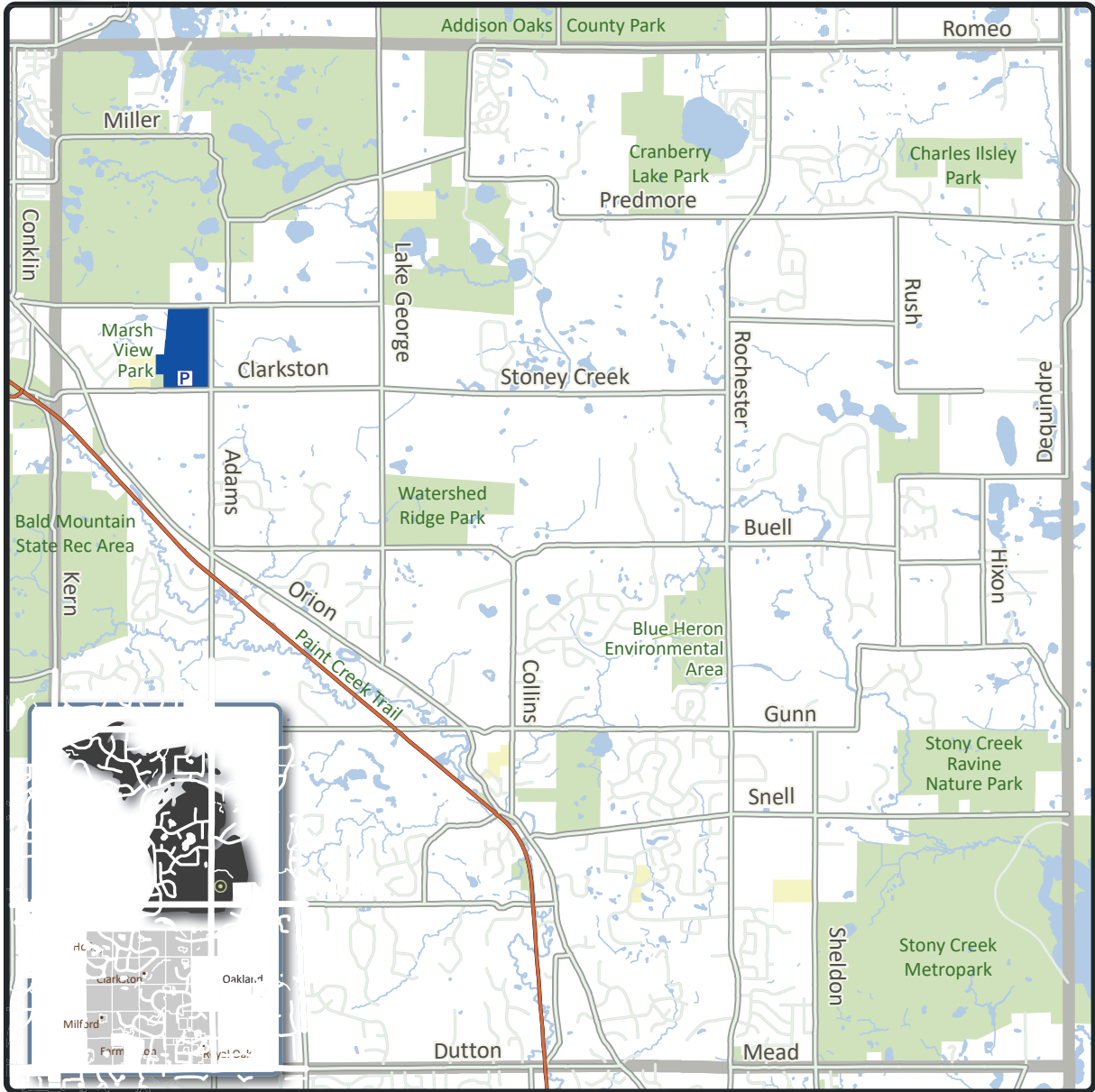




Project Location Map

TF26-0004



Paint Creek Trail	Municipal Boundary
Highway	Lakes & Rivers
Major Road	Recreation Land
Marsh View Park	School
Parking	

Distance in Miles

Proposed Project Location:
 3100 E Clarkston Rd, Rochester, MI 48363
 42.769148, -83.200239

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 Marsh View Park Improvements
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Map provided by: 

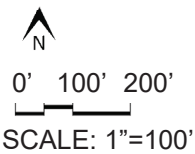
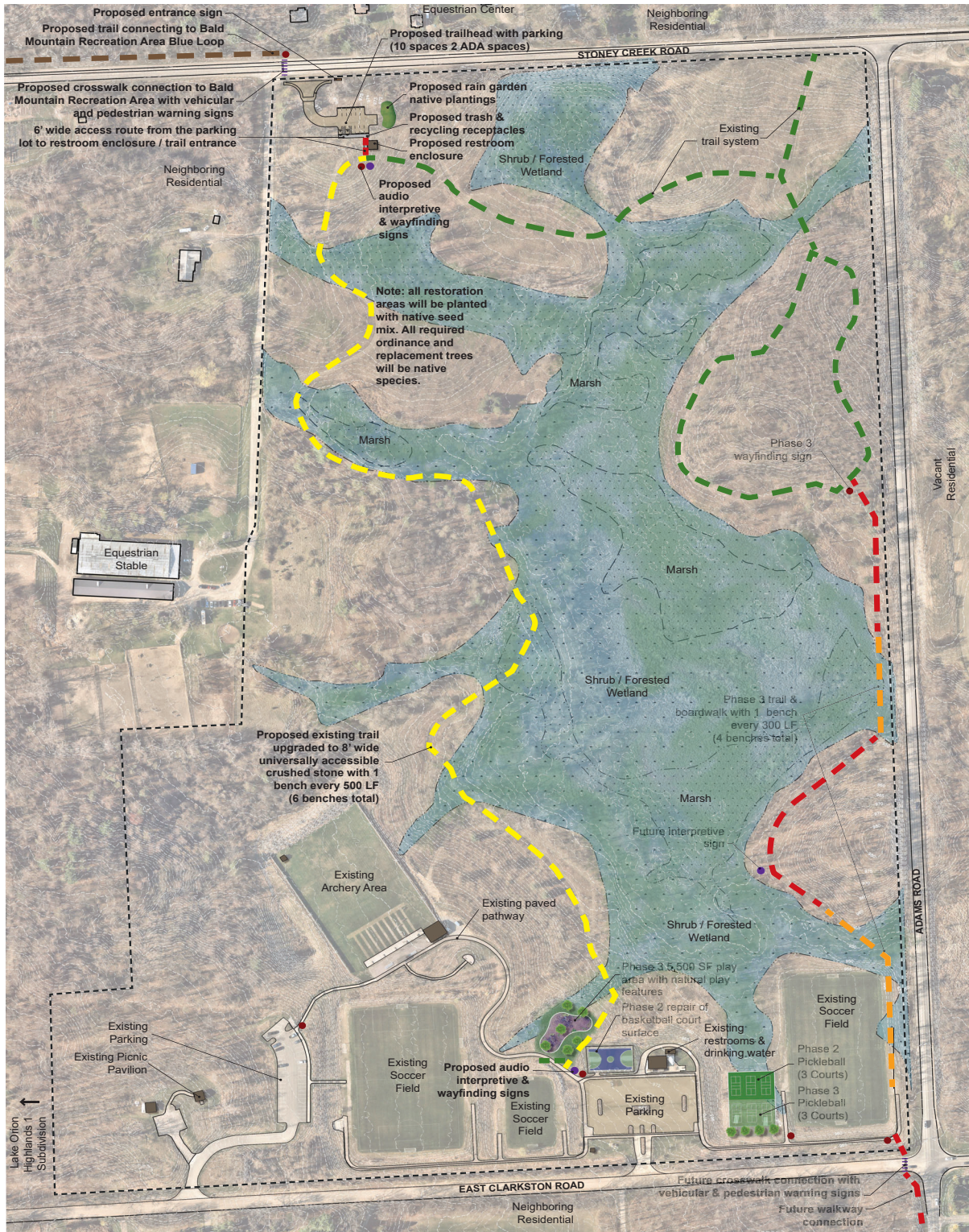
APPLICANT

Contact: Ben McLoskey
 Phone: (248) 842-1092
 Email: bmcloskey@oaklandtwpmi.gov

Charter Township of Oakland
 4393 Collins Road 48306

MARSH VIEW PARK ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application No. TF26-0004
 Oakland Charter Township



LEGEND	
	Existing Trail System
	Proposed Interpretive Sign
	Proposed Wayfinding Sign
	Proposed Upgrade of Existing Trail to 8' Width Universally Accessible Trail (crushed stone surfacing) - .56 miles (+/- 2,960 LF)
	Existing Paved Pathways
	Proposed Crosswalk Connection
	Proposed Bald Mountain Connector Trail
	Future 8' Width Universally Accessible Trail (crushed stone surfacing) 0.2 miles (+/- 1,100 LF)
	Future Boardwalk - .01 miles (+/- 600 LF)
	Project Boundary
	Wetlands

MARSH VIEW PARK IMPROVEMENTS SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application No. TF26-0004

Oakland Charter Township

Section A: Applicant Site and Project Information

Instructions:

1. Click **Save** to save changes.
2. See the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines [here](#) for guidance.

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application

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

Is the application for site development or land acquisition?

Development

Acquisition

***Name of Applicant (Government Unit)**

Oakland Charter Township

***UEI Number**

242

***SIGMA Vendor Number**

CV0023503

***SIGMA Address Code**

001

***Name of Authorized Representative**

Ben McLoskey

***Title**

Parks and Recreation Director

Address

4393 Collins Road

City

Rochester

State

MI

***ZIP**

48306

***County**

Oakland County

Telephone

(248) 651-4440

***E-mail**

bmcloskey@oaklandtwp.org

***State House District**

District 66

***State Senate District**

District 24

***U.S. Congress District**

District 9

***Proposal Title (Not to exceed 60 characters)**

Marsh View Park Access Improvements

***Proposal Description**

Development project at 96-acre Marsh View Park will provide improved trail access to this park's high-quality natural areas including a pedestrian/bicycling connection to Bald Mountain Recreation Area at the north end of the park and to active recreation areas at the south end. Improvements include universally accessible park trails with benches, wayfinding, and nature interpretive signs, a northern vehicular entrance for universally accessible trailhead support facilities including parking and restrooms.

***Address of Site**

3100 E. Clarkston Road

***City, Village or Township of Site**

Oakland Township

***Zip**

48363

***Park Name**

Marsh View Park

***County in which Site is located**

Oakland

***Town, Range and Section Numbers of Site Location**

*Letters must be upper-case:
(examples: T02N, R13E, 22)*

(Town)	(Range)	(Section)
T04N	R11E	07

***Latitude/Longitude at park entrance**

(Latitude)	(Longitude)
42.769148	-83.200239

Section B: Project Funding and Explanation of Match Sources

Instructions:

1. Click **Save** to save changes.
2. See the Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines [here](#) for guidance.

SOURCES OF MATCHING FUNDS

PROJECT COST AMOUNTS

*Grant amount requested (round to the nearest hundred dollars)	\$400,000
Total Match (Must be at least 25% of total project cost)	\$370,500
Total Project Cost (Must equal the total estimated cost on Section C: Project Details page)	\$770,500
Percentage of match commitment (Must be at least 25% of total project cost)	48%
a) General Funds or Local Restricted Funds (Applicant's own cash)	\$345,500
b) Force Account Labor/Materials (Applicant's own paid labor or materials)	\$25,000
c) Federal or State Funds	

*(2) Program Name	*Administering Agency	
*Contact Name for Administering Agency	*Telephone	*Amount

***Type of Funds**

- | | |
|--|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grant funds awarded | <i>Date grant funds approved</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grant funds applied for, not yet approved | <i>Estimated approval date</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriated funds | <i>Date appropriated</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other, explain | |

*Is documentation containing the scope of work and budget for the other grant funds included with application?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yes	No

*Is documentation (such as grant approval letter) that verifies the availability of funds included in the application?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yes	No

Check to add program information for additional State or Federal funds that will be used as Match.

*(3) Program Name		*Administering Agency
*Contact Name for Administering Agency	*Telephone	*Amount

*Type of Funds

Grant funds awarded

Date grant funds approved

Grant funds applied for, not yet approved

Estimated approval date

Appropriated funds

Date appropriated

Other, explain

*Is documentation containing the scope of work and budget for the other grant funds included with application?

Yes

No

*Is documentation (such as grant approval letter) that verifies the availability of funds included in the application?

Yes

No

d) Cash Donations

e) Donated Labor and/or Materials

f) Donated Land Value (acquisition applications only)

Section C2: Project Details

Instructions:

1. All required fields are marked with an *.
2. Use the Save button to save text and calculate data on each page.
3. Save at least every 30 minutes to avoid losing data.
4. See the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines [here](#) for guidance.
5. You may upload a cost breakdown in the required uploads page as supporting documentation.

Development Applications ONLY

* Applicant's current control of the site:

Fee Simple

Lease

Easement

Other (describe)

*Age of Park

25
Years

* Acres

96.00

Project Cost Estimate Table

YOU MUST CHOOSE SCOPE ITEM(S) FROM THE LIST IN THE DROP DOWN BOX.

<u>SCOPE ITEM</u>	<u>DNR ONLY Accessibility Guidelines</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>TOTAL ESTIMATED COST</u>
<i>Access Pathway 6' wide or more</i>		1	\$28,300
<i>Parking Lot – Aggregate</i>		1	\$62,500
<i>Paved ADA Parking Space(s)</i>		2	\$31,500
<i>Trail 6' wide or more</i>		1	\$261,000
<i>Landscaping with Native Plants</i>		50	\$98,000
<i>Bench(es)</i>		6	\$20,000
<i>Rain Garden with Native Plants</i>		1	\$29,500
<i>Signage – ADA Parking Signs</i>		2	\$1,000

<i>Entrance Drive</i>	1	\$29,400
<i>Recycle Bin(s)</i>	6	\$4,600
<i>Signage – Entrance</i>	1	\$4,000
<i>Signage – Interpretive</i>	2	\$18,000
<i>Signage – Wayfinding</i>	4	\$6,700

Select the plus sign button to create new rows.

Other: <i>Enclosure for Portable Restrooms</i>

1	\$33,000
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Do not list the aspects of project execution, such as labor, construction equipment, contingency, site work, grading or raw materials.

Select the plus sign button to create new rows.

	Permit Fees	\$55,000
	MNRTF Sign	
	Subtotal	\$682,500
Engineering <i>(These fees may not exceed 20% of subtotal)</i>		\$88,000
Total Estimated Cost <i>(Must equal Total Project Cost amount on Section B page.)</i>		\$770,500

No
Yes**List Communities:*****7) Explain how you plan to address safety considerations and crime prevention in the project area?**

Park safety and crime prevention starts with appropriate design, location, and management. The proposed parking lot, trailhead, and trail facilities will be visible from Stony Creek Road, a major east/west thoroughfare. This location will be patrolled by Oakland County Sheriff Deputies; Oakland Township's enforcement officers. Marsh View Park rules and regulations, including hours of operation (dusk to dawn) are posted at all park entrances.

***8) Explain how you will make the public aware of the project, as well as the efforts you will use to publicize and promote your project. Include marketing methods that will effectively communicate with persons with disabilities.**

The opening of these new facilities will be celebrated with a ribbon-cutting event including guided park tours and refreshments which would be advertised in the media across the region, in local newspapers and to our network of local and regional accessibility advocates. The new facilities would be highlighted in the Township municipal newsletter, website, Facebook, in trail and park map brochures, and in conjunction with any park programming or events such as summer concerts and fall festival.

***9) Does the applicant have a formal recreation department or committee? Please explain below. For park committees, describe how members are appointed, their roles and responsibilities. List of members and meeting schedule.**

Oakland Township Parks and Recreation department's ten employees plus seasonal staff report to a 7-member elected Parks and Recreation Commission that meets on a monthly basis. The department includes staff that cover administrative, maintenance, natural area stewardship and recreation responsibilities. Both the Commission and Department are described on pages 111 and 112 of the Oakland Charter Township Parks, Recreation, and Land Preservation 2025 - 2029 Master Plan.

Section E: Application History and Stewardship

Instructions:

1. Click **Save** to save changes.
2. See the Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines [here](#) for guidance.

NO **YES**

**1) Questions 1 is for acquisition applications only - for development projects, leave blank and move to question 2.*

Will the applicant have adequate funds on hand to complete the acquisition transaction without any third party assistance (i.e. loans, lines of credit, etc.) **until partial reimbursement and final audit is completed** (approximately 180 days after closing)?

If yes, please provide documentation that supports this on the Required Attachments page.

**2) Has applicant received DNR recreation grant(s) in the past?*

If yes, does applicant currently have an open, active grant?

**3) Has applicant closed, sold, or transferred any parkland or recreation facilities in the past 5 years?*

(If yes, provide comments below)

** 4) Does applicant have a known unresolved conversion of grant-assisted parkland?*

(Note: a conversion is a change from public outdoor recreation use to some other use.)

(If yes, provide comments below)

**5) Does applicant have a "residents only" policy for this park or other parks or recreation facilities?*

(If yes, provide comments below)

**6) Do you now or do you intend in the future to charge an entrance fee to the project site?*

(If yes, provide comments below)

***7) What is the applicant's current year budget for parks and recreation?**

\$3,456,700.00

***8) What are the estimated operation and maintenance costs associated with the project?**

\$15,250.00

Comments:

Regarding Question 2, Oakland Township has an executed project agreement for LW26-01902; the Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park Development Project. The MDNR has approved the project construction plans, specifications and bid documents. Oakland Township has bid out the project and will submit the bid results to MDNR for contractor approval this Spring. Expectation is to construct facilities in 2026.

Section F: Site Conditions

Instructions:

1. Complete the following property checklist on the environmental Conditions at the project site and adjacent areas, using information from the past ten years or longer, as appropriate.
2. If you answer **YES** or **UNKNOWN** to questions 1-15, you are required to prepare an environmental report. See the Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines [here](#) for guidance.
3. Click **Save** to save changes.

NO YES UNKNOWN

*1) Does the applicant, landowner, or others have knowledge that any portion of the property is or has been used for industrial purposes, including manufacturing and/or minerals' processing or extraction (sand, gravel, oil, or gas) at this time or in the past?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*2) Does the applicant, landowner, or others have knowledge that any portion of the property is currently being used or has been used in the past for a gas station, motor vehicle service or repair facility, commercial printing facility, dry cleaners, photo developing lab, junkyard, landfill, waste treatment, storage, processing or recycling or disposal facility?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*3) Does the applicant, landowner, or others have knowledge that any of the following are or have in the past been stored, discarded, or used on the property – automotive or industrial batteries, pesticides or other chemicals used in agricultural practices, paints, industrial waste, or other chemicals in drums or other containers?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*4) Does the applicant, landowner, or others have knowledge that fill dirt or other fill material of unknown origin is on this property or has in the past been placed on the property?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*5) Does the applicant, landowner, or others have knowledge of any evidence of leaks, spills, or stains from a substance other than water at this time or in the past?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*6) Does the applicant, landowner, or others have knowledge that there are or have in the past been waste disposal pits, lagoons, or ponds on the property?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*7) Does the applicant, landowner, or others have knowledge that there are at this time or have in the past been registered or unregistered storage tanks on the property?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*8) Does the applicant, landowner, or others have knowledge that contaminated groundwater lies below the property?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*9) If there is a water well on the property, does the applicant, landowner, or others have knowledge that contaminants have been identified in the well that exceeded legal standards or has the well been identified as contaminated by a government agency?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*10) Has the landowner been notified about any current violations of environmental laws pertaining to activities on the property or does applicant, landowner, or others have knowledge about past violations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*11) Has the landowner been notified of any environmental assessments of the property that identified a) the presence of hazardous substances, petroleum products, or contamination; or b) the need for further assessment?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*12) Does the applicant, landowner, or others have knowledge that any hazardous substances, unidentified waste materials, tires, or automotive or industrial batteries have been dumped above ground, buried, or burned on the property?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*13) Is the property listed on any federal or state list of contaminated sites, including the site of a leaking underground storage tank?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*14) Does the applicant, landowner, or others have knowledge that any of the adjoining properties are currently being used or have been used in the past for the purposes listed in the previous questions 1-13?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*15) Has an environmental assessment been completed for the site?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If yes, please provide documentation that supports this on the Required Attachments page.

*16) Are permits required for the development of the site?

If yes, please complete the following table:

TYPE OF PERMIT	PERMITTING AGENCY	EFFORTS TAKEN TO OBTAIN PERMIT OR DETERMINING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS
<i>Work in Road Right-of-Way</i>	<i>Road Commission for Oakland County</i>	<i>Preliminary Discussion with RCOC Permit Rep to Review Parking Lot Entry Location and Crossing</i>
<i>Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control</i>	<i>Oakland County Water Resource Commission</i>	<i>Anticipated Application Submittal 2027</i>
<i>Site Plan Approval</i>	<i>Oakland Township</i>	<i>Anticipated Application Submittal 2027</i>
<i>EGLE/USACE Joint Permit</i>	<i>MI EGLE Water Resources Division</i>	<i>Anticipated Application Submittal 2027</i>

If 'Yes' or 'Unknown' was selected for any of the questions on this page, please explain here:

All the required local, state, and federal permits needed for this proposed development will be obtained.

Section G: Natural Features of The Project Site

Instructions:

1. Click **Save** to save changes.
2. Great Lakes connecting waters are defined in the *Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines*.
3. See the Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines [here](#) for guidance.

To the best of your knowledge, does the project site include:

***Great Lakes shoreline or Great Lakes connecting water frontage?**

No Yes

***Inland lake frontage?**

No Yes

***River and/or tributary frontage?**

No Yes

***Wetland acreage or frontage?**

No Yes

If yes, please list the number of acres of the type(s) of wetland(s) on site:

Marsh	Bog	Dune and swale complex
10.95		
Prairie	Forest	Boreal Forest
	6.43	
Fen	Shrub	Type unknown
	13.39	1.27

Is documentation of type and quality with application?

No Yes

If yes, source of information:

J&L Wetland Report/2023 Nat Comm Update

***Other water acreage or frontage?**

No Yes

***Sand dunes?**

No Yes

***Dedicated state or federal listed wilderness or dedicated natural area or Pigeon River County State Forest land or inholding?**

No Yes

***Rare species or any other significant feature as defined by the Michigan Natural Features Inventory?**

No

Yes

If yes, list species or feature and status. *MNFI Designated Priority 2 Conservation Area as Shown on 2017 MNFI Natural Areas Map*
if too many to list here, include in the application narrative.

Population/range locations denoted on site plan or other map?

No

Yes

Section H: Wildlife Values of The Project Site

Instructions:

1. Click **Save** to save changes.
2. See the Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines [here](#) for guidance.

Will the proposed park or park development:

* **Protect wildlife habitat** (for example, breeding grounds, winter deeryards, den sites)? **No** **Yes**

If yes, list species: *Leopard, Green and Wood Frogs*

How many acres of habitat does the site provide? *32.04*

* **Act as a wildlife corridor between existing protected areas or buffer an existing protected area?** **No** **Yes**

If yes, name the existing park(s) or protected area(s): *Bald Mountain State Recreation area*

How many acres are currently in protected status? *4,637.00*

Is documentation of the ecological value of adjacent protected areas and/or the ability of the project site to act as a corridor/buffer provided with application? **No** **Yes**

If yes, source of information: *2017 MNFI Natural Areas, Oakland County Green Infrastructure,*

Section I: Natural Resource Recreation Opportunities

Instructions:

1. Click **Save** to save changes.
2. See the Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines [here](#) for guidance.

Will the proposed park or park development provide new or additional:

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| *Water recreation opportunities? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| *Motorized recreation opportunities (ORV and/or Snowmobile)? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| *Hunting Opportunities? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| *Fishing opportunities? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| *Bird watching or other nature viewing opportunities? | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes |

If yes, what species can be viewed?

See Oakland Audubon avian species list, mammal and amphibian inventory

- | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|---|
| *Nature interpretation or education opportunities? | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes |
|--|-----------------------------|---|

If yes, how are the interpretation or education opportunities provided? (check all that apply)

Interpretive signage Part time or volunteer naturalist

Interpretive brochures Full time naturalist

Nature center

Have you formed a partnership with another organization to provide interpretive/educational services? No Yes

If yes, name of organization:

Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve, Rochester

Provided examples of interpretive materials, descriptions of classes, and other documentation on the interpretive/educational services provided with application:

Please find attached the summer, fall and winter/spring editions of the Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Newsletter that include nature programs, and camps which are currently offered for children, families and adults. There are also pages of Natural Areas Stewardship programs and volunteer workday opportunities which include weekly bird walks. workshops regarding prescribed fire, invasive plant removal workdays, as well as vernal pool and bird nest monitoring. The location for the bird walks rotates on a weekly basis with Marsh View Park included every month.

Also attached are examples of interpretive audio signage located at Marsh View Park and Lost Lake Nature Park. Marsh View Park's two signs, which were installed 15 years ago, include an orientation sign showing the location of park facilities and an interpretive sign that gives an overview of how the park's large wetland was formed and which plants and wildlife inhabit it. Now that we have additional data from bird walks and natural area stewardship staff monitoring, new interpretive signs will provide greater detail regarding the birds and plants found along the proposed accessible nature trail that skirts the edge of the wetland.

Section J: Public Access Opportunities

Instructions:

- 1. Click **Save** to save changes.
- 2. See the Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines [here](#) for guidance.

*** Will the site be open to the general public?**

No

Yes

List the hours open to the public:

	From	To	Closed
Sunday	<i>Sunrise</i>	<i>Sunset</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monday	<i>Sunrise</i>	<i>Sunset</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday	<i>Sunrise</i>	<i>Sunset</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wednesday	<i>Sunrise</i>	<i>Sunset</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thursday	<i>Sunrise</i>	<i>Sunset</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Friday	<i>Sunrise</i>	<i>Sunset</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Saturday	<i>Sunrise</i>	<i>Sunset</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holidays	<i>Sunrise</i>	<i>Sunset</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comment:

*** Will this site have an entrance fee?**

No

Yes

Section K: Trails

Instructions:

1. Click **Save** to save changes.
2. See the Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines [here](#) for guidance.

* Is the proposed site a trail?

No **Yes**

Who is the primary intended user? (Check one)

Hikers/Pedestrians
 Road Bicyclists
 Equestrians
 Mountain Bicyclists
 Cross-Country Skiers
 Snowmobilers
 Other motorized vehicle users
 Other, explain:

Who are the secondary users?

Hikers/Pedestrians
 Road Bicyclists
 Equestrians
 Mountain Bicyclists
 Cross-Country Skiers
 Snowmobilers
 Other motorized vehicle users
 Other, explain:

Is the trail connected to another trail(s) or part of a larger trail network?

No **Yes**

If yes, what is the name of the network?
Bald Mountain Recreation Area North Unit

How long is the trail?

3,000
 Total linear feet

Linear feet bituminous (paved)

Linear feet boardwalk (if applicable)

Linear feet sidewalk

3,000
 Linear feet other hard surface

What is the width of the trail?

8
 Linear feet

* Is this proposed project part of the Iron Belle Trail (Governor's Showcase Trail)?

(Applicable for Development or Acquisition)

No **Yes**

Application Narrative

Instructions:

1. The application narrative is an important source of information used to evaluate and score your application. It will provide Grants Management with an overall picture of your proposed project. It is strongly recommended that you review the MNRTF Application Guidelines for additional clarification of what items should be included in the application narrative.
2. Click **Save** to save changes.
3. See the Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines [here](#) for guidance.

*I. Project Justification and Support:

NEED FOR PROJECT IN RECREATION PLAN: This project is included as a high priority grant-assisted project in the Capital Improvement Plan of the 2025-2029 Oakland Township Parks, Recreation and Land Preservation Master Plan on page 28 and the need, opportunities and concept for this project are also referenced on pages 40, 49, 78, 79, and 279. The Master Plan underscores the development of walking or biking trails as the most requested amenity in the recent community survey.

RELATION TO OTHER FACILITIES: This project's trail and trailhead amenities will provide an inclusive facility for exercise and nature observation/interpretation in Township Parks. The proposed connection to Bald Mountain Recreation Area North Unit's 7.2 miles of trails will be one of the only Township Park trail connections to a regional park trail system and will provide the Township's first opportunity to partner with the MDNR Parks and Recreation Division to connect their parks. This trail connection between the southern and northern areas of Marsh View Park; providing a pedestrian link between Clarkston Road, Stony Creek Road and Bald Mountain Recreation Area; is included in the attached SEMCOG Planned Bikeway & Pedestrian Network, Oakland County Trail Network, and 2024 Township Trails and Pathways Strategy Plan.

ALIGNMENT WITH SCORP & MNRTF PRIORITIES: Expansion of Trails, Community Recreation and Universal Access by meeting the community's highest priority desire for trail-based recreation opportunities; providing new universally accessible multi-use trail and support facilities close to home for nature enthusiasts, walkers, runners, and bicyclists. Incorporation of Green Technology including a bioswale for managing storm water, native plantings, and solar-powered signage. Collaboration on planning, construction and activation is supported with public and non-profit agencies including Bald Mountain Recreation Area staff, Township Safety Paths and Trails Committee, Clinton River Area Mountain Bike Assoc., Older Persons' Commission, Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve, and Six Rivers Land Conservancy. This project aligns with MNRTF Board "Land Trails" Priority for development of a local land trail and trailhead.

PUBLIC INPUT: Stakeholder and community input was received at a well-attended February 12, 2026 Design Workshop and a Public Hearing held on March 11, 2026, both of which were advertised to public, park users, and park neighbors.

ACCESSIBILITY REVIEW: 10 local and regional access advocacy groups were invited to the Feb. 9, 2026 Accessibility Workshop. Their suggestions have been incorporated into the project: Unitary surfacing for accessible trails/routes, accessible route from accessible parking spaces to recreation & support facilities, all accessible portable toilets, trailside seating areas, and distance markers on wayfinding signage.

PUBLIC SUPPORT: Letters of support are expected from the general public, accessibility advocates, and OTPR partners.

*II. Project Description:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project's access and connectivity improvements will provide improved trail access to Marsh View Park's high-quality natural areas; offering a universally accessible pedestrian/bicycling connection to Bald Mountain State Recreation Area at the north end of the park and to the active recreation area at the south end.

SCOPE ITEMS:

Universal-Access Parking Lot – 2-way entrance and aggregate 10 space parking lot plus 2 paved, striped, and signed ADA spaces.

Universal-Access Pathways – 6' wide concrete-surface access route with maximum 5% running slope/ 2% cross slope connects from ADA parking spaces to support facilities and universal-access trails.

Universal-Access Restrooms – Wooden enclosure on concrete slab along accessible route with adequate clear space to house 2 unisex ADA portable restrooms.

Universal-access Trail and Seating Areas – .57-mile 8'-wide crushed limestone trail with maximum 5% slope/2% cross slope with pull-off areas every 500' containing a total of 6 accessible benches.

Universal Access Benches – with backs/armrests located on unitary surfacing with adjacent clear space.

Entrance, Informational, Wayfinding, and Parking signs - 2 universal-access solar-powered interpretive signs in auditory and pictorial formats explaining: 1. Orientation to park. 2. Bird species found in this park. Universal-access wayfinding signage with distance markers in a variety of formats (braille, large print, QR codes) at each intersection.

Recycle/Trash Bins – 6 total located on the accessible route near parking lot and restrooms.

Rain Garden (Bioswale) planted with native plants will detain and clean storm water runoff from parking lot.

Native Plants Landscaping—trees and shrubs to provide shade and screening, native seed mixes for site restoration.

TRAIL PROJECT

This project's trail is proposed to connect to Bald Mountain Recreation Area North Unit 's 7.2-mile trail system for pedestrians, bicyclists and cross-country skiers as shown on the attached MDNR park map. This proposed trail connection is included in the attached plans from SEMCOG, Oakland County, and the 2024 Township Trails and Pathways Committee.

SUSTAINABLE DESIGN FEATURES

1. Solar-powered audio signs, 2. Bioswale to detain and clean storm water runoff, 3. Native trees, shrubs, seed mixes for shade, screening, & site restoration, 4. Recycling Bins.

PARK VISIBILITY AND EASE OF ACCESS

Marsh View Park's facilities and entrance signs are clearly visible from major road corridors including Clarkston, Adams, and Stony Creek roads. The park is 1/8 mile east of 60 homes in the Lake Orion Highlands 1 subdivision.

TYPES OF SITE ACCESS

- 1. Vehicular access from Clarkston Road and Stony Creek Road*
- 2. Horseback Riding access from nearby equestrian facilities*
- 3. Park-to-park pedestrian trail Connection: Marsh View Park & Bald Mountain Recreation Area*
- 4. Public Transportation: OPC Minibus for Rochester, Rochester Hills & Oakland Township*

**III. Natural Resource Access and Protection:*

ACCESS TO NATURAL RESOURCES

This project will provide a broader spectrum of park visitors access to resource-based recreation opportunities including wildlife observation, nature interpretation, and environmental education at the 32-acre wetland complex and hiking/bicycling/horseback riding and cross-country skiing. While the current mowed trails are not accessible, the proposed universal trail improvements and support facilities will enable a more diverse group of park users to enjoy this park's natural areas.

QUALITY OF MARSH VIEW PARK'S NATURAL RESOURCES AND INCLUSION IN GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

This park's high-quality wetlands are included in the attached Oakland County Green Infrastructure Plan as a "Site"; an ecological landscape feature component, and in the attached 2017 Michigan Natural Feature Inventory (MNFI) Natural Areas Map as a Priority 2 Natural Area. This park's attached 2023 Natural Communities map and associated Botanical Inventory of 203 native plants demonstrates the wetlands' significance from a natural quality perspective. Attached expert documentation describes wildlife occurrences including 52 bird species, mammals, and amphibians, such as the Northern Leopard Frog which is an indicator of high-quality natural areas.

RESOURCE-BASED RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES AT MARSH VIEW PARK AND BALD MOUNTAIN RECREATION AREA

This project's universal trail improvements will provide new opportunities for people with varied physical ability levels to traverse Marsh View Park's forest, field, and wetland habitats while offering excellent wildlife viewing opportunities across the fields and through the wetland edge into the interior cattail marsh area (see photos).

Oakland Township's naturalist-led environmental education programs and volunteer workdays will be expanded and new interpretive signs will provide greater detail regarding the wetland habitat, birds, and plant life found along the proposed universal trail that skirts the edge of the Marsh View Park wetland.

This project's trail is also proposed to connect to Bald Mountain Recreation Area North Unit 's 7.2-mile trail system; giving users the opportunity to enjoy the hills, forests, and many inland lakes which have been defined by the MNFI as high-quality ecological references that are significant at the state-wide level.

MANAGEMENT OF PROJECT SITE TO MAINTAIN NATURAL FEATURES

Oakland Township's natural areas stewardship staff's longtime management of this park's natural areas and native plantings will continue. The attached Marsh View Park 2010 Comprehensive Management Plan, which has guided this work, emphasizes the protection of the large marsh as its most important goal. See attached examples of the annual Marsh View Park stewardship reports which summarize management activities including botanical inventories, invasive plant treatment, seed harvesting/spreading, and wildlife observations.

IV. Other Information:

PROPOSED LAND PERMISSION FOR THE BALD MOUNTAIN RECREATION AREA CONNECTOR TRAIL

Oakland Township Parks and Recreation is collaborating with MDNR staff on the the connector trail in Bald Mountain Recreation Area. OTPR understands that the location and design of the connector trail must be reviewed and approved by the MDNR. Please see the attached letter from the Bald Mountain Recreation Area Unit Supervisor stating his support for this project and the proposed trail connection.

Required Attachments for Development Projects

Instructions:

1. All required fields are marked with an *****.
2. Attachments may be in **Word, PDF, JPG, XLS** or **GIF** format.
3. Save at least every 30 minutes to avoid losing data.
4. See the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines.

Upload Attachments:

- Drag and drop the document into the space provided, OR
- Click the **Browse** button to search for the document.
- Double-click on the document you want to attach.
- Click the **+** button to add additional uploads.

All location maps, site development plans, boundary maps, and other graphic information must be clear, legible, detailed, and appropriately labeled. Grants Management staff use these materials to help evaluate your application and to find and evaluate many of the sites. We must also photocopy many of the graphic materials in black-and-white; be sure that what you submit will photocopy legibly.

REQUIRED CONTENT FOR DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

* Maintenance Plan:

Maintenance Plan Marsh View Park Access Improvements TF26-0004.pdf

* Project Location Map(s):

TF26-0004 Project Location Map, BMRA Trails and Regional Trail Plans.pdf

* Site Development Plan:

TF26-0004 Site Development Plan.pdf

* Boundary Map(s) delineating the legal boundaries of the park site(s) outlined in **red**; show easements in **green**:

TF26-0004 Signed Boundary Map.pdf

* Photographs of the site - digital images, combine into one file:

TF26-0004 Marsh View Park Access Improvement Photos.docx

* Certified Resolution: from the highest governing body:

* Minutes of the Public Meeting held for public comment and to pass the resolution for the application:

* Copy Site Control Form and Deed (commitment letter to transfer property, for development projects)

TF26-0004 Signed Site Control Form.pdf

TF26-0004 Marsh View Park Warranty Deeds.pdf

* Notice of Intent Form and copy of letter transmitting form to regional clearinghouse to the regional clearinghouse:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS:

Letter(s) of support:

Marsh View Park, BMRA endorsement letter..pdf

Documentation of match commitment(s), (if required on the Section B form):

Universal Design Documentation:

Feb 9 2026 Accessibility Workshop Invitation, Invitees, Meeting Minutes.pdf

TF26-0004 Universal Design Details - Benches, Audio Signs, Recycling Bins.pdf

Preliminary floor plans and elevation drawings for the proposed structures, if applicable

TF26-0004 Restroom Enclosure Elevations.pdf

TF26-0004 Entrance, Wayfinding, Interpretive Signs.pdf

Correspondence regarding regulatory permitting issues, if applicable:

Expert documentation, to support the project:

MarshViewPark Green Infrastructure and MNFI Plans and Description.pdf

Marsh View Park NaturalCommunities Map 2023 Update.pdf

JLMarsh View Park WetlandDeterminationReport.pdf

Marsh View Park 2005 Bird,Herp,Mammal and 2023 Botanical Inventories.pdf

Marsh View Park 2025 Bird Lists from Blanch Wicke of Oakland Bird Alliance (Audubon).pdf

Marsh View Park Natural Areas Management Plan and Stewardship Report Examples.pdf

SummerFallWinterSpring2025-2026 Nature and Stewardship Programming.pdf

Interpretive Audio Signs at Marsh View Park and Lost Lake Nature Park.pdf

Environmental Report, if applicable based on Property Checklist of application form:

Additional Information

Instructions:

1. Click **Save** to save changes.
2. See the Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines [here](#) for guidance.

Provide the information listed below, as applicable, and any other information you believe will give us a more complete understanding of your proposed project and assist us in evaluating your application.

- 1) Explain the circumstances under which you closed, sold, or transferred control of any parkland or recreation facilities within your park system.
- 2) List any parks within your system for which you have a "residents only" policy.
- 3) Discuss any health advisories for the water bodies accessed by your project. Describe how these advisories will affect the use of the site and your proposed facilities.