The Township has selected designs and materials that will last, so they don't have significant long-term maintenance obligations. Durability and longevity were core to the design selections for this project. This costs more upfront but saves more money in maintenance and operations over the years.

The sidewalk and parking areas will be constructed with concrete, as this material lasts the longest when appropriately installed with the correct base material and requires the least maintenance. Grading of the base layers belowthe courts and surrounding areas will allowfor proper drainage and lessen the likelihood of cracking over time. Parking spaces will be paved and striped. All foundations will be a concrete footing. The pavilion will be designed with materials to ensure the life of the facility. Which includes a roof pitch steep enough to ensure easy water and snowrunoff, prohibiting water pooling or snowbuild-up. The roofing system will also be watertight, highly reflective, resistant to chemicals, fire, and high winds. It will be a steel roof that will last the longest and require the least amount of maintenance. The fencing will be vinyl-coated which is durable and will require little maintenance. The posts and nets for the pickleball courts will be made of heavy duty material.

Since the parks already have full-time and part-time maintenance staff working in all the facilities in the surrounding area they will add this newproject to their routine.

DNR Only

Financial Details

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Budget Categories	<u>Nee</u>	d for project?*	Total 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	\$103,000
Construction Programming	[X]Yes Yes	No [X]No	\$415,000 \$
Equipment - directly related to activities supporting the construction improvements of the project; maintenance equipment is not eligible.	Yes	[X]No	\$
This program does consider on affinite to		Subtotal	\$518,000
This program does permit the use of funds to cover indirect costs. Do you wan Yes	t to include indire <i>[X]</i> No	ct costs in this project?*	
		Budget Total	\$518,000
Grant amount requested*			\$415,000
Does this project have match?* Total Match		[X]Yes	No \$
Total Project Cost			\$518,000
a) General Funds or Local Restricted Funds (Applicant's own cash)			
NO ARPA FUNDS			\$103,000
b) Force Account Labor/Materials (Applicant's own paid labor or materials)			\$
c) Federal or State Funds			\$
d) Cash Donations			\$
e) Donated Labor and/or Materials			\$
Maintenance - Funding identified is based upon possible need to help suppor the spark grant does not allow for ongoing maintenance, however the DNR may additional funding opportunities.	t maintaining the utilize this inform	project. Please note that nation to help align	\$
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Additional Information

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Additional Information

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

Site Photos
Narrative Support Documentation
Sustainable Material Documentation
Universal Accessibility Documentation
Title:

Document Upload:

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Narrative Support Documentation
Sustainable Material Documentation
Universal Accessibility Documentation

Site Photos.pdf
Narrative Support Documentation1.pdf
Environmentally Friendly Features1.pdf
Universal Accessibility Documentation.pdf

Certification by Authorized Official

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- 2. Only an Authorized Official may complete this page.
- By saving this page, I certify that I am a designated official for the applicant and that all statements on this application and the attachment hereto are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- [X] I understand that if funded, all funds must be obligated into third party contract by December 31, 2024.
- [X] I understand that if funded, this project will need to be fully expended and completed by October 31, 2026.

Robert Crawford
Authorized Official

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PARKER ROAD PARK, FORT GRATIOT TOWNSHIP



Image 1 - Proposed Entrance Facing northeast



Image 2 - Proposed Site Facing east



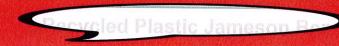
Image 3- Proposed Site Facing north



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The bench is offered in popular lengths and is constructed with 3" x 4" Resinwood slats that are supported by a heavy duty steel powder coated frame. Both surface mount and in-ground mount frame styles are available. Add an extra level of comfort with the optional armrests.









Splinter Free

- Will Not Corrode or Rot
- · No Painting or Sealing Necessary

Surface Mount

In-ground Mount



Recycled Plastic Picnic Table Powder-Coated Frame





Model PB6-JAM with PB1178 | Cedar

Color Options

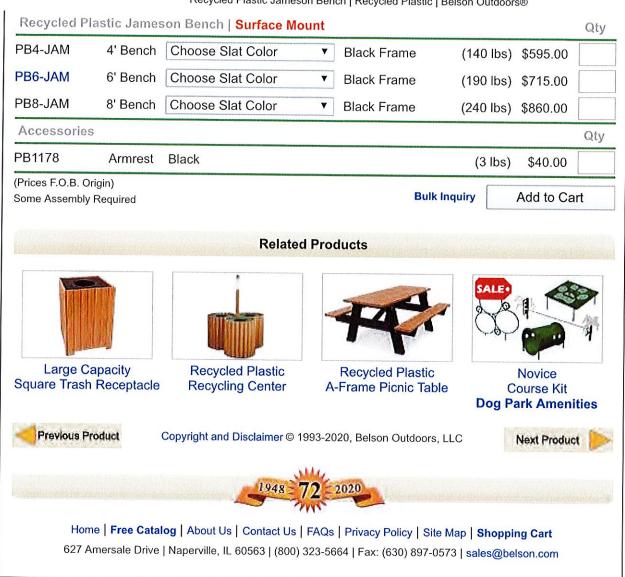
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Tweet

Recycled Pla	stic James	on Bench <mark>In-ground</mark>	Mount				Qty
PB4-JAMING	4' Bench	Choose Slat Color	v	Black Frame	(140 lbs)	\$595.00	
PB6-JAMING	6' Bench	Choose Slat Color	v	Black Frame	(190 lbs)	\$715.00	
PB8-JAMING	8' Bench	Choose Slat Color	v]	Black Frame	(240 lbs)	\$860.00	





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Model 358-CDR48

Matching Products







32 Gallon Recycled Plastic Trash Receptacles

Recycled Plastic Color Options









green

Classic Style Tables

Enrich community atmospheres with these ecofriendly square recycled plastic tables. The classic style 48" square picnic tables are designed utilizing 96% post-consumer recycled plastic materials planks-reinforced with two internal 1/4" x 1" steel strips.

Dimensions

4 Seats - 74-9/16"Sq. x 29-15/16"H

3 Seats - 74-9/16"L x 66-1/4"W x 29-15/16"H

The ultra-resilient powder-coated finish protects the all-steel, precision crafted 1-5/8"O.D. frame. These ultra-durable and maintenance free square picnic tables are available with standard 4 seats or ADA accessible 3 seat configuration to best suit facility requirements.



Model 358H-CDR48

Frame Cotor Options

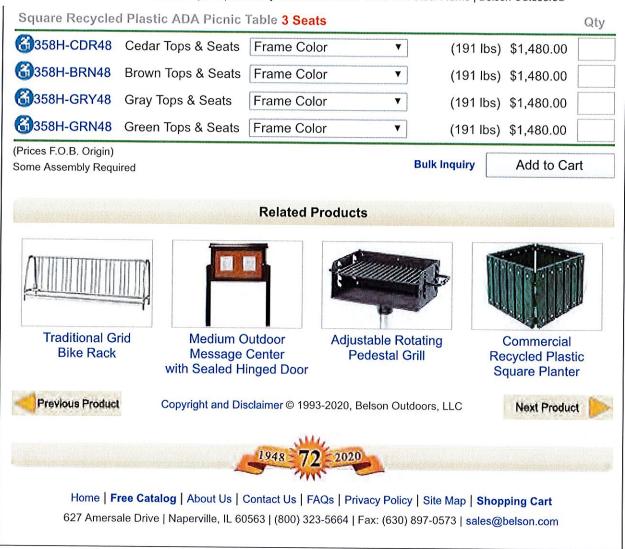


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Square Recycle	ed Plastic Picnic Table	4 Seats				Qty
358-CDR48	Cedar Tops & Seats	Frame Color	V	(227 lbs)	\$1,566.00	
358-BRN48	Brown Tops & Seats	Frame Color	•	(227 lbs)	\$1,566.00	
358-GRY48	Gray Tops & Seats	Frame Color	▼]	(227 lbs)	\$1,566.00	
358-GRN48	Green Tops & Seats	Frame Color	T	(227 lbs)	\$1,566.00	





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Sycled Plastic Bicycle Storage Race



Long Lasting and Good for the **Environment**

Lead the way and go green with a bicycle storage rack that is made of 100% recycled plastic lumber. Environmentally friendly and bicycle friendly. It will not scratch the paint on bicycles as metal or concrete racks may.

No need to paint. Recycled plastic lumber will not rust. This bicycle storage rack known for it's durable and maintenance-free properties. Available in attractive colors to complement any architectural flavor. Constructed to store up to ten bicycles.



Model BR-200 | Cedar/Black



Matching Products



Recycled Plastic Traditional Picnic **Tables**



Recycled Plastic Slatted Park Benches

Model BR-200 | Weathered Wood



black/cedar





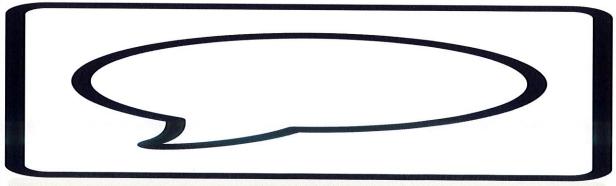








black brown cedar charcoal green sand weathered





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Recycled Plastic Jameson Bench





Model PB6-JAM | Cedar

Features

- Eco-Friendly
- **UV Protectant**
- Splinter Free
- Will Not Corrode or Rot
- No Painting or Sealing Necessary

Contoured for Comfort

Bask in the beautiful scenery on the contoured Jameson Bench. This recycled plastic Resinwood bench provides the familiar look of wood without the splinters and the maintenance.

The bench is offered in popular lengths and is constructed with 3" x 4" Resinwood slats that are supported by a heavy duty steel powder coated frame. Both surface mount and in-ground mount frame styles are available. Add an extra level of comfort with the





Surface Mount

In-ground Mount

Matching Products







32 & 55 Gallon Recycled Plastic Trash Receptacles



Model PB6-JAM with PB1178 | Cedar

Color Options







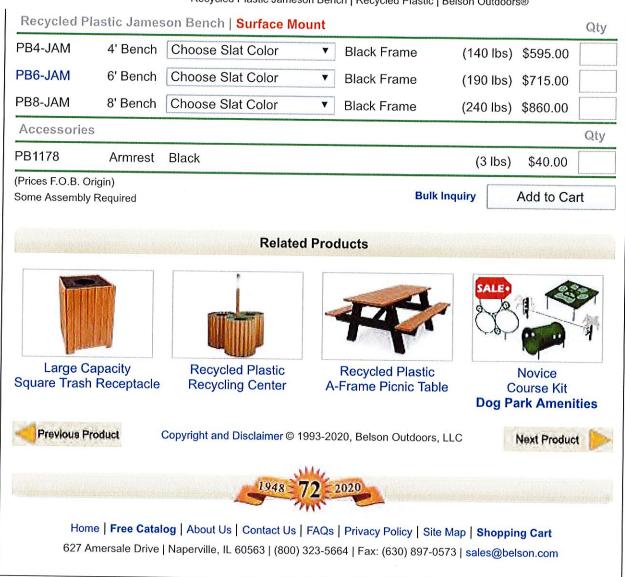
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Classic Style Square Recycled Plastic Picnic Table with Steel Frame





Model 358-CDR48

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Dimensions

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Matching Products

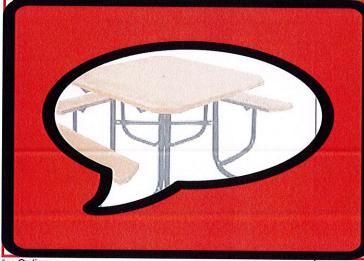


Traditional Style Recycled Plastic Park Bench



32 Gallon Recycled Plastic Trash Receptacles

The ultra-resilient powder-coated finish protects the all-steel, precision crafted 1-5/8"O.D. frame. These ultra-durable and maintenance free square picnic tables are available with standard 4 seats or



Recycled Plastic Color Options









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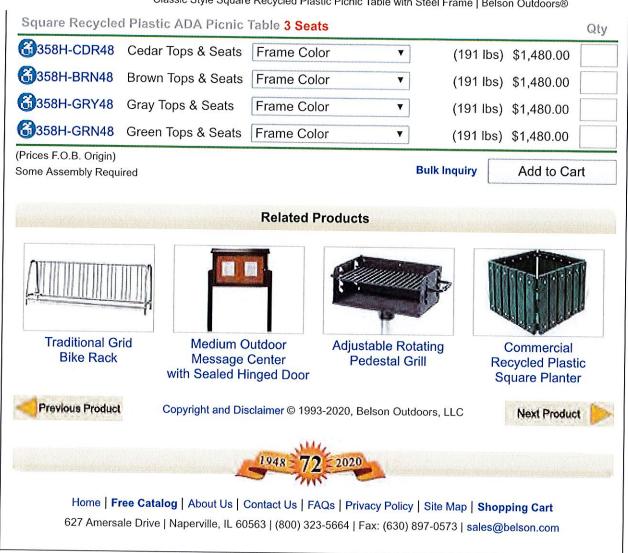


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358-BRN48	Brown Tops & Seats	Frame Color	v	(227 lbs) \$1,566.00	
358-GRY48	Gray Tops & Seats	Frame Color	▼]	(227 lbs) \$1,566.00	
358-GRN48	Green Tops & Seats	Frame Color	V	(227 lbs) \$1,566.00	



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Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Grants Management

DOCUMENTATION OF SITE CONTROL FOR MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND GRANT APPLICATIONS (FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS ONLY)

This information is requested by authority of Part 19 of Act 451 of 1994, to be considered for a MNRTF grant.

1. SITE DESCRIPTION	N: Describe the project site (all areas to be d	eveloped) below and attach a legal description:		
DEG AT E 1/4 COR	TH S 3D 36M 53S E 700', TH S 86D	45M 34S W 884', TH S 3D 36M 53S F 15', TH S 96D 45M		
86D 43M 47S E 196	1.34', TH S 3D 35M 9S E 1312.61'	M 34S E 653.24', TH N 3D 39M 23S W 1311.60', TH N TO BEG.		
Iguidance on control req	dicate the type of control the applicant has ovulvirements for grant applications. If there is not provide a separate form for each lease or ea	ver the site. Refer to the MNRTF application guidelines booklet for more than one type of control or multiple leases or easements covering		
TYPE OF CONTROL	PORTION OF SITE			
Fee Simple Title	⊠ Entire Site	DOCUMENTATION ATTACHED		
⊠ Current	☐ That portion of the site described	For proposed fee simple title, a written commitment signed by landowner and the applicant to transfer ownership to		
☐ Proposed	below and as highlighted on a	applicant by a specific date		
	boundary map submitted with your application	☐ Include Copy of the Deed (required for current ownership)		
Less than Fee Simple	☐ Entire Site	☐ For proposed less than fee simple title, a written commitment		
Title	☐ That portion of the site described	signed by landowner and the applicant to transfer ownership		
☐ Current ☐ Proposed	below and as highlighted on a boundary map submitted with your	to applicant by a specific date		
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Lease	☐ Entire Site	☐ Copy of Current Lease		
☐ Current	☐ That portion of the site described below and as highlighted on a	☐ Copy of Draft Lease		
☐ Proposed	boundary map submitted with your	Written commitment signed by landowner and applicant to		
	application	enter into an unconditional lease for a specified timeframe Other:		
Easement	☐ Entire Site	Copy of Current Easement		
	☐ That portion of the site described below and as highlighted on a	Copy of Draft Easement		
		☐ Written commitment signed by landowner and applicant to		
	boundary map submitted with your application	grant an unconditional easement		
3. LIMITATIONS, CO	NDITIONS OR ENCUMBRANCES:	Other:		
a) For property ov	vned or to be owned by the applicant, describ	pe all easements or encumbrances.		
b) For property to	be controlled through other methods, describ	be any conditions or limitations in current or proposed leases,		
easements or t	ise agreements, including restrictions on the	applicant's use of the site or the rights to be reserved by the		
recreational us	e in perpetuity:	y to complete the project in a timely manner and provide for public		
⊠ No limitations, co	nditions or encumbrances			
4. CERTIFICATION: (F	or projects on property owned in fee sim	ple by the applicant, the form must be signed by the applicant's		
altorney or another loc	cal unit official capable of certifying that th	le information provided is accurate. For leases, easements or		
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Jay De Boyer Register Of Deeds St Clair County, Michigan

\$13.00 Region \$4.00 Tax Crt \$1.00



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WARRANTY DEED

Drafted By: DAVID R. HEYBOER (P-27975) HEYBOER LAW, PLC 511 Fort Street, Suite 407 Port Huron, MI 48060 (810) 982-5400

28th October KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that on for the sum of Two Hundred Seventy Four Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars and Ten cents, (\$274,436.10), GRAB, Inc., whose address is 2965 Cherry Hill Drive, Fort Gratiot, Michigan 48059

CONVEYS AND WARRANTS TO THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FORT GRATIOT, whose address is 3720 Fort Gratiot, Michigan 48059, the following described premises situated in the Township of Fort Gratiot, County of St. Clair, State of Michigan, to-wit:

SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A

Subject to building and use restrictions, reservations, zoning ordinances and easements, if any. Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

If the real estate granted herein is unplatted, the grantor conveys but does not warrant to the grantee the right to make all available divisions allowed by statute under section 108 of the land division act. Act No. 288 of the Public Acts of 1967. This property may be located within the vicinity of farmland or a farm operation. Generally accepted agricultural and management practices which may generate noise, dust, odors, and other associated conditions may be used and

are protected by the Michigan r	ight to farm act.
	GRAB, INC.
	By: ROPIN KETTLEWELL (L.S.) Ats: President
STATE OF MICHIGAN)	
COUNTY OF ST. CLAIR)	
	was acknowledged before me this 2244 day of Kettlewell, President of GRAB, Inc.
TAX CODE NO.	Janian Marden
MICHIGAN TRANSFER TAX \$	Patrick A Movelen
When recorded return and mail to	o: Notary Public, St. Clair
Send Tax Bill to:	County, Michigan My commission expire <i>October 31 2019</i>

Exhibit A Legal Description

Land in the Township of Fort Gratiot, County of St. Clair, State of Michigan, described as follows:

Parcel 1: A parcel of land being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 17, Town 7 North, Range 17 East, said parcel particularly described as: being all that part of the West 10.98 rods of the North 102 rods of said Southeast 1/4 of said Section 17, lying North of the following described line: said line beginning South 03 degrees 36 minutes 53 seconds East 700.00 feet along the East section line from the East 1/4 corner of said Section 17; thence South 86 degrees 45 minutes 34 seconds West 884.00 feet parallel with its East end West 1/4 line; thence South 03 degrees 36 minutes 53 seconds East 15.00 feet parallel with said East section line; thence South 86 degrees 45 minutes 34 seconds West parallel with its East and West 1/4 line 1729.53 feet to the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 17 and the Point of Ending of this described line. (74-20-326-0035-000) (elso covers other land)

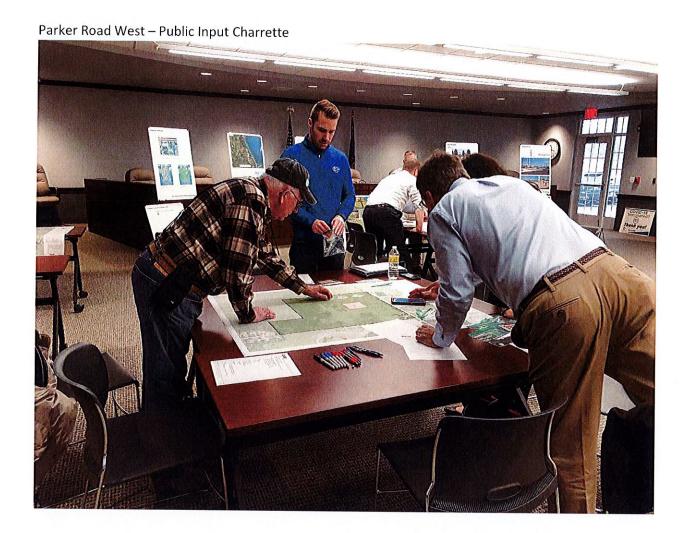
Parcel 2: A parcel of land described as: the Southeast 1/4, EXCEPT the West 181.17 feet thereof and EXCEPT that part lying South of a line Beginning South 700.00 feet from the East 1/4 corner; thence West 884.00 feet; thence South 15.00 feet; thence West to the Westerly boundary of lands owned by Elve Hall; and Including the South 20.00 acres of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4. all in Section 17, Town 7 North, Range 17 East. (74-20-017-3002-000)

Percel 3: A parcel of land situated in and being a part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section,17, Town 7 North, Range 17 East described as: Beginning at the East 1/4 corner of Section 17; thence South 86 degrees 45 minutes 34 seconds West 1306.49 feet along the East and West 1/4 line; thence North 03 degrees 37 minutes 59 seconds West 1311.93 feet; thence North 86 degrees 43 minutes 42 seconds East 1307.56 feet to the East line of Section 17, thence South 03 degrees 35 minutes 09 seconds East 1312.61 feet along the East line of Section 17 to the Point of Beginning. (74-20-017-2003-000) (also covers other land)

Commonly Known as: V\L Keewahdin, V/L Parker Rd, V/L Parker, Fort Gratiot, MI 48059

This is to certify that there are no tax liens or titles on This property and that the taxes are paid for FIVE YEARS previous to the date of this instrument. This certification does not include taxes, if any now in the process of collection by the City, Village or Township Treasurer ST. CLAIR COUNTY TREASURER

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Pickleball

Wright, David <dwright@stclaircounty.org> Wed 9/28/2022 6:14 PM

To: Robert Crawford < rcrawford@fortgratiot.us>

Mr Crawford,

As a resident in Fort Gratiot I am in favor of a pickleball court in the township. I am currently part of a group that enjoys playing pickleball and we would enjoy having a local court to utilize. The pickleball community has grown and additional courts are needed. Thanks David Wright

Sent from my iPhone





December 19, 2022

RE: 2022 DNR SPARK Grant Application Proposed Improvements at Parker Road West Park Fort Gratiot Charter Township, Michigan

To Whom it May Concern,

As the President/CEO of the YMCA of the Blue Water Area, I am writing to voice my support for the improvements at Parker Road West Park. These improvements will enhance the quality of life in the Township for residents and visitors alike.

The proposal includes six pickleball courts, site amenities such as picnic tables, benches, and a bike rack, a new pavilion, and new parking area. We are pleased to note that the Township is prioritizing sustainability by incorporating recycled plastic materials and installing a rain garden with native plantings. We are also exited that the Township is choosing to focus on accessibility for all users with the design of these park improvements.

The public depends on communities like the Township to provide recreational opportunities to our residents. The Township has shown that they are committed to improve recreation opportunities all residents, regardless of ability. The developments proposed in this grant application will provide the needed improvements for all users of the park.

We are honored to lend our support to this exciting and valuable project.

Thank you for consideration,

Duncan Smith Vice-Chairperson

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Parks and Recreation Commission

December 19, 2022

Re: 2022 DNR SPARK Grant Application Proposed Improvements at Parker Road West Park Fort Gratiot Charter Township, Michigan

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to offer my support for the proposed improvements at Parker Road West Park. These improvements will enhance the quality of life in the Township for residents and visitors alike.

The proposal includes six pickleball courts, site amenities such as picnic tables, benches, and a bike rack, a new pavilion, and new parking area. We are pleased to note that the Township is prioritizing sustainability by incorporating recycled plastic materials and installing a rain garden with native plantings. We are also exited that the Township is choosing to focus on accessibility for all users with the design of these park improvements.

Desirable communities have safe public spaces and outdoor recreational facilities that are open, free and accessible throughout the year. This project is a strong example of continuing that commitment.

The public depends on communities like the Fort Gratiot Township to provide recreational opportunities to our residents. The Township has shown that they are committed to improve recreation opportunities all residents, regardless of ability. The developments proposed in this grant application will provide the needed improvements for all users of the park.

We consider Fort Gratiot Township a valued partner in our mutual goal of improving recreational opportunities that everyone in the township and the Blue Water Region can enjoy. Thank you for considering this application.

Sincerely,

Dennis C. Delor

Director, St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission

3415 28th Street Port Huron MI 48060

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December 19, 2022

RE: 2022 DNR SPARK Grant Application

Proposed Improvements at Parker Road West Park

Fort Gratiot Charter Township, Michigan

To Whom it May Concern:

As the Health Officer for St. Clair County Health Department, I am writing to voice my support for the improvements at Parker Road West Park. These improvements will enhance the quality of life in the Township for residents and visitors alike.

The proposal includes six pickleball courts, site amenities such as picnic tables, benches, and a bike rack, a new pavilion, and new parking area. We are pleased to note that the Township is prioritizing sustainability by incorporating recycled plastic materials and installing a rain garden with native plantings. We are also exited that the Township is choosing to focus on accessibility for all users with the design of these park improvements.

The public depends on communities like the Township to provide recreational opportunities to our residents. The Township has shown that they are committed to improve recreation opportunities all residents, regardless of ability. The developments proposed in this grant application will provide the needed improvements for all users of the park.

St. Clair County Health Department supports this initiative as it aligns with the most recent "Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) identified stakeholder priorities of "improvement of mental health" and "prevention of obesity" both noted as significant needs in St. Clair County. Research shows that outdoor activities including play reduce obesity and weight related health concerns while improving mental health, sleep and mood.

We are honored to lend our support to this exciting and valuable project. Thank you for consideration.

Sincerely,

ST. CLAIR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Elizabeth King, RN, BSN Health Officer, Director



Mr. Theo A. Kerhoulas Superintendent

December 19, 2022

To Whom It May Concern,

As the Superintendent of Port Huron Schools, I am writing to voice my support for the improvements at Parker Road West Park. These improvements will enhance the quality of life in the Township for residents and visitors alike.

The proposal includes six pickleball courts, site amenities such as picnic tables, benches, and a bike rack, a new pavilion, and a new parking area. We are pleased to note that the Township is prioritizing sustainability by incorporating recycled plastic materials and installing a rain garden with native plantings. We are also excited that the Township is choosing to focus on accessibility for all users with the design of these park improvements.

The public depends on leadership like the Township to provide recreational opportunities for our residents. The Township has shown that they are committed to improve recreation opportunities for all residents, regardless of ability. The developments proposed in this grant application will provide the needed improvements for all users of the park.

We are honored to lend our support to this exciting and valuable project.

Thank you for consideration,

Sincerely,

Theo Kerhoulas

Superintendent, Port Huron Schools



December 19, 2022

RE:

2022 DNR SPARK Grant Application Proposed Improvements at Parker Road West Park Fort Gratiot Charter Township, Michigan

To Whom it May Concern,

As a Founder and Owner of Michigan Mutual Inc., I'm writing to voice my support for the improvements at Parker Road West Park. These improvements will enhance the quality of life in the Township for residents and visitors alike. In addition, quality parks enhance the desire to invest in home ownership county wide.

The proposal includes six pickleball courts, site amenities such as picnic tables, benches, a bike rack, a new pavilion, and new parking areas. We are pleased to note that the Township is prioritizing sustainability by incorporating recycled plastic materials and installing a rain garden with native plantings. We are also exited that the Township is choosing to focus on accessibility for all users with the design of these park improvements.

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We are honored to lend our support to this exciting and valuable project.

Thank you for consideration,

Sincerely,

Hale H. Walker

Co-founder
Michigan Mutual Inc.



1221 Pine Grove Ave. Port Huron, Michigan 48060

tel (810) 987-5000

mclaren.org

December 19, 2022

RE: 2022 DNR SPARK Grant Application Proposed Improvements at Parker Road West Park Fort Gratiot Charter Township, Michigan

To Whom it May Concern,

As the President and Chief Executive Officer at McLaren Port Huron, I am writing to voice my support for the improvements at Parker Road West Park. These improvements will enhance the quality of life in the Township for residents and visitors alike.

This proposal supports our organization's mission to improve the health of our community through enhanced recreation opportunities. It also aids us in our efforts to attract talent to the region – as the region's largest employer, it's important that we can demonstrate to our prospective (and current) employees that this is a healthy and vibrant community to be part of.

The proposal includes six pickleball courts, site amenities such as picnic tables, benches, and a bike rack, a new pavilion, and new parking area. We are pleased the Township is prioritizing sustainability by incorporating recycled plastic materials and installing a rain garden with native plantings, and we're excited that the Township is choosing to focus on accessibility for all users with the design of these park improvements.

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We are honored to lend our support to this exciting and valuable project.

Thank you for consideration,

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Eric Cecava

President & Chief Executive Officer ececava@mclaren.org | (810) 989-3704



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Michigan's Thumb Coast Watershed Organization www.scriver.org

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RE: 2022 DNR SPARK Grant Application Proposed Improvements at Parker Road West Park Fort Gratiot Charter Township, Michigan

To Whom it May Concern,

I am pleased to provide support for the improvements at Parker Road West Park in Fort Gratiot Township for the DNR SPARK grant.

We are proud to collaborate with Fort Gratiot Township to conserve and protect green spaces and recreational spaces that strive to be environmentally sustainable. Improvements at this high-quality natural area will boost the economic, recreational and social values of our watershed.

As the area's largest environmental nonprofit, we are committed to ensure the public benefits of green spaces, rivers and trails are resilient, equitable and improve quality of life. We work to protect natural areas, conserve pollinator habitat, connect people with nature, and provide health and wellness opportunities across the Thumb Coast region. We are pleased to note the Township is prioritizing sustainability by incorporating recycled plastic materials and installing a rain garden with native plantings.

We are looking forward to the proposed improvements on this property and will continue to offer our support as an advocate, partner and steward throughout the project. Thank you for taking the time to review this proposal and for your thoughtful consideration.

Yours in service to the environment,

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Sheri J. Faust

President, Friends of the St. Clair River

Community Foundation

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Mr. Rob Crawford Fort Gratiot Charter Township 3720 Keewahdin Road Fort Gratiot, Michigan 48059

RE:

2022 DNR SPARK Grant Application

Proposed Improvements at Parker Road West Park

Fort Gratiot Charter Township, Michigan

Dear Mr. Crawford,

The Community Foundation of St. Clair County is pleased to provide a letter of support regarding the improvements at Parker Road West Park. These improvements will enhance the quality of life in the Township for residents and visitors alike.

The proposal includes six pickleball courts, site amenities such as picnic tables, benches, and a bike rack, a new pavilion, and new parking area. We are pleased to note that the Township is prioritizing sustainability by incorporating recycled plastic materials and installing a rain garden with native plantings. We are also exited that the Township is choosing to focus on accessibility for all users with the design of these park improvements.

The public depends on communities like the Township to provide recreational opportunities to our residents. The Township has shown that they are committed to improve recreation opportunities all residents, regardless of ability. The developments proposed in this grant application will provide the needed improvements for all users of the park.

We are proud to offer our support to this exciting and valuable project. Thank you for your review of the grant applications and consideration of each request.

Sincerely,

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Randy Maiers President & CEO





Blue Water Developmental Housing, Inc.

Coventry Court • 1600 Gratiot, Suite 1 • Marysville, MI 48040 (810) 388-1200 • Fax (810) 388-0722 • www.bwdh.org

Our Mission:

To provide housing and support services focusing on the desires and needs of the person served, support individual dignity, and promote community inclusion.

Lisa BeedonExecutive Director

Blue Water Developmental Housing, INC 1600 Gratiot Blvd., Suite 1 Marysville, MI 48040

Vonda Willey
Division Director
Administrative Services

Subject: Letter of Support

Kathryn Baker Division Director Community Services December 19, 2022

To whom it may concern,

Andrea Bubel
Division Director
Residential Services

Board President

Kathrine Jackson-Drewek

On behalf of Blue Water Developmental Housing, I am writing to express our interest in utilizing the expanded Parker Road West Park in Fort Gratiot, Michigan. We offer a variety of quality housing and support services through residential and community-based programs for people with special needs and those involved in their lives. We feel this park expansion would complement the programs and activities we currently offer residents and those whom we serve.

We look forward to discussing more when the time comes. Please contact me if there are any questions.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Beedon Executive Director

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Blue Water Developmental Housing, INC







Supporting members by fostering economic prosperity and promoting businesses through regional collaboration, advocacy, and member development since 1917.

December 19, 2022

RE: 2022 DNR SPARK Grant Application Proposed Improvements at Parker Road West Park Fort Gratiot Charter Township, Michigan

To Whom it May Concern:

As the President and CEO of the Blue Water Area Chamber, I am writing to voice my support for the improvements at Parker Road West Park. These improvements will enhance the quality of life in Fort Gratiot Charter Township (Township) for residents and visitors alike.

The proposal includes six pickleball courts, site amenities such as picnic tables, benches, and a bike rack, a new pavilion, and new parking area. We are pleased to note that the Township is prioritizing sustainability by incorporating recycled plastic materials and installing a rain garden with native plantings. We are also exited that the Township is choosing to focus on accessibility for all users with the design of these park improvements.

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We are honored to lend our support to this exciting and valuable project.

Thank you for consideration.

Sincerely,

Thelma Castillo
President & CEO



December, 2022

Fort Gratiot Township,

On behalf of the Blue Water Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, we would like to acknowledge our support for the development of Parker Road West Park.

Parks and recreation facilities are a highly desired amenity for visiting tourists and locals alike. This type of facility is what sporting events are looking for in host locations. We are heavily involved in Pure Michigan Sports and having this type of sports complex would attract organizations to book here. Since sporting events are often multi-day it makes sense to have a place to stay overnight so this is an important part of the development. Currently, Fort Gratiot Township does not have any lodging options and is located in the busiest corridor of the Thumbcoast region. Building a campground would not only accommodate the sporting events but the growing interest in visitors camping since 2020.

This is a perfect opportunity for an improvement to not only Fort Gratiot but to the Thumbcoast region as a whole. This will be very impactful to the local economy and tourism. Please consider funding grant money to this Fort Gratiot Township project we fully support.

Marci Fogal

Marci Fogal
President
Blue Water Area Convention & Visitors Bureau
500 Thomas Edison Parkway
Port Huron, MI 48060
(810) 987-8687

December 19, 2022

RE:

2022 DNR SPARK Grant Application

Proposed Improvements at Parker Road West Park

Fort Gratiot Charter Township, Michigan

To Whom it May Concern,

As the Director of Nursing at Lake Huron Medical Center, I am writing to voice my support for the improvements at Parker Road West Park. These improvements will enhance the quality of life in the Township for residents and visitors alike.

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We are honored to lend our support to this exciting and valuable project.

Thank you for consideration,

Sincerely,

Katie Cox, Director of Nursing, Lake Huron Medical Center

Katie Cos



December 19, 2022

RE: 2022 DNR SPARK Grant Application Proposed Improvements at Parker Road West Park Fort Gratiot Charter Township, Michigan

To Whom it May Concern,

As the Director of Business and Community Development of the Economic Development Alliance of St. Clair County, I am writing to support the improvements at Parker Road West Park. These improvements will enhance the quality of life in the Township for residents and visitors alike.

The proposal includes six pickleball courts, site amenities such as picnic tables, benches, a bike rack, a new pavilion and parking area. We are pleased to note that the Township is prioritizing sustainability by incorporating recycled plastic materials and installing a rain garden with native plantings. We are also excited that the Township is putting a concentrated emphasis on accessibility for all users with the design of these park improvements.

The public depends on projects such as this, that not only provide recreational opportunities to its residents, but as well as sustainable economic growth for the community. The developments proposed in this grant application will provide upgrades to infrastructure that will support new development with a focus on placemaking and livability to ensure quality of life.

It is our pleasure to lend support to this exciting and valuable project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kristy Jones

FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION # 2022-012 09/07/2022

DNR SPARKS GRANT APPLICATION

Authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources SPARK Program for the purpose of making improvements to parks and recreational facilities that provide safe, accessible public recreation spaces.

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort Gratiot Charter Township, County of St. Clair, Michigan, held on the 7th day of September, 2022, beginning at 7:00 o'clock p.m., Prevailing Eastern Time.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

CRAWFORD, OPRITA, BUECHLER, BRADLEY, KISH AND BRUCKNER

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ARMBRUSTER

The following Preamble and Resolution were offered by Member Kish and supported by Member Bradley:

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has announced a new grant opportunity to support projects that provide safe, accessible public recreation facilities and spaces to improve recreational experiences, rebuild existing park infrastructure and promote outdoor activities; and

WHEREAS, Fort Gratiot Charter Township has been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and has experienced an increase in the need and desire for safe and accessible recreational trails, open spaces and park activities that can be enjoyed by everyone regardless of economic standing, age or ability; and

WHEREAS, the DNR has released notifications on the opportunity for individual communities and community partnerships to apply for grant funds under the new and competitive SPARK Program; and WHEREAS, the SPARK Program encourages local collaborations, leveraging of local match funds and inkind services in order to create a competitive and comprehensive application; and WHEREAS, public comments were received and considered during a scheduled meeting and as part of the public audience agenda; and

WHEREAS, Fort Gratiot Charter Township wishes to make improvements at *Parker Road West for Pickleball Courts* and seek consideration of SPARK Grant funds combined with a local match that may consist of, but not be limited to, local revenue funds, donations, and in-kind services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Fort Gratiot Charter Township does, hereby, support and authorize the submission of a Grant Application, as an individual community application or as a community partnership application, to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources SPARK Program and with the recommended local match, of up to twenty (20%) percent, to be determined and to consist of, but not be limited to, local revenue funds, donations, and/or in-kind services, as well as all other requirements necessary for the grant application to be deemed eligible and competitive.

AYES:

CRAWFORD, OPRITA, BUECHLER, BRADLEY, KISH AND BRUCKNER

NAYS:

NONE

ABSENT:

ARMBRUSTER

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

ROBERT C. CRAWFORD, SUPERVISOR FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP

ROBERT D. BUECHLER, CLERK

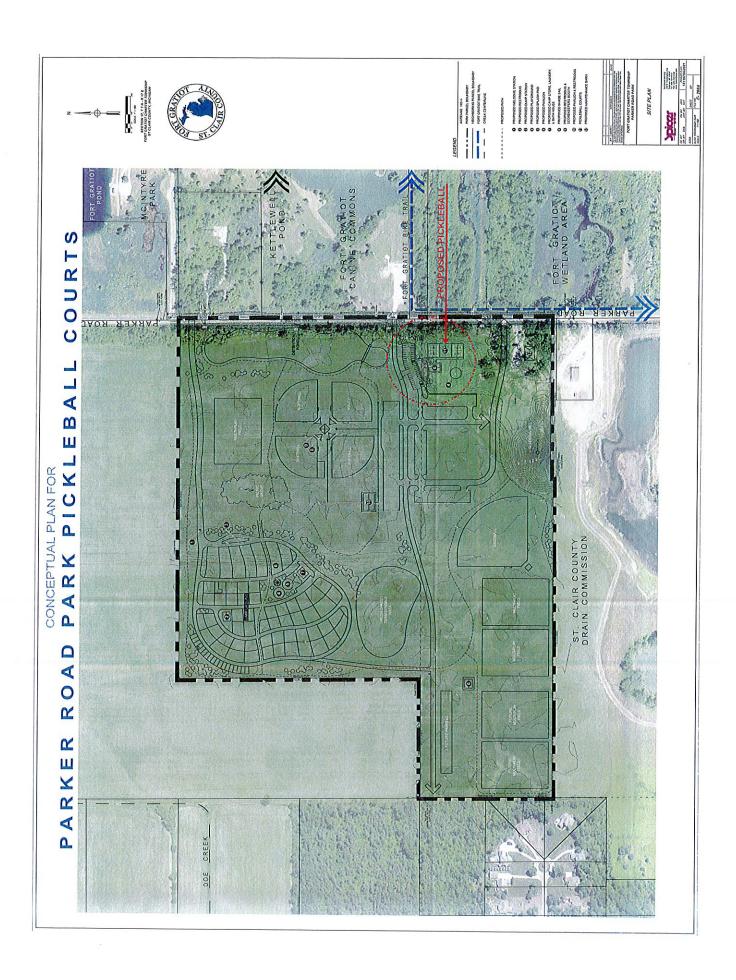
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CERTIFICATION

I, HEREBY, CERTIFY that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete Resolution No. 2022-012, adopted by the Township Board of Fort Gratiot Charter Township, County of St. Clair, Michigan, at a Regular Meeting held on the 7th day of September, 2022; and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976 and that the Minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available, as required by said Act.

CROBERT D. BUECHLER, ELERK

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PICKLEBALL COURTS CONCEPTUAL PLAN FOR PARK ROAD PARKER



PROPOSED NOTES

GRAVEL DRIVEWAY

GRAVEL PARKING LOT (APPROX. 45 SPACES) PAVED ADA PARKING SPACES (TYP.)

4 CONCRETE PATH

BENCH WITH COMPANION SEATING AREA (TYP.)

8-FT BLACK VINYL CHAINLINK FENCE WITH WINDSCREEN

PICKLEBALL COURTS

BIKE RACK

9 PAVILION

CONCRETE PAD FOR PORTABLE TOILET



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December 15, 2022

Michigan Department of Natural Resources Parks and Recreation Division P.O. Box 30257 Lansing, MI 48909

To Whom It May Concern;

Disability Network Eastern Michigan (DNEM) is pleased to write a letter in support of Ft. Gratiot Twp. new Parker Road Park for the Michigan Spark Grant Program. This new undeveloped park will include a new parking lot with 4 paved handicap parking areas with 1 being a van accessible spot. From the parking lot a 6ft wide concrete path will lead them to the new pickleball courts, pavilion and portable ADA compliant restroom.

With this sport becoming more popular this will give the residents and visitors a safe place to play and enjoy the outdoors.

DNEM would like to provide our endorsement of the project as a universal accessible improvement to the township. The improvements will not only enhance the lives of those with disabilities, but will make it a better for the park to become a focal point in the township.

Disability Network Eastern Michigan is committed to promote inclusion for all breaking down barriers and opening paths towards independence and personal choice thru resources, advocacy, support and education.

Thank you for your consideration. Again, we strongly support this request.

ADA Coordinator

Disability Network Eastern Michigan