

# Section A: Applicant Site and Project Information

**Instructions:**

1. Click **Save** to save changes.
2. See the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines [here](#) for guidance.

**Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund****2023 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)**

*City of Sault Ste Marie*

**\*SIGMA Vendor Number**

*CV0047919*

**\*SIGMA Address ID**

*001*

**\*Name of Authorized Representative**

*David S. Boyle, PE*

**\*Title**

*City Engineer*

**Address**

*225 East Portage Avenue*

**City**

*Sault Ste.  
Marie*

**State**

*MI*

**\*ZIP**

*49783*

**\*County**

*Chippewa County*

**Telephone**

*(906) 632-5733*

**\*E-mail**

*dboyle@saultcity.com*

**\*State House District**

*District 107*

**\*State Senate District**

*District 37*

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

*District 1*

The following link contains District Maps - <https://www.michigan.gov/micrc/mapping-process/final-maps>

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

*Rotary Park Pavilion Project*

**\*Proposal Description**

*Development project for a pavilion and restroom combination facility at Rotary Park on the St. Marys River. The project also includes accessible walkways and adjacent parking. In addition to family restrooms, the project will feature accessible picnic tables, bike racks, landscaping and a water bottle filling station.*

<b>*Address of Site</b>			<b>*City, Village or Township of Site</b>		<b>*Zip</b>
1519 Riverside Drive			Sault Ste. Marie		49783
<b>*Park Name</b>			<b>*County in which Site is located</b>		
Rotary Park (Rotary Island)			Chippewa		
<b>*Town, Range and Section Numbers of Site Location</b>					<b>*Latitude/Longitude at park entrance</b>
Letters must be upper-case: (examples: T02N, R13E, 22)					
(Town)	(Range)	(Section)	(Latitude)	(Longitude)	
T47N	R01E	09	46.483800	-84.330800	
\$		\$		\$	

# Section B: Project Funding and Explanation of Match Sources

## Instructions:

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### SOURCES OF MATCHING FUNDS

### PROJECT COST AMOUNTS

<b>*Grant amount requested (round to the nearest hundred dollars)</b>	\$275,400
<b>Total Match (Must be at least 25% of total project cost)</b>	\$184,600
<b>Total Project Cost (Must equal the total estimated cost on Section C: Project Details page)</b>	\$460,000
Percentage of match commitment <b>(Must be at least 25% of total project cost)</b>	40 %
a) General Funds or Local Restricted Funds (Applicant's own cash)	\$184,600
b) Force Account Labor/Materials (Applicant's own paid labor or materials)	\$
c) Federal or State Funds	\$

<b>*(2) Program Name</b>	<b>*Administering Agency</b>
<b>*Contact Name for Administering Agency</b>	<b>*Amount</b>
<b>*Telephone</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

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 C2: Project Details

Instructions:

1. All required fields are marked with an \*.
2. Use the Save button to save text and calculate data on each page.
3. Save at least every 30 minutes to avoid losing data.
4. See the 2023 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines [here](#) for guidance.
5. You may upload a cost breakdown in the required uploads page as supporting documentation.

Development Applications ONLY

\* Applicant's current control of the site:

☒

Fee Simple

☐

Lease

☐

Easement

☐

Other (describe)

\*Age of Park

35

Years

\* Acres

12.57

Project Cost Estimate Table

YOU MUST CHOOSE SCOPE ITEM(S) FROM THE LIST IN THE DROP DOWN BOX.

SCOPE ITEM	DNR ONLY Accessibility Guidelines	QUANTITY	TOTAL ESTIMATED COST
Pavilion Including Restroom	UD	1	\$251,200
Drinking Fountain(s)	ADA	1	\$3,000
Picnic Table(s)	UD	6	\$10,500
Access Pathway 6' wide or more	UD	2500	\$42,000
Utilities	N/A	1	\$54,000
Signage	UD	1	\$3,000
Paved Parking Lot	UD	1	\$15,000
Landscaping	N/A	1	\$10,000

Bike Rack(s)

ADA

2

\$2,000

Trash Bin(s)

ADA

1

\$1,000

Select the plus sign button to create newrows.

Other:

\$

Do not list the aspects of project execution, such as labor, construction equipment, contingency, site work, grading or raw materials.

Select the plus sign button to create newrows.

Permit Fees	\$2,000
MNRTF Sign	\$300
Subtotal	\$394,000
Engineering (These fees may not exceed 20% of subtotal)	\$66,000
Total Estimated Cost (Must equal Total Project Cost amount on Section B page.)	\$460,000

## Section D: Justification of Need

**Instructions:**

1. Click **Save** to save changes.
2. See the 2023 Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines [here](#) for guidance.

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

1

**\*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:**

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**From:**

**To:**

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**From:**

**To:**

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**From:**

**To:**

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**From:**

**To:**

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

3/20/2023

**Additional dates:**

**\*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:**

Chippewa County

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

*Temporary construction fencing will be installed during active construction. This area is patrolled by City Police several times per day. This site is also transited by U.S. Customs & Border Patrol as the main parking lot leads to the Sugar Island Ferry Dock. Because of the ferry there are also security cameras manned by EUP Transportation Authority. The project area is also well lit.*

**\*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.**

*Before final design, the concepts will be presented to the public. We are working our Region #5 ADA Advocacy Regional Center and several local entities, Community Action, Behavioral Health, UPSAIL and our local hospital and rehab center, to gather early input and then throughout the project to ensure correct access for individuals.*

*if awarded we will do a ribbon cutting, a press release with Rotary, utilize the City's social media, as well as share it out via radio.*

**\*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.**

*Yes, we have a Parks and Recreation Dept and Parks and Rec Board. The members of the board are appointed by the City Commission and must be residents of the city. The Board shall act as an advisory board to the City Manager and advise the City Manager concerning all phases of a parks and recreation program for the City, including the control of the Pullar Community Building. Members and meeting scheduled are uploaded under Expert Documents.*



## Section E: Application History and Stewardship

### Instructions:

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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?*

[X]

*If yes, does applicant currently have an open, active grant?*

[X]

*\*3) Has applicant closed, sold, or transferred any parkland or recreation facilities in the past 5 years?*

*(If yes, provide comments below)*

[X]

*\* 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)*

[X]

*\*5) Does applicant have a "residents only" policy for this park or other parks or recreation facilities?*

*(If yes, provide comments below)*

[X]

*\*6) Do you now or do you intend in the future to charge an entrance fee to the project site?*

[X]

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

\$1,664,400.00

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

\$15,000.00

Comments:

*Costs are for 1 staff person 10 hours per week: cleaning the bathrooms, mowing 1x per week, trash removal, and general repairs. We mulch the playground annually and have tree removal as needed. In the summer months the city hires temporary-part time staff to handle the additional traffic at the parks. These costs are all included in this year's budget so the newbuilding should not require additional costs. After the project is complete there will be some additional utility bills which the city is prepared to absorb. Park and Rec funding is from the City's General Fund. There is also a Seal Trust Fund that supports smaller recreation projects.*

*We currently have a MDNR TF Grant open for Alford Park and are fully compliant.*



## 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 2023 Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines [here](#) for guidance.
3. Click **Save** to save changes.

	<u>NO</u>	<u>YES UNKNOWN</u>
*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?		[X]
*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?		[X]
*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?		[X]
*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?		[X]
*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?		[X]
*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?		[X]
*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?		[X]
*8) Does the applicant, landowner, or others have knowledge that contaminated groundwater lies below the property?		[X]
*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?		[X]
*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?		[X]
*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?		[X]
*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?		[X]
*13) Is the property listed on any federal or state list of contaminated sites, including the site of a leaking underground storage tank?		[X]
*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?		[X]

\*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:

TYPE OF PERMIT	PERMITTING AGENCY	EFFORTS TAKEN TO OBTAIN PERMIT OR
		DETERMINING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS
<i>Building Permit</i>	<i>City of Sault Ste. Marie</i>	<i>Initial discussion wdept</i>
<i>Electrical Permit</i>	<i>State of MI</i>	<i>not started</i>
<i>Mechanical permit</i>	<i>State of MI</i>	<i>not started</i>

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

*3 permits are required for this project.*

*The island side of the park is a lease from the U.S. Army Corps and in the lease, we have included it refers to an environmental baseline study (EXHIBIT C) that reflects NO EVIDENCE.*

# Section G: Natural Features of The Project Site

**Instructions:**

1. Click **Save** to save changes.
2. Great Lakes connecting waters are defined in the *2023 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines*.
3. See the 2023 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:**

*St. Mary's River*

**How many linear feet of shoreline or frontage?**

*3,500*

**\*Inland lake frontage?**

☒

No

Yes

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

No

☒

Yes

**If yes, name of water body:**

*St. Mary's River*

**How many linear feet of frontage?**

*3,500*

**Is the river or tributary a state natural river or a federally dedicated wild and scenic river?**

☒

No

Yes

**\*Wetland acreage or frontage?**

☒

No

Yes

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

☒

No

Yes

**\*Sand dunes?**

☒

No

Yes

**\*Dedicated state or federal listed wilderness or dedicated natural area or Pigeon River County State Forest land or inholding?**

☒

No

Yes

**\*Rare species or any other significant feature as defined by the Michigan Natural Features Inventory?**

☒ **No**

**Yes**

## Section H: Wildlife Values of The Project Site

**Instructions:**

1. Click **Save** to save changes.
2. See the 2023 Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines [here](#) for guidance.

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

- |  |   |            |
|--|---|------------|
| * <b>Protect wildlife habitat</b> (for example, breeding grounds, winter deeryards, den sites)?            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> | <b>Yes</b> |
| * <b>Act as a wildlife corridor between existing protected areas or buffer an existing protected area?</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> | <b>Yes</b> |

# Section I: Natural Resource Recreation Opportunities

## Instructions:

1. Click **Save** to save changes.
2. See the 2023 Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines [here](#) for guidance.

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

<b>*Water recreation opportunities?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>*Motorized recreation opportunities (ORV and/or Snowmobile)?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>*Hunting Opportunities?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>*Fishing opportunities?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>*Bird watching or other nature viewing opportunities?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>*Nature interpretation or education opportunities?</b>	<b>No</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>

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**



# Section J: Public Access Opportunities

Instructions:

- 1. Click **Save** to save changes.
- 2. See the 2023 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	5am	11pm	
Monday	5am	11pm	
Tuesday	5am	11pm	
Wednesday	5am	11pm	
Thursday	5am	11pm	
Friday	5am	11pm	
Saturday	5am	11pm	
Holidays	5am	11pm	
Comment:	Not open in winter months		

## Section K: Trails

### Instructions:

1. Click **Save** to save changes.
2. See the 2023 Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines [here](#) for guidance.

#### \* 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:

*Park is stop on a multipurpose path.*

Who are the secondary users?

Hikers/Pedestrians

☒ Road Bicyclists

Equestrians

☒ Mountain Bicyclists

Cross-Country Skiers

Snowmobilers

☒ Other motorized vehicle users

☒ Other, explain:

*Water trail for kayakers*

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?

*Waterfront Walkway*

How long is the trail?

*11,600*

Total linear feet

Linear feet bituminous (paved)

*450*

Linear feet boardwalk (if applicable)

*11,150*

Linear feet sidewalk

Linear feet other hard surface

What is the width of the trail?

*6*

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 2023 Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines [here](#) for guidance.

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

*Restroom facilities are seriously needed at Rotary Park. In 2013 during the MNRTF funded upgrades to the park, planned modern restroom facilities with running water and flush toilets had to be eliminated due to the cost of construction on the island side of the park. The funded upgrades included playground equipment, lighting upgrades, universally accessible walking paths and fishing platform at the children's fishing pond, interpretive panels, and a paddle craft launch. Subsequent to that construction project, local volunteers built hiking trails and paddle craft docks at an adjoining island and the Rotary Club provided upgrades to the causeway. The combination of these projects has significantly increased the number of recreational users of the park in all demographics; senior citizens, those with mobility challenges, families with children, ship watchers from all over the country, and paddle craft users of all ages and abilities. This increase in recreational use has highlighted the dire need for restroom facilities and shaded picnic facilities that are universally accessible, safe, clean, and family friendly. The current pit-toilets which were installed with the island park was originally opened in 1960 and once may have adequately served the limited use of the site, no longer meet the needs of the increased numbers of people utilizing this popular multi-use recreational facility.*

*This project includes a 6-foot-wide concrete path, new sewer and water lines, a sanitary lift station, as well as ADA picnic tables, baby changing stations in both men's and women's bathrooms, and a water fountain/water bottle filling station, and interpretive history sign. Pit toilets on the island will be removed and returned to greenspace. The new facility on the mainland will have easier access to parking, walking, and biking as the island gets very congested. The new development will reduce vehicle traffic to the island and be better suited to the increased anticipated use. This layout maximizes the visibility of people and parking.*

*The project is cost prohibitive without grant assistance.*

*The City's Parks & Recreation Department currently pumps and services the pit-toilet facilities. The same employees and budget will absorb the nominal expense of routine maintenance of the new facility. Expenses and responsibilities to winterize the building and maintain the grinder pump will be borne by the City's Water and Sewer Department. It is expected that the key additions in cost will be in electricity and water, and the city is committed to including these expenses in the annual budget.*

### \*II. Project Description:

*The project is to construct a picnic pavilion with adjoining bathrooms at Rotary Park. Rotary Park is a recreational facility comprised of two distinct areas; the island side which is connected to the mainland via a causeway situated alongside the children's fishing pond that is locally stocked and maintained, and the mainland side. The park is on the St. Marys River and is one of the city's most popular spots to view passing freighter traffic heading toward and away from the Soo Locks.*

*Recent renovations to the park including ADA walkways and children's fishing pier as well as playground equipment and paddle craft landing site have resulted in a significant increase in the number of users and has amplified the need for modern restroom facilities that are safe, convenient, universally accessible and family- friendly. Currently, there are two pit toilets on the island side of the park. The location and design of the restrooms is ineffective now for the level of usage of the park. Parking is limited and the design of the toilet houses does not serve the needs of those with limited mobility nor families with children. Because the location of the current toilets is on the island side of the park, the cost of constructing bathrooms with flush toilets and running water prohibited their construction during a previous project funding with MDNR Trust Funds. Changing the location of the bathrooms so that they are situated on the mainland side of the park allows for better accessibility for those with mobility challenges, offers more convenient parking for use of the picnic pavilion and restrooms, and significantly reduces the cost of construction. UP SAIL will assist in plan review.*

*The decision to place the new amenities on the mainland side is in consideration of both cost and function. Parking on the island side of the park is limited and the driveway through the park is narrow; the current facilities are located such that users must enter the pit-toilet from the driveway. Situating the bathrooms and the picnic shelter on the mainland side offers the availability of sufficient parking for both uses. The pit toilet area would be returned to greenspace. The location of a nearby drive-in restaurant makes parking and using the picnic shelter much more convenient for users as well as for families utilizing the adjoining children's fishing pond and reduces the amount of vehicular traffic on the island side where pedestrian traffic is high. The installation of handicap accessible picnic tables along with the availability of accessible parking and restrooms offers an enjoyable waterfront experience for those who may otherwise not be as able or comfortable using the existing park. The mainland side of the park is part of the Waterfront Walkway (uploaded under Expert Documents - NMTP) and these proposed improvements will foster the health benefits of non-motorized transportation and allow users to enjoy the park for longer periods of time.*

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

*The project site includes two parcels. One parcel includes the area where the proposed bathroom would be located and the other is the rotary park island. The island currently holds most of the park activities and recreation access points. These include kayak launch docks, sand beach access, a large number of trees, a children's only fishing pond stocked with fish and pier, playground equipment, benches, picnic area, lighting, accessible parking, a gazebo, and gravel walking paths. The other lot shares many of the same opportunities but is underutilized compared to the other parcel. It has picnic tables, a gazebo, a sea plane dock, parking, fishing access, open grassy field, fishpond access, and views of the shipping canal. The addition of a bathroom and pavilion would encourage visitors to stay at the park for longer periods of time.*

*The site is likely home to the northern long eared bat, tricolored bat, piping plover, red knot, and pitcher's thistle along the Saint Marys River. The park provides a safe habitat among the trees for the bats and shoreline habitat for the birds while also allowing the public places to safely view these species.*

*The park offers many fishing opportunities. The youth only fishing pond is stocked with local fish species like trout and salmon, and the kayak launch docks provide fishing opportunities throughout the nearby islands. The kayak docks also give paddleboarders, kayakers, and canoers access to the hiking trails throughout the nearby islands. The islands are also important Native American sites that have been utilized for hunting and fishing for generations.*

*The project location is not a highly likely winter deeryard as it is on the edge of the Saint Marys River. However, it does provide access to and from Sugar Island during the winter months when the water is frozen.*

*The land use is not expected to change, but the park will be made more accessible to all people. Certain portions of the park are protected by natural features like the Southwest corner due to the high tree content. This provides a small sanctuary for animals passing through. The fishing pond is stocked regularly, and only small watercraft are launchable into the river. This means that the fish are not likely to be overfished as the river is large and the paddling distance is limited. Additionally, waterfowl hunting near the islands is limited.*

#### IV. Other Information:

*Rotary Park mainland is owned by the city and the island is owned by the U.S. Army Corps and is leased by the city. The island is 5.573 acres and the city owned mainland is 7 acres. The island has 2400 feet of waterfront, and the mainland has 1100 feet of waterfront.*

*Rotary Park is not only a non-motorized trail on land but also a waterway trail. If you refer to the attached maps you will see that the island has multiple kayak docks. Additionally, a partnership with Bird's Eye Outfitters gives the public the opportunity to have guided tours from the island up through the Soo Locks and surrounding islands. Our local regional planning commission (EUPRPD) has created a waterway trail mapping system:*

*[https://euprpd.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapTour/index.html?](https://euprpd.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapTour/index.html?appid=b34a862604af4f288eda0b266b27e94b&index=17)*

*[appid=b34a862604af4f288eda0b266b27e94b&index=17](https://euprpd.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapTour/index.html?appid=b34a862604af4f288eda0b266b27e94b&index=17) which shows how Rotary Park fits into the system.*

*The park is widely known, advertised, and supported by numerous partners. The Rotary Club, U.S. Army Corps, Chippewa Co. seaplane pilots, users of the Children's Fishing Pond, visitors to the famous Clyde's Drive-In, travelers to Sugar Island, the visibility is amazing. Signs as you enter the park and travel throughout the park show partnerships and donations. Rotary Park and the kayak platforms have created a starting point for visitors to access the recently developed Voyager Island with 5000' of trails and access to a bird watching platform with 500' of boardwalk.*

*Removing the pit toilets from the island will reduce odor, insects, and the potential contamination of the waterway if the area were ever to flood.*

*Public transportation-EUP Transportation Authority has busses that stop near the ferry dock at the park.*

*The new pavilion area will be able to host a variety of groups including educators that may want to reach adults and youth using the fishpond, birding classes, 4-H, kayaking, and more.*

*See a growing popular event: SUP Day. <https://saultstemarie.com/soo-ultimate-paddle-day/>*

# Required Attachments for Development Projects

## Instructions:

1. All required fields are marked with an **\***.
2. Attachments may be in **Word, PDF, JPG, XLS** or **GIF** format.
3. Save at least every 30 minutes to avoid losing data.
4. See the 2023 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines [here](#) for guidance.
5. You may upload a cost breakdown in the required uploads page as supporting documentation.

## Upload Attachments:

- Click the **Select** button and navigate to the file in your computer or network.
- Once selected, the file name will appear under the **Select** button.
- Click the **+** button to add a new upload area.
- Click the **–** button to remove an upload area or file.
- Click the **Save** button to apply the changes.
- **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 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

### \* Maintenance Plan:

*Maintenance Plan.pdf*

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

*Rotary Park Location.pdf*

### \* Site Development Plan:

*2023 MDNRTF GRANT - Site Plan.pdf*

*Rtry-Prk-Pavilion-SitePlan\_REV.pdf*

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

*Boundary Map - Rotary Pavillion.pdf*

*Rotary Park Boundary Map REV.pdf*

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

*Site Photos.pdf*

*Site Photos March 22, 2023.pdf*

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

*Resolution CC 3.20.2023.pdf*

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

*Proof of Advertising Public Hearing.pdf*

*Public Hearing Notice - MDNR Trust Grant Application for Rotary Park Improvements.pdf*

*Proof of Advertising Publishing Public Hearing.pdf*

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

*Certified Minutes UPDATED 3.20.2023.pdf SaultSteMarie.pdf*

*SaultCertified minutes 3.21.2023.pdf*

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# Additional Information

**Instructions:**

1. Click **Save** to save changes.
2. See the 2023 Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines [here](#) for guidance.

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.

1. N/A

2. *We do not have a 'residents only' policy.*

3. *We reviewed this area with our Chippewa Co. Health Department and they do not test for e-coli at this location as it is not a designated swimming area or beach due to the shipping channel and fast currents. There are currently no advisories or record of any advisories.*