Parks and Placemaking

What do parks have to do with placemaking?

• Create a “sense of place”
• Gathering spaces
• Trails – get people places
• Aesthetically pleasing
• Tourism / Economic Driver
• Resource protection
• Cleaner air and water
• Promote healthy lifestyle

Central Park, New York, NY
Millenium Park, Chicago, IL

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Milliken State Park and Harbor

- Trailhead for the Dequindre Cut Trail connecting the riverfront to the Eastern Market, historic and natural interpretation, wetland, boating, fishing and picnicking.
- Spurring redevelopment on the Detroit Riverfront.
- (4) MNRTF Grants – Acquisition and Development
Iron Ore Heritage Trail

- Collaboration between rural communities
- Trail related tourism
- Historical interpretation of mining in the UP
- (7) MNRTF grants – Acquisition and Development
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DeWitt Township Miracle Field

- Universally accessible baseball field.
- Specialized facilities bring in leagues from all over the state.
- Collaboration between private funders, businesses and government.
- MNRTF funding for development

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Recreation Grant Programs

- Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)
- Land and Water Conservation Fund Grants (LWCF)
- Recreation Passport Grant Program (RPGP)
- Dam Management Grant Program (New in 2012)
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*Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority and Regional Recreation Authorities.*  
*School Districts that are the primary provider of outdoor recreation for their area.*  
*Federally-recognized Native American Tribes.* | *Applicant must have a current, five-year recreation plan that has been approved by the DNR prior to the application deadline.*  
*Match – minimum 25%* | **Acquisition Projects:** acquisition of land or specific rights in land (i.e. easements). AND **Development Projects:** for public outdoor recreation such as: trails, campgrounds, ball fields, tennis courts and restrooms. | *April 1 (unless this date falls on a weekend)* | *Acquisition Projects:* no minimum or maximum grant request.  
*Development Projects:* $15,000 minimum and $300,000 maximum grant request. | *In early December, the MNRTF Board makes final recommendations to the Legislature for funding.* |

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*Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority and Regional Recreation Authorities.*  
*School Districts that are the primary provider of outdoor recreation for their area.* | *Applicant must have a current, five-year recreation plan that has been approved by the DNR prior to the application deadline.*  
*Match – 50%* | **Development Projects (only):** for public outdoor recreation such as: trails, picnic areas, beaches, campgrounds, boating access and fishing areas. | *April 1 (unless this date falls on a weekend)* | *Development Projects:* $30,000 minimum grant request and $100,000 maximum grant request. | *In August, recommended projects are submitted to the DNR Director for final recommendation.* |

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*Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority and Regional Recreation Authorities.*  
*School Districts, if certain conditions are met.* | *Current annual Capital Improvement Plan (CIP): OR*  
*Approved five-year recreation plan on file with the DNR. Match - minimum 25%* | **Development Projects (only):** for public outdoor and indoor recreation such as: trails, picnic areas, beaches, campgrounds, boating access and fishing areas. | *April 1 (unless this date falls on a weekend)* | *Development Projects:* $7,500 minimum grant request and $45,000 maximum grant request. | *In October, recommended projects are submitted to the DNR Director for review and selection.  
*In November, the DNR Director announces projects selected for Recreation Passport funding.* |
Grant Basics

- Recreation-based development projects (indoor, RP only)
- Site control required
- All proposed development must be ADA-compliant
- Ineligible projects
  - Facilities whose primary purpose is professional or semi-professional sports
  - Routine maintenance
  - Operational expenses

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Grant Basics

- Park must be open to the public

- MNRTF & LWCF – Park must be kept in public outdoor recreation *in perpetuity*

- RPGP – Park must be kept in public outdoor recreation 20 years outdoor site elements and 40 years for building

- Park needs to be well maintained

- Program acknowledgement signage required

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Grant Basics - Match

• Local Match Percentage:
  – 25% Minimum MNRTF and RPGP
  – 50% Minimum LWCF

• Match Sources:
  – Cash, In-kind, force account, donations
  – Land Donation ( Acquisition only)
  – Other grants
    • Cannot match MNRTF, LWCF or RPGP to each other
    • For LWCF – Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and Recreational Trail Program (RTP) grants are the only Federal grants that can be used as match

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Grant Basics - Acquisition

- Acquisition project (MNRTF only)
- 2 years to complete
- Reimbursement program / Escrow closing option
- Small Acquisition Grants - requests of $100,000 or less

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Grant Basics - Development

- 2 years to complete – MNRTF & LWCF
- 3 years to complete - RPGP
- Must meet ADA requirements, universal design is encouraged
- MNRTF: Small Development Grants - requests of $50,000 or less

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• Program began October of 2012
• Purpose of this program is to provide funding and technical assistance to local and state units of government, non-profit groups and individuals to manage dam removal, dam repair and major maintenance of dams

• 2012 - $2.35 million available – 6 projects funded
• 2013 - $350,000 projected
November 15, 2013
Applications due

March 7, 2014
DNR review & selection process completed

Prior to April 1, 2014
Applications approved for funding announced by Director

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Dam Management Limits & Match Requirements

- No minimum grant amount
- Maximum grant amount is amount appropriated in a given fiscal year
- Minimum of 10% match
MiPlace, Michigan

Project: Recreational Trail

Funding:

- **MNRTF:**
  - Acquisition of Railroad Right of Way
  - Development of Trail
- **MDOT funding is a potential match**

Design Considerations:

- Connection to other proposed trails and community assets.
- AASHTO, ADA, Universal Design
- Fishing and wildlife viewing
- MNRTF ineligible items: Traffic signals & other road improvements

[Diagram of proposed trail extension]
MiPlace, Michigan

Project: Park Improvements

Splash pad, soccer fields and pathways.

Funding:
• MNRTF, LWCF, RPGP

Design Considerations:
• Universal Design
• Environmentally friendly products
Renovation of existing restroom/pavilion building that is used for picnics and weekend, seasonal farmers market. Renovations include upgrades to meet ADA requirements and new ADA picnic tables.

Funding:
- MNRTF, LWCF, RPGP

Design Considerations:
- Universal Design
- Environmentally friendly products
Universally Accessible fishing dock and kayak launch, pathways, landscaping, benches and interpretive signs.

Funding:
- MNRTF, LWCF, RPGP
- Great Lakes Fisheries Trust and CZM potential match

Design Considerations:
- Universal Design
- Environmentally friendly products
Funding:
• Dam Management Program
• Contact MDEQ for other funding sources

Considerations:
• Must enhance aquatic resources and fishing opportunities, reduce infrastructure costs and improve public safety in Michigan.
Map of Staff Assignments

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