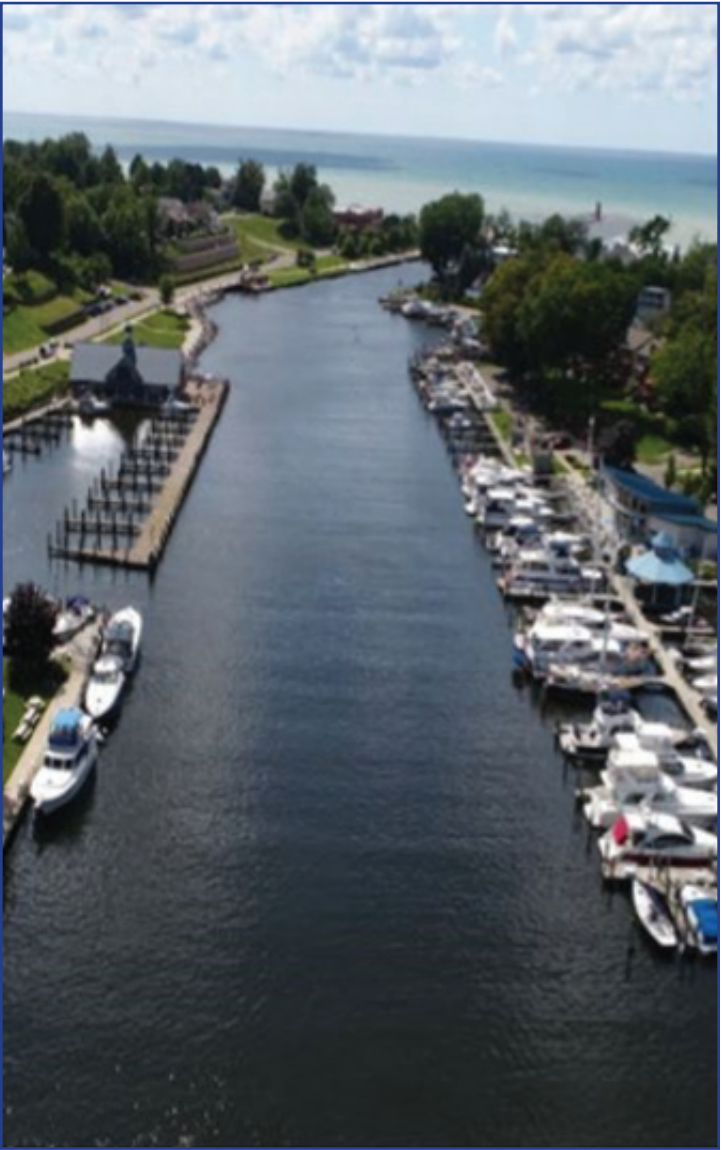




City of South Haven
South Haven Charter Township
South Haven Area Recreation Authority



2018 - 2022 Parks and Recreation Plan



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Community Description

1. Location

Located on the eastern shore of Lake Michigan at the mouth of the Black River, the area offers an abundance of recreational activities year round. Whether your greatest moments are spent beach combing, boating, sailing, golfing, hiking, biking, fishing, in-line skating, skateboarding, kayaking, canoeing, wine tasting, visiting u-pick farms, horseback riding, camping at private or state run campgrounds, playing at the local park, or attending festivals, the area continues to offer the best activities for families, seniors, rural residents, and city dwellers. Also, due to its location on the Great Lakes, the city is a major attraction to visitors and second-home owners, especially during the summer months.

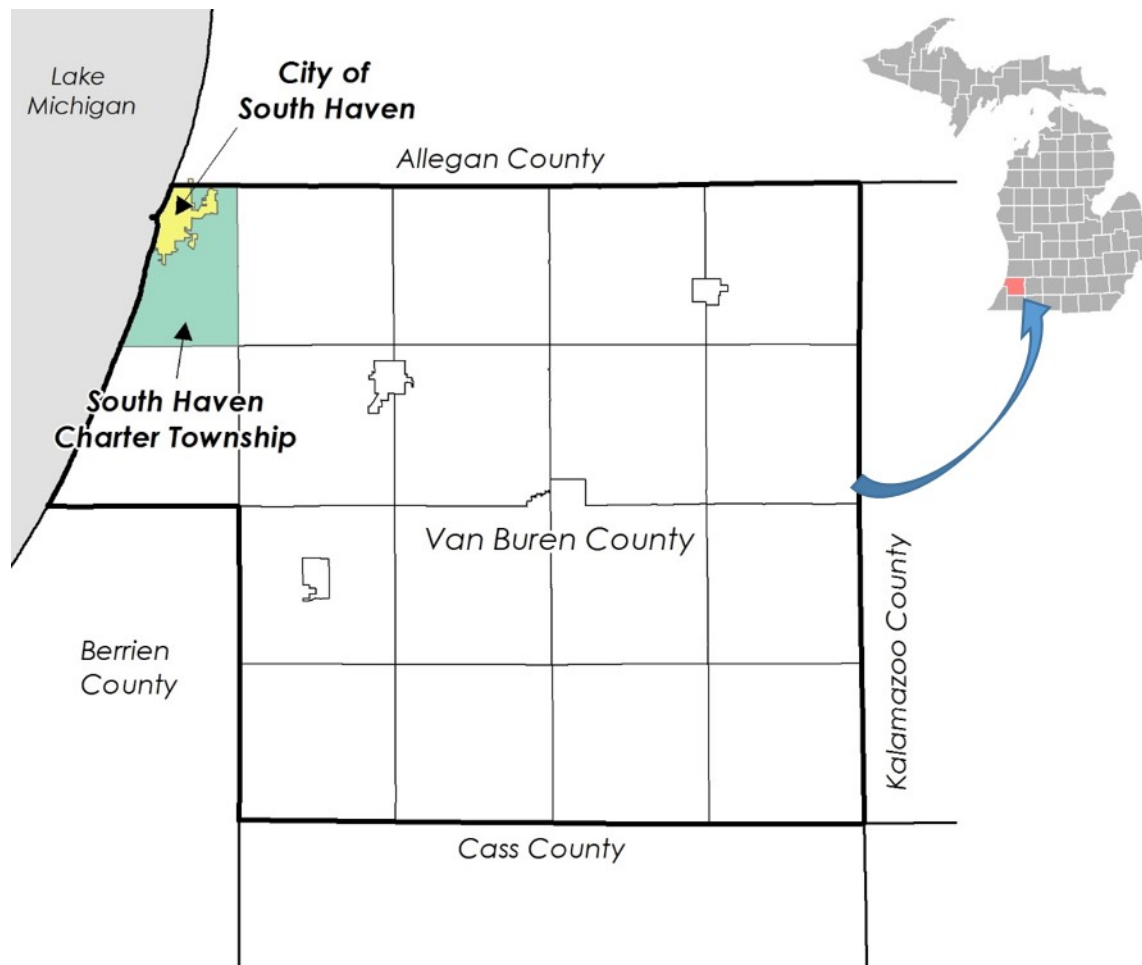
The Harborwalk is a two-mile walking tour around the harbor serving people of all abilities. Historical signs tell of the rich history along the harbor. The Kal-Haven Trail, stretching from Kalamazoo to South Haven, is used by hikers, bicyclists, equestrians, cross-country skiers, and snowmobilers. There is an extension of the trail from the trailhead to downtown. Bike routes further connect this trail to the Van Buren Trail which runs to Van Buren State Park and Hartford. Several campgrounds have been developed along the trail due to its popularity. Nearby is the Van Buren State Park offering camping, hiking trails, and a beautiful beach. Adjoining the State Park is North Point, a County-owned 17 acre park, which also offers hiking, bird-watching, and Lake Michigan frontage. The Bangor to South Haven Heritage Water Trail flows on the Black River from Bangor to South Haven. Winter brings ice skating activities to the downtown South Haven Ice Rink.

Summer is the most popular season bringing with it a flurry of activities. Beach fun, fishing, golfing, boating, paddling, and shopping are highlights of the season. South Haven is a shallow draft/recreational harbor and is blessed with a variety of natural resources, historic background, and an abundance of publicly-owned property. South Haven provides a variety of recreational resources not only to its local residents, but to the residents of the immediate surrounding area and acts as a regional base for recreation for people throughout the state and the Midwest. In addition to over two miles of frontage on Lake Michigan, South Haven has the Black River running through the city limits which, during the summer months, acts as a port with over 1,150 boat slips.

The City of South Haven encompasses approximately 3.5 square miles of the land in the northwest corner of Van Buren County, Michigan and a small portion of this is also located in the southwest section of Allegan County. The City is about 48 miles north of the Michigan-Indiana border, about 38 miles west of Kalamazoo, 30 miles south of Holland, and 20 miles north of St. Joseph/Benton Harbor. With an estimated year-round population of 4,372¹ it is essentially a small urban community that is surrounded by a large rural-based farming community also known as the "Blueberry Capital". The City is conveniently located with three exits off I-196. South Haven Charter Township encompasses approximately 17.5 square miles of the land in the northwest corner of Van Buren County, Michigan. The population is estimated at 3,923¹. The Township surrounds the City of South Haven on two sides (south and east). The Township is bordered on the north by Casco Township in Allegan County, Geneva Township in Van Buren County borders the east, Covert Township borders the south, and Lake Michigan to the west. The Black River runs east to west through the northern mile of the Township.

¹ U.S. Census Bureau, 2016 ACS 5-Year Population Estimates

Map 1. Location Map



2. Population^{1,2}

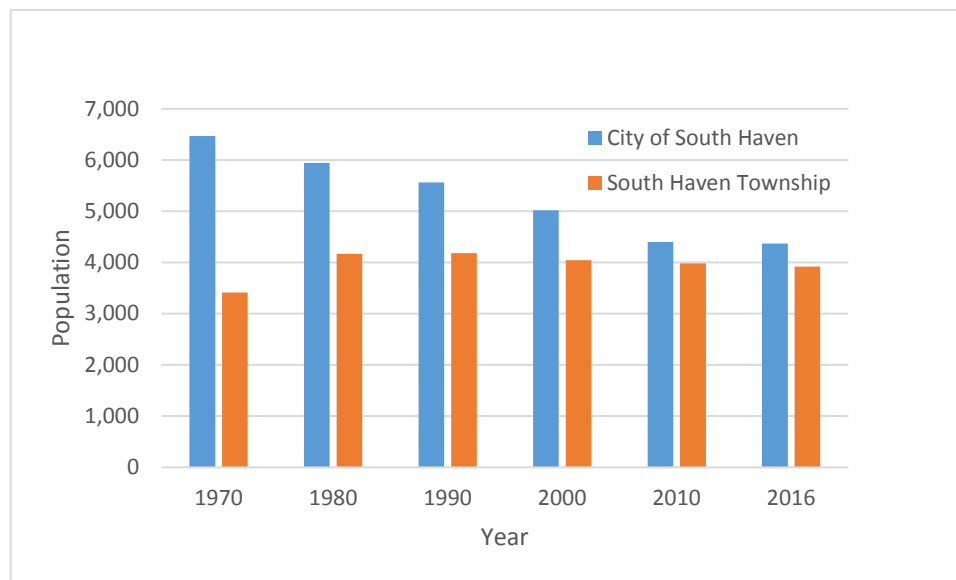
General Trends

The City of South Haven and South Haven Charter Township have both experienced gradual declines in population since 2000. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates a 2016 population of 4,372 for the City of South Haven and 3,923 for South Haven Township. Van Buren County's population remained steady from 2000 to 2010 with a slight decrease estimated for 2016.

Table 1. Population Trends by Years 1970 - 2016

	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2016
City of South Haven	6,471	5,943	5,563	5,021	4,403	4,372
South Haven Township	3,416	4,174	4,185	4,046	3,983	3,923
Van Buren County	56,173	66,814	70,060	76,263	76,258	75,216

Figure 1. Population Trends by Years 1970 – 2016



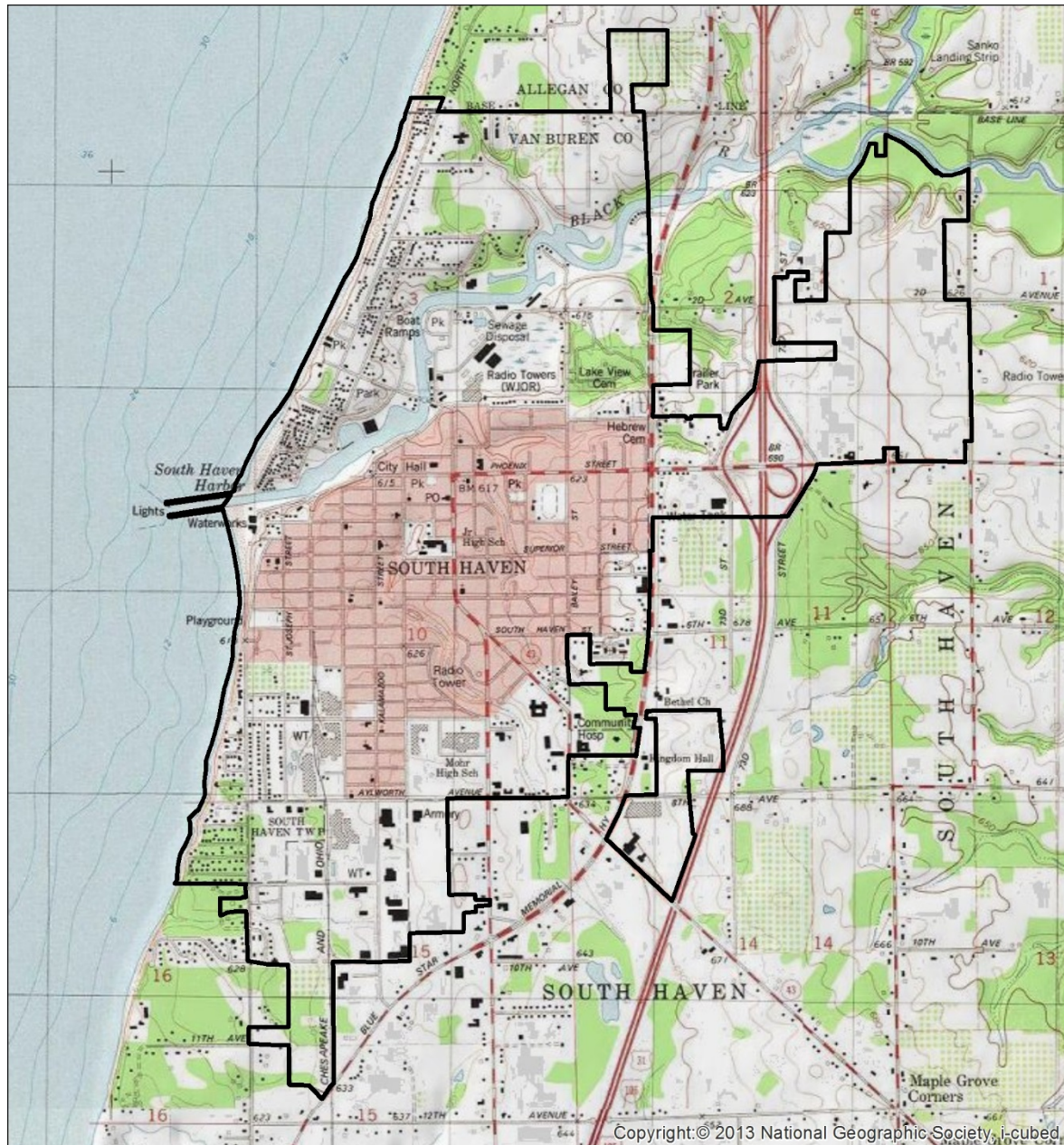
² U.S. Census Bureau, 1970-2010 Census

3. Physical Characteristics

Topography

The topography of South Haven beginning with its west side starts as sandy beaches leading to clay bluffs up to 50 feet high. There are many ravines through the City, most of which are wooded. The Black River valley makes up the center of the City with downtown established on a bluff overlooking the river.

Map 2. Topography of South Haven



Climate³

The following information was taken from the Soil Survey of Van Buren County, Michigan. Prepared by the Michigan Department of Agriculture, Climatology Division, East Lansing, Michigan.

Winter in Van Buren County

In winter, the average temperature is 25.5 degrees Fahrenheit and the average daily minimum temperature is 17.8 degrees. The lowest temperature on record occurred in Bloomingdale on three occasions - February 10, 1912, February 5, 1918 and February 7, 1978, and was -22 degrees. The average seasonal snowfall is 91.4 inches. The greatest snow depth at any one time during the period of record was 45 inches, on December 12, 1962. On the average, 64 days of the year have at least 1 inch of snow on the ground. The number of such days varies greatly from year to year. The highest seasonal snowfall was 158.8 inches, during the winter of 1962-1963. The lowest seasonal snowfall was 21.2 inches, during the winter of 1905-1906. The heaviest 1-day snowfall on record was 20 inches, on December 10, 1962.

Summer in Van Buren County

In summer, the average temperature is 69.1 degrees Fahrenheit and the average daily maximum temperature is 81.1 degrees. The highest recorded temperature, which occurred in Bloomingdale on July 5, 1911, was 105 degrees. The total annual precipitation is 38.28 inches. Of this, 21.31 inches, or about 56%, usually falls in April through September. The growing season of most crops falls within this period. Two years out of ten, the rainfall in April through September is less than 17.3 inches. The heaviest single day rainfall on record was 9.78 inches in Bloomingdale on September 1, 1914. This is the greatest single day precipitation total ever recorded in the history of Michigan climatological observations. The 9.78 inches fell in only 6 hours. Thunderstorms occur on about 36 days each year.

Humidity, Sunshine and Wind

The average relative humidity in mid-afternoon is about 62%. Humidity is higher at night and the average at dawn is about 82%. The sun shines 62% of the time in summer and 32% in winter. The prevailing wind is from the west.

Water Resources

The City of South Haven is blessed with both Lake Michigan and the Black River, which provide the bulk of natural resource recreational opportunities within the planning area. Swimming, fishing, boating, jet skiing, kite boarding, surfing, wind surfing, and visiting the beach are just a few of the recreational opportunities that the City's water-based facilities provide for not only the local residents, but for much of Southwest Michigan and the City's growing tourist trade.

South Haven city has approximately 2.75 miles of Lake Michigan frontage. Of this frontage the City owns over seven tenths of a mile. While North and South Beach provide the majority of public frontage on the lake, the City has eleven public access points to the lake dispersed throughout the City within the right-of-ways of public streets. Of those eleven access points, six are currently improved to provide access to Lake Michigan. Continual efforts are needed to protect these access sites.

The Black River meanders through the City providing a port for over 1,150 boat slips, three full service marinas with boat sales, and charter-fishing opportunities for the general public. In addition, the river provides launching facilities for trailerable boats and kayaks. There is approximately 1.66 miles of river

³ Michigan Department of Agriculture, Climatology Division, East Lansing, Michigan, 2003.

frontage that is public, most of which is downstream of the Dyckman Avenue Bridge over the Black River. The public can enjoy a walk from the North Beach pier to South Beach pier along the Harborwalk. This walk is approximately two miles, and is provided through publicly-owned lands, easements through private property, and access next to privately-owned river frontage. It provides excellent views of the river and its activities for the land-based public. The Black River is an extremely valuable natural and economic resource for the City.

Vegetation and Soils⁴

According to the Soil Survey of Van Buren County, Michigan as compiled by the United States Department of Agriculture/Soil Conservation Service, the soils and topographic conditions of South Haven are primarily, “Nearly level to hilly, somewhat poorly-drained and well-drained, loamy and sandy soils on till plains, moraines, and lake plains.”

More specifically, along the Lake Michigan coastline on the north side of the Black River, the City’s soils and topographic makeup is of sandy loam with a one to twelve (1-12%) slope running toward Lake Michigan. On the south side of the Black River along the Lake Michigan coastline, the soils are once again of sandy loam with a minimum of 12% inclining slope from the coastline. The area is within the high erosion area of the Shorelines Protection and Management Act.

Off the coastline in the southern sections of the City, the soil conditions are primarily Selfridge loamy sand with a very low slope of Urban land-berms coupled with no or very small slope. There are several ravines that run through the southern section of South Haven that provide much of the drainage for the area. In the northern section of the town, the soil conditions are comprised mostly of Selfridge loamy sand with little slope.

All of these conditions describe moderate or severe soil conditions for Recreational Development. Moderate conditions mean “that the limitations for development can be overcome or alleviated by planning, design or special maintenance.” Severe means “that soil properties are unfavorable and that limitations can be offset only by costly soil reclamation, special design, intensive maintenance, limited use, or by a combination of these measures.”⁴

Environmental Issues⁵

The Black River Watershed encompasses approximately 183,490 acres, or 287 square miles in Allegan and Van Buren Counties in southwestern Michigan. 43.8% of the watershed lies in Allegan County, and 56.2% lies in Van Buren County.

The Black River Watershed contains a variety of land use. The Black River is intensively used for recreation, especially near South Haven with its new harbor facilities. Primary recreational uses are boating and fishing. The high sediment and nutrient loading from the Black River are adversely impacting the fishery in the lower portion of the river. Sediment and turbidity reduce the quality of the fish habitat. Turbidity also reduces the aesthetic appeal of the river. Opportunities for fishing are reduced when sediment deposition causes a decline in the number of sport fish, such as trout, salmon, walleye pike and perch.

⁴ SOIL SURVEY OF VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN – United States Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service. September 1986. Page 50.

⁵ Black River Watershed Management Plan, April 2005, updated September 2009.

Sedimentation in the Black River Watershed is likely primarily a result of bank erosion. While there are certainly other sources of sedimentation, the banks appear to be eroding in many locations. This can be a result of the land use along the stream bank or changes in hydrology.

Non-point source water quality problems existing in the watershed are caused from, but not limited to, the following three main sources:

1. Soil loss, erosion and sedimentation from agricultural land, stream bank, county drain, urban construction and roadside erosion.
2. Nutrient loading is suspected from animal waste runoff, poor fertilizer management on cropland, urban lawn treatment and inadequate onsite septic systems.
3. Potential chemical contaminants, including pesticides from both residential and agricultural sources are suspected in surface waters.

Transportation

An important consideration in recreation planning is the network of transportation facilities that services and facilitates travel to the community. Means of transportation to the community are summarized below:

The City of South Haven is easily accessed by interstate expressways and state highways. I-196 (US 31), M-43, and M-140 all intersect at South Haven. The City can be accessed from three exits off I-196: Exits 18, 20, and 22. South Haven is only two hours from Chicago and within 45 minutes of the cities of Kalamazoo, Holland, and St. Joseph.

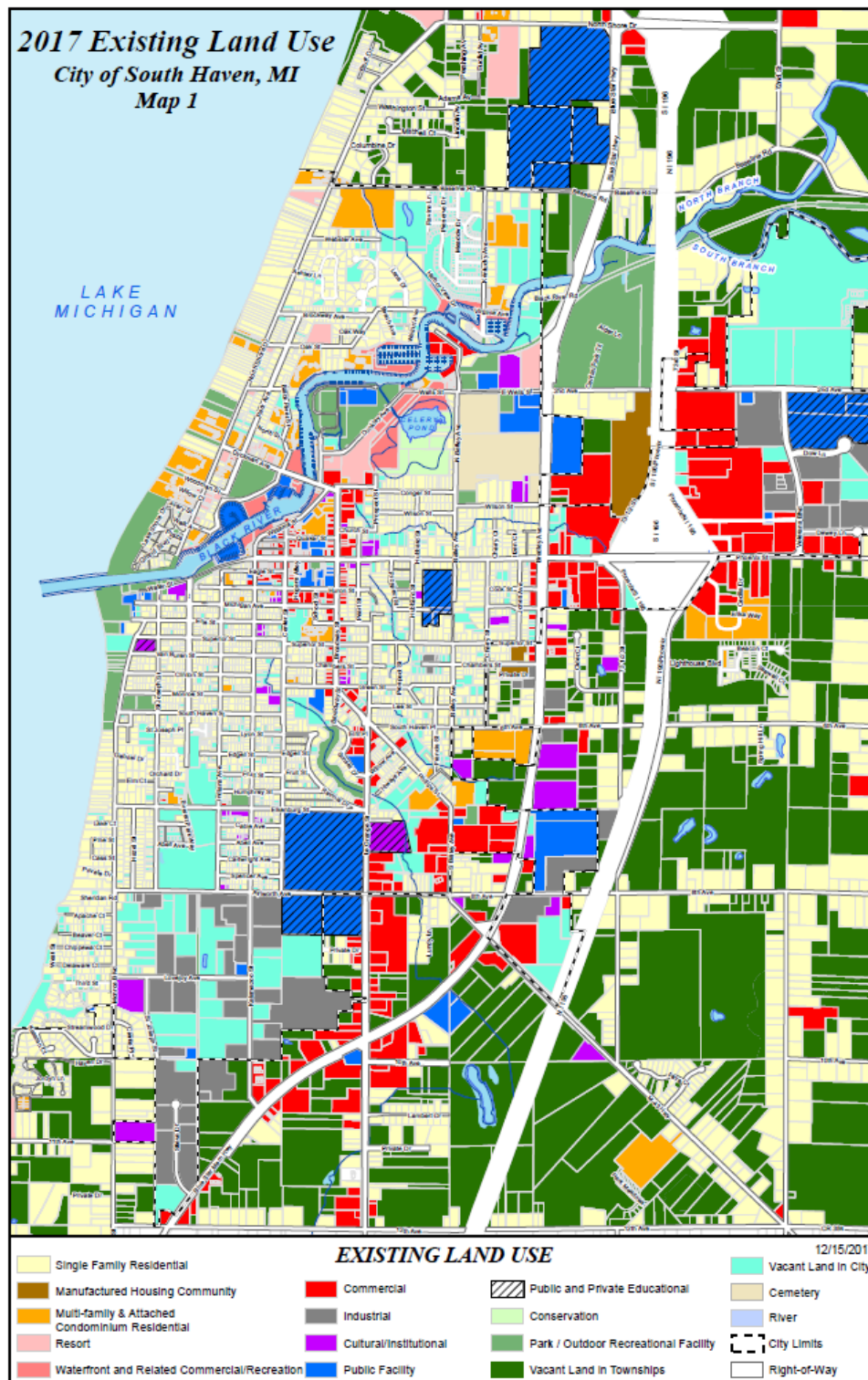
Since 1979, the Van Buren County Public Transit has been providing public transit service to the South Haven area. Currently, the service provides demand response, which allows door-to-door service to anyone within the South Haven area. They also offer a twenty-four hour call-ahead reservation service for those who need to be at a particular place at a scheduled time. In addition they have a fixed route (loop) that they provide to the South Haven area.

South Haven Regional Airport, located on County Road 380, is four miles south of the City, located in South Haven Charter Township. The airport offers two runways, including a 4,801 foot paved runway with pilot-controlled lighting, precision approach path indicator and instrument approach. The airport is maintained and operated year-round with no landing fees. Fuel is available along with a lighted runway, a PAPI System, and REIL System for instrument approach. Commercial air service is available through the Southwest Michigan Regional, Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International or Kent County International Airports, all within an hour drive.

Amtrak train service offers a stop in Bangor (10 minutes east of South Haven). Two private bus lines provides bus service from South Haven and privately-owned taxi services and rental car facilities operate throughout the City.

Land Use

Existing Land Use for the City of South Haven and surrounding area is shown below.



Administrative Structure

Organizational Structure

The City of South Haven, South Haven Charter Township, South Haven Public Schools and the South Haven Area Recreation Authority each have their own structure for parks and recreation functions while still working cooperatively in many areas. The details of each are described below.

A. City of South Haven

Mayor/City Council/City Manager

A City Manager/Council form of government governs the City of South Haven. The City Manager administers the day-to-day operations of the City. The mayor is elected to a two-year term and is a voting member of the seven person Council. Council members serve a four-year term. The City Council appoints a seven person Parks Commission, one of which is a council representative and a seven person Harbor Commission, one of which is a council representative, to serve as an advisory group.

Parks Commission

The Parks Commission was created in accordance with the provisions of State Legislation (Act 156 of 1917). The seven person board conducts monthly meetings for the purpose of making recommendations to the City Manager and or/parks superintendent and public officials of the City regarding the operation, maintenance, caretaking, rehabilitation, and capital expenditures for the city park facilities and property, including playgrounds, beaches and other recreational facilities. The Parks Commission also acts as the cemetery board of trustees. The Parks and Recreation Supervisor serves as a staff representative for the Parks Commission.

Any capital improvement involving the parks and beaches first goes through the Parks Commission, with the Parks Commission serving as an advisory board. They in turn make recommendations to City Council and parks staff regarding the operation, maintenance, caretaking, rehabilitation, and capital expenditures for the city park facilities and property, including playgrounds, beaches, and other recreational facilities. The Parks Commission also acts as the Cemetery Board of Trustees.

Parks and Recreation Department

The Parks and Recreation Department has no full-time employees. The department is overseen by the seasonal Parks and Recreation Supervisor and has eight additional seasonal employees.

The Riverfront concert series is another Parks and Recreation Department responsibility. This is a weekly summer event held on Thursdays and consists of fifteen different performers and locally sponsored.

All special event applications are processed through the Parks and Recreation Department so that the dates, locations and anticipated crowds can be entered onto a calendar. Each department head is given an opportunity to provide comments on every special event application so they will be prepared for the event.

The Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for the maintenance of eleven public parks and nine public beach access sites. Currently, the City maintains these parks but does not offer any programmed activities. The Parks and Recreation Department works closely with the Public Works Department who clean sand from the parking lots and operate the beach cleaner. The Van Buren County Health Department conducts the water sampling test each Monday. In the event that the bacteria are elevated, the County

Health Department would advise the City, and the City would take necessary steps to close the beach and prepare the news release.

Harbor Commission

The Harbor Commission was created in accordance with City Ordinance Section 38-27. The duty of the Harbor Commission is to review and make recommendations regarding all development of waterfront properties in the City, to make recommendations regarding the management, operation, and maintenance of city owned and operated waterfront properties, to make recommendations regarding ordinances governing traffic and safety on waters within the city, and other duties as required by the City Code and Zoning Ordinance.

Marina Department

The marina staff is responsible for the daily operations and the maintenance of all four city municipal marinas. Currently due to some staffing changes the department is overseen by the contracted marina manager and has ten additional seasonal city employees. At this time the city is researching what will be the best way to run the municipal marinas.

Volunteers

The City has several local organizations that volunteer on a regular basis.

Relationships with other Agencies

The city works very closely with several different agencies. Below is a list of many of the agencies that we have daily contact with, or maintain an ongoing relationship with.

Local Agencies

- a. Michigan Maritime Museum
- b. South Haven Area Convention and Visitors Bureau
- c. Chamber of Commerce
- d. South Haven Center for the Arts
- e. South Haven Public Schools
- f. PALS/Youth and Company
- g. Historical Association of South Haven
- h. Housing Commission
- i. Celery Pond Advocates
- j. The non-profit Organizations that sponsor special events such as Harborfest Committee, National Blueberry Committee, Fourth of July Committee, Steelheaders Association.

State and County Agencies

- a. Van Buren State Park
- b. Van Buren Marine Control Patrol
- c. Van Buren County Health Department
- d. Van Buren County Commission Board
- e. Michigan Department of Natural Resources

- f. Michigan Soils, Erosion and Sediment Control
- g. Michigan Waterways Commission
- h. Michigan Department of State
- i. Michigan State Police
- j. Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs

Federal Agencies

- a. United States Army Corp of Engineers
- b. United States Coast Guard
- c. United States Environmental Protection Agency

B. South Haven Charter Township

The Township Board makes all property acquisitions and maintenance decisions. The Township Planning Commission acting under authority of the Township Planning Act performs long-range planning. Parks and recreation planning is a function of a committee of the Planning Commission. The Township Board hires maintenance staff on a contractual basis.

Any park or recreation facility established within South Haven Charter Township would have to meet the requirements of the Township's Zoning Ordinance. Public and non-profit facilities are special uses with conditions in the residential, agricultural, and resource development districts. Any facility, such as a ball field, would be required to submit a site plan to the planning commission for review to ensure adequate parking, screening, drainage and safe ingress/egress.

The Planning commission meets on a monthly basis. Special use site plans require a public hearing and generally require two to four months for approval. All plans are transmitted to:

- Van Buren County Drain Commission
- Van Buren County Road Commission
- South Haven Area Emergency Services
- A Civil Engineer hired by the Township to review plans
- If appropriated, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for impacts on floodplains, wetlands, sand dunes and high risk erosion areas

The Township relies heavily on volunteers for different projects with their parks.

Volunteers

Garden Club

All special events are run by volunteers

Friends of Kal-Haven Trail

Friends of Bangor/South Haven Heritage Water Trail

Friends of North Point

Friends of Deerlick

Relationships with other Agencies

The Township works very closely with several different agencies. Below is a list of many of those agencies that the Township has daily contact with or maintains an ongoing relationship with.

Local Agencies

- a. South Haven Convention and Visitors Bureau
- b. South Haven Public Schools
- c. Youth and Company
- d. COSY-Local Radio Station
- e. Housing Commission
- f. The non-profit organizations that sponsor special events such as Harborfest Committee, National Blueberry Committee, Fourth of July Committee, Steelheaders Association.

State and County Agencies

- a. Van Buren State Park
- b. Van Buren Marine Control Patrol
- c. Van Buren County Health Department
- d. Michigan Department of Natural Resources
- e. Michigan Soils, Erosion and Sediment Control
- f. Michigan Waterways Commission
- g. Michigan Department of State
- h. Michigan State Police
- i. Michigan State University Extension
- j. Van Buren County Drain Commissioner
- k. Van Buren County Road Commission
- l. Southwest Michigan Planning Commission
- m. Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy
- n. Van Buren County Commission Board

Federal Agencies

- a. United States Army Corp of Engineers
- b. United States Coast Guard
- c. United States Environmental Protection Agency

D. SHARA

SHARA - South Haven Area Recreational Authority

The SHARA is established to initially provide to the acquisition, construction, operation, maintenance and improvement of the land and facilities that may now or subsequently comprise the South Haven Area Recreational Park (SHARP). The SHARA is also established to acquire, construct, operate, maintain and improve public parks and other purposes as may from time to time be authorized by Act 321 all within a specified jurisdictional limits of the cities, townships and villages that may be part of the SHARA. However, if the SHARA wishes to acquire, construct, operate, maintain or improve a public

park or public recreational facility other than the SHARP, it shall first obtain the approval of the SHARA board, the approval of the municipality in which the land comprising that park or recreational facility is located, and the approval of the owner(s) of the park or recreational facility. The SHARA board is made up of five members: two representatives of the South Haven Charter Township, one representative from the South Haven Public Schools and two members at large.

Funding

A. City of South Haven

City of South Haven Budgeted Funding Report for Recreational Activities

	Budget FY 2017-18	Actual FY 2016-17
Charges for Service		
Black River Park	172,000	137,490
Marina	631,000	631,274
Beach Maintenance	383,000	360,335
Total Charges for Services	<u>1,186,000</u>	<u>1,129,099</u>
Interest and Rents		
Black River Park	100	24
Marina	7,000	-1,925
Beach Maintenance	150	313
Total Interest and Rents	<u>7,250</u>	<u>-1,589</u>
Other Revenue		
Black River Park	288,500	5,769
Marina	3,500	58,471
Beach Maintenance	10,000	9,677
Total Other Revenue	<u>302,000</u>	<u>73,917</u>
General Fund Supported		
Parks Activity	479,001	564,913
Youth and Company	37,500	33,896
SHARA	8,806	8,806
Total General Fund Supported	<u>525,307</u>	<u>607,615</u>
Summary by Activity		
Black River Park	460,600	143,283
Marina	641,500	687,820
Beach Maintenance	393,150	370,324
General Fund Parks and Recreation	525,307	607,615
Total Budgeted Funding	<u>2,020,557</u>	<u>1,809,041</u>

City of South Haven
Budgeted Expenditure Report for Recreational Activities

	Budget FY 2017-18	Actual FY 2016-17
Personnel Costs		
Black River Park	31,310	26,452
Marina	91,301	115,754
Beach Maintenance	96,352	88,487
General Fund Parks and Recreation	102,376	90,276
Total Personnel Costs	321,339	320,968
Supplies		
Black River Park	3,530	1,852
Marina	18,900	24,686
Beach Maintenance	12,000	7,171
General Fund Parks and Recreation	45,500	53,026
Total Supplies	79,930	86,734
Contractual Services		
Black River Park	12,000	30,674
Marina	113,000	106,347
Beach Maintenance	67,000	141,210
General Fund Parks and Recreation	141,800	332,394
Total Contractual Services	333,800	610,625
Other Services and Charges		
Black River Park	59,820	61,388
Marina	265,747	336,980
Beach Maintenance	125,102	103,535
General Fund Parks and Recreation	73,631	72,271
Total Other Services and Charges	524,300	574,174
Capital Outlay		
Black River Park	548,415	596
Marina	600	0
Beach Maintenance	4,000	0
General Fund Parks and Recreation	162,000	59,648
Total Capital Outlay	715,015	60,244
Depreciation		
Black River Park	51,000	46,632
Marina	125,000	112,420
Beach Maintenance	-	-
Total Depreciation	176,000	159,051
Operating Transfer Out		
Black River Park	5,800	58,000
Marina	21,080	21,080
Beach Maintenance	64,000	0
Total Operating Transfer Out	90,880	79,080
Summary by Activity		
Black River Park	711,875	225,594
Marina	635,628	717,266
Beach Maintenance	368,454	340,402
General Fund Parks and Recreation	525,307	607,615
Total Budgeted Expenditures	2,241,264	1,890,877

B. South Haven Charter Township

The South Haven Charter Township uses a recreation millage for operation, maintenance and improvement expenses for their parks.

C. SHARA

SOUTH HAVEN AREA RECREATION AUTHORITY			12/12/2017
AMENDED BUDGET			
FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2017			
REVENUES:			
CITY OF SOUTH HAVEN	\$2 Per Capita	\$	8,806
SOUTH HAVEN CHARTER TWP	\$2 Per Capita	\$	7,966
FARM LEASE		\$	10,000
STATE GRANT		\$	50,000
INTEREST INCOME		\$	100
RECREATION MILLAGE		\$	22,750
DONATION - LAND CONSERVANCY		\$	72,890
TOTAL REVENUES			<u>\$ 172,512</u>
EXPENSES:			
ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS		\$	-
LEGAL & PROFESSIONAL FEES		\$	5,909
INSURANCE		\$	7,507
AUDIT		\$	2,700
OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICES		\$	136,490
APPRAISAL FEE		\$	2,950
OPTION PAYMENT ON LAPPO PROPERTY		\$	15,000
ANNUAL LEASE PAYMENT		\$	1
TOTAL EXPENSES			<u>\$ 170,557</u>
SURPLUS(DEFICIT)			\$ 1,955
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE			<u>\$ 44,662</u>
ENDING FUND BALANCE			<u>\$ 46,617</u>

Recreation Inventory

In this section, each park or facility is described along with a location map. Accessibility assessment is provided based on the following scale:

1 = none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

2 = some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

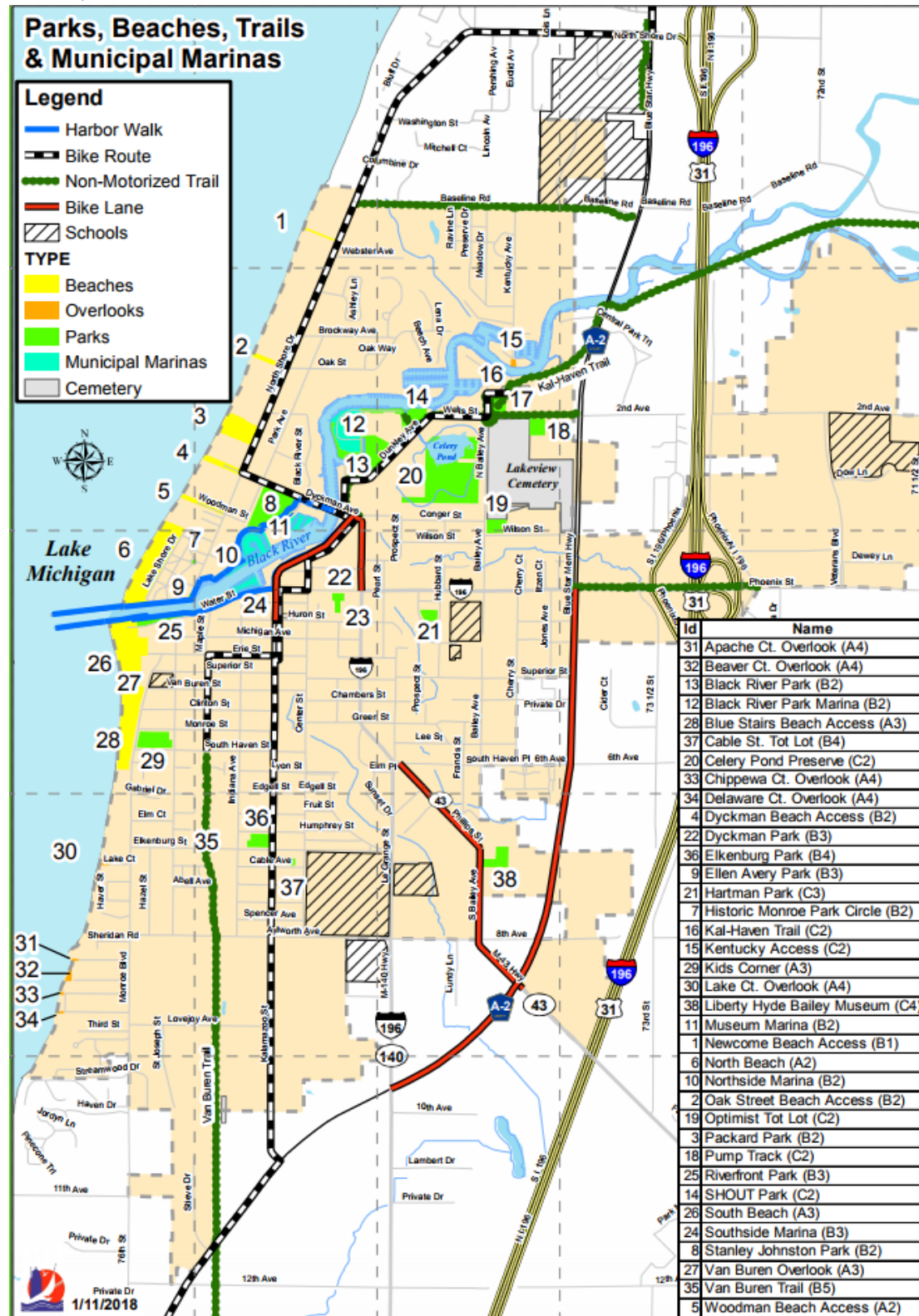
3 = most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

4 = the entire park meets accessibility guidelines

5 = the entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design

The inventory was conducted by the Parks and Recreation Department, a Landscape Architect and Professional Engineer Consultants.

A. City of South Haven



Black River Park

Location: Dunkley Avenue, South Haven, MI 49090

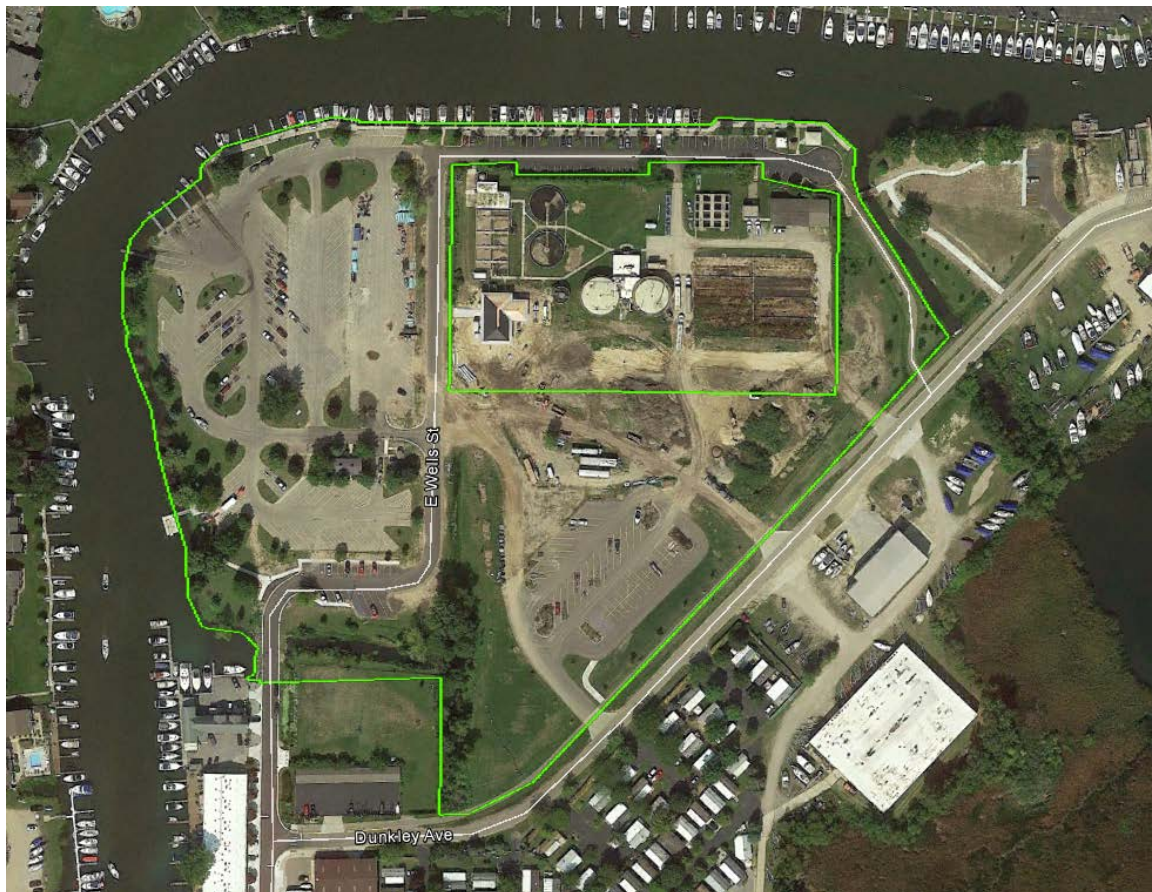
Size: 16.42 acres

Type: Community Park/Marina/Boat Launch

Description: This park is home to the City boat launch and Black River Marina. The Kal-Haven Trail Extension travels through the park. Over the last few years, several improvements have been made: a universally accessible kayak launch, upgrades to restrooms/showers, new entry drive to improve traffic flow with additional parking and new sidewalks, and new skid piers. Future plans include: new fish cleaning stations, skid piers, new boater facility/public restroom, and rebuilding the existing parking lot.

Accessibility Rating: 5 = the entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design

Park Aerial



Park's Local Service Area



Cable Street Tot Lot

Location: 421 Cable Street, South Haven, MI 49090

Size: 0.17 acres

Type: Neighborhood Park

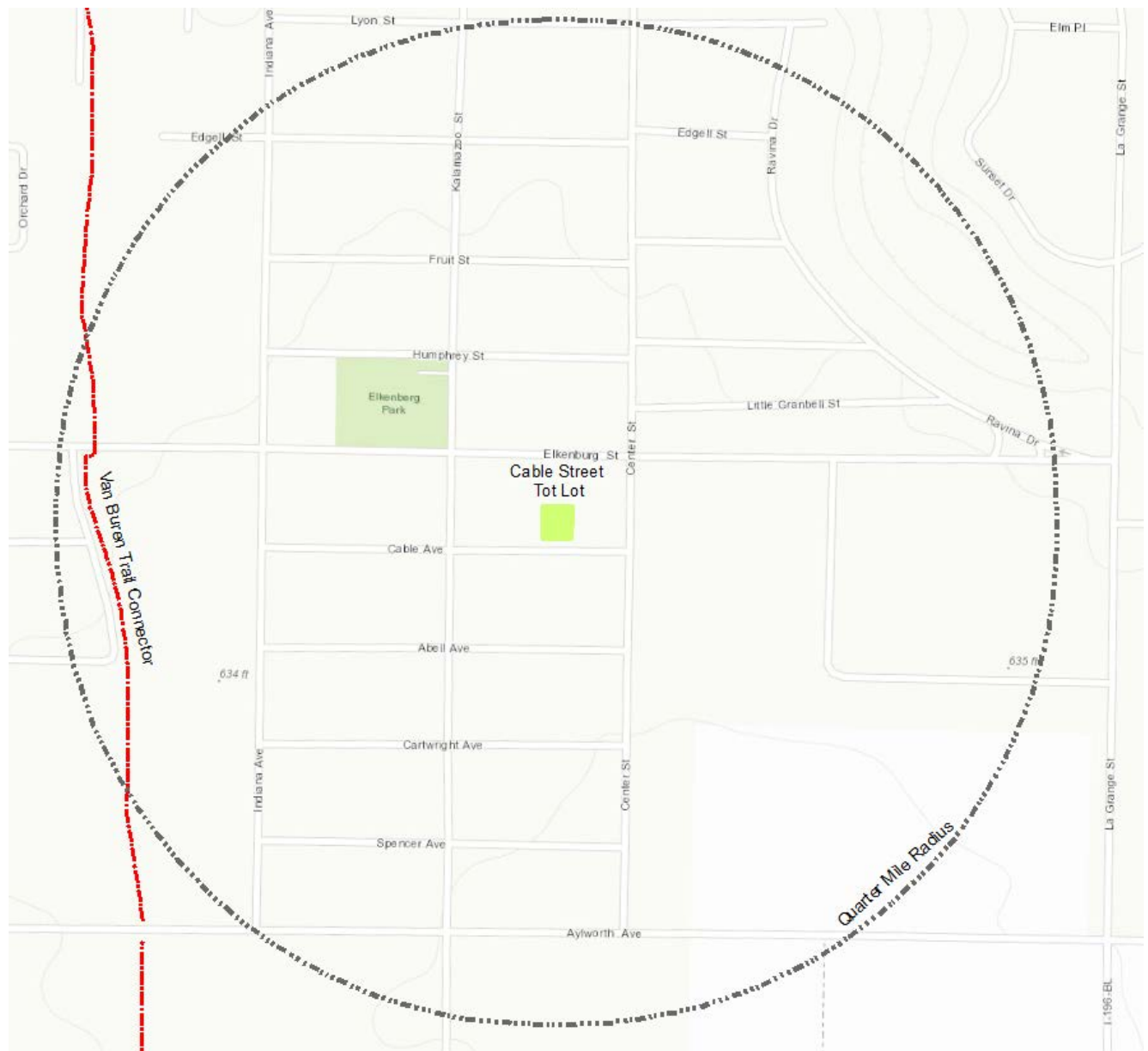
Description: The park has play equipment including one regular swing set, one tot swing set, and a playstructure. There are two metal benches, one wood picnic table with steel base, and one trash receptacle. There is one newly planted young shade tree and existing trees along the perimeter. The existing concrete sidewalk leads from the street sidewalk to the bench seating area. There is free on-street parking.

Accessibility Rating: 2 = some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

Park Aerial



Park's Local Service Area



Dyckman Park

Location: 536 Phoenix St, South Haven, MI 49090

Size: 0.55 acres

Type: Community Park

Description: Located directly across the street from City Hall and immediately to the north of the Huron Street Pavilion. The pavilion hosts the farmers market in the summer and an ice rink in the winter so this park is heavily used during all seasons. The focal point of the park is a decorative clock located in a raised planter bed centrally located toward the north end of the park. Site amenities should be updated to include accessible picnic tables. The mature trees are in good condition and the landscape beds are well maintained.

Accessibility Rating: 3 = most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

Park Aerial



Park's Local Service Area



Elkenburg Park

Location: 309 Elkenburg St, South Haven, MI 49090

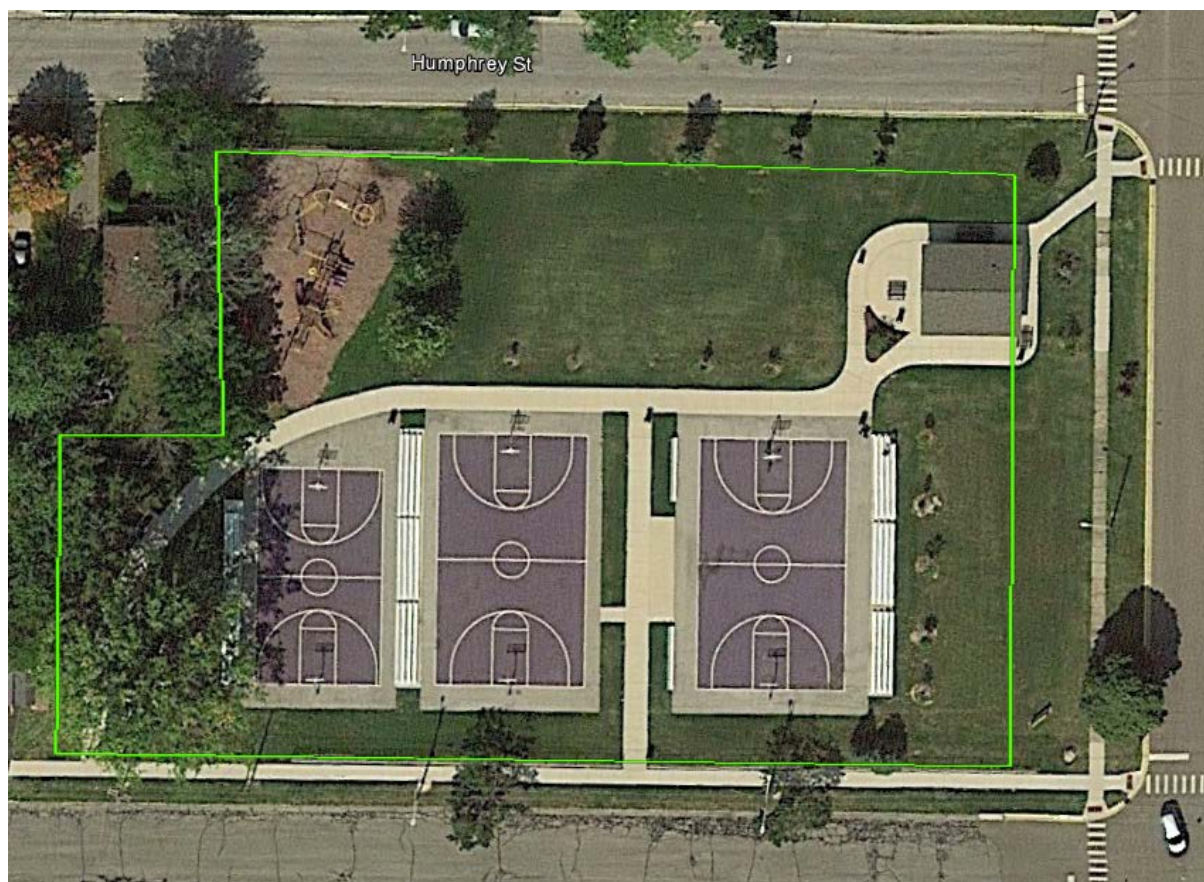
Size: 1.49 acres

Type: Community Park

Description: The park was recently completely renovated. Improvements include new playstructure, new concrete sidewalks and accessible route, 3 new basketball courts, 2 bike racks, benches, 9 sets of bleachers, and 2 player benches. Existing restrooms/pavilion were also renovated.

Accessibility Rating: 3 = most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

Park Aerial



Park Development Plan



Park's Local Service Area



Ellen Avery Park

Location: 1 North Shore Drive, South Haven, MI 49090

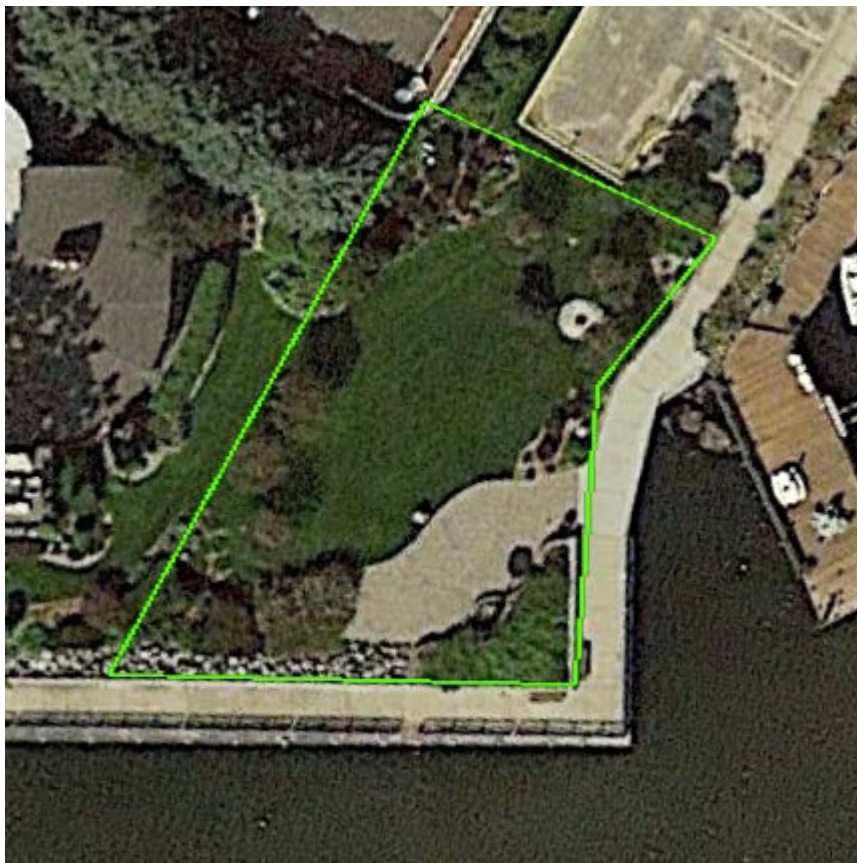
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Type: Pocket Park

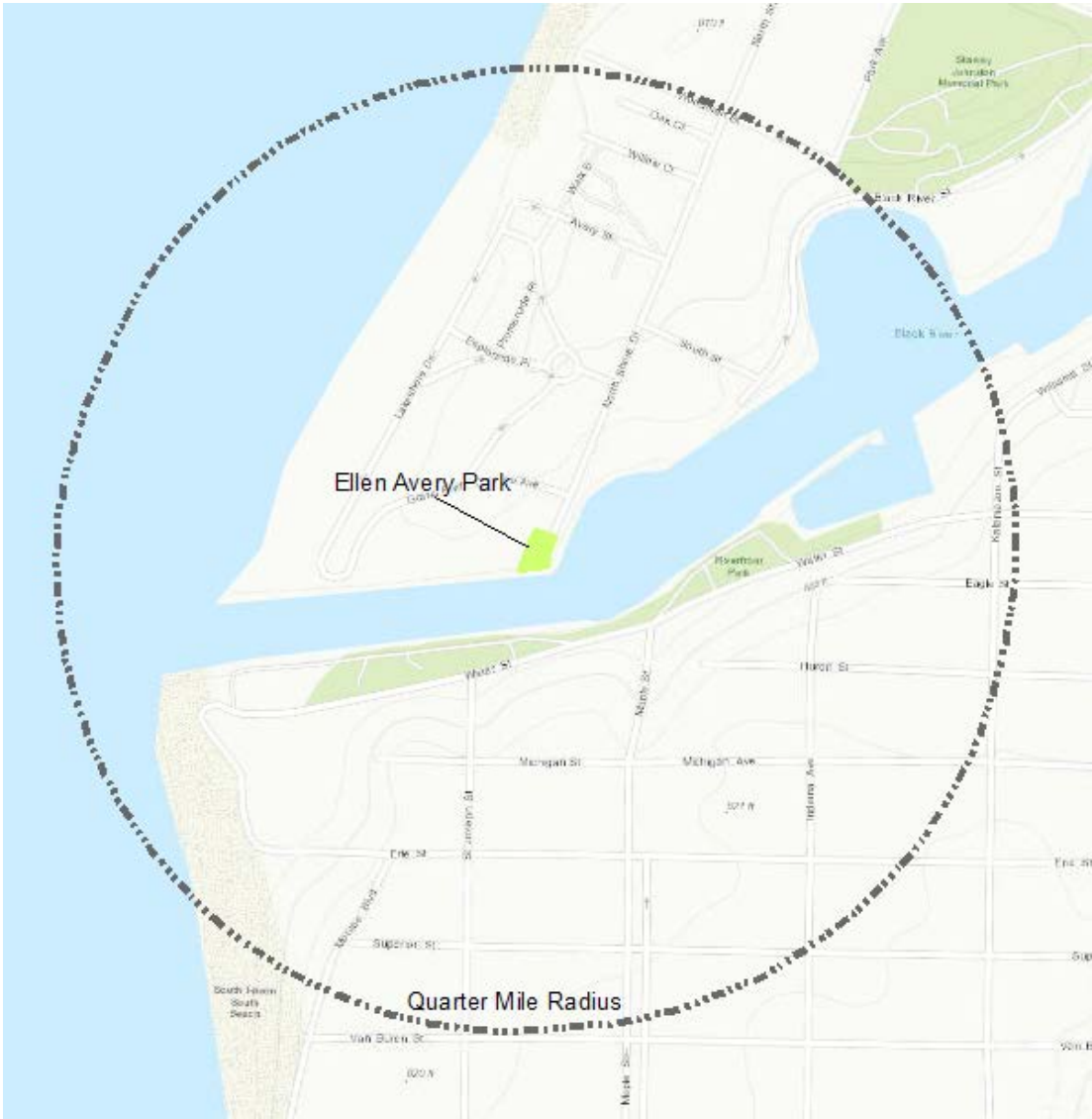
Description: Amenities include 1 trash receptacle, retaining walls with landscaping, exposed aggregate walk surfaces, brick donor insets, black ornamental clock tower and landscaping. Ellen Avery Park also provides complete accessibility for people using the Harborwalk.

Accessibility Rating: 4 = the entire park meets accessibility guidelines

Park Aerial



Park's Local Service Area



Hartman Park

Location: 347 Prospect St, South Haven, MI 49090

Size: 0.89 acres

Type: Neighborhood Park

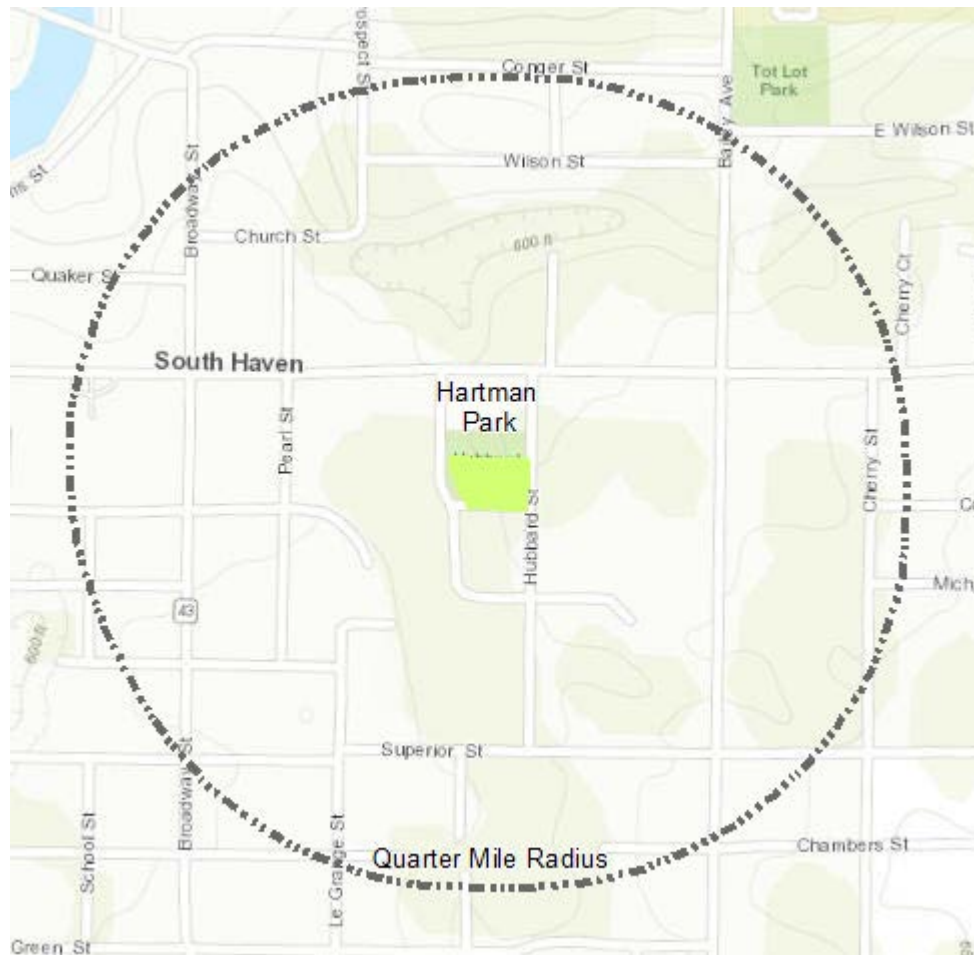
Description: The park has mature trees and a few younger trees. The park has one bench on a concrete pad (memorial bench), two picnic tables, one grill, and one trash receptacle. None of the items are accessible as there are no sidewalks within the park. All items are in good condition.

Accessibility Rating: 1 = none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

Park Aerial



Park's Local Service Area



Historic Monroe Park

Location: intersection of Esplanade Pl. and Kalamazoo Ave, South Haven, MI 49090

Size: 0.08 acres

Type: Pocket Park

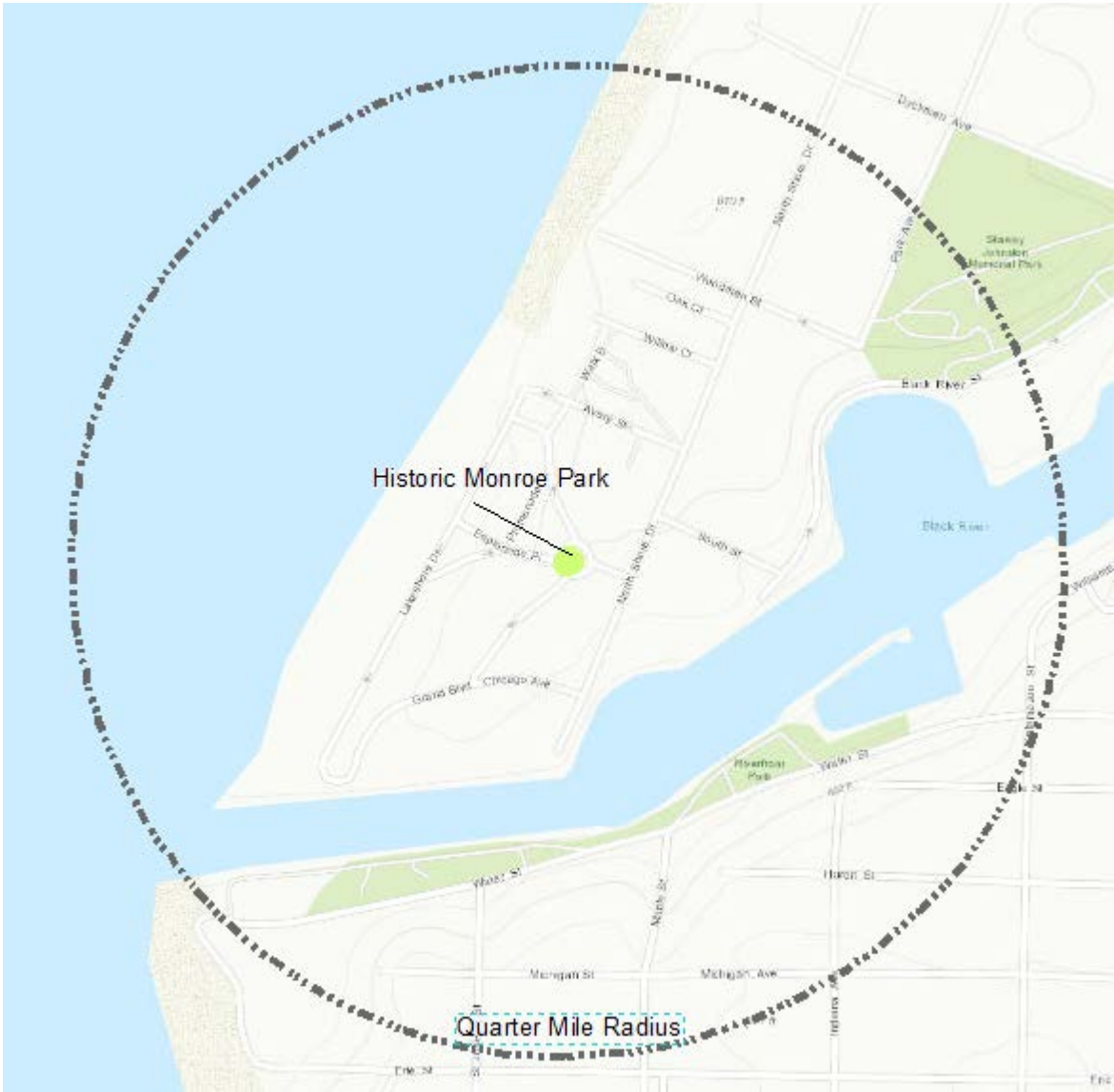
Description: Located in the Historic Monroe Park neighborhood near North Beach, the Circle is a small open green area. There is a small water sculpture placed there by residents in memory of a loved one.

Accessibility Rating: 1 = none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

Park Aerial



Park's Local Service Area



Kids Corner

Location: 563 Monroe Blvd, South Haven, MI 49090

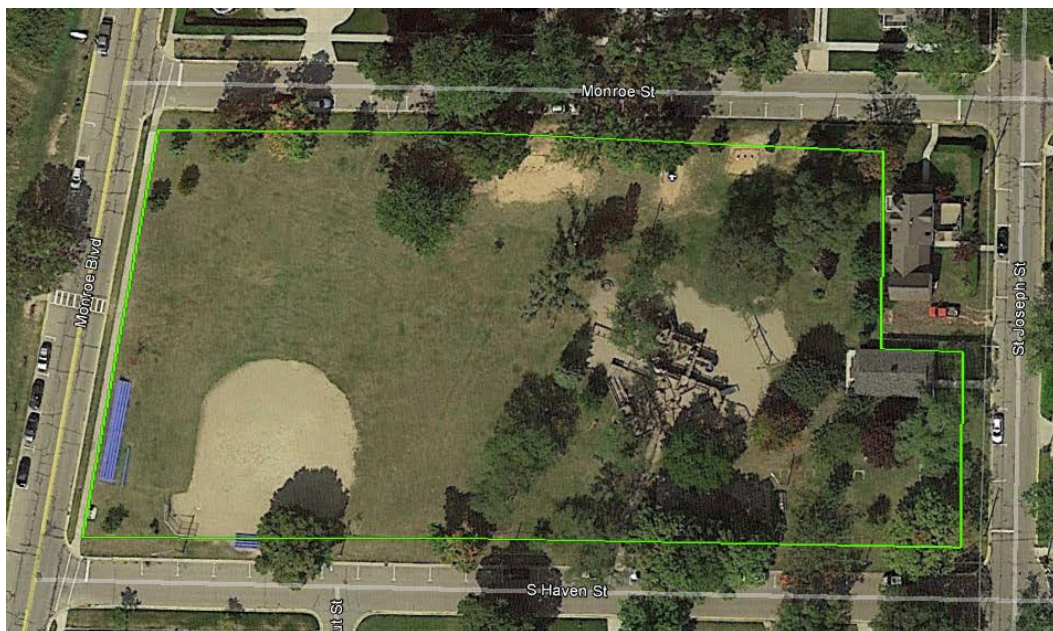
Size: 2.7 acres

Type: Community Park

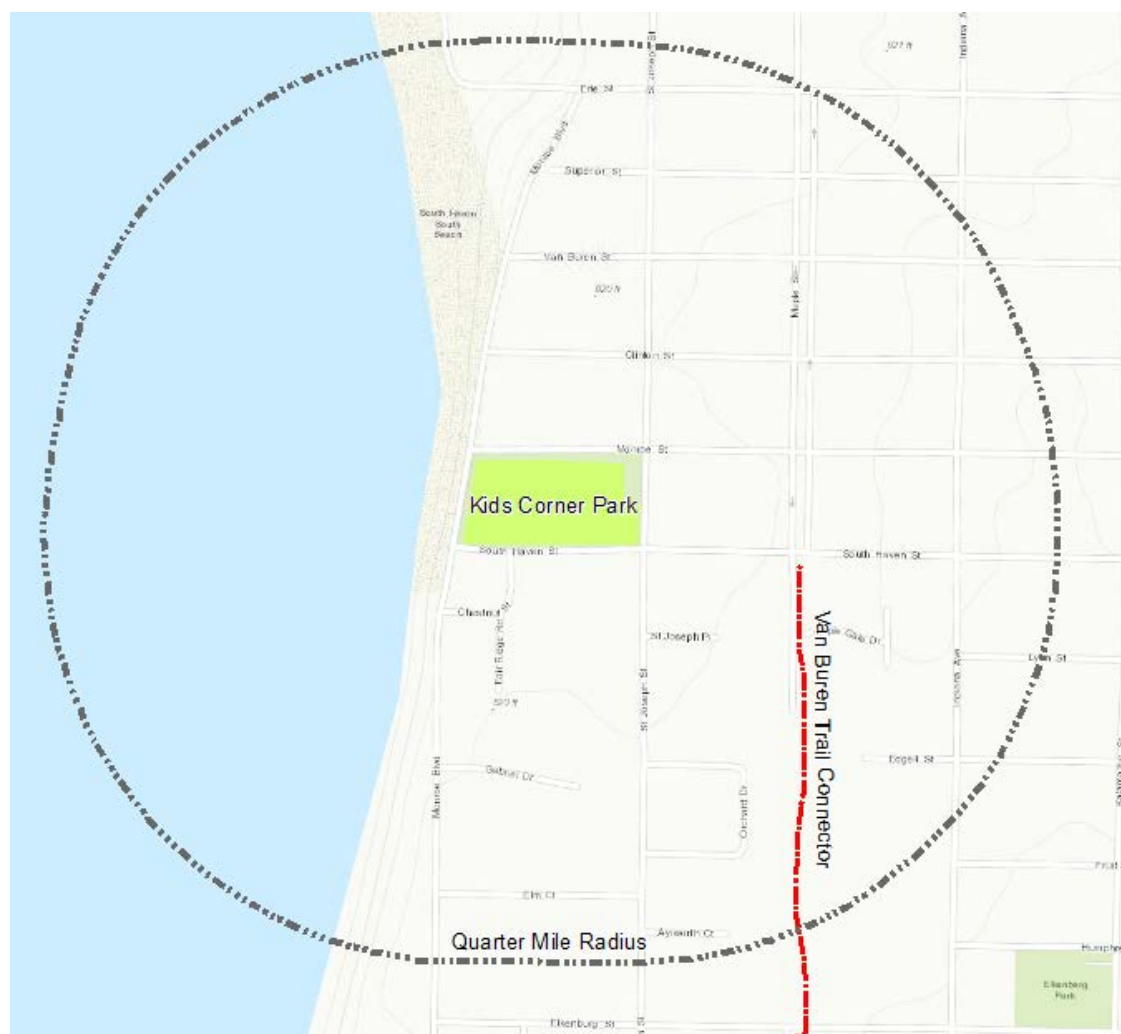
Description: The park is located on the bluff above South Beach. Access to the beach is provided by the Blue Stairs. There is a large wooden play structure, sections of which are ADA compliant. Other facilities include a baseball diamond, small play equipment, picnic shelter, restrooms, and a view of Lake Michigan.

Accessibility Rating: 3 = most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

Park Aerial



Park's Local Service Area



Liberty Hyde Bailey Museum

Location: 903 S Bailey Ave, South Haven, MI 49090

Size: 1.88 acres

Type: Public Museum

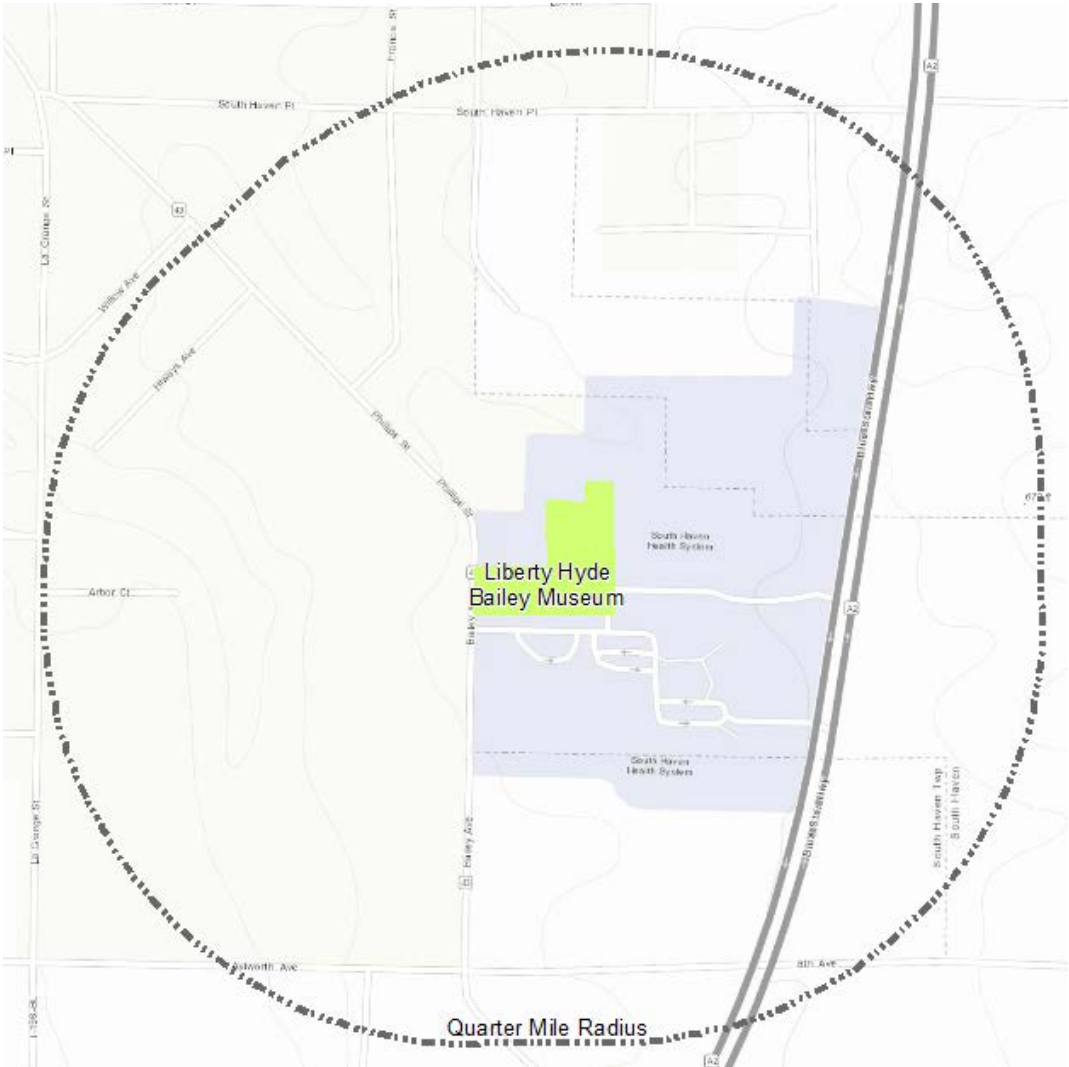
Description: Constructed in 1857, the Liberty Hyde Bailey Museum is one of the oldest standing homes in South Haven and was the principal building of the 80-acre Bailey farm that pioneered peach and apple farming along Michigan's Fruit Belt. The site has beautifully landscaped public gardens and a non-accessible nature trail that leads through a wooded area with native plantings and custom wood seating. The accessible walkways surrounding the residence are concrete and in excellent to good condition. The wood benches are in good condition but some have wood that is starting to check and crack and one bench needs repairs and/or replacement. There are 4 picnic tables with steel supports and wood seats and table tops.

Accessibility Rating: 2 = some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

Park Aerial



Park's Local Service Area



Optimist Tot Lot

Location: 191 Bailey Ave, South Haven, MI 49090

Size: 1.49 acres

Type: Neighborhood Park

Description: The park has playground equipment including a playstructure, a baby swing set (3 seats), a belt swing set (4 seats) and an older slide. The basketball court is concrete and needs the end section replaced. The restrooms are in excellent shape and are connected to a staircase to the street sidewalk. The staircase per code needs to have a handrail installed. There is an older concrete sidewalk on the southern end of the park area that should be connected to the basketball court and also extended to the restroom to provide an accessible route. There is an old baseball backstop with a sand infield at the southeast corner of the park. The park contains mature trees and there are 3 newly planted shade trees.

Accessibility Rating: 1 = none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

Park Aerial



The map displays a quarter-mile radius circle centered on the Optimist Tot Lot, which is highlighted in green. The area includes Lakeview Cemetery to the north and Hartman Park to the south. Streets shown include Project St, Cooper St, Wilson St, E. Wilson St, and various local streets like Cherry St and Oak St. The Optimist Tot Lot is located near the intersection of Wilson St and E. Wilson St.

Pump Track

Location: 1068 E Wells Street, South Haven, MI 49090

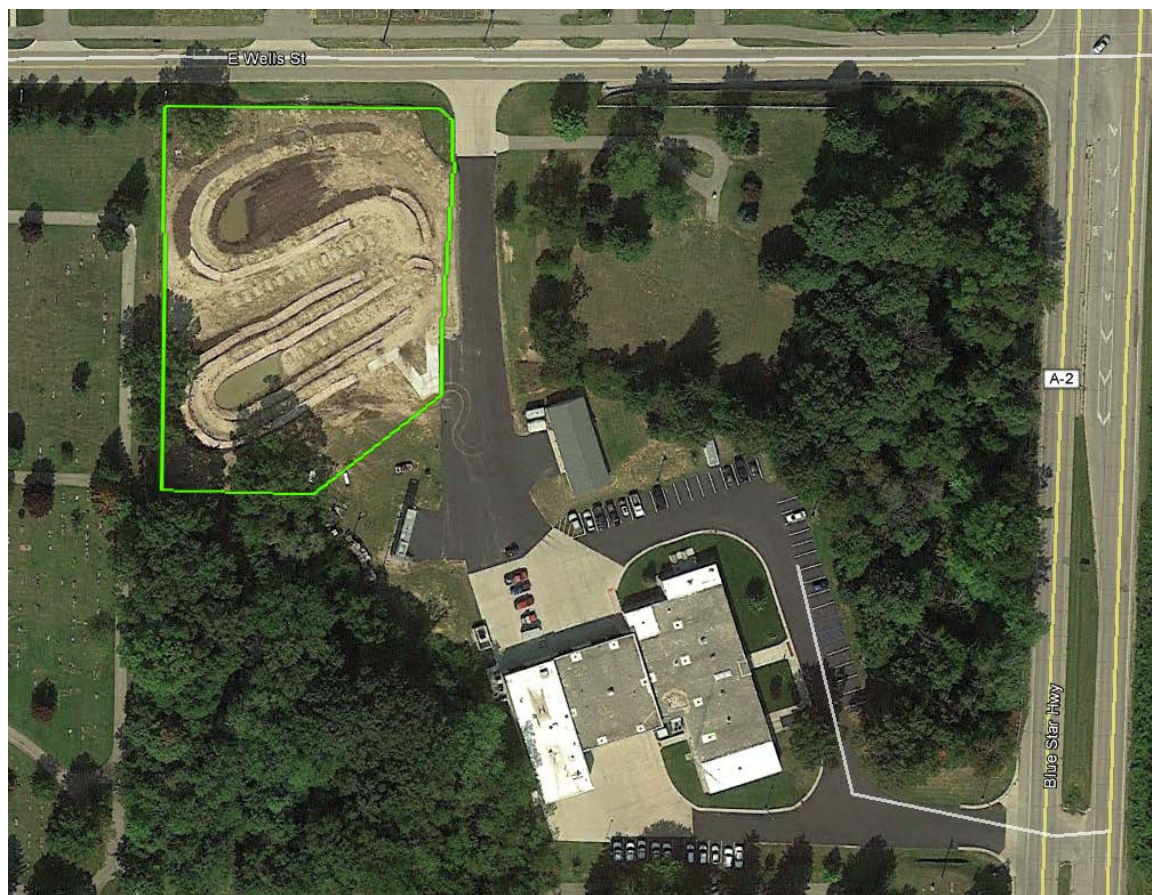
Size: 1.28 acres

Type: Mini Park

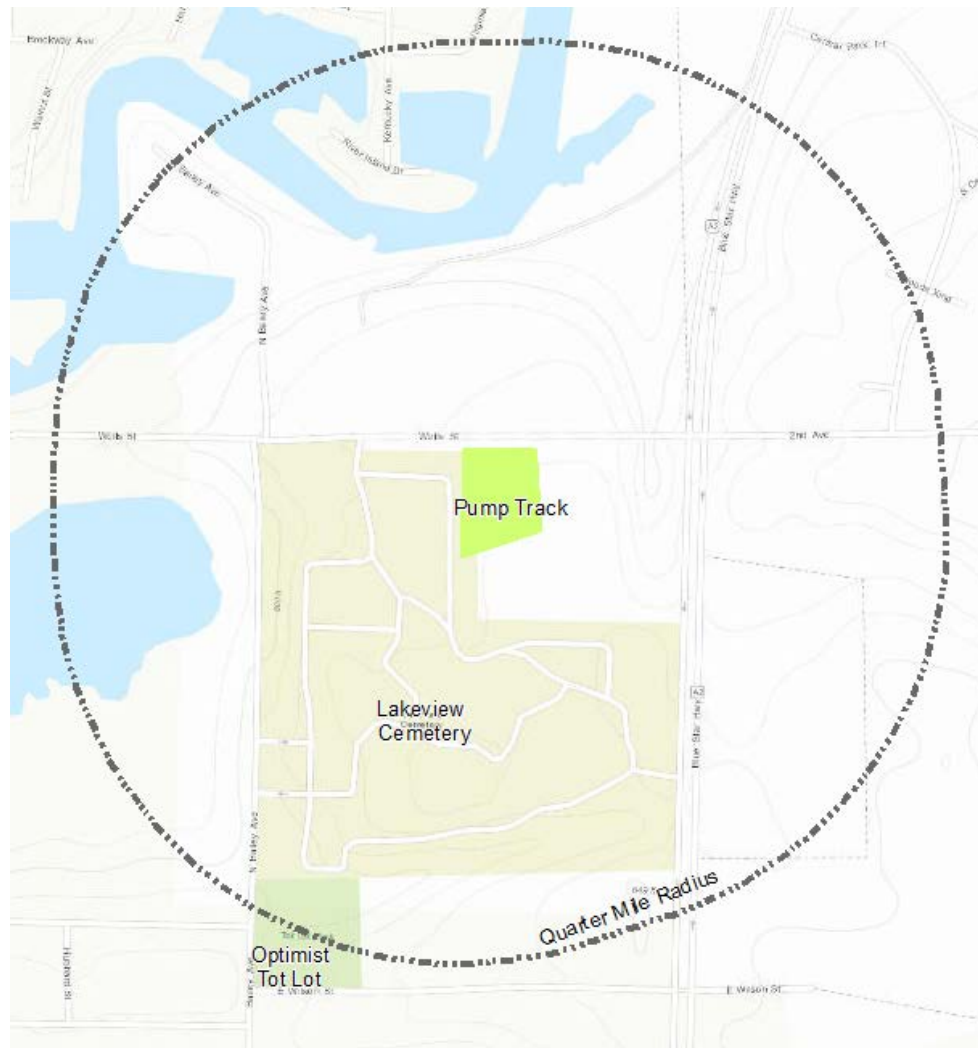
Description: The park was newly developed in 2017 across from the Skate Park. It is a continuous loop of berms and mounds for bicycle riders. The site includes a parking area, fencing, benches, and signage.

Accessibility Rating: 2 = some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

Park Aerial



Park's Local Service Area



Riverfront Park

Location: 101 Water Street, South Haven, MI 49090

Size: 3.77 acres

Type: Community Park

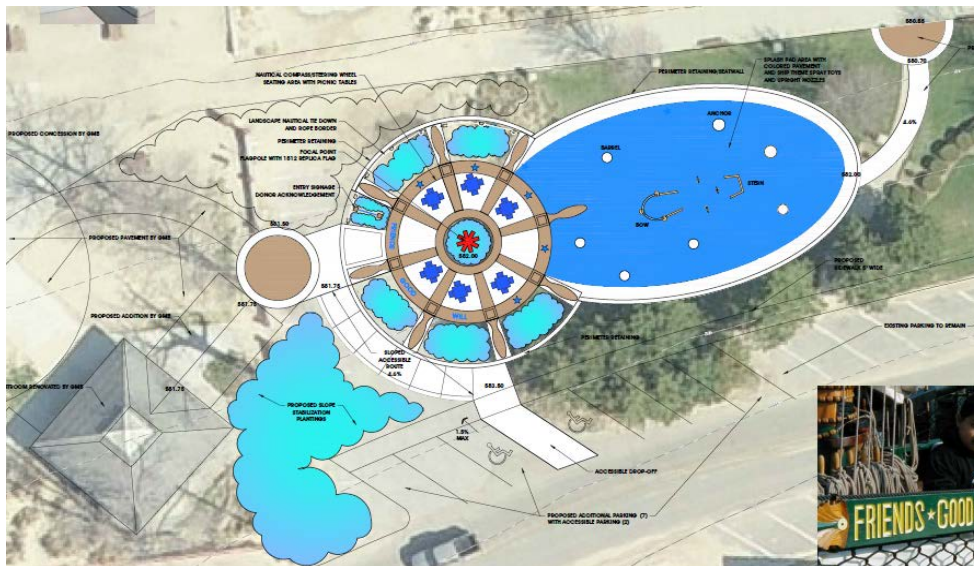
Description: This park contains 1,400 linear feet of river frontage along Black River directly contiguous to the City's downtown. The park provides the public with pedestrian access from the downtown to the City's South Beach and offers very scenic views of Lake Michigan. The park includes picnic areas, fishing areas, public restrooms, and an excellent view of the harbor. This park is also the location of the summer Riverfront Concert Series and the primary location for Harborfest and the National Blueberry Festival. A splash pad is scheduled for construction in 2018-2019 to replace the existing parking lot.

Accessibility Rating: 5 = the entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design.

Park Aerial



Proposed Splash Pad Development Plan



The map displays the Riverfront Park area in South Haven, Michigan. The Black River flows through the center, with Stanley Johnston Park located to the north. A green-shaded area along the riverfront is labeled "Riverfront Park". A dashed line indicates a "Quarter Mile Radius" centered on the riverfront. Various streets are shown, including Michigan Ave, Main St, and others. The map also shows the "South Haven South Beach" area to the south.

SHOUT Park

Location: Dunkley Ave, South Haven, MI 49090

Size: 1.6 acres

Type: Community Park

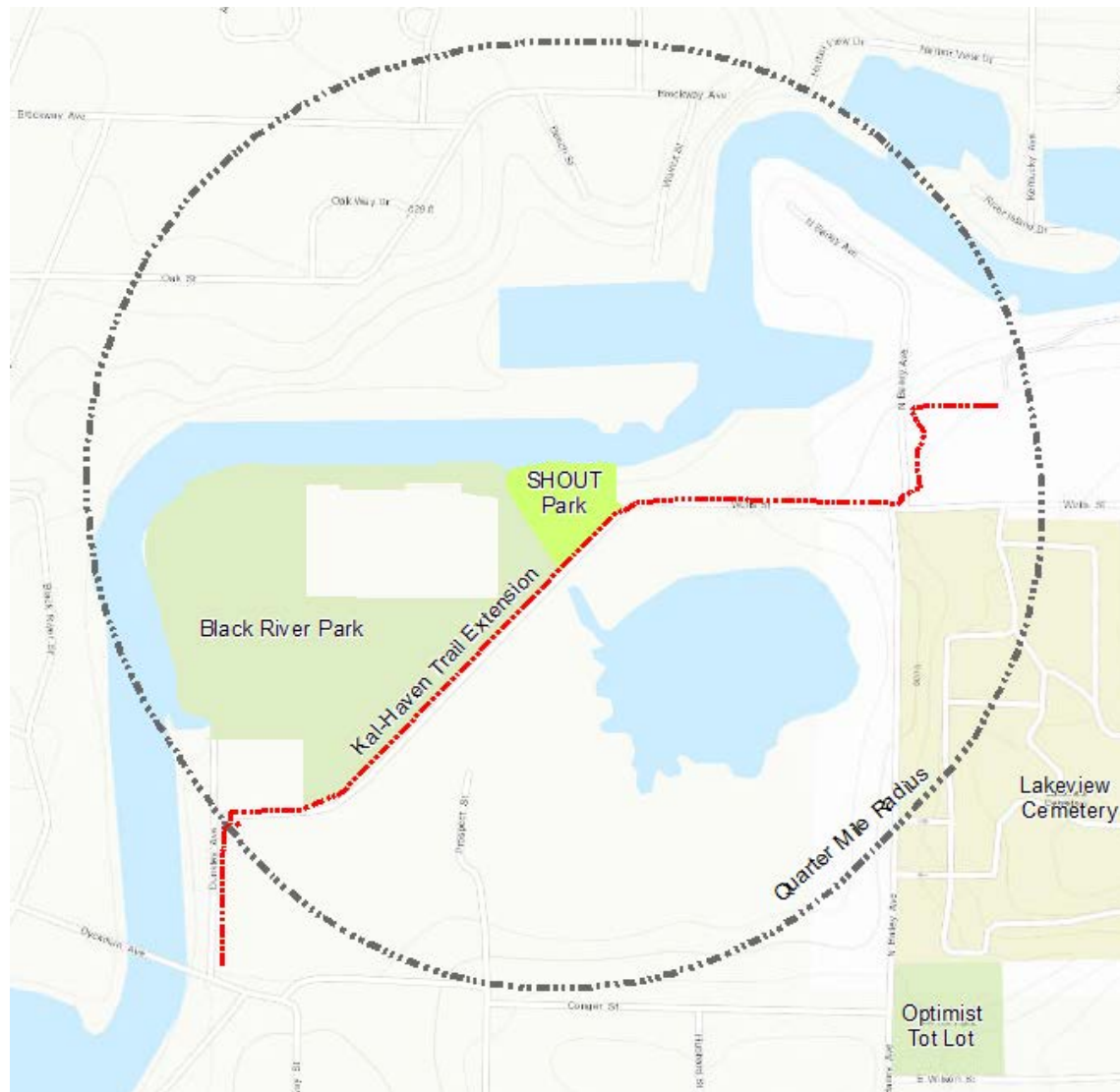
Description: This park was created in 2017. It included the development of a pedestrian bridge connecting it to the neighboring Black River Park. There is a universally accessible fishing platform, parking and sidewalks. Environmental remediation work was also completed. The Kal-Haven Trail Extension travels through the park. Future plans include: a new gazebo, additional walkways, and additional landscaping on land and in and around Celery Creek.

Accessibility Rating: 5 = the entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design.

Park Aerial



Park's Local Service Area



South Haven Skate Park

Location: 901 E. Wells Street, South Haven, MI 49090

Size: 1.59 acres

Type: Mini Park

Description: Park with skateboard ramps, lighting bleachers, 2 trash receptacles, a bike rack and fencing is in good condition. The existing concrete slab that the equipment sits on is in excellent condition and the lighting and fencing is new.

Accessibility Rating: 5 = the entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design.

Park Aerial



This map shows the proposed Kal-Haven Trail Extension, highlighted in red. The trail starts near SHOUT Park and runs through the area. Other features include Skate Park, Pump Track, Lakeview Cemetery, and Optimist Tot Lot. A dashed line indicates the Quarter Mile Radius. The map also shows various streets and water bodies.

Stanley Johnston

Location: 202 Dyckman Avenue, South Haven, MI 49090

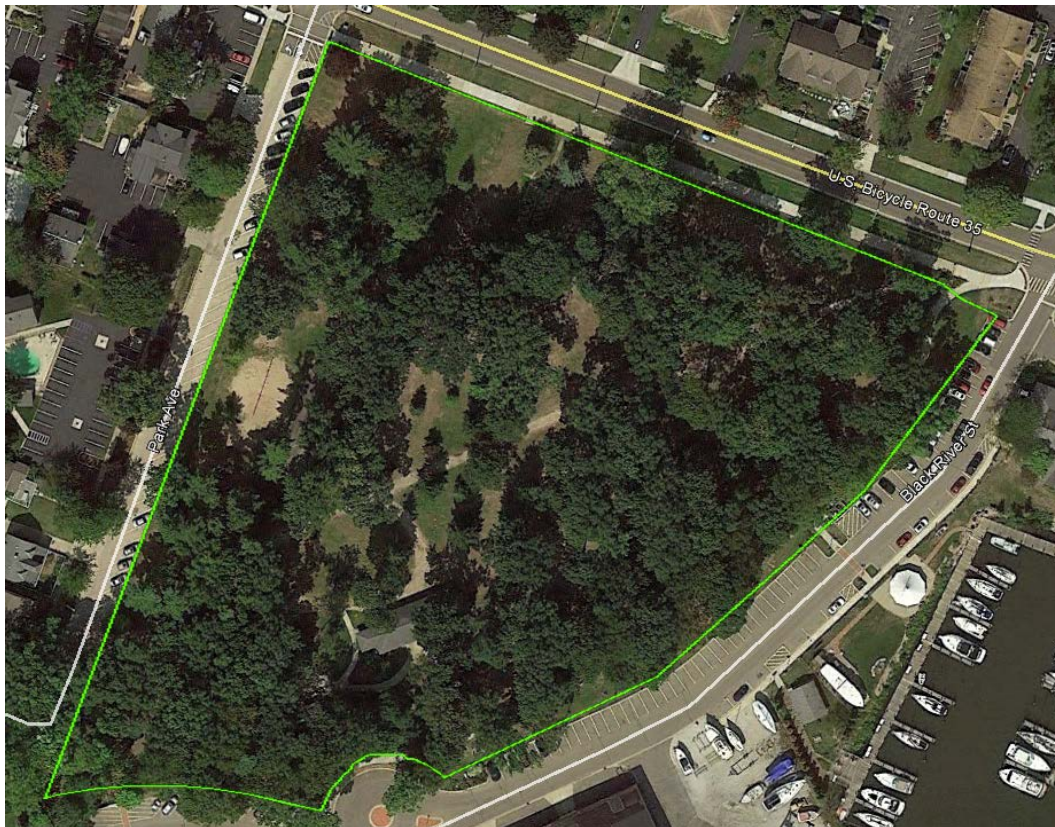
Size: 6.45 acres

Type: Community Park

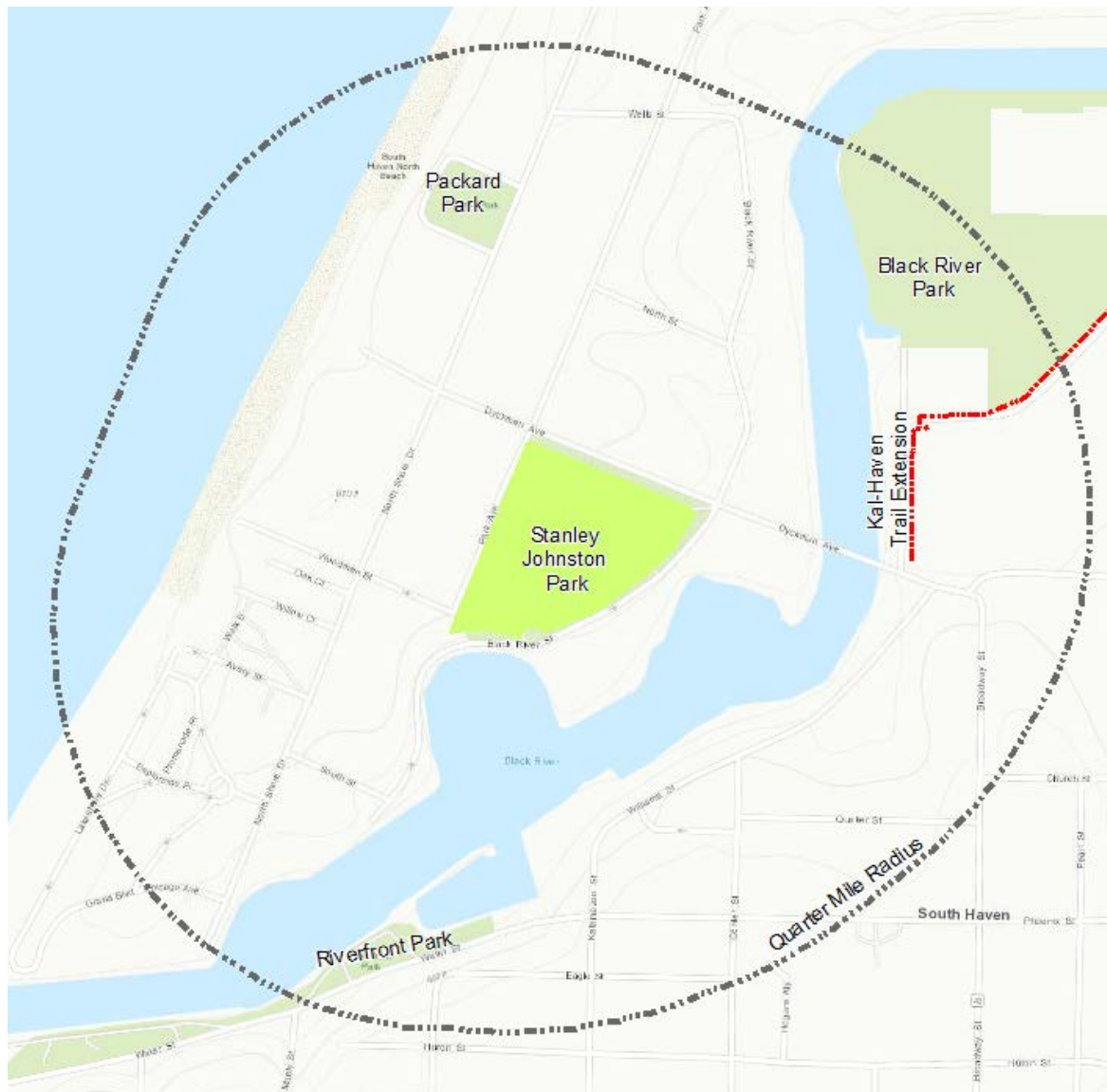
Description: Located on a bluff above the Black River, this park has extremely dense areas of mature trees, yet it also provides excellent views of the City's harbor, downtown South Haven and even Lake Michigan. In 2007, a portion of the HarborWalk was completed along the Southside of the park lending beautiful views of the moored vessels and the river traffic. The park contains a picnic structure with bathroom facilities, playground equipment which includes swings, basketball courts, and tree-lined walks that meander throughout. The retaining walls and boardwalk along Black River Street are in excellent condition. The existing concrete stairs have damage to the headwalls where the existing railings are cored into the concrete (2 sets of stairs need repairs). The pavilion and retaining walls are in good condition with some accessible walkways. Some of the picnic tables within the pavilion need repair or replacement.

Accessibility Rating: 3 = most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

Park Aerial



Park's Local Service Area



Blue Stairs Beach Access

Size: 1.39 Acres

Type: Beach

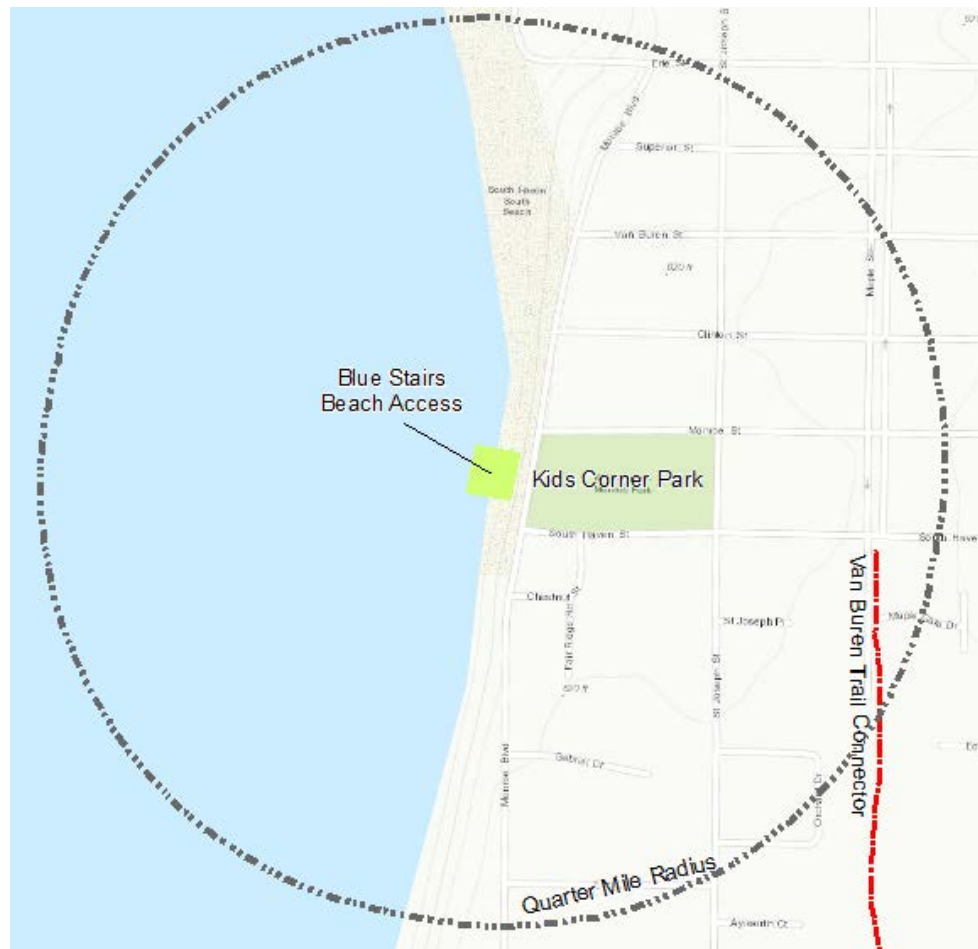
Description: The Blue Stairs provide access to Lake Michigan near Kid's Corner from Monroe Blvd. The Stairs are of steel construction and descend a steep bluff from Monroe Blvd. to the beach. Without the stairs this area would be severely eroded. Some of the benches with single steel supports are leaning and need repair. The trash receptacles (2) and bike rack (1) are in good condition.

Accessibility Rating: 1 = none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

Park Aerial



Park's Local Service Area



Dyckman Beach Access

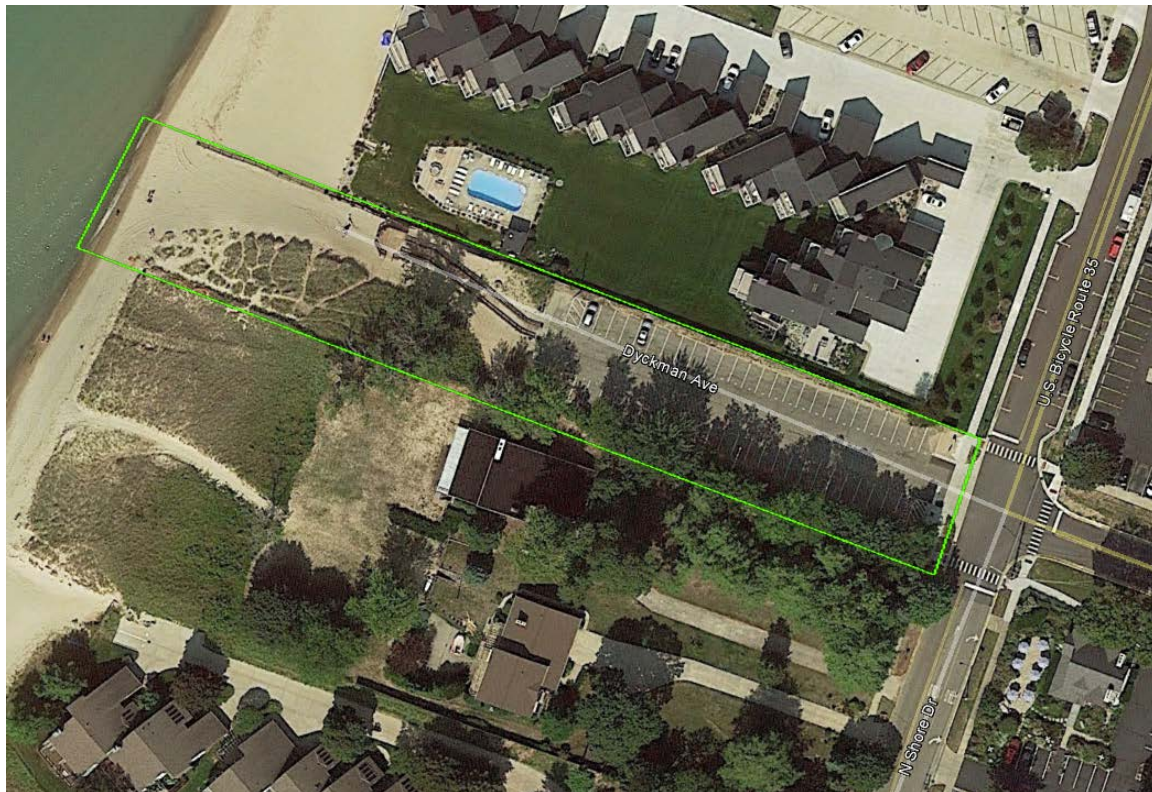
Size: 1.29 acres

Type: Beach Access

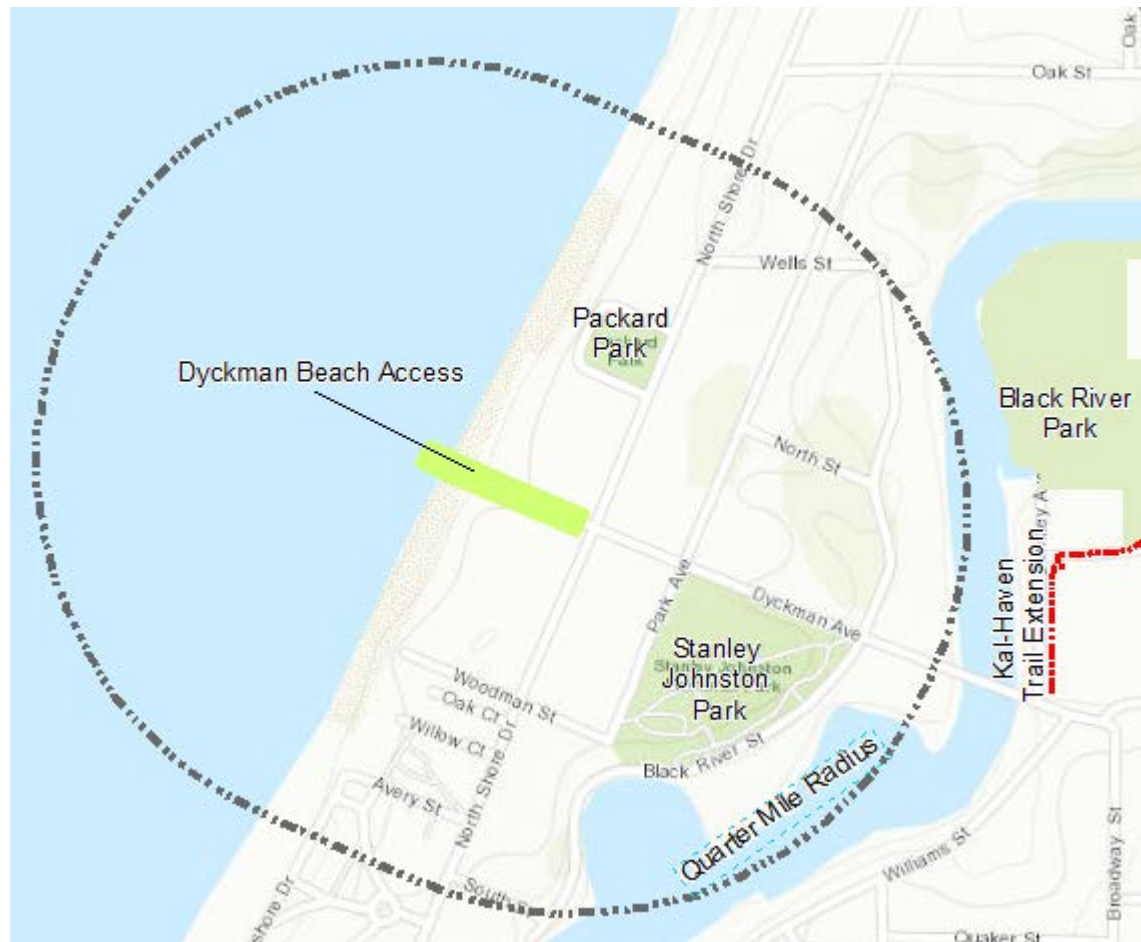
Description: Access to the beach with a pay parking lot. The parking lot has numerous cracks needing to be filled and then the overall parking lot surface needs to be sealed and re-striped. The wood fence to the north is in poor condition and is falling over in places and the plywood panels at the west end detract from the aesthetics of the area. The boardwalk is in excellent condition and a new park entrance sign was added near the street in 2017. Some of the trees near the south edge of the parking lot may need removal/thinning and or limbing. There is beach erosion of the dunegrass area near the west end of the boardwalk.

Accessibility Rating: 3 = most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

Park Aerial



Park's Local Service Area



Kentucky Ave River Access

Size: 0.26 acres

Type: Mini Park

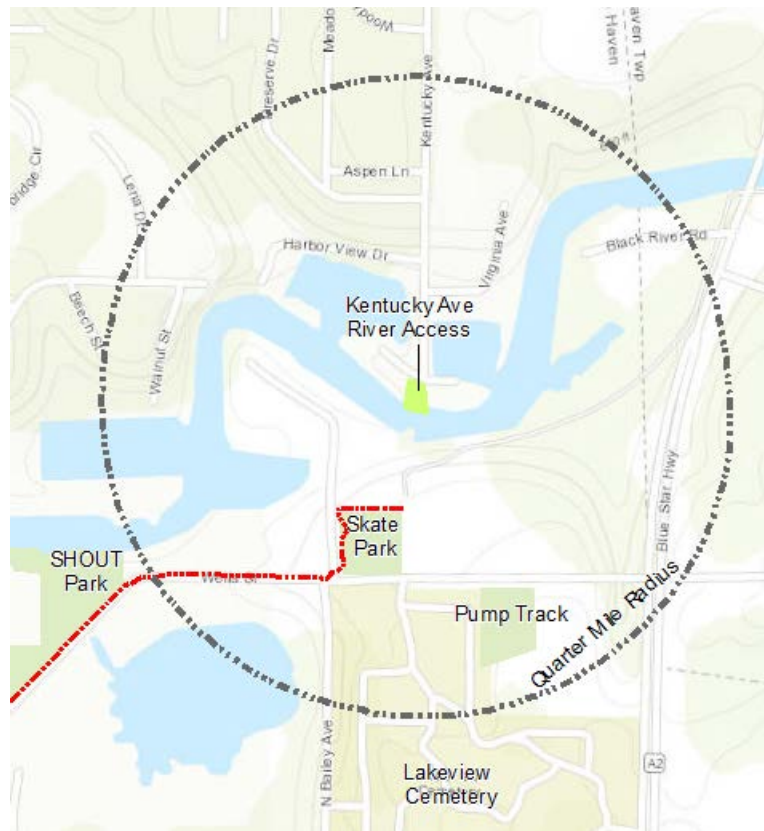
Description: Non-motorized public access to the platted park on the Black River. The road is owned by residents and access is granted to city vehicles. Possibly the site for off-loading dredge material for future dredging operations.

Accessibility Rating: 2 = some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

Park Aerial



Park's Local Service Area



Monroe Bluff

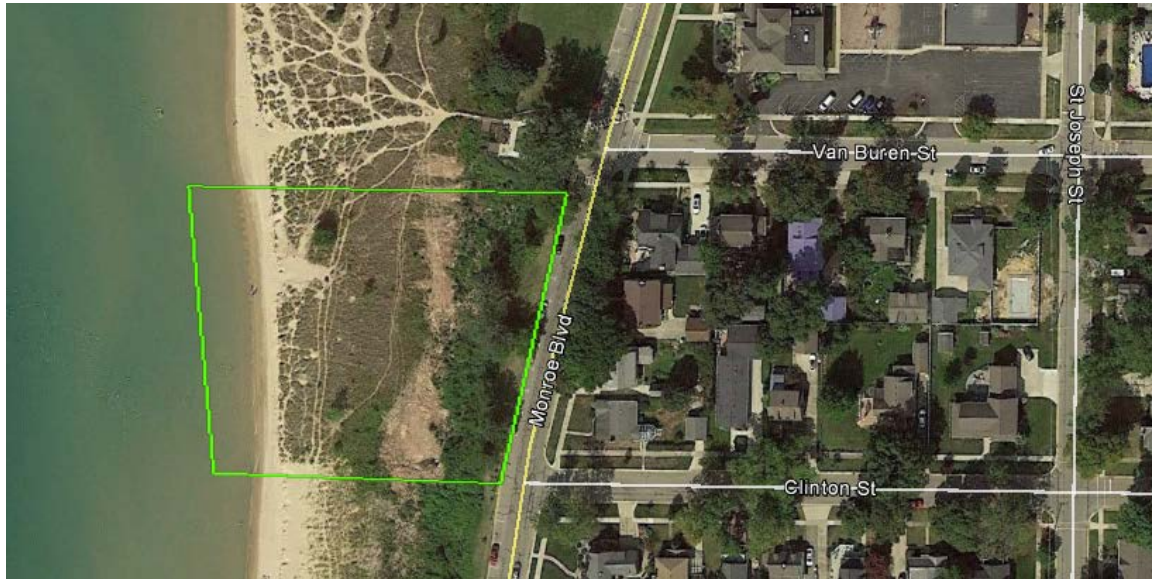
Size: 2.6

Type: Neighborhood Park

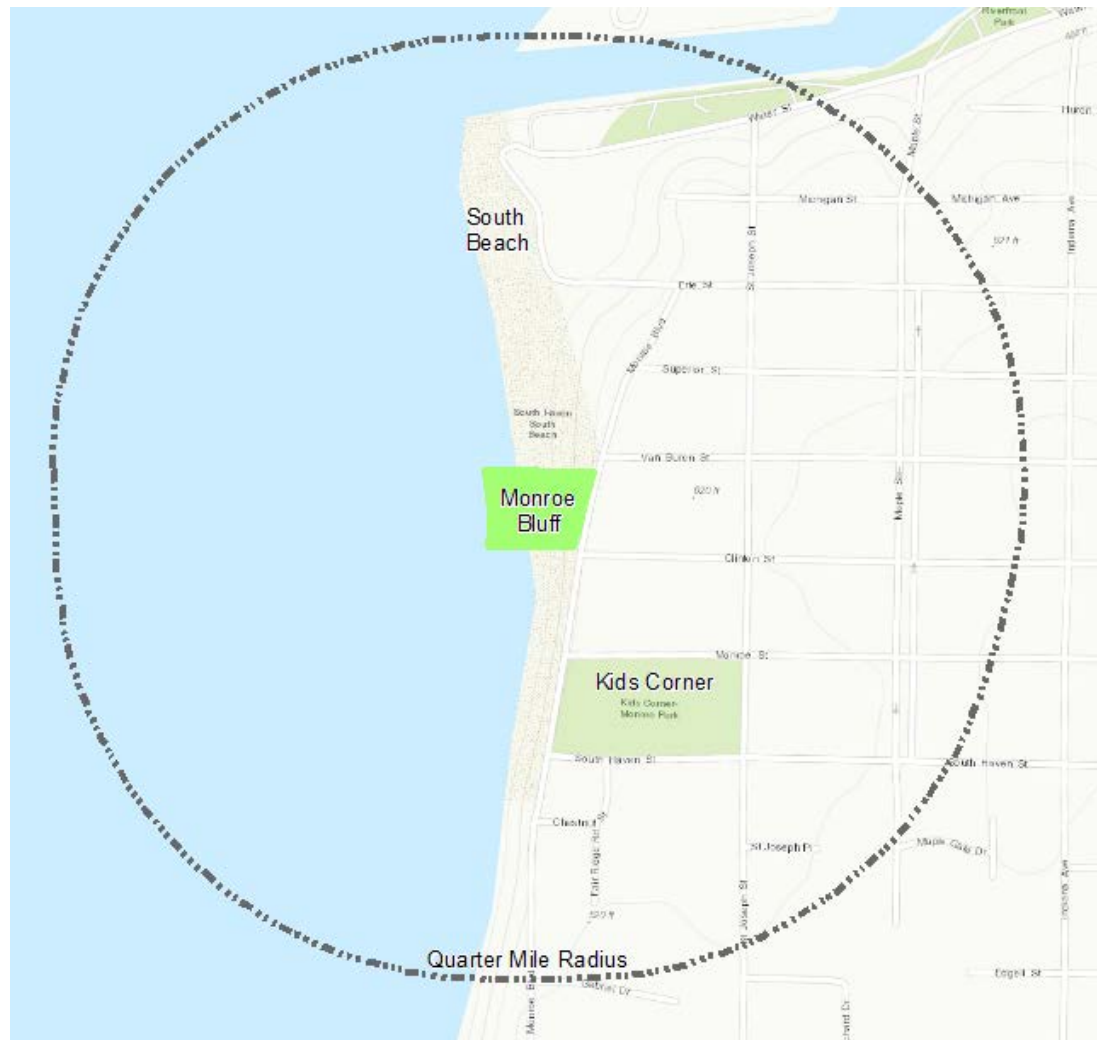
Description: Located on Monroe Blvd, the Monroe Bluff overlooks the South Beach and South Pier. The park is a narrow lawn strip with wood benches and some mature trees.

Accessibility Rating: 1 = none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

Park Aerial



Park's Local Service Area



Newcome Access

Size: 0.41 acres

Type: Beach Access

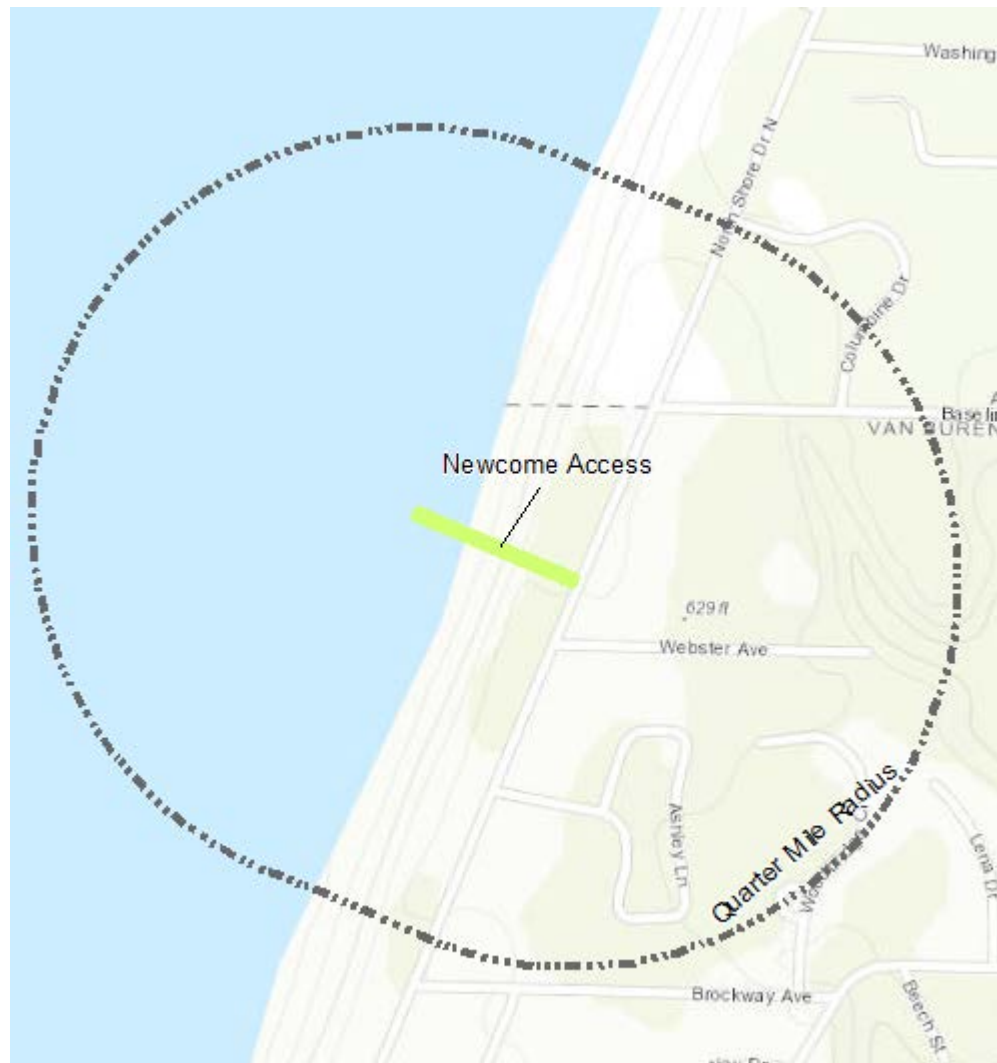
Description: Beach access with newly constructed staircase built in 2017 to provide access to lake via steep terrain. Other improvements include newly paved asphalt shared path, and a new concrete sidewalk leading from the path to the staircase. There are new bike racks and a trash receptacle. A new entrance sign is located close to North Shore Drive.

Accessibility Rating: 2 = some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

Park Aerial



Park's Local Service Area



North Beach

Location: 45 Lakeshore Drive, South Haven, MI 49090

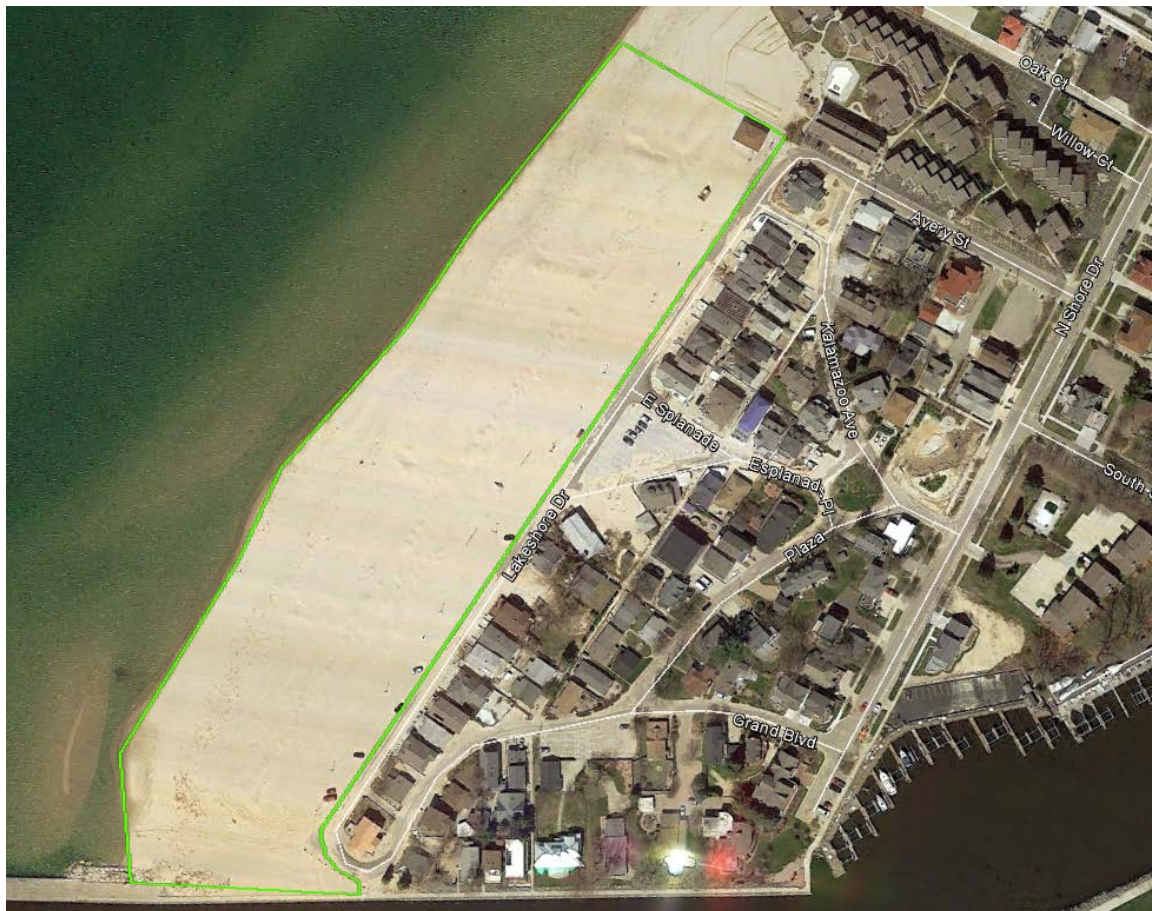
Size: 15.1 acres

Type: Beach

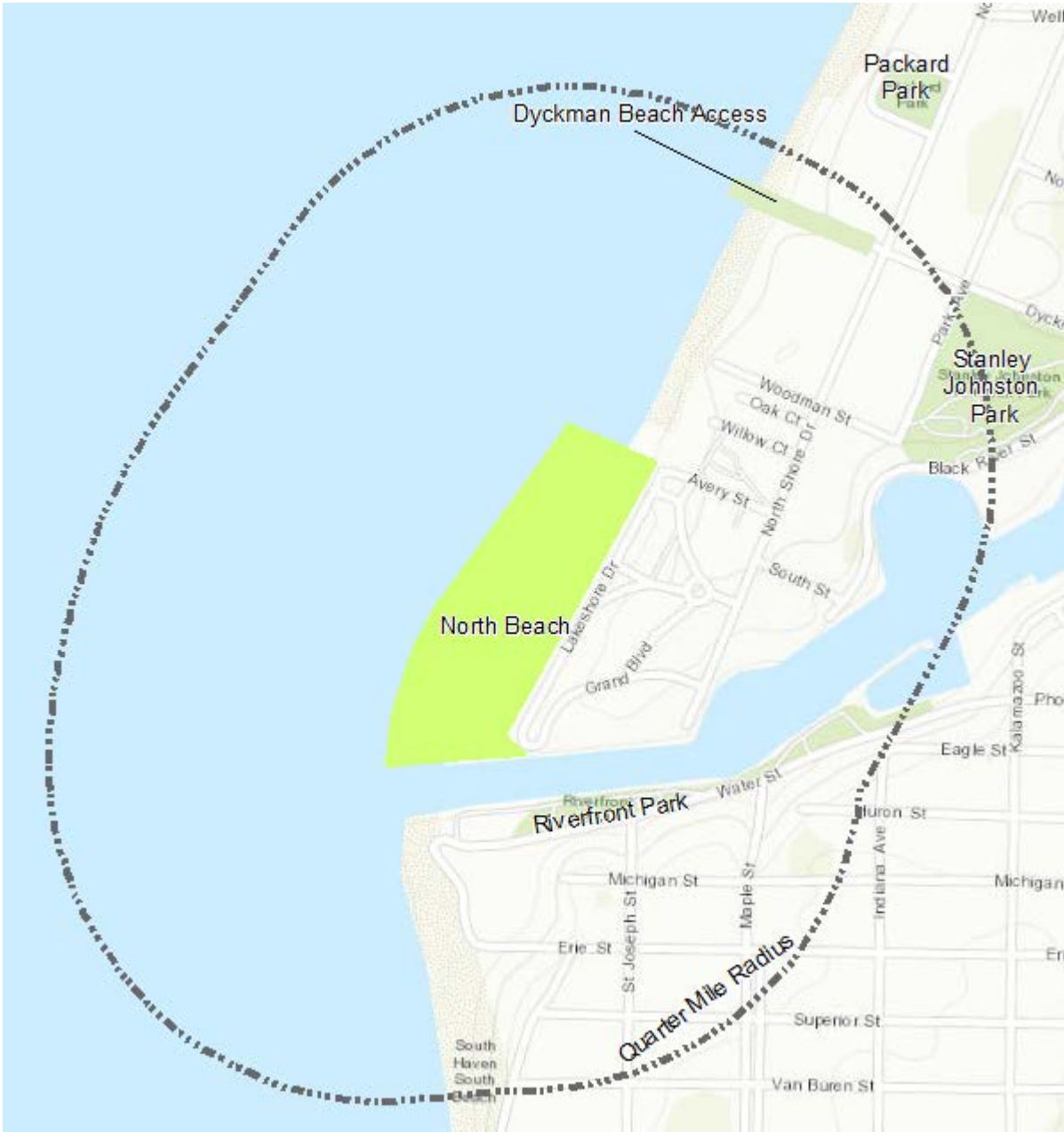
Description: In 2017 the park was reconstructed with new parking, widened concrete sidewalks with bench seating areas and bike racks. The existing ornamental lightpole base was upgraded with a new fixture and an accessible concrete route to the pier and emergency call box was installed. Improvements near the existing concession stand included a new drop off area, additional picnic tables, an accessible drinking fountain, outdoor showers, kayak parking and a new dumpster enclosure. A new entrance sign was added at both the north and south ends of the park near the street. A new accessible playstructure with a ship theme was installed with accessible mats to the playstructure and beach.

Accessibility Rating: 5 = the entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design.

Park Aerial



Park's Local Service Area



Oak Street Beach Access

Size: 0.7 acres

Type: Beach Access

Description: Beach access including a pay parking lot that has numerous cracks needing to be filled and then the overall parking lot surface needs to be sealed and re-striped. There are concrete stairs with a sidewalk in between that are steep, uneven and have chipped edges along the risers. The sidewalk has areas that have heaved. Wood post and beams was added for a handrail on one side of the stairs but they do not have a handrail grip area and are not located on both sides of the stairs. The concrete stairs and sidewalk should be replaced and new handrails added to meet current code requirements. The wood boardwalk has level landings then steps down a riser, the condition of the wood decking is fair. The boardwalk needs weatherproofing and possible replacement of some wood decking. In 2017 a new park entrance sign was installed near North Shore Drive and a bike rack was also added.

Accessibility Rating: 1 = none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

Park Aerial



Park's Local Service Area



Packard Park Beach

Location: 231 North Shore Drive, South Haven, MI 49090

Size: 4.14 acres

Type: Beach

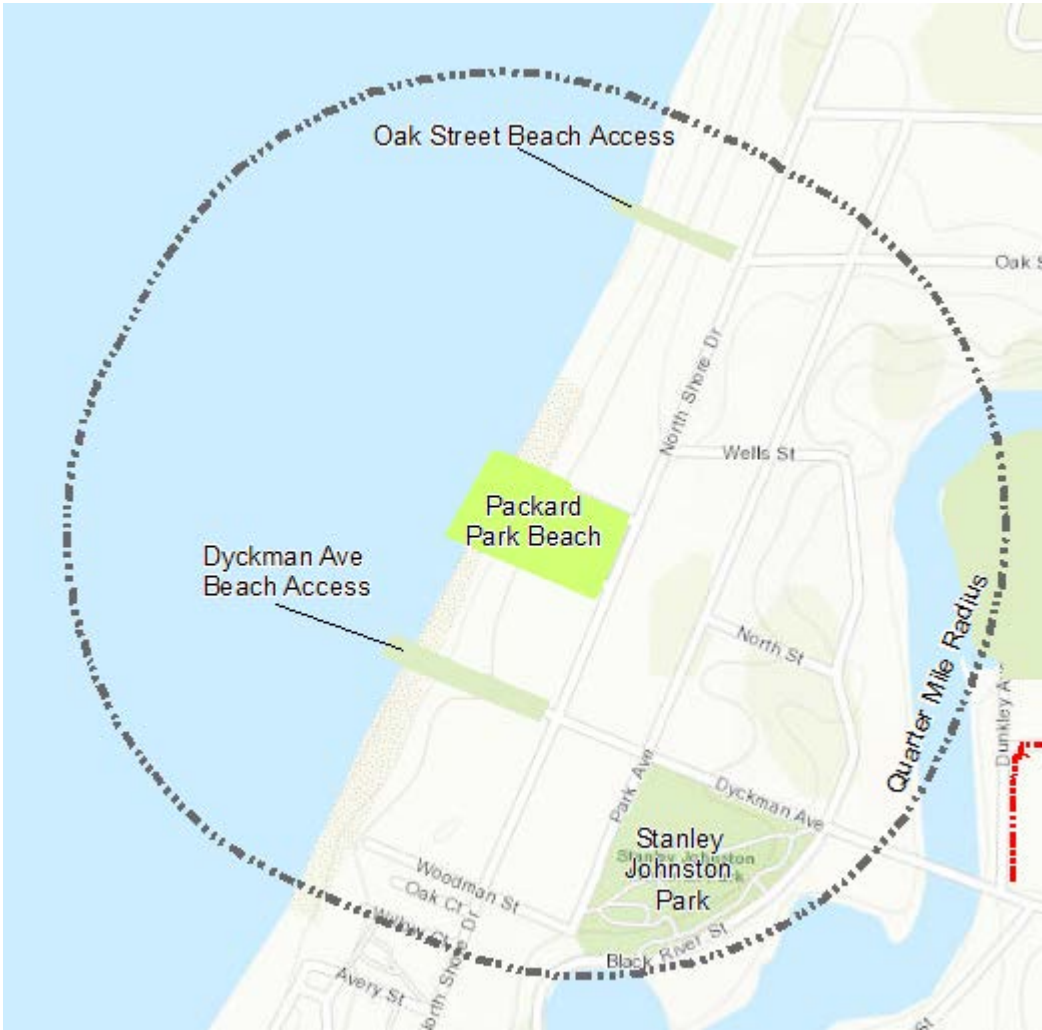
Description: Beachfront park located along North Shore Drive with access to Lake Michigan. The park has a concrete walk leading from the street sidewalk to the restroom building. The restroom building and sidewalk are in good condition. There is a worn path to the south of the restroom that leads to concrete steps leading to the parking lot. The worn path should be replaced with a concrete sidewalk and the concrete stairs and old timber retaining walls are in poor condition and should be replaced with new stairs with handrails and a new retaining wall. There is a wood observation deck with wood picnic tables. The decking may need replacement within the next 5-7 years but at the very least new stain and weatherproofing. The picnic tables may need replacement as well within the next 7 years. North Shore Drive was re-built in 2017 and new walkways, a new park entrance sign, bike racks and landscaping were added along the eastern edge of the park.

Accessibility Rating: 2 = some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

Park Aerial



Park's Local Service Area



South Beach

Location: 60 Water Street, South Haven, MI 49090

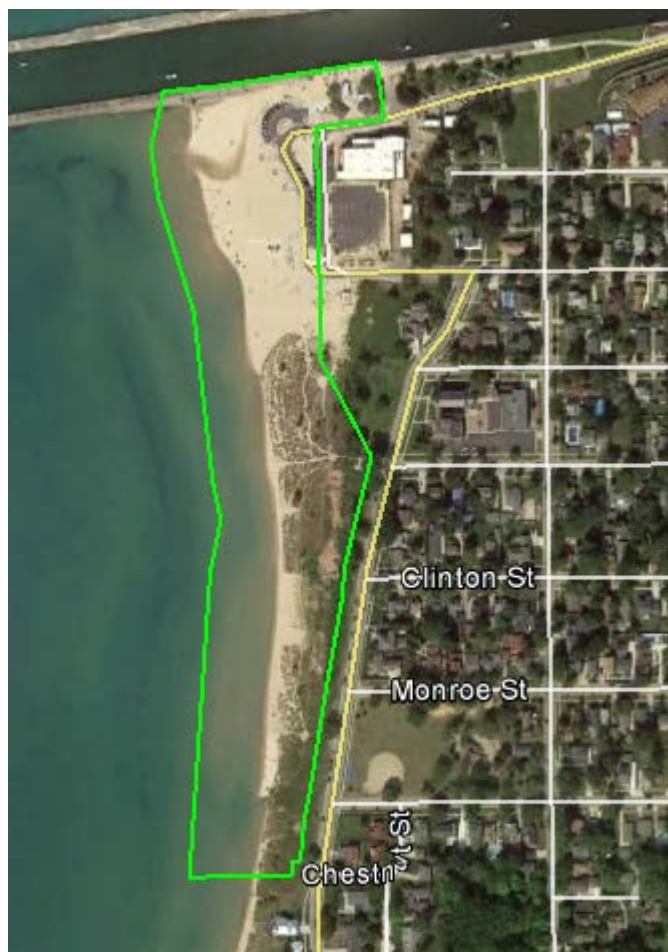
Size: 14.46 acres

Type: Beach

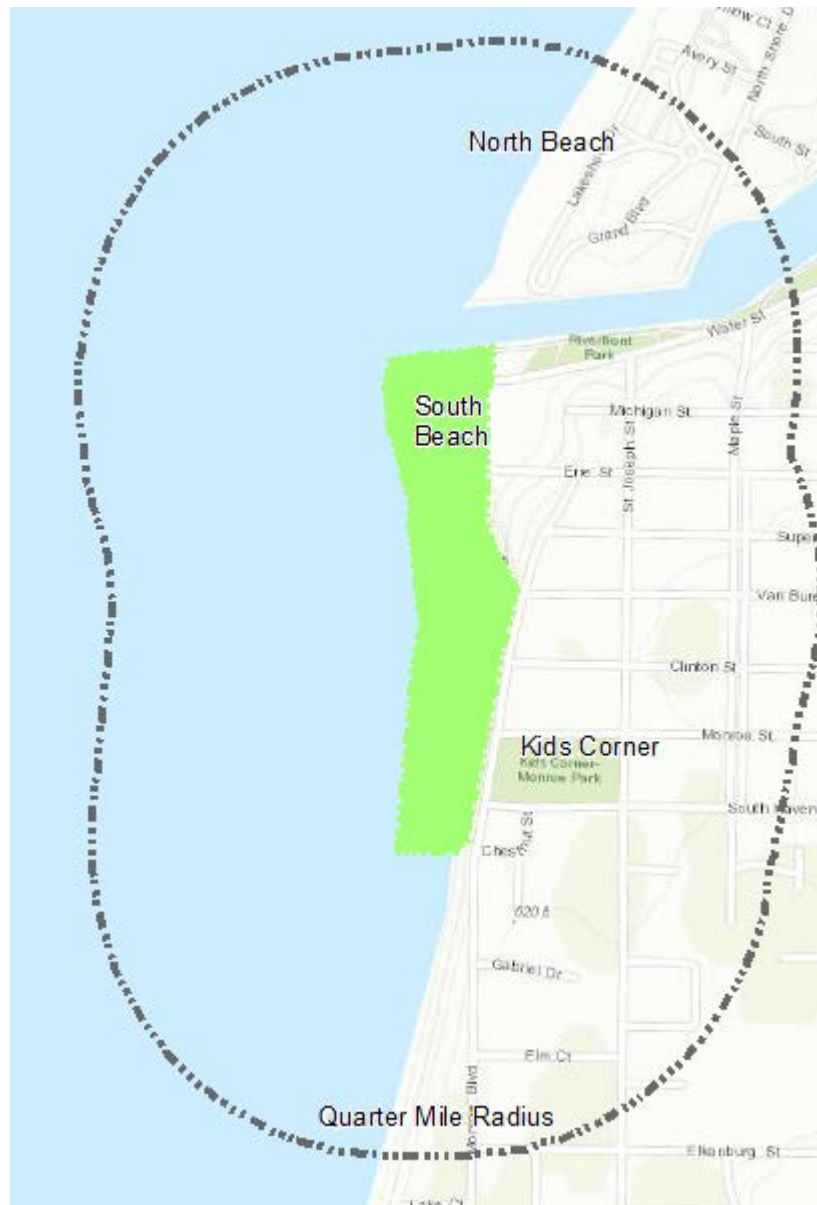
Description: The park has a pavilion and adjacent restroom facility with new roofs. Both facilities are scheduled for additional improvements. There is a new concession building and a small retail facility located proximal to the concession building. The existing older wood picnic tables throughout the site should be replaced within the next 5-7 years with new tables and accessible seating options. In 2012, new playground equipment, sidewalks, parking and amenities including lighting, picnic tables and concrete seat walls were added along the Lake Michigan side of the park. These facilities are in excellent condition and the only noted improvements may include adding support member to the accessible matt near the playground as composite is bowing and may present trip hazards or non-accessible surface in the future.

Accessibility Rating: 5 = the entire park was developed/renovated using the principles of universal design

Park Aerial



Park's Local Service Area



Van Buren Stairs Beach Access

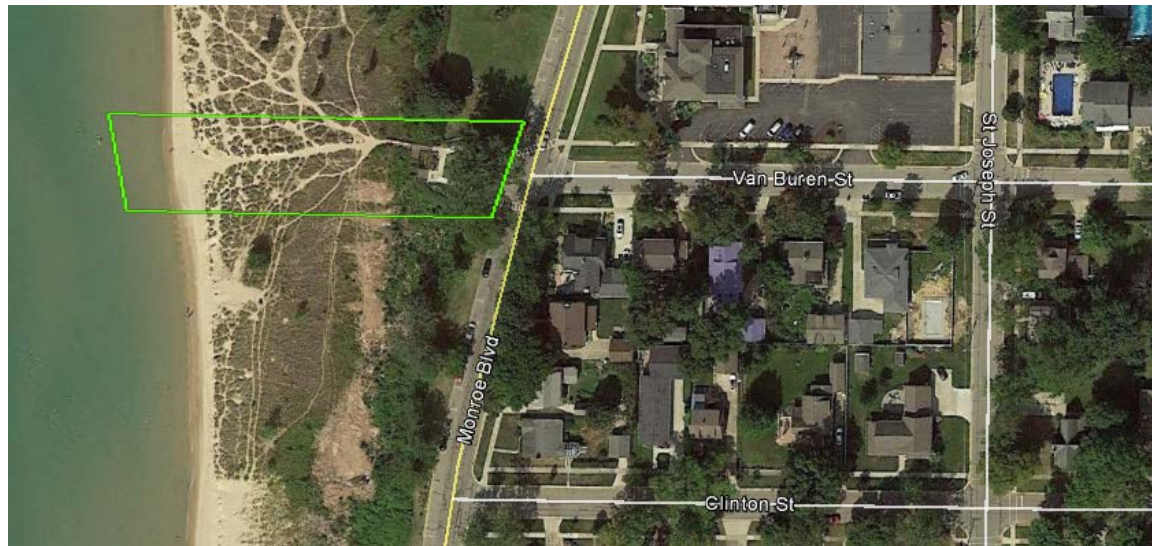
Size: 0.63 acres

Type: Beach Access

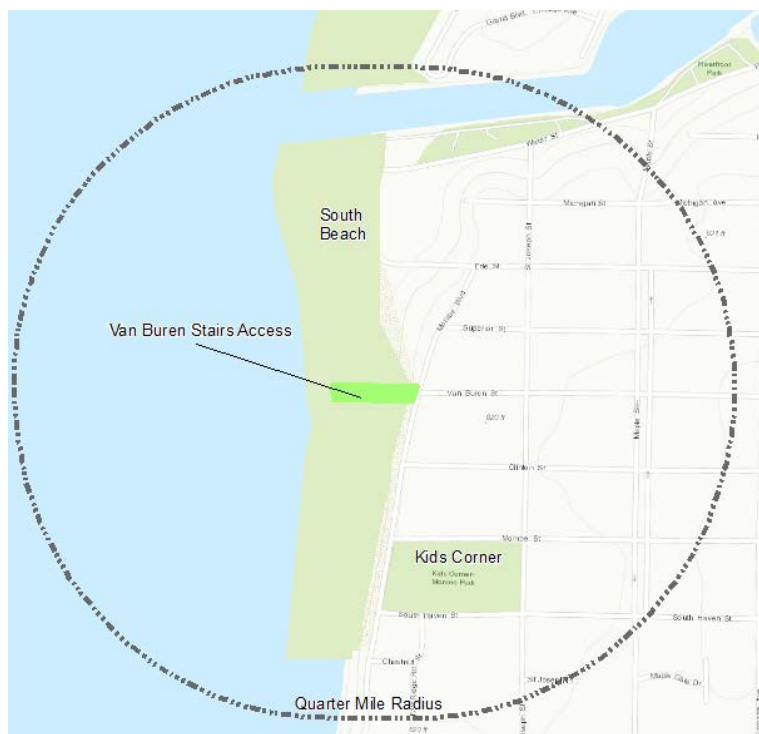
Description: The park provides an overlook of Lake Michigan and access to the beach via stairs. The overlook deck and a drinking fountain is accessible to wheelchairs.

Accessibility Rating: 2 = some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

Park Aerial



Park's Local Service Area



Woodman Beach Access

Size: 1.82

Type: Beach Access

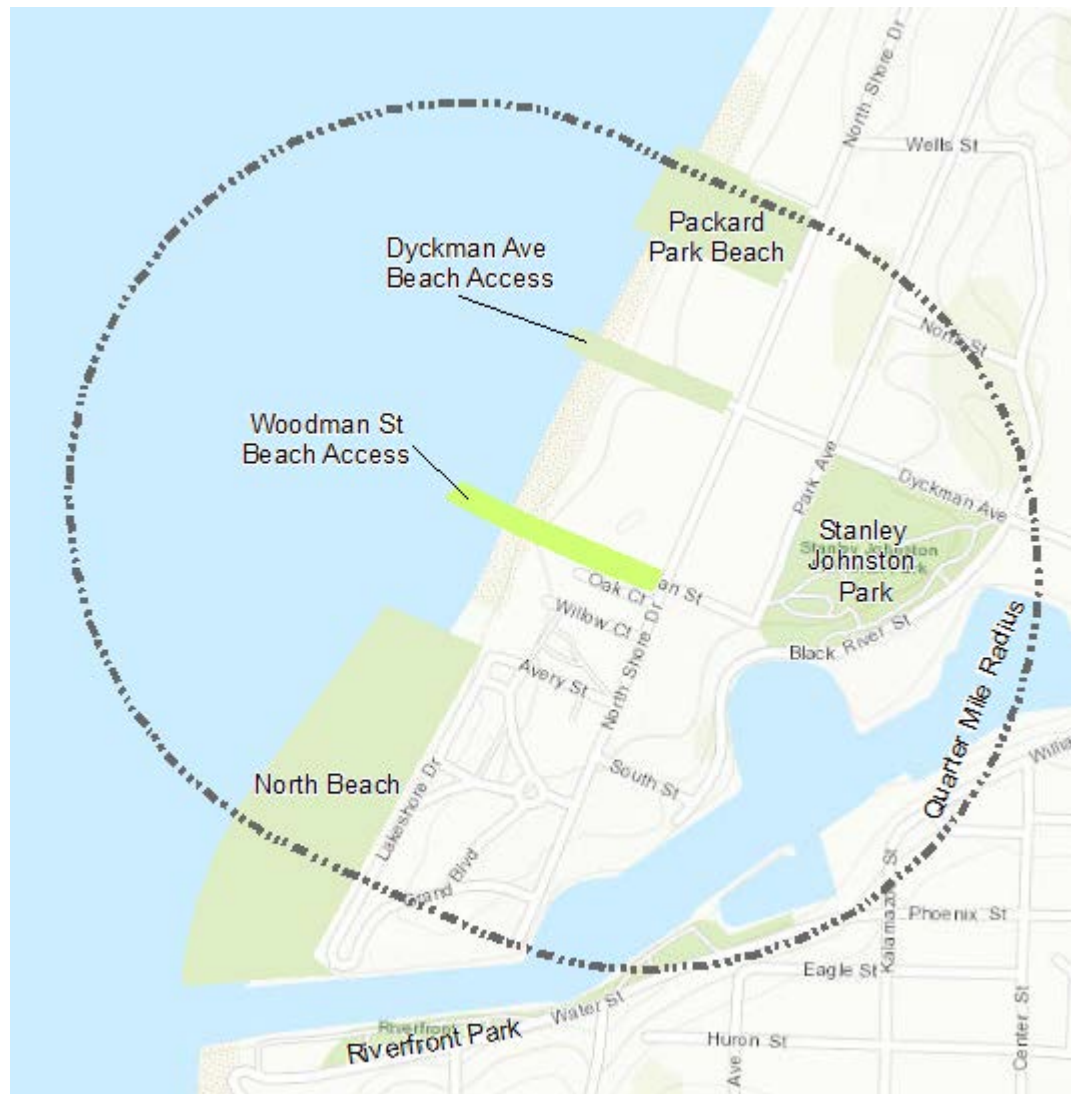
Description: Beach access along North Shore Drive. The pay and park lot is in extremely poor condition with broken curb, pot holes and extensive cracking. The parking lot should be re-constructed to meet current ADA guidelines.

Accessibility Rating: 1 = none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

Park Aerial



Park's Local Service Area



Other Street Overlooks

Size:	Apache Court	0.07 acres
	Beaver Court	0.11 acres
	Chippewa Court	0.067 acres
	Delaware Court	0.88 acres
	Lake Court	0.11 acres

Type: Lake Michigan overlooks

Description: These street right-of-ways give views to Lake Michigan. Currently, slope constraints prevent access to the beach.

Accessibility Rating: 2 = some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

Apache Court



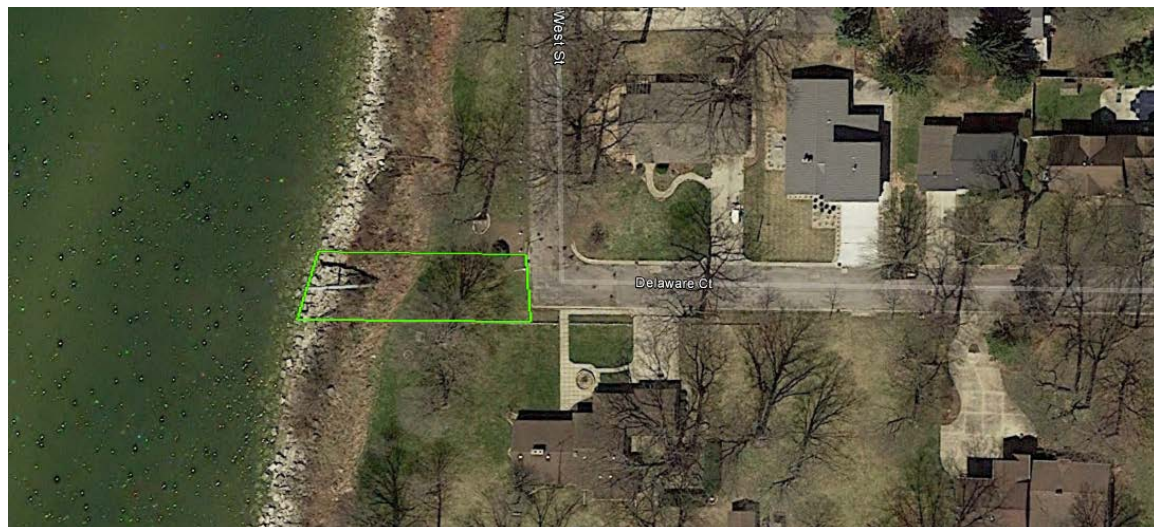
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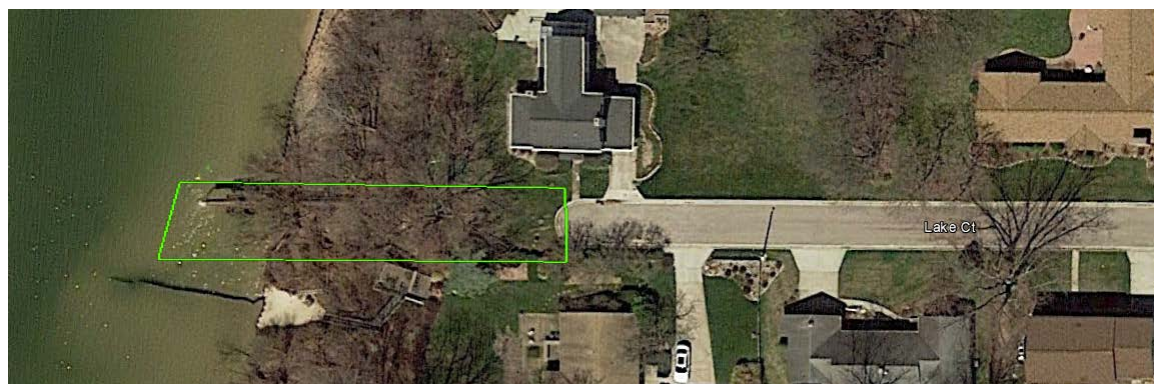
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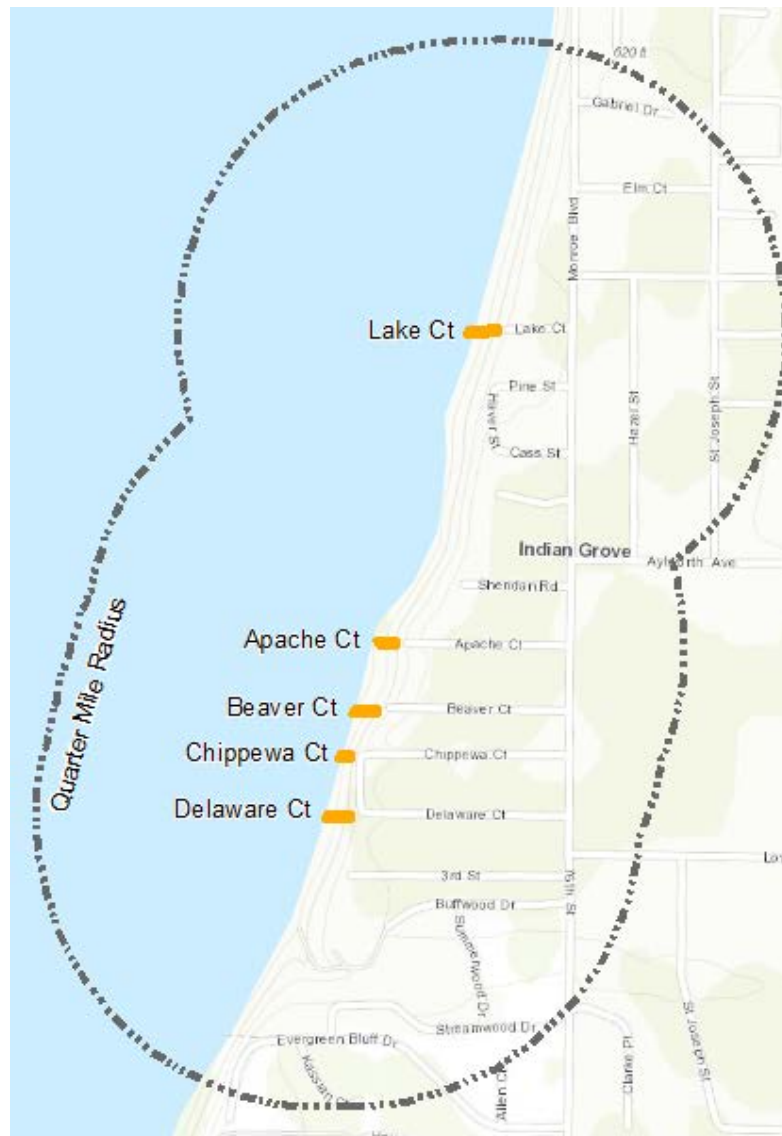
Delaware Court



Lake Court



Overlooks' Service Area



Harborwalk

Size: 2 miles

Type: Trail

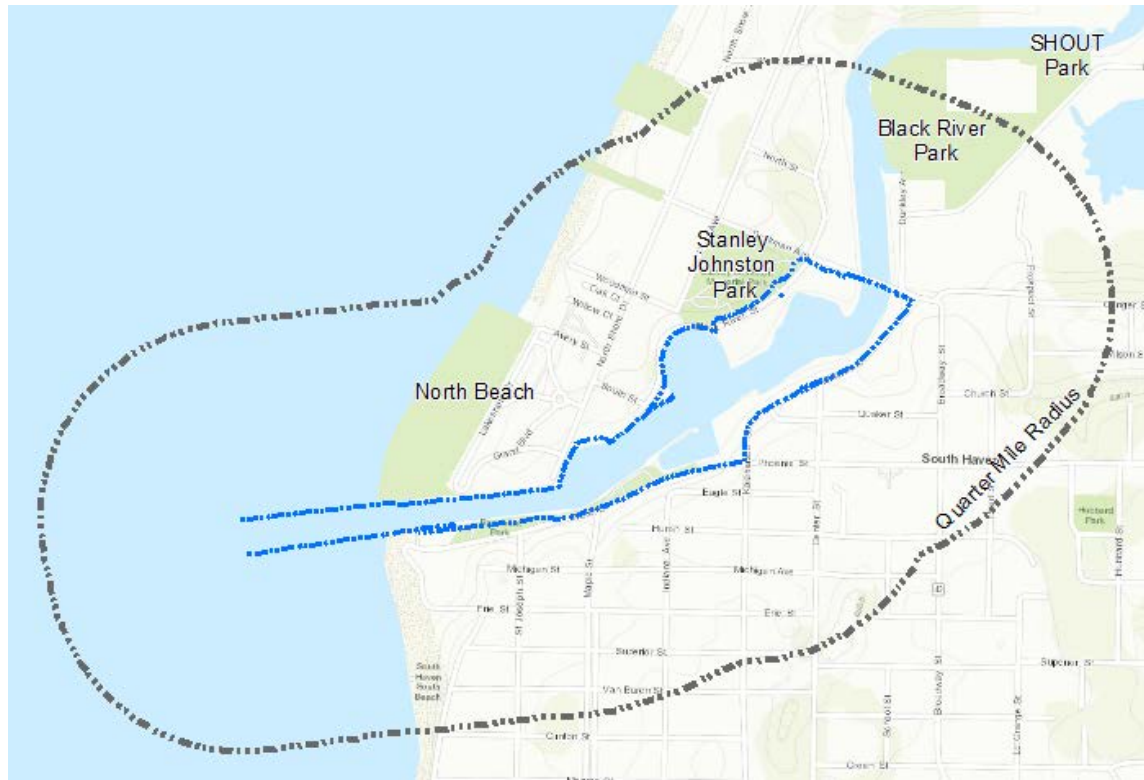
Description: In 2001, the city initiated the HarborWalk project to serve as a public walkway for pedestrian use. The HarborWalk connects the north pier to the south pier crossing over the Dyckman Bridge. The HarborWalk serves as the focus for all waterfront activities found in the city. Interpretive markers line the HarborWalk giving information about the diverse history of the community as well as the dynamic vision of the people of South Haven today. The HarborWalk is designed to be safe, accessible, well-maintained and self-guided. It provides a wide variety of waterfront activities and also accesses two city parks.

Accessibility Rating: 4 = the entire park meets accessibility guidelines

Trail Aerial



Trail's Service Area



Kal-Haven Trail Extension

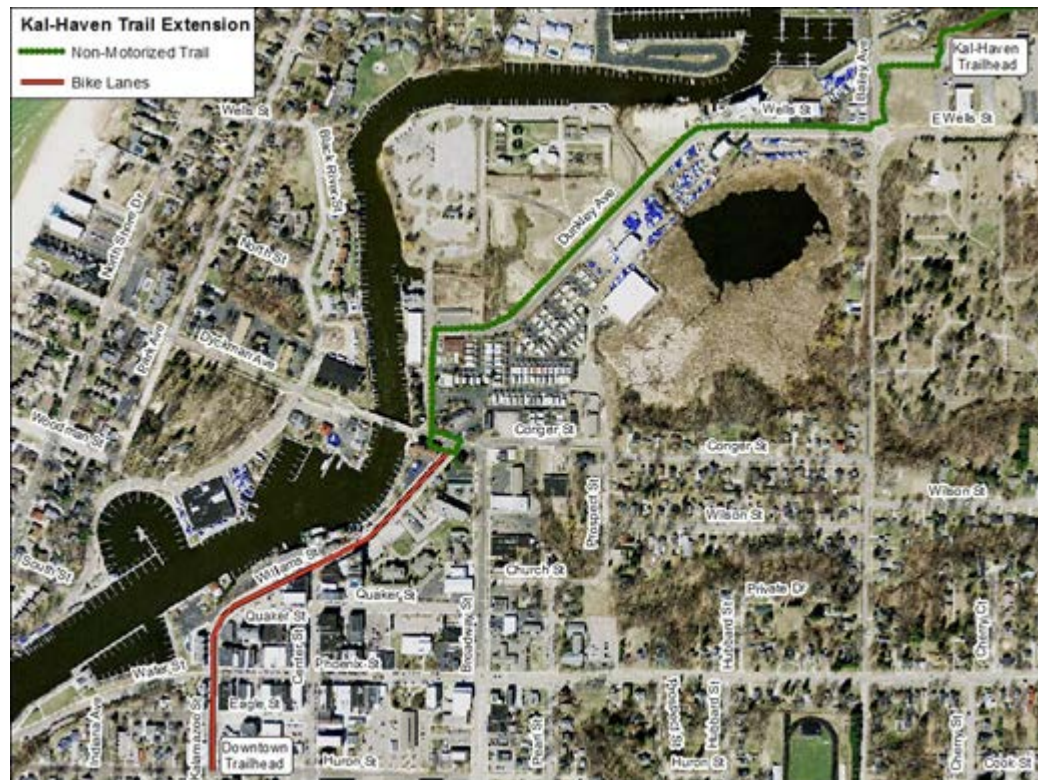
Size: 1.2 miles

Type: Trail

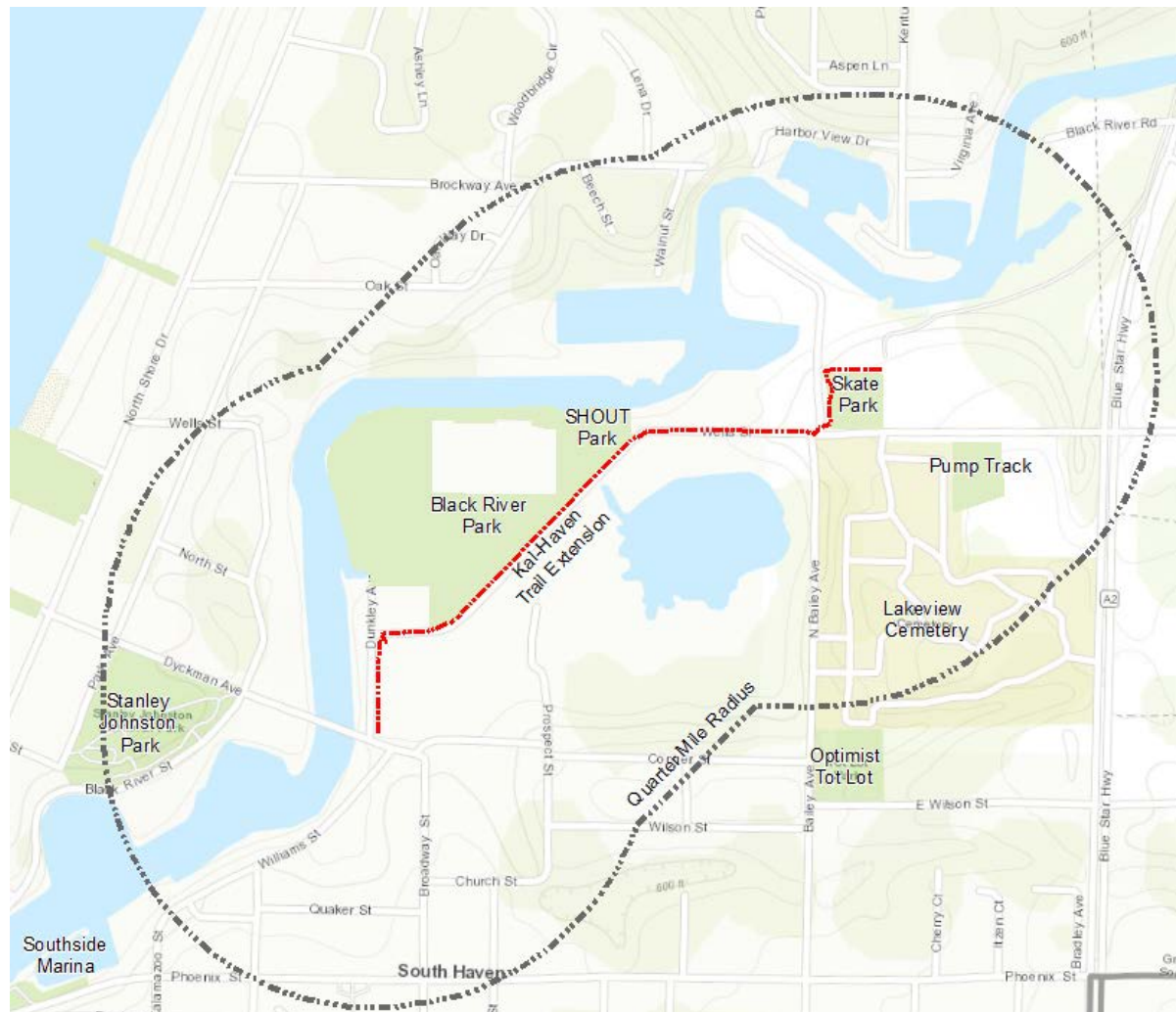
Description: The Kal-Haven Trail Extension was completed in spring 2012. The project consists of construction of a 1.2 mile of non-motorized facility from the Kal-Haven State Linear Park to the corner of Huron and Kalamazoo Streets in downtown South Haven. Highlights include constructing a 10' non-motorized pathway from the Kal-Haven Linear Park Trailhead to the new parking lot/restroom facility located at the corner of Kalamazoo and Huron Streets. The pathways consist of bike lanes going in both directions, replacing the current condition of shared lanes; changing parking from slanted to parallel; repaving and widening roads and sidewalks; updating curbs to ADA requirements; burying electrical utilities; and redesigning applicable landscapes to include public-use street amenities. Additional improvements include wayfinding signage, non-motorized improvements at the Dunkley/Dyckman Avenue intersection, advanced warning signalization, high-visibility crosswalks, improved overlook, and installation of decorative fencing.

Accessibility Rating: 5 = the entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design.

Trail Aerial



Trail's Service Area



Van Buren Trail

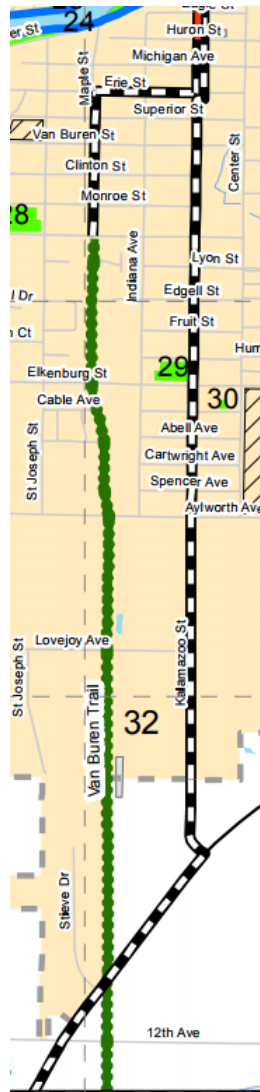
Size: 1.4 miles (14 miles in total)

Type: Trail

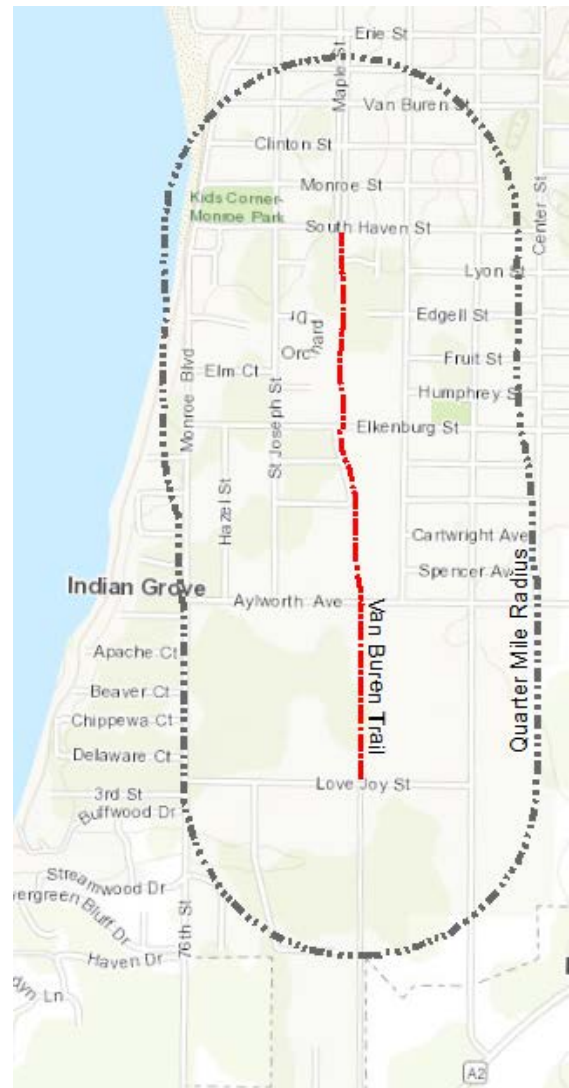
Description: The Van Buren Trail has an unimproved surface and runs from the City of Hartford to the City of South Haven. From this trail, a connection trail is also made into the Van Buren State Park. The Van Buren Trail South Haven Trailhead entrance is located on Lovejoy Street southwest of the water tower.

Accessibility Rating: 2 = some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

Trail Connectivity



Trail's Service Area



Black River Park Marina

Size: 0.65 Acres

Location: 123 Dunkley Ave, South Haven, MI

Type: Marina

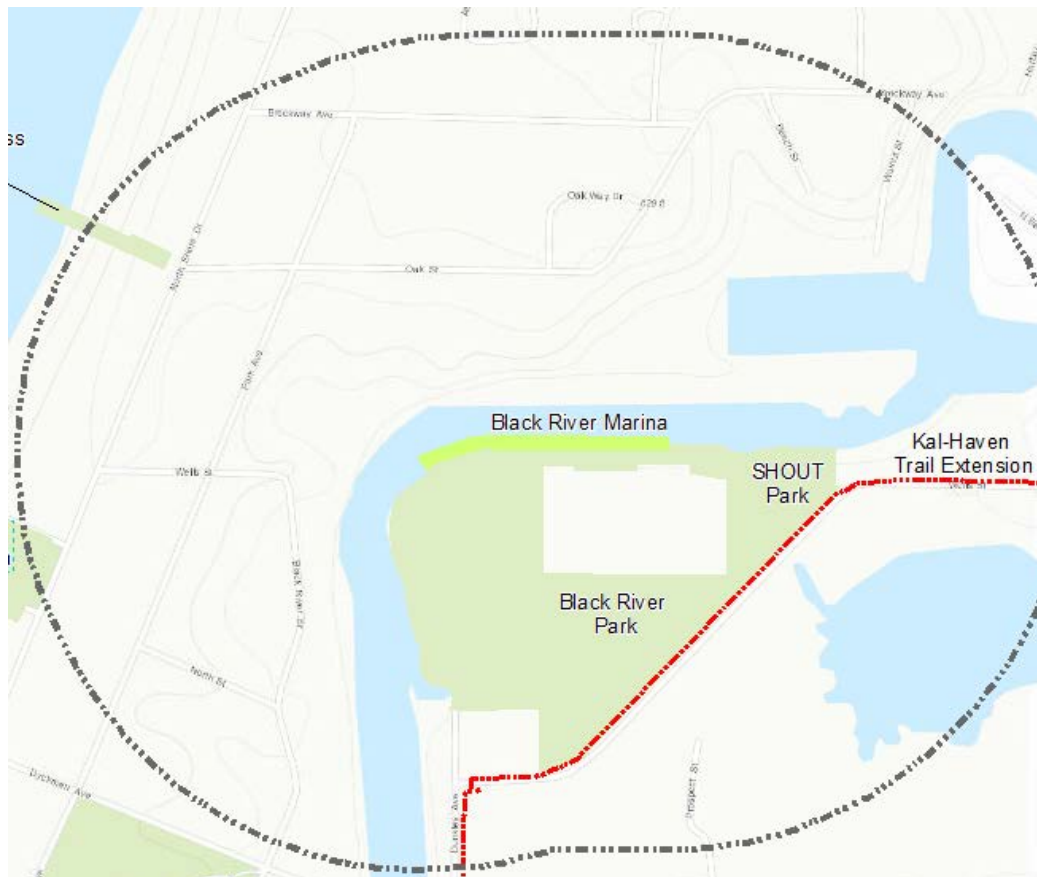
Description: Black River Park Marina is adjacent to Black River Park. There are 60 seasonal or transient docks with ten boat launch ramps. Showers, restrooms, parking, and picnic tables are available.

Accessibility Rating: 2 = some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

Park Aerial



Park's Local Service Area



Museum Marina

Location: 260 Dyckman Ave, South Haven, MI

Size: 1.56 acres

Type: Marina

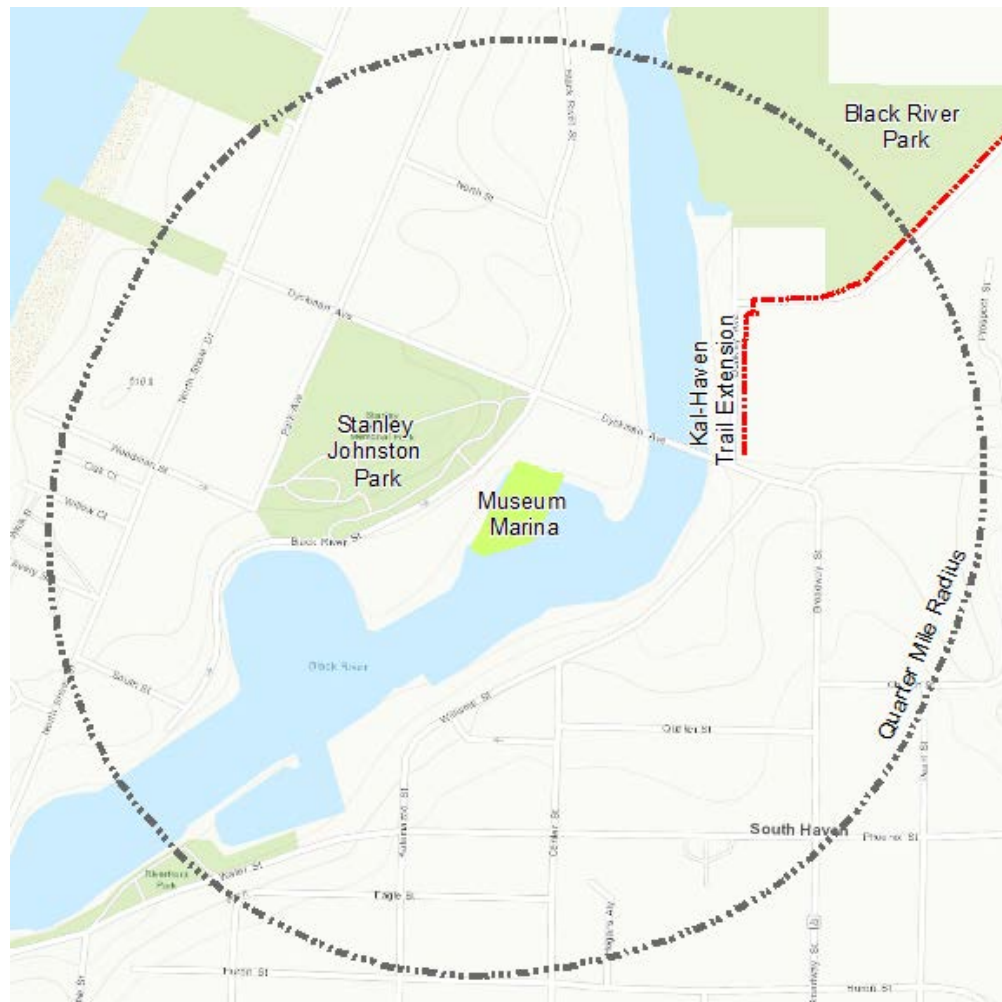
Description: Has a total of 26 slips with 300 feet of head dock for broadside dockage. All slips at this marina are 40' in length and have 30-amp service and water hookups. The facility was built in what used to be the turning basin. In 1990, Congress de-authorized this basin and turned ownership over to the city for construction of the marina. There are restrooms and shower facilities for boater use only. There is parking, a picnic shelter, grills, benches, and trash receptacles.

Accessibility Rating: 3 = most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

Park Aerial



Park's Local Service Area



Northside Marina

Location: 148 Black River St, South Haven, MI

Size: 5.63 acres

Type: Marina

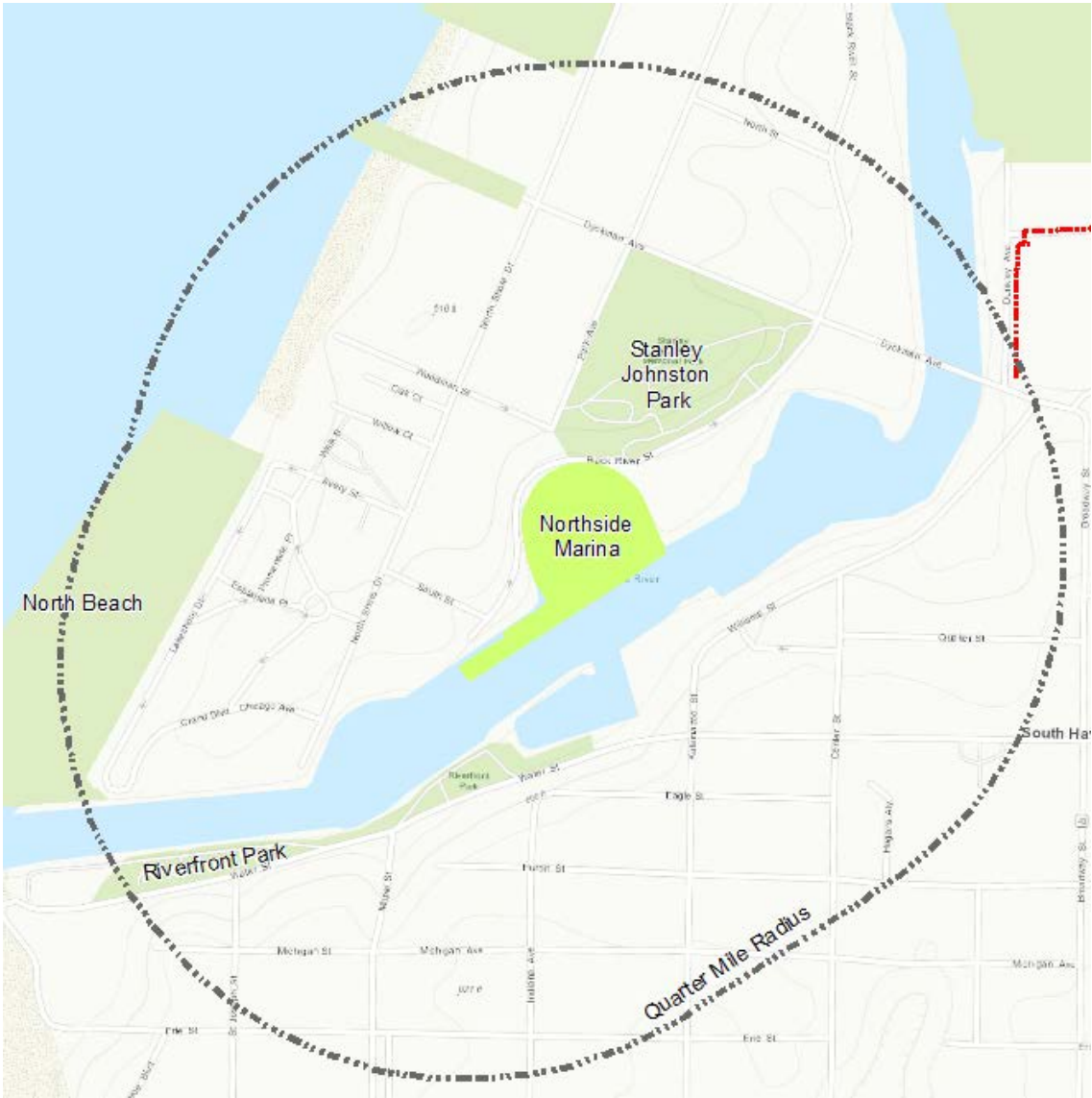
Description: The Northside marina is a Grant-In-Aid facility with 97 slips. This marina was built in the 1960's. The repairs to this facility were so extensive the city decided to make the improvements in three phases. The first phase was completed in 2002. The city, in conjunction with MDNR and the Waterways Commission, was awarded a grant to replace the old docks, upgrade the utilities, replace the picnic shelter, and install new landscaping. In 2006-2007, phase two of the project was completed when the city replaced Black River Street. This street doubles as the marina parking lot. This included adding curb and gutter, proper drainage, and placing of the utilities underground. The third phase of this project will be to construct a new club house for the boaters. Currently, the administrative office, restrooms and showers are all one facility. The office is very small, boaters have to wait outside to register, showers are not ADA compliant and there are not enough. Future plans include the construction of a new club house facility to include an office for the Harbormaster, administrative office for boaters to register, new showers and restrooms, laundry facility and lounge with full kitchen. A facility of this nature can be used by the city for meetings and common gathering spots.

Accessibility Rating: 3 = most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

Park Aerial



Park's Local Service Area



Southside Marina

Location: 345 Water St, South Haven, MI

Size: 2.62 acres

Type: Marina

Description: This marina is the transient marina with 330 feet of broadside dockage and 40 slips which vary in size. This marina is adjacent to the Central Business District. Construction was completed in 1991 and facilities include an office, lounge, restrooms, shower and laundry facilities, picnic shelter with grill, public restrooms and a deck for viewing vessels in the harbor. The pedestals along the headwall were upgraded to provide 50 amp services to the larger vessels.

Accessibility Rating: 3 = most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

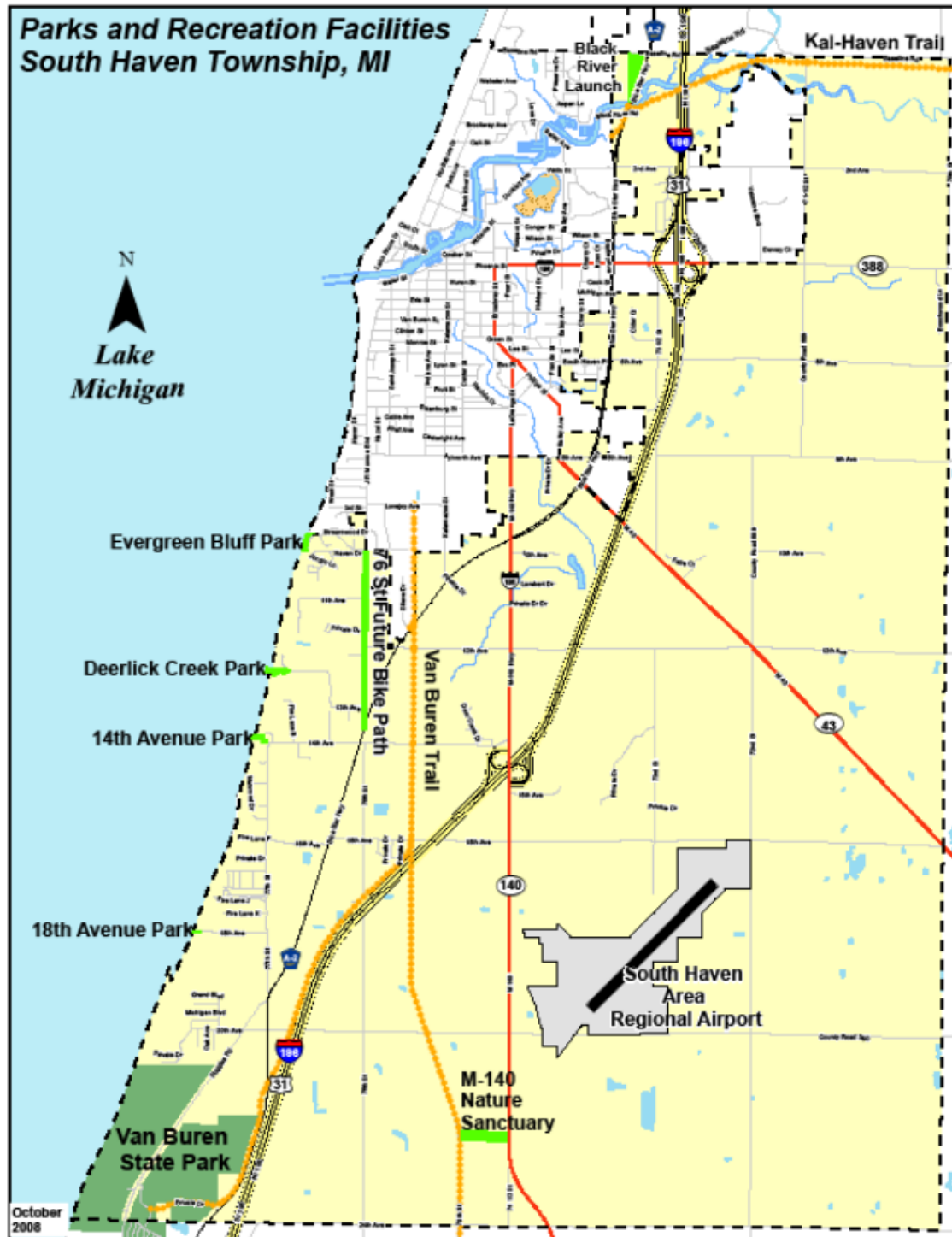
Park Aerial



Park's Local Service Area



B. South Haven Charter Township



14th Avenue Beach Access

Size: 1.5 acres

Type: Beach Access

Description: Located on the end of a residential street, this is a public beach access site. The parking lot is inviting with its mature deciduous trees that shade on a hot, sunny day. A primitive trail leads to the top of a sand dune that overlooks Lake Michigan. The path down the dune is steep – requiring a certain level of physical fitness and coordination for the descent and ascent of the dune. The pathway is worn, exposing the roots of trees that help stabilize the dune, with shifting sands along the trail as it is utilized. The beach is approximately 66 feet in width having huge cement blocks placed at the north and south boundaries with lettering depicting the boundaries. The beach is sandy and rocky. It is frequented by rock hounds, as it is known for its variety of rocks and endless supply of them. The area at the top of the dune is grassy with deciduous trees, allowing enough room for a picnic and beautiful views of the sunset. This site is rustic. 14th Avenue Beach Access is within one mile of the Van Buren Trail and the bike path along Blue Star Highway.

Accessibility Rating: 1= none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

Park Aerial



Park's Local Service Area



18th Avenue Beach Access

Size: 0.3 acres

Type: Beach Access

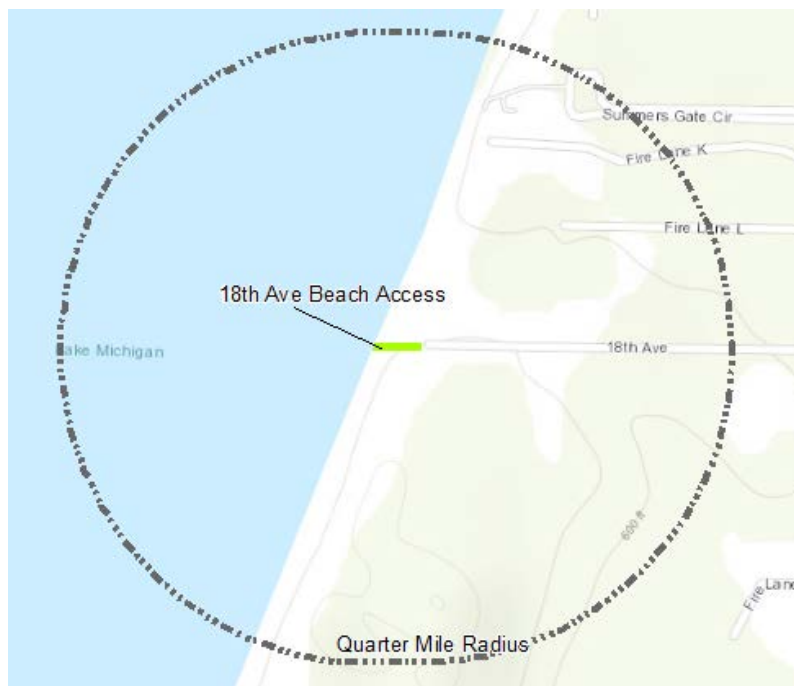
Description: This street right-of-way gives views and access to Lake Michigan. The slope is steep and sandy. The beach is sandy. Currently there are to be no “No Trespassing” signs posted at this access site as ordered by the Van Buren County Road Commission. There is signage concerning where to park along 18th Avenue.

Accessibility Rating: 1= none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

Park Aerial



Park's Local Service Area



Black River Launch

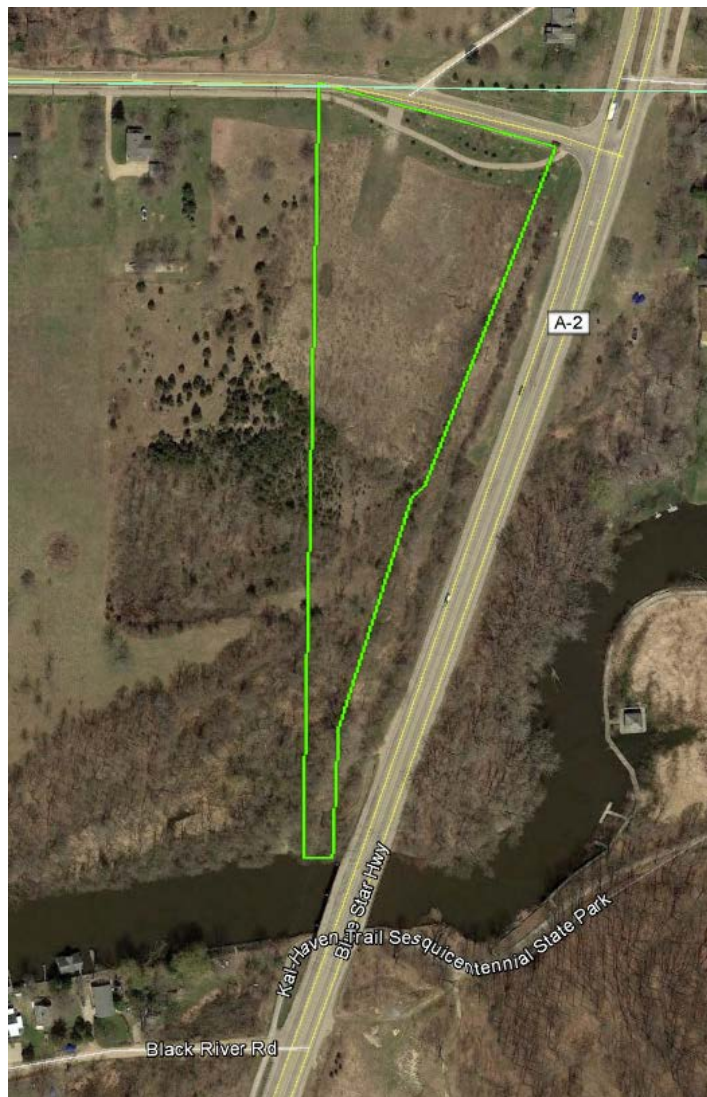
Size: 6 acres

Type: Kayak/Canoe Launch

Description: Located off from Blue Star Memorial Highway, this site has been used for years as a kayak/canoe launch site to the Bangor/South Haven Heritage Water Trail. This six acre site is rustic and overgrown with a worn, rutted dirt car path from Blue Star Memorial Highway to the riverbank. The view from the river's edge is peaceful. One can view the highway bridge from the river's edge. Directly across from the proposed launch site one can view the Kal-Haven Trail as it enters into the City of South Haven. The gentle slope offers easy access to the river. Many have expressed interest in seeing this site developed as a formal kayak/canoe launch site.

Accessibility Rating: 1= none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

Park Aerial



Park's Local Service Area



Deerlick Creek Park

Size: 2.1 acres

Type: Beach

Description: Located on the end of a residential street, this park has been used for generations as a public beach. In 2007, after four years of input/help from the community, Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy, and various State agencies/officials, the Township was able to secure the needed funds, via grants and grassroots fundraisers, to ensure that this property would remain a public beach for all future generations. Funding to purchase Deerlick will be from the following sources: \$273,000 from South Haven Charter Township (bank loan), \$18,000 (approximately) from the Friends of Deerlick, \$1 million DNR grant, \$111,000 Fisheries Grant. All of these funds are for land acquisition. A one lane bridge going over Deerlick Creek is at the entryway to the Park. Deerlick Creek Park has 172 feet of Lake Michigan frontage. Deerlick Creek, a designated trout and smelt dipping stream, runs from the north along the east edge of the property under the road right-of-way and along the south edge of the site approximately 700 feet until it empties into Lake Michigan. On the north edge of the property is a rock jetty. About 0.82 acres of wetland are on the site along with a large stand of deciduous trees and a sandy/rocky beach. Deerlick Creek Park is within one mile of the Van Buren Trail and the bike path along Blue Star Highway. At this time, Deerlick Creek Park is rustic. It offers beautiful views of the Lake from the parking area. The gentle slope allows for those with physical challenges or small children to access the beach and Lake.

Accessibility Rating: 2= some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

Park Aerial



Park's Local Service Area



Evergreen Bluff

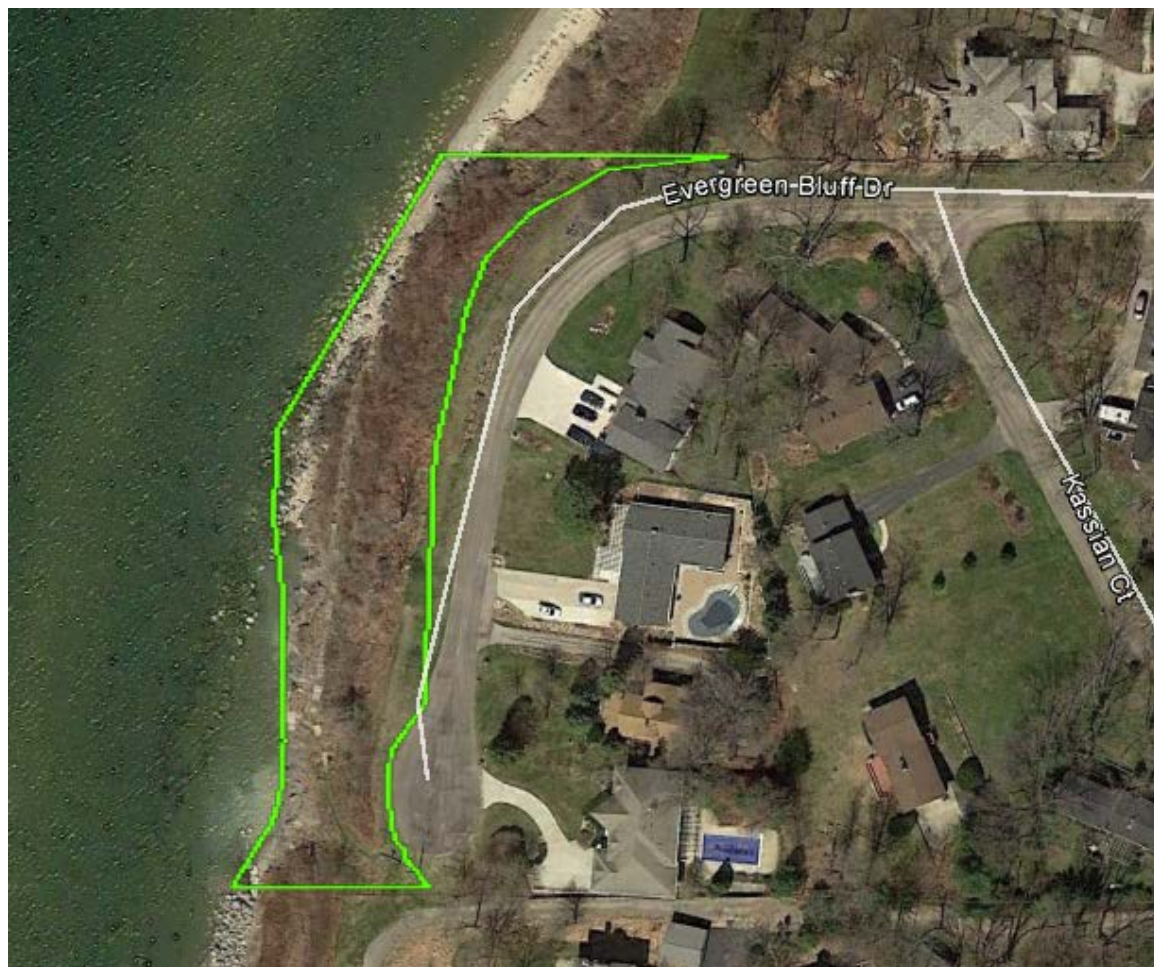
Size: 1.3 acres

Type: Lake Michigan Overlook

Description: Evergreen Bluff is located at the end of Evergreen Bluff Drive. The site is located on a critical dune. Due to its fragile nature, its use as an access site to Lake Michigan is discouraged. The view of Lake Michigan from the top of the bluff is breath-taking as one can see the lighthouse and views north and south along the coastline. No parking signs are posted on the west side of the street. Removal/cutting of vegetation has been discouraged.

Accessibility Rating: 1= none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

Park Aerial



Park's Local Service Area



M-140 Nature Sanctuary and Van Buren Trail Parking

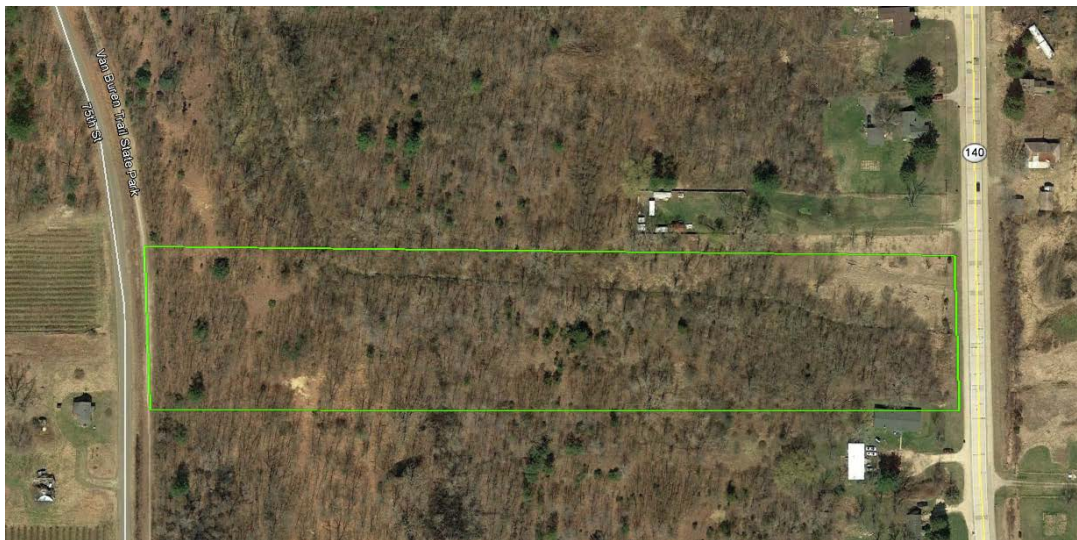
Size: 8 acres

Type: Parking for Van Buren Trail and Nature Sanctuary

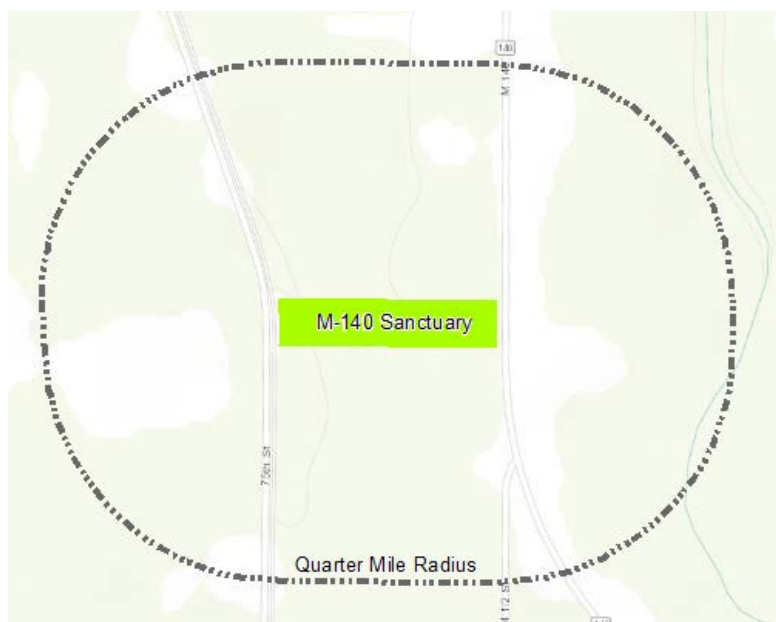
Description: This is an eight acre site that is located on M-140. The front part of the property is mainly grass and the remainder of the property is thick, wooded and marshy. The Township acquired this property in September of 2008 so no improvements or changes have been made at this time. The west perimeter of this property borders the Van Buren Trail. The rich, untouched state of this property could lend itself to an educational/environmental outdoor classroom – with signage and nature paths.

Accessibility Rating: 1= none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

Park Aerial



Park's Local Service Area



C. South Haven Public Schools



The Athletic fields located at LC Mohr High School are located at the south central section of the City. The area provides the primary athletic recreation area for the City and surrounding townships. The approximate 20 acres of land provide four baseball diamonds and associated bleachers, dugouts, bathrooms and concession stand. The remaining areas provide for two football practice fields, five tennis courts and 1 soccer field. The entire area is heavily used for high school athletics and band practices, youth football practices, youth and community soccer practices and games and youth and community softball and

baseball games. The high usage allows little time for the maintenance and recovery of the facilities and fields. The tennis courts are insufficient for a quality high school tennis program and have an inappropriate contour for proper court surfacing.

South Haven High School

The high school houses the City's swimming pool facilities. It is one of the community's favorite facilities, beginning at 11:00 AM and ending at 9:00 PM daily. The gym, when not used by the school, is utilized by the community.

Baseline Middle School

The middle school provides additional recreation facilities for the community with outdoor basketball courts, a softball diamond, and soccer/football field. The school also houses a full-length basketball court and adjacent locker rooms. The lack of additional facilities to support the school community places a tremendous demand on the existing courts and fields. Use of these facilities by external groups is by fee and community soccer and football programs, which at times means not open to the community. Recently the four tennis courts were closed due to surface conditions that caused safety concerns.

Ratcliffe Field

The public school's football stadium, an area of six acres of land located in the southeast section of town is used for competitive high school football, soccer, and Rocket football. A track is included here, along with a field house, bleachers, press box, concession stand and restrooms.

Nature Center

The South Haven Public Schools recently received a donation of twenty acres of land off 16th Avenue. Referred to as the McClendon Property, it has the potential to be developed into a school and community nature center. Although the potential has been discussed and some student groups have done some classroom work in this area, no specific program has been established.

Armory

The armory and adjacent property offers almost 20 acres of open space and wood area. 10 acres is used for AYSO soccer fields and parking area. Recently several additional acres have been clear and addition parking area was added. Tri County Head Start operates a school readiness program on site. The Armory building is being utilized as a grounds, maintenance, and School District storage facility.

Elementary Schools

There are three elementary schools in South Haven. All have playground facilities that may be used by the public. All three elementary schools have gyms that may be scheduled by the community at the end of the school day. The three elementary schools are either new or substantially remodeled. These buildings provide real potential for the South Haven area as all three gyms are spacious. North Shore elementary offers a soccer field that is used by school and community soccer programs.

Listiak Auditorium

This facility seats approximately 575 people for various community performances. Our Town Players, a local theater group uses this facility throughout the year. The new auditorium was opened in September of 2006. It is an up-to-date facility that can accommodate plays and concerts.

Baseline Middle School

Located on 20 acres of property in the north end of the City, it offers a combination football/soccer field, one small softball diamond, two outdoor basketball courts. The school building provides a full size gym with seating for 800 people. The cafeteria offers a small stage and an excellent location for community meetings.

South Haven has historically relied on the South Haven Public Schools to provide for athletic recreational space and facilities. While this approach was sufficient in the past, the community's utilization of these facilities far exceeds their ability to support programs and allow for even minimal maintenance. Additionally, the use of school facilities requires the operation and maintenance to be supported from the limited operating budget of the school system with some revenues obtained on a fee basis.

South Haven Public Schools has additional needs for athletic recreation that are not typically provided by school systems. These include winter activities such as skating, indoor soccer and tennis, cross country skiing, and multi-season activities such as jogging, walking, rollerblading, biking and weight training.

1. Soccer - South Haven Schools provide the only facilities in this area for soccer programs. At separate locations, there is one fully developed soccer field and one fully developed combination soccer and football field. These fields are used for High School Varsity and Junior Varsity practice in the fall for men and in the spring for women. The Schools utilize the football stadium for regulation High School Varsity and Junior Varsity soccer games. The facility is not available for community soccer programs during the fall and spring soccer seasons. The school allows local soccer programs to use an undeveloped area adjacent to the high school for additional field space. This area is equivalent to two full-size and two half-size fields. The area is poorly drained, not irrigated, and has no service facilities such as bathrooms or concessions. Parking is limited and traffic flow is uncontrolled. Youth soccer is provided by two distinct organizations to the City of South Haven, adjacent townships and other nearby communities such as Bangor and Coloma. The AYSO program provides open soccer for multiple age groups with a current enrollment of about 300 youth participants. The MYSA program provides a more dedicated and limited selection program with a current enrollment of 60 youth participants. Both provide fall and spring programs. The community does not provide organized adult soccer programs. There is a very active use of the facilities by the area Hispanic community on most evenings starting in the early spring and continuing through the fall. This usage is difficult to document, but is typically from 20 to 40 players, with families and other spectators and is found to be very active on all days of the week. One local adult Hispanic team is sponsored privately and competes in the Battle Creek area and regionally in interstate competition. South Haven has no facilities for indoor soccer. The nearest facilities are in Holland and in Kalamazoo. South Haven does participate in these winter leagues at both the youth and adult level.
2. Baseball/Softball – South Haven Schools provides the majority of facilities for baseball and softball. There are four developed fields at the High School to support the Varsity and Junior Varsity baseball

and softball seasons. The facility is used for community programs in the spring and early summer months. Other fields are located at city facilities and at other school locations, but have very limited applications due to size or adjacent park facilities. The High School facility does provide for concessions and restrooms. However, these facilities are not adequate to support the number of persons that are at the site during the normal season. The structure is dated and the upper announcing/scorekeeping area is not accessible for physically challenged individuals. Youth baseball and softball is provided primarily from the local South Haven Junior Youth League organization and by the American Legion baseball program.

These organizations support almost 600 youth during the spring season. Generally, all available fields are utilized to implement scheduled games with no available sites for practice. Junior leagues play on the adjacent football/soccer practice field space. Adult organizations are not strongly active in softball or baseball. Generally, some churches do provide opportunities. Most adults play in other communities due to the lack of open facilities or supporting organizations

3. Football – South Haven Schools provide the only facilities for football programs. The practice fields are utilized concurrently for Varsity and Junior Varsity football and soccer practice as well as High School Marching Band practice. The Rocket Football program provides community youth football for the South Haven area. Current enrollment in this program is at 100 players and cheerleaders. Games may be played at the High School Stadium or at the combination football/soccer field at the Middle School. The Middle School facility does not provide concessions or restroom facilities. Practices occur at the High School facilities in an area that is concurrently used by youth soccer, High School football programs, and the High School marching band.
4. Tennis – South Haven Schools provides the only available tennis facilities in the community. There are five courts at the High School. At this time the four courts at Baseline Middle School are closed due to surface conditions. It is unlikely that the school will replace these courts in the near future. The High School facility is used for a summer instructional program provided by the High School tennis coach. The court was inappropriately designed for dual use as a winter time skating rink resulting in a difficult surface to maintain for tennis. The Middle School facility does not provide services such as restrooms, water or lights. It was open for recreational use during after-school periods. South Haven does not currently provide an adult recreational tennis program.
5. Basketball/Volleyball – South Haven Schools provides the facilities for indoor basketball and indoor volleyball for community recreation. The facilities are available on a fee basis. Beach volleyball is available in the waterfront parks and is very popular with summer visitors. Outdoor basketball courts are provided at a variety of locations on school and City property.
6. Swimming – The facility is open on a fee basis for community programs. The School provides all maintenance and supporting facilities.

7. Youth Services - Youth Development Company/PAL provides a safe place for youth to come and grow. The City on 76th has become 'the' place to be after school. Statistics show that the most dangerous times for crimes to be committed by and upon young people are between the hours of 3pm and 6pm. They have educational tutorial programs along with dance, improv/drama, arts & crafts and all of our programs center around one common theme - mentoring. They offer a fun and enriching atmosphere where we reach the 'whole' child. Partnered with PAL (Police Activities League), Bangor Public Schools, Covert Public Schools, South Haven Public Schools, South Haven Center for the Arts, Van Buren Transit, First Baptist Church, Hope Reformed Church, St. Basil's School, and a host of other local organizations we provide much needed programs for area youth. Their staff mainly consists of high school and college students who receive extensive training to facilitate programs and enabling them to become marketable employees. Through YDC/PAL, students learn that their career and their future are guided by ethics and integrity. Since opening, they have report over 200 registered students and a daily attendance of over 60, 4th through 8th grade, students from South Haven, Bangor and Covert school districts. In addition to their after school programs, they also run a summer park program. Summer Fun in the Park runs 5 days a week for 6 weeks each summer and features a variety of high- to low-energy activities for children, including team building games, arts and crafts, music, skits, dance, community walks, and weekly field trips, and swimming at the high school. All children ages 4 to 13 are welcome to attend (mature 3 year-olds who are toilet trained are also welcome).
8. Storage – There is inadequate storage for athletic equipment. Because of the increase in activity at all sports levels, both youth groups and the school district have trouble storing equipment adequately. Therefore, equipment, supplies and materials often end their useful life earlier than expected.
9. Walking, jogging, and exercising – Other than the Kal-Haven Trail there is not really a place for people to exercise without being subjected to other activities. The development of a park, nature center or other facility that would allow older persons to be able to exercise out of doors in an environment that would promote these activities would help promote the community of South Haven.

D. SHARA

Pilgrim Haven

Size: 29.28 acres

Type: Community Park

Description: Recent renovations include: gravel parking lot with concrete ADA parking, unive walkway connecting parking lot to shoreline area of park. Future develop 2018 Phase II: paving of parking lot, pit toilet, security gate, sec cam, benches, additional sidewalks and landscaping.

Accessibility Rating: 5 = the entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design.

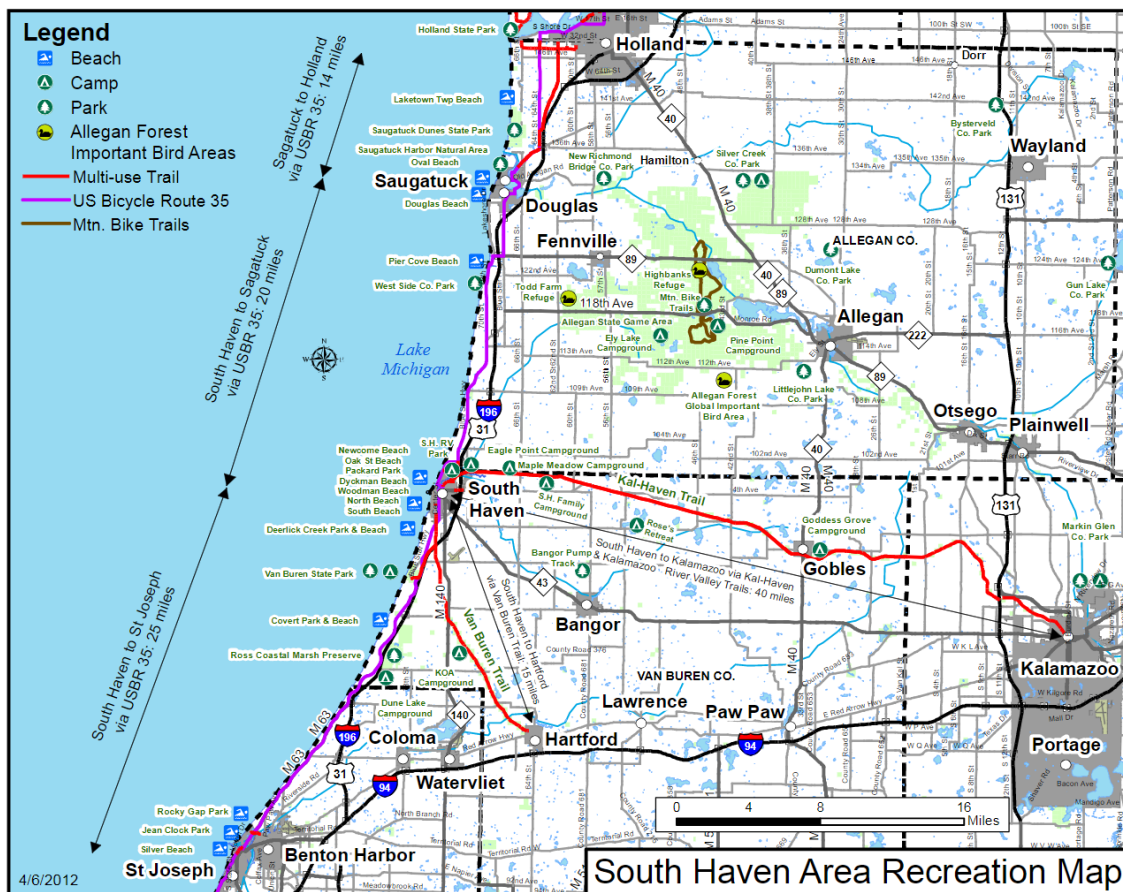
Park Aerial



Park's Local Service Area



E. Other Sources of Recreation Activities Near South Haven



DNR Recreation Grant Inventory

A. City of South Haven

The City of South Haven has previously received several DNR recreational grants for park development, listed in Table 5-1, below. These grants came from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (26), Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (TF), Recreation Passport (RP) and the 1988 Recreation Bond Fund (BF). In Table 5-2 is a list of the Waterway Grants the City has received.

Table 5-1

Grant	Park Name	Type	Status	Scope
26-00420	Black River Park	Development	Closed	Boat launch area, picnic Area, Playground equipment, Comfort station, four tennis courts, lighting, parking, landscaping, road, sewer system, water system, and site improvements
BF93-158	South Beach/Riverfront Park	Development	Closed	Picnic Shelter, Lighting, Landscaping, Handicap Accessible Restroom Facilities, and Park Furniture
TF887	South Shore Recreational Area	Acquisition	Closed	To acquire 4 acres along south bank of Black River where mouth joins Lake Michigan
TF95-093	Dyckman & Packard Park	Development	Closed	Asphalt Parking Lot, Handicap Ramp constructed, Recreation Deck, Landscaping
TF10 -097	South Beach Improvements	Development	Closed	Beach amenities, Playground Equipment, Accessible timber overlook, channel view parking area, Parking lot safety improvements/ expansion

TF11 -144	Elkenburg Park Improvements	Development	Closed	Restrooms/picnic shelter renovations, basketball courts, landscaping , parks amenities
TF12-114	Van Buren Trail Connection	Development	Completed	Trail connecting Van Buren State Park with the DT SH trail head
TF12-096	South Beach Park Extension	Acquisition	Completed	Improved parking, new ADA play area, new seating and picnic table area
LW14-0035	SHOUT Park	Development	Completed	Fishing platform, parking lot, landscaping, bank stabilization, sidewalks, and parking lot. Entire area universally accessible
TF15-0072	North Beach Park Improvements	Development	Active	New accessible parking area, wider pedestrian walking area, play area, new benches and trash, picnic table seating area, emergency access walkway to pier head, emergency call box, security video monitoring, kayak lane and landing area connecting the park to lake MI water trail, developed universally accessible walkways connecting parking area to lake Michigan
TF15-0058	Black River Park	Development	Completed	Skid pier replacement, 3 out of 4 are completed, 4 th in 2018

RP15-0015	Black River Park	Development	Active	Upgrades to the Black River Restroom facility with improved accessibility.
RP15-0057	Bicycle Pump Track	Development	Active	Development of a bicycle pump track for a variety of ages and abilities
RP16-0062	Kids Corner	Development	Active	Improvements to the play structure by renovation of existing play elements that will meet current safety standards and are ADA accessible.
TF17-0034	Riverfront Park	Development	Awarded, awaiting grant documentation	Splash pad recreation amenity
TF17-0032	Black River Park	Development	Awarded, awaiting grant documentation	Skid Pier

Table 5-2

Park Name	Type	Purpose	Date
North Side Municipal Marina	Eng. Agreement	eng. Survey	5/7/1962
North Side Municipal Marina	Eng. Agreement	eng. Survey	5/13/1968
North Side Municipal Marina	Agreement	p.l. & m.f., Trans. Sha-Dra	4/8/1969
North Side Municipal Marina	Supp. Agreement	con. & improv fac. (4/8/69)	5/6/1970
North Side Municipal Marina	Eng. Agreement	eng. Survey	10/5/1970
North Side Municipal Marina	(eng.) agreement	launching & parking fac.	10/19/1970
North Side Municipal Marina	Supp. Agreement	con. & improv fac. (4/8/69)	6/5/1972
North Side Municipal Marina	Supp. Agreement	con. & improv fac. (4/8/69)	11/20/1972
North Side Municipal Marina	Supp. Agreement	con. & improv fac. (4/8/69)	8/5/1974
North Side Municipal Marina	(eng.) agreement	eng. Survey	10/7/1974
North Side Municipal Marina	Supp. Agreement	road improvement (4/8/69)	11/4/1975
North Side Municipal Marina	Supp. Agreement	con. & improv fac. (4/8/69)	2/6/1978
North Side Municipal Marina	(eng.) agreement	upgrade facilities	9/16/1997
North Side Municipal Marina	Agreement	Emergency - Dredging	9/13/1999
North Side Municipal Marina	Agreement	construction/boat launch	10/4/1999
North Side Municipal Marina	Agreement	upgrade facilities	10/6/2003
North Side Municipal Marina	Engineering Study	New clubhouse facility	5/2008
Black River Park	Agreement	launching facilities	9/5/1972
Black River Park	Supplemental Agreement	road surfacing	12/16/1974

Black River Park	Supplemental Agreement	road surfacing	11/18/1975
Black River Park	Agreement	repairs/upgrading	3/7/1983
Black River Park	Engineering Study	repair of failed seawalls	6/17/1998
Black River Park	Engineering St.	repair of failed seawalls	10/4/1999
South Side Municipal Marina	Engineering Study	Creation of broadside docking, evaluate ways to reduce wave energy in harbor	In progress

B. South Haven Charter Township

Below is a listing of the grants received by the township. Table 5-3 is a list of the grants the Township has received.

Table 5-3

Grant	Park Name	Type	Status	Scope
06-210	Deerlick	Acquisition	closed	To acquire 2.1 acres for a township park

C. SHARA

Below is a listing of the grants received by SHARA. Table 5-4 is a list of the grants SHARA has received.

Table 5-4

Grant	Park Name	Type	Status	Scope
TF14-0211	Pilgrim Haven	Development	Active	Parking area, universally accessible walkway
TF16-0140	14 th Avenue	Acquisition	Active	To acquire the land
TF16-0204	Pilgrim Haven	Development	Active	Pave parking lot, pit toilets, landscaping, benches, fencing and gate

Waterways Inventory

Size of Facility

Category	Northside Marina	Southside Marina	Museum Marina	Black River Park Marina
Seasonal and transient slip numbers for harbor facilities.	97 Slip-In Docks 1 – 20' 15 – 30' 8 – 35' 10 – 38' 10 – 40' 4 – 45' 35 – 50; 14 – 60' 90 Seasonal slips 7 Transient slips (3 – 60'; 4 – 38')	343' Broadside Dockage 32 Slip-In Docks: 1 – 50' 9 – 45' 6 – 40' 6 – 35' 12 – 30' 2 seasonal docks (1 – 30' slip; 40' of headwall) Rest are transient	300' Broadside Dockage 26 Slip-In Docks All are 40' All are seasonal. 100% of broadside dockage is under long term lease with neighboring non-profit (museum).	20 – 24' Slip-In Docks 40 – 30' Slip-In Docks This marina varies in seasonal occupancy. 65-75% is seasonal. Also, at this site, 10 skid piers used for launching boats and an ADA accessible Kayak ramp.
Ability to meet boater demand	Good. Electric needs to be updated. A new marina building was constructed in 2013.	Good, however electric must be upgraded.	Good, but water and electric must be upgraded.	Good, but more bathrooms are needed. Renovation of current restroom building is occurring now.
Right sizing of facility	Appropriate	Appropriate	Appropriate	Appropriate
Are boaters turned away? Are there waiting lists?	Yes. There has been a waiting list for seasonal slips for past 4 years.	Yes. During certain holiday & festival weekends there is a waiting list for transient slips.	Yes. There is a waiting list to get into this marina.	No. There is no waiting list for this marina.

ADA accessibility

Category	Northside Marina	Southside Marina	Museum Marina	Black River Park Marina
Is the entire facility ADA compliant?	No.	No.	No.	No.
Current ADA compliant features	Bathroom & shower facilities, wide dock (pump out), ramp to docks	Bathroom & shower facilities, wide dock (headwall, #24, #25), ramp to docks	Bathroom & shower facilities, wide dock (headwall), ramp to dock	Bathroom & shower facilities, ADA Kayak Ramp
Items that need to be addressed to become ADA compliant	Water & power connections are not at correct height.	Water & power connections are not at correct height.	Water & power connections are not at correct height.	Water & power connections are not at correct height.

Site Development plans

Category	Northside Marina	Southside Marina	Museum Marina	Black River Park Marina
Existing development plans for site	Retaining wall stabilization,	None	New docks and deck at boater building	New restroom facilities, new parking lot

Marketing, Events and Partnerships

Category	Northside Marina	Southside Marina	Museum Marina	Black River Park Marina
Current marketing methods used for facility	Website, social media, Chamber of Commerce	Website, social media, Chamber of Commerce	Website, social media, Chamber of Commerce	Website, social media, Chamber of Commerce
Current events held at the facility	Annual Boat Walk (late August)	Steelheaders Pro-Am Tournament 5/18/18-5/20/18 Queen's Cup (every 3 rd year – hosted in 2017) Harborfest (mid-June) National Blueberry Festival (early August) Private Rendezvous groups throughout season	Annual Boat Walk (late August)	None.
Current Partnerships at facility	US Coast Guard Auxiliary has two docks, two buildings and dedicated parking.	Partner with DNR as part of online reservation system through www.midnrreservations.com	Partner with Michigan Maritime Museum for some dockage – they have long term leases of docks 29 & 30 at marina.	Partner with the South Haven Steelheaders Chapter of the Michigan Steelhead and Salmon Fishermen's Association (MSSFA) to maintain a bathroom & pavilion at north end of park.

Dredging

Category	Northside Marina	Southside Marina	Museum Marina	Black River Park Marina
Current dredging needs	None at this time due to elevated water levels.	None at this time due to elevated water levels.	None at this time due to elevated water levels.	None at this time due to elevated water levels.
Dredging cycle	Depending on the water levels, spot dredging every 3-5 years	Depending on the water levels, spot dredging every 3-5 years	Depending on the water levels, spot dredging every 5 years. The turning basin southeast of this marina has to be dredged every 3-5 years.	Depending on the water levels, spot dredging every 5-10 years
Approximate volume, in cubic yards, of dredged material	Last dredged in 2013, Removed 22,262 cubic yards at a cost of \$520,000			
Dredge material disposal method	In 2013, spoils were dried on city property, a parcel adjacent to Black River Park that was slated to be converted into a parking lot in 2015.			
Dredge disposal location	On city property and used as a base for a parking lot. Going forward, the city is looking into alternate disposal locations.			

Annual Maintenance Schedule

Category	Northside Marina	Southside Marina	Museum Marina	Black River Park Marina
<u>Repairs & Maintenance</u>	Budget: \$25,700 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building & Structure Maintenance (\$20,000) • Other maintenance (lumber, irrigation, minor electric,) (\$5,000) • Office Equipment & Furniture (700) 			Budget: \$4,300 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building & Structure Maintenance (\$2,500) • Other maintenance (lumber, irrigation, minor electric,) (\$1,500) • Office Equipment & Furniture (300)
<u>Annual Supplies</u>	Budget: \$16,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • small tools & hardware (1,000) • office supplies (700) • cleaning supplies & paper products (10,000) • motor fuel (200) • ice (4,000) 			Budget: \$4,100 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • small tools & hardware (200) • office supplies (200) • cleaning supplies & paper products (3,000) • ice (700)
<u>Annual Services</u>	Budget: \$83,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police fees (5,000) • River maintenance fund/dredge fund (25,000) • IT (7,000) • Electric (& WIFI) (20,000) • Water & Sewer (21,000) • Gas (5,000) 			Budget: \$24,400 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police fees (5,000) • River maintenance fund/dredge fund (5,800) • IT (2,800) • Electric (& WIFI) (3,800) • Water & Sewer (6,400) • Gas (600)

Minor and Small-scale infrastructure replacement

<u>NORTHSIDE MARINA</u>		
<u>Equipment Replacement/Minor Infrastructure Repair</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Projected Cost</u>
New tool shed	2018	\$3,500
Concrete Step fix	2018	\$400
New railing	2018	tbd
Install ice guards on Boater Services roof	2018	tbd
Install ADA compliant pedestals	2020	tbd

<u>SOUTHSIDE MARINA</u>		
<u>Equipment Replacement/Minor Infrastructure Repair</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Projected Cost</u>
Replace Carpet	2018	\$2,700
Renovate Office	2018	\$500
Shower Door replacements	2019	\$1,000

MUSEUM MARINA		
Equipment Replacement/Minor Infrastructure Repair	Year	Projected Cost
Remove failing "party deck"	2018	\$700
Paint outside of building	2018	\$6,700
Gas grills	2018	\$2,000
Review ADA and NEC compliance	2019	tbd

BLACK RIVER PARK		
Equipment Replacement/Minor Infrastructure Repair	Year	Projected Cost
N/A		

Large scale maintenance and replacement schedules

NORTHSIDE MARINA		
Project	Year	Projected Cost
Basin Retaining Wall Erosion Failure	2018-2020	\$50,000 per year
Shoreline stabilization along channel frontage	2018-2020	tbd
Utility assessment and repairs	2019-2021	tbd

SOUTHSIDE MARINA		
Project	Year	Projected Cost
Electrical Upgrade (pedestals & new circuits)	2019-2020	\$150,000-\$200,000
Install 6 new fire extinguishers	2019-2020	\$8,000-10,000
Repair HVAC in bath house	2019-2020	tbd
Install gas grills	2020	tbd
Upgrade exterior lighting	2025	\$10,000-20,000
Install Broadside fenders along main pier	2025	\$15,000-40,000

<u>MUSEUM MARINA</u>		
<u>Project</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Projected Cost</u>
Concrete walkway to docks & new patio	2018	\$12,000
Shoreline stabilization	2019	tbd
Electrical system review and ground fault protection	2019-2021	tbd
Water utility review and repairs/replacements	2019-2021	tbd
Repair/replace decking	2021	tbd

<u>BLACK RIVER PARK MARINA</u>		
<u>Project</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Projected Cost</u>
Fish Cleaning Station	2018	\$225,000
Skid Pier #2	2018	\$50,000
Fencing	2018	\$15,000
Install security cameras	2018	\$15,000
Enlarge office and storage barn	2018	\$20,000
Landscaping	2019-2020	\$50,000
Reconstruct NW parking lot; lighting upgrades	2025	tbd

Public Input and Planning Process

Statement of Public Representation

The methods used for soliciting public input included an online survey, a public review period, review by the Parks Commission, then review and public hearing by City Council, and public meetings and presentations with South Haven Charter Township and the South Haven Recreational Authority - which were broad enough to represent the community at large. Participants included members of the public of various ages and socioeconomic levels as well as key stakeholders in parks and recreation programs within the City.

On-Line Survey

As part of the recreation plan update, an online survey was conducted. The survey was available on the city's website for the public to complete. The survey contained several questions pertaining to recreation, open space and parks. There were 202 responses received from the survey. Of the 202 respondents, 52.9% were full-time city residents, 7.9% were part-time city residents, 27.7% were a full-time resident of the township, 3.5% were part-time residents of the township, and 9.9% were a non-resident/visitor. The responses collected from the survey can be found in Appendix A: Online Survey Results.

Public Hearing/Public Review

A draft of this Plan was made available at the South Haven Memorial Library, South Haven City Hall and South Haven Charter Township Hall from January 20, 2018 to February 19, 2018. It was also available on the City's website for review. Public notice for the availability to review the plan and notice of the City Council meeting were published in the Kalamazoo Gazette on January 20, 2018 and the South Haven Tribune on January 21, 2018. A copy of the public notice for the public comment period and public hearing is in Appendix B. On February 15, 2018 the Parks Commission had a special meeting for the review of the 2018-2022 5-Year Recreation Plan, minutes from the meeting are in Appendix C. Following the public review period, the City Council held a public hearing on February 19, 2018. After receiving public comments and agreeing to make suggested changes, the City Council voted to approve the plan. A copy of the resolution of approval and the minutes from the public hearing are also in Appendix D and E. The South Haven Charter Township held a meeting on February 21, 2018 to vote to approve the plan. A copy of the resolution of approval and minutes from the meeting are in Appendix F and G. The South Haven Area Recreation Authority (SHARA) held a special meeting on February 27, 2018 to vote to approve the plan. A copy of the resolution of approval and minutes from the meeting are in Appendix H and I. In accordance with MDNR requirements, copies of the final plan were transmitted to Van Buren and Allegan Counties, and to the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission. Copies of the transmittal letters in Appendix J, K, L and M.

Goals, Objectives, Capital Improvements and Action Program

A. City of South Haven

The goals, objectives and capital improvement portion of the plan provided for the current identified needs for which developing trends indicate an imminent need. This plan is not intended to be all inclusive, but used rather as a guide for recreation development. This recreation plan should remain somewhat flexible to account for changing lifestyles, increased leisure time and new ideas so that it will always be consistent with contemporary needs and strive to provide the best overall recreation opportunities available for South Haven residents and visitors.

The conclusions for the goals, objectives and capital improvements came from staff and the commissions identifying what was needed to best meet the needs of the community. Input was taken from other commissions and a public hearing. The rationale for the project and action to be taken is also listed.

Goals/Objectives

The major goal of the five-year capital improvement plan is to maintain existing facilities in a way that they meet the needs and expectations of the residents, while still providing a great recreational use for visitors. The improvement of all park land to accommodate a variety of uses that serve all age groups and levels of ability is extremely critical. Emphasis will be placed on upgrading all existing parks to current ADA and Play Equipment Safety Standards. Additional goals are listed below:

Goal 1: Provide leisure time activities with special consideration given to improving health and fitness.

Objective:

- a. Provide both passive and active programming for a variety of ages and abilities of the community.
- b. Add recreational facilities based upon recreation trends and input from the community.

Goal 2: Provide safe, broad community-based recreation opportunities that improve the overall quality-of-life for all South Haven area residents and tourists.

Objective:

- a. Continue to add amenities to the South Haven park facilities based upon community input and need.

- b. Provide recreational opportunities for people with disabilities.
- c. Insure that improvements and upgrades to park facilities are universally accessible.

Goal 3: Provide activities that allow children to learn through play. Through play, children can develop positive social, physical, emotional, and imaginative skills.

Objective:

- a. Add a variety of equipment, each with a different skill level that:
 - a. Allows children to develop these skills
 - b. Allows them the ability to attempt higher skill levels as they grow older and develop these skills.

Goal 4: Provide non-motorized pathways for recreational and transportation use.

Objective:

- a. Expand the non-motorized pathways in the South Haven area with a focus upon connecting existing parks, neighborhoods and local destination points.

Goal 5: Develop recreation opportunities that focus upon and take advantage of South Haven area water resources.

Objective:

- a. Enhance fishing, canoeing and kayaking opportunities on the Black River
- b. Improve beach accesses to provide additional and better access to Lake Michigan

Goal 6: Create community awareness of all South Haven area recreational opportunities and promote them to residents and visitors.

Objective:

- a. Develop web based media to describe existing recreational opportunities with the City of South Haven, SHARA, and the South Haven Charter Township.

Goal 7: Continue to embrace and enhance regional collaboration for recreational programs and facilities.

Objective:

- a. Continue to work with existing recreation partners in the community to provide programs, leagues, and special events.

Goal 8: Work with the various trail groups and other stakeholders to support and promote trails/ expand access to nature trails, bike paths, and natural areas/open space within close proximity to city residents.

Objective:

- a. Evaluate existing/planned trails, bike paths, and natural areas in the City to determine current conditions and to determine whether improvements to existing trails are feasible.
- b. Identify additional areas within or near City boundaries for trail and bike path development.
- c. Identify areas within the City for natural areas/open space and determine feasibility of acquisition.
- d. Continue development and improvement of both existing and future trailheads.
- e. Provide identifying signs throughout the City that assist users in identifying locations of trails, trailheads, and links to other facilities such as neighborhood parks.

Goal 9: Continue maintenance and improvements to existing neighborhood parks.

Objectives:

- a. Prioritize the replacement and maintenance of playground equipment for all users.
- b. Improve playground surfaces for safety and for access for all users.
- c. Add and improve site amenities at neighborhood parks such as picnic tables and grills.
- d. Continue to improve ADA approved accessibility at all neighborhood parks.
- e. Evaluate lighting and other security measures at neighborhood parks and along trails and bike paths.

Capital Improvements/Actions

This capital improvement section identifies needs, wants and actions at specific city facilities that relate to the overall delivery of the park and recreation services. Following is the list of possible capital improvements and projects that city staff, the Parks Commission and the community have identified:

Cable Street Tot Lot

- Improve playground surfaces

Rationale: For safety and for access for all users.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, proceed to budget with city funds

- Upgrade playground equipment to include transfer station

Rationale: to increase access for all users.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, proceed to budget with city funds

- Add additional playground equipment

Rationale: To meet goal 3.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations, and budget with city funds.

- Update benches and seating

Rationale: to meet Goal 9.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, proceed to budget with city funds

Dyckman Park

- Replace existing chiller at ice rink and replace the grid system. Replace the existing sideboards.

Rationale: Chiller problems have caused compressors to fail. R-22 has had leaking problems and performance issues at south end of the rink which would be resolved by replacing the grid system. To meet Goal 1.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations, and budget with city funds.

- Update site amenities to include accessible picnic tables

Rationale: to meet Goal 2.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, proceed to budget with city funds

Elkenburg Park

- Upgrade playground equipment to include transfer station

Rationale: to increase access for all users.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations, and budget with city funds.

- Add additional playground equipment and amenities

Rationale: To meet goal 3.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations, and budget with city funds.

Hartman Park

- Install sidewalks to existing benches, picnic tables, grill and trash to make them accessible

Rationale: to meet Goal 2.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, proceed to budget with city funds.

Kal-Haven Trail

- Work toward further regional cooperation to develop formal maintenance strategy for trail

Rationale: to meet Goals 7 and 8.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, coordinate with regional agencies to develop plan.

Kids Corner

- Replace existing playground equipment and place new equipment to meet National Playground Safety Institute Standards

Rationale: The playground structures don't meet the National Playground Safety Institute Standards and need to be replaced to meet these standards

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations, and budget with city funds.

- Improve accessibility into park

Rationale: makes parks more inviting and makes for safe routes into the park.

Action: Study best possible areas to provide accessibility into parks. When ready to move forward with this project, proceed to budgeting with city funds and research grants.

- Fencing

Rationale: Provides a safe barrier between the park and the street.

Action: Work with city council, parks commission and local residents to agree on the type of fencing best suited for the area and budget to complete project with city funds, donations or grants.

- Add additional playground equipment

Rationale: To meet goal 3.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations, and budget with city funds.

- Update baseball field

Rationale: To make sure the city is able to continue having a spot where ball can be played.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, budget with city funds.

- Improve playground surfaces

Rationale: For safety and for access for all users.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, proceed to budget with city funds.

- Replacements of wood benches, tables and trash receptacles.

Rationale: To meet goal 9.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, proceed to budget with city funds.

- Monitor concrete slab under pavilion for signs of heaving.

Rationale: To meet goal 9.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, proceed to budget with city funds.

- Rehab/replace existing bathrooms

Rationale: To meet goal 9.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, proceed to budget with city funds.

Lakeview Cemetery

- Improvements to Bailey, Blue Star Highway, and Wells entrances, repair of retaining walls and steps, hydrants, roadways, and other maintenance.

Rationale: Ensure compliance and safety within the area for continuing use.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, proceed to budget with city funds.

Liberty Hyde Bailey Museum

- Repair basement foundation and waterproof

Rationale: continued maintenance and preserve integrity of historic building

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations, and budget with city funds.

- Remove crawlspace fill, install new beams/support in crawlspace

Rationale: continued maintenance and preserve integrity of historic building

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations, and budget with city funds.

- ADA improvements to restroom and ramp

Rationale: For safety and for access for all users.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations, and budget with city funds.

- HVAC improvements for meeting room

Rationale: continued maintenance

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations, and budget with city funds.

- Exterior updates including: Repair/replace black wood storm windows and doors, repair/replace dormers and flashing, tuck point chimney and smoke house, new siding for barn

Rationale: continued maintenance and preserve integrity of historic building

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations, and budget with city funds.

- Update outdoor recreation space amenities such as benches and signage

Rationale: continued maintenance and support enjoyment of outdoor recreation space

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations, and budget with city funds.

Optimist Tot Lot

- Replace existing playground equipment and place new equipment to meet National Playground Safety Institute Standards

Rationale: The playground structures don't meet the National Playground Safety Institute Standards and need to be replaced to meet these standards

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations, and budget with city funds.

- Improve accessibility into park

Rationale: makes parks more inviting and makes for safe routes into the park.

Action: Study best possible areas to provide accessibility into parks. When ready to move forward with this project, proceed to budgeting with city funds and research grants

- Fencing

Rationale: Provides a safe barrier between the park and the street.

Action: Work with city council, parks commission and local residents of the park to agree on the type of fencing best suited for the area and budget to complete project with city funds, donations or grants.

- Add additional playground equipment

Rationale: To meet goal 3.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations, and budget with city funds.

- Update baseball field

Rationale: to make sure the city is able to continue having a spot where ball can be played.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, budget with city funds.

- Assess opportunity for development of nature-based playground. This type of playground combines landscape elements, paths, and plant grouping with natural materials and structures.

Rationale: to meet Goal 3.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations, and budget with city funds.

Phoenix Trail Extension

- Continue construction of non-motorized pathway easterly from the intersection of 73rd and Phoenix to Veterans Blvd, north on Veterans Blvd to 2nd Ave, and east on 2nd Ave to 71.50 St and north to connect to the Kal-Haven Trail.

Rationale: To meet goal 4.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations and budget with city funds.

Riverfront Park

- Splash Pad

Rationale: A splash pad creates an additional activity at the South Beach that is focused on serving families, especially those with younger children, as well as creates a way for users to enjoy the water and when Lake Michigan conditions are dangerous. Given the family oriented nature of the beachgoers on South Beach. The Riverfront Park area was chosen as an opportune place to serve the target users. To meet goals 2 and 3.

Action: The City has secured a grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) to construct the new splash pad. A preliminary set of concept plans and site design were completed for the purposes of submitting the grant. Community input will be solicited to finalize the project design and plan before bidding and construction begins.

Stanley Johnston Park

- Replace existing play structures to meet National Playground Safety Institute Standards

Rationale: The play structures don't meet the National Playground Safety Institute Standards and need to be replaced to meet those standards.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations and budget with city funds.

- Add additional playground equipment

Rationale: To meet goal 3.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations, and budget with city funds.

- Update current infrastructure and parking

Rationale: Infrastructure needs to be updated.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations and budget with City funds.

- Increase bathroom facilities, rehab or replace existing bathrooms

Rationale: Not enough restrooms compared to the amount of users.

Action: Have a blueprint created, then budget for this project with City funds and look at donations from the Special Event sponsors that use this park for their event.

- Improve accessibility into park

Rationale: makes parks more inviting and makes for safe routes into the park.

Action: Study best possible areas to provide accessibility into parks. When ready to move forward with this project, proceed to budgeting with city funds and research grants

- Upgrade Utilities (water & sewer)

Rationale: To make sure restrooms can keep up and handle high traffic of volume.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, budget with city funds.

- Improve playground surfaces and repair concrete stairs

Rationale: For safety and for access for all users.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, proceed to budget with city funds

Blue Stairs Beach

- Repair benches and wooden planks

Rationale: For safety and for access for all users.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, proceed to budget with city funds.

Dyckman Beach

- Resurface parking lot

Rationale: To meet goal 9.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, proceed to budget with city funds.

- Repair/replace wooden fencing

Rationale: To meet goal 9.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, proceed to budget with city funds.

- Maintenance for dune grass, trees and shoreline stabilization efforts.

Rationale: To meet goal 9.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, proceed to budget with city funds.

- Add kayak launch/access point and amenities for water trail users

Rationale: To meet goal 5.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, proceed to budget with city funds.

Elkenburg Park

- Install new swing set.

Rationale: To meet goal 9.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, proceed to budget with city funds.

Monroe Bluff Park

- Follow recommendations of Monroe Bluff Management Plan study (See Appendix N)

Rationale: To meet goal 9.

Action: Have a blueprint created, research grants, seek private donations and budget with City funds

- Restoration of plant material on slope.

Rationale: To meet goal 9.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, proceed to budget with city funds.

- Acquire land for public use

Rationale: To meet goal 2.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, proceed to budget with city funds.

Oak Street Beach

- Crackseal parking lot

Rationale: Maintain parking lot function and safety.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, proceed to budget with city funds.

- Replace stairs and sidewalk, install handrails

Rationale: To meet goal 2.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, proceed to budget with city funds.

North Beach

- Replace concession stand/restrooms

Rationale: Existing facility is not in good condition.

Action: Have a blueprint created, research grants, seek private donations and budget with City funds.

Packard Park Beach

- Install concrete sidewalk and reconstruct retaining wall and steps that lead to restroom

Rationale: Current path to restroom is unpaved. Existing stairs and retaining walls are in poor condition.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations and budget with city funds.

- Add handicap accessible walkway to beach

Rationale: This will provide easier access to the beach/water

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations and budget with city funds.

- Parking lot reconstruction

Rationale: Parking lot is in poor shape.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, proceed to budgeting with City funds.

- Upgrade Utilities (water & sewer)

Rationale: To enlarge restrooms in anticipation of high traffic volume.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, budget with city funds.

South Beach

- Build concession stand

Rationale: To provide an additional customer service product for users.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations and budget with city funds.

- Update restroom facilities

Rationale: Currently the restrooms facilities are too small for the amount of users of South Beach

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations and budget with city funds.

- Update pavilion

Rationale: Currently the pavilion is too small for the amount of users of South Beach

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations and budget with city funds.

- Replace picnic tables and add ADA accessible tables

Rationale: To meet goal 9.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, proceed to budget with city funds.

Woodman Beach

- Reconstruct parking lot and improve lighting

Rationale: To meet goal 2.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, proceed to budget with city funds.

Harborwalk

- Trail improvements
 - Area from North Shore Drive to South Street
 - Enhance trail markers (i.e. signs, sidewalk markers)

Rationale: These improvements would make the trail more user-friendly.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations and budget with City funds.

Black River Park Marina

- Replace fish cleaning station with a larger capacity pump in order to accommodate all fish

Rationale: Current fish cleaning station does not accommodate large fish.

Action: Install larger capacity fish cleaning station, when ready to move forward with this project, proceed to budgeting with marina funds.

- Update east end of park to comply with master plan
 - Install new skid piers, new boater facility/public restroom/office, rebuild existing parking lot, new security cameras, new fencing, upgrade lighting, landscaping

Rationale: To meet goal five

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations and budget with City funds.

- Add “Dredge spoil loading area”

Museum Marina

- Build a roofed deck area

Rationale: To provide an area for marina users to sit

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations and budget with City funds.

- Dredge

Rationale: To ensure all watercraft can make it into the slips.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations and budget with City funds.

- Rehabilitate exterior of bathrooms, as well as docks through power washing and sealing.

Rationale: For safety and for access for all users.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations and budget with City funds.

- Review compliance with ADA and NEC and also perform a condition assessment.

Rationale: To ensure continued compliance going into the future.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations and budget with City funds.

- Perform a review of electrical and water systems and repair/replace respectively.

Rationale: To ensure continued compliance and safety for all users.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations and budget with City funds.

- Shoreline stabilization

Rationale: Repair portions of shoreline that are eroding due to the rise in water levels of Lake Michigan.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations and budget with City funds.

- Decking replacement

Rationale: For safety and for access for all users.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations and budget with City funds.

Northside Marina

- Dredge

Rationale: To ensure all watercraft can make it into the slips.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations and budget with City funds.

- Repair retaining walls and reconstruction within basin; inspect utilities and repair/relocate due to retaining wall issues.

Rationale: To ensure continued compliance and safety for all users.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations and budget with City funds.

- Shoreline stabilization

Rationale: Repair portions of shoreline that are eroding due to the rise in water levels of Lake Michigan.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations and budget with City funds.

- Install compliant pier widths.

Rationale: For safety and for access for all users.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations and budget with City funds.

- Review electrical system and ground fault protection. Utilities which hang beneath the fixed docks are now at least partially submerged during storm events.

Rationale: To ensure continued compliance and safety for all users.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations and budget with City funds.

- Ongoing maintenance and repairs

Rationale: To ensure continued compliance and safety for all users.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations and budget with City funds.

Southside Municipal Marina

- Dredge

Rationale: To ensure all watercraft can make it into the slips.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations and budget with City funds.

- Upgrade electric pedestals, new electrical pedestal for head dock, upgrade electrical and ground fault protection, replace 10 utility pedestals

Rationale: To ensure continued compliance and safety for all users.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations and budget with City funds.

- Building Updates: replace exterior light fixtures, ventilation/heating in bathrooms, install ice guards to roof

Rationale: to meet Goal 2.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations and budget with City funds.

- Install Broadside fenders along main pier

Rationale: to meet Goal 2.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations and budget with City funds.

- Modify 5-6 pedestals to meet ADA reach heights

Rationale: to meet Goal 2

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations and budget with City funds.

- Improve safety: Install ESD signage, boater education and annual inspections, install 6 new extinguishers and ground fault protection

Rationale: To ensure continued compliance and safety for all users.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations and budget with City funds.

Shout Park

- Add Gazebo and additional walkways

Rationale: To meet goal 2.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations and budget with City funds.

- Improve Landscaping on land and in/around Celery Creek

Rationale: To meet goal 2.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations and budget with City funds.

"BAER Park"

- Assess the potential of developing the land near Superior St and Center St as a passive recreation area.

Rationale: To meet Goal 2

Action: Assess opportunity for City to acquire land.

Miscellaneous Items and Actions

Pedestrian, Bike and Paddle Plan

The focus of this plan is to enhance the overall pedestrian, bicycling and paddling experience and to encourage healthy lifestyles benefiting from non-motorized transportation.

The goal is to make the City of South Haven a location where it is possible for people to go through daily routines of work, shopping and recreation without being required to use a motor vehicle.

The purpose of the paddle plan is to explore ways of making the Black River accessible and convenient for dinghies and paddlecraft by incorporating additional launches, docks, trail connections, bicycle racks, kayak racks and other supportive amenities for trail connections.

Pickle Ball Court

- Research possibility of building pickle ball courts at an existing park location.

Rationale: No pickle ball courts currently in South Haven.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations and budget with City funds.

Public Restroom for Skate Park and Pump Track

- Develop public restroom for use by Skate Park and Pump Track users.

Rationale: No current public restrooms available for Skate Park or Pump Track patrons.

Action: When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations and budget with City funds.

Watering System for City Trees

- Create support elements such as rain gardens and irrigation systems that support plantings and trees.

Rationale: To protect the city's investment into planting trees, during times of minimal or no rainfall, a system is needed to keep all trees watered, particularly the newly planted.

Action: To develop plan, obtain approval and implement.

New Playground on East Side

- Development of tot lot or new playground in the area bounded by Phoenix, Broadway, Phillips, and Cherry. Could potentially use existing Hartman Park. Elements to explore include play equipment, playing fields, parking, lighting, and restrooms.

Rationale: To provide a playground for residents in this neighborhood. It is difficult to cross Phoenix and Broadway to access the City's other playgrounds and parks, especially since the removal of the street light at Broadway and Superior. There is currently no playground in this area. Meet Goal 3.

Action: Study properties in the area to determine a suitable location. When ready to move forward with this project, research grants, seek private donations and budget with City funds.

Beach Nourishment

- Assess the need for beach nourishment and maintenance program.

Rationale: To meet Goal 9.

Action: Review current beach conditions and develop program if deemed appropriate.

Blossoming Tree Park

- Assess opportunity for a blossoming tree passive park area.

Rationale: to meet Goal 1

Action: Review potential sites and determine associated benefits and costs.

Invasive Species

Rational: invasive species are threat the natural ecosystem of the community. To meet Goal 9.

Action: evaluation options to address invasive species in the community, particularly Japanese knotweed and phragmites. Address as funding opportunities become available.

B. South Haven Charter Township

Goals/Objectives

The major goal of the five-year capital improvement plan is to maintain existing facilities in a way that they meet the needs and expectations of the residents, while still providing a great recreational use for visitors. The improvement of all park land to accommodate a variety of uses that serve all age groups and levels of ability is extremely critical. Additional goals are list below:

Goal 1: Improve non-motorized markings along county roads

Objectives:

- Provide for Safe Routes to School
- Provide for tourist bike routes
- Provide connection to Pilgrim Haven park

Goal 2: Improve M-140 (Coastal Crossings Annex) Park

Objectives:

- Provide amenities for the Van Buren Trail
- Prevent this park from becoming a blight issue

Goal 3: Provide for another sports complex as population warrants

Objectives:

- Locate additional sports facilities closer to center of population
- Provide for additional sports facilities as the population increases

Capital Improvements/Actions

This capital improvement section identifies needs, wants and actions at specific township facilities that relate to the overall delivery of the park and recreation services. Following is the list of possible capital improvements and projects that staff, the Planning Commission and the community have identified:

Deerlick Creek Park

- Maintenance

Rationale: Park is complete

Action: landscaping firm provided for in the budget

- Install wayfinding and information signage to ensure proper use of the park

Rationale: To protect the parks natural resources, to ensure long term user sustainability and safety

Action: Design and install proper signage when funding becomes available

Evergreen Bluff Park

- Construct stairway

Rationale: Needed for access

Action: Stairway construction

M-140 Nature Sanctuary and Van Buren Trail Parking

- Improvements for bicycles. Consider elements such as parking, trail connection, signage, resting points, amenities, benches, bicycle racks and bicycle path needs.

Rationale: There is a need for active use of this park

Action: A development plan is needed to evaluate park.

C. SHARA: City of South Haven, South Haven Charter Township, South Haven Public Schools

Capital Improvements/Actions

This capital improvement section identifies needs, wants and actions of the SHARA facilities that relate to the overall delivery of park and recreation services. Following is the list of possible capital improvements and projects that township staff, the Parks Commission and the community have identified:

14th Avenue Recreational Fields

- Finalize land acquisitions.

Rationale: this will be a new park that will serve residents in the region

Action: Once land acquisition is finalized, develop site plans and identify grant funding opportunities

- Upon land acquisition, develop site plan and implement features. Items to consider include ball fields, restroom buildings, parking areas, trail connection, lighting, accessible pathways and landscaping.

Rationale: this will be a new park that will serve residents in the region

Action: Once land acquisition is finalized, develop site plans and identify grant funding opportunities

Pilgrim Haven

- Finalize site plan for the Pilgrim Haven park site

Rationale: To ensure the plans mirror the approved site plan from Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy (SWMLC)

Action: SHARA to work with (SWMLC) and consultant to develop Pilgrim Haven park site plan

- Construct the Pilgrim Haven park site to add outdoor recreational opportunities and amenities for users

Rationale: To ensure the South Haven community has access to Lake Michigan and a recreation park available for its residents and visitors

Action: SHARA to work with SWMLC to develop

Community Recreation Fields near SHHS

- Collaborate with South Haven High School to provide necessary improvements to create useable soccer fields all season long for community at the existing soccer field property. Additionally, improve existing tennis courts, baseball fields, and other recreation facilities adjacent to High School. Improvements to consider are drainage, accessible pathways, paved parking lot, improved lighting, restroom/concession/storage building, sidewalks, spectator areas, and play equipment.

Rationale: Improvements to this recreation site will better serve entire area.

Action: SHARA to work with South Haven Public Schools and consultant to develop and implement site plan and improvements.

United States Bicycle Route 35

- The U.S. Bicycle Route System is a national network of regionally and nationally significant bicycling routes spanning multiple states. U.S. Bicycle Route 35 is a 500-mile route that runs from Indiana through Michigan to Sault Ste. Marie, Canada, generally following the Lake Michigan shoreline and through the eastern Upper Peninsula. While some portions of U.S. Bicycle Route 35 is signed, additional signage and awareness efforts should be undertaken to raise awareness about the route, its location and how it ties into the extensive South Haven area non-motorized trail system.

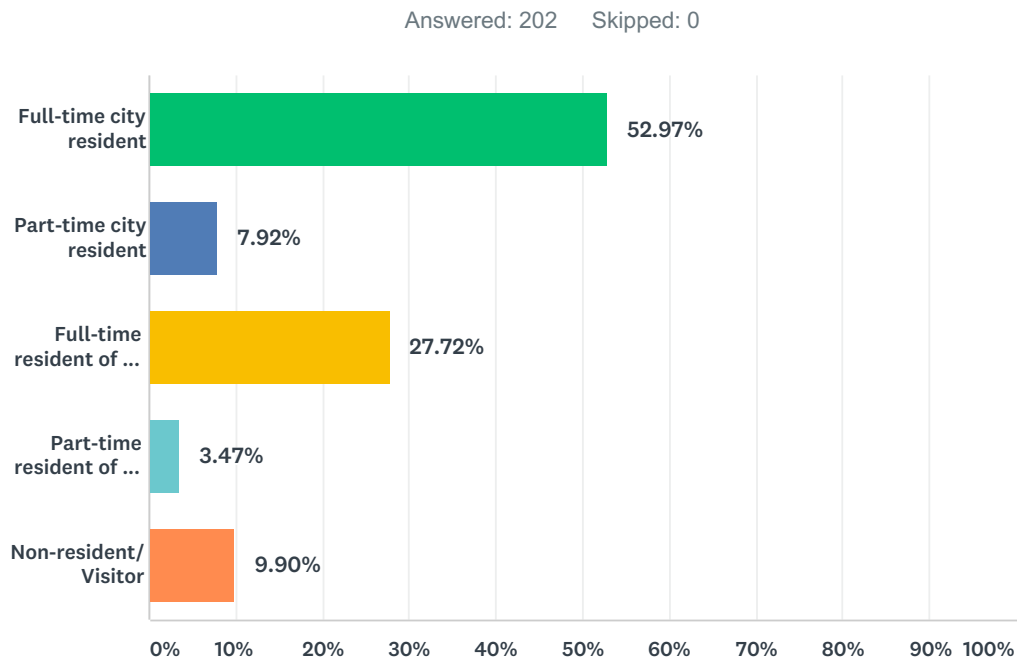
Rationale: Install signs along USBR 35 throughout the South Haven Community to bring awareness of the route.

Action: When ready to invest resources in this project, research grants and seek donations for increased signage and route awareness.

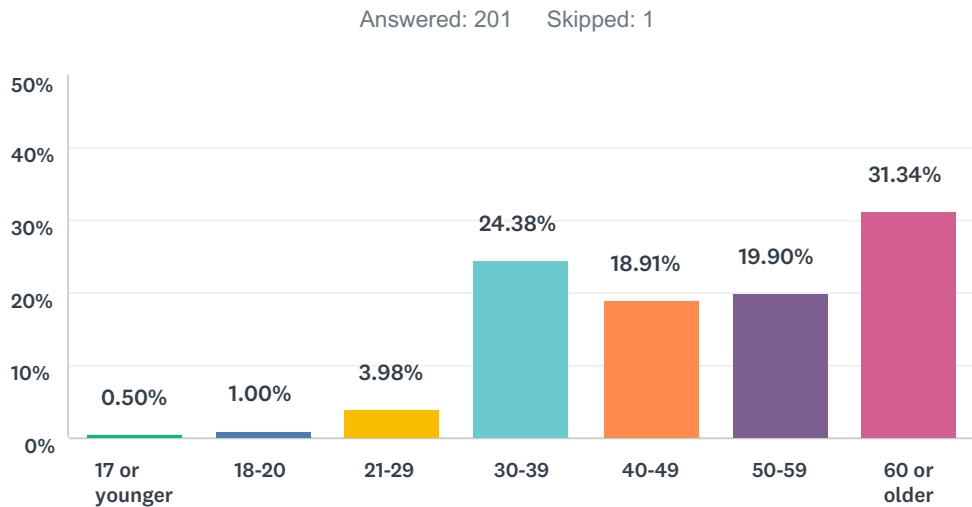
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Q1 Which of the choices represents your residency in South Haven?



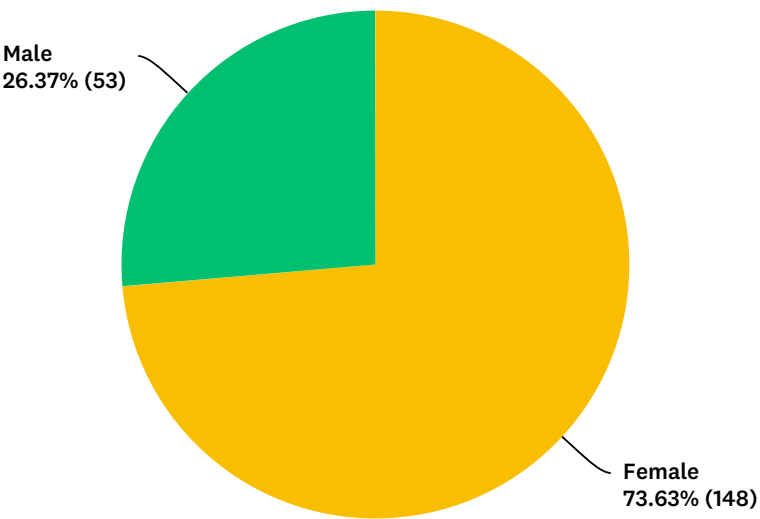
Q2 What is your age?



Q3 What is your gender?

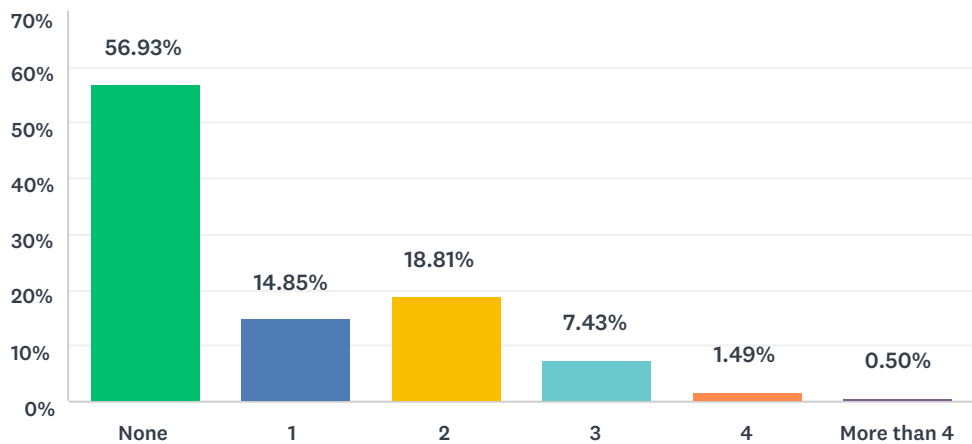
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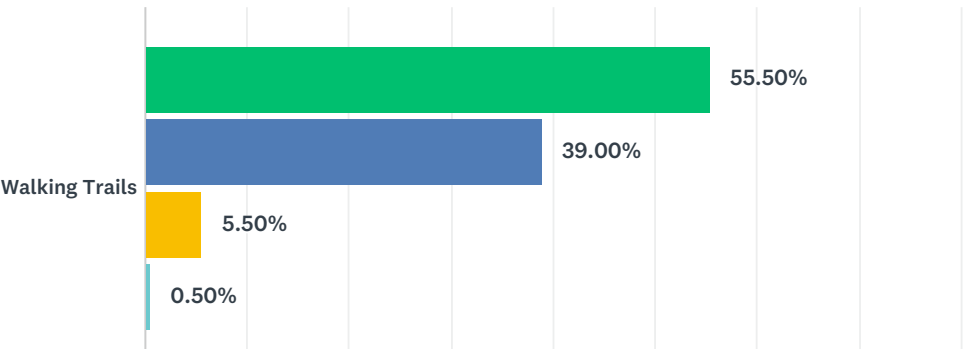
Q4 How many children are you parent or guardian for and live in your household (aged 17 or younger only)?

Answered: 202 Skipped: 0

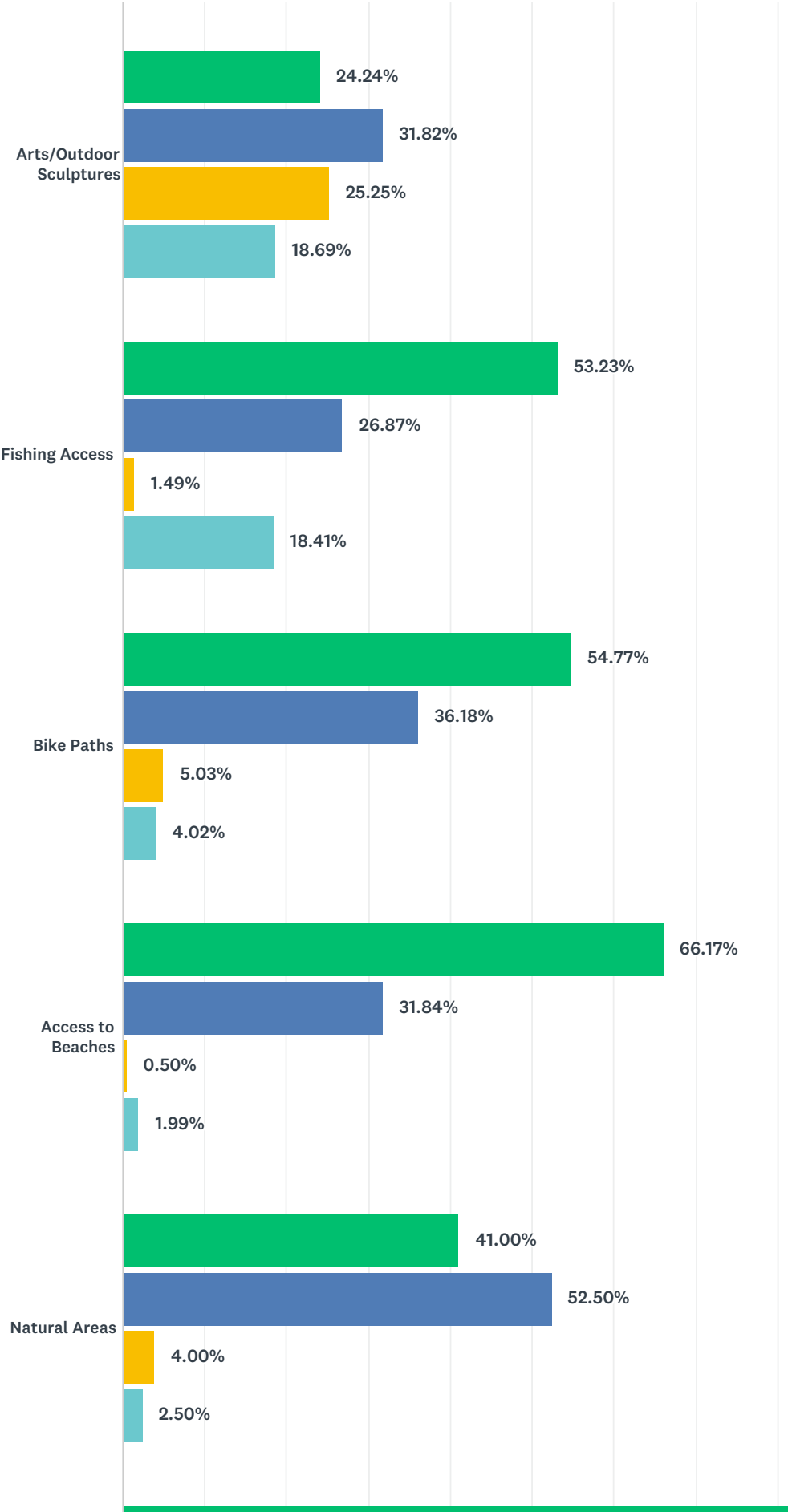


Q5 How available and adequate are these opportunities in and near South Haven? Please choose one response for each item.

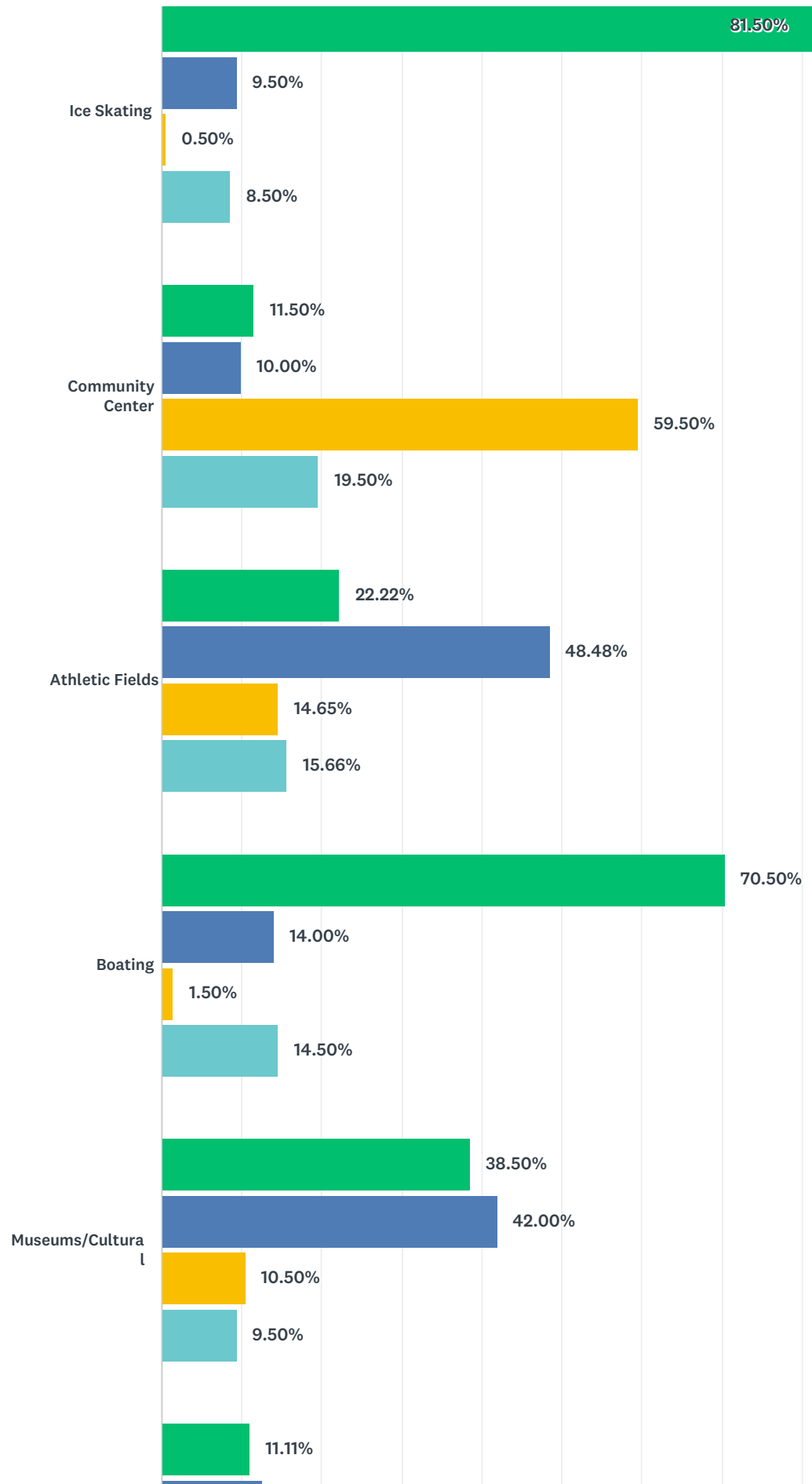
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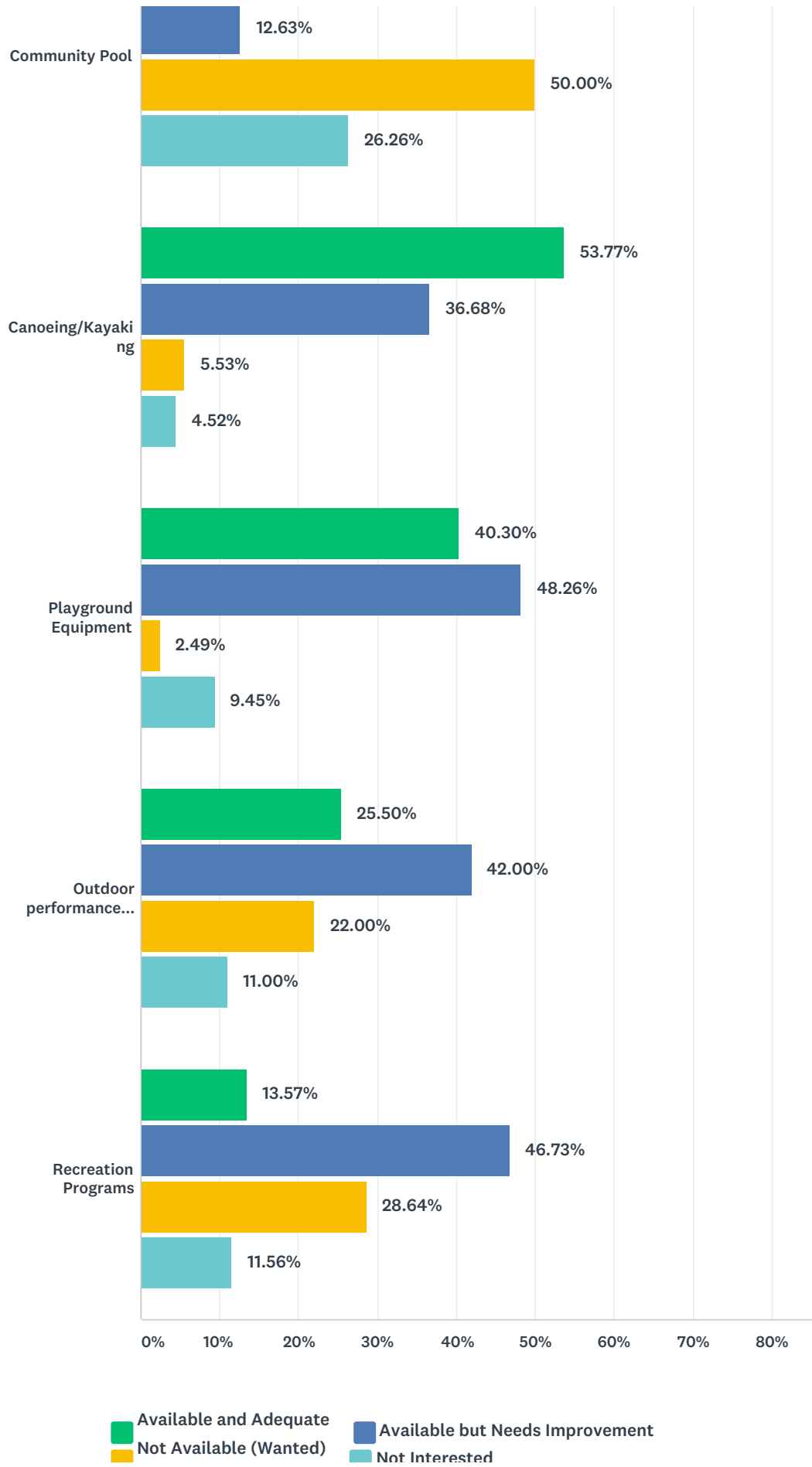
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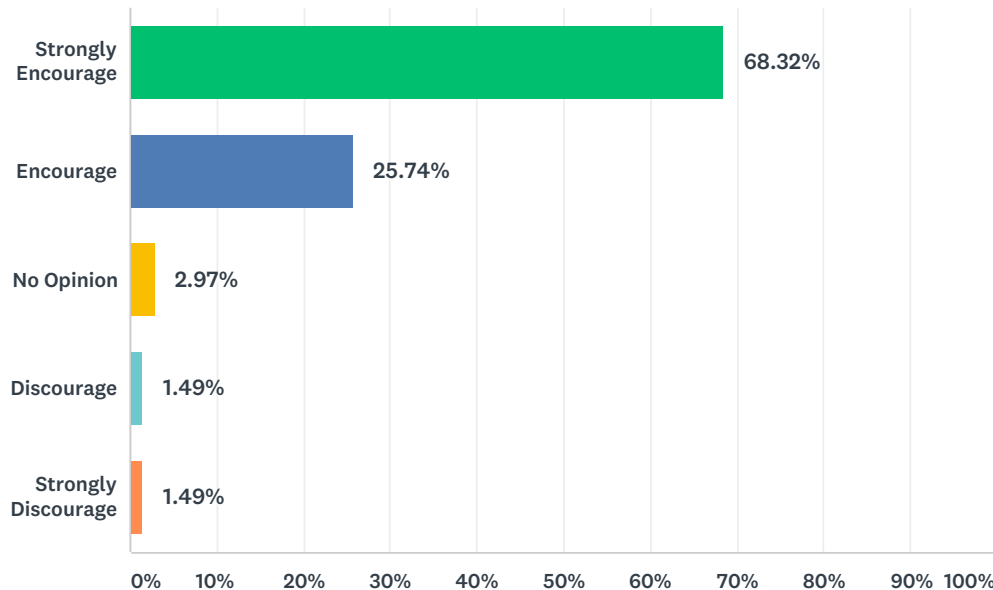


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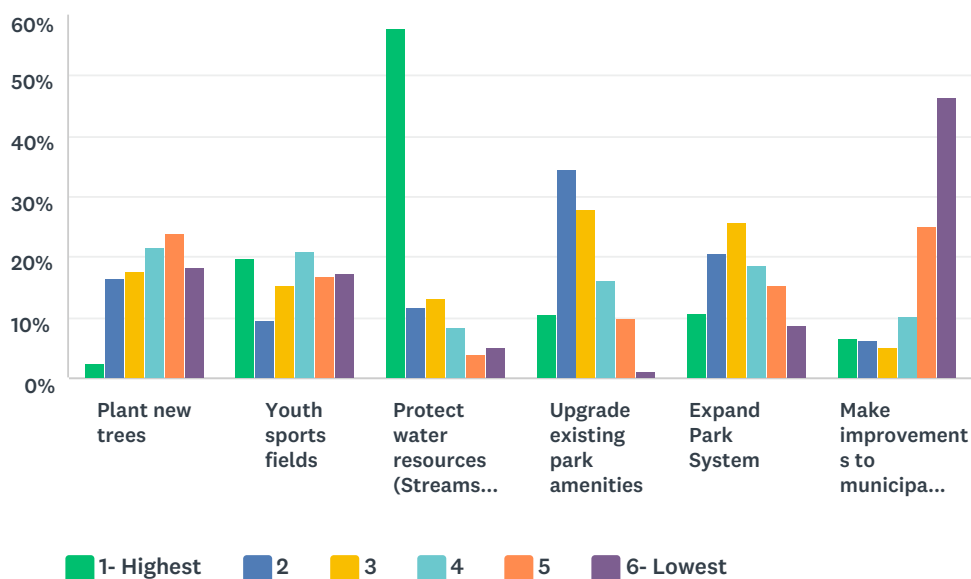
Q6 How much should the City of South Haven encourage parks and public open space development?

Answered: 202 Skipped: 0



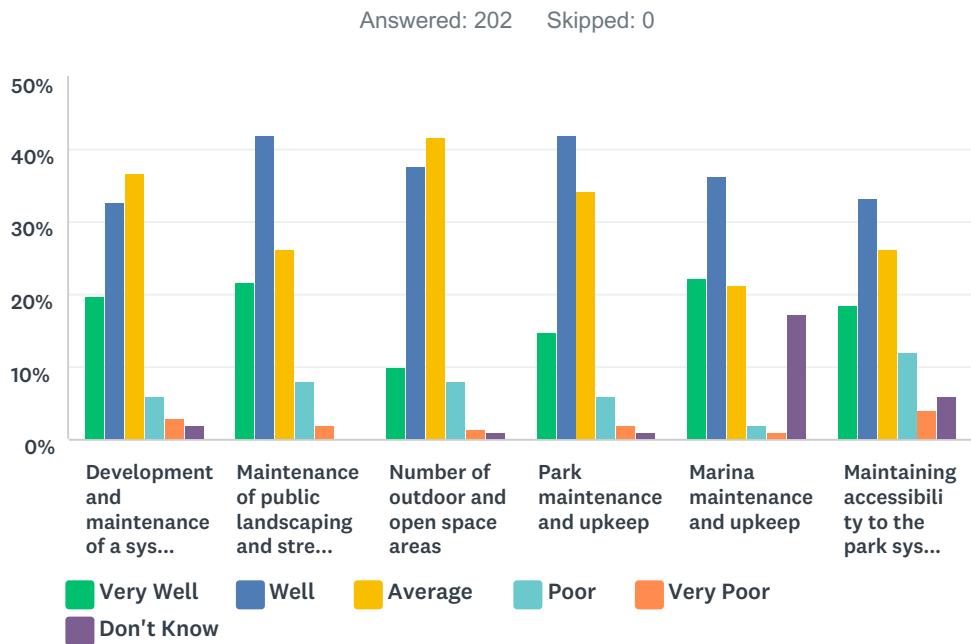
Q7 Please put the following items in order of priority, with 1 indicating the highest priority and 6 indicating the lowest priority.

Answered: 198 Skipped: 4

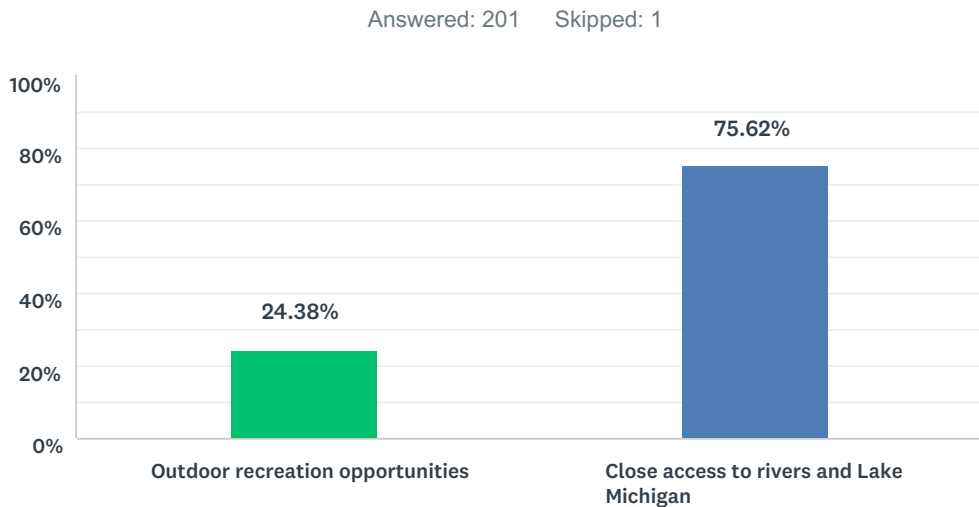


Q8 From your own experience please indicate how well you think the city

has provided each of the services below. Choose from one of the following choices:



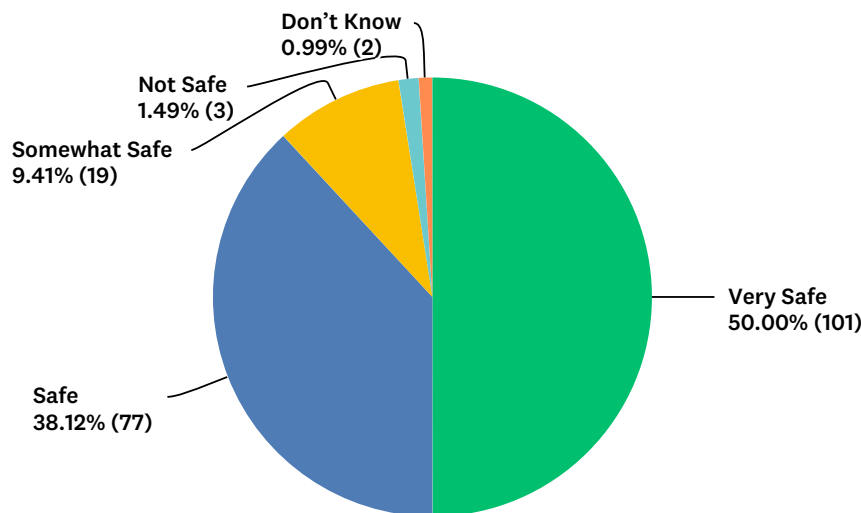
Q9 Which of these aspects of the City of South Haven have most contributed to improving your quality of life?



Q10 Level of personal safety felt in the parks during the day

Answered: 202 Skipped: 0

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Q11 For which City Parks and Properties (from the list below) would you suggest improvements or additional services? (List the improvements you have to suggest in text box)

Black River Parko Evergreen Bluff Parko South Beacho Elkenburg Parko Cable Street Tot Loto Dyckman Parko Kids Cornero Liberty Hyde Bailey Museumo Optimist Tot Loto Stanley Johnston Parko North Beacho Packard Park Beacho Harbor Walk

Answered: 139 Skipped: 63

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Cleaning and regular maintenance	2/16/2018 10:12 AM
2	Packard Park restrooms need improvement	2/15/2018 10:53 PM
3	I think the city is doing well with all the parks.	2/15/2018 7:21 PM
4	Optimist Tot Lot - would like to see as a nature playground Kids Corner - would be helpful to have it fenced in	2/13/2018 3:50 PM
5	Dykman needs to be redone. Kids corner needs updates. Tot lot needs to be redone and maintenance needs to be improved.	2/13/2018 12:39 PM
6	Nobody even knows about Evergreen park access.	2/13/2018 6:55 AM
7	Replace playground at kids corner, it is dangerous	2/12/2018 7:48 PM
8	Kids Corner, Optimist Tot Lot	2/12/2018 6:37 PM
9	Better bathrooms, benches, trees and plants, more places for basketball courts, drinking fountains, security	2/12/2018 9:38 AM
10	Kids corner needs major playground updating. Stanley Johnson needs more playground equipment	2/12/2018 8:41 AM
11	Lighting in all and a security presence as well	2/12/2018 7:14 AM
12	I'm not familiar with all of the parks listed. I would like to see more police presence at South Beach and Kids' Corner though, partly to keep the dogs off the beach and on leashes. Dogs run free on the beach all the time!	2/12/2018 6:46 AM

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13	Busy Beach accesses should have toilets.	2/11/2018 11:55 PM
14	Kids corner- update	2/11/2018 10:34 PM
15	Kids Korner - complete overhaul! Awesome location.	2/11/2018 10:32 PM
16	Optimist Tot Lot-is this the one by the cemetery? The last time I was there, the equipment needed new paint, and the picnic tables also needed some updating.	2/11/2018 10:31 PM
17	South Beach - Splash pad Kids Corner - Completely rebuild Stanley Johnson - More to do	2/11/2018 10:20 PM
18	More picnic tables..seating...	2/11/2018 10:10 PM
19	Cable street tot lot. Never been there but have seen it. Could be improved for small children in that neighborhood. Optimist tot lot could use a few more pieces of playground equipment. At stanley johnson park, a piece of playground equipment other than swings A sprinkler/ mini water park at south beach!!	2/11/2018 9:40 PM
20	Optimist tot lot	2/11/2018 5:38 PM
21	South beach Kids corner	2/11/2018 4:32 PM
22	North beach	2/11/2018 10:46 AM
23	shorter hours that you have to pay to park at beach.	2/10/2018 11:24 PM
24	Kids Corner	2/10/2018 10:37 PM
25	Kids corner is terrific, needs some updating	2/10/2018 10:05 PM
26	Elkenberg park looks very bare bones, poor equipment and no landscaping. Looks vacant and unattended other than large groups communing for late basketball games. Not inviting for children or adults and seems a last resort for local residents as it is the only playground available in this part of town. Needs a complete renovation.	2/10/2018 9:34 PM
27	Kids corner newer and more play structures	2/10/2018 9:31 PM
28	Kids corner- feeling dated, scary slides, wood chips should be replaced. Also would be nice to have splash pad for kids by beach. South beach could benefit from more tables and benches and bathrooms could be better kept. Optimist tot lot could have something other than sand and could have more updated play equipment for kids, again dated slides.	2/10/2018 2:02 PM
29	Optimist tot lot, Stanley Johnson - more playground equipment and picnic tables. Year round bathrooms.	2/10/2018 1:42 PM
30	Stanley Johnston park could use more new trees and seating areas	2/10/2018 1:29 PM
31	Kids Corner and Optimisit Tot Lot both need vast improvements. I would also love to see some kind of additional play structure at Stanley Johnson.	2/10/2018 1:05 PM
32	More parking needed. Private beaches should be treated as such. Public beaches need additional amenities i.e bathrooms, benches, tables etc. Police are too narrow minded.	2/10/2018 1:01 PM
33	Skate park	2/10/2018 12:31 PM
34	A stage along the river, some new playground equipment anywhere, public parking downtown.	2/10/2018 12:28 PM
35	We need a dog park managed by the city. More opportunities for dogs please!	2/10/2018 12:02 PM
36	A city/ township maintained dog park with fences and access to fresh drinking water if you really wanted a first rate puppy park also install a feature for our water loving dogs, pool, misting area, or shady cooling area, lake access.	2/10/2018 11:53 AM
37	Packaged Park could use bathroom updates	2/10/2018 9:56 AM
38	Tot lot needs new playground equipment and Stanley Johnston park is in dire need of a new playground.	2/10/2018 9:02 AM
39	Making sure the playgrounds are cleaned and upkept, more security features.	2/10/2018 8:36 AM
40	We could sure use a dog park. Especially with some shade.	2/10/2018 8:24 AM
41	Additional play equipment at Stanley Johnston Better awareness of the parks. I don't even know where some of these are. (Black river, evergreen dykman, packard) Dog park area at a few sites? Better/additional Parent seating near playground at elkenburg. Overall we think the parks available to us are awesome. Thank you.	2/10/2018 8:18 AM

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42	Stanley Johnson is underutilized for its size. A small bandshell, tennis and pickleball courts etc could help withutilization	2/10/2018 8:03 AM
43	North Beach needs unadapted facilities. I do believe the majority of the Lake front parks/beaches should remain open To maintain the pristine views. Putting playstuctures and additional facilities in these spaces will block views.	2/10/2018 7:16 AM
44	Stanley Johnson park	2/10/2018 5:33 AM
45	Tot lot needs new playground equipment and Stanley Johnston park is in dire need of a new playground.	2/10/2018 3:07 AM
46	Tot lot needs some more playground equipment. Stanley j could use way more things to make it a goof family park bsides gazebos. North beach needs to take about 40ft of beach by the road and add 2 more rows of parking. Im local with a sticker and cant even park at my own beach.	2/9/2018 11:01 PM
47	Tot Lot on Wilson/Bailey needs an upgrade to the equipment. Replace sand with playground matting.	2/9/2018 10:32 PM
48	Tot lot - more equipment. Kids corner - update equipment.	2/9/2018 10:12 PM
49	I would like to see improvements for all the parks. Especially maintained restrooms.	2/9/2018 10:12 PM
50	North Beach desperately needs improved and expanded women's restrooms	2/9/2018 10:03 PM
51	Optimist Tot Lot playground equipment Kids Corner, keep the wood! Harbor Walk, keep the trees cut back, and sweep the walk	2/9/2018 7:49 PM
52	Kids Corner (fence)	2/9/2018 7:01 PM
53	Black River Park, I think it would be a great area for a community center that would incorporate the library, meeting/classrooms, accessible walking areas, innovative architecture to address flooding issues but would also attract visitors while focused primarily on year round residents.	2/9/2018 6:55 PM
54	I'm not able to highlight any on the list for some reason....	2/9/2018 6:45 PM
55	Stanley Johnston could use some major upgrade	2/9/2018 6:17 PM
56	Liberty Hyde Bailey Park	2/9/2018 5:14 PM
57	kids corner. Stanley Johnston park	2/9/2018 5:02 PM
58	Black River Park, Dyckman Park, Kids Corner, Harbor Walk, Optimist Tot Lot.	2/9/2018 4:55 PM
59	Harbor walk - sidewalks, seating Kids corner - seating	2/9/2018 4:49 PM
60	Elkenburg Park and Kids Corner: Both need some ADA playground equipment. The existing equipment can stay, but kids in wheelchairs need something to play on too. North and South Beach would be great if you put in a plastic walk way in the middle of it. So kids in wheelchairs can make it to the water too.	2/9/2018 4:49 PM
61	Packard park beach has shrunk tremendously over the years	2/9/2018 4:18 PM
62	All are great but good also use improvements. We are dog people & greatly appreciate anywhere there are improvements for a dog park!!!	2/9/2018 4:15 PM
63	Kids Corner needs updated, sanded, boards replaced, etc. Please don't destroy it for some cheap plastic crap. Packard Park some sort of covered area would be nice, or larger grill/table spaces. Maybe a community shuffleboard court there or boccee ball.	2/9/2018 3:33 PM
64	South and North Beaches do not police dogs, which are rightfully prohibited. Also, I strongly suggest a no smoking policy because second hand smoke is scientifically proven to be a serious health hazard. I've personally seen smokers sit right next to a family with young children and smoke the whole time they are there. That is NOT right.	2/9/2018 3:27 PM
65	Update Kids Corner Volleyball court or two on South Beach	2/9/2018 3:17 PM
66	Harbor walk	2/9/2018 2:35 PM
67	None	2/9/2018 2:35 PM
68	Handicap accessible trail In Liberty Hyde bailey backwoods for public use and hospital employee/visitor use	2/9/2018 2:34 PM
69	evergreen bluff park Optimist tot lot	2/9/2018 2:25 PM

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70	Stanley Johnston Park needs the restrooms to be fixed and updated.	2/9/2018 11:18 AM
71	Dyckman Park needs better grass, improved restrooms	2/9/2018 10:57 AM
72	Elkenburg park is dangerous as there are a lot of drugs and dangerous people, I won't let my children play there.	2/9/2018 10:42 AM
73	acquire rights to baer park as open green space	2/9/2018 10:35 AM
74	Kids Corner needs updates to the playground equipment and restrooms. Stanley Johnston needs restroom improvements. I was not aware that Evergreen Bluff park existed! I have read about the possibility of a splash pad in the local paper, and I think that is a great idea.	2/9/2018 9:44 AM
75	I think that improvements to the youth athletic fields is the most important item to be considered.	2/9/2018 7:37 AM
76	Black River park- more ramps, new bathroom & new paving, better fish clean station, possible fueling station. Move Elkenburg park to Overton property, add small ball diamond, off street parking, horse shoes, bochie ball and other adult uses. Use as main access point for the trail.	2/6/2018 10:04 PM
77	Kids corner: install the Splash Pad, great location. Riverfront is too congested for Splash Pad	2/3/2018 3:06 PM
78	Dyckman Park needs an identifying sign Optimist Tot Lot needs the play area completed with the rubber mulch-remove all sand Harbor Walk needs the section identified that runs by the private marina on the North side	1/31/2018 3:04 PM
79	Park near north beach can't remember name but had limited play area	1/31/2018 8:12 AM
80	Would like to see City continue to push for more bike paths. Current paths going south and east of City are great, would like to have one going north.	1/30/2018 12:34 PM
81	South Beach North Beach Elkenburg Park Stanley Johnston	1/30/2018 9:06 AM
82	A park space east of Broadway and south of Phoenix.	1/30/2018 7:47 AM
83	Upgrade to basketball courts especially at Stanley Johnston Park. Refresh wood chips at most parks, new edging at most parks and upgrade bathrooms.	1/30/2018 6:20 AM
84	athletic Fields	1/29/2018 11:12 AM
85	Allowance for dogs	1/27/2018 8:11 PM
86	Updated kids corner play ground	1/27/2018 12:54 PM
87	Playground equipment for older kids at North Beach	1/27/2018 10:24 AM
88	don't ruin the the bluffs of South Beach	1/26/2018 5:34 PM
89	I'm worried about possible erosion on the south beach bluff.	1/25/2018 7:41 PM
90	The road for/to the bike path is awful. Improve the road that is used for the bike path. ie Maple Street. So bumpy and hard to ride	1/25/2018 7:08 PM
91	The wood on the structures at kids corner is 30 years old, and has gotten very rough and splintered.	1/25/2018 4:27 PM
92	Stanley Johnson improvements to restrooms. Cable Street more play equipment.	1/25/2018 3:14 PM
93	Hartman Park - add a small play equipment for young children	1/25/2018 9:23 AM
94	The red trash cans and street furniture are an eyesore. Please use neutral colors. Restrooms need to be maintained better. Plastic playground equipment is ugly. Please keep railings along channel blue, red is ugly.	1/25/2018 8:36 AM
95	kids corner	1/25/2018 7:11 AM
96	More benches	1/25/2018 4:58 AM
97	Bathrooms for Black river park,	1/25/2018 4:48 AM
98	Bathrooms could use some attention.	1/24/2018 10:21 PM
99	Evergreen Bluff Park- Signage South Beach -Additional Parking	1/24/2018 3:24 PM
100	South Beech--Need an improved and greater capacity concession stand. It would be better located more central on south beech vs. its current position at the north end.	1/24/2018 2:46 PM
101	Optimist Tot Lot, the ball field and basketball areas are run down,need to be upgraded.	1/24/2018 2:31 PM

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102	Black River Park is in need of a major renovation. It sets the stage for transient boaters and those using the bike trail. Our BRP overall space is under utilized.	1/24/2018 2:21 PM
103	Hartman Park - Need Playground in area East of Broadway and South of Phoenix. This area of the city has been neglected by the park system.	1/24/2018 2:20 PM
104	New concession on North Beach, allow food trucks in designated public areas, lighted trails, groomed cross country ski trails,	1/24/2018 8:20 AM
105	Ice machine	1/24/2018 7:23 AM
106	Habor walk Kids corner Evergreen bluff South beach	1/24/2018 6:47 AM
107	Greater access to water for those in wheelchairs or with limited mobility.	1/24/2018 6:38 AM
108	Neighborhood parks in second ward	1/24/2018 4:54 AM
109	Stanley Johnson needs new playground equipment, it is in horrible condition. I also believe Stanley Johnson park would be an excellent for an outdoor pool	1/23/2018 11:32 PM
110	South beach and north beach - a good restaurant option.	1/23/2018 10:21 PM
111	Kids corner and all tot lots	1/23/2018 9:36 PM
112	Optimist Tot Lot - tree roots Kids Corner - bike rack	1/23/2018 8:51 PM
113	Packard park beach ? South beach blue stairs ??	1/23/2018 6:31 PM
114	Parks in general could use better maintenance. South Beach could use better trash system - Beach gets considerably littered and trash containers overflow.	1/23/2018 6:11 PM
115	Tot Lot	1/23/2018 6:03 PM
116	Utilize Stanley Johnston park in more creative ways including building a band shell in the park.	1/23/2018 5:29 PM
117	New markets and better signage for Harbor Walk	1/23/2018 5:15 PM
118	Didn't know there is a Evergreen Park. Will look for that.	1/23/2018 4:42 PM
119	Tot lot could use some additional equipment for older kids. Stanley Johnston would be a great location for pickleball courts. Or even packard Park.	1/23/2018 4:14 PM
120	More police patrolling on the weekends at south beach. I have seen very unsafe behavior right in front of children.	1/23/2018 3:33 PM
121	Kids Corner and Optimist Tot Lot need major updates and improvements to equipment and grounds.	1/23/2018 3:16 PM
122	More shade available. Maybe canopies or umbrellas	1/23/2018 3:14 PM
123	Kids Corner has a group of rambunctious kids hanging out in the warm months. The police presence makes a difference. Routine bike cops or community police is a huge help. Maintaining an active police and city presence at the beaches is improving the behavior of people who should know how to behave already.	1/23/2018 3:11 PM
124	Kids corner, Stanley johnston	1/23/2018 2:38 PM
125	Continue to cluster event areas. The South Beach and walk leading down to the area and beach are a great location with good parking and access to downtown.	1/23/2018 2:36 PM
126	Johnson	1/23/2018 2:16 PM
127	Kids corner is not toddler friendly & really needs some updates	1/23/2018 2:14 PM
128	Black river park.	1/23/2018 2:14 PM
129	Stanley Johnson	1/23/2018 2:08 PM
130	Kids corner needs updated equipment. The same with the Tot Lot on Wilson.	1/23/2018 12:45 PM
131	All of the children's play areas not located at the beach sites could use updates on play equipment and facilities. Almost all sites listed could use updated picnic tables and grills too.	1/23/2018 12:10 PM
132	Stanley Johnson Park Could use updated seating	1/23/2018 11:09 AM
133	Optimist Tot Lot, it feels like this park is out of sight, out of mind- could be refreshed. Having a new toddler on this side of town- this play area is important to me.	1/23/2018 11:03 AM

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134	Harbor Walk	1/23/2018 10:51 AM
135	This selection feature does not work. For Stanley Johnston - band shell. For Packard or North beach - splash pad	1/23/2018 10:22 AM
136	kids corner, optimist tot lot, Stanley Johnson park	1/23/2018 10:21 AM
137	Kids Corner needs to be refurbished and an older kids section should be added. This is a favorite for visitors and full-time residents.	1/23/2018 10:18 AM
138	Stanley Johnson seems very under used. Even with the art fair and craft fair. Need more kid friendly parks in ward 2. And ward 2 needs easy access to other parks	1/23/2018 8:37 AM
139	Stanley Johnston Park Pavilion/Bathroom area	1/22/2018 7:57 AM

Q12 What I like about the City's Parks & Recreation Opportunities?

Answered: 191 Skipped: 11

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Always clean and beautiful!	2/21/2018 11:39 AM
2	Easy access	2/16/2018 10:12 AM
3	cleanliness, handicapped access ability	2/15/2018 10:53 PM
4	Places for summer activities and a place for my grandchildren to play,	2/15/2018 7:21 PM
5	Love all trees and green spaces!	2/13/2018 3:50 PM
6	Kal-Haven and Beaches	2/13/2018 3:49 PM
7	Love the ice rink. Also really like that I feel safe	2/13/2018 12:39 PM
8	Well maintained	2/13/2018 6:55 AM
9	Relatively unspoiled	2/13/2018 6:42 AM
10	Beaches	2/12/2018 7:48 PM
11	Family friendly	2/12/2018 6:37 PM
12	Input	2/12/2018 9:38 AM
13	All the current upgrades are nice	2/12/2018 8:41 AM
14	They're fairly accessible	2/12/2018 7:14 AM
15	They are accessible to everyone and they seem to be used often	2/12/2018 6:46 AM
16	Simple, well maintained	2/11/2018 11:55 PM
17	No comment	2/11/2018 11:15 PM
18	More than adequate. Pretty.	2/11/2018 10:34 PM
19	Locations are beautiful	2/11/2018 10:32 PM
20	I like that all parks are open and available to everyone. No fees, as it should be.	2/11/2018 10:31 PM
21	Fairly inexpensive	2/11/2018 10:20 PM
22	We have a beautiful town and the parks reflect that.	2/11/2018 10:10 PM
23	Multiple to choose from	2/11/2018 9:40 PM
24	Beaches and water	2/11/2018 5:38 PM
25	Beautiful beaches	2/11/2018 4:32 PM
26	I like dog friendly parks.	2/11/2018 2:17 PM
27	How many we have	2/11/2018 10:46 AM

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28	The various activities available	2/11/2018 9:13 AM
29	Clean and well cared for	2/10/2018 11:24 PM
30	A place to hang out with kids.	2/10/2018 10:37 PM
31	Seasonal visitors and residents are both welcome	2/10/2018 10:05 PM
32	The open spaces and ease of parking. The simple play equipment and proximity to residents.	2/10/2018 9:34 PM
33	They are well maintained .	2/10/2018 9:31 PM
34	Accessible	2/10/2018 4:32 PM
35	The city has a good start on park opportunities, need to continue adding and improving.	2/10/2018 4:17 PM
36	beaches	2/10/2018 3:54 PM
37	?	2/10/2018 2:57 PM
38	Many different options to go to. Lots of different experiences for kids.	2/10/2018 2:02 PM
39	Lots of options for parks, great views, plenty of room to run, lots of recently updated playground equipment.	2/10/2018 1:42 PM
40	Available	2/10/2018 1:32 PM
41	Open to all	2/10/2018 1:29 PM
42	I like the trails, but playground equipment is in poor shape at many of the playgrounds.	2/10/2018 1:05 PM
43	To relax or play sports	2/10/2018 1:01 PM
44	Plenty of them	2/10/2018 12:31 PM
45	It's free and family oriented	2/10/2018 12:28 PM
46	Options. On either side of town	2/10/2018 12:27 PM
47	Very pretty	2/10/2018 12:02 PM
48	We want a dog park!	2/10/2018 11:53 AM
49	There are plenty of them accessible in all areas of the city.	2/10/2018 11:42 AM
50	Parks	2/10/2018 9:56 AM
51	Availability	2/10/2018 9:44 AM
52	Love the kids corner playground and the new playground at north beach	2/10/2018 9:02 AM
53	That we have many of them, that the trail is long-extends all the way to my house	2/10/2018 8:36 AM
54	lots of things.	2/10/2018 8:24 AM
55	All The parks are great.	2/10/2018 8:18 AM
56	We have green space and beautiful locations to enjoy our lake.	2/10/2018 8:05 AM
57	We have a lot of existing parks.	2/10/2018 8:03 AM
58	There is a lot of opportunity for people of all ages to recreate.	2/10/2018 7:16 AM
59	Nice marina	2/10/2018 6:56 AM
60	It is available for everyone	2/10/2018 5:33 AM
61	Love the kids corner playground and the new playground at north beach	2/10/2018 3:07 AM
62	Kids corner is awesome and i like tot lot if there was more to keep my young one bz while the older ones practice baseball. Really need another dog park bad!	2/9/2018 11:01 PM
63	Mostly free	2/9/2018 10:57 PM
64	Family friendly	2/9/2018 10:32 PM
65	Unknown	2/9/2018 10:12 PM
66	N/a	2/9/2018 10:12 PM

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67	Free activities for low income families	2/9/2018 10:12 PM
68	Family time outdoors	2/9/2018 10:09 PM
69	.	2/9/2018 10:03 PM
70	Marinas	2/9/2018 7:49 PM
71	Kayak launch	2/9/2018 7:28 PM
72	Open areas. Not crowded.	2/9/2018 7:01 PM
73	Availability	2/9/2018 6:57 PM
74	well maintained accessible multiple beach access	2/9/2018 6:55 PM
75	Keep them free for year-round residents.	2/9/2018 6:45 PM
76	For a small town it has a lot to offer	2/9/2018 6:17 PM
77	Beaches, kids corner	2/9/2018 5:45 PM
78	Summer Leagues: Tennis/pickle ball,softball,beach volleyball	2/9/2018 5:17 PM
79	Green Space	2/9/2018 5:14 PM
80	There are more than there used to be but we need indoor opportunities for year round residents	2/9/2018 5:02 PM
81	Easy access to enjoy several places to relax.	2/9/2018 4:55 PM
82	Not sure	2/9/2018 4:49 PM
83	I like the kids love the parks.	2/9/2018 4:49 PM
84	I like that neighborhoods have parks.	2/9/2018 4:45 PM
85	Evenly spread out around community.	2/9/2018 4:30 PM
86	Maintained well	2/9/2018 4:26 PM
87	Outdoor concerts	2/9/2018 4:18 PM
88	South Haven is a beautiful summer getaway!!!	2/9/2018 4:15 PM
89	parks and rec clean up is very good	2/9/2018 3:58 PM
90	there's ample opportunities for children to play.	2/9/2018 3:55 PM
91	Walking	2/9/2018 3:44 PM
92	It gives outdoor options for people who might not want to fight tourist crowds at the beach, etc.	2/9/2018 3:33 PM
93	They are well maintained, generally. Need a smoking ban and to police dogs etc.	2/9/2018 3:27 PM
94	Not used	2/9/2018 3:17 PM
95	Improving	2/9/2018 2:35 PM
96	Boating	2/9/2018 2:35 PM
97	That you are open to suggestions . We do need a municipal dog park also	2/9/2018 2:34 PM
98	Walkable locations, planned events, available parking, safety	2/9/2018 2:26 PM
99	Great trails.	2/9/2018 2:25 PM
100	downtown island care	2/9/2018 2:24 PM
101	The City seems focused on continual improvement with great results. That kind of attention is beneficial to maintaining and improving our recreation landscape.	2/9/2018 11:18 AM
102	There is ongoing attention being given to them, always being upgraded and investments made. City crew works hard to keep them all clean.	2/9/2018 10:57 AM
103	none.	2/9/2018 10:42 AM
104	varied, assessable, well maintained	2/9/2018 10:35 AM
105	The City parks are well maintained and improvements have been made at many locations.	2/9/2018 9:44 AM

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106	The access to Lake Michigan	2/9/2018 7:37 AM
107	most are free to use	2/6/2018 10:04 PM
108	The parks are clean. I am very grateful for the paved bike trail to the state park.	2/3/2018 3:43 PM
109	accessability, parks in most neighborhood for all.	2/3/2018 3:06 PM
110	Well maintained, clean, safe	1/31/2018 3:04 PM
111	They are year round	1/31/2018 10:49 AM
112	Beautiful lake, kayaking and paddleboarding opportunities	1/31/2018 8:12 AM
113	I love kids korner	1/30/2018 1:55 PM
114	Close proximity to Lake MI	1/30/2018 12:34 PM
115	The willingness to change	1/30/2018 9:54 AM
116	There are some options available	1/30/2018 9:06 AM
117	clean	1/30/2018 8:50 AM
118	The wood Playground equipment at kids corner	1/30/2018 7:47 AM
119	Most of the parks are easily located.	1/30/2018 6:20 AM
120	They exist	1/29/2018 11:35 AM
121	Variety	1/29/2018 11:12 AM
122	Unrestricted beach access	1/28/2018 1:42 PM
123	Open space	1/27/2018 8:11 PM
124	Being able to take my kids there	1/27/2018 12:54 PM
125	Lots of parks near the water	1/27/2018 10:24 AM
126	Keep focusing on the residents	1/26/2018 11:38 PM
127	clean	1/26/2018 5:34 PM
128	Lots of small parks	1/25/2018 7:57 PM
129	Easy access, safe and beautiful	1/25/2018 7:41 PM
130	South beach is looking great. Wish they would empty garbage more often	1/25/2018 7:08 PM
131	Availability	1/25/2018 4:36 PM
132	The parks and recreation provide outdoor enjoyment to all residents.	1/25/2018 4:27 PM
133	Grounds & flower beds well kept, trash picked up regularly.	1/25/2018 3:14 PM
134	availability all around the city	1/25/2018 10:55 AM
135	Always trying to improve	1/25/2018 9:59 AM
136	trees and plantings and benches	1/25/2018 9:23 AM
137	The opportunities span all age groups.	1/25/2018 9:10 AM
138	Beautiful views, grass, places to fish.	1/25/2018 8:36 AM
139	the bike trails	1/25/2018 7:11 AM
140	All ages can enjoy them	1/25/2018 4:58 AM
141	Kids corner seems to be pretty much only decent place off beach.	1/25/2018 4:48 AM
142	Good start. Lessons or into to kayaking, snowshoe class to encourage outdoor activities. , country,	1/24/2018 10:24 PM
143	There are so many!	1/24/2018 10:21 PM
144	Kids Corner is amazing!	1/24/2018 8:25 PM
145	They are spread throughout the city and neighborhoods	1/24/2018 3:24 PM

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146	Beeches, kal-haven trail, van burren trail, harborfront and pier areas. These are the things we use the most	1/24/2018 2:46 PM
147	There are plenty of them available	1/24/2018 2:31 PM
148	I like the idea of developing more riverfront opportunities for businesses while maintaining the integrity of the riverfront.	1/24/2018 2:21 PM
149	The parks and beaches are well maintained	1/24/2018 2:20 PM
150	Make city better	1/24/2018 9:19 AM
151	Readily Available and great use for community events during the summer months.	1/24/2018 9:07 AM
152	For a small town, the number of parks is very good.	1/24/2018 8:20 AM
153	Clean	1/24/2018 7:23 AM
154	Parks in South Haven are kept up nicely.	1/24/2018 6:47 AM
155	Love the various beach access locations	1/24/2018 6:38 AM
156	Small town atmosphere	1/24/2018 4:54 AM
157	Love to offer for everyone	1/23/2018 11:32 PM
158	Maintained well	1/23/2018 10:21 PM
159	Easy access	1/23/2018 9:45 PM
160	The possibility of improvements	1/23/2018 9:36 PM
161	Kids' Corner	1/23/2018 9:35 PM
162	The several choices of parks to go to, outdoor space, and clean public restrooms at parks	1/23/2018 8:51 PM
163	I'm pretty new, don't really know	1/23/2018 8:12 PM
164	What we do offer is nice	1/23/2018 7:52 PM
165	Unsure	1/23/2018 7:19 PM
166	Availability clean	1/23/2018 6:31 PM
167	We live in a beautiful place and our parks are the highlight of our city.	1/23/2018 6:11 PM
168	Broad array of opportunities	1/23/2018 6:03 PM
169	I enjoy the Van Buren Trail for bike riding.	1/23/2018 5:29 PM
170	Nice parks around town	1/23/2018 5:21 PM
171	Bark Peelers Baseball	1/23/2018 5:15 PM
172	They are always well kept up and the bathrooms are clean.	1/23/2018 4:14 PM
173	Nice place for families to enjoy the outdoors	1/23/2018 4:12 PM
174	The city has done a nice job	1/23/2018 3:33 PM
175	Many different parks, walks, beach access points, and holiday celebrations.	1/23/2018 3:16 PM
176	Clean and safe	1/23/2018 3:14 PM
177	People need to make their own opportunities. SH has lots of places to get outside.	1/23/2018 3:11 PM
178	They are available to almost everyone	1/23/2018 2:38 PM
179	Lots to do!	1/23/2018 2:36 PM
180	Usually pretty clean	1/23/2018 2:14 PM
181	For the most part well kept.....need more flowers	1/23/2018 2:14 PM
182	They are easy to access	1/23/2018 2:08 PM
183	They are relatively safe with the exception of Elkenburg Park. That is a dangerous park.	1/23/2018 12:45 PM
184	The south beach improvements are wonderful	1/23/2018 12:10 PM

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185	The convience	1/23/2018 11:09 AM
186	I like that it brings lots of interesting people to town of different backgrounds— I appreciate diversity	1/23/2018 11:03 AM
187	keeping it natural	1/23/2018 10:22 AM
188	Readily available	1/23/2018 10:21 AM
189	View of lake from parks	1/23/2018 10:18 AM
190	free beach parking	1/23/2018 8:37 AM
191	That there is a varaioty of parks	1/22/2018 7:57 AM

Q13 What I don't like about the City's Parks & Recreation Opportunities?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	?	2/21/2018 11:39 AM
2	Quality of equipment..... vast difference in money spent on the south side park -Elkenburg Park	2/16/2018 10:12 AM
3	Restroom near the pavillion needs expansion. Too long of a wait for those bathrooms in the summer	2/15/2018 10:53 PM
4	Dogs on the beaches are still a problem.	2/15/2018 7:21 PM
5	It would be nice to have another playground in Ward 2 that doesn't require walking across Phoenix or Broadway.	2/13/2018 3:50 PM
6	No outdoor community pool	2/13/2018 3:49 PM
7	Not enough consistent updates to parks. Seems it's always a major project . For example kids corner and tot lot have had minimal money put in them in years.	2/13/2018 12:39 PM
8	Nada	2/13/2018 6:55 AM
9	Splash pad, band shell on South side	2/13/2018 6:42 AM
10	They aren't maintained	2/12/2018 7:48 PM
11	Too many people	2/12/2018 6:37 PM
12	?	2/12/2018 9:38 AM
13	Just needs updating	2/12/2018 8:41 AM
14	Lack of security	2/12/2018 7:14 AM
15	I'd like to see more police patrols near/in the parks	2/12/2018 6:46 AM
16	Need Better toilets for summer visitors	2/11/2018 11:55 PM
17	No comment	2/11/2018 11:15 PM
18	Nothing	2/11/2018 10:34 PM
19	Need a rec facility for youth sports- SH is really falling behind with this.	2/11/2018 10:32 PM
20	I'm not sure.	2/11/2018 10:31 PM
21	Lack of amenities	2/11/2018 10:20 PM
22	Need programming...	2/11/2018 10:10 PM
23	Getting rid of the rocks at kids corner. Too many kids throw them!	2/11/2018 9:40 PM
24	Too much alcohol at parks and beaches	2/11/2018 5:38 PM
25	South part of south beach beach access	2/11/2018 4:32 PM

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26	Too many in town don't allow pets	2/11/2018 2:17 PM
27	2/11/2018 10:46 AM
28	Nothing	2/11/2018 9:13 AM
29	Beaches need to be patrolled to keep people off ice bergs and from swimming when there are red flags	2/10/2018 11:24 PM
30	Not to much for teens to do.	2/10/2018 10:37 PM
31	Facilities are a bit outdated	2/10/2018 10:05 PM
32	Hate all the plastic equipment, prefer wood and metal and simple designs as opposed to safety bars and limited creativity structures. Bathrooms are pretty cheap and dark and don't feel safe inside. There are no venues to hear music or dance other than Bars.	2/10/2018 9:34 PM
33	I can't think of anything I don't like.	2/10/2018 9:31 PM
34	Nothings	2/10/2018 4:32 PM
35	Need more	2/10/2018 4:17 PM
36	lack of seating, tables	2/10/2018 3:54 PM
37	?	2/10/2018 2:57 PM
38	Dated parks, metal slides, wood chips, bathrooms are dirty.	2/10/2018 2:02 PM
39	No year round bathrooms.	2/10/2018 1:42 PM
40	Commercial	2/10/2018 1:32 PM
41	Not always clean and kept up	2/10/2018 1:29 PM
42	Playgrounds need better upkeep and improvements made.	2/10/2018 1:05 PM
43	Evening play, lights needed	2/10/2018 1:01 PM
44	Na	2/10/2018 12:31 PM
45	Lack of Parking, no music venue, out dated	2/10/2018 12:28 PM
46	The maintenance is poor	2/10/2018 12:27 PM
47	Na	2/10/2018 12:02 PM
48	No dog park	2/10/2018 11:53 AM
49	There are no classes, public pool, or a community Center free to locals.	2/10/2018 11:42 AM
50	N/A	2/10/2018 9:56 AM
51	Crowded at times	2/10/2018 9:44 AM
52	Just keep redoing old play equipment and making more bike paths	2/10/2018 9:02 AM
53	Not clean, not well lit at times	2/10/2018 8:36 AM
54	A dog park maybe, with shade trees. Possibly a designated beach dog area.	2/10/2018 8:24 AM
55	No complaints.	2/10/2018 8:18 AM
56	Abuse caused by tourism	2/10/2018 8:05 AM
57	Not enough recreation space.	2/10/2018 8:03 AM
58	A lot of youth participate in travel teams because SH doesn't have enough athletic fields	2/10/2018 7:16 AM
59	Maintenance	2/10/2018 6:56 AM
60	Nithing	2/10/2018 5:33 AM
61	Just keep redoing old play equipment and making more bike paths	2/10/2018 3:07 AM
62	Some of the parks have great space and nothing to do. Like stanely j.	2/9/2018 11:01 PM
63	Not enough walking trails for dogs	2/9/2018 10:57 PM
64	Just need more	2/9/2018 10:32 PM

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65	Unknown	2/9/2018 10:12 PM
66	Needs a dog park	2/9/2018 10:12 PM
67	There are. It any organized activities	2/9/2018 10:12 PM
68	Not a lot for little ones to do	2/9/2018 10:09 PM
69	.	2/9/2018 10:03 PM
70	Lacking community athletic fields	2/9/2018 7:49 PM
71	N/a	2/9/2018 7:28 PM
72	Lack of gates and dog areas.	2/9/2018 7:01 PM
73	Nothing	2/9/2018 6:57 PM
74	The two bike trails are terrific, but I would the to see improved safety marking of the bike lanes in the city, as well as more signage to alert cars at bike crossings, especially on the Blue Star	2/9/2018 6:55 PM
75	Cater to much for tourists - including open hours.	2/9/2018 6:45 PM
76	Na	2/9/2018 6:17 PM
77	Maybe could be better publicized.	2/9/2018 5:45 PM
78	Everything is always filthy. Especially the sand areas. Stanley Johnston Park is such a great resource and should be used more for picnics with music, kid park programs could be put back into place with park directors like there used to be. It would be nice to have a regular offering of Book Clubs, etc in these old beautiful parks.	2/9/2018 5:17 PM
79	Parking and ADA limitations	2/9/2018 5:14 PM
80	We need some indoor activities for active year round residents	2/9/2018 5:02 PM
81	Clean up after festivals.	2/9/2018 4:55 PM
82	Publicity	2/9/2018 4:49 PM
83	They need some ADA playground equipment and allow people in wheelchairs to easily access equipment in the park.	2/9/2018 4:49 PM
84	I don't like that we don't have a city-owned dog park in a town as dog-friendly as South Haven. It's unfair to expect a small group of volunteers to maintain and run our current dog park.	2/9/2018 4:45 PM
85	No complaints	2/9/2018 4:30 PM
86	No activities for kids and no dog park	2/9/2018 4:26 PM
87	There is no place to cross country ski	2/9/2018 4:18 PM
88	Restricted areas for the beach & needs to be more pet friendly!	2/9/2018 4:15 PM
89	nothing	2/9/2018 3:58 PM
90	there isn't a dog park.	2/9/2018 3:55 PM
91	Too crowded sometimes	2/9/2018 3:44 PM
92	I think the Marinas should be supported by those who boat and have slips/ rent there, not tax payers.	2/9/2018 3:33 PM
93	Bike paths are not as safe as they should be. The condition of the streets are so bad it's terrible for bike riders...and their bikes.	2/9/2018 3:27 PM
94	Not used	2/9/2018 3:17 PM
95	Not enough bike trails	2/9/2018 2:35 PM
96	Parking	2/9/2018 2:35 PM
97	No city owned and maintained dog park	2/9/2018 2:34 PM
98	no comment	2/9/2018 2:26 PM
99	Need more bike lanes to get in and out of town. There currently isnt good entry points ezcept north shore drive and blue star. Missing a gap here	2/9/2018 2:25 PM

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100	not enough space...crowded	2/9/2018 2:24 PM
101	Doing a great job!	2/9/2018 11:18 AM
102	Marking busiest roadways as bike paths.	2/9/2018 10:57 AM
103	Criminal elements all over the place drugs and bad people	2/9/2018 10:42 AM
104	youth sports fields need improvements	2/9/2018 10:35 AM
105	There is no cohesive recreation planning, like the old CREC programs. We have lots of families in town that would benefit from this.	2/9/2018 9:44 AM
106	Community recreation is difficult to access.	2/9/2018 7:37 AM
107	cost of boat launch, too little parking @ main parks	2/6/2018 10:04 PM
108	nothing	2/3/2018 3:43 PM
109	do not like idea of building onto the south side marina for larger theatre & stage. leave it as it is. Put stage elsewhere.	2/3/2018 3:06 PM
110	South and North Beach close too early in summer	1/31/2018 3:04 PM
111	NA	1/31/2018 10:49 AM
112	Too strict on parking tickets. I literally walked away to yell at my daughter to come to car and had ticket on window in 3 minutes. Picking her up from beach	1/31/2018 8:12 AM
113	More activities	1/30/2018 1:55 PM
114	Need to enforce the existing No Dogs Allowed Rules on City all City Beaches.	1/30/2018 12:34 PM
115	There should be more opportunities	1/30/2018 9:54 AM
116	Don't offer very much	1/30/2018 9:06 AM
117	n/a	1/30/2018 8:50 AM
118	Access for people living in my part of town	1/30/2018 7:47 AM
119	Not enough programming for underprivileged youth and families	1/30/2018 6:20 AM
120	They are not managed and are highly seasonal	1/29/2018 11:35 AM
121	No athletic fields	1/29/2018 11:12 AM
122	Not being used to their full potential	1/28/2018 1:42 PM
123	Lack of parking	1/27/2018 8:11 PM
124	Want more and updated parks	1/27/2018 12:54 PM
125	Not enough safe bike lanes	1/27/2018 10:24 AM
126	None	1/26/2018 11:38 PM
127	1	1/26/2018 5:34 PM
128	Need improved equipment and a splash pad	1/25/2018 7:57 PM
129	The Kal-haven trail needs work and the river needs help (erosion from development).	1/25/2018 7:41 PM
130	?	1/25/2018 7:08 PM
131	N/a	1/25/2018 4:36 PM
132	Our baseball field is in rough shape. It's embarrassing for visiting teams to see how little value is placed on youth sports.	1/25/2018 4:27 PM
133	Handicap accessibility	1/25/2018 3:14 PM
134	Jamming everything in a small area (south beach) and not expanding throughout the entire city	1/25/2018 10:55 AM
135	Limited locations	1/25/2018 9:59 AM
136	Hartman Park is underutilized; no play space in that part of city	1/25/2018 9:23 AM
137	They often feel focused on tourist areas vs neighborhoods.	1/25/2018 9:10 AM

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138	55 gallon steel industrial drums should not be used for trash cans, only backwards cities use them, they look horrible. Red colored street furniture is ugly. restrooms are not maintained well.	1/25/2018 8:36 AM
139	lighting	1/25/2018 7:11 AM
140	Need benches for older folks to seat and watch grandchildren	1/25/2018 4:58 AM
141	Far and not easily accessible. Need to guess where there are found.	1/25/2018 4:48 AM
142	Green spaces are not inviting,kal haven not easily accesible to all. Bike paths or sidewalks to paths need.	1/24/2018 10:24 PM
143	I don't like how dogs are not allowed on any of the beaches	1/24/2018 10:21 PM
144	Not all are free to township citizens.	1/24/2018 8:25 PM
145	Limited Parking at almost ALL parks	1/24/2018 3:24 PM
146	Generally clean and maintained well.	1/24/2018 2:46 PM
147	Sometimes hard to access/enjoy during peak tourism months	1/24/2018 2:31 PM
148	Grants can at times limit the opportunity for future development.	1/24/2018 2:21 PM
149	There is too much of a focus on the lakefront and west side of the city. Not enough focus for improvements on the east side of the city	1/24/2018 2:20 PM
150	The marinara has enough \$ put in to it. Plus only rich out of towners people use it	1/24/2018 9:19 AM
151	There is room for improvement as it relates to aesthetics across the city. Art Work, modernization etc... We cant let the city get old and used if we want to maintain the summer visitors and associated Revenue	1/24/2018 9:07 AM
152	They don't encourage year round use.	1/24/2018 8:20 AM
153	Nothing	1/24/2018 7:23 AM
154	Nothing	1/24/2018 6:47 AM
155	Would like to see more dog friendly beach access. A "dog" beach or large dog park with access.	1/24/2018 6:38 AM
156	Needs to be more family centric in 201&	1/24/2018 4:54 AM
157	Stably Johnson park needs new playground equipment	1/23/2018 11:32 PM
158	Na	1/23/2018 10:21 PM
159	Not always the cleanest	1/23/2018 9:45 PM
160	That South Haven does not have a recreation department which should be support through the school system	1/23/2018 9:36 PM
161	No pickle ball courts	1/23/2018 9:35 PM
162	?	1/23/2018 8:51 PM
163	I'm pretty new, don't really know	1/23/2018 8:12 PM
164	All peoples don't feel welcome	1/23/2018 7:52 PM
165	More bike lanes needed!	1/23/2018 7:19 PM
166	Some equip is torn up at kids corner	1/23/2018 6:31 PM
167	Not enough truly "natural" areas to enjoy.	1/23/2018 6:11 PM
168	Nothing	1/23/2018 6:03 PM
169	More bike trails and walking trails to keep bikes and walkers off the street. Encourage homeowners to plow new sidewalks along Monroe Blvd. for residents to use for walking in the winter.	1/23/2018 5:29 PM
170	I dont' like all the focus on tourists, we do all these things for them, but not for the local people.	1/23/2018 5:21 PM
171	Overcrowding	1/23/2018 5:15 PM
172	We have enough Basketball courts	1/23/2018 4:42 PM
173	I wish there were some fences in parks. Sometimes it's tough to watch more than one child at our current parks.	1/23/2018 4:14 PM

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174	Need more parking	1/23/2018 3:33 PM
175	Run down, Fourth of July—beach is out of control with drunk kids and unsafe for families.	1/23/2018 3:16 PM
176	Sometimes too busy	1/23/2018 3:14 PM
177	Nothing missed	1/23/2018 3:11 PM
178	Maintenance	1/23/2018 2:38 PM
179	NA	1/23/2018 2:36 PM
180	In the summer it's hard to even find parking to visit a park.	1/23/2018 2:14 PM
181	Flowers, wild flowers, trash cans year round, promote winter in south haven. Winter activites.	1/23/2018 2:14 PM
182	Na	1/23/2018 2:08 PM
183	The outdated equipment and safety hazards.	1/23/2018 12:45 PM
184	I feel most improvements are geared toward the tourists only and not the year round locals. Take both into consideration	1/23/2018 12:10 PM
185	Lack of parking	1/23/2018 11:09 AM
186	Affordability	1/23/2018 11:03 AM
187	Too big of appetite for a city of 4500. Way too focused on part time and tourists.	1/23/2018 10:22 AM
188	Not many programs offered	1/23/2018 10:21 AM
189	Poor maintenance, bad bathrooms	1/23/2018 10:18 AM
190	Nothing for winter but ice skating	1/23/2018 9:42 AM
191	not safe to walk/ride across Phoenix and Broadway	1/23/2018 8:37 AM
192	The vandalisum that occurs,	1/22/2018 7:57 AM

Q14 What I would like to see in the future for Parks & Recreation?

Answered: 194 Skipped: 8

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	?	2/21/2018 11:39 AM
2	More activities for you	2/16/2018 10:12 AM
3	Additional amenities such as more benches for resting.	2/15/2018 10:53 PM
4	Continued upgrades of park equipment.	2/15/2018 7:21 PM
5	A community center and more non-school, non-religion-based recreational programs for children.	2/13/2018 3:50 PM
6	Outdoor community pool single track for Mountain Biking	2/13/2018 3:49 PM
7	Redoing and updating what we have. We don't need a new sports complex if our current fields look bad. All fields need consistent money put in them to improve not just maintain.	2/13/2018 12:39 PM
8	Nada	2/13/2018 6:55 AM
9	Less attraction development, more natural state	2/13/2018 6:42 AM
10	Updates and better maintainance	2/12/2018 7:48 PM
11	Nothing	2/12/2018 6:37 PM
12	Beautification of our entrances into town...especially by the Quick Stop on 43 to Broadway	2/12/2018 9:38 AM
13	Playground updating	2/12/2018 8:41 AM
14	Cleanliness and better security	2/12/2018 7:14 AM
15	update equipment	2/12/2018 6:46 AM

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16	Better and more toilets	2/11/2018 11:55 PM
17	No comment	2/11/2018 11:15 PM
18	Status quo	2/11/2018 10:34 PM
19	Need a space for youth sports	2/11/2018 10:32 PM
20	Since the Bluff along Monroe Blvd is included in this area, I would like that no major changes are made without all citizens being able to have an input. Just having information given on the internet is not acceptable. There are many people who do not use a computer. All options for information should be included with the city utility bills and in the newspapers that service South Haven. It sounds like changes are planning on being made that many people are unaware of.	2/11/2018 10:31 PM
21	Upgrades to facilities and structures	2/11/2018 10:20 PM
22	Actual programming for all ages.	2/11/2018 10:10 PM
23	A water pad for kids to play in on south beach!	2/11/2018 9:40 PM
24	Maintenance in the smaller parks	2/11/2018 5:38 PM
25	Bluff development of south beach with more formal hardscapes and easier access for disabled people bicycles and kayaks	2/11/2018 4:32 PM
26	They do well already	2/11/2018 2:17 PM
27	More restrooms	2/11/2018 10:46 AM
28	More beach/water based activities	2/11/2018 9:13 AM
29	better soccer fields and more tennis courts	2/10/2018 11:24 PM
30	More activities planned!!	2/10/2018 10:37 PM
31	More opportunities for elderly as well as teenagers	2/10/2018 10:05 PM
32	More community senders for gathering and all ages. Public sport facilities such as indoor or outdoor tennis courts, soccer fields, basketball courts. A space to hear live music and celebrate the arts on a larger scale than the small art center of south haven.	2/10/2018 9:34 PM
33	Increasing the availability to Lake Michigan for all.	2/10/2018 9:31 PM
34	Unsure	2/10/2018 4:32 PM
35	Better bike and pedestrian lanes (where there aren't sidewalks), maybe a dedicated bandshell for concerts.	2/10/2018 4:17 PM
36	music venue outdoors	2/10/2018 3:54 PM
37	Stage at Riverfront Park	2/10/2018 2:57 PM
38	Updates and longevity to the parks	2/10/2018 2:02 PM
39	Year round bathrooms. Emergency phones like at south beach	2/10/2018 1:42 PM
40	Available	2/10/2018 1:32 PM
41	Structures improved	2/10/2018 1:29 PM
42	Splash pad, improvements and updates made to existing playgrounds, new play structure at Stanley Johnson, and street trees along elkenburg st.	2/10/2018 1:05 PM
43	Summer youth programs	2/10/2018 1:01 PM
44	Better maintenance on the skate park and more ramp options.	2/10/2018 12:31 PM
45	Keeping it fun and innovative.	2/10/2018 12:28 PM
46	Well maintained, safe equipment and upgrades regularly	2/10/2018 12:27 PM
47	Dog park	2/10/2018 12:02 PM
48	A first rate world class dog park	2/10/2018 11:53 AM

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49	I would like for there to be a Parks District like other cities have. Swim classes, public pool, gym and classes for those who pax taxes. A Parks District supported by taxes. Most people can not afford to go to the Wellness Center.	2/10/2018 11:42 AM
50	N/A	2/10/2018 9:56 AM
51	Dog park please	2/10/2018 9:44 AM
52	Oops see 13!	2/10/2018 9:02 AM
53	Hear they are putting more in-that would be nice	2/10/2018 8:36 AM
54	Dog park please.	2/10/2018 8:24 AM
55	Community pool, sports complex baseball/softball fields, improved soccer fields, tennis courts/racket club, fieldhouse/ indoor walking track, website/webpage aggregating links to all youth sport websites for a central place to find youth activities	2/10/2018 8:18 AM
56	Not sure	2/10/2018 8:05 AM
57	More recreation spaces.	2/10/2018 8:03 AM
58	More youth athletic fields such as what SHARP is trying to accomplish	2/10/2018 7:16 AM
59	Expand black river access	2/10/2018 6:56 AM
60	Bike trails	2/10/2018 5:33 AM
61	Oops see 13!	2/10/2018 3:07 AM
62	New dog park, existing parks have more activities.	2/9/2018 11:01 PM
63	Off-leash dog park	2/9/2018 10:57 PM
64	Splash pad!	2/9/2018 10:32 PM
65	More community center options for kids: community pool, indoor facilities and outdoor facilities	2/9/2018 10:12 PM
66	A dog park!!!	2/9/2018 10:12 PM
67	Clean restrioms	2/9/2018 10:12 PM
68	More things for a family as whole to do.	2/9/2018 10:09 PM
69	.	2/9/2018 10:03 PM
70	Community athletic fields	2/9/2018 7:49 PM
71	Nicer, larger Dog Park with separate small dog area	2/9/2018 7:28 PM
72	DOG PARK	2/9/2018 7:01 PM
73	Dog park	2/9/2018 6:57 PM
74	Development of the recreational complex at 14th Ave/Blue Star, development of the Blue Star bike trail north, development or a park east of the Blue Star bridge along the Black River with tent camping, frisby golf, paddling launch	2/9/2018 6:55 PM
75	Remember the year-round residents and the retired as well as resident youth.	2/9/2018 6:45 PM
76	Better bathrooms	2/9/2018 6:17 PM
77	More park space	2/9/2018 5:45 PM
78	Director of City Park Program re-established for all kids. Part time and year rpunf	2/9/2018 5:17 PM
79	ADA barrier free park st Liberty Hyde Bailey	2/9/2018 5:14 PM
80	An indoor soccer, volleyball activity center	2/9/2018 5:02 PM
81	A performance venue possibly near the river or lake	2/9/2018 4:55 PM
82	Yoga, fitness activities	2/9/2018 4:49 PM
83	Blue safety call lights at the parks.	2/9/2018 4:49 PM
84	I think the small space on the corner of Phoenix and Broadway would make a nice green space.	2/9/2018 4:45 PM
85	DOG PARK!	2/9/2018 4:30 PM

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86	DOG PARK	2/9/2018 4:26 PM
87	Cross country ski trails	2/9/2018 4:18 PM
88	A well known dog park would be superb!	2/9/2018 4:15 PM
89	Please keep the south side as a residential community - adding to much to the bluff will make it not feel as residential.	2/9/2018 3:58 PM
90	A dog park.	2/9/2018 3:55 PM
91	Public pool fountains	2/9/2018 3:44 PM
92	More arts, culture, active options for adults, not just kids.	2/9/2018 3:33 PM
93	Smoking ban and policing of dogs	2/9/2018 3:27 PM
94	Shuffle board	2/9/2018 3:17 PM
95	More bike trails	2/9/2018 2:35 PM
96	More parking	2/9/2018 2:35 PM
97	Dog park	2/9/2018 2:34 PM
98	busking	2/9/2018 2:26 PM
99	More bike lanes and road diets	2/9/2018 2:25 PM
100	hiking trails	2/9/2018 2:24 PM
101	Better/SAFER bike access around town.	2/9/2018 11:18 AM
102	Just be sure we have bike racks that lock easily, and I am not a fan of marking busy streets like Broadway for bike paths! Very dangerous. Lastly, effort will need to be made for bicyclists to follow traffic laws. I've had close calls with bicycles due to them not stopping at stop signs, etc.	2/9/2018 10:57 AM
103	police	2/9/2018 10:42 AM
104	baer park added as open green space	2/9/2018 10:35 AM
105	More opportunities and programming for young families, including improved athletic fields and a splash pad.	2/9/2018 9:44 AM
106	Greater focus on the existing recreation fields.	2/9/2018 7:37 AM
107	More adult uses, more nearby parking, place the splash pad @ new elkenburg park on the overton property	2/6/2018 10:04 PM
108	I would like for a community center that could be used by Foundry Hall, Our Town Players and the Farmer's market. Especially so that the Farmer's market would not have to move for different festivals to use their space.	2/3/2018 3:43 PM
109	Develop area behind the Depot for more parks & recreation. Perhaps put a bad shell, we must look at spreading out events around South Haven, not jamming them into already tight spots..	2/3/2018 3:06 PM
110	Expanded ADA equipment as funds become available	1/31/2018 3:04 PM
111	NA	1/31/2018 10:49 AM
112	Upgrade pier safety	1/31/2018 8:12 AM
113	More activities for kids and families.	1/30/2018 1:55 PM
114	See No. 13 above regarding enforcing the existing No Dogs Allowed rules.	1/30/2018 12:34 PM
115	A recreation director	1/30/2018 9:54 AM
116	Parks and Rec areas should have events, activities, tie in to the community	1/30/2018 9:06 AM
117	more	1/30/2018 8:50 AM
118	More small space parks in neighborhoods so kids have a place to go close to home to play with other kids. Bike lanes and safe crossings for people to bike and walk more.	1/30/2018 7:47 AM
119	Programs that run for the entire summer and open to all with scholarships available to anyone who would like one. I would also like to see a community center with a pool, indoor courts and track for use in inclement weather.	1/30/2018 6:20 AM

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120	Active management	1/29/2018 11:35 AM
121	More athletic fields, baseball, softball, soccer	1/29/2018 11:12 AM
122	More push for use of outdoor spaces. Promotion of the use of our great communal areas	1/28/2018 1:42 PM
123	Can't think of anything specific	1/27/2018 8:11 PM
124	More play areas	1/27/2018 12:54 PM
125	short-term summer activities and sports camps/lessons for teens	1/27/2018 10:24 AM
126	Easier pedestrian crossings across broadway and phoenix. Beautification of both roadways	1/26/2018 11:38 PM
127	green space	1/26/2018 5:34 PM
128	Splash pad	1/25/2018 7:57 PM
129	A focus on environmental care... Indigenous plants, clean waterways.	1/25/2018 7:41 PM
130	A soccer field	1/25/2018 7:08 PM
131	Pickleball courts!! We go to Douglass every day to play. Would rather stay in south haven!	1/25/2018 4:36 PM
132	Baseball/softball field upgrades, soccer field improvements	1/25/2018 4:27 PM
133	Changing stations in all restroom buildings.	1/25/2018 3:14 PM
134	Public tennis courts	1/25/2018 10:55 AM
135	Splash pad	1/25/2018 9:59 AM
136	more activities for children in the summer	1/25/2018 9:23 AM
137	Something for younger kids in area East of Broadway and South of Phoenix	1/25/2018 9:10 AM
138	keep riverfront park green, don't put the splash pad there.	1/25/2018 8:36 AM
139	Disc Golf	1/25/2018 7:11 AM
140	More bench s	1/25/2018 4:58 AM
141	Develop sidewalks from township into city and bike paths.	1/25/2018 4:48 AM
142	Classes. Workshops,	1/24/2018 10:24 PM
143	Dog park. Dog beach.	1/24/2018 10:21 PM
144	More places to walk and sit along the lake bluffs.	1/24/2018 8:25 PM
145	Community Pool and Athletic Fields for Adults	1/24/2018 3:24 PM
146	I would like it if Kids Corner had a "trail" workout stations added. This is a great place to work out and exercise	1/24/2018 2:46 PM
147	A dedicated bandshell or stage area for public use	1/24/2018 2:31 PM
148	More city sponsored and organized community events in the parks throughout the city.	1/24/2018 2:21 PM
149	1. A playground East of Broadway, South of Phoenix, 2. A boardwalk/sidewalk along Bailey to provide safe access to kal-haven trail and skate park. 3. An indoor recreation area for the region	1/24/2018 2:20 PM
150	Safe places for fun	1/24/2018 9:19 AM
151	Bike lanes and more sidewalk friendly areas throughout the township. Specifically between downtown and the State park	1/24/2018 9:07 AM
152	Cross country ski trails, better lighting on some trails	1/24/2018 8:20 AM
153	Cheaper rates	1/24/2018 7:23 AM
154	A place for kids sports	1/24/2018 6:47 AM
155	creating spaces for youth	1/24/2018 6:38 AM
156	Highly availability for family use, dog or pet friendly	1/24/2018 4:54 AM
157	An outdoor pool at a location within a block of the lake, for this reason Stanley Johnson	1/23/2018 11:32 PM
158	Don't know	1/23/2018 10:21 PM

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159	More youth parks (indoor/outdoor training)	1/23/2018 9:45 PM
160	A recreation director	1/23/2018 9:36 PM
161	Pickle ball courts	1/23/2018 9:35 PM
162	Pool / splash pad	1/23/2018 8:51 PM
163	Birdwatching events	1/23/2018 8:12 PM
164	In the city and easy to access	1/23/2018 7:52 PM
165	Bike lanes!	1/23/2018 7:19 PM
166	More benches for sitting reading	1/23/2018 6:31 PM
167	Connected walking and bike trails	1/23/2018 6:11 PM
168	Improved baseball, softball, soccer fields for youth	1/23/2018 6:03 PM
169	Athletic fields for community members including baseball, soccer, tennis and walking trails.	1/23/2018 5:29 PM
170	I would like to see an expansion of year-round things. We have a great pool but no swim lessons program or water fitness programs to use it. Would love to see more community fitness and sports for locals.	1/23/2018 5:21 PM
171	Adequate parking	1/23/2018 5:15 PM
172	Water fall or fountain with benches	1/23/2018 4:42 PM
173	I'd love some pickleball courts or some adventure equipment for older kids.	1/23/2018 4:14 PM
174	Recreational tournaments such as volleyball and basketball	1/23/2018 3:33 PM
175	Better upkeep and maintenance of what exists and more police presence and stricter guidelines for Fourth of July at beaches.	1/23/2018 3:16 PM
176	Water park	1/23/2018 3:14 PM
177	City is doing great	1/23/2018 3:11 PM
178	More activities available to everyone, water features and sculptures	1/23/2018 2:38 PM
179	Public areas should be non smoking.	1/23/2018 2:36 PM
180	More options maybe out of downtown to avoid the crowds and more play equipment for toddlers specifically.	1/23/2018 2:14 PM
181	More wild flowers in Stanley Johnson park.....encourage butterflies...birds.	1/23/2018 2:14 PM
182	Splash pad	1/23/2018 2:08 PM
183	More security	1/23/2018 12:45 PM
184	Port-A-Pottys at public beaches that don't have bathrooms.	1/23/2018 12:43 PM
185	Taking into account more of the people who live here year round and don't make a lot of money	1/23/2018 12:10 PM
186	More public area by the lake	1/23/2018 11:09 AM
187	Focus on some benefits for full time year round residents. More opportunities for kids	1/23/2018 11:03 AM
188	More community programs	1/23/2018 10:51 AM
189	More attention to city residents.	1/23/2018 10:22 AM
190	Programs for kids, ball fields	1/23/2018 10:21 AM
191	Refurbished play equipment	1/23/2018 10:18 AM
192	Recreation Center, indoors fields maybe	1/23/2018 9:42 AM
193	pickle ball courts	1/23/2018 8:37 AM
194	Not sure	1/22/2018 7:57 AM

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Parks Commission

Special Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 15, 2018
7:00 p.m., Council Chambers



City of South Haven

1. Call to Order by Toneman at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Ellis, McAlear, Smith, Toneman, Onuki

Absent: Moore

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by McAlear, second by Ellis to approve the February 15, 2018 Special Meeting Agenda as presented.

All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments and Inquiries Concerning Items not on the Agenda

Paul Vandembosch (not present) requested his written comments be given to Parks Commission. A copy is included in these minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

5. 5 Year Recreation Plan Approval

Presentation was given by Abonmarche

Motion by McAlear, second by Ellis to approve the 5 Year Recreation Plan.

All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Adjourn

Motion by McAlear, second by Smith to adjourn at 7:42 p.m.

All in favor. Motion carried.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Michelle Coffey
Recording Secretary

February 5, 2018

TO: Parks Commission

FR: Paul VandenBosch

RE: Comments on Recreation Plan

Draft City of South Haven Recreation Plan
Capital Improvements/Actions

Comments:

United States Bicycle Route 35

The United States Bicycle Route 35 (USBR 35) is a long distance bicycle touring route that runs through South Haven. It is signed through most of Michigan, but there appears to be no signage in South Haven. The route should be rerouted to follow the Van Buren Bicycle Trail rather than Kalamazoo Avenue, and there should be signage. New bicycle amenities should be located in proximity to this route.

Outdoor Public Fitness and Exercise Stations

Exercise stations for fitness should be added in existing parks to allow residents to exercise throughout the City. There should be fitness stations with pull up bars, parallel bars, climbing ropes and gymnastic rings.

Hartman Park

Hartman Park should be preserved as a natural grove of trees without park furniture such as benches, tables or trash cans. The park bench and trash cans should be removed. This park was established to be a natural park without improvements. Do not install sidewalks in Hartman Park.

Riverfront Park

The proposed splash pad should be moved to another location, other than Riverfront Park. The area proposed for the splash pad is likely environmentally contaminated by past heavy industrial use. The location next to a steel seawall is very dangerous for young children, because of the attractive nuisance of water and the lack of ladders to exit from the water. The area is currently a grove of trees which provides shade and wind protection for the many people who enjoy the view from this location. Building the splash pad would destroy this grove of trees and deny the current users of the park an attractive place to enjoy the park. The area of land is too small for the proposed splash pad development. Wind driven water splash may impact the promenade walkway and the street parking. It will reduce the attractiveness of the Riverfront Promenade and Harborwalk. The design of the splash pad is not unique or attractive, it looks like the designer

looked through a catalog of plastic playground equipment and dropped unattractive plastic statues into a map of the park. The design is crude and not at a level of sophistication which the residents of the City would expect for this prime location on the water, not like a playplace in a fast food restaurant. Our public waterfront property needs to be treated with care and respected as one of the most valuable attributes of South Haven. Riverfront Park should be treated as other waterfronts with prime views are treated, such as Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, with respect for the view and careful consideration of the surrounding area. Other locations for the splash pad could be Kids Corner or the front lawn of City Hall. There is no area for off-street parking required for users of a splash pad at Riverfront Park. Please do not destroy Riverfront Park by installing the splash pad as currently shown in the green landscaped area of Riverfront Park.

Restroom Maintenance

Many of the City park public restrooms are poorly maintained. Each spring, every public restroom should get basic maintenance, paint, caulk, door, hardware, ventilation and equipment maintenance so that it appears as if someone cares about the facility. The sign which states that there is video surveillance of the restrooms in Dyckman Park is offensive and should be removed. Many people are very concerned about video being taken of them while using a restroom and this sign heightens their fear. Placing the sign stating that video surveillance will be taken of those using the restroom reflects poorly on the citizens of South Haven.

City Park and Beach Color Scheme

The red color used for park furniture, trash cans and railings has become a real eyesore. The spectacular views of Lake Michigan are interfered with by ugly steel drum trash cans painted bright red. Why would anyone want this view destroyed by a cheap burn barrel painted bright red? The railings along the river used to be painted blue, which was somewhat neutral and at least not in contrast to the water behind it. In the past, only the marina railings were painted red to clearly show the difference between public park and municipal marina. The reason that the lighthouse is painted red is that it serves as an aid to navigation and is meant to be seen miles away by approaching vessels. Please do not pollute the view of Lake Michigan and the Black River by painting everything red. Please use a more neutral color, such as the blue originally used by the Army Corps of Engineers for harbor railings. Park and beach furniture should be a more neutral color, and colors should not be used which stand out and destroy the view of the area. Plastic playground equipment on beaches should be avoided because it is larger in size and blocks views.

Steel Drum Trash Cans

All steel drum trash cans should be removed from service and replaced with more attractive trash cans. Please look at what other communities are doing and try to bring us up to basic standards of park development used in other areas and regions.

City Council

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 19, 2018
7:00 p.m., Council Chambers



1. **Call to Order by Mayor Smith at 7:00 p.m.**
2. **Invocation – Father Rick Turner, Holy Trinity Anglican Church**
3. **Proclamation declaring February 27th Bishop Fred L. Cunningham Day**

Scott Williams spoke briefly about his work with the City of South Haven to have this honor bestowed upon Bishop Cunningham. Mr. Williams also spoke about the Bishop's work and his history as a resident of South Haven. Bishop Cunningham's brother, Joseph Cunningham, also spoke about the work of his brother.

4. **Roll Call**

Present: Chris Campbell, Steve Schlack, George Sleeper, Letitia Wilkins, Scott Smith

Absent: Clark Gruber, Joe Reeser

Moved by Sleeper, seconded by Campbell, to excuse Councilmembers Gruber and Reeser due to personal reasons.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

**Note: Councilmember Reeser arrived at 7:46 p.m., as noted during the discussion of Item 7b.*

5. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Schlack, seconded by Sleeper, to approve the agenda. The order of the agenda will be altered slightly by switching Items 9 and 10, for the convenience of the board and commission candidates in attendance.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

6. **Consent Agenda: Items A through D (Roll Call Vote Required)**

Moved by Schlack, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A. Council will be asked to approve the City Council Regular minutes for February 5, 2018.
- B. Council will be asked that invoices totaling \$2,002,798.06 for the period ending February 18, 2018, be approved and forwarded to the Clerk and Treasurer for payment.
- C. Council will be asked to approve changes to the Northside Marina Retaining Wall Repairs and authorize the City Manager to execute Change Order No. 1 in the estimated amount of

\$30,572.00, revising the total contract amount for the Northside Marina Retaining Wall Repairs project to \$63,772.00.

- D. Council will be asked to acknowledge receipt of the following meeting minutes:
- 1) November 27, 2017 Board of Public Utilities minutes;
 - 2) October 30, 2017 SHAWSA minutes.

A Roll Call Vote was taken:

Yeas: Campbell, Schlack, Sleeper, Wilkins, Smith
Nays: None

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

7. The City Council will be asked to consider the following actions related to the Preserve at Woodland Harbor Planned Unit Development (PUD) Amendment:

- a) **Approve the second required parking space to extend outside of the building envelope onto the gravel shoulder on the following lots that have already been built (6, 22, 34, 134, 145) with the additional conditions that (1) a deciduous tree of 2.5" caliper of greater shall be planted in the side yard adjacent to the parking area and forward of the front line of the garage and (2) that garage areas are not to be converted to non-parking areas.**

Moved by Schlack, seconded by Wilkins, to approve the second required parking space to extend outside of the building envelope onto the gravel shoulder on the following lots that have already been built (6, 22, 34, 134, 145) with the additional conditions that (1) a deciduous tree of 2.5" caliper of greater shall be planted in the side yard adjacent to the parking area and forward of the front line of the garage and (2) that garage areas are not to be converted to non-parking areas.

Assistant City Manager Kate Hosier explained the developers' need for the amendment.

Schlack offered an amendment to the original motion, in which he verbalized the lots to be included (6, 22, 34, 134, 145) for the record, as it was believed the lots were not stated in the original motion. The motion to amend was seconded by Sleeper.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried, original motion amended.

Moved by Schlack, seconded by Wilkins, to approve the second required parking space to extend outside of the building envelope onto the gravel shoulder on the following lots that have already been built (6, 22, 34, 134, 145) with the additional conditions that (1) a deciduous tree of 2.5" caliper of greater shall be planted in the side yard adjacent to the parking area and forward of the front line of the garage and (2) that garage areas are not to be converted to non-parking areas.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

- b) **Approve to allow the second required parking space to extend outside of the building envelope onto the gravel shoulder for the remaining designated lots (5, 7, 16, 20, 21, 23, 29-31, 35, 36, 40-42, 46-49, 52, 53, 54, 61-66, 74-79, 80-129, 130-133, 135-137, 141-144, 163) with the additional conditions that (1) a deciduous tree of 2.5" caliper of**

greater shall be planted in the side yard adjacent to the parking area and forward of the front line of the garage and (2) garage areas are not to be converted to non-parking areas.

Moved by Sleeper, seconded by Campbell, to approve to allow the second required parking space to extend outside of the building envelope onto the gravel shoulder for the remaining designated lots (5, 7, 16, 20, 21, 23, 29-31, 35, 36, 40-42, 46-49, 52, 53, 54, 61-66, 74-79, 80-129, 130-133, 135-137, 141-144, 163) with the additional conditions that (1) a deciduous tree of 2.5" caliper of greater shall be planted in the side yard adjacent to the parking area and forward of the front line of the garage and (2) garage areas are not to be converted to non-parking areas.

Hosier and Curcio described the request by the developers. Ryan Rerick of Kalamazoo Mortgage explained the need for the amendment, and offered to answer any questions the council might have. The council asked numerous questions of Mr. Rerick, and expressed concerns with the layout and size of the proposed floor plans. Councilmembers wanted to know why these units cannot fit onto the lots as they were originally approved.

**Councilmember Reeser arrived at 7:46 p.m.*

John Lohrstorfer, 23 Delaware Ct., stated that he shared the same concerns as the council. Mr. Lohrstorfer stated that the homes should fit on the lots, and that if they are used for rentals, there will not be adequate parking. Mr. Lohrstorfer suggested a restrictive covenant that would prevent rentals, but otherwise urged the council not to approve this amendment.

Councilmember Campbell expressed concern that these homes seemed to have been marketed as rental properties. Campbell believes the homes should be moved back on the property to prevent the extension of a second vehicle into the right-of-way.

Schlack moved that the original motion be amended to send this item back to the Planning Commission for further review of parking and open space calculations. The motion was seconded by Campbell.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Schlack, to approve the amended original motion, sending Item 7b back to the Planning Commission for further review, with no approval given tonight.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

- c) Require that a 6' tall, opaque privacy fence to be constructed on the western lot line of the development between The Preserve and the home of Kathy and Roger Rusin located at 280 Baseline Road as a landscape buffer.**

Hosier explained the item's background. Curcio suggested that the council send this item back to the Planning Commission as well.

Moved by Schlack, seconded by Sleeper, to send item 7c back to the Planning Commission for further review, with no approval given tonight.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

- 8. The City Council will be asked to take the following actions related to the "Façade Improvements" Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):**

- a) Hold a public hearing for the purpose of affording citizens an opportunity to submit comments on the proposed “Façade Improvements” application for a CDBG grant.**

Moved by Sleeper, seconded by Schlack, to open a public hearing for the purpose of affording citizens an opportunity to submit comments on the proposed “Façade Improvements” application for a CDBG grant.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried, public hearing opened.

City Manager Brian Dissette explained the grant, noting that 100% of the project is funded by the grant and the developer.

City staff member Deb Davidson explained the grant in detail and the actions needed from the council. Davidson explained the MEDC’s requirements, and reiterated that no city dollars are being used. Davidson described the proposed improvements for the two buildings impacted.

Dissette explained that the need for a grant administrator is required and paid for by the state.

Moved by Schlack, seconded by Sleeper, to close the public hearing.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried, public hearing closed.

- b) Adopt Resolution 2018-07, a resolution approving application to the Michigan Strategic Fund for CDBG Funds for Façade Improvements in the amount of \$194,084.**

Moved by Sleeper, seconded by Wilkins, to adopt Resolution 2018-07, a resolution approving the application to the Michigan Strategic Fund CDBG Funds for Façade Improvements in the amount of \$194,084.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

- c) Approve the City Manager to enter into a contract with Smith Housing Consulting as the City’s Certified Grant Administrator for consultant services for the MEDC Façade Improvement Grant.**

It was noted by Dissette that the council is being asked to approve Resolution 2017-08, a resolution approving a contract with Smith Housing Consulting as the city’s certified grant administrator for consultant services for the MEDC Façade Improvement Grant. A copy of the draft resolution is included in the council’s packet.

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Wilkins, to approve Resolution 2017-08, a resolution approving a contract with Smith Housing Consulting as the city’s certified grant administrator for consultant services for the MEDC Façade Improvement Grant.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- 9. The City Council will receive an information update and presentation on the Michigan Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act from the City’s Attorney, with no formal action to occur.**

The council received a presentation from City Attorney Nick Curcio. Following the presentation, public comment was taken.

Tim Stegeman, 223 Huron St., discussed the maps that were presented. Mr. Stegeman pointed out that fraternal organizations were not included.

Mary Lynn Bugge, 70 Gabriel Dr., spoke about a recent article in the Kalamazoo Gazette. Ms. Bugge mentioned the issue of banks not being able to accept funds, and the potential risks of a business operating with cash.

Fred Meyer, 144 Dunkley Ave., #13, spoke in favor of the MMFLA.

David Fenske, 2 Pine St., asked that the council fully educate themselves before making a decision.

Pete Wehle, 565 Monroe Blvd., spoke in favor of the MMFLA.

Matt Brazus, 1210 South Haven Pl., spoke in favor of the MMFLA.

Sandy Fenske, 2 Pine St., spoke in opposition to the MMFLA.

Sean Russell, 732 Maple Ct., spoke in favor of the MMFLA.

Joe Wilkins, 811 Indiana Ave., asked that the council very carefully consider this issue before making any decisions. Mr. Wilkins also opposed dispensaries in the downtown area.

Councilmember Campbell asked about how sales tax would be handled if the industry only deals in cash. Mr. Caleb Gonzalez of Grand Rapids, MI provided information on sales tax.

Councilmember Reeser referenced a meeting held by the City of Portage. Reeser asked questions about how the vetting process will work, and how can it be kept out of the hands of folks who should not have it. Reeser emphasized that he does not want operations in the downtown area.

10. The City Council and Mayor will be asked to take the following actions related to board and commission appointments:

a) Council will be asked to make appointments to the following boards and commissions:

- i) Board of Public Utilities, full 5-year term**
- ii) Housing Commission residents' seat appointment, partial term expiring in November 2021**
- iii) Housing Commission, partial term expiring June 2020 (residency not required)**
- iv) Parks Commission, partial term expiring in May 2020.**

b) Council will be asked to confirm the following Mayoral appointments:

- i) Downtown Development Authority district residents' seat, partial term expiring in January 2020**
- ii) Downtown Development Authority, full 4-year term (residency not required)**
- iii) Local Development Finance Authority / Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, full 4-year term**

iv) Planning Commission, partial term expiring in May 2018

Prior to making the appointments, the council conducted interviews the candidates in attendance. Those candidates included Bob Burr, Lucille Dalecki, Mary Kilpatrick-Hall, Jeff Arnold, Sandy Fenske, Kevin Whiteford, May Lynn Bugge, Tim Stegeman, and Paul Vandenbosch. Following these interviews, the council participated in an unofficial vote of a paper ballot, which was used for informational purposes. Prior to each motion to appoint an individual to a board or commission, the city clerk read the name of the leading vote getter for that position.

Following the candidate interviews, a motion was offered by Schlack, seconded by Sleeper, to recess the meeting for five minutes.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried, meeting recessed at 8:35 p.m.

Moved by Schlack, seconded by Wilkins, to readjourn the meeting.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried, meeting re-adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Following re-adjournment, the council took the following actions:

i. Moved by Schlack, seconded by Sleeper, to appoint Bob Burr to the Board of Public Utilities for a full five-year term.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

ii. Moved by Campbell, seconded by Wilkins, to postpone the resident's seat appointment to the Housing Commission until the full council is in attendance.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

iii. Moved by Schlack, seconded by Campbell, to appoint Jeff Arnold to the Housing Commission for a partial term expiring in June 2020 (residency not required).

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

iv. Moved by Sleeper, seconded by Schlack, to appoint Sandy Fenske to the Parks Commission for a partial term expiring in in May 2020.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

v. Moved by Schlack, seconded by Reeser, to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Bob Burr to the Downtown Development Authority's district residents' seat for a partial term expiring in January 2020.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

vi. Moved by Schlack, seconded by Sleeper, to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Kevin Whiteford to the Downtown Development Authority for a full 4-year term (residency not required).

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

vii. Moved by Sleeper, seconded by Reeser, to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Andy Klavins to the Local Development Finance Authority / Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a full 4-year term.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

viii. Moved by Campbell, seconded by Sleeper, to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Mary Lynn Bugge to the Planning Commission for a partial term expiring in May 2018.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

11. The City Council will be asked to consider approval of Resolution 2018-09, a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for a Coastal Zone Management Program grant for water trails access on the Black River.

Moved by Sleeper, seconded by Schlack, to approve Resolution 2018-09, a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for a Coastal Zone Management Program grant for water trails access on the Black River.

Dissette explained that the intent of this project is to help more people get into the water.

Hosier described the location ADA accommodations. The grant requires a 1-to-1 match, with \$35,000 coming from the Marina Fund.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

12. The City Council will be asked to consider approval of a mutual aid agreement with the County of Allegan, City of Allegan, City of Holland, Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomini Indians (Gun Lake Tribe), the City of Otsego, the City of Plainwell, the City of Wayland, the City of the Village of Douglas, the City of Saugatuck, and the Village of Hopkins, for emergency services.

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Schlack, to approve a mutual aid agreement with the County of Allegan, City of Allegan, City of Holland, Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomini Indians (Gun Lake Tribe), the City of Otsego, the City of Plainwell, the City of Wayland, the City of the Village of Douglas, the City of Saugatuck, and the Village of Hopkins, for emergency services.

Dissette explained that similar agreements to this are in place for SHAES. The agreement has been endorsed by the Police Chief and by city staff.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

13. The City Council will be asked to consider the following actions related to the approval of the 2018-22 Parks and Recreation Plan:

a) The City Council should host a public hearing related to the 2018-2022 Parks and Recreation Plan.

Moved by Schlack, seconded by Wilkins, to open a public hearing related to the 2018-2022 Parks and Recreation Plan.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried, public hearing opened.

Dissette explained the plan and the requirement to have a plan in place in order to seek recreation funding. The city has worked with Abonmarche to provide various postings and a public survey. This plan does address invasive species. The Parks Commission has recommended approval of the plan.

Tony McGhee of Abonmarche summarized the plan for the council, and explained that amendments can be made at any time.

Dissette spoke about Monroe Bluff erosion issues, and explained that this is built into the plan.

Paul Vandenbosch, 757 Superior St., asked for a focus on maintenance of public facilities. Mr. Vandenbosch also requested that the council keep waterfront views in mind.

Mary Lynn Bugge, 70 Gabriel Dr., asked about the proposal that was selected for the Kids Corner project. Dissette responded.

Joe Wilkins, 811 Indiana Ave., spoke about scattered homes with regard to the Master Plan. Dissette responded and discussed the schedule for the Master Plan.

Moved by Schlack, seconded by Sleeper, to close the public hearing.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried, public hearing closed.

b) The City Council should consider approval of Resolution 2018-10, a resolution adopting the 5 year, 2018-2022, Recreation Plan for the City of South Haven.

Moved by Schlack, seconded by Sleeper, to approve Resolution 2018-10, a resolution adopting the 5-year, 2018-2022, Recreation Plan for the City of South Haven.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

14. Citizens in the Audience Will Be Heard on Items Not on the Agenda

David Fenske, 2 Pine St., spoke in opposition to short-term rentals. Mr. Fenske asked for no further commercialization of neighborhoods, and no new rentals in R-1 zones.

Paul Vandenbosch, 757 Superior St., asked the council to take action on short-term rentals. Mr. Vandenbosch stated that we do not need another summer of destruction of the city. Mr. Vandenbosch asked that the council stop rentals in single family districts, and that they take action soon.

Pete Wehle, 556 Monroe Blvd., spoke in favor of a permanent music structure.

Susan Woodhull, 1000 Monroe, asked that short-term rentals be addressed quickly. Ms. Woodhull stated that nothing discussed at this meeting will matter if there is no town left.

Sandy Fenske, 2 Pine St., asked if the results of the Recreation Plan survey will be included in the final plan. Tony McGhee stated that they will be.

Mary Lynn Bugge, 70 Gabriel Dr., asked that something be done about the quality of the audio system in the Council Chambers.

15. DPW Director's Update

Public Works Director Bill Hunter introduce staff member Eric Walker. Hunter then gave an update on projects going on around the city.

16. City Manager's Comments

No comments.

17. Mayor and Councilperson's Comments

Councilmember Campbell thanked everyone for sticking around.

Councilmember Sleeper thanked all of the board and commission volunteers.

Councilmember Reeser explained that the council has been giving short-term rentals a lot of thought. The issue is not as clear cut as everyone thinks, and rentals affect each neighborhood differently. The council will be asked to make some hard decisions.

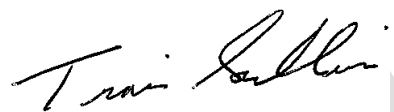
Mayor Smith stated that the council is looking at the rental ordinance. Mayor Smith also mentioned the Island Sit event this Saturday, as well as the possibility of including the Pledge of Allegiance in each council meeting. Mayor Smith also mentioned possibly inviting local business owners to meetings, and informed the public of his March meet-and-greet event, set for March 9 at 12:15 p.m. at Senior Services.

18. Adjourn

Moved by Schlack, seconded by Wilkins, to adjourn the meeting.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



Travis Sullivan
City Clerk

CITY OF SOUTH HAVEN
VAN BUREN AND ALLEGAN COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION NO. 2018 - 10

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A 5-YEAR RECREATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH
HAVEN

Minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of South Haven, Van Buren and Allegan Counties, Michigan, held in the City Hall, 539 Phoenix Street, South Haven, Michigan 49090 on February 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. local time.

PRESENT: Campbell, Reeser, Schlack, Sleeper, Wilkins, Smith

ABSENT: Gruber

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Member Schlack and supported by Member Sleeper.

WHEREAS, the South Haven City Council has reviewed the joint City of South Haven, South Haven Charter Township and South Haven Area Recreation Authority Recreation Plan including Recreational Inventory, Maps, and Accessibility Assessments

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the South Haven Recreation Authority adopts the 2018 – 2022 joint Recreation Plan and Recreation Inventory, Maps and Accessibility Assessments.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby rescinded; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect upon passage by the City Council.

RECORD OF VOTE:

Yeas: Campbell, Reeser, Schlack, Sleeper, Wilkins, Smith

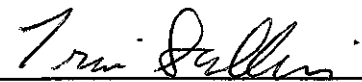
Nays: None



Scott Smith, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council at a meeting held on February 19, 2018 at which meeting a quorum was present, and that this resolution was ordered to take immediate effect. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 167 of the Public Acts of Michigan 1976 (MCL 15.261 *et seq*).

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Travis Sullivan", is written over a horizontal line.

Travis Sullivan, City Clerk

**SOUTH HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018**

Present: Kiry, Bertorelli, Stein, Wiatrowski, Lewandowski, and Fisher

Absent: DeGrandchamp

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Stein at 7:30 p.m.

Tony McGhee, a representative from Abonmarche, gave a presentation on the new Rec Plan.

Motion by Wiatrowski, supported by Kiry, to adopt Resolution 18-02 Adopting a 5-Year Recreation Plan for the Charter Township of South Haven. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Brenda Bertorelli, Clerk

Ross Stein, Supervisor

SOUTH HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION NO. 18-02

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A 5-YEAR RECREATION
PLAN FOR THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HAVEN

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of South Haven Charter Township, Van Buren County, Michigan, held at the South Haven Township Hall, 09761 Blue Star Hwy, South Haven, Michigan 49090 on February 21, 2018 at 7:30 local time.

PRESENT: Stein, Wiatrowski, Lewandowski, Kiry, Bertorelli, Fisher

ABSENT: De Gandchamp

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Member Wiatrowski and supported by Member Kiry.

WHEREAS, the South Haven Township Board has reviewed the South Haven Charter Township 5-Year Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the 5-Year South Haven Charter Township Recreation Plan developed in partnership with the city of south haven and SHARA; and

WHEREAS, the South Haven Charter Township has held a public review to discuss the 5-Year South Haven Charter Township Recreation Plan on February 21, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the South Haven Township Hall in South Haven, Michigan 49090; and


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charter Township of South Haven adopts the 2018-2022 5-Year South Haven Charter Township Recreation Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect after the passage by the Township Board.

RECORDED OF VOTE:

Yeas: 6
Nays: 0

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.


C. Ross Stein, Supervisor


Brenda Bertorelli, Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the South Haven Charter Township at a meeting held on the ~~28th~~^{31st} day of February 2018, at which meeting a quorum was present, and that this resolution was ordered to take immediate effect. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 167 of the Public Acts of Michigan 1976 (MCL 15.261 *et seq*).


Township clerk

Appendix H: SHARA Special Meeting Minutes: Adoption of Plan

**South Haven Area Recreation Authority (SHARA)
Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 27, 2018
3:00 p.m., South Haven Charter Township Hall**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Meeting Opened at 3:20 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Mr. Ross Stein, Mr. Mark McClendon, Mr. Dennis Fitzgibbon

Absent: Mr. Dana Getman, Dr. Robert Herrera

Guests: Mr. Brian Dissette, City Manager, City of South Haven
Mr. Tony McGhee, Abonmarche Engineering
Ms. Caitlyn Smeltzer, Abonmarche Engineering
Ms. Becky Burkert, South Haven Tribune

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

December 12, 2017 Board Meeting: Motion by Fitzgibbon, seconded by McClendon to approve the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by McClendon to approve the amended agenda, to include item 6D, 3, an invoice from PRISM Environmental, in the amount of \$5,391.00, seconded by Fitzgibbon to approve the amended agenda of the February 27, 2018 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

5. Interested Citizens in the Audience Will Be Heard on Items Not on the Agenda:

6. Approval of the SHARA Finance Reports:

- a) The board discussed the SHARA Finance Report, noting the SHARA account now has a balance of \$81,544.89.

Motion by Fitzgibbon, seconded by McClendon to approve the SHARA finance report. All in favor, motion carried.

- b) The board was updated on the SHARP account, which now has a balance of \$12,934.13.

- c) The board was asked to approve the draft budget file for the SHARA FY 2018 budget.

Motion by McClendon, seconded by Fitzgibbon to approve the SHARA FY 2018 budget. All in favor, motion carried.

- d) The board was asked to approve the following invoices:
 - a. Dickinson Wright Legal Invoice: \$874.00
 - b. Hardt Insurance Invoice: \$175.00
 - c. PRISM Environmental Invoice: \$5,391.00

Motion by McClendon, seconded by Fitzgibbon to approve the invoices as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

7. SHARA Board was asked to review and recommend the SHARP Property, located in Casco Township, sale agreement to the South Haven City Council:

Dissette provided an update on the proposed sale agreement of the SHARP Property, located in Casco Township, to the SHARA Board. Dissette noted that one (1) bid was received for the proposed land sale. Dissette noted that the City of South Haven owns the land, and formally sought proposals for the land sale. Stein described the bidding process and the availability of agricultural land in the South Haven area. Stein noted the buyers requests related to tax values. Stein and Dissette noted that the sale agreement has the land selling for \$420,000. Dissette noted that to proceed with the sale, the South Haven City Council will be required to approve the agreement. Upon completion of the sale, Dissette indicated that he will seek City Council approval to transfer the SHARP account and land proceeds to the SHARA account.

Motion by Fitzgibbon, seconded by McClendon to recommend the City of South Haven proceed with the sale agreement of the SHARP Property, located in Casco Township. All in favor, motion carried.

8. SHARA Board was asked to review and approve the 2018 Five Year Recreation Plan:

McGhee provided an update to the SHARA Board on the status of the 2018 Five Year Recreation Plan. McGhee provided a presentation to the SHARA Board which summarized the need for the recreation plan, the community outreach efforts, and a summary of the park plans included in the overall plan. Dissette noted that the City of South Haven and South Haven Charter Township have adopted the community plan, and that SHARA is the final approval being sought. McGhee noted that the SHARA Board's projects are included in the plan, and that adoption of the plan allows the SHARA Board to seek grants for local recreation projects.

Motion by Fitzgibbon, seconded by McClendon to approve Resolution 2018-01, a resolution approving the 2018 5 Year Recreation Plan.

Roll Call: Fitzgibbon, McClendon, Stein: All in favor, resolution approved.

8. SHARA Board was asked to approve the close out of the Pilgrim Haven Natural Area, Phase 1 grant agreement:

Dissette described the closeout of the Pilgrim Haven Natural Area, Phase 1 grant agreement. Dissette noted that to close out the grant agreement, the following actions must occur: 1) sign the final compliance onsite report, 2) file the declaration and notice with the Register of Deeds, 3) sign the reimbursement request form, 4) approve by resolution the amendment which removes the fence from the scope items, 5) sign the MDNR amendment document. Dissette noted that by completing these steps, SHARA can submit for final grant reimbursement and collection of the remaining \$10,000 grant funds.

Motion by McClendon, seconded by Fitzgibbon to approve the close out of the Pilgrim Haven Natural Area, Phase 1 grant agreement, and items described for the formal close out process. All in favor, motion carried.

9. Staff member comments:

Dissette reminded the SHARA Board of the planned ribbon cutting at the Pilgrim Haven Natural Area.

10. Board member comments:

Fitzgibbon noted his recent trip to the Pilgrim Haven Natural Area. Fitzgibbon noted a number of people at the site and the need to continue improvements at the site. Fitzgibbon also noted the Deerlick Park's lack of beach area.

11. Adjourn

Motion by McClendon, seconded by Fitzgibbon to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brian Dissette
City Manager, City of South Haven

SOUTH HAVEN AREA RECREATION AUTHORITY
VAN BUREN AND ELLGAN COUNIES, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION NO. 2018 -

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A 5-YEAR RECREATION PLAN FOR THE SOUTH HAVEN
RECREATION AUTHORITY

Minutes of a regular meeting of the South Haven Recreation Authority, Van Buren and Allegan Counties, Michigan, held in the South Haven Charter Township Hall, 09761 Blue Star Highway, South Haven, Michigan 49090 on February 27, 2018 at 3:00PM local time.

PRESENT: Dennis Fitzgibbon Mark McClendon Ross Stein

ABSENT: Dana Getman Robert Herrera

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Member Fitzgibbon and supported by Member McClendon.

WHEREAS, the South Haven Recreation Authority has reviewed the joint City of South Haven, South Haven Charter Township and South Haven Area Recreation Authority Recreation Plan including Recreational Inventory, Maps, and Accessibility Assessments

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the South Haven Recreation Authority adopts the 2018 – 2022 joint Recreation Plan and Recreation Inventory, Maps and Accessibility Assessments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect upon passage by the South Haven Area Recreation Authority.

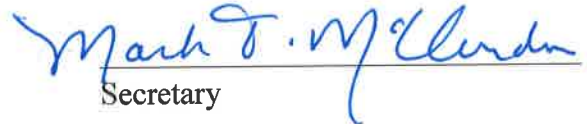
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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the South Haven Recreation Authority at a meeting held on the 27th day of February 2018, at which meeting a quorum was present, and that this resolution was ordered to take immediate effect. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 167 of the Public Acts of Michigan 1976 (MCL 15.261 *et seq*).


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February 27, 2018

West Michigan Regional Planning Commission
1345 Monroe Avenue NW, Suite 255
Grand Rapids, MI 49505-4670

Attention: WMRPC

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Southwest Michigan Planning Commission
185 East Main Street, Suite 701
Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022

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February 27, 2018

Van Buren County Planning Commission
219 Paw Paw Street, Suite 302
Paw Paw, Michigan 49079

Attention: Van Buren County Planning Commission

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MONROE BLUFF BEACH MANAGEMENT PLAN

City of South Haven , Michigan

January 5, 2018





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PROJECT LOCATION



INTRODUCTION

PLAN PURPOSE

In 2016, the City of South Haven's Public Works Department undertook the effort of creating best management practices for maintenance of the dune habitat west of Monroe Boulevard between Van Buren and Chestnut Streets. Improper disposal of grass clippings and yard waste on dunes, erosion of sand by wind and uncontrolled foot traffic, and growth of invasive plant species were all issues noted by maintenance crews. Taking a proactive approach, the City began to look at beach management along the entire South Beach and dunes south of the Black River channel.

This natural area is composed primarily of clay bluff and open dunes with approximately 1,200 linear

feet of Lake Michigan shoreline, all accessible to the public. There is currently a level area of lawn of varying width at the top of the bluff, on the west side of Monroe Boulevard. This lawn is maintained by the City and has no sidewalk, but does provide beach access at two staircases, one across from Saint Basil Church to the north and one at the popular "blue stairs" across from Kids Corner Park.

The planning and design firm Edgewater Resources of St. Joseph, Michigan, was tasked with Master Planning services to determine the best use of this public bluff to both preserve the valuable dune habitat as a resource and meet the recreation needs of the people of the city of South Haven.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Early in the design process for the Monroe Bluff Management Plan, specific objectives were established by the project Steering Committee. These goals include:

- Improve public access to the bluff and lower beach.
- Stabilize and prevent erosion of the bluff through preservation and establishment of native plant communities and elimination of invasive plants.
- Addition of a ADA accessible pathway along bluff-top including overlooks.
- Installation of traffic calming bump-outs to increase pedestrian safety.
- Inclusion of bike racks and wagon/stroller parking to support recreational uses.
- Addressing potential safety considerations associated with steep bluffs.
- Consider addition of bike lanes along Monroe Boulevard.
- Address the impacts of constantly changing Lake Michigan water levels.
- Engage State and Federal permitting agencies to define long term beach maintenance and management strategies for a broad range of conditions.
- Enhance community amenities such as seating, signage, litter/recycling, exercise, and/or play equipment.

The development of this parcel as a public amenity meets the following Parks & Recreation Master Plan Goals:

- Continue to embrace and enhance regional collaboration for recreational programs and facilities.
- Develop recreation opportunities that focus upon and take advantage of South Haven area water resources.

This plan helped to identify the value of South Haven's lakefront assets for their:

- **Environmental value**
The site provides the city of South Haven with access to a unique diversity of natural habitats in one location. Restoration of native plantings have the potential to revitalize the natural beauty found in the region and increase bluff stability.
- **Economic value**
This park will not only attract locals with its beautiful views, but has potential to be a unique regional draw, with the addition of a bluff-top pathway and seating.
- **Recreational value**
This property has approximately 1,200 linear feet of premier lakefront, some appropriate for a swimming beach. With the addition of bike lanes and an ADA accessible bluff-top trail there is now ample room for existing recreational activities such as biking, walking, sunset viewing, swimming, and more.

RELATED PLANNING EFFORTS

- City of South Haven Recreation Plan, 2013-2017
- City of South Haven Municipal Master Plan, 2011
- City of South Haven Pedestrian, Bicycle & Paddle Plan, 2009

SITE BACKGROUND

Located on Lake Michigan at the mouth of the Black River, South Haven is a major regional tourist draw with beautiful beaches and a charming downtown. Just south of the river mouth exists a unique natural community known as a clay bluff. This type of bluff ecosystem exists infrequently along Lake Michigan shorelines in north and southwestern Lower Michigan.

The City of South Haven has recognized the importance of preserving the quality of this ecosystem while improving access to its beautiful beaches through a Beach Management Plan. The proposed project will install an ADA accessible 8'

multi-use trail along the bluff top and two 5' bike lanes along Monroe Blvd. Use of retaining walls in localized areas of concern will stabilize bluff and create buffer between pedestrians and the fragile clay bluff ecosystem.

To complete the beach management plan the project calls for removal of invasive species and replanting with a selection of native plants. New trail markers along beach trail and polite signage will remind residents and visitors alike to take care of their surroundings while recognizing the impact their actions have on the environment and bluff erosion.

PLAN PROCESS

- Continuous Community Involvement
- Site Assessment
- Community Visioning
- Development of Concept Alternatives
- Refinement of Alternatives to Consensus Plan
- Development of Maintenance Strategies



PROJECT INVENTORY

SITE VISITS

Multiple visits were made to the project site over several months between fall of 2016 and summer of 2017. The site photos following indicate existing site conditions.

SITE PHOTOS



1. Beach paths from existing bluff overlook



2. Blue stairs



3. Bluff management area



4. Top of blue stairs



5. Bluff edge, invasive species noted



6. Bluff edge condition



7. Bluff edge condition

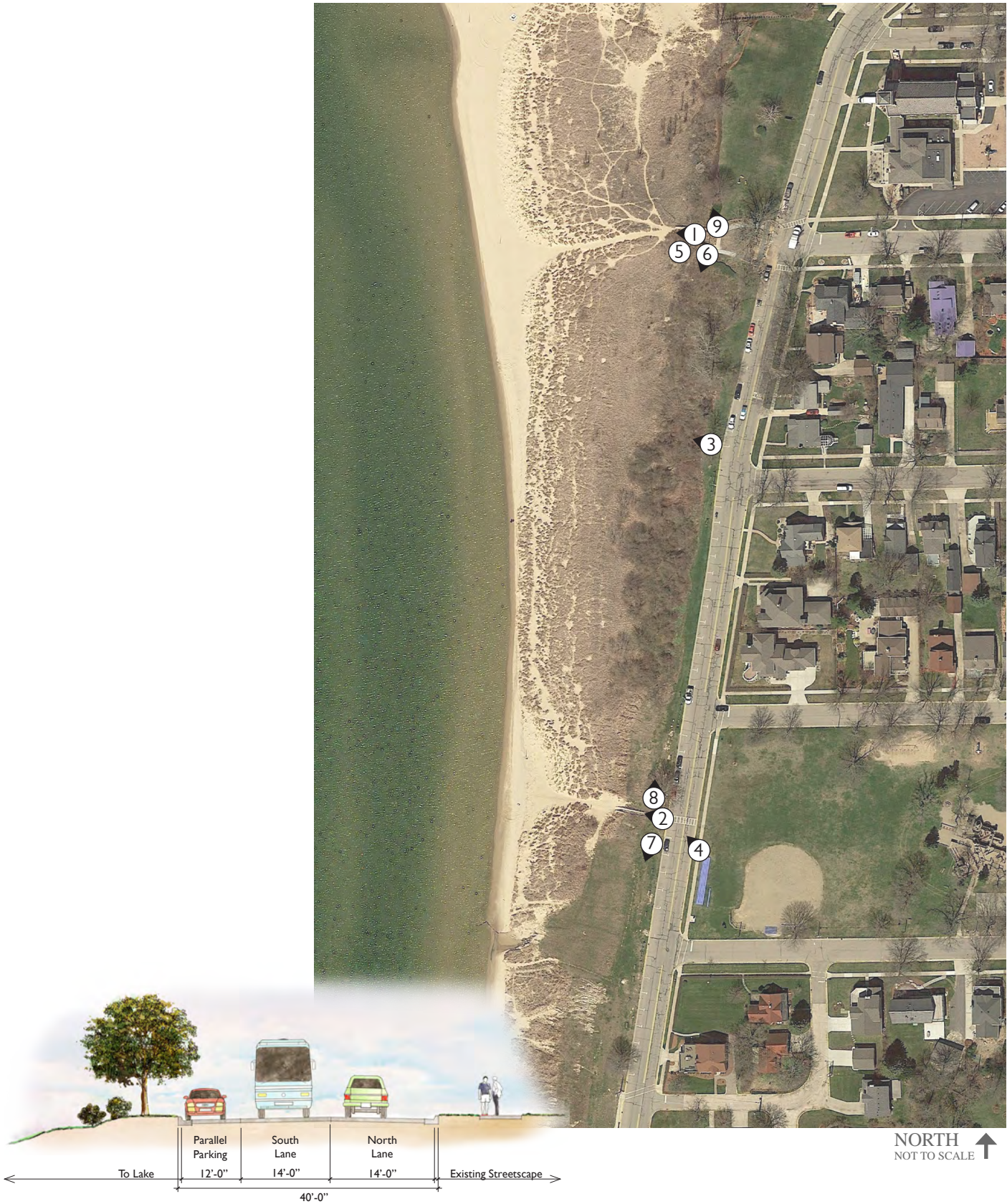


8. Bluff edge condition



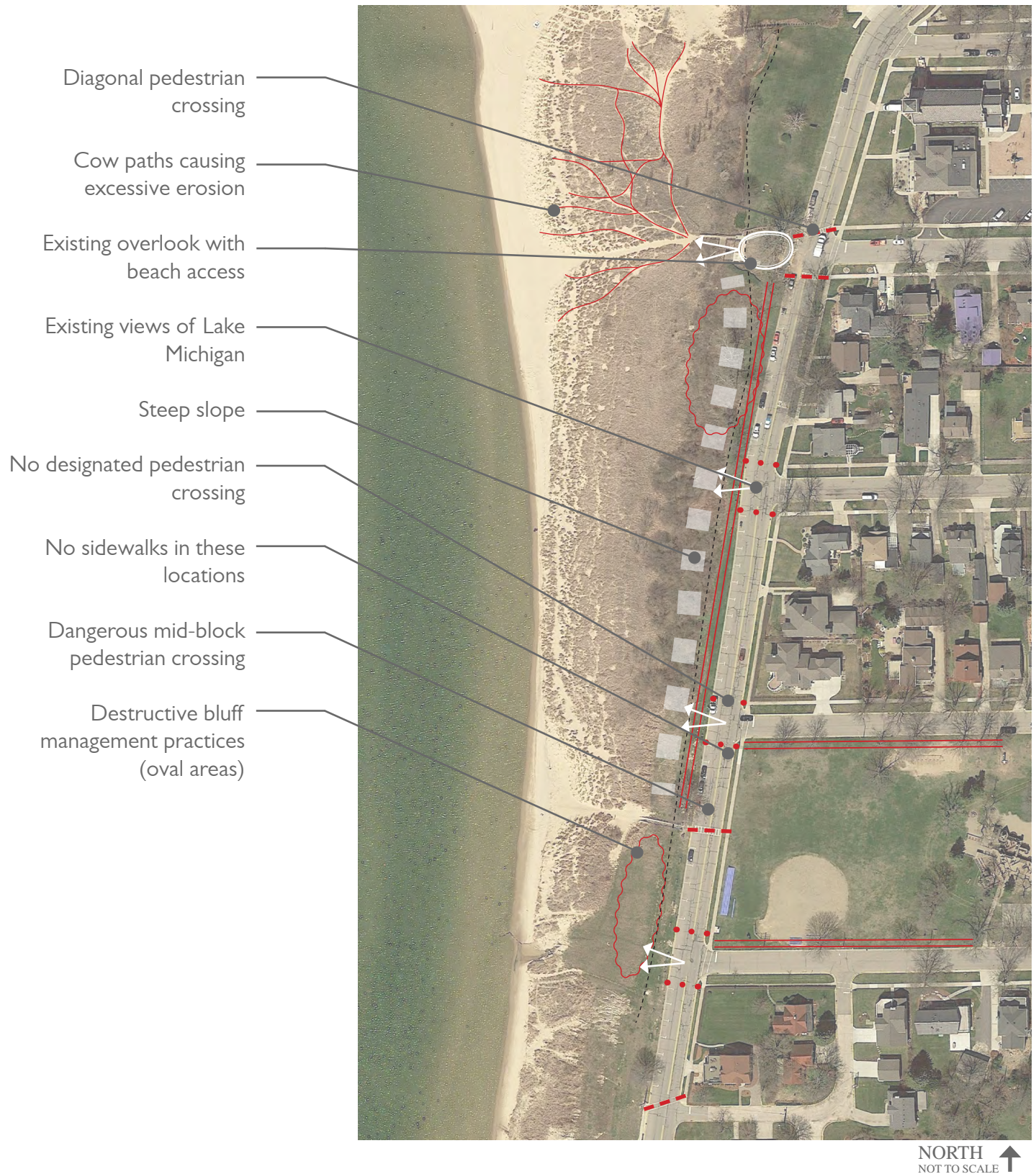
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EXISTING CONDITIONS / SITE PHOTO KEY
(Arrows indicate direction of view)



PROJECT INVENTORY

SITE ANALYSIS



CONCEPT PLAN THEMES

After an initial round of public input, three concept alternatives were developed for the Monroe Bluff area. It was determined that some design considerations needed to be addressed in all concept alternatives. These considerations include:

Site-wide Design Elements

- Traffic calming along Monroe Blvd and associated side streets
- ADA accessible multi-use trail system
- Increased seating opportunity
- Beach management signage
- Maintain current parking

Location-Specific Design Elements

- Defined path to water's edge
- Area for parking of wagons and strollers

Existing Design Elements to Improve

- Bike parking
- Trash receptacles
- Pedestrian safety bollards

Design-Specific Elements

- Retaining walls to protect from erosion
- Bike lanes
- Overlooks

Potential Future Design Elements

- Public art
- Lighting elements

Using these common design considerations as a starting point, three concept plan alternatives were developed, each prioritizing amenities differently.

Alternative 1

A low-impact design with emphasis on the new sidewalk/trail along the bluff. Narrowing of road lanes allows room for a bicycle lane along east side of Monroe Blvd. with no need for bluff stabilization. This plan maintains curb lines in existing location to keep site impact as low as possible.

Alternative 2

Use of retaining walls to stabilize and extend bluff edge and the narrowing of road lanes allows for a bicycle lane to be located along the west side of Monroe Blvd. Retaining walls provide additional bluff top area as well as valuable seating opportunities allowing for increased viewing of beautiful Lake Michigan.

Alternative 3

Highly designed bluff edge featuring overlooks at road ends. Significantly increases available bluff-top area available in these areas. Boardwalks used between overlooks in locations along the bluff that are unable to support sidewalk infrastructure.

CONCEPT ALTERNATIVES

CONCEPT ALTERNATIVE I

Legend

1. Existing beach
2. Existing dune grass area to remain
3. Existing overlook & beach access
4. Bump-outs & crosswalks at intersections
5. 8' multi-use trail
6. Parallel parking along west side of Monroe Blvd.
7. Seating area
8. Stroller/wagon parking & bike racks
9. Blue steps
10. Bike lane on east side of Monroe Blvd.

Bluff management zone



CONCEPT ALTERNATIVE 2

Legend

1. Existing beach
2. Existing dune grass area to remain
3. Existing overlook & beach access
4. Bump-outs & crosswalks at intersections
5. 8' multi-use trail
6. Parallel parking along west side of Monroe Blvd.
7. Seating area
8. Stroller/wagon parking & bike racks
9. Blue steps
10. Bike lane on west side of Monroe Blvd.
11. Retaining walls

Bluff management zone



CONCEPT ALTERNATIVES

CONCEPT ALTERNATIVE 3

Legend

1. Existing beach
2. Existing dune grass area to remain
3. Existing overlook & beach access
4. Bump-outs & crosswalks at intersections
5. 8' multi-use trail
6. Parallel parking along west side of Monroe Blvd.
7. Seating area on bluff overlook
8. Stroller/wagon parking & bike racks
9. Blue steps
10. Bike lane on east side of Monroe Blvd.
11. Boardwalk

Bluff management zone



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CONCEPT ALTERNATIVES: SITE CHARACTER PHOTOS



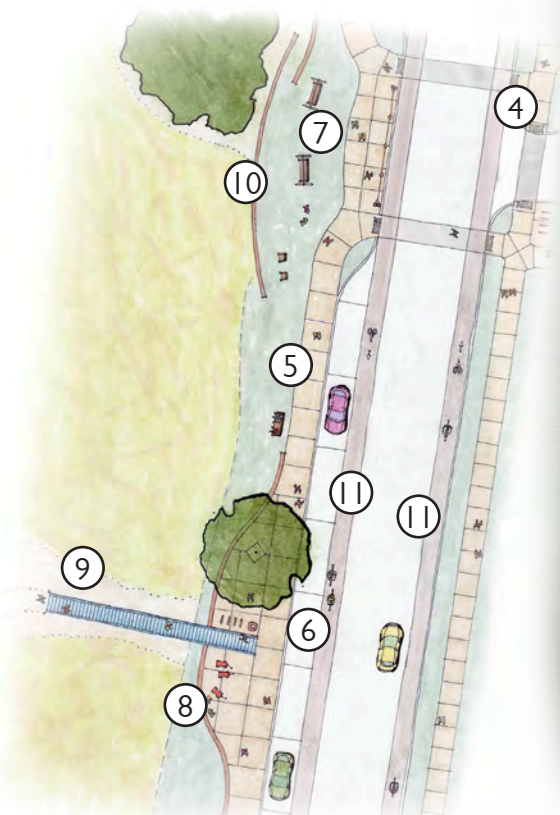
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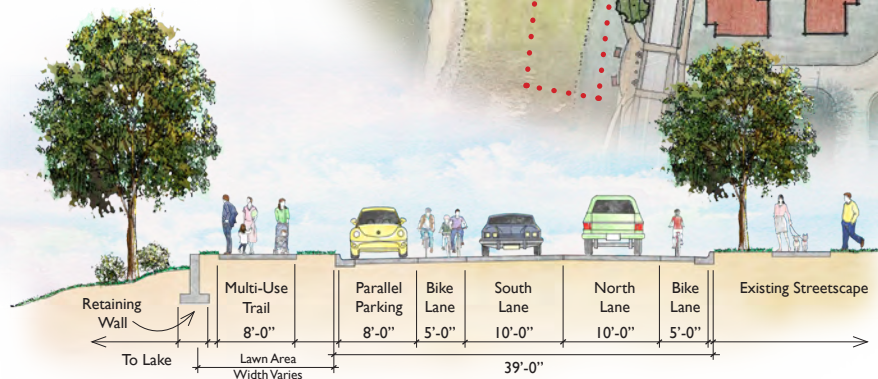
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7. Seating areas
8. Stroller/wagon parking & bike racks
9. Blue steps
10. Retaining walls
11. Bike lanes on both sides of Monroe Blvd.
12. Beach paths marked with post and rope barriers

Beach management area



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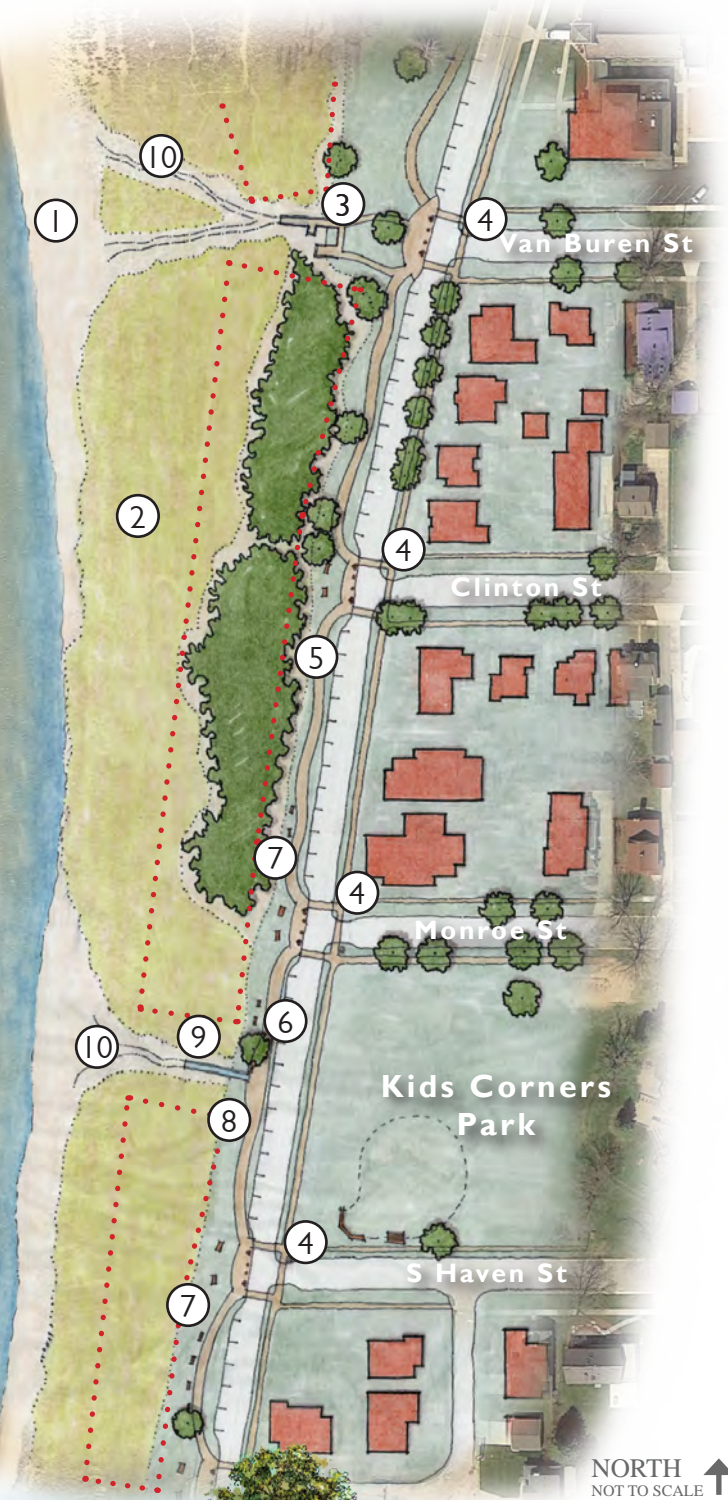


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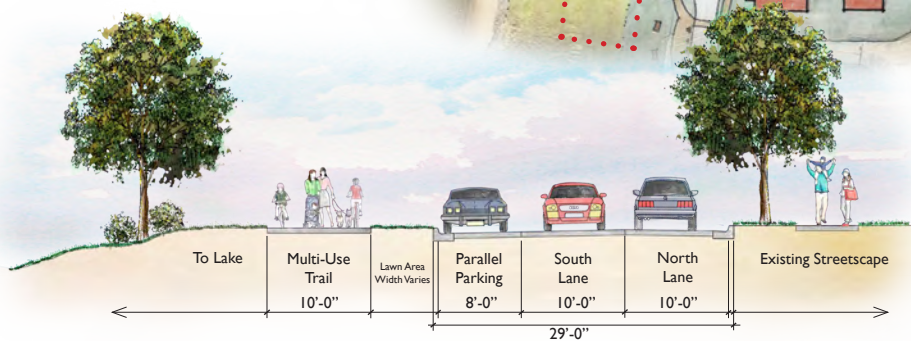
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5. 10' multi-use trail
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7. Seating areas
8. Stroller/wagon parking & bike racks
9. Blue steps
10. Beach paths marked with post and rope barriers

Beach management area



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PUBLIC INPUT

PUBLIC MEETINGS

A key factor in the development of the Monroe Bluff Beach Management Plan was public discussion and feedback. A series of public meetings were held throughout the project, and the community was encouraged to provide input on the concept alternative plans. Meetings were advertised on the City website, through an email mailing list, and on Facebook.

- Visioning Session: June 6, 2017. Multiple images were shown to the group and feedback was gathered on which program elements were desired for this site, and which were undesirable.
- Presentation of Concept Alternatives: July 27, 2017. Three concept alternatives were presented, and the group was invited to add green stickers to plan elements they liked, and red stickers on elements that they did not like.
- Presentation of Revised Concept Alternatives: September 27, 2017. Each concept was revised based on previous feedback, and developed with more detail for another round of input.
- Presentation of Consensus Plan: November 9, 2017. A final plan, based on all public and stakeholder feedback, was presented to the group.



Join us!

BEACH MANAGEMENT VISIONING SESSION

Please join South Haven's Lakeshore Management Plan steering committee for a public open house and visioning session. At this meeting, the planning consultants hope to gain feedback to guide implementation strategies for the Lakeshore Management Plan for South Haven's public beaches.

Tuesday, June 6, 2017 6-7:30PM

City Hall
539 Phoenix Street, South Haven, MI 49090

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BEACH MANAGEMENT PLANNING SESSION

The steering committee for the Monroe Bluff Management Plan will soon be holding the third in a series of public meetings. In this session, the planning team will present a range of ideas to help balance recreational use and environmental stewardship of South Haven's public beaches. We hope to gain feedback on these strategies from the general public as we work toward final recommendations.

Thursday, July 27, 2017 6-7:30PM

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Wednesday, September 27, 2017 6-7:30PM

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CONCEPT PLAN FEEDBACK

The following comments from the public meeting provided input on the concept alternatives.

Preferred program elements:

- 8' wide multi-use trail along top of bluff.
- Traffic calming and improved crosswalks at intersections for pedestrian safety.
- Unobtrusive retaining walls where needed to provide adequate space for multi-use trail.
- Preservation of existing dunes and habitat as much as possible.
- Seating areas at the top of the bluff with multiple seating options: casual and not too much hardscape.
- Bike lanes on both sides of Monroe Boulevard.
- Lots of bike and stroller parking!
- Benches at top of Blue Stairs.
- Creative signage to educate visitors about dune ecology (polite and fun, not punitive).
- Consider restroom.
- Consider parking on both sides of Monroe at Kids Corner Park.

Least popular program elements:

- Cantilevered overlook space with hardscape (overly designed, too high impact).
- Shade structures along top of bluff. Trees better.
- Any spaces that would require railings – don't want anything between me and a view of the Lake.
- Bike lanes on both sides of Monroe Boulevard.
- Cow-paths in multiple locations through dune grass
- Narrow stairs down to the beach (difficult for those carrying beach equipment).
- Lack of parking (don't necessarily need to bring in lots more, but at least keep what we have or increase slightly).



CONSENSUS PLAN

PLAN VIEW



Plan Legend

- A. Existing beach
- B. Existing dune grass area to remain
- C. Existing overlook & beach access
- D. Bump-outs & crosswalks at intersections
- E. 8' Multi-use trail
- F. Parallel parking along west side of Monroe Blvd
- G. Seating areas
- H. Stroller/wagon parking
- I. Blue steps
- J. Retaining wall
- K. Bike lane on both sides of Monroe Blvd
- L. Beach paths marked with post and rope barriers
- M. Bike rack
- N. Potential connection to City sidewalk

Bluff Management Zone



ENLARGEMENT AREA Not to Scale



SECTION Not to Scale

PLAN DESCRIPTION

The Consensus Plan for the Monroe Bluff Beach Management Plan contains elements from the plan Alternatives, and responds directly to the public input survey of desired program elements. Through this public input, it was determined that the community values the natural resource of the dunes, beach, and bluff area and only want to enhance the existing space, not develop the space with structures or program the space with activities that would draw a crowd.

The community enjoys this space as a passive recreation area for walking, sunset viewing, quiet contemplation, and for beach access. Those involved with the planning process desired to see minimal changes beyond increased seating options and the addition of a multi-use path along the top of the bluff. This area provides a unique contrast to the regional attractions of the rest of South Haven while complementing the natural beauty that is so vital to the health and wellness of visitors of all ages and abilities.

To the north of the site, South Beach Public Park provides ample parking and ADA access to various active beach activities for those seeking an active recreation experience. Kids Corner Park to the east of Monroe Boulevard provides more active recreation opportunities and a popular playground. The Monroe Bluff site is a more natural and unprogrammed link between these two parks, and this plan did not change that character.

The key design elements of the plan are focused on the top of the bluff, along the west side of Monroe Boulevard. The plan maintains the existing street width, but realigns lane widths. Rather than two wide lanes of traffic and a parallel parking lane, the proposed plan narrows the parallel parking lane and drive aisles to allow for two bike lanes, one on either side of the road.

Along the bluff itself, an 8' multi-use, fully accessible paved trail is proposed to connect to Saint Basil Church Park to the north, and to existing City sidewalks to the south. At intersections, paving is expanded into the parallel parking lane to provide "bump-outs", which shorten the length of crosswalks, creating a safer pedestrian experience. These bump-outs are proposed at all street intersections, and the dangerous mid-block crossing at Kids Corner Park has been removed.

To provide space for the multi-use trail and lawn for benches and swings, a series of low retaining walls that double as seatwalls are proposed where the bluff is narrowest. These walls will protect dune slopes down-slope, while providing a level area for passive use above.

Multiple locations for bicycle, stroller, and wagon parking are provided along the bluff to minimize congestion and key beach access points.

The plan maintains beach access at two key points: the existing steps off Van Buren Street and the Blue Stairs across from Kids Corner Park. In order to provide pedestrian access to the beach while protecting the existing dune habitat, the most popular "cow paths" are proposed to be marked on either side by low post and rope barriers. These barriers, coupled with informational signage about the fragile nature of dune plant and animal life, will help locals and visitors alike to become stewards of this natural resource.

Bluff Management Areas, indicated by the dotted red lines on the plan, are areas for which management guidelines have been developed, see Appendix. These areas would benefit from invasive plant removal, allowing native species to return and stabilize the dune slope. While trees are proposed to remain in some areas, guidelines are provided to allow for lake viewing from the top of the bluff in key areas.

FEEDBACK: COMMENTS AND STICKERS

Don't like the shade structures. Prefer trees.
Not crazy about railings. Obstruct view.

Please spend \$\$ on polite signage – Thank You!!

Add:

1. Stairs at each intersection down to the beach
2. Sidewalk 30" below bluff with benches to open view
3. Widen stairs to at least 8' to allow people carrying bulky items such as rafts and coolers
4. Add restrooms that could be locked under wider stairs
5. Erosion control/sections: In Paris they had cement stairs/theater seating along river. Adds sections and protects bluff, could double as venue for music on weddings.



Green stickers: Bump-outs at intersections, stroller/wagon parking, protect existing dunes, multi-use trail with walls where needed at narrow points, bike lane in road, areas of lawn for seating

Red stickers: Shade structures (majority of red stickers), overlook structures, bike lane in road

APPENDIX

PLANTING RECOMMENDATIONS: NATIVE PLANTS



Sand Reed Grass



Little Bluestem



Beach Pea



Pitcher's Thistle



Marram Grass



Blueleaf Willow



Creeping Juniper



Wormwood

NATIVES	
COMMON NAME	LATIN NAME
Foredune	
Marram grass	<i>Ammophila breviligulata</i>
Sand reed grass	<i>Calamovilfa longifolia</i>
Eastern cottonwood	<i>Populus deltoides</i>
Sand cherry	<i>Prunus pumila</i>
Common milkweed	<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>
American sea-rocket	<i>Cakile edentula</i>
Harebell	<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>
Riverbank grape	<i>Vitis riparia</i>
Transition Dune	
Little bluestem	<i>Schizachyrium scoparius</i>
Sand cress	<i>Arabidopsis lyrata</i>
Bearberry	<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>
Wormwood	<i>Artemisia campestris</i>
Blueleaf willow	<i>Salix myricoides</i>
Summer grape	<i>Vitis aestivalis</i>
Bug-seed, tick-seed	<i>Corispermum sp.</i>
Pitcher's thistle***	<i>Cirsium pitcheri</i>
Backdune	
Red-osier dogwood	<i>Cornus sericea</i>
Canada wild rye	<i>Elymus canadensis</i>
Flowering spurge	<i>Euphorbia corollata</i>
Seaside spurge	<i>Euphorbia polygonifolia</i>
False heather	<i>Hudsonia tomentosa</i>
St. John's wort	<i>Hypericum kalmianum</i>
Ground juniper	<i>Juniperus communis</i>
Creeping juniper	<i>Juniperus horizontalis</i>
Eastern red cedar	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>
Beach pea	<i>Lathyrus japonicus</i>
Eastern white pine	<i>Pinus strobus</i>
Plains puccoon	<i>Lithospermum carolinense</i>
American yew	<i>Taxus canadensis</i>
Hop-hornbeam	<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>
Common evening primrose	<i>Oenothera biennis</i>
American basswood	<i>Tilia americana</i>
Balsam fir	<i>Abies balsamea</i>
Red maple	<i>Acer rubrum</i>
Sugar maple	<i>Acer saccharum</i>
Inland serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier interior</i>
Smooth serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier laevis</i>
Red serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier sanguinea</i>
Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier spicata</i>
American beech	<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>
Jack pine	<i>Pinus banksiana</i>
Red pine	<i>Pinus resinosa</i>
Northern red oak	<i>Quercus rubra</i>
Black oak	<i>Quercus velutina</i>
Horsemint	<i>Monarda punctata</i>
Alternate-leaved dogwood	<i>Cornus alternifolia</i>
Northern white cedar	<i>Thuja occidentalis</i>
Eastern hemlock	<i>Tsuga canadensis</i>
Wafer Ash	<i>Ptelea trifoliata</i>

***Endangered

INVASIVE SPECIES TO BE MANAGED



Lyme Grass



Baby's Breath



Japanese Knotweed



Common Reed Grass

INVASIVES	
COMMON NAME	LATIN NAME
Trees	
Norway Maple	<i>Acer platanoides</i>
Tree of Heaven	<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>
Black Alder	<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>
Russian Olive	<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i>
Black Locust	<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>
Shrubs	
Japanese Barberry	<i>Berberis thunbergii</i>
Autumn Olive	<i>Elaeagnus umbellata</i>
Glossy Buckthorn	<i>Frangula alnus/Rhamnus frangula</i>
Privet	<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>
Amur Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera maackii</i>
Morrow's Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera morrowii</i>
Tartarian Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera tatarica</i>
Bell's Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera xbella</i>
Common Buckthorn	<i>Rhamnus cathartica</i>
Black Jetbead	<i>Rhodotypos scandens</i>
Multiflora Rose	<i>Rosa multiflora</i>
Herbaceous Plants	
Garlic Mustard	<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>
Asiatic Sand Sedge	<i>Carex kobomugi</i>
Narrow-leaved Bitter-cress	<i>Cardamine impatiens</i>
Spotted Knapweed	<i>Centaurea stoebe/Centaurea maculosa</i>
Canada Thistle	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>
European Swamp Thistle	<i>Cirsium palustre</i>
Black Swallow-wort	<i>Cynanchum louiseae /Vincetoxicum nigrum</i>
Pale Swallow-wort	<i>Cynanchum rossicum /Vincetoxicum rossicum</i>
Chinese Yam	<i>Dioscorea oppositifolia</i>
Leafy Spurge	<i>Euphorbia esula</i>
Baby's Breath	<i>Gypsophila paniculata</i>
Giant Hogweed	<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>
Himalayan Balsam	<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>
Dame's Rocket	<i>Hesperis matronalis</i>
Lyme-grass	<i>Leymus arenarius</i>
Purple Loosetrife	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>
White Sweet Clover	<i>Melilotus alba</i>
Yellow Sweet Clover	<i>Melilotus officinalis</i>
Japanese Stilt Grass	<i>Microstegium viminium</i>
Wild Parsnip	<i>Pastinaca sativa</i>
Butterbur	<i>Petasites hybridus</i>
Reed Canarygrass	<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>
Common Reed Grass	<i>Phragmites australis</i>
Japanese Knotweed	<i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i>
Giant Knotweed	<i>Polygonum sachalinense</i>
Mile-a-minute Weed	<i>Polygonum perfoliatum</i>
Narrow-leaved Cat-tail	<i>Typha angustifolia</i>
Vines	
Oriental Bittersweet	<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i>
Japanese Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera japonica</i>
Kudzu	<i>Pueraria lobata</i>
Aquatic Plants	
Flowering Rush	<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>
Water-hyacinth	<i>Eichornia crassipes</i>
Hydrilla	<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i>
European Frog-bit	<i>Hydrocharis morsus-ranae</i>
Eurasian Water Milfoil	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>
Curly Pondweed	<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>

Species accounts are available at www.misin.msu.edu for a number of plants that have been noted as invasive or having invasive tendencies in Michigan. Some of these are commonly recognized invasive species: Garlic Mustard, Purple Loosetrife or Phragmites. Others such as Black Jetbead, Swallow-wort, Water Hyacinth and European Frog-bit are emerging threats. Hydrilla and Mile a Minute are not yet in state but are nearby and considered particularly destructive.

Vegetation Maintenance Specifications

Date: 11/3/16
To: William Hunter, Director of Public Works, City of South Haven
From: Edgewater Resources

These specifications apply to maintenance of vegetation along the lakeside bluff west of Monroe Boulevard in South Haven, Michigan, approximately between Van Buren Street to the north and Chestnut Street to the south.

General assumptions:

Scrub vegetation currently helps to stabilize the slope of this bluff. Only invasive plants and plants that do not fit the requirements of Attachment A (Vegetation Maintenance Diagram) should be removed.

Before any plants are pruned or removed, contractor shall contact Region 8 (Van Buren County) DNR Customer Service Center in Plainwell, MI. (269) 685-6851. The goal of this consultation is to ensure that contractor can successfully identify protected plant species to avoid, and invasive plant species to remove.

Maintenance specifications:

- The level area of turf grass immediately west of Monroe Boulevard, of varying width, shall be mown on the same schedule as the tree lawn on the east side of the street.
- Any deciduous trees along the tree lawn on either side of the street shall be pruned to maintain a 8' clear zone from finished grade to first branches. (See attachment A)
- Trees and shrubs along the bluff shall be pruned to the specifications shown on Attachment A. If a tree or shrub requires significant pruning to meet these requirements (the integrity of the plant is compromised), then the plant should be removed completely.
- A small number of trees that do not meet requirements will be allowed to remain on slope (approximately one per 75'), as long as views are not significantly compromised. These trees should be flagged by the contractor for City approval.

Invasive plants to remove:

Any invasive species should be removed and replaced with native dune grasses, species per DNR recommendations. If areas larger than 100 square feet (or per DNR recommendations) are exposed during vegetation removal, jute mesh or other similar biodegradable material should be used to ensure stabilization during dune grass establishment.

- Invasive grasses:
 - Carex kobomugi, Asiatic Sand Sedge
 - Microstegium vimineum, Japanese Stiltgrass
 - Phragmites australis, Phragmites
- Invasive vines:
 - Cynanchum louiseae, Black Swallow-wort
 - Dioscorea oppositifolia, Chinese Yam



- *Pueraria montana* var. *lobata*, Kudzu
- *Persicaria perfoliata*, Mile-a-Minute Weed
- *Celastrus orbiculatus*, Oriental Bittersweet
- *Cynanchum rossicum*, Pale Swallow-wort
- Invasive forbs:
 - *Petasites hybridus*, Butterbur
 - *Alliaria petiolata*, Garlic Mustard
 - *Heracleum mantegazzianum*, Giant Hogweed
 - *Impatiens glandulifera*, Himalayan Balsam
 - *Lythrum salicaria*, Purple Loosestrife
 - *Centaurea stoebe*, Spotted Knapweed
 - *Pastinaca sativa*, Wild Parsnip
- Invasive shrubs:
 - *Elaeagnus umbellata*, Autumn Olive
 - *Rhamnus cathartica*, Common Buckthorn
 - *Polygonum sahalinensis*, Giant Knotweed
 - *Rhamnus frangula*, Glossy Buckthorn
 - *Berberis thunbergii*, Japanese Barberry
 - *Fallopia japonica*, Japanese Knotweed
 - *Rosa multiflora*, Multiflora Rose
- Invasive trees:
 - *Robinia pseudoacacia*, Black Locust
 - *Ailanthus altissima*, Tree of Heaven

The above represents the author's understanding of the issues discussed. If there are any significant errors or omissions, please send comments to me at sfromson@edgewaterresources.com.

Respectfully Submitted,

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ATTACHMENT A

Vegetation Maintenance Diagram - Looking North

