# 2013 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Recommendations

# **2013 Development Project Recommendations**

# **Central Michigan**

**Barry County – Village of Middleville,** Paul Henry Trail Extension and Riverfront – **\$300,000** Development will include an extension of the Paul Henry non-motorized trail along the Thornapple River; a multi-purpose community pavilion, parking lot and universally-accessible small watercraft launch. The trail segment is key to providing non-motorized access to the Thornapple River north of the Middleville Dam and will set the stage for a connection to Kent County's regional trails which would provide non-motorized trail routes to Cadillac and Muskegon.

#### Calhoun County - City of Battle Creek, Willard Park Beach Relocation - \$262,700

Development to include relocation/restoration of the sand beach area in a 3.5-acre portion of Willard Park on Goguac Lake, which is one of the largest inland lakes contained entirely within the boundaries of an urban core city in southwest Michigan. The site provides a rare opportunity for many residents with limited transportation options to experience the beach and water during the summer months. Improvements will include universally-accessible picnic shelters, picnic table and hard surface trails, with a bio-retention basin for a new rain garden.

#### Genesee County - City of Flint, McKinley Park Improvements - \$225,000

This is a development project at McKinley Park for waterfront access improvements on Thread Lake and a new playground. Waterfront improvements include a fishing deck, kayak launch, overlook, access paths, exercise stations and a pavilion. The application was initiated by a local business looking to revitalize the neighborhood and surrounding area.

#### Genesee County - Davison Township, R. Williams Nature Park Improvements - \$220,500

This is a development project for a nature trail through a variety of habitats along the Kearsley Creek, an overlook structure for wildlife viewing and outdoor education programs, interpretive signs, amenities and parking at the R. Williams Nature Park and Learning Center. The park site will be used by the community, outdoor clubs and for programming available through a collaborative agreement between the township, City of Davison and Davison Area Schools.

### Gratiot County - City of St. Louis, Leppien Park Improvements - \$161,000

This is a universally-accessible development project at Leppien Park. The project includes a large pavilion, replacing a deteriorated boat launch and dock to improve boating access to the Pine River, rock slabs along the river bank to improve fishing access and stabilizing the river bank. The site is used as a community park and the location for an annual fishing derby.

Hillsdale County – Village of Jonesville, Jonesville Rail Trail Construction – \$296,000 Development to include construction of a 1.4-mile long, 10' wide universally-accessible recreational multi-use path, including interpretive sign and benches that will provide a scenic nature route along the St. Joseph River. The trail will connect and serve as an alternative route for a portion of the Hill-Jo Trail that runs from Hillsdale to Jonesville in Hillsdale County. The Hill-Jo Trail is part of the 4,600-mile North Country National Scenic Trail that stretches from Crown Point, New York to Lake Sakakawea State Park in North Dakota.

#### Ionia County – Village of Muir, CIS Trail Spur and Pedestrian Bridge - \$200,000

Development to include converting the existing Twin Rivers vehicular bridge into a pedestrian bridge and paving a 10-foot wide spur from the CIS Trail to Lyons. This proposed project will encourage the use of the CIS Trail and allow easy passage from the Village of Muir to the Village of Lyons. This connection will allow members of each community to enjoy natural resources such as the Grand River and the Lyons Dam.

**Livingston County - Hamburg Township,** Lakelands Trail Access Improvements - **\$125,400** *This project is a universally accessible development project including a trailhead and half-mile paved extension of the 26-mile Lakelands Trail which is the last remaining unpaved section in the township. The trailhead includes parking and an informational kiosk.* 

**Midland County** – Pere Marquette Rail Trail Improvements and Trailhead - **\$300,000** *This is a universally-accessible development project that includes resurfacing 2 miles of the 30mile Pere Marquette Rail Trail and construction of a new trailhead with a pavilion, amenities, interpretive signs and parking at Hope Road. The trailhead is adjacent to the historic Averill Rollway and in close proximity to Lincoln Township Municipal Offices and township park. The township, in collaboration with the county, offers trail users restroom facilities and additional parking for cars or larger vehicles.* 

#### Midland County - Lincoln Township, Lincoln Township Park - \$144,700

This is a universally-accessible development project at Lincoln Township Park including a multiuse path within the park, picnic pavilion, restroom, horseshoes, interpretive signs and amenities. The park is adjacent to the Hope Road trailhead for the Pere Marquette Rail Trail and in collaboration with Midland County will serve as an additional trailhead that provides restrooms and parking for larger vehicles, both of which are not available at the Hope Road trailhead.

# Greater Tri-Cities / Thumb

**Huron County - City of Harbor Beach,** PFC Brian Backus Memorial Nature Trail **- \$27,000** *This development project will connect the North Park Campground to the city trail system which runs from the Judge James H. Lincoln Memorial Bathing Beach, through the downtown and ending at the city marina across from the North Park Campground. Site improvements include a two-mile wooded trail, parking lot and signs.* 

#### Lapeer County - Attica Township, Attica Township Park Playground - \$50,000

This development project includes a playground and access route at Attica Township Park. The playground will replace an existing playground that is over 30 years old at the only park in the township.

#### Saginaw County – Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail - \$280,000

This project is for the development of the first paved phase of the Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail beginning at Kochville Road and going north for approximately 2.3 miles to the Saginaw County-Bay County line. The trail will be universally-accessible and run along the border of the Crow Island State Game Area. Interpretive signs will be installed to provide information on the natural features of the adjacent game area.

#### Northern Michigan

# Alpena County - City of Alpena, North Eastern State Trail, Alpena Regional Trailhead - \$245,000

Development to include a year-round trailhead along the North Eastern State Trail. Development includes restroom/storage building, pavilion, paved parking lot, snowmobile parking, access paths, drinking fountain, landscaping, all of the necessary site amenities and security lighting and camera.

#### Antrim County - Village of Central Lake, Thurston Park Improvements - \$162,500 Development to include a new bath house, walkway and boardwalk along shore of Intermediate Lake with additional boat dockage at this popular lake which is part of the "Chain O' Lakes" in Antrim County.

#### Arenac County – Point AuGres Park Blue Water Trail - \$126,100

This project is for the development of a primary staging site at Point Au Gres Park for the proposed Arenac Blue Water Trail. The trail will eventually provide a link between the Tip of the Thumb Heritage and Huron Blueways Water Trails. The park is on the Saginaw Bay and has existing cabins, restrooms, beach and day use facilities. Improvements will be universally-accessible and include electrical service to the existing cabins, shower facilities, a dock for fishing and viewing the bay, a canoe/kayak launch and storage, and informational signs.

#### Charlevoix County, Boyne City to Charlevoix Non-Motorized Trail - \$300,000

Development to include construction of a 3.2 mile 10-foot wide asphalt, non-motorized path along Boyne City-Charlevoix Road, beginning at the Little Traverse Wheelway. It will include clearing, earthwork, drainage improvements, segmented retaining walls, timber boardwalks, asphalt path, signage, landscaping and slope restoration.

# **Emmet County – DNR,** Northwestern State Trail Surfacing – Alanson to Mackinaw City - **\$282,000**

Development to include approximately 22.7 miles of crushed limestone surface improvements, .5 miles of asphalt paving, drainage and one bridge improvement, including railings and decking along the Alanson to Mackinaw City rail-trail corridor.

#### Kalkaska County - Coldsprings Township, Sands Park Playground - \$30,900

Sands Park is a six-acre park on Manistee Lake and is the only public access site on the lake. Development to include installation of two accessible play structures to enhance the recent developments to the park.

### Southeastern Michigan

**Oakland County -** Independence Oaks County Park Universal Access Boat Launch - **\$37,700** *This project is for the development of a universally-accessible kayak/canoe launch with access routes and parking on Crooked Lake in Independence Oaks County Park. The launch is adjacent to existing boathouse rental facilities. The launch will be used for special programmed events for persons with disabilities and the general public.* 

#### Oakland County - City of Clawson, Grant Park Restroom - \$50,000

This development project is for a restroom building with family restrooms, storage room and access path at Grant Park. The restroom will serve park users and greatly benefit youth soccer players at this popular park.

**St. Clair County – Brockway Township,** Brockway Twp. Community Skate Park - **\$36,700** *This development project is for a skate park. Brockway Township Community Park is the only park in the township and the next closest facility of this type is over 20 miles away.* 

#### St. Clair County - City of Marysville, Marysville City Park - Chrysler Beach - \$239,900

This is a development project at Chrysler Beach on the St. Clair River. The site serves as a trailhead for the Bridge to Bay Trail, provides support facilities and park amenities for the city boat launch and fishing pier and it is also the only public beach in the city. Improvements include a playground, picnic area, a fish cleaning station, remodeling of existing bathroom facilities and amenities. The improvements will have a focus on water-quality and ecology with water-themed play area and site elements, practices such as rain gardens to decrease runoff into the river and interpretive signs to educate the public on water ecology.

#### Wayne County - Elizabeth Park Greenway and Shoreline - \$300,000

Development to include construction of 4,000 feet of a 10-foot wide non-motorized trail that will connect Grosse Isle Parkway in the City of Trenton, including trails that are part of the Downriver Linked Greenways Master Plan. The restoration of the canal includes shoreline stabilization, invasive species removal and fishing/canoe/kayak access. Elizabeth Park is a key location within the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge.

#### Wayne County - City of Belleville, Horizon Park Improvements - \$120,700

Development to include a floating dock, universally-accessible canoe/kayak launch, parking lot resurfacing, sign kiosk and paved picnic pad on Belleville Lake in southeast Michigan. Belleville Lake is nearly 7 miles long and covers almost 1,270 acres. The project area is part of the Huron River Watershed Council's Huron River Water Trail.

# **Upper Peninsula**

Alger County - City of Munising, Munising Bay Mountain Bike Trailhead - \$194,100 Development to include a new trailhead with a universally-accessible restroom, parking lot and all of the necessary amenities for a new 1.6-mile single track, mountain bike trail. The new mountain bike trail will have different trail types to meet a variety of user abilities and will traverse the scenic forested hills around Munising.

Alger County - City of Munising, Munising Tourist Park Campground Improvement -\$200,000 This is a campground development project along the Hiawatha Water Trail on Lake Superior. It includes the renovation of existing campsites to full service sites, expansion of new rustic campsites, access paths, mobi-mat beach access path to the shoreline, upgrades to the existing dump station, septic field and lighting, parking improvements to meet ADA requirements, new toilet/shower building to fully provide the requirements for the expanded campsites and a new entrance sign.

#### Gogebic County - City of Bessemer, Bluff Valley Park - \$45,000

Development to include replacement of playground equipment and exercise equipment that have exceeded their useful life and renovation of an existing hiking trail to meet ADA requirements.

#### Gogebic County - City of Wakefield, Eddy Park Improvements - \$112,500

Development to include renovation of restroom and change house facilities for accessibility and repair of the pier at Eddy Park located on popular Sunday Lake.

**Marquette County - City of Marquette,** Presque Isle/Harlow/Williams Restrooms - **\$296,000** Development to include three new restrooms that meet universal design access at the 323-acre Presque Isle Park along Lake Superior and at Williams and Harlow Parks, which are popular neighborhood parks.

#### Marquette County - Republic Township, Munson Park Improvements - \$172,200

Development of a campground along the Iron Ore Heritage Trail. It includes the construction of paved RV sites with water and electric, rustic tent campsites, accessible restrooms, access paths, parking and necessary site amenities at Munson Park along the Michigamme River and day use picnic sites along School Lake.

#### Menominee County - Stoney Point Rehabilitation - \$18,700

Stoney Point boat launch is a popular launch site that offers access to Green Bay on Lake Michigan. Development includes replacement of deteriorating boat launch pads, resurfacing of existing parking lot to meet ADA requirements and site amenites for its users.

# Western Michigan

#### Allegan County – West Side Park Improvements - \$300,000

Development to include the construction of a new parking lot for 33 vehicles, replacement of the beach access stairs, installation of a deck and accessible ramp, seasonal beach access walkway and landing, fencing, walkways, overlook area, landscaping, picnic area, and site amenities. The

Lake Michigan Shoreline is the true asset of this park and this proposed project will provide barrier-free access for all users to enjoy.

**Berrien County** – **City of Benton Harbor,** Union Field Park Improvements – **\$300,000** Development to include improvements to Union Field Park, including an ADA bathroom, resurface three baseball fields, fencing, bleachers, demolition of pressbox, replace sidewalks, tot lot playground equipment, lighting, drinking fountain and new scoreboard. The park is 8 acres and located in the southeast portion of the city and serves as the largest and most highly used community park for baseball activities within the city.

**Kalamazoo County – Oshtemo Township,** Flesher Field Park Improvements – **\$300,000** Development to include a new universally-accessible play area, picnic shelter, garden space for social gatherings with gazebo, pathway, landscaping and relocation of two wiffleball fields at Flesher Field Park.

#### Kent County - Pickerel Lake Park Boardwalk Replacement - \$250,000

Development to include the removal and replacement of 800 feet of floating boardwalk over Pickerel Lake. The floating boardwalk is the signature piece of the park, serving as both a functional necessity and an integral park attraction. Pickerel Lake provides numerous outdoor recreational opportunities such as walking, running, hiking, cross-country skiing, fishing, and wildlife watching.

**Muskegon County** – **Muskegon Charter Twp.,** Fred Meijer Berry Junction Trail - **\$300,000** Development to include 4.6 miles of a non-motorized trail that will traverse through several communities. The south end of the trail will connect to the Center Street/Lake Avenue Trail and ultimately will connect to the major regional trails such as the Muskegon Lake Trail, Musketawa Trail, and North Bank Trail. The proposed trail will also require 586 feet of timber boardwalk and a bridge over Bear Creek.

**Oceana County – DNR,** Hart-Montague Trail St. Park Reconstruction of Segment A - **\$300,000** *Development to include removing existing surfacing and widening the Hart-Montague Trail from* 8' to 10' to meet current state and federal standards, bridges, culvert and rest area modifications for approximately 11.3 miles of trail.

**Oceana County** – Hart-Montague Trail State Park Reconstruction of Segment B - **\$300,000** *Development to include removing existing surfacing and widening the Hart-Montague Trail from* 8' to 10' to meet current state and federal standards. This project also consists of widening bridges, culverts, and rest area modifications for approximately 11.3 miles of trail. This trail connects to local trails in Whitehall, which provide direct access to Lake Michigan. This trail also connects to the Fred Meijer Berry Junction Trail.

*Ottawa County – Holland Charter Twp.,* Hawthorn Pond Natural Area - **\$50,000** Development to include additional parking spaces, picnic shelter/outdoor classroom, native tree planting, and minimal clearing to open views to pond. Hawthorn Pond Natural Area is a 40-acre park with a five-acre man-made lake located adjacent to the Macatawa River. The park is a popular location for kayaking, fishing, and natural resource-based recreation opportunities. Ottawa County – Zeeland Charter Twp., Drenthe Grove Park Improvements - \$50,000 Development to include replacing the existing field lighting system on the softball field, which will include poles, light fixtures, and wiring. Drenthe Grove Park is approximately 20 acres and serves the entire Zeeland community. This park was established in 1930 and is the oldest park in Zeeland Charter Township. The park also includes a natural pond, paved trail, courts, and picnic shelter.

#### Van Buren County - DNR, Wolf Lake Fish Hatchery - \$295,000

This project will include the construction of an accessible fishing pier, boardwalk and viewing platforms on two ponds at Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery. This hatchery is a very popular destination for school groups and the general public and provides an opportunity for the Department to educate and inform citizens of the important fishery management efforts – and fishing opportunities – in the State of Michigan. Opportunities are provided for children to give fishing a try at this site.

#### Various Counties

**DNR – Parks and Recreation Div.,** Fred Meijer White Pine Trail SP Surface/Bridge - \$300,000 *Development to include approximately 40.8 miles of crushed limestone surface improvements and bridge widening improvements, including decking and railings for five bridges along the Leroy to Sand Lake rail-trail corridor.* 

**DNR – Parks and Recreation Division,** Statewide Showcase Trail Initiative **- \$300,000** Development to include trail construction, trailheads and other support facilities for the Governor's Belle Isle to Wisconsin Showcase Trail in locations where it will cross state land. The Governor has highlighted the importance of a signature trail in order for Michigan to continue to be a leading Trail State. This project will move the trail from the vision stage toward becoming a reality.

#### **Total Development Grant Recommendation Amount: \$8,644,600**

39 Local Projects - \$7,167,600

5 State Projects - \$1,477,000

# **2013 Acquisition Project Recommendations**

# **Central Michigan**

**Ingham County - Meridian Charter Twp.,** Green Road Land Preserve Acquisition - **\$99,200** *This project is for the acquisition of 5 acres adjacent to Ingham County Lake Lansing Park North. The site will be acquired for land preservation and maintained as a natural area for passive recreation, nature observation and the township's managed deer harvest.* 

# Greater Tri-Cities / Thumb

#### Lapeer County - Marathon Township, Marathon Township Park - \$98,600

This project is for the acquisition of approximately 23 acres of property adjacent to the Southern Links Trailway. The property will be developed as the first township park and act as a trailhead for the adjacent trailway. Future facilities may include trails, picnic areas, playground, parking and restrooms.

#### Saginaw County - City of Frankenmuth, Park Land - \$721,800

This project is for the acquisition of 36.6 acres to be utilized for active recreation including soccer, baseball, softball and other active outdoor recreation opportunities. The project was initiated by a local soccer organization and the property will allow the city to meet the active recreation needs of the community.

#### Saginaw County - Thomas Township, Roethke Park - \$39,700

This property is for the acquisition of a 5-acre parcel located next to Thomas Township Roethke Park. The parcel will provide a buffer to commercial development, will be left in a wooded state and the existing cabin will be used for nature education programs.

### Northern Michigan

#### Benzie County - DNR, Dair Creek Property - \$700,000

Acquisition of 240 acres located within the State Forest boundary and nearly surrounded by state land. Three-fourths of a mile of Dair Creek, a designated Natural River and cold water trout stream, feeds into the regionally-famous Betsie River. The creek contains self-sustaining populations of brown and brook trout, steelhead, Coho and Chinook salmon. The riverine corridor on the parcel is a critical wildlife travel pathway. The upland forest, pond and excellent wildlife habitat of the land provide an ideal location for public recreation adventures. A resolution of support has been provided by the local unit of government for this acquisition.

**Charlevoix County - City of Boyne City,** Riverside Park Annex Acquisition **- \$48,600** Acquisition of 6 +/- acres to expand public ownership of the Boyne River to protect forested wetlands, floodplain and wildlife habitat and provide water access, fishing and other passive recreation opportunities.

#### Charlevoix County - Peaine Township, Fox Pointe - \$155,300

Acquisition of approximately 23 acres of land on Beaver Island with frontage on Fox Lake. It will serve as a recreational destination for residents and visitors and to preserve natural resources on site.

#### Cheboygan County – DNR, Cheboygan State Park - \$40,000

Acquisition of a 36.97-acre, undeveloped parcel inside the boundary of Cheboygan State Park. This inholding is home to a variety of plants and animals that make Michigan's coastal areas special. The site is very heavily used by migrating birds due to its important location as a resting spot before crossing the Straits of Mackinac. In addition, the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners has provided a resolution of support, indicating a desire of residents for expansion of recreation and habitat protection within the park.

#### Grand Traverse County - DNR, Old Mooring Place - \$2,500,000

Acquisition of 8.17 acres with 525 feet of frontage on the East Arm of Grand Traverse Bay (Lake Michigan). This parcel is to be acquired and improved by the MDNR and then managed for the long-term by Peninsula Township as a state-of-the-art boat launch and water access site. The site is in a protected bay that is ideal for such use and will provide the newest access point for Great Lakes recreational pursuits when it is completed. A resolution of support has been provided by the local unit of government for this acquisition.

#### Grand Traverse County - DNR, Strombolis Lake Property - \$1,000,000

Acquisition of 160 acres located within the State Forest boundary and surrounded by state land, containing four ice depression kettle lakes - the largest of which is 22 acres. Two very popular mountain bike pathways are in close proximity to this parcel, offering the potential for spur trails onto this property to provide access to the lakes. The property also provides excellent habitat for wild turkey, ruffed grouse, coyote, mink, bear and waterfowl. The wildlife habitat, recreation potential, and fit with existing state ownership make this parcel a very logical and highly desirable target for acquisition. A resolution of support has been provided by the local unit of government for this acquisition.

# Grand Traverse County - Garfield Charter Twp., Boardman Valley Nature Preserve - \$270,000

Acquisition of approximately 30 acres for expansion of Boardman Valley Nature Preserve with just over 2,500 linear feet of frontage on the Boardman River.

**Grand Traverse County – Peninsula Township,** Bowers Harbor Park Expansion - **\$626,800** *Acquisition to include approximately 60 acres for addition to an existing popular township park for recreational activities.* 

#### Iosco County - City of East Tawas, East Tawas City Park-Genii's/Verlac - \$406,300

This project is for the acquisition of two properties, that together are just under one acre on Tawas Bay and will complete the connection between two city parks. The acquisition properties feature over 200 feet of shoreline. The existing home-office building will be used for meeting space, restrooms for the park and future camp sites as well as storage. The site will expand the existing day use area, provide a trailhead for the US-23 Heritage Route and provide restroom and meeting facilities for a variety of users.

#### Lake County - DNR, Little Manistee River Property - \$100,000

This grant offers the potential to acquire 15 acres located within the State Forest boundary and adjacent to state land on three sides, with 1200 feet of Little Manistee river corridor. The Little Manistee supports native and wild populations of brook and brown trout, migratory steelhead, and Coho salmon. Chinook salmon are stocked in the river. The river is also a critical wildlife travel corridor that, along with the upland forest, provides excellent habitat for game and non-game species. A wide variety of outdoor pursuits will be possible if the acquisition is completed, including hunting, fishing, mushrooming, birdwatching, hiking and dispersed camping. A resolution of support has been provided by the local unit of government for this acquisition.

**Oscoda County - Clinton Township,** Clinton Twp. Nature Preserve/Campground - **\$134,800** *Acquisition of 63.47 acres to establish a nature preserve and campground in the community.* 

#### Otsego County - DNR, Pigeon River Property - \$500,000

This project will protect and open for public use 161 acres located within the Pigeon River Country State Forest. The features of the property include over 6,300 feet of frontage on the Pigeon River, protection of elk and deeryard habitat and recreational opportunities for hunting, fishing, trapping, camping, birdwatching and more. The Pigeon River Country State Forest is one of the largest contiguous blocks of quality wildlife and recreation land in the Lower Peninsula and is much revered as an outdoor recreation destination. A resolution of support has been provided by the local unit of government for this acquisition.

#### Southeastern Michigan

#### Oakland County - City of Pontiac, Clinton River Trail Acquisition - \$370,000

This project is for the acquisition of 85.4 acres of abandoned rail corridor that runs 4.5 miles. The property will connect three City of Pontiac parks and provide a northern spur to the Clinton River Trail. The Oakland County Greenway Plan also identifies this corridor as a link to ecological hubs within a urban area.

**Oakland County - Springfield Charter Twp.,** Shiawassee Lake Property Acquisition - **\$99,900** *This project is for acquisition of eight acres of pristine, high-quality natural area on Shiawassee Lake and the headwaters of the Shiawassee River. According to the Michigan Natural Features Inventory, Shiawassee and Huron Headwater Preservation Project, this property is one of the last relatively untouched and high quality river corridors in urbanized Southeast Michigan.* 

#### Oakland County – DNR, Holly Recreation Area Land Acquisition - \$3,030,000

Acquisition of a 291-acre parcel with frontage on Young Lake within the Holly Recreation Area in Oakland County. The land will provide additional access to Young Lake for ice-fishing and waterfowl hunting. Other hunting opportunities include deer, turkey and small game. Two huge benefits of the project are the way it fits in with the existing state land in the area and the fact that it is within a reasonable drive of many residents of the Southeast Michigan metropolitan area. A resolution of support has been provided by the local unit of government for this acquisition.

#### St. Clair County, North Channel Waterfront Acquisition - \$296,000

Acquisition of approximately 9.4 acres with 360 linear feet of shoreline on the North Channel of the St. Clair River, 362 feet of frontage on M-29, adjacent to a DNR Boat Access Site and on the Bridge to Bay Trail. The park will be developed as a universally-accessible county park including fishing piers, a canoe/kayak launch, swimming beach, pathways, restrooms, picnic facilities and parking.

**Wayne County – City of Detroit,** Inner Circle Greenway – Conrail Acquisition - **\$3,431,300** Acquisition of 8.3-linear mile section of abandoned rail corridor in Detroit and Highland Park, which is a critical component of the entire 26-mile Inner Circle Greenway loop. The Inner Circle Greenway loop also includes existing portions of the Southwest Detroit Greenlink, the Detroit RiverWalk and the Dequindre Cut Trail.

# **Upper Peninsula**

#### Baraga County - Village of Baraga, Lake Superior Shoreline - \$185,000

Acquisition of approximately 1,700 feet of Lake Superior shoreline, including approximately 7.6 acres of vacant land for the Lake Superior Shore Park expansion.

#### Chippewa County - DNR, Lime Island Recreation Area-Karen's Cabins - \$180,000

Acquisition of 7 acres of land with 600 feet of frontage on the St. Mary's River, including a 300foot-long boat harbor. This parcel will be managed as an accessory to the Lime Island State Recreation Area and is needed to provide shelter for boats, parking for vehicles and an excellent location for freighter-watching, fishing and kayak stopovers. The site will also provide protected moorage for watercraft used for park safety and enforcement patrol. A resolution of support has been provided by the local unit of government for this acquisition.

#### Marquette County - City of Marquette, Clark Lambros Beach Park - \$1,440,000

Acquisition of approximately 9 acres of land with approximately 1500 linear feet of frontage of Lake Superior and 500 linear feet of shoreline on the Dead River. This parcel is in a location that provides for a safe and accessible swimming beach, protected from the surf by the harbor break wall.

**Schoolcraft County - City of Manistique,** Manistique River Waterfront North Lot - **\$26,400** *Acquisition of 1.16 acres to acquire approximately 2,150 feet of frontage along the Manistique River. This acquisition will enhance the access to the waterfront and eventually be the location of a multi-use pathway.* 

**Schoolcraft County - City of Manistique,** Manistique River Waterfront Lot US-2 - **\$125,000** *Acquisition of 7.64 acres to make waterfront more accessible. It would eventually serve as the location of a multi-use pathway.*  **Schoolcraft County - City of Manistique,** Manistique River Waterfront Elk Street - **\$102,300** Acquisition of 2.73 acres (four lots) to Manistique River parcel to allow space for public parking to access the planned non-motorized path extension.

# Western Michigan

Berrien County - Love Creek County Park Expansion - \$114,500

Acquisition of approximately 24 acres directly adjacent to Love Creek County Park. This purchase will create a contiguous area of public park land that guarantees continued public access, protects the Love Creek watershed, and will also provide an important buffer needed to protect the scenic values of Love Creek's Outer Loop area in perpetuity.

**Berrien County – New Buffalo Township,** Kruger Road Park Acquisition - **\$150,000** Acquisition of approximately 12.21 acres of undeveloped park land bordered by over 2,300 feet of Galien River frontage to develop a future public access point along the Galien River for nature trails, fishing and boating activities. In conjunction with development of the township's existing Glassman Park, the proposed Kruger Road Park will extend the Galien River Water Trail by approximately 3.8 miles.

**Muskegon County – City of Norton Shores**, Hines Property Acquisition - North – **\$146,800** Acquisition of 13.08 acres adjacent to Black Lake Park. This acquisition includes 1,100 feet of frontage on Little Black Lake. This land will be preserved for open space, wetland conservation, and passive recreation opportunities such as hiking, biking, fishing, and wildlife observation.

**Ottawa County – Spring Lake Township,** Hines Property Acquisition – South - **\$94,900** Acquisition of 30 acres adjacent to Little Black Lake and Black Lake Park. This acquisition includes approximately 650 feet of frontage on Little Black Lake. This property will be preserved for viewshed and wildlife habitat. The parcel will contribute toward protection of a habitat corridor between the North Ottawa Dunes, Hoffmaster State Park and wetlands around Little Black Lake.

**Van Buren County – DNR,** Porter Township State Game Area Acquisition **- \$1,800,000** Acquisition of a 416-acre parcel with frontage on Grass Lake. The parcel will nicely complement the adjacent federally-owned Kinney Waterfowl Production Area. Features of the property include 9800 feet of frontage on Grass Lake including high quality emergent wetland habitat that is ideal for the division's intended use of the property as waterfowl habitat. Other features include over 250 acres of grassland and cropland acreage which enhance the site for wildlife habitat and viewing. The Department will manage the property primarily for mallard, pheasant, eastern meadowlark and wood duck. Excellent recreation opportunities are anticipated for this site. A resolution of support has been provided by the local unit of government for this acquisition.

Total Acquisition Grant Recommendation Amount: \$19,033,200

23 Local Acquisitions - \$9,183,200

9 State Acquisitions - \$9,850,000