Parks and Public Works Committee
Regular Meeting
March 25, 2025 – 10:00 am

This is an in-person meeting at Saugatuck City Hall, 102 Butler St, Saugatuck, MI 49453.
The meeting will also be available live, virtually on Zoom.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
   A. Special Meeting – February 25, 2025

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS*/TODAY'S AGENDA TOPICS ONLY*** **(LIMIT 3 MINUTES)** *Use the "raise hand" button in the participant's screen found in the Zoom interface or enter *9 if calling in by phone to raise hand.*

6. **REVIEW/DISCUSSION:**
   A. Cook Park Temporary Art Installation.
   B. Stormwater Presentation.
   C. Naming of the Airport Property.
   D. 2025 Project Priorities.
   E. Project Updates.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (LIMIT 3 MINUTES)** *Use the "raise hand" button in the participant's screen found in the Zoom interface or enter *9 if calling in by phone to raise hand.*

8. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
   A. Ken Morris Email

9. **MEMBER CLOSING COMMENTS**

10. **ADJOURN**

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PARKS AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
February 25, 2025
The Parks and Public Works Committee met for a Regular Meeting at 10:00 a.m.
Saugatuck City Hall
102 Butler St., Saugatuck, MI 49453.

Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order by Chair Kimble at 10:00 a.m.

Attendance:
Present: Committee members Charak, Kimble, Roche, & Stanton.
Absent: Committee Members Hoffman & Thiel.
Others Present: DPW Superintendent Herbert & Deputy Clerk Williams.

Approval of Agenda:
Motion by Charak, second by Roche, to approve the agenda for the meeting February 25, 2025. Via voice vote, motion carried 3-0.

Approval of Minutes:
Motion by Stanton, second by Roche, to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2025, regular meeting. Via voice vote, motion carried 3-0.

Public Comments (agenda items only): None.

Review/Discussion:
A. Council Priorities from Strategic Planning.
DPW Superintendent Herbert discussed the council's annual strategic planning session, highlighting the council's priorities for the fiscal year 2025-2026. The priorities were divided into three categories: operations, public health and safety, and infrastructure.

B. Naming of the Airport Property.
The Outdoor Discovery Network is going to start putting together a parking lot plan, the trailhead, the signage, and the overlook at the Airport Property on 63rd Street in Saugatuck Township. Council says this is an opportunity for the PPW Committee to be involved in the naming of the property and would like some recommendations and get the community

involved to generate ideas for the new name of the park. A survey will be sent out to the community and local schools for involvement in the project. Those ideas will be presented at the next PPW meeting.

C. DNR Trust Fund Grant Application.

DPW Superintendent Herbert said that City Council approved for the engineers from Fleis & Vandenbrink to fill out the application to pursue a DNR Trust Fund grant. Herbert explained that part of the scoring criteria for the grant includes universal access design. They thought that it would be helpful if PPW could help generate some letters of support from the Disability Network or similar organizations to improve the chances of being approved for the grant. They would like to submit the application by April 1 and will be on a strict timeline to get docs collected and submitted. It costs around $10,000 to submit the DNR Grant application. They are expensive to apply for in a lot of cases, but the award could be around $150,000 so with that grant money and the donor's generous donation, the project could have around $250,000 to go towards the updates to the Village Square courts.

D. Tree Work Update.

The former Tree Board primarily served as an appeals board for denied tree removal applications and helped the city maintain its Tree City USA status. Tree removals, often due to decay or safety concerns, tend to draw the most public attention. Recent removals included a silver maple at 569 Hoffman and an aging tree at 341 Main Street, both of which had significant decay. Some trees, like the one at 309 Grand Street, have been supported with steel cables for years to prolong their lifespan. The loss of these mature trees significantly impacts the area's landscape and character. Tree removals are carefully assessed for safety, as failing trees can cause significant hazards, often requiring emergency response from Public Works. Six trees, including the Cook Park Willow, were recently identified for removal due to safety concerns. The city prioritizes strategic replanting, considering overhead utilities and selecting appropriate tree species to minimize future conflicts. For example, columnar trees like Armstrong Gold Maples are unsuitable under power lines, while species with open canopies help integrate utilities more seamlessly. Public education on these efforts, such as email updates, was suggested to keep residents informed.

E. Willow Tree at Cook Park.

The iconic willow tree at Cook Park was removed due to wind damage, which saddened many in the community. Several residents have expressed interest in obtaining pieces of wood, and Public Works is coordinating its distribution. While people are welcome to visit the Public Works facility to collect manageable pieces, for safety reasons, no unauthorized chainsaw use will be allowed on-site. Those needing assistance cutting larger pieces should schedule an appointment with Public Works to ensure safe handling.

The city is considering making the wood from the removed Cook Park willow tree available to the public, potentially designating a specific day for distribution on a first-come,

first-served basis. Additionally, committee member Roche has expressed interest in repurposing some of the wood into a community project. A proposal was discussed to create something inspired by a similar project at the Herrick District Library in Holland, in which they transformed an old tree into an intricate indoor structure. If pursued, the project would require an indoor space to preserve the wood and ensure long-term community access.

The Public Works team has removed the remains of the Cook Park Willow tree and has set a deadline of June 15 for those interested in collecting wood. Priority will be given to individuals who have previously expressed interest in repurposing the wood for community projects. There is discussion about engaging local artists to create something meaningful with the tree's remains, but funding and placement for such a project need to be determined. Additionally, plans are in motion to grind the stump and replant a new tree. The final decision will take into account community preference, environmental suitability, and long-term benefits.

F. Study Group Updates.

DPW Superintendent Herbert explained to the committee that they are in a transitional period right now in which they have projects in progress, but some of them are at the staff level to just manage and execute the project. The only real study group update that he thought was needed is for Invasive Species.

Committee member Charak shared that a previously created website focused on invasive species, started by former high school chemistry teacher Brad Smith, has been gifted to the city. The site, which has been inactive for several years, will be revived and updated with the help of high school students as an ongoing project. It will feature information on invasive species, their impact, treatment methods, and possibly a section on recommended plantings. The site will exist independently but hopefully be linked from the city's website for easy access. There is also discussion about making it interactive to allow residents to report sightings of invasive species.

Public Comments (Limit 3 mins): None.

Correspondence: None.

Member Closing Comments:

- Stanton – She thanked everyone for their hard work, Keith - on invasives, Nancy – with all the organizational work and taking on the chairperson role, and Kelly – working with the school and getting a lot of the projects started. She appreciates the work that they do.
- Roche – She thanked everyone for their hard work and said that she will get going using her new project chart for the naming of the airport property.

- Charak – He plans to compile a list of discussion topics for the next meeting, mentioning a few key items, including kayak launches, the "No Mow May" initiative, and prairie trails. He acknowledged the potential ordinance restrictions on lawn mowing in Saugatuck and aims

to gain a better understanding of those regulations before the next meeting. The speaker reflects on past enforcement of the mowing ordinance and shifts to recognizing the committee's accomplishments over the past two years, noting positive public reception, particularly regarding the playground project. Lastly, he commits to working with Brad on addressing invasive species in the upcoming weeks.

- Kimble – She expressed enthusiasm about moving forward with structured plans, believing that significant progress can be made with the group's energy. She was disappointed that Hoffman and Thiel were absent for the conversation as she knows they are eager to contribute. Kimble plans to reach out individually to members to better understand their interests and strengths. Additionally, she raised two unrelated concerns: a bright streetlight affecting a neighbor, which, while not currently a priority, remains important to some community members. The other was the need for more bike racks, which has been previously discussed by the committee.

Adjournment:

Motion by Stanton, second by Roche, to approve adjournment of the meeting. Via voice vote, motion carried 3-0. Chair Kimble adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sara Williams, City Deputy Clerk & DPW Admin. Assistant

Parks & Public Works Committee
Agenda Item Report

FROM: Scott Herbert, Public Works Superintendent

MEETING DATE: March 25, 2025

SUBJECT: Temporary Art Installation at Cook Park

DESCRIPTION:

The CVB is interested in a temporary, interactive art installation named "Flower World" at Cook Park from October 2025 – March 2026. Council has sent this to the Parks and Public Works Committee for review.

CVB Executive Director, Lisa Mize, is here to present and answer any questions you may have.

Attached is a copy of the artwork proposal.

BOARD AND COMMISSION REVIEW:

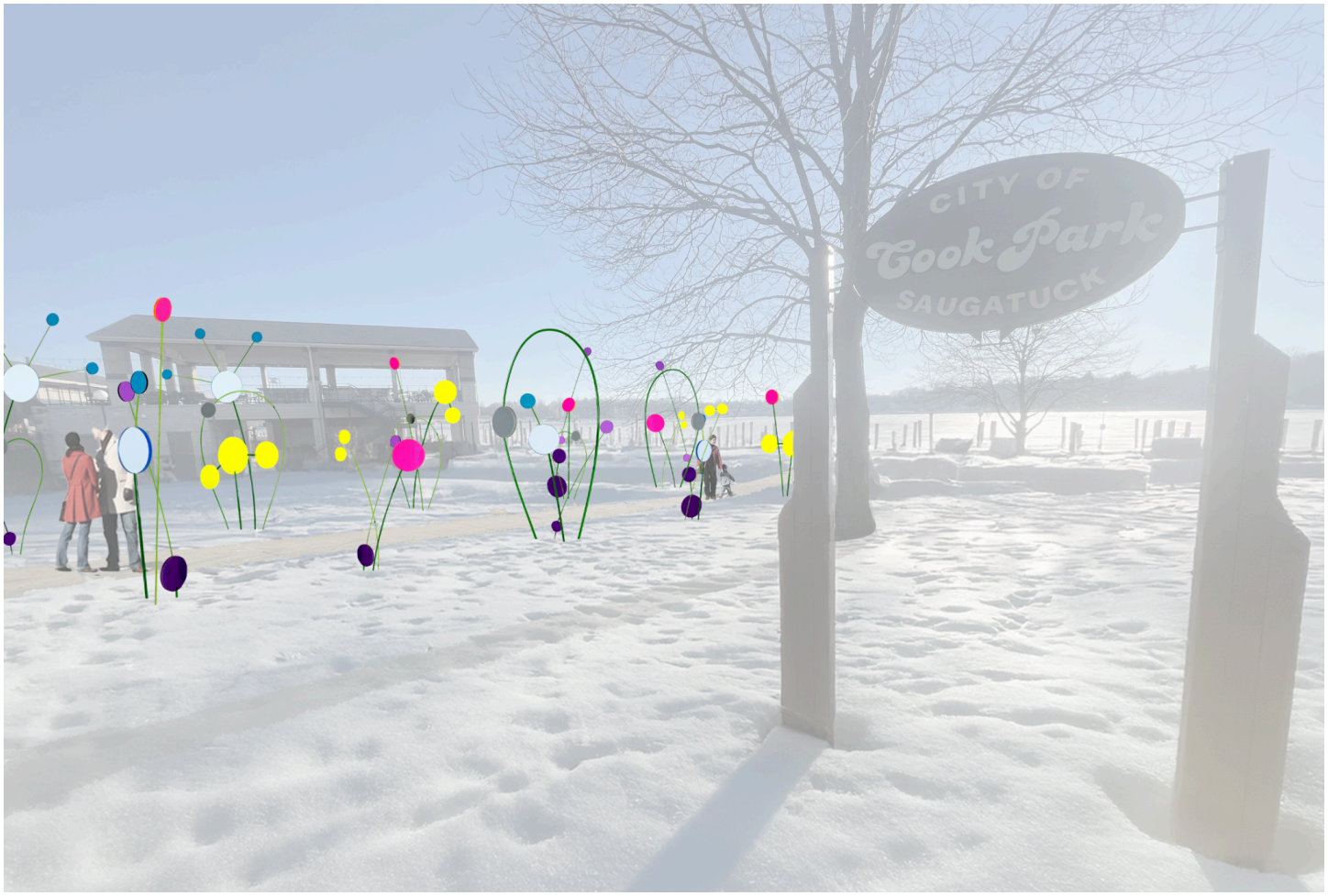
None.

LEGAL REVIEW:

None.

SAMPLE MOTION:

None.



Flower World (Framacitinus)

An Artwork Proposal for the Saugatuck-Douglas Area Convention & Visitors Bureau

By Jeffrey Augustine Songco

Artist Information and Curriculum Vitae

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Born
1983 New Jersey

Lives & Works
Allendale, Michigan

Education
2011 MFA San Francisco Art Institute
2005 BFA Carnegie Mellon University

Permanent Commissions

2024 **Corewell Health,** *Dancing Through*
Corewell Health, *Facets #4*
2023 **Gerald R. Ford International Airport,** *Facets*

Temporary Commissions

2020 **Downtown Grand Rapids, Inc.,** *Pride Pad*

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2025 **Lamont Gallery** at Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, NH, *Society of 23's Conservatory*
2024 **Saugatuck Center for the Arts,** Saugatuck, MI, *Mr. Society of 23*
2021 **Mattress Factory,** Pittsburgh, PA, *Society of 23's Trophy Game Room*
2020 **FLXST Contemporary,** Chicago, IL, *Commercial Break*
2018 **SPRING/BREAK Art Show,** New York, NY, *Selections from Society of 23's Locker Dressing Room*
2012 **Steven Wolf Fine Arts,** San Francisco, CA, *Public Displays of Affection*

Selected Group Exhibitions

2024 **Project for Empty Space,** *BODY FREEDOM FOR EVERY(BODY),* Cross-Country Mobile Exhibition
2023 **South Bend Museum of Art,** South Bend, IN, *Biennial 32*
2020 **Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience,** Seattle, WA, *Guilty Party: Contradictions of Asian Subjectivity*
Montserrat College of Art, Beverly, MA, *STILL HERE // Screen Art Series*
2019 **FLXST Contemporary,** Chicago, IL, *All We Want to See is Ourselves*
2018 **Harrison @ Rental Gallery,** East Hampton, NY, *Twenty-first Century Occupational Adjustments and Considerations; Episode 2: One Liners*
2017 **Center for Art and Thought,** web-based, *Queer Horizons*
2016 **Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts**, Grand Rapids, MI, *FUTURE TALK*
2014 **Center for Art and Thought,** web-based, *Queer Sites and Sounds*
2013 **Asian Art Museum,** San Francisco, CA, *Proximities 3: Import/Export*
2012 **Kendall College of Art and Design**, Grand Rapids, MI, *Role/Play*

Awards & Residencies

2021 **Artist in Residence,** Mattress Factory
2017 **Installation Category Juried Award,** ArtPrize
Artist Seed Grant presented by the Frey Foundation, ArtPrize
2012 **Nominee, SECA Art Award,** San Francisco Museum of Modern Art

Teaching Positions

2023 **Grand Valley State University,** Allendale, MI, Adjunct

Contributing Writer
Art21 Blog, Bad at Sports, HuffPost, Hyperallergic

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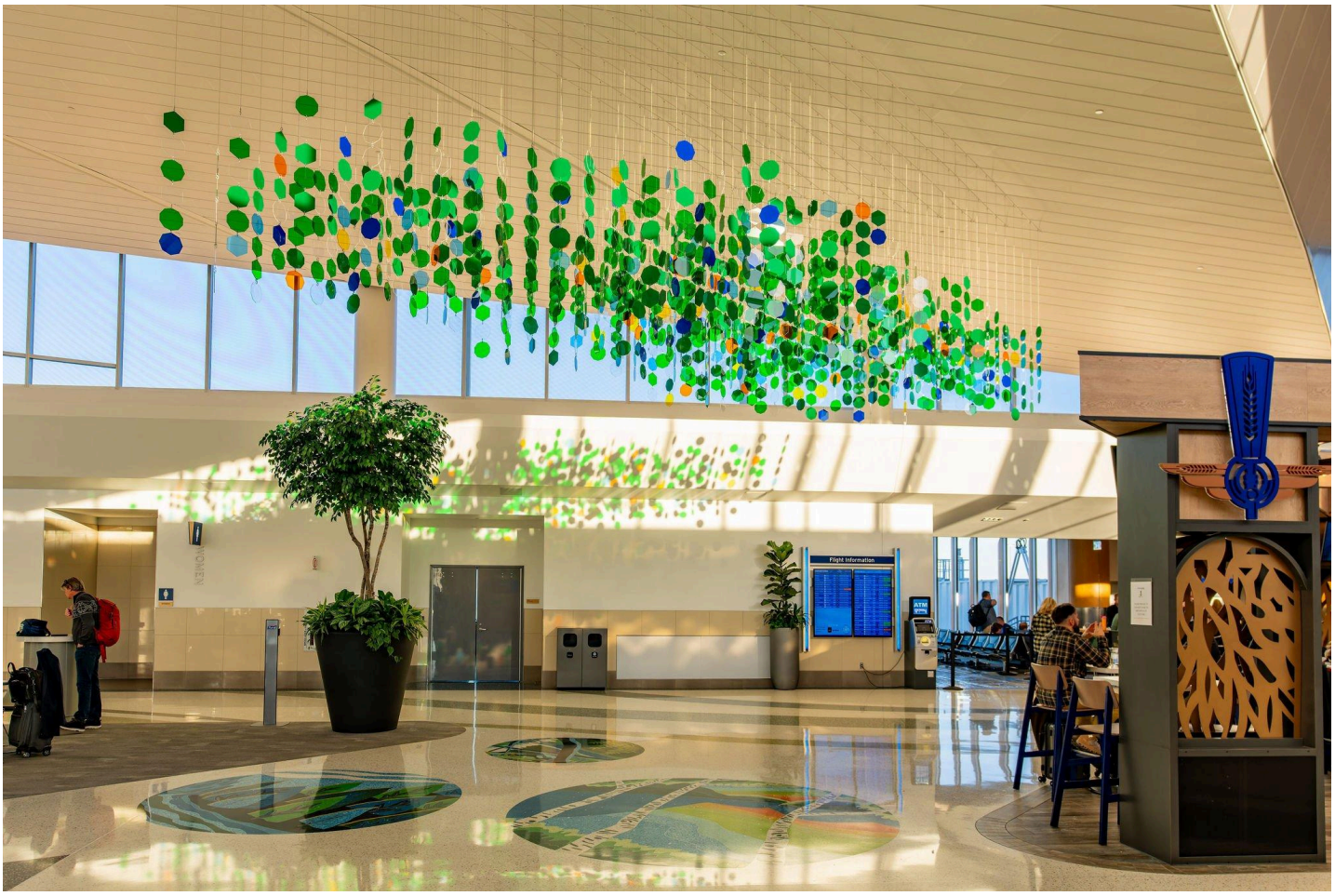
2018 *Jeffrey Augustine Songco Interview,* Asian American Art Oral History Project of DePaul University
2017 *Queering Contemporary Asian American Art,* University of Washington Press

Selected Press
2024 ***Stateside* on Michigan Public Radio,** Stateside: Tuesday, July 30, 2024
Grand Rapids Magazine, Artist explores pageant culture through self-portraiture
2023 ***Gerald R. Ford International Airport,*** Gerald R. Ford Int'l Airport selects artist for Concourse A 2021
BOMB, I Have Had Enough Conversations To Know That Flowers Sell: Jeffrey Augustine Songco Interviewed by Jessica Lanay
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 'Society of 23' art exhibit explores greatness, identity at the Mattress Factory
***Forbes*,** In Jeffrey Augustine Songco's America, You Can Be Both A Bro And A Queen
Pittsburgh City Paper, Fictional frat life plays out in Mattress Factory's "Society of 23's Trophy Game Room"
2020 ***Newcity Art,*** Art Top 5: April 2020
2019 ***Sixty Inches from Center,*** 7 Reflections & Suggested Sounds: ALL WE WANT IS TO SEE OURSELVES at FLXST Contemporary
Hyperallergic, The Curdling of American Masculinity in University Frats
2018 ***W Magazine,*** The Most-Instagrammed Art of Armory Week 2018, from Evaporating Clouds to $1.5 Million TV Sets
HuffPost, New York's Scrappiest Art Fair Lives Inside A Corporate High-Rise
Hyperallergic, Spring Break Is an Oasis for Art Fair Haters
ARTnews, A Tour of the 2018 Spring/Break Art Show
The Art Newspaper, New York's March fairs aim to seize market moment
2017 ***The Daily Beast,*** How Betsy DeVos Became an Unexpected Champion of LGBTQ Art
artnet, How the New Queer Asian American Criticism Is Shifting the Way We See Art
2016 ***Detroit Free Press,*** Discovering the sublime, avoiding the ridiculous at ArtPrize
2014 ***San Francisco Arts Quarterly,*** SFAQ Review: "Proximities 3: Import/Export"

Selected Lectures & Panels
2024 **Grand Rapids Public Library,** Grand Rapids, MI
2023 **School of the Art Institute of Chicago, ECPOSI,** Chicago, IL
Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, Omaha, NE
2021 **University of Michigan, Institute for the Humanities,** Ann Arbor, MI
Archer Gallery, Clark College, Vancouver, WA
2018 **Open Society Foundations,** New York, NY
Asian Art Museum + Pilipinx American Library, San Francisco, CA, *A Politics of Filipinx Diasporic Queer Curation Now*
DePaul University, Chicago, IL
Failure Lab, Grand Rapids, MI
Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI
2017 **Association for Asian American Studies Conference,** Portland, OR, *Who Cares? Asian American Contemporary Art, Cultures and Queer Communities*
2014 **University of California, Riverside,** Riverside, CA, Queer Sites and Sounds Symposium
2013 **Michigan State University,** Lansing, MI, Midwest Bisexual Lesbian Gay Transgender Ally College Conference, *Queer Art and Theology*

Relatable Work

Facets
2023
Acrylic and metal
10 ft. x 23 ft. x 12 ft.
Permanent Commission
Gerald R. Ford International Airport in Grand Rapids, Michigan







Relatable Work

Dancing Through
2024
Metal
10 ft. x 10 ft. x 10 ft.
Permanent Commission
Corewell Health Sports Performance Center in Grand Rapids, Michigan





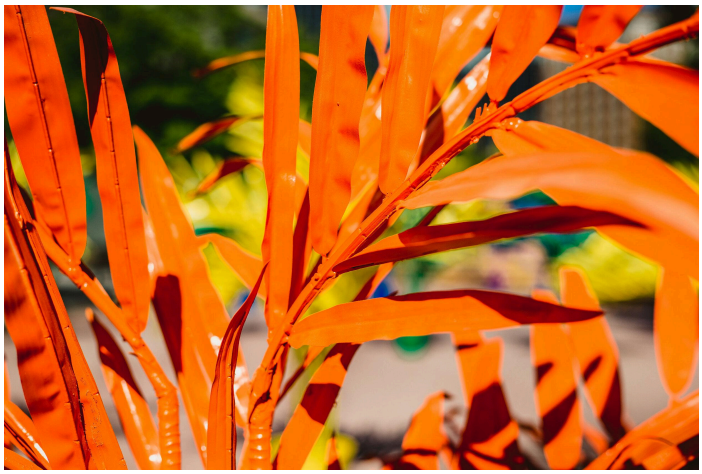


Relatable Work

Tropical Realness
2020
23 artificial palms, paint, sand, wood, concrete
40 ft x 90 ft x 8 ft
Temporary Commission
Monroe Center Social Zone in Grand Rapids, Michigan







Relatable Work

Conservatory Flower Arrangements
2025
Acrylic
Dimensions variable
Sculptural work exhibited at Lamont Gallery at Phillips Exeter Academy







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Written Proposal

Narrative Description

Flower World (Framacitinus) is a series of large-scale powder coated metal sculptures temporarily installed at Cook Park. The colorful abstract shapes represent a landscape of whimsical flowers to bring joy to visitors during the winter months. The outline of each flower 'head' is illuminated with LED strips to enhance the installation's presence at night.

Each sculpture invites viewers to step into a landscape of wonder. The forms depict flowers that might grow in a fantastical garden filled with geometric shapes. Standing as tall as 12 feet, these sculptures are grouped together into small arrangements which are then spaced apart. This composition draws the eye across the landscape to enhance the park's atmosphere with a sense of energy and rhythm, as well as allows visitors to wander around and between the arrangements. LED lightstrips will be surface-mounted along the perimeter of each flower's "head" or "petal" (not the "stems") to highlight the vibrant colors and intricate shapes and create a compelling visual experience both day and night, up close and from afar.

This proposed artwork is a vibrant celebration of nature and movement, blending dreamy imagination with dynamic forms. The artwork is inspired by my small-scale acrylic sculptures that are currently exhibited at Lamont Gallery at Phillips Exeter Academy. As a Filipino-American artist, I like to think of this work as portraits of my own identity — a scene of tropical flowers in full bloom during the cold winter months. The artwork — titled *Flower World (Framacitinus)* — plays with two ideas: "flower world" suggests an out-of-this-world place and "framacitinus" is a fictional term I playfully coined from parts of Latin words to name this flower genus which roughly translates to "Brotherhood Friendship Exotic Alien".

This work symbolizes growth, transformation, and the connection between people and their environment. It is "rooted" in my vision of blending cultural and personal heritage with public engagement through art. By introducing large-scale, colorful sculptures that are both surreal and accessible, I aim to inspire moments of joy, curiosity, and community connection for all who encounter them.

Sculptural Elements and Fabrication

This artwork will be created with the following materials: powder coated steel and LED lights. Much like my Relatable Work sample titled *Dancing Through*, steel will be cut into circles, smoothed, and painted. The circles will be welded to hollow steel rods to create each "flower". Electrical wiring will travel through these rigid steel rods to power the LED lightstrips that are surface-mounted to the perimeter / outside edge of each circle.

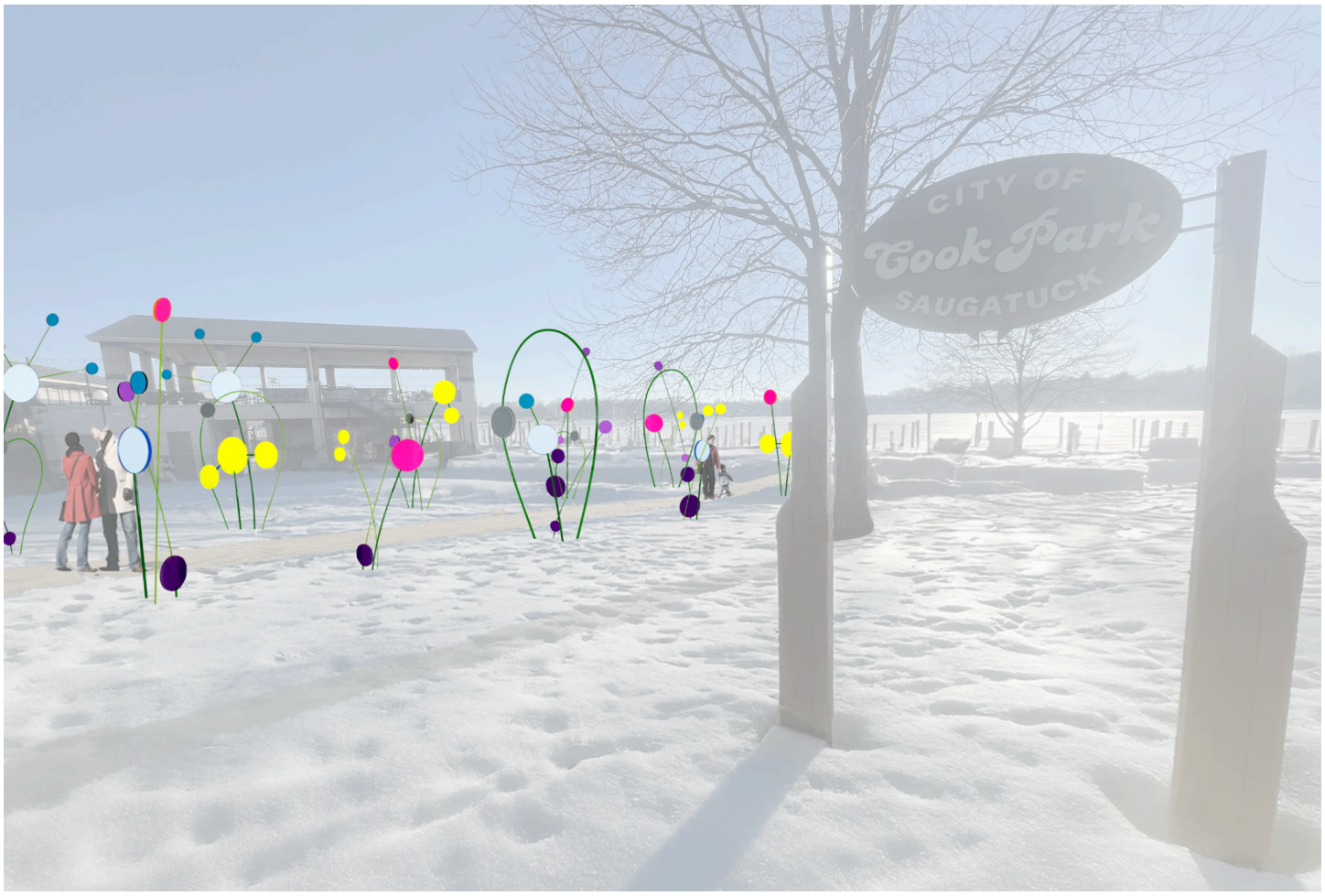
The installation as a whole is designed to withstand physical manipulation from visitors as they may and will touch the sculptures. However, vandalism from graffiti or marker tagging is unavoidable.

This artwork will ultimately be fabricated by a metals fabrication studio in Grand Rapids that I have worked with to create both *Dancing Through* and the supporting structures for *Facets*. The fabricator has an incredible team and works with an additional Grand Rapids-based vendor to powder coat the metal.

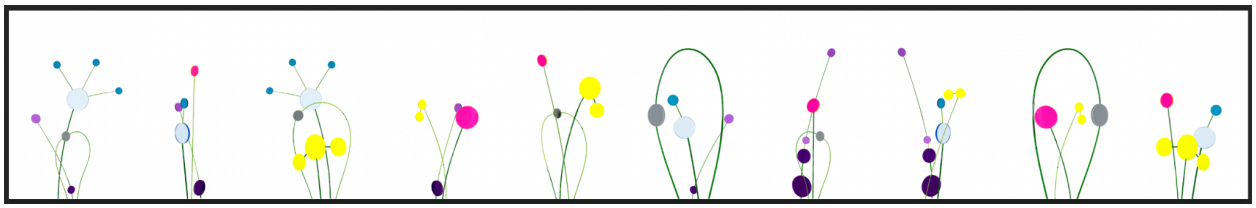
Installation and Removal

This metals fabrication studio team will also execute the installation of the sculptures on or around October 2025 and execute the de-installation of the sculptures on or around April 2026. As a reference, this team also installed the supporting structures for *Facets* at the Gerald R. Ford International Airport with complete expertise and professionalism in compliance with the strict rules and regulations of the airport.

Renderings: *Flower World*

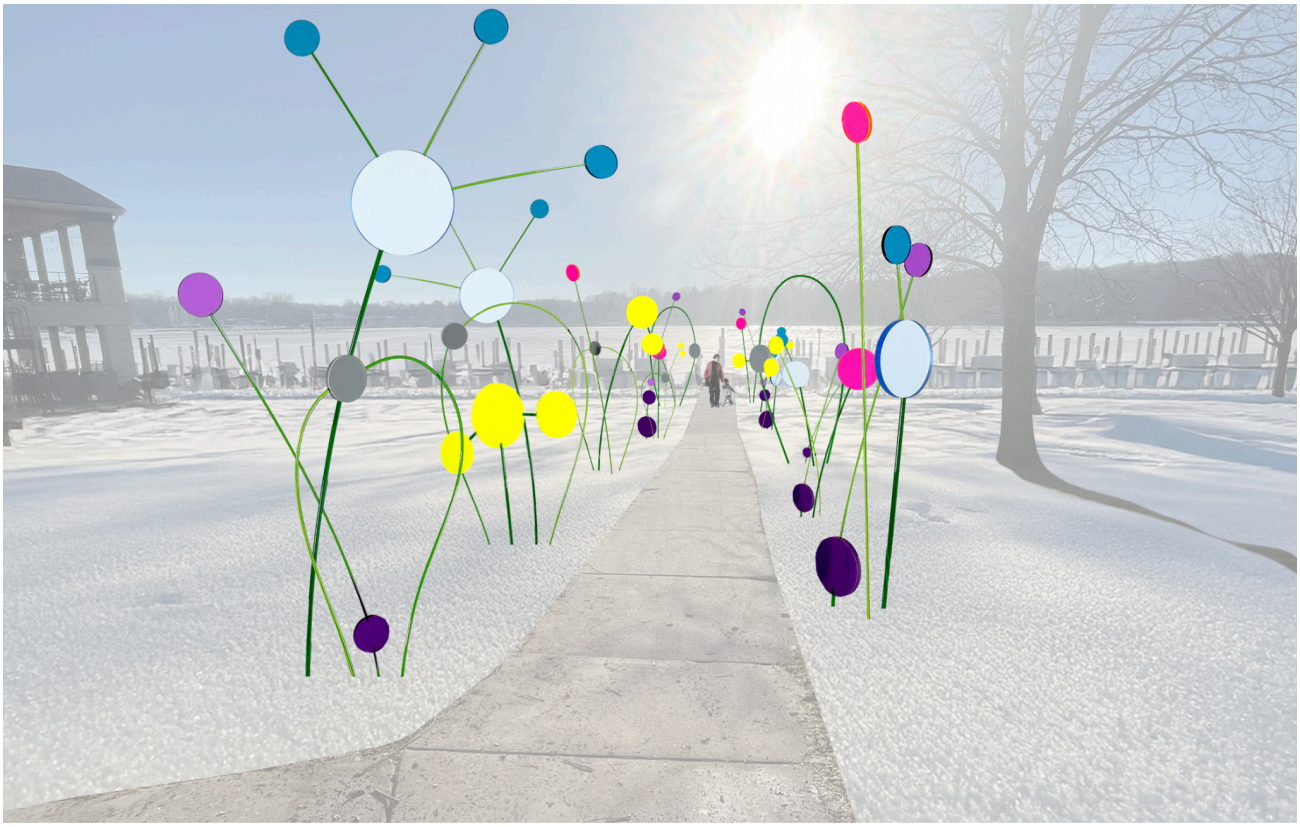


- The rendering above depicts the flowers temporarily installed along the sidewalk bisecting Cook Park.
- 1 group of flowers has 3 flower stems with various colors. Here, there are 10 groups of flowers that are staggered on either side of the sidewalk creating an illusion of a large tunnel which visitors can pass through.
- By keeping the sculptures on both sides of the sidewalk, simple snow removal on the sidewalk during winter months will suffice in allowing visitors to safely access and experience *Flower World*.

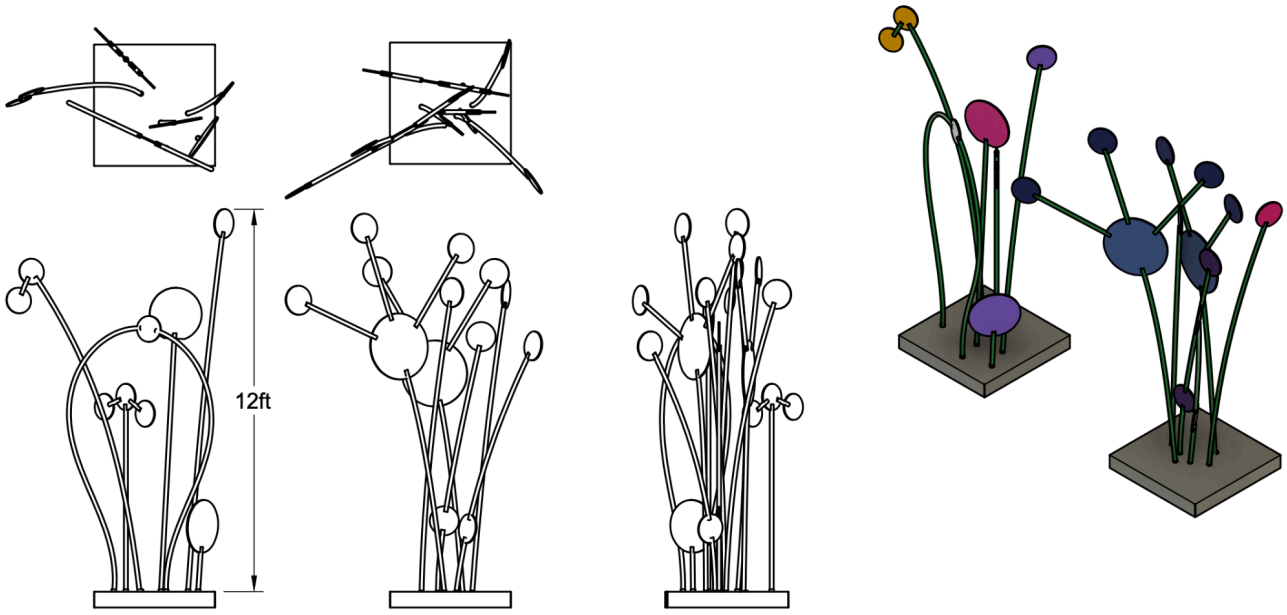


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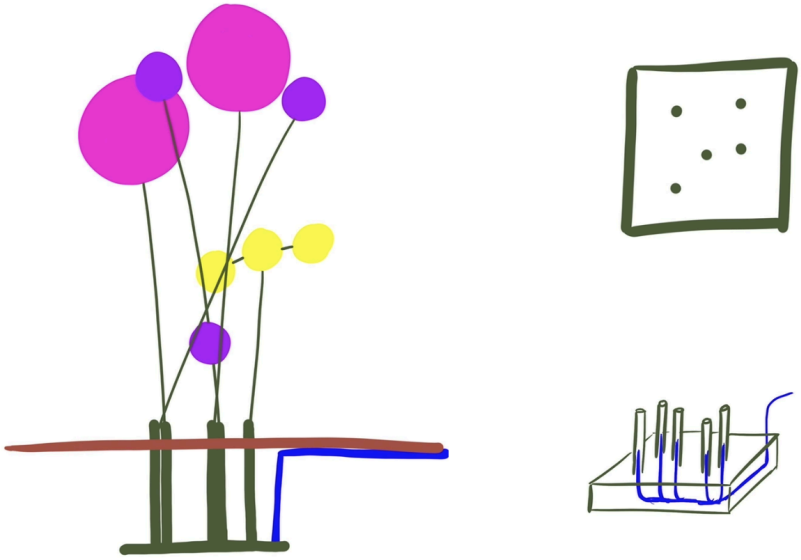




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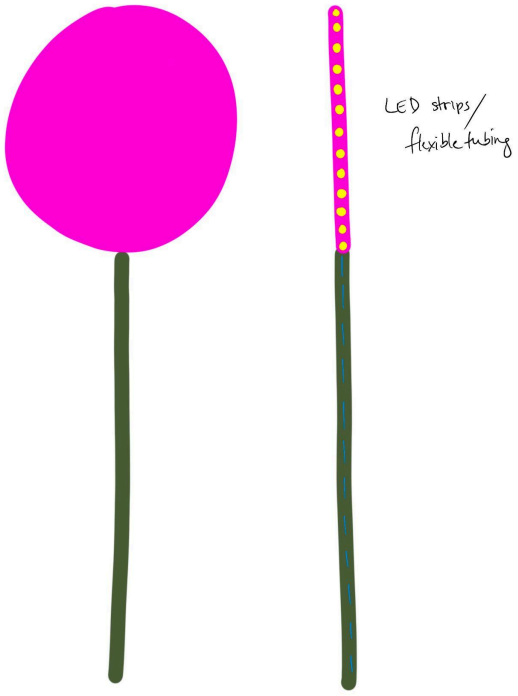


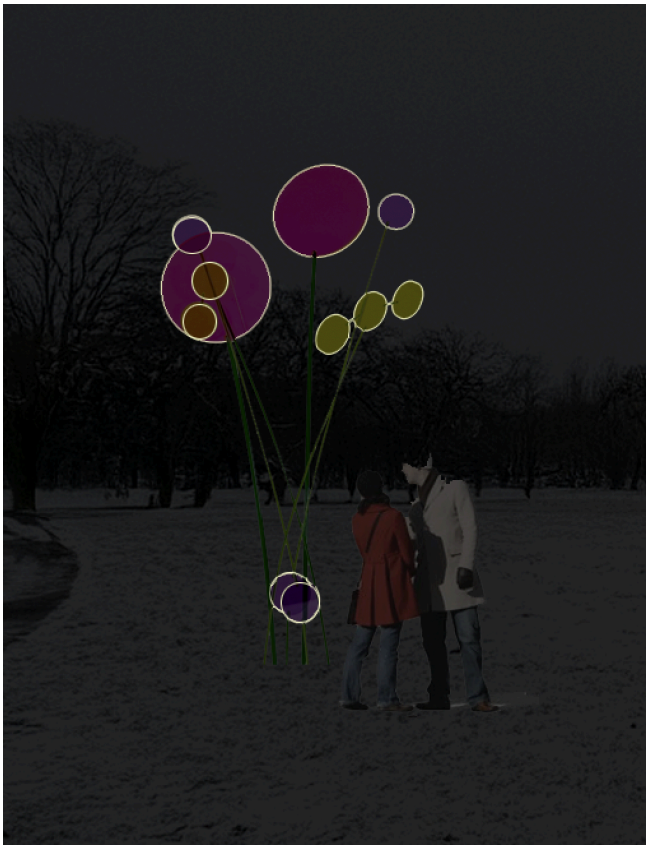
- At its tallest, the sculpture will be 12 feet. Each “stem” is bolted to a metal base that will be buried underground.



- At this early proposal stage of the project, I have considered a solution to temporarily install the sculpture which includes electricity. The base of a “flower arrangement” will be buried underground with enough surface area and soil weight to prevent the sculpture from leaning. The hollow rods will slip into and connect to hollow sleeves welded to the base. An electrical cord will feed into the base and connect to wiring within the hollow rods. The main electrical line (a simple extension cord) can be buried underground to reach the primary power source in the park.
- By using this method, the artwork exists as a temporary installation and no concrete pour is needed.
- An electrician may be requested to bury the main electrical line.

Renderings: *Flower World*





- LED lightstrips will be surface-mounted to the perimeter / outside edge of flower “head” or “petal”. An electrical cord will run through the hollow rod to power the lights. These lights do not shine light on the entire installation but rather create a different visual artwork at night.







- Additional outdoor lighting may be added to the site such as cylindrical lighting posts or staked uplights. Grounded lights may require maintenance after heavy snow accumulation.

Rough Timeline

Date	Description	Duration
March 1	Formalize proposal with SCA and SDACVB	2 months
May 1	Order and fulfill materials	1 month
June 1	Fabricate artwork	2 months
September 15	Prepare site	2 weeks
October 1	Install artwork	1 week
April 2026	De-install artwork	1 week

Rough Budget

Description	Cost
Flower sculptures (materials + labor)	$30,000
Installation (labor)	$2,500
De-installation (labor)	$2,500
Artist's Honorarium	$15,000
Total	**$50,000**

Optional Costs

The following costs are not required but may be considered if SDACVB chooses to invest further in the project. These options include the purchase of the sculptures for permanent display and site updates to enhance the installation's longevity.

Description	Cost
Sculpture purchase	$30,000
Site updates (including concrete pours and updated electrical)	$15,000
Total	**$45,000**

Parks & Public Works Committee
Agenda Item Report

FROM: Scott Herbert – Public Works Superintendent

MEETING DATE: March 25, 2025

SUBJECT: Stormwater Presentation

DESCRIPTION:
Paul Hausler and Carrie Rivette from Progressive Companies are here today to present on various topics relating to stormwater infrastructure and their impacts.

BUDGET ACTION REQUIRED:
N/A

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REVIEW:
N/A

LEGAL REVIEW:
N/A

SAMPLE MOTION:
N/A

Stormwater Presentation

These days, most lakefront homeowners are aware of how their actions can affect the water quality in their lakes. However, lakes with storm sewer discharges to them are facing additional issues, that can't be resolved only by lakefront homeowners' actions. Lakes in more urban areas are dealing with runoff from yards beyond the lakefront and from streets and parking lots. Our presentation is intended to give the City of Saugatuck a quick update on sources of stormwater contaminants and their impacts on lakes and rivers, especially with rainfall frequency and intensity changing. The precipitation information consists of personal anecdotes and those from across the state with a few graphics on anticipated future rainfall conditions. From there, we will discuss green infrastructure/nature-based solutions that can reduce contaminants coming in from stormwater systems that discharge to the Kalamazoo Lake/River.

Below is an outline of the presentation. While we can customize this to fit your community's needs, it is intended that items A through D are a brief refresher. The emphasis is on nature-based solutions.

A. Impacts of stormwater on surface water
B. Probability for more extreme precipitation events
C. Contaminant sources
    a. Lawn/Driveway Runoff
        i. Fertilizers
        ii. Pet and Avian Waste
        iii. Pesticides
        iv. Household Chemicals
        v. Salt
    b. Streets
        i. Sediment
        ii. Oils and Greases
        iii. Cleaners/Detergents
        iv. Increased Water Temperature
        v. Salt
    c. Outfalls
        i. Soil Erosion Sediment
        ii. All of the Above
D. Impacts of above contaminants
        (i) Harmful algal blooms
        (ii) Biological oxygen demand – anoxic "dead zones"
        (iii) Loss of biodiversity
        (iv) Habitat loss
E. Nature-based Solutions
    a. Rain gardens and bioswales
    b. Natural shorelines and filter strips
    c. Daylighting outfalls and buffer strips
    d. Permeable pavement
    e. Leaching catch basins
    f. Mechanical filters
F. Questions

CLR
Stormwater Presentation Outline

Paul Hausler

WATER RESOURCES
PRACTICE LEADER



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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science, Aquatic Biology
Grand Valley State University

Certificate of Wetland Delineator Certification Program,
Wetland Training Institute

Natural Shoreline Professional Certification,
Michigan State University—Cooperative Extension Service

Over the past 34 years, Paul has been involved in all of Progressive Companies large water resource management projects. Paul is primarily responsible for leading the water resources team and overseeing and coordinating large projects.

Spring Lake- Lake Board

Schoolcraft Township, Barton Lake

Marble-Coldwater Lake Improvement Board

Watervliet and Coloma Townships, Paw Paw Lake

Diamond Lake Association

Hodunk-Messenger Lake Improvement Board

Upper Straits Clean Lake Association

Village of Wolverine Lake

Wixom Lake Improvement Board

Lake Oakland Improvement Board

Presentations

- Wixom & Sanford Lakes, a Re-birth in Progress, Midwest Aquatic Plant Management Society, Grand Rapids, Michigan
- The Fishery and Aquatic Invasive Species Control, Michigan Lakes and Streams Association, Crystal Mountain Resort, Michigan
- Lake Boards, a Half-Century of Cooperation & Accomplishment, Michigan Association of County Drain Commissioners, Mackinac Island, Michigan
- Collaborative research on invasive aquatic plant management, National Aquatic Plant Management Society, Grand Rapids, Michigan
- Using Bioassays to Effectively Manage Tolerance Issues in Select Milfoil Bio-types, Midwest Aquatic Plant Management Society, Cleveland, Ohio
- Houghton Lake, Michigan: A Challenge in Aquatic Plant Management, Midwest Aquatic Plant Management Society, Chicago, Illinois
- Evaluation of Renovate OTF to Control Eurasian Milfoil in Wixom Lake, Michigan, Midwest Aquatic Plant Management Society, Sandusky, Ohio
- A Large-Scale Application of Alum to an Inland Lake: A Synopsis of the Treatment and Early Indications of Success, Midwest Aquatic Plant Management Society, Grand Rapids, Michigan

PROGRESSIVE COMPANIES

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SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER



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EDUCATION

Michigan Technological University
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CREDENTIALS

Licensed Engineer

Carrie Rivette, a Project Manager and Senior Civil Engineer who recently joined Progressive Companies, brings over a decade of specialized experience in stormwater management and green infrastructure. For 12 years, she managed Grand Rapids' Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit, playing a vital role in advancing the City's green infrastructure initiatives. Her work supported significant urban sustainability plans, including the Green Grand Rapids Master Plan Update, the Stormwater Master Plan, and the Vital Streets Plan, and she helped shape the city's Green Infrastructure Portfolio Standards and Strategic Plan. Carrie's collaborative efforts connected the City with prominent organizations like Friends of Grand Rapids Parks and Plaster Creek Stewards and saw her serve nearly ten years on the executive committee for the Lower Grand River Organization of Watersheds (LGROW).

Among Carrie's notable projects, the **Curb Cut Rain Gardens Initiative** (2013–2023) stands out as a model of sustainable infrastructure. In partnership with Plaster Creek Stewards, she guided the installation of around 150 curb cut rain gardens in the city, an effort that other local municipalities have since adopted. Her leadership in the **Daylighting at The Highlands** project (2018–2023) also exemplifies her commitment to environmental restoration. Partnering with the Land Conservancy of West Michigan and other stakeholders, she oversaw the removal of 1,500 feet of stormwater pipe to restore 2,000 feet of natural stream, aligning the project with both grant and city requirements. In the **Rainy Day Project** (2018–2020), Carrie collaborated with WMEAC and the Green Homes Coalition to implement water conservation efforts and green infrastructure assessments in underserved Grand Rapids neighborhoods, achieving a community-wide reduction in water usage.

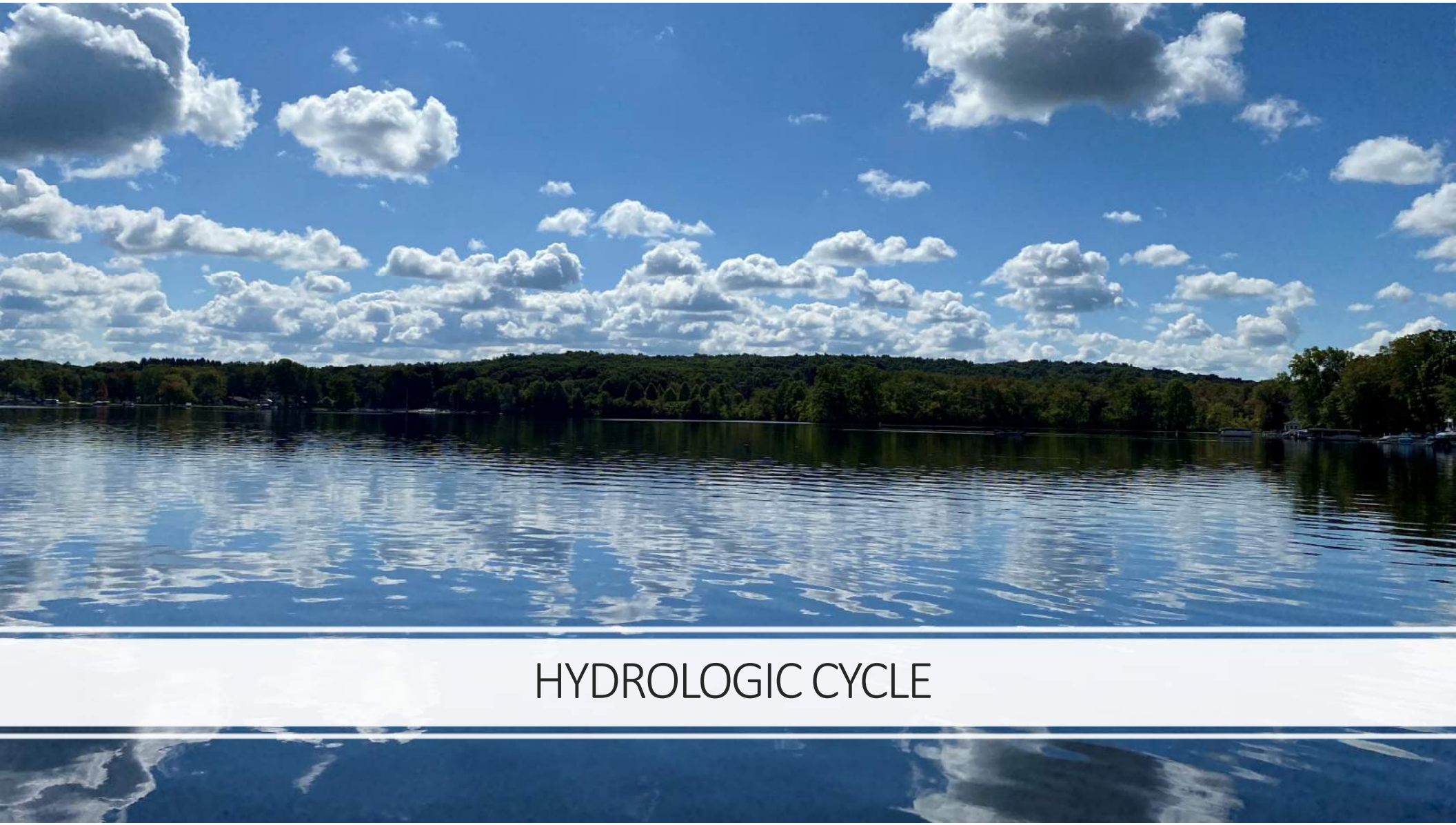
Carrie's project portfolio reflects her dedication to sustainable, community-driven solutions and her skill in managing complex partnerships and regulatory requirements. Her extensive experience in green infrastructure development and collaborative project management will enhance Progressive Companies' approach to water resources and urban sustainability.

PROGRESSIVE COMPANIES

STORMWATER RUNOFF AND LAKES



Keeping Our Lakes Clean and Healthy
in a Changing Regional Climate



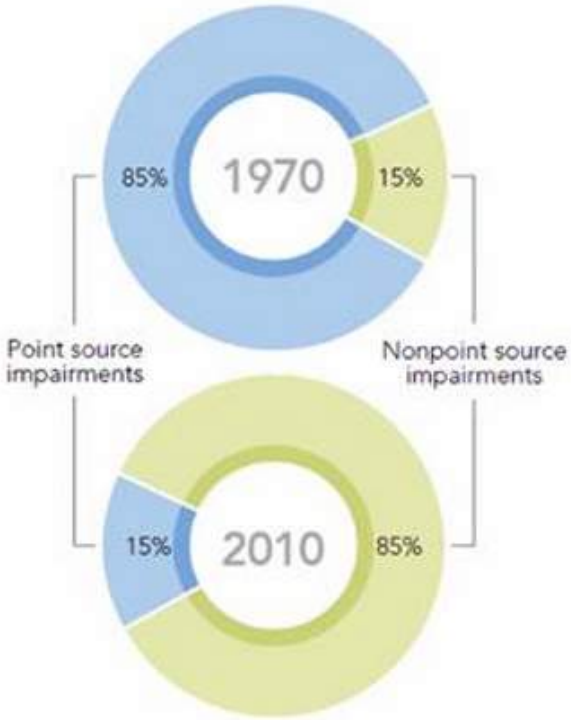
HYDROLOGIC CYCLE

National Issue

"Stormwater is the only growing source of water pollution in many watersheds throughout North America. Urbanization and climate change exacerbate stormwater pollution, and, today, more than half the world's population lives in cities."

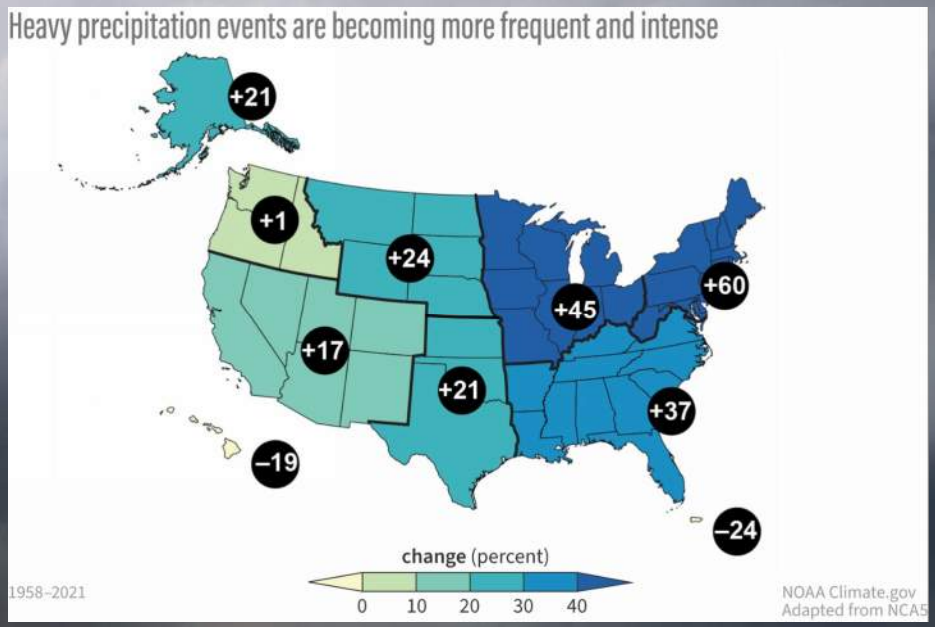
"To put this issue in the context of environmental effect, in 1970, 85% of water quality impairments were associated with point-source pollution. The remaining 15% came from nonpoint sources such as agricultural and urban stormwater. Today, after significant advancements in wastewater treatment, these values have flipped — 85% of impairments now stem from nonpoint and urban stormwater discharges."

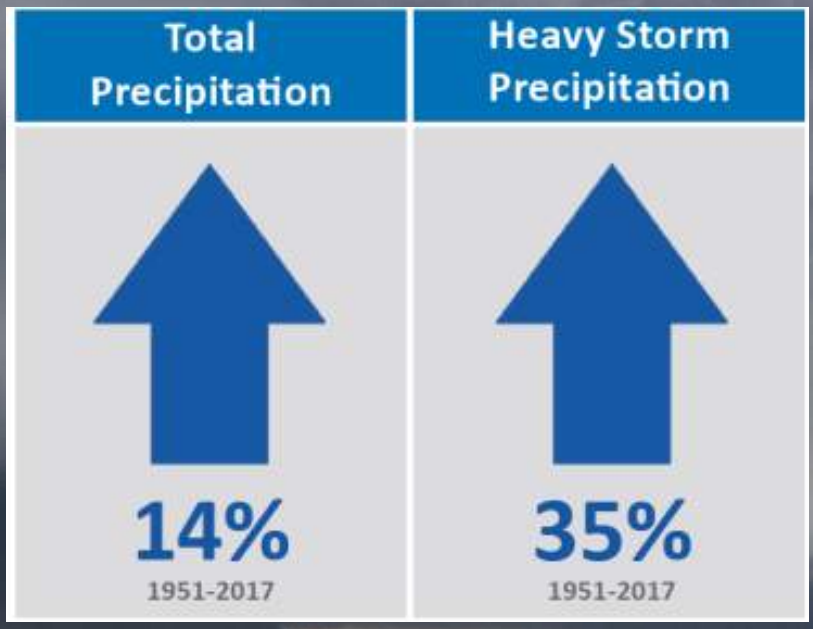
Rainfall to Results: The Future of Stormwater
Water Environment Federation, 2015



EGLE

Extreme Precipitation Events

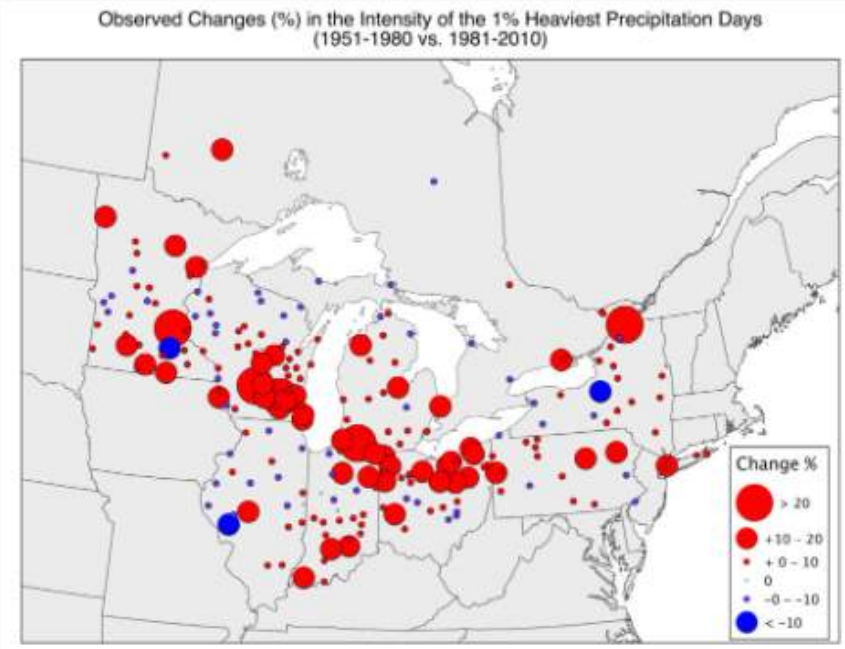




Michigan Data Courtesy of GLISA 2019

Changes in the Heaviest 1% of Daily Precipitation Events from 1951-1980 to 1981-2010 in the Great Lakes Region	
Change in Intensity of 1% Heaviest Storm (%)	5.1
Change in Number of 1% Heaviest Storm Days (%)	23.6
Change in Amount Falling in 1% Heaviest Storms (%)	24.5

Regional analysis of extreme precipitation. Values are based on observations from 230 U.S. and Canadian GHCN stations across the Great Lakes region.



Change in intensity of the heaviest 1% of daily precipitation events for GLISA quality-controlled GHCN-Daily stations in the Great Lakes region.

Impacts from Storm Sewers and Open Drains

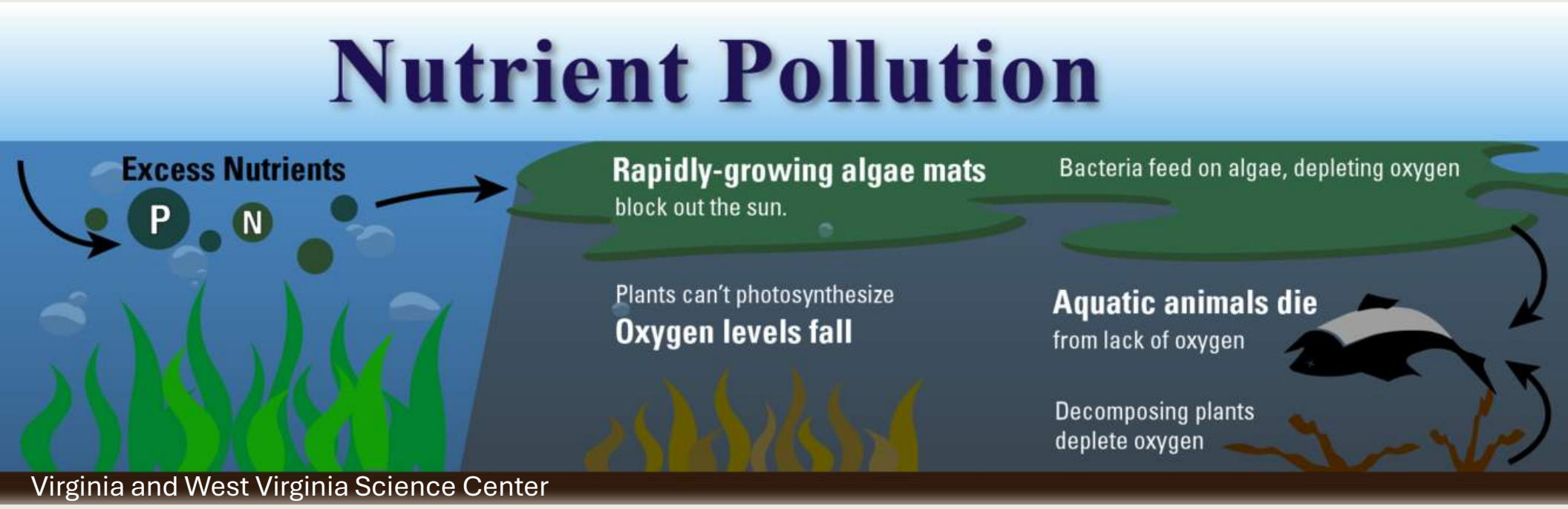


- Lawn/Driveway Runoff
  - Fertilizers
  - Pet and Avian Waste
  - Pesticides
  - Household Chemicals
  - Salt
- Streets
  - Sediment
  - Oils and Greases
  - Cleaners/Detergents
  - Increased Water Temperature
  - Salt
- Outfalls
  - Soil Erosion Sediment
  - All the Above


HARMFUL ALGAL
BLOOMS

Fertilizers and Nutrients

- Plant and Algal Growth
- Blocks Sunlight
- Decreases Oxygen

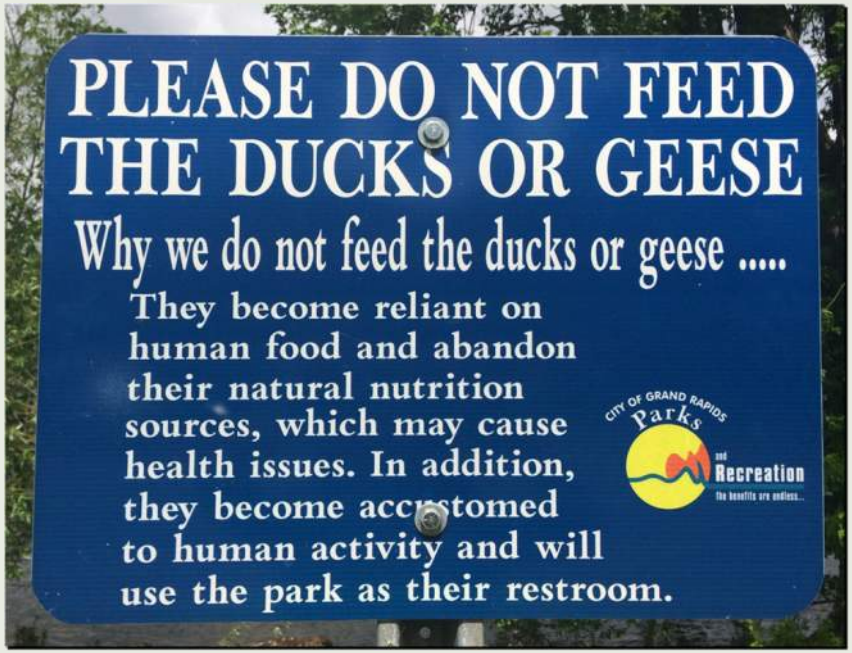


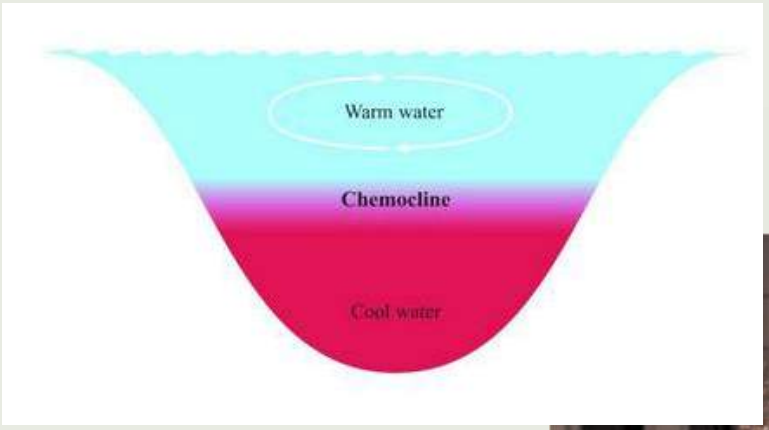
Pet and Avian Waste

- *E. coli*
- Nutrients

Household Chemicals

- *E. coli*
- Cleaners/Detergents
- Pesticides
- Oil and Grease





Chlorides

- Habitat/Biodiversity Decreases
- Water Temperature
- Very Transmissible/Soluble
- Increases Available Phosphorus
- Decreased Oxygen







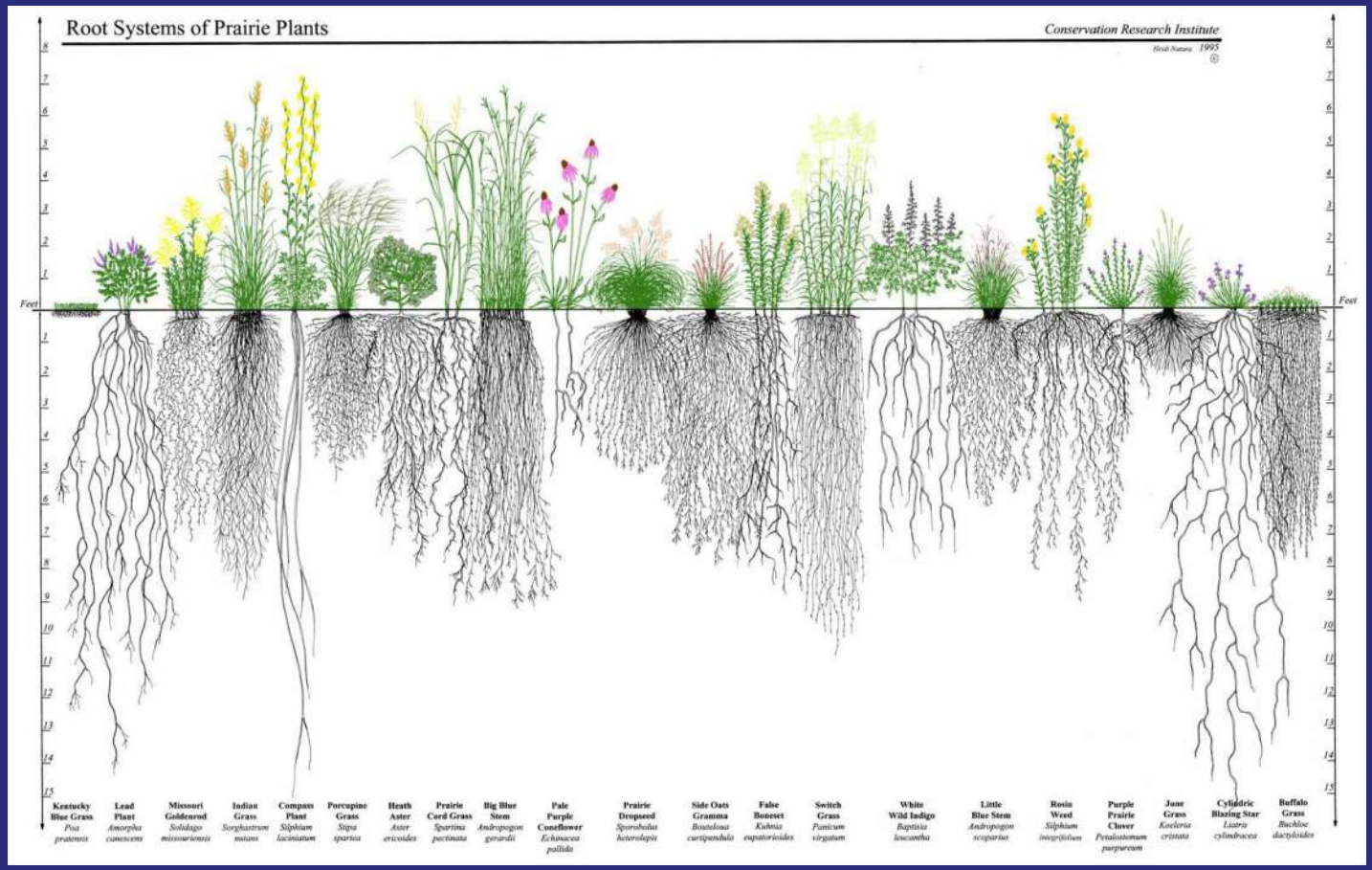
Sediment

- Habitat
- Blocks Sunlight
- *E. coli*
- Build up

Increased Water Temperature

- Plant and Algal Growth
- Loss of Habitat/Loss of Native Species

NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS



Rain Gardens and Bioswales



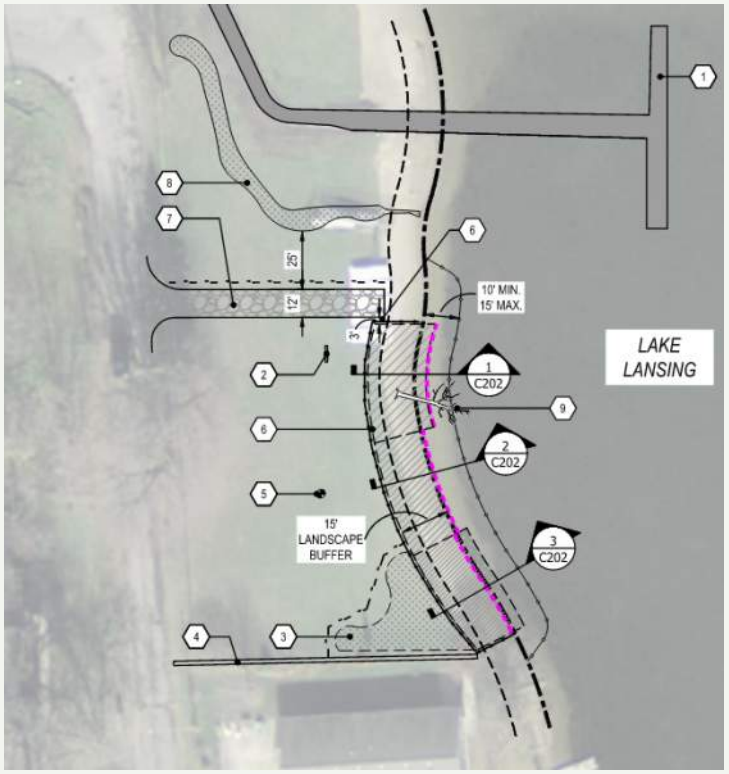


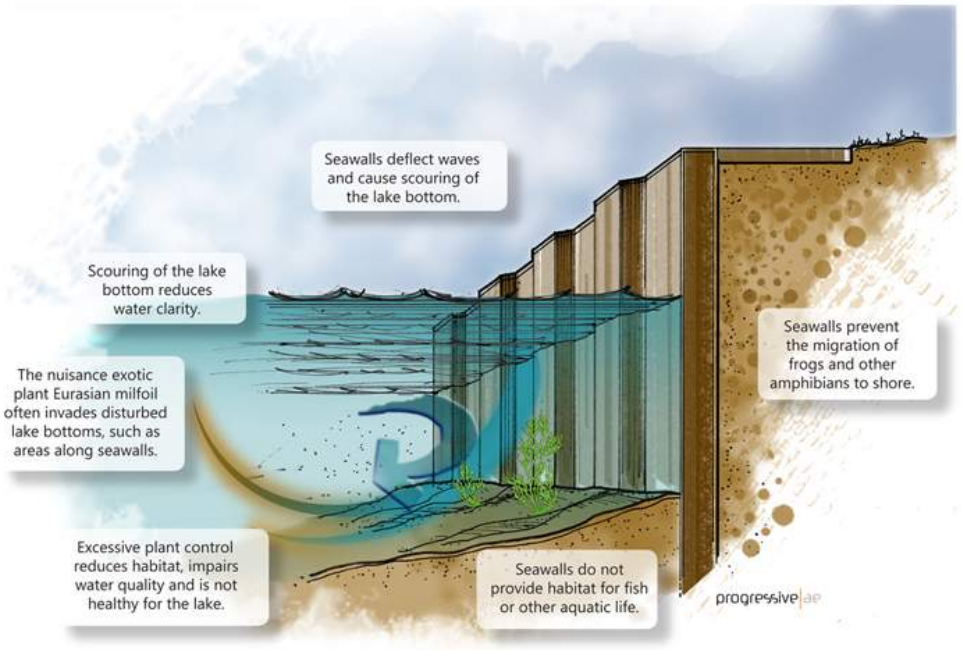


Natural Shorelines and Filter Strips



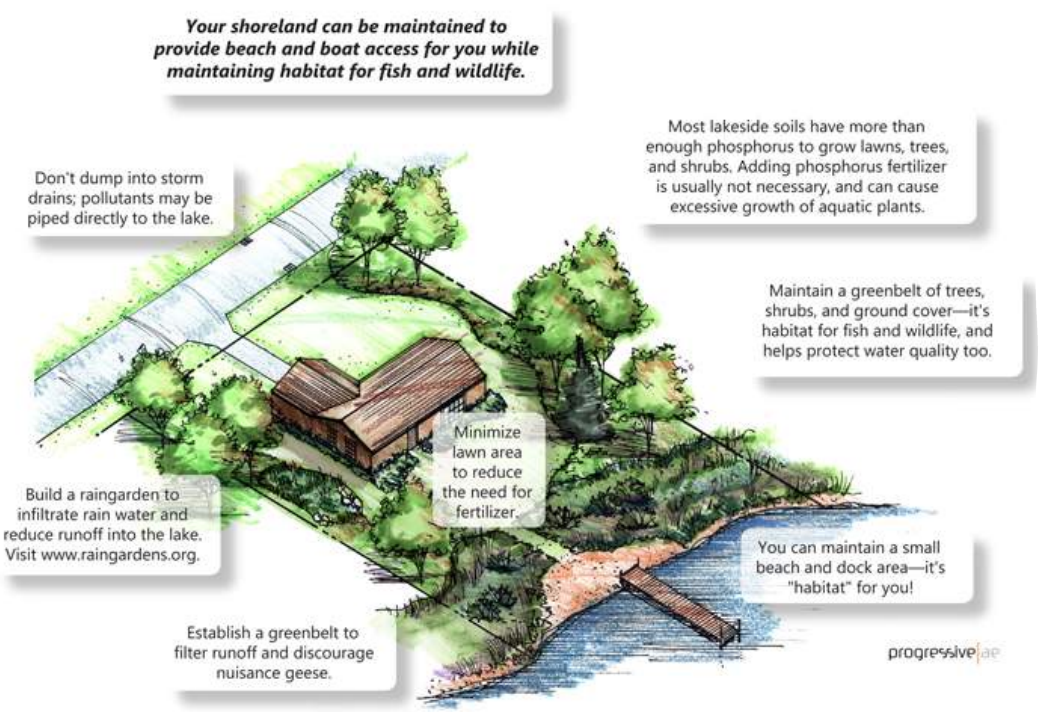


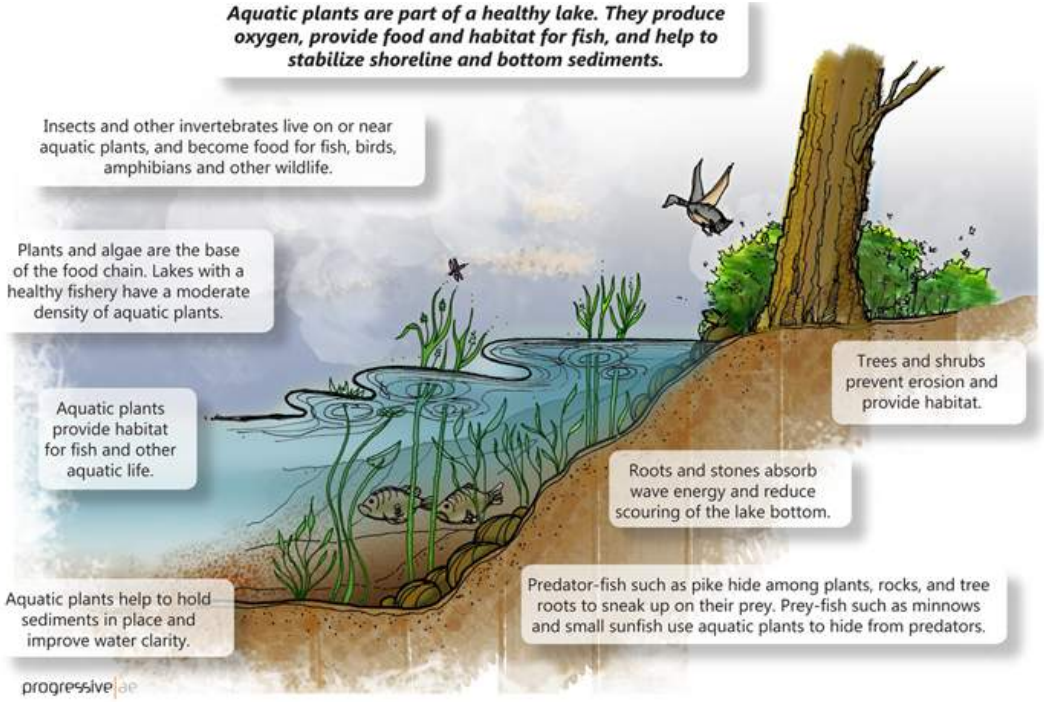






Hardened Shorelines





Natural Shorelines

Daylighting Outfalls and Buffer Strips







Permeable Pavement





Leaching Catch Basins

Mechanical Filters

- Floatables
- Solids
- Hydrocarbons



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THANK YOU

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insights and inquiries.





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Parks & Public Works Committee
Agenda Item Report

FROM: Scott Herbert – Public Works Superintendent

MEETING DATE: March 25, 2025

SUBJECT: Naming of the Airport Property

DESCRIPTION:
City Council has asked the Parks & Public Works Committee (PPWC) for assistance developing a list of potential names for the "Old Airport Property". The Council did note that community input was very important. A Survey Monkey link was shared on the City Facebook page as well as with Saugatuck Public Schools.

As of 1:30pm on Saturday, March 22nd, we've received a total of 71 responses to the survey. A list of survey responses is enclosed. Please review and be prepared to present your top choices for Council to consider.

BUDGET ACTION REQUIRED:
N/A

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REVIEW:
N/A

LEGAL REVIEW:
N/A

SAMPLE MOTION:
N/A

Airport Property Naming Framework

Background:
The Airport Property is a City of Saugatuck owned 169.1 acre parcel on 63rd and 134th that consists of a significant mosaic of greenspace within the Kalamazoo River Greenway corridor. It is a diverse range of mature forests, vernal pools with a beautiful creek (Silver Creek) threading through the ravines. The property has been owned by the City for 80+ years and will be open to the public this spring with rustic trails, signage and a parking lot.

Goal:
To engage the public to help name the City of Saugatuck's first new park this century.

Objectives
Choose a name for the new City of Saugatuck park

Participants
PPW members
City Staff to send out the open form submission
Saugatuck students
Saugatuck residents
City Council for name selection

Approach
Use the framework that the SPS Mascot renaming committee used for their project
Offer open-form submission to gather ideas for park names
Send form out to Saugatuck residents and students
Will Sara be collecting and collating the responses from the public and students for review by PPW?
Gather input from PPW Committee to narrow selection from community submission
City Council will vote on the final name

Project Risks and Mitigation:
Risk:
We don't get many responses from the public or names that the group likes
Mitigation: Do you think the CVB would have a professional source that could come up with good names? Other residents with PR expertise we could consult?
Council doesn't choose a name -
Mitigation: Receive a commitment from our mayor and City Manager to have the vote on the PPW suggestions on the 4/14 City Council meeting.

Target End Date: 3/31/2025 *4/14/2025 (City Council's first meeting after our PPW meeting on 3/25 is 4/14)*
Charter Date: _____
Charter Prepared by: _____

Survey Monkey Results for Naming Suggestions for the Airport Property as of 3.21.25 at 11am.

Saugatuck Wilds
3/20/2025 03:23 PM

Saugatuck wilds
3/20/2025 03:22 PM

The Winged Trail Park (playing off of the airport property) Carson Park for Environmental Stewardship (named after Rachel Carson, a marine biologist and conservationist, who is widely considered the most famous environmentalist in US history, credited with launching the modern environmental movement through her 1962 book, "Silent Spring") The Trowbridge Forrest and Park (named after a flat bottom steamboat that was constructed to try and move lumber between Saugatuck and Allegan on the Kzoo river)
3/20/2025 02:23 PM

Saugatuck Wilds
3/19/2025 09:06 PM

Saugatuck Wilds
3/19/2025 05:07 PM

Baldwin Preserve Silver creek park
3/18/2025 07:51 PM

Baldwin Park
3/18/2025 09:58 AM

Silver Creek Park
3/17/2025 09:08 AM

OLD AIRPORT PARK - preserves historical reference to the property and reflects what the locals have referred to it for many, many years and generations. BEKKEN PARK - honors the longest serving native resident on City Council (30 yrs, 2 time Mayor), Board member of KLSWA (30+ yrs, Chairman 20 yrs), long time SHS football coach, and a lifetime of other positions of service to Saugatuck.
3/16/2025 03:45 PM

The Otter Limits Park, Otter Space, Fawndemonium Forest, Plane and Simple Park, Silver Lining Forest.
3/13/2025 10:11 PM

Lumberdog park
3/13/2025 04:02 PM

Jellyfish Fields
3/13/2025 03:06 PM

Saugatuck Wilds
3/13/2025 11:26 AM

Sandpiper Forest: Named after a bird that is commonly found in the area, especially near Lake Michigan. It serves as a tie to the nearby "sand" dunes and coastal aspect of our beautiful town. It's also an ode to the original "aviation" intent of the park. Sandpipers hang out near water, which is fitting with the Vernal Pools and Silver Creek running through the woods. Sandpiper Park would be a good alternate, but given the old-growth trees and completely wooded aspect of it, I think Sandpiper Forest would be more accurately descriptive. Both would be awesome options! - Jon Charron
3/13/2025 10:06 AM

Helen Baldwin Park
3/13/2025 01:33 AM

Wild Saugatuck
3/12/2025 11:29 PM

Cassey’s Cove Nature Park
3/12/2025 09:46 PM

potawatomi trails
3/12/2025 09:33 PM

Silver creek trails 😎
3/12/2025 08:10 PM

Saugatuck Hollow
3/12/2025 06:58 PM

I hope that this park could someday incorporate disc golf into the its plan. I would name the park Saugatuck Airport
3/12/2025 03:08 PM

Silver Creek Natural Area. Patricia Birkholz Recreational Park.
3/12/2025 02:55 PM

Peter’s Park
3/12/2025 01:37 PM

Parky McParkerface
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Peter Parker
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Deerport Birdway Migration Runway Outdoor Silver Creek Aviary (OSCA)
3/12/2025 12:02 PM

Major J. Brooke Paulger Memorial Park - USMC harrier pilot, war veteran (see obituary in Commercial Record February 2021. For military record).
3/12/2025 11:13 AM

Saugatuck Nature Preserve
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Saugatuck Greenway Trails
3/12/2025 09:56 AM

Flyway Preserve
3/12/2025 09:52 AM

Rivers Bend Park
3/12/2025 09:11 AM

Silver creek park
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Camaraderie Park
3/12/2025 08:46 AM

The Wilds or Saugatuck Wilds!
3/12/2025 08:09 AM

The Backwoods
3/12/2025 07:41 AM

- Saugatuck Landings - Camaraderie Park - Jewel of Silver Creek - The Wilds - Saugatuck Wilds - Togetherness Trails - Flyer's Forest - The Backwoods of Saugatuck - Forest Friends or Friends of the Forest
3/12/2025 06:51 AM

Wasteland waking trail The big give away Free for all park No habitat for humanity Who greased the council park City screws the public park Another Sex in the Shitty park
3/11/2025 11:09 PM

Silver Creek Ravines
3/11/2025 10:30 PM

Green Flight Park
3/11/2025 09:41 PM

The Park That Wasted Taxpayer Money Instead of Creating Affordable Housing
3/11/2025 09:02 PM

Here are ideas from Eve McKeown: Herons Haven Aviator's Landing Aviator's Haven Osprey Ridge Silvercreek Sanctuary
3/11/2025 08:52 PM

Saugatuck Sanctuary

3/11/2025 08:27 PM

Whispering Woods
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Saugatuck Airport Nature Preserve
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Saugatuck Greenway Retreat
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Saugatuck Landings Park
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River Haven Trails
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Silver Creek Nature Reserve
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Wings & Waters Children’s Park
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Flight Paths
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Boondoggle Acres
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Silver creek park
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Lumberdogs Park
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Towering Oaks
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Silver Creek Landing ("landing" being a droll reference to original plan for the park to be an airport)
3/11/2025 05:09 PM

The Airport Park

3/11/2025 05:08 PM

Silver Creek Park
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FauxPort Trail
3/11/2025 04:57 PM

Anishinaabe Park Anishinaabe culture: • Anishinaabe culture is centered around a deep connection to nature • Plants like sweetgrass, tobacco, sage, and cedar are used for medicinal purposes • Anishinaabe culture survives through songs, dances, ceremonies, and stories • The Seven Grandfather Teachings of wisdom, love, respect, bravery, honesty, humility, and truth
3/11/2025 04:54 PM

Silver Creek Park
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Ravine Run Park Silver Ravines Towering Oaks River Run Flyaway Ravines Upwind Ravines Hope these ideas help! <3 The Art Coast Properties Team
3/11/2025 04:53 PM

Mistake
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Baldwin Park
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Serenity Park
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Saugatuck Sanctuary
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Aviation Park
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Flyway Park (nod to the original intent of an airport and the current and future use as an avian flyway)
3/11/2025 04:26 PM

Future Public Housing Site
3/11/2025 04:26 PM

FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026

CITY OF SAUGATUCK

Vision

Saugatuck is an inclusive waterfront community that welcomes all. City residents enjoy a great quality of life living in one of the country's highest-rated tourist destinations. Saugatuck is a vibrant, inviting community with a talented and dedicated staff, great schools, an active tourist-based economy, stable property values, and sense of history as the community moves into the future. Residents and visitors enjoy a unique, small-town atmosphere, exceptional parks, and access to beautiful natural resources.

Goals and Priorities

Saugatuck City Council sets the goals and priorities that reflect our vision and guide decision-making. The priorities-setting process forms the basis of Council's consensus on the projects that impact City residents, businesses, visitors, and the community as a whole. City Administration uses Council's vision and priorities to direct work activities and allocate staff and financial resources. City Council's priorities are dynamic and will be reviewed and modified as needed to reflect citizen input and changes in the external environment.

Operations, Public Health and Safety

Goal: We will maintain a culture of fiscal responsibility and friendly, honest, and transparent government. We will partner with the Fire District and Sheriff's office to ensure we take the right measures to keep our community safe.

Priorities

- Finish new water-sewer agreement
- Update water-sewer infrastructure fees
- Manage Dune Ridge litigation (potentially multi-year)
- Evaluate and implement solutions to parking issues (multi-year)
- Evaluate and implement Wildlife Committee recommendations
- Negotiate sale or lease of old landfill
- Update Land Use/Tri-Community Master Plan (multi-year)
- Improve profits from Oval Beach concessions
- Update zoning districts and signage regulations
- Refresh website
- Review and update older policies
- Develop and implement parade safety protocols

Infrastructure

Goal: We will focus on maintaining and improving current infrastructure while planning and saving for future needs.

Priorities

- Complete Maple Street design and construction
- Finalize AT&T cellular agreement and installation
- Make repairs to seawall, sidewalks, and stairs
- Inspect culverts
- Plan for Park Street improvements
- Renovate City Hall interior (potentially multi-year)
- Develop more comprehensive Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
- Evaluate long-term funding options for CIP
- Maintain and resurface roads
- Repair Chain Ferry landing and arbor
- Plan for lead service line replacement
- Begin planning for Elizabeth Street design and construction
- Update signage and wayfinding

Parks and Recreation

Goal: We understand that our natural resources are the foundation of residents' quality of life and our tourism economy and will invest to sustain and enhance them.

Priorities

- Construct Mt. Baldhead bathroom
- Complete Mt. Baldhead platform design; begin construction
- Restore Mt. Baldhead vegetation
- Treat invasive species
- Refresh Village Square Courts (donor funded)
- Continue to advance Blue Star Trail (multi-year)
- Monitor and mitigate low water level impacts
- Evaluate community foundation options to accept citizen donations
- Expand holiday lighting to Water and Griffith streets

PPW Input for City Council Consideration – 1/21/2025

	Status	Category	Comment
Park Improvements			
Mount Baldy	Active	Large	Restrooms and step repair planned/underway. What about invasives, parking lot, and radar building?
Village Square	Active	Small	Basketball Court Resurfacing: can the surface include art?
Airport Property	Active	Small	Naming project - involve students? PPW take the lead?
Cook Park	Active	Medium	Willow tree removal – what's next?
Wicks Park	Inactive	Large	Restroom improvements
Oval Beach	Inactive	Small	Playground Spinner needs placement – Oval Beach possible?
Peterson Preserve	Inactive	Large	Need to address infrastructure and invasives
Saugatuck Natural Area	Active	Small	Ryan is finishing updates to the Management Document. PPW involvement?
Comprehensive Park Review	Inactive	Small/Medium	Inventory parks – what's good and what could be improved
Environmental			
Invasive Species Program	Active	Small	The focus is on community education. Website development is underway. Kalamazoo River invasives and wooly adelgid have been past focus but there are many more.
Native Plants	Active	Small	Encourage "Pocket Prairie" development in parks and by homeowners; first planting at Peterson Preserve. Review mowing regulations
Kalamazoo River Greenway	Inactive	Large	Spearheaded by OTC; need to determine status. Catalog current usage in city of herbicides and pesticides; assess waterway impact
Sustainable Community	?	Large	Engage with MI Green Communities Initiative
Dark Sky Initiative	Inactive	Large	Assess streetlights. Start with Lights Out - like Douglas?
Infrastructure			
Blue Star Trail	Active	Extra Large	Reaffirm commitment
Streetscaping	Inactive	Large	Improve sidewalk, landscaping, and signage uniformity. Butler Street consideration with lead water line replacement

PPW Input for City Council Consideration – 1/21/2025

Saugatuck Sign on Holland Street	Active	Small	Artistic Involvement?
Maple Street	Active	Extra Large	Pedestrian/cyclist safety
Park Street	Active	Extra Large	PPW had this as a focus; still need us?
Bicycle Racks and Fix-It Station(s)	Inactive	Small	Friends of the Blue Star Trail involvement possible
Kayak Launches	Inactive	Medium	Identify areas for public kayak launch (canoes and paddleboards too)
Long-Term (Dream Big) Projects			
Community Rec Center	Inactive	Extra Large	Is there a desire for a community rec center?
Property Acquisitions	Inactive	Extra Large	Can we acquire the Peterson Mill Property when available?
Public Art Partnership	Inactive	Large	Encourage more art in public spaces, some could be rotating. Partner with SCA?
Tri-Community Connectivity		Large	Key Component of the Tri-Community 5-Year Parks Plan (parks, trails, waterways, schools, etc.)
Funding			
Develop Gifting Process	Active	Large	Develop donation policies; create 501c3 foundation for gifts to City? Create Friends of the Parks?
Miscellaneous			
Add Staff to Support Parks and Park Projects	Inactive		

-----Original Message-----
From: Ken Morris <446griffith@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 11:39 AM
To: Jamie Wolters <Jwolters@saugatuckcity.com>
Subject: Village square courts

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>
> Hi Jamie,
>
> I read a recent city council report. It had an estimate for redoing the basketball and tennis courts. One of the line items on the estimate was for 530 or 540 feet of 4 foot fencing around the courts. In my humble opinion I don't think they are needed and we could possibly save some money by not installing them.
>
> Since 1978 I lived just around the corner on Griffith St. Coming down the Main Street side walk there is a nice open view. I often walk across either court when going to the post office or downtown. During the summer months I often notice people loitering around the area, enjoying the open space, maybe picnicking under the tree line watching freind's play pickle ball, or just relaxing. Art shows often use these spaces also, limiting access with fencing would just seem to crowd an already busy spot and bog down the flow of people. Parades also bring down a lot of people again fencing would just seem to chop the area up.
>
> Can't say that I have ever seen a full on basketball game, lots of pick up game 6 or 7 people, usually less, often just half court. Nobody ever really watching the game, a couple of benches wound probably surface, not sure bleachers are needed, again they might even detract from the natural beauty of the tree line as it works it way up the hill side, is there really a need for more built infrastructure (probably aluminum, not very historic) that would probably not see much use.
>
> Just my point of view from walking through there the past 46 years.
>
> If you can share this note with city council as a communication and possibly the park committee it would be appreciated.
>
> Respectful
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> Kam
> 446 Griffith
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