

# Section A: Applicant Site and Project Information

## Instructions:

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## Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund

### 2021 Grant 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)

*Ganges Township*

**\*SIGMA Vendor Number**

*CV0026943*

**\*SIGMA Address ID**

*006*

**\*Name of Authorized Representative**

*John Hebert*

**\*Title**

*Supervisor*

**Address**

*1904 64th St*

**City**

*Fennville*

**State**

*MI*

**\*ZIP**

*49408*

**\*County**

*Allegan County*

**Telephone**

*(269) 543-8316*

**\*E-mail**

*gangessupervisor@gmail.com*

**\*State House District**

*District 80*

**\*State Senate District**

*District 26*

**\*U.S. Congress District**

*District 6*

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

*Pier Cove Beach Acquisition*

**\*Proposal Description**

*Ganges Township is seeking to acquire 120 feet of beach frontage along Lake Michigan to expand Pier Cove Beach from its current limited width. The Township has submitted another Trust Fund Development Application for renovations to the current park including improvements within the adjacent road right of way that supports access to the park. The acquisition will expand the natural resources and recreational opportunities available to park users while helping to address current issues of overcrowding and trespass. The acquisition area contains the outlet of Pier Cove Creek which has long been recognized for its recreation value to all ages, but especially children who enjoy playing in the continuously flowing creek to Lake Michigan. The property offers spectacular view of Lake Michigan from the adjacent road which will be managed and preserved.*

<b>*Address of Site</b>	<b>*City, Village or Township of Site</b>	<b>*Zip</b>
2290 Lakeshore Drive	Fennville	49408

<b>*Park Name</b>	<b>*County in which Site is located</b>
Pier Cove Park	Allegan

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

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

**\*Latitude/Longitude at park entrance**

<b>(Town)</b>	<b>(Range)</b>	<b>(Section)</b>	<b>(Latitude)</b>	<b>(Longitude)</b>
T02N	R13E	22	42.585858	-86.226744

# Section B: Project Funding and Explanation of Match Sources

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**SOURCES OF MATCHING FUNDS**
**PROJECT COST AMOUNTS**

<b>*Grant amount requested (round to the nearest hundred dollars)</b>	\$128700
<b>Total Match (Must be at least 25% of total project cost)</b>	\$42900
<b>Total Project Cost (Must equal the total estimated cost on Section C: Project Details page)</b>	\$171600
Percentage of match commitment ( <b>Must be at least 25% of total project cost</b> )	25 %
a) General Funds or Local Restricted Funds (Applicant's own cash)	\$42900
b) Force Account Labor/Materials (Applicant's own paid labor or materials)	\$
c) Federal or State Funds	\$

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

**\*Type of Funds**

Grant funds awarded	<i>Date grant funds approved</i>
Grant funds applied for, not yet approved	<i>Estimated approval date</i>
Appropriated funds	<i>Date appropriated</i>

**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

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

<b>*(3) Program Name</b>		<b>*Administering Agency</b>	
<b>*Contact Name for Administering Agency</b>	<b>*Telephone</b>		<b>*Amount</b> \$

**\*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 C1: Project Details

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## Land Acquisition Applications ONLY

\*Interest acquired will be (check all that apply)

Fee Simple

Easement

Other

\*What are the current land uses that exist on the parcel? (check all that apply)

Undeveloped/natural land

Agricultural

Residential

Commercial (including timber extraction)

Recreational

Other (describe)

\*Any buildings on the site?

No

Yes

\*Any encroachments or boundary disputes with neighbors?

No

Yes

\*Was an assessor, appraiser, broker or listing used to justify the estimated appraised value?

No

Yes

*If yes, please provide expert documentation in the Required Attachments page.*

## Parcel Information Table

\*Itemize estimated cost information for each parcel. For phased projects, the parcels and dollar amounts provided should include all phases.

LANDOWNER	ACREAGE	STATE EQUALIZED VALUE (SEV)	(1) ESTIMATED APPRAISED VALUE (\$)
1) Kathryn Trull	.38	\$60000	\$161000
2)		\$	\$
3)		\$	\$
4)		\$	\$
5)		\$	\$

<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>0.38</b>	<b>\$60000</b>	<b>\$161000</b>
(2)				
<b>ESTIMATED INCIDENTAL COSTS</b>				
Prorated Taxes			\$2000	
Recording Fees			\$300	
Transfer Tax			\$1800	
Title Insurance			\$1200	
Appraisal Fees			\$1800	
Closing Fees	\$2000		TOTAL APPRAISED VALUE (1)	\$161000
Environmental Assessment Costs	\$1500		TOTAL INCIDENTAL COSTS (2)	\$10600
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10600</b>	<b>TOTAL ACQUISITION COSTS</b>	<b>\$171600</b>

**Comments:**

*The proposed acquisition is for part of a larger current parcel 07-420-155-60. The SEV listed above is estimated based on ratio of current SEV to proposed parcel frontage. Current parcel has first right of refusal restriction. Ganges Township is not seeking reimbursement of any costs to develop and record separate legal agreements with this third party or to make adjustments to the existing parcel boundary. The estimated appraised value was determined through an appraisal obtained by Ganges Township for the acquisition parcel area. Appraisal is attached in Expert Documentation.*

## Section D: Justification of Need

### Instructions:

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**\*1) If you are submitting multiple acquisition or development applications, what is the priority for this application? (1 = highest)**

2

\*2) What page(s) of your recreation plan is the need for the proposed project discussed?

*If proposed project is on only one page, please enter the page number in both boxes*

**From:**

**To:**

23

30

\*3) What was the date(s) of public meeting to discuss submission of the grant application?

9/14/2021

**Additional dates:**

10/12/2021

\*4) Did you gather public input from individuals with disabilities, their families, or advocates?

No

Yes

\*5) Are you the primary provider of recreation services to any surrounding communities, as documented in your recreation plan?

No

Yes

**List Communities:**

**\*6) Explain how you plan to address safety considerations and crime prevention in the project area?**

*Acquisition is adjacent to existing park property. Park hours to be clearly posted/visible from steps to beach and in parking lot. Acquisition area is easily visible from upper road area. Township meets with County Sheriff and stakeholders on enforcement of no parking and trespass at appropriate times. These efforts will continue to improve abuse of the park. A park ordinance requires a fence/gate be maintained at the entrance. Park boundaries will be marked with signage.*

**\*7) 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.**

*Park efforts have been on local news twice (cc available). Ribbon cutting to be held upon completion as required by DNR. Social media and GoFundMe progress updates posted by Friends of Pier Cove Park. Volunteer work day events. Local newspaper coverage in Commercial Record and Holland Sentinel. Stakeholder meetings during design/construction of Development Grant improvements. Glenn Community Center monthly newsletter progress reports. Community fundraising.*

**\*8) 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.**

*The Township Board serves this function as noted in the 5-Year Plan on page 5 and meets monthly. Township has 1 staff serving as cemetery sexton/maintenance personnel.*



## Section E: Application History and Stewardship

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**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, fee schedule and policy for reduced entrance fees for low-income users included with application?

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

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

\$8,000.00

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

\$1,000.00

Comments:

*Ganges Township has adequate funds on hand to complete the acquisition. See attached funds balance.*

## 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 2021 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? ✓
- \*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? ✓
- \*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? ✓
- \*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? ✓
- \*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? ✓
- \*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? ✓
- \*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? ✓
- \*8) Does the applicant, landowner, or others have knowledge that contaminated groundwater lies below the property? ✓
- \*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? ✓
- \*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? ✓
- \*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? ✓
- \*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? ✓
- \*13) Is the property listed on any federal or state list of contaminated sites, including the site of a leaking underground storage tank? ✓

\*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? ✓

\*15) Has an environmental assessment been completed for the site? ✓

*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:

**EFFORTS TAKEN TO OBTAIN PERMIT OR  
DETERMINING  
PERMIT REQUIREMENTS**

**TYPE OF PERMIT**

**PERMITTING AGENCY**

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

*Development within the acquisition area may require EGLE, Army Corp of Engineers, or County Health Department (SESC) permits. Work in the road right of way requires approval by the Allegan County Road Commission. There are no plans to develop the acquisition area or add parking.*

# Section G: Natural Features of The Project Site

## Instructions:

1. Click **Save** to save changes
2. Great Lakes connecting waters are defined in the *2021 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines*.
3. See the 2021 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

If yes, name of Great Lake or Great Lakes connecting water:

Lake Michigan

How many linear feet of shoreline or frontage?

120

**\*Inland lake frontage?**

No  Yes

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

No  Yes

**\*Wetland acreage or frontage?**

No  Yes

**\*Other water acreage or frontage?**

No  Yes

If yes, name of other water body:

Pier Cove Creek

Is the entire water body completely within the site boundaries?

No  Yes

How many linear feet of frontage or acres of water are on site?

66

**\*Sand dunes?**

No  Yes

How many acres on site?

**\*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. *"high" biorarity value of 15.75 on MNFI. IPaC search identified 8 T&E species and 6 Migratory. See attached.*

*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:

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#### ***Will the proposed park or park development:***

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

If yes, list species:

*see attached*

How many acres of habitat does the site provide?

*.38*

**\* 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):

*Lake Michigan Shore, Pier Cove Ravine*

How many acres are currently in protected status?

*0.00*

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:

*MNFI, IPaC, DNR, ODC*

# Section I: Natural Resource Recreation Opportunities

## Instructions:

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

\*Water recreation opportunities?  No  Yes

\*Motorized recreation opportunities (ORV and/or Snowmobile)?  No  Yes

\*Hunting Opportunities?  No  Yes

\*Fishing opportunities?  No  Yes

If yes, what type of fishing opportunities will be provided?  
(species/methods)

*spring coho salmon from shore*

\*Bird watching or other nature viewing opportunities?  No  Yes

If yes, what species can be viewed?

*shore birds & Am. Golden-plover, Bald Eagle, Bobolink, Dunlin, Red-headed Woodpecker, Rusty Blackbird*

\*Nature interpretation or education opportunities?  No  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:

*SDHC, Bob Grese U of M*

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

*The Development grant application included interpretive signage on unique landscape history, native plantings, O.C. Simonds history in partnership with Bob Grese UofM. Signage on Pier Cove Village historical significance in partnership with Saugatuck-Douglas History Center focused on recreational, historical piers, and old mill. Signage to combine elements of history, landscape, and natural features in both picture and text display. Materials provided on Great Lake geology, rock collecting, glacial history, and awareness of fluctuating water levels and shoreline erosion. Currently seeking partnership with Michigan Geological Survey at WMU to assist with content. Custom gate to provide artistic connection to interpretive educational elements and draw upon nostalgia of simpler time prior to modern technology advances and connect park users to rustic and natural scope elements. Park signage/materials to include awareness of Lake Michigan Water Trail and US Bike Route 35.*



# Section J: Public Access Opportunities

## Instructions:

1. Click **Save** to save changes
2. See the 2021 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	8am	10pm	
Monday	8	10	
Tuesday	8	10	
Wednesday	8	10	
Thursday	8	10	
Friday	8	10	
Saturday	8	10	
Holidays	8	10	

Comment: *plaza always open to non-motorized*

How will the public reasonably be able to access this site?

Automobile

Boat

Public Transportation

Motorized Trail

Non-Motorized Trail including Mountain Bike and Hiking Trails

Sidewalk or Pathway

Other (describe)

*4' paved shoulders on Lakeshore Drive*



## Section K: Trails

### Instructions:

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### \* 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:

*public park users and neighbors*

Who are the secondary users?

Hikers/Pedestrians

Road Bicyclists

Equestrians

Mountain Bicyclists

Cross-Country Skiers

Snowmobilers

Other motorized vehicle users

Other, explain:

*paddlers, rock collectors*

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?

*Lake MI Water Trail, US Bike Rt 35*

How long is the trail?

*120*

Total linear feet

Linear feet bituminous (paved)

Linear feet boardwalk (if applicable)

Linear feet sidewalk

Linear feet other hard surface

What is the width of the trail?

*1*

Linear feet

\* Is this proposed project part of the Iron Belle Trail (Governor's Showcase Trail)? [View the interactive IBT map here.](#)

(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 2021 Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines [here](#) for guidance.

### \*I. Project Justification and Support:

*Prior to settlement, Pier Cove Park was a quiet natural shoreline and creek flowing to Lake Michigan. In the mid-1800's it became a bustling community with mills powered by the creek and two 300 foot piers into the lake. The park's Historical Marker says commercial activity ceased in 1917. Since the early 1920's the park has provided a legacy of direct public access to the shoreline and a small public beach for recreation enjoyed by several generations since.*

*Ganges Township submitted a Trust Fund Development Application TF-0194 for proposed renovations to the existing public space this year. This Acquisition Application seeks to acquire the first 120 feet north of the current public boundary. This property, which includes the creek outlet, has long been thought of as a defining feature for the area. Historically the property has been utilized by the public without significant objection from the property owners as its value has been recognized for all ages, but especially children who enjoy playing in the continuously flowing creek to Lake Michigan.*

*Ganges Township is interested in acquiring this portion of the property to protect the creek outlet as an official part of the public park and to expand the available public beach area. The current park is only 66 feet wide. Pier Cove Park has been recognized in the Township's 5 Year Park and Recreation Plan as benefiting from additional land for park users to enjoy the shoreline. The Park is limited to 10 regular parking spaces, but many neighborhoods use this beach as their access to Lake Michigan by walking or biking there. Development in the area has added pressure to the limited space. During times of high water on the Great Lakes space for the public is especially limited. The proposed acquisition would essentially triple the public beach frontage of the park. As parking will remain limited, this will allow current users to spread out without trespassing on neighboring properties.*

*The northern 120 feet from the Park also affords spectacular views of Lake Michigan from the adjacent public road right of way. Acquiring this parcel will allow Ganges Township to preserve and manage those views and help protect Lakeshore Drive from the threat of future high-water cycles on Lake Michigan.*

*The park provides a unique stop on the Lake Michigan Water Trail between South Haven and Saugatuck and along US Bike Route 35. Lakeshore Drive itself is a major recreational corridor recently improved with 4' paved shoulders with connections to other area beaches allowing for scenic walking loops. The park is one mile from the future regional Blue Star Trail Non-Motorized pathway. The park provides outdoor recreation, scenic value, and environmental importance in line with DNR priorities.*

### \*II. Project Description:

*This project is to acquire approximately 120 feet of privately-owned Lake Michigan beach frontage and protect it for public use. The property includes the outlet to Pier Cove Creek. Through the Townships recent efforts to recover from the 2019-2020 damage high water caused to the park, and the grant application submitted in April, the Township has developed a relationship with the current property owner for the possible acquisition of this additional 120 feet.*

*The proposed acquisition parcel does not have any current plans to be developed. The Development Grant submitted in April did not envision any physical improvements to proposed acquisition property.*

*The acquisition parcel will remain a natural creek outlet to Lake Michigan. Boundary line signage would be added to delineate the new limits of the public beach area. The Allegan County Road Commission has an easement for the culvert there. The deed to the property has a first right of refusal. In order for the Township to move forward with the eventual purchase of the property both the current property owner and the first right of refusal party will have to agree.*

*The proposed acquisition is for only part of a larger current parcel 07-420-155-60. Ganges Township is not seeking reimbursement of any costs to develop and record separate legal agreements with the interested parties or to make adjustments to the existing parcel boundary.*

*Pier Cove Park is used by the general public including neighborhoods in walking distance, non-motorized users, Bike Route 35, vehicle parking, and area residents who hike a beach-road loop. Mass transit is available 0.5 miles from the park by the Interurban Bus serving Saugatuck, Douglas, and Fennville area with paved shoulder access. Access from the water is available by kayak along the Lake Michigan Water Trail and by anchoring offshore.*

**\*III. Natural Resource Access and Protection:**

*Resilient locations for direct public access to the Lake Michigan shoreline are in short supply and the pandemic has shown these access points have never been more needed. The township Master Plan and 5-Year plan recognize this unique resource that defines the character of our coastal community. Pier Cove offers the opportunity to improve a low bluff access to the beach and offer a spectacular overlook to the shoreline that is universally accessible.*

*Pier Cove has a unique history, geology, and landscape. It is a destination for residents of Ganges Township and the surrounding areas. It is the public beach access for many surrounding neighborhoods that have been developed over the last three decades. It is also widely popular as a rock collecting beach for thousands of hobbyists who come there for unique septarian "lightning stones". On any given day you will meet people who have traveled there from throughout the midwest to walk the shoreline and collect rocks.*

*The community has been engaged with ongoing efforts at Pier Cove through private fundraising, social media, and volunteer work days to keep the park open during high water. These efforts will continue to share information about unique plants, animals, birds, and geology of the project and build community around the park.*

*The MNFI shows a high biodiversity value of 15.75 for the area. The outlet of Pier Cove Creek to Lake Michigan and connecting protected Ravine Trust upstream provide opportunities for wildlife viewing from the road and public park space for several type of plants and animals that travel from forest to water along stream corridors. The USFWS IPaC search identified several T&E species and Migratory Birds that could exist in the area. Letters of support for fisheries, Audubon clubs, and nature education groups are included with MNFI and IPaC data put together for the Development application also apply to the acquisition property.*

*When completed the park will embody a community effort that connects Lake Michigan to Pier Cove's history and natural resources. Pier Cove park is a special place for so many people and its renovation, beach expansion, and continued maintenance will continue to protect and respect the space for generations to come.*

**IV. Other Information:**

# Required Attachments for Acquisition Projects

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**NOTE:** When the file is named to be uploaded, **DO NOT** leave any spaces, place a period between the words OR use any special characters, e.g. "/", in the document name. Attachments may be in **Word, PDF, JPG, XLS** or **GIF** format.

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 ACQUISITION APPLICATIONS

### \* Maintenance Plan:

*Pier Cove Park Maintenance Plan - Acquisition.pdf*

### \* Project Location Map(s):

*Project Location Map - Pier Cove Park.pdf*

*Regional Trail Plan - Blue Star Trail Map.pdf*

*Regional Trail Plan - Lake Michigan Water Trail.pdf*

*Regional Trail Plan - Lakeshore Bluffs - Michigan Water Trails.pdf*

*Regional Trail Plan - USBR\_35\_RouteMap.pdf*

### \* Conceptual Site Plan:

*2 - Conceptual Plan.pdf*

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

*1 - Ganges Township Boundary Map.pdf*

### \* Plat or parcel map with subject parcels highlighted:

*Existing North Parcel.pdf*

*Existing Pier Cove Park Parcel.pdf*

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

*Photos of Pier Cove Beach Expansion.pdf*

### \* Certified Resolution: from the highest governing body:

### \* Advance Notice of a public meeting for public comment and to pass the resolution:

*Pier Cove Property AcQ Public Hearing Notice 2021 914.pdf*

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

*TWP 2021 0914 Public Hearing and Reg Mtg.docx*

\* **Copy of most recent deed and tax bill for subject parcel:**

*5 - Trull Deed.pdf*

*Tax Statement.pdf*

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

*Notice of Intent ltr 2021-10-06 Bee (WMRPC).pdf*

*Notice of Intent - Acquisition.pdf*

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR ACQUISITION APPLICATIONS:**

**Letter(s) of support:**

**Documentation of match commitment(s):**

**Draft easement or other agreement**, if applicable:

**Correspondence regarding regulatory permitting issues**, if applicable:

**Expert documentation** to support the project:

*Expert Appraisal 2021-0224 final report 9.8.2021.pdf*

*Expert DNR Matt Diana Support Letter.pdf*

*Expert Holland Audubon.pdf*

*Expert ODDC Ben H.pdf*

*Expert USFWS IPaC\_ Explore Location resources.pdf*

*Expert Pier Cove Park Natural Resource Documentation.pdf*

**Environmental Report**, if applicable:

# Additional Information

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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.

# Certification of Authorized Official

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*I hereby certify that I am an official of the applicant agency and am empowered to make the necessary commitments to apply for this grant. I also certify that I understand all of the commitments and responsibilities listed in the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines (IC1905).*

Authorized Official

Date