



City of South Haven

PRESS RELEASE

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CITY OF SOUTH HAVEN APPROVED FOR MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES GRANT AWARD

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – (South Haven, Michigan) The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) has notified the City of South Haven that it has been approved for MDNR's Recreation Passport Grant Program funding for its "Kids Corner Improvements" application in the amount of \$45,000.

Kid's Corner Playground is a Robert Leathers Creative Play Area project completed in September 1988 in Monroe Park, 563 Monroe Blvd. This was a "community build" project built with donated tools, material, money and labor and given as a gift to the City of South Haven. The playground has been well-cared for over the years and has lasted longer than originally estimated - now over 27 years. Although the poles and framing are still in good structural condition, the funding allows for the playground to be renovated including attention to all maintenance issues and safety non-compliances. Renovations would entail replacing some portions to allow for newer equipment, including renovation of existing play elements that will meet current safety standards and are ADA accessible.

The funding sources for the Kids Corner improvements are the MDNR (\$45,000) and the City of South Haven (\$48,000) for an estimated total project cost of \$93,000.

The MDNR Passport Grant Program was created in 2010 to be used for the development of public recreation facilities for local units of government. Money for this fund is derived from the sale of the Recreation Passport which replaces the resident Motor Vehicle Permit for state park entrance. The first \$12,730,000 is distributed to replace lost revenue from the elimination of the motor vehicle permit and boating access site permits, as well as to pay for administration by the

Secretary of State. Ten percent of remaining revenue will be used to fund the Recreation Passport local grant program. The grant program may only be used for local development projects. The program is focused on renovating and improving existing parks, but development of new parks is eligible.

A full list of the final approved projects is available at:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/dnr/2016_Recreation_Passport_Grant_Award_List_546040_7.pdf

A detailed site map of the project is attached to this press release and can also be found under "Projects" from the Home page of the city website: www.south-haven.com

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PHOTO OF EXISTING WOOD RAMP

- PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS:
- NEW PLASTIC PERIMETER EDGING
 - NEW ACCESSIBLE SURFACING AND USE ZONE
 - NEW PLASTIC SLIDES
 - REPLACE SWINGS
 - ADD THERAPEUTIC SWINGS (2)
 - REPLACE TIRE CLIMBERS (3)
 - REPLACE BOUNCERS WITH STEPPERS, PLATFORM AND NET.
 - REPLACE CHAIN AND HOSE EQUIPMENT WITH CABLE SYSTEMS (2)
 - ADD ACCESSIBLE ACTIVITY PANEL.
 - ADD ACCESSIBLE LOW LADDER AND LOW RINGS.

EXISTING WOODEN PLAYSTRUCTURE

EXISTING PAVILION AND RESTROOMS

NEW ACCESSIBLE ROUTE (6' WIDE) FOR ACCESSIBILITY TO AT GRADE COMPONENTS

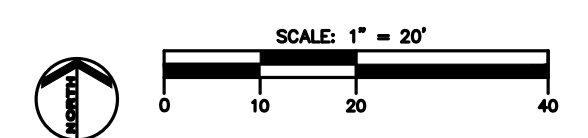
REMOVE EXISTING WOOD RAMP REPLACE WITH ACCESSIBLE SLOPED WALK TO ELEVATED COMPONENTS

NEW ACCESSIBLE ROUTE (6' WIDE) AND NEW ADA PARKING SPACES (2)

NEW ACCESSIBLE ROUTE (6' WIDE) TO SEATING AND PICNIC AREA

EXISTING SEATING AND PICNIC AREA

EXISTING WALK SECTION TO REMAIN



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