

NONPROFIT NOMINATION FORM

As an eligible* member of Elk Rapids Area 100 Women Who Care, I nominate the following nonprofit organization to be considered for the group's next collective donation. I understand that the following information is true to the best of my knowledge and that the donation will be used in Antrim County.

*I have made my \$100 donation for the *previous* meeting's recipient.

THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED AT LEAST 7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

I also agree to make a 5 minute presentation using the information provided below at the group's next meeting.

Email *

deana@paddleantrim.com

MY NAME *

Deana Jerdee

ORGANIZATION NAME *

Paddle Antrim

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE AND/OR FACEBOOK PAGE *

www.paddleantrim.com

MISSION/PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION *

Paddle Antrim's mission is to protect our water resources by using paddle sports to connect people to our waterways. Through stewardship, education, improved water trail access, and promotion of our waterways we will increase water resource protection and enhance the economic vitality of the region.

WHEN WAS THE ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHED? *

2015

SERVICE AREA THE ORGANIZATION SERVES (MUST INCLUDE ANTRIM COUNTY) *

Antrim County & surrounding Chain of Lakes Watershed (portions of Grand Traverse, Kalkaska & Charlevoix Counties)

ANNUAL ORGANIZATION BUDGET AND PRIMARY FUNDING SOURCES *

\$285,000 - Private contributions

WHAT COMMUNITY NEED WOULD OUR DONATION HELP MEET? *

Paddle Antrim and the Village of Central Lake are working together to transform Thurston Park into a more welcoming, accessible, and connected community space along the Chain of Lakes Water Trail. This project focuses on improving the everyday experience for residents, families, visitors, and paddlers who use this waterfront park throughout the year. Central Lake is a hardworking, close-knit community where the park serves as an important gathering place. Families come to fish, launch kayaks and canoes, attend community events, walk downtown, picnic by the water, and simply spend time together outdoors. For many residents, this park is one of the few accessible public spaces where people of all ages and abilities can connect with the water and each other.

The planned improvements will help ensure that everyone – including older adults, families with young children, and individuals with disabilities – can comfortably and safely use the park. Planned upgrades include:

Improvements to the pavilion to create a more functional and welcoming community gathering space, New and upgraded restroom facilities, Adult changing stations and family-friendly accessibility features, Sidewalk and connectivity improvements linking downtown and the waterfront, Accessible parking improvements, Continued accessibility upgrades throughout the park and waterfront access areas.

This project represents an investment of approximately \$200,000. Thanks to strong community partnerships and local support, significant progress has already been made. We are now working to raise the final \$90,000 needed to complete the project by August 1.

A gift from the Elk Rapids 100 Women Who Care would make a tremendous impact in helping us reach this goal and ensuring these improvements become a reality for the Central Lake community.

While this project directly supports Thurston Park, it is also part of Paddle Antrim's broader mission to protect waterways and connect people to the water through safe, accessible recreation. Any funds raised beyond the immediate needs of this project will continue to support that mission and future improvements along the Chain of Lakes Water Trail, helping create more accessible opportunities for people across the region.

Together, we can create a space where more people feel welcome on the waterfront, where families can gather safely, and where future generations can continue to enjoy and care for these waters that define our communities.

PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION OF HOW OUR GIFT WOULD BE UTILIZED. INCLUDE A SPECIFIC DOLLAR ESTIMATE AND TIMING OF IMPLEMENTATION. *

Paddle Antrim is currently working to raise an additional \$90,000 to complete improvements described above at Central Lake's Thurston Park. Our goal is to complete fundraising by August with construction completion by either late 2026 or early 2027.

MY RELATIONSHIP/EXPERIENCE WITH THIS ORGANIZATION *

executive director

OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

You may provide one additional document that helps support your request. Just email the document to 100womenelkrapids@gmail.com, being sure to identify it as supporting a specific nomination, and it will be attached to this Nonprofit Nomination Form for viewing by our members on our website.

In the interest of brevity, please limit document length to two pages. Longer documents may not be posted.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Please complete information below that will be used for communication and funding purposes. It does NOT have to be included in your presentation.

ORGANIZATION'S TAX ID/501(c)3 NUMBER *

47-1402648

ORGANIZATION'S CONTACT PERSON *

Deana Jerdee

CONTACT PERSON'S EMAIL ADDRESS *

deana@paddleantrim.com

ORGANIZATION'S STREET ADDRESS *

PO BOX 323

ORGANIZATION'S CITY *

Elk Rapids

ORGANIZATION'S ZIP CODE *

49629

ORGANIZATION'S PHONE NUMBER *

231-498-2080

INITIAL SUBMISSION DATE *

MM DD YYYY

05 / 11 / 2026

REVISION DATE (Please provide this date for every revision you make. Use the "Initial Submission Date" above if this is your Initial Submission.) *

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FORM SUBMISSION

Submit form by pressing the "Submit" button below.

Any questions, email 100womenelkrapids@gmail.com

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