

Potential Projects List

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The Potential Project List provides a list of each of the projects identified within the planning process in a priority order, with the projects of highest priority listed first. This list will assist the Township in the identification of needed funds for the development of park facilities and recreational opportunities and is meant as a guideline that may be adjusted to meet changing recreational goals and objectives.

Action Program Grand Haven Charter Township

Park Location	Project	Comments
Hofma Preserve	Plant Native Flora	Remove non-native evergreen nursery stock (Hofma Vision)
Hofma Park	Active Recreation	Expand active recreation amenities (Hofma Vision)
Pottawattomie Park	Stabilize Shoreline & Universal Design	Create natural shoreline to stabilize erosion
Hofma Park	Stabilize Retaining Wall On Park Drive	
Bignell Park	Tree Replacement Plantings (Phased)	
Pottawattomie Park	Tree Replacement Plantings (Phased)	
Mercury Park	Tree Replacement Plantings (Phased)	
Hofma Preserve	Update Grills	
Launch	Power Off/On Enforcement Signs	
Hofma Park	Additional Parking at Soccer Field	
Hofma Park	Accessible Parking at Soccer Field	
Hofma Preserve	Larger Sign at Sleeper St. Entrance	
Hofma Park	Accessible Picnic Tables	
Pottawattomie Park	Accessible Picnic Tables	
Pottawattomie Park	Accessible Walk to Play Equipment	
Hofma Preserve	Accessible Trail Loop	
Hofma Park	Accessible Trail Loop	
Pottawattomie Park	Baby Changing Stations in Restroom	
Hofma Park	Baby Changing Stations in Restroom	
Mercury Park	Baby Changing Stations in Restroom	
All	Park Brochures	
Hofma Park	Winter Informal Parking at Ferris St.	
Hofma Park	Restripe Lot for Angled Parking	
Hofma Park	Drinking Fountain & Table at Ferris St.	
All	Park Signage Identifying Amenities	
Pottawattomie Park	Additional Parking	
Hayes Street	Kayak and Canoe Launch	
Hofma Preserve	Nature/Interpretive Center & Signage	
Brucker Street End	Street End Improvements	
Buchanan Street End	Street End Improvements	
Undetermined	Multi-Use Fields and Park	
Undetermined	Disc Golf	
Undetermined	Dog Park	
Mercury Park	Light Softball Field	
Mercury Park	Higher Fences at Player Areas	
All	Update On-Line Reservation System	
Hofma Park	Light Softball Field	
Pottawattomie Park	Historical Interpretation Signage	
Pottawattomie Park	Kayak and Canoe Launch	
Bayou Bridges	Memorial Viewing & Fishing Platform	Millhouse & Pottawattomie Bayou Bridges on Mercury Drive
Non-Motorized Pathways	Stabilize Retaining Wall on Lakeshore Dr	
Non-Motorized Pathways	Pathway on 144th Avenue	Mercury Drive south to Lincoln Street
Non-Motorized Pathways	Pathway on Buchanan Street	US-31 west to Lakeshore Drive
Non-Motorized Pathways	Pathway Connector on 152nd Avenue	Between Ferris Street and Lincoln Street
Non-Motorized Pathways	Pathway Connector on 168th Avenue	Between Buchanan Street & Ferris Street
Non-Motorized Pathways	Pathway on Groesbeck Ave	152nd Avenue west to end
Non-Motorized Pathways	Pathway on Sleeper St	168th Avenue to Hofma Preserve
Non-Motorized Pathways	Pathway on Lincoln St	Lakeshore Drive west to US-31
Non-Motorized Pathways	Pathway on Lincoln St	US-31 east to 144th Ave
Non-Motorized Pathways	Pathway Connector on US-31	Between Ferris Street and Lincoln Street
Non-Motorized Pathways	Paved Shoulder on M-45	Lakeshore Drive east to US-31
Other	Outdoor Rock Wall	
Other	Property Acquisition in South End	
Other	Large Playground Experience	
Other	Splash Pad	
Other	Zip Line	
Other	Ropes Courses	
Other	Shuffleboard	

Potential Project Summaries

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Hofma Park & Preserve Planting Plan

Remove existing non-native flora species and plants from an abandoned evergreen tree farm that are in poor health and have created an ecological depressed zone and replace with a variety of native species to promote a diverse ecosystem of flora and fauna. The planting plan will convert about 70 acres. In addition, the 2017 Hofma Vision included the need to install a parking lot, restrooms, and pavilion near 168th Avenue, along with more nature trails throughout the newly replanted land.

Hofma Park & Preserve Active Recreation

On Ferris Street, west of the existing active recreation, the Hofma Vision calls for numerous amenities to support local athletics, including multi-purpose sports fields, pickleball courts, baseball fields, and unique playground equipment, such as a rock wall and ropes course. To promote these community-oriented activities, such as pavilions, restrooms, bleachers, benches, and parking will be installed. More trails will be constructed to provide more connections to the existing trail system. Interpretive and wayfinding signage will be added to guide users throughout the site. Lastly, more native plantings will be added to give cohesion throughout the expansive Hofma Park & Preserve including a wildflower field to support declining species such as the monarch butterfly.

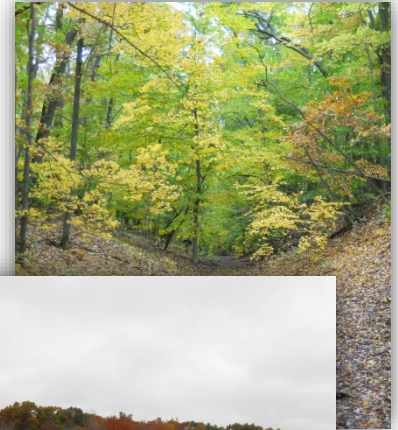
Pottawattomie Park Shoreline Stabilization & Universal Design

The shoreline along Pottawattomie Bayou has experienced extreme soil erosion. Utilizing nature-based solutions, the shoreline will be stabilized by planting native flora to encourage soil retention, ensuring water quality, and preserving the remaining shoreline. Interpretive signs will also be installed to educate users on protecting, managing, and restoring healthy coastal habitats. To ensure all members of the community can enjoy this park, the water-based amenities will be replaced with those promoting universal design.

Hofma Park (Hofma Preserve)

Grand Haven Township
15581 Ferris Street (16295 Sleeper St)
566 Acres

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Overview

Hofma Park and Hofma Preserve are located adjacent to each other on the Pottawattomie Bayou encompassing approximately 566 acres.

The Ferris Street Park entrance provides access and parking areas for the active sports area. A trailhead is located at the north end of the parking lot providing access to the preserve. The second parking area and trailhead at Hofma Preserve are accessed via Sleeper Street. Both the Park entrance on Ferris Street, and the Preserve entrance on Sleeper Street have direct access to the Non-Motorized Pathway System.

With its extensive size and quality of natural areas, the park serves a regional population, and is not limited to Township residents. The Park and Preserve contain several miles of trails, including a boardwalk which traverses Pottawattomie Bayou and surrounding wetlands. The trail system allows visitors to enjoy a variety of wetland and upland wooded ecosystems.

In 2015, the Township acquired two additional swaths of property—115 acres on Sleeper Street and 40 acres on Ferris Street. The 115 acre property was home to an evergreen tree farm for decades prior to obtaining ownership. Consequently, existing plants were spaced in a close grid pattern resulting in overgrowth, poor health, and almost a complete lack of wildlife. The Township intends to remove the non-native species of evergreens, thin the remaining trees, and begin replanting new native species

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566 Acres

based on the recommendations of an accredited forester and senior wildlife biologist, to promote a healthy and diverse ecosystem of both flora and fauna. The majority of this donated property must be left in a natural state based on the stipulations included with the land donation agreement. The 40 acres on Ferris Street was acquired through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

The additional land enabled the Township to conduct a community-wide design charrette known as the Hofma Vision, which will be utilized as a guiding document for all future development decisions, which will be a blend of passive and active recreation. This method will continue to preserve and showcase the floodplain, wetland, and upland wooded areas this community has come to enjoy.

Amenities and Facilities

Hofma Park

- Soccer Field (used for league play)
- Adult Softball Field (used for league play)
- Picnic Tables
- Play Equipment
- Basketball court
- Restrooms

Hofma Preserve

- Picnic Tables
- Play Equipment
- Restroom
- Foot trails
- Boardwalk

ADA Accessibility

The public parking, restrooms, picnic, and play areas are all accessible. The trails are natural materials and are not fully accessible for all persons. The ball diamonds and soccer field were constructed prior to ADA accessibility considerations and are not accessible for play, but are accessible for most viewing options.

Pottawattomie Park

Grand Haven Township
15600 Comstock Street
20.83 Acres

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Overview

Pottawattomie Park is a 21 acre park located on the Pottawattomie Bayou of the Grand River. The park, a former 4-H camp, was donated to the Township in 1989 and serves as a neighborhood and regional park. The park provides pavilion facilities for large gatherings, fishing, wading, kayak launching, and active recreation such as volleyball and soccer. The non-motorized path was extended into the park from Comstock Street to link the park with the pathway network.

The Township plans to address the significant erosion of the shoreline around the public access area through the planting of native species and implementation of natural shoreline techniques. Interpretive signage will aid users in understanding how to preserve the natural features of the area. This project will also focus on the installation of universal access features to enable individuals of all abilities to enjoy the park.

Amenities and Facilities

- Three Picnic Pavilions
- Boardwalk Fishing Pier
- Small Wading Beach
- All Purpose Field
- Drop-in Canoe & Kayak Area
- Restrooms
- Play Equipment
- Parking
- Sand Volleyball
- Horseshoes

ADA Review

The park facilities are ADA accessible except for the canoe and kayak facilities and into water wading.