

THURSTON PARK FOR EVERYONE

BUILDING ACCESSIBILITY AND COMMUNITY



VILLAGE OF
CENTRAL LAKE



A Better Thurston Park Starts With You

Paddle Antrim, the Village of Central Lake, and Central Lake Lions are working together to enhance Thurston Park, a centerpiece of the community. Together, we will transform Thurston Park into a welcoming space for everyone.

The Difference We Will Make Together

Join us in reimagining Thurston Park. As the heart and gathering place of Central Lake, Thurston Park invites the community to swim, fish, paddle, play and connect. The park also serves as a vital access point on the 100-mile Chain of Lakes Water Trail, the only Pure Michigan Water Trail in Northern Michigan. Today, however, it is not fully accessible to all.

We are committed to transforming the park. Improvements underway include:

- A universally accessible canoe/kayak launch
- A boat washing station to help protect our lakes from invasive species
- A kayak/canoe/SUP rack
- Updated parking with ADA spaces and a loading and unloading zone near the canoe/kayak launch

Your donation will help us do more, including:

- Safe, accessible sidewalks through the park, connecting downtown, the kayak launch, nearby courtesy docks, pavilion and restrooms
- Universally accessible picnic tables, benches and drinking fountain
- Universally accessible restrooms, including an adult changing station
- Accessible parking spaces near the pavilion

Help us reimagine a Thurston Park that can be enjoyed by everyone.

Give the gift of connection and joy today

This is more than an infrastructure project. Thurston Park is a place for meaningful moments - birthday parties with everyone included. Fishing shared between generations. Families walking together safely to the water.

Enhancing water trail access will strengthen the community's economic vitality, drawing visitors who support the small businesses that make up Central Lake's vibrant downtown.

Protecting our waters from invasive species by installing a boat washing station ensures that, as visitors enjoy the water, they are also safeguarding it for the present and future generations. Clean, healthy lakes are a lasting legacy.

Your investment will foster accessibility, build community, inspire pride and secure a future resource for everyone. Please join us.





PROPOSED CURB RAMP AND DETECTABLE WARNING STRIPS, TYPICAL FOR ALL CURB CUTS

PROPOSED ACCESSIBLE PARKING

PROPOSED 6FT. WIDE SIDEWALK CONNECT TO EXISTING BRIDGE SIDEWALK & DOWNTOWN

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PROPOSED 15 MIN. LOADING ZONE

EXISTING ADA DOCK ACCESS

PROPOSED KAYAK RACK

PROPOSED BENCH

CHAIN OF LAKES WATER TRAIL WAYFINDING SIGN

PROPOSED INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVER TOOL

PROPOSED ADA KAYAK LAUNCH

EXISTING BEACH AREA

EXISTING PAVILION

EXISTING BOARDWALK

EXISTING DOCKS

CHAIN OF LAKES WATER TRAIL KIOSK

THURSTON PARK WAYFINDING KIOSK

EXISTING PAVILION W/ 6FT CLEAR ACCESSIBLE PATHWAY TO RESTROOMS

EXISTING SINGLE STALL RESTROOM TO BE MODIFIED TO MEET/EXCEED ADA COMPLIANCE

PROPOSED 6FT WIDE SIDEWALK TO CONNECT RESTROOM TO PAVILION/SIDEWALK

EXISTING CAMPGROUND PUMPOUTS & HOLDING TANK ACCESS

INTERMEDIATE LAKE



SCALE 1" = 30'-0"
0 15.30 60 90

PROJECT PARTNERS

PROJECT ENGINEER

SITE RENDERING

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

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CONCEPT PLANS

THURSTON PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Central Lake, Michigan

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