



Community Park and Trail Capital Grant Program

April 3, 2024 – Update

Oakland County Parks and
Recreation Commission

 **OAKLAND
COUNTY PARKS**

Auburn Hills

Hawk Woods Nature Themed Playground (2022 Grant)

Status: Complete



The completed project includes new playground equipment, concrete ADA ramp and wood fiber safety surfacing.

Beverly Hills

Beverly Park Renovation (2023 Grant)

Status: In Process

Project Scope: Renovate the Beverly Park playground to allow people of all abilities to enjoy outdoor recreation more fully at the park. The new playground will offer unique play experiences with sensory play panels, bridges, slides, climbers and ground level musical instruments. Additionally, the plan includes resurfacing the entire area to increase ease of movement for all visitors. The playground designer and equipment manufacturer were both chosen due to their experience in planning accessible playgrounds.



Photo credit: [Village of Beverly Hills Parks and Recreation](#) website.

The Village of Beverly Hills received the fully executed OCP agreement in 2023 and is working on another grant agreement with the Michigan DNR, which will provide part of the match amount. The design of the new playground has been completed. Demolition of the current playground is pending and the anticipated timeline for project completion is Spring 2024.

Birmingham

Adams Park Development (2022 Grant)

Status: Complete



The completed project includes a new play area, basketball court, garden seating plaza, landscaping and trees, and a reserved large grassy area for a soccer field and space for track and field activities.

Trail Improvements to Booth Park Section (2023 Grant)

Status: In Process

Project Scope: Develop the Booth Park corner feature/entry plaza and implement trail improvements at Booth Park, which is the trailhead for the Rouge Trail.

City of Birmingham staff is in the RFP process to contract design services for the Booth Park Entry Plaza and trail improvements. Project is on track to have planning/engineering design work completed by June 30, 2024.

Commerce Township

Trailhead/Non-motorized Trail Connect – 14 Mile to Metro Trail (2022 Grant)

Status: Complete



The completed project includes resurfacing the existing lot at Robert H. Long Nature Park and constructing a paved pathway along the north side of 14 Mile Road connecting to MDOT's Metro Trail, as well as new landscaping, trees and green infrastructure.

Bicentennial Park Renovations (2023 Grant)

Status: In Process

Project Scope: Create a 6-8' wide asphalt pathway to connect the existing path in Glengary Hills subdivision to the existing path at Bicentennial Park. It also includes renovating the two existing/unusable tennis courts, renovating and expanding the basketball court and resurfacing the existing parking lot. The parking lot will be restriped to include two van accessible parking spots. A 6' wide accessible pathway will also be constructed to connect the parking area to the tennis and basketball courts.

The project is in the design phase and is anticipated to be completed by August 2024.

Farmington

Shiawassee Park Playscape Fence Replacement (2022 Grant)

Status: Complete



The completed project replaced a 20+ year old wooden fence with new aluminum fencing, providing sturdier, lower-maintenance safety feature between playscape and Rouge River.

Dinan Pocket Park (2023 Grant)

Status: Complete



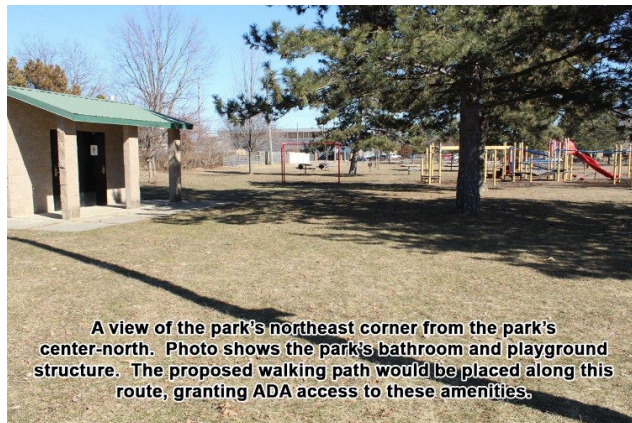
The completed project created an inviting, ADA accessible social gathering space for all. The pocket park uses environmentally friendly, low-maintenance materials and furniture, and features barrier-free conditions, multiple seating options, trees, plants, string lights and natural gas firepits.

Ferndale

Wilson Park Accessibility Development (2022 Grant)

Status: In Process

Project Scope: Install a six-foot ADA-accessible walking path that will connect park amenities with surrounding sidewalks and neighborhoods. Other scope items include augmenting playgrounds with accessible features, ADA-van accessible parking spaces and installing new amenities such as benches with companion seating, ADA picnic tables, a new drinking fountain and bottle filler, shade structures and interpretive signage.



Project design and construction drawings have been completed by landscape design firm, Smith Group. MNDR – additional grantor – is currently reviewing. Once approved, project can go out for bid. Received a GameTime grant – as part of the 2023 mParks Statewide Funding Initiative – for up to \$100,000. These funds will go towards the purchase of play equipment. Construction is slated to begin in Spring 2024 with an anticipated date of completion in October 2024.

Martin Road Revitalization Project (2023 Grant)

Status: In Process

Project Scope: Add new ADA compliant playground equipment to expand play area and replace outdated equipment and renovating the park's picnic area with new picnic tables (including some accessible picnic tables), new trash and recycling bins and new grills. The plan also includes installing green infrastructure to improve stormwater management.

Ferndale is currently working with their partners at the Clinton River Watershed Council, which has provided a report to help identify potential stormwater management options for the project site. They are in the process of reviewing the report to determine the most efficient and effective systems to implement in specific problem areas of the park. Outstanding components include finalizing a design plan for stormwater management, ordering playground equipment, completing the bid process, selecting a contractor and completing construction. They expect to finalize the design plan as early as April 2024 and potentially begin construction as early as July.

Hazel Park

Bob Welch Baseball Field Modernization Project (2022 Grant)

Status: Complete



The completed project includes replacement of three sets of badly deteriorated bleachers and a scoreboard that has not worked properly for close to three decades. Hazel Park has a long history and deep commitment to baseball and its local field is dedicated to Bob Welch, a former MLB player and former resident of Hazel Park. Baseball is the most popular youth sport in the community and Bob Welch Field is its most utilized park amenity. Modernizing the field will have a significant and long-lasting positive impact for residents.

Leonard

Leonard Nature Park Design Project (2022 Grant) Status:

Complete, pending final reimbursement documentation



The completed project included contracting with local firms to evaluate the site and create preliminary design and engineering plans for enhancements to the existing infrastructure at the Leonard Nature Park. Completed design plans focus on upgrading the trails (surfaces and potential for interpretive signage) and amenities to be ADA-compliant and accessible to people of all ages and abilities, while protecting and conserving the integrity of the natural resources of the park. The plans also include improving the connection to the adjacent Polly Ann Trail and the installation of a small parking lot to make the site easier to access, as well as upgrading the picnic area and adding accessible tables, new bike racks and waste receptacles.

Polly Ann Trail Modernization Design Project (2023 Grant)

Status: In Process

Project Scope: Work with a contractor to develop design and engineering plans for improvements to the Polly Ann Trail within Oakland County.

Leonard has recently requested an amendment to their 2023 Community Park and Trail Improvement Capital Grant Agreement to change the scope of the project. This change of scope is due to the higher than anticipated engineering design estimates they received in response to their RFP. The revised scope aims to focus on specific areas on the Polly Ann Trail deemed most in need of improvements, reducing the portion of the trail included in the project from the full 16.9 miles to 4.1 miles of trail from Hosner Road to Elmwood Street. This section was prioritized based on the existing trail surface condition, the need to make stormwater improvements and proposed safety enhancements at the roadway crossings. A modified RFP – based on the amended change of scope – was approved by the Polly Ann Trailway Management Council in February and proposals are anticipated to come in by mid-April with a final selection being made by early May.

Madison Heights

Basketball Court Rehabilitation at Civic Center Park (2023 Grant)

Status: In Process

Project Scope: Tear out the existing asphalt courts and apply new asphalt with a liquid acrylic resurfacing application to increase longevity, boost curb appeal and improve court grip. Project will also involve striping the new court.



The project is expected to begin in Spring 2024. The City is currently working with its concrete/asphalt contractor to finalize details of removing old asphalt and determining whether it is more beneficial to lay concrete instead of asphalt to increase longevity of the new courts.

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Northwest Park Development (2022 Grant)

Status: Complete



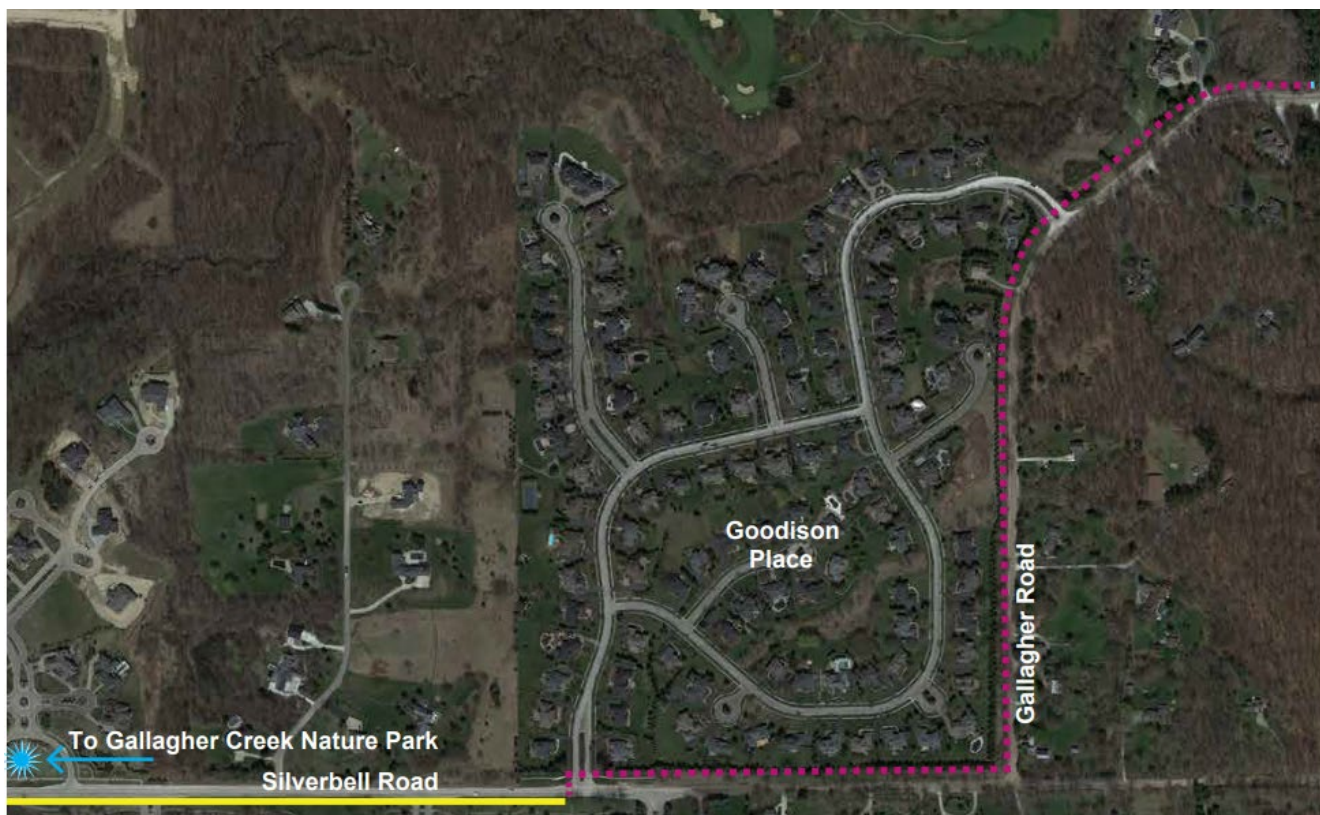
The completed project includes a parking lot at trailhead, new playground equipment, an accessible path, landscaping, green infrastructure and site furnishings (bench, bike rack, trash receptacle, recycle bin and bike repair station).

Oakland Township

Oakland Township Gallagher Trail Gap (2023 Grant)

Status: In Process

Project Scope: Install a new trail to fill a 390' gap in an existing trail network located along Gallagher Road between Silverbell Road and Orion Road. This new trail connection will provide safe access to the regional trail network and a regional destination for the most populated area of the Township and surrounding communities.



The Township has signed a contract for final engineering services and plans to have the bid for construction go out by Spring 2025 at the latest, after which they will review bids, select a contractor and move forward with building the trail.

Orion Township

Civic Center Sand Playground Phase 1 (2023 Grant)

Status: Complete



The completed project includes installation of a 6-foot accessible concrete walkway, a two-basin accessible sand and water table and two EZ-Diggers (one standard and one accessible).

Oxford Township

Davis Family Farmers Market (2022 Grant)

Status: Complete



The 4,000-square-foot, open-air pavilion was completed in October 2022 and provides lighting and access for vendors to water and electricity. It will house market vendors and shelter park patrons during the spring, summer and fall.

Pontiac

Mattie McKinney Hatchett Park Redevelopment (2022 Grant)

Status: In Process

Project Scope: Redevelop Mattie McKinney Hatchett including new outdoor fitness equipment, updated playground equipment, new and repaired walking paths, park seating and updated general amenities.



Photo credit: [ClickOnDetroit](https://www.clickondetroit.com/) website.

As of October 2023, community outreach and engagement to gather resident feedback was completed, multiple fundraising campaigns were launched and – due to rising construction costs – the redevelopment plans were reworked to conform to the budget. Pontiac is working with the design firm DLZ to create the final design and they expect to bid the project out very soon. The projected timeline for completion is Fall 2024. A grand opening ceremony will be planned to honor Mattie McKinney Hatchett and to commemorate the redevelopment of the park once construction is complete.

Rochester

Paint Creek Trail Bridge Design Engineering (2022 Grant)

Status: Complete



Photos: Existing bridge (left) to be replaced with single-span, 70' steel truss bridge similar to Paint Creek Trail Bridge 33.7 (right)

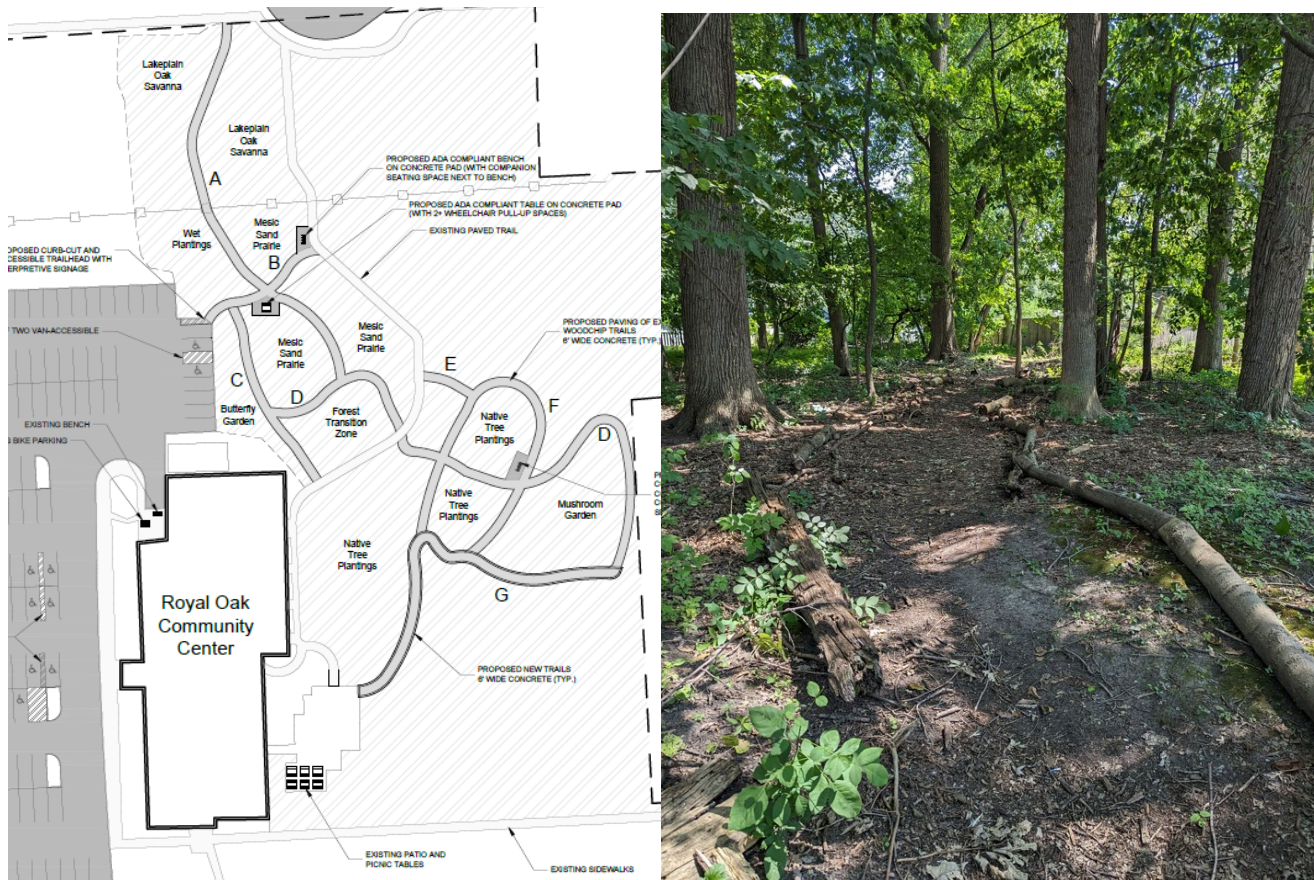
The grant was used to help fund the creation of engineered plans and construction documents required for the Paint Creek Trailways Commission to put the project to reconstruct Bridge 31.7 on the Paint Creek Trail out to bid. A 2016 structural inspection determined the bridge had extensive deterioration of the timber superstructure, piers and abutments and recommended vehicular loads be limited until repairs could be completed. Long term goals for the replacement project include improving accessibility and safety for trail users, improving access for maintenance and emergency vehicles, reducing erosion along the Paint Creek and improving the fisheries habitat of the Paint Creek.

Royal Oak *(continued on next page)*

Enhancing Public Access to Royal Oak Arboretum (2022 Grant)

Status: In Process

Project Scope: Upgrade 1,300' of trails within the Arboretum to hard-surface trails (current trail system is not accessible to people with limited mobility) and install two ADA-compliant benches and an ADA picnic table to encourage relaxing in the park. The City has also committed to adding two ADA-compliant parking spaces at the trailhead.



Final design is completed with some new components added since the August 2023 update (pictured below), including a maintenance shed and an additional trail connection. The goal was to have the RFP out for bid by the end of January. Purchase and installation of site furnishings are also still outstanding with expected date of completion in June 2024.

Royal Oak *(continued from previous page)*

Hamer Finch Wilkins Park (2023 Grant)

Status: In Process

Project Scope: Create a garden with picnic tables, pathways, benches, new landscaping and educational components.



In 2023, Hamer Finch Wilkins Park (formerly Beechwood Park) was remade, creating a peaceful, reflective garden that tells the story of the City's early black pioneers, Henry and Elizabeth Hamer. New ADA-compliant pathways, a seating area and a picnic area were constructed. Six trees and more than 300 perennials were planted, creating beautiful, pollinator-friendly gardens. This spring, a wheelchair accessible picnic table and a bronze sculpture of Elizabeth Hamer will be installed. Projected timeline for completion is June.

South Lyon

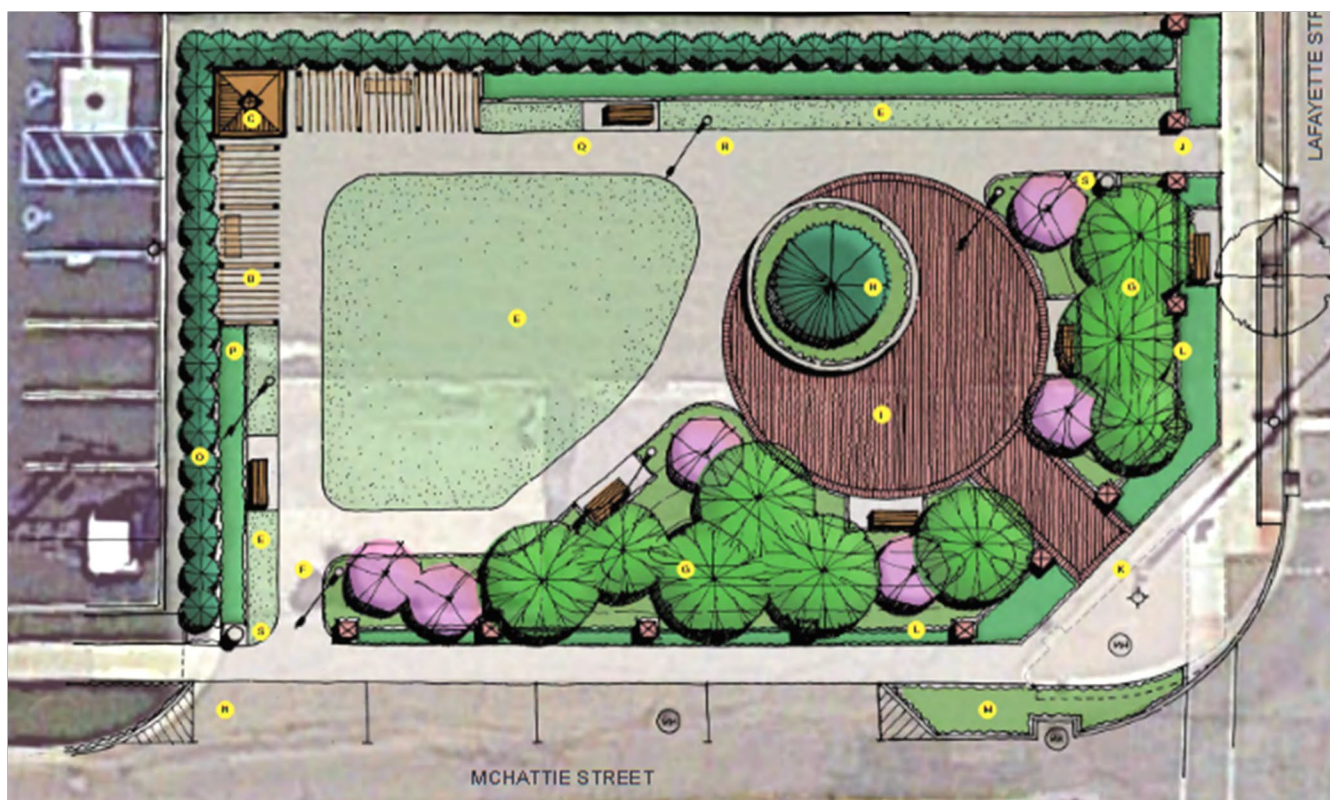
Downtown South Lyon Park (2022 Grant)

Status: In Process

Project Scope: Creation of a 7,000 sq. ft. mini park at 390 S. Lafayette in downtown South Lyon. Potential ideas for the site include a passive park with sitting areas and landscaping, swings, a gazebo or an art park.



100x70' parcel at 390 S. Lafayette St. in downtown South Lyon (Images: City of South Lyon Parks & Recreation Master Plan)



The City hired a contractor at the end of last year to remove excess concrete and perform ground leveling at the site. The South Lyon DDA was also awarded approximately \$300,000 through a grant with Main Street Oakland County. Outstanding components include electrical installation and park construction, and the project is expected to be completed within the next 12-18 months. A tentative conceptual plan for the site is above.

Southfield

Lahser Woods Park Improvement Project Phase 1: Dog Park (2023 Grant)

Status: In Process

Project Scope: Bring Southfield residents their first dog park, providing recreational fitness equipment, creating a solar-lit walking path and installing a renovated gravel parking lot. Phase 1 of the project focuses on the park entrance, parking lot and dog park.



Lahser Woods Park in Southfield

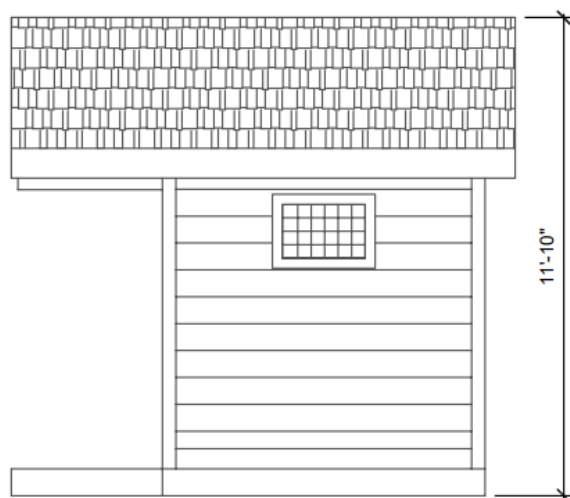
Southfield is completing the design phase of the dog park with Hubbel, Roth and Clark. They have met with stakeholders, Southfield Schools and the Synagogue regarding the project and to discuss the possibility of adding a paved, connecting walking path and are working on securing additional funding for the pathway. Construction is slated to begin around September/October with a projected completion timeline of Spring 2025.

West Bloomfield Township

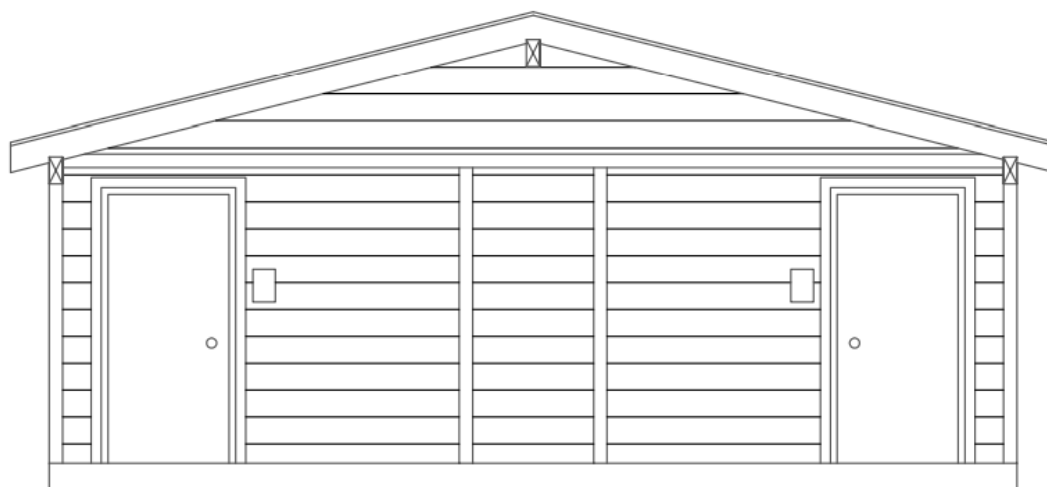
West Bloomfield Trail/Nature Preserve Restroom (2022 Grant)

Status: In Process

Project Scope: Replace two porta-john restrooms at the Trail head of the West Bloomfield Trail and Nature Preserve with a prefabricated ADA-accessible restroom facility. A drinking fountain and bottle-filling station will also be added. The Trail head has parking for 60 cars and acts as the main hub for the West Bloomfield Trail and Nature Preserve.



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As of August 2023, the Prefabricated Green Flush Restroom Facility was ordered and is in the process of being manufactured, site and building plans were approved by West Bloomfield Planning Commission, and engineering and bid specifications were completed for site work involving the installation of sewer and electrical service, a well for water service, foundation, sidewalk, grading and landscaping. The hope was to complete site work by late October 2023, but – due to some delays (and to avoid winter work fees) – the new timeline projects site work to begin in April. The goal is to have the new restroom fully open by June 1 at the latest.