



INFRASTRUCTURE C&E

January 29, 2009

Julie Bennett, Manager  
Great Lakes Fisheries Trust  
600 West St. Joseph, Suite 10  
Lansing, MI 48933-2265

Re: Fishing Piers at "RiverWoods on the Trail"/Black River access and Kal-Haven Trail interconnectivity, South Haven Township Michigan.

Dear Ms. Bennett:

Enclosed you will find the narrative, photos and financial report requested in your letter of September 19, 2008.

Photos of the sign are not yet available, but the sign has been ordered and we expect it to be installed in the near future.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Joe Parman, Van Buren County Drain Commissioner at 269-657-8241, or our office at 616-667-0000.

Sincerely

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Jeffrey L. Vos, PE  
Project Manager

Enclosure

c: IRED South Haven, "Riverwoods on the Trail"  
MDNR, Paul Yauk  
MDNR, Rolland Johnson  
VBCDC, Joe Parman

## FINAL NARRATIVE REPORT

### "RiverWoods on the Trail" Black River access and Kal-Haven Trail interconnectivity

The grant provided funds to construct two six (6') foot by forty (40') foot cantilevered fishing piers at key locations on the Black River. The piers are treated lumber and structurally designed to support 105 lbs per square foot. Both piers are barrier free and accessible by boardwalk and the Kal-Haven Trail between Blue Star Highway and Interstate I-196 in South Haven Township Michigan.

To access the Kal Haven trailhead in South Haven, take Interstate I-196 to exit 20. Take Phoenix Road west to Bailey Road. Turn right on Bailey Road and left onto Wells Street. The trailhead will be on your left (north). The fishing piers are 0.6 miles east on the Kal Haven Trail from the South Haven trailhead. A parking lot will be constructed in the future as part of RiverWoods on the Trail within 200 yards of the fishing piers.

The fishing piers are barrier free access with benches. Handicapped parking is available at the South Haven Trailhead. No restrooms or lights are currently available.

No interpretative signs are currently available.

Anglers generally target walleye, suckers, steelhead, pike, and small mouth bass in the Black River. However, catfish, gar pike, drum, carp, bluegill, rock bass and perch are also caught in the area. Salmon run in the fall up the Black River, however they run very lightly. Spring fishing of steelhead and sucker is probably the most common fishing in the Black River.

Anglers use spawn bags for steelhead and salmon. Worms and crawlers for suckers, walleye, small mouth bass, perch, catfish, drum, carp, bluegill and rock bass. Live minnows work well with perch, walleye and pike. An angler can use an assortment of casting spoons which work well for steelhead, salmon and pike. Walleye, pike and steelhead can be caught using minnow-like artificial bait also.

The fishing piers offer a fishing location opportunity that was unavailable to the average angler due to accessibility. With the presence of the fishing piers, anglers can quickly access the Black River either by foot or bicycle and provide an opportunity for persons in wheelchairs to experience Black River fishing without a cumbersome access or the need for a boat.

## **Campgrounds**

South Haven Family Campground; 03403 64<sup>th</sup> Street, South Haven, MI 49090  
269-637-6153, website: <http://www.southhavenfamilycg.com/>

Van Buren State Park; 23960 Ruggles Road, South Haven MI 49090,  
Ph:(269) 637-2788,Website; <http://www.michigandnr.com/parksandtrails/>

Cousins RV Park; 105 Blue Star Highway, South Haven MI, 49090, Ph; 269-637-1499

## **Hotels, Motels, Inns & Resorts**

Comfort Suites South Haven  
1755 Phoenix Rd  
South Haven, MI 49090

Guesthouse Intl South Haven  
1555 Phoenix RD  
South Haven, MI 49090

**Great Lakes Inn And Suites**  
9814 M-140  
South Haven, Michigan 49090  
(269) 637-8531

**Hampton Inn**  
04299 Cecilia Dr.  
South Haven, MI 49090  
(269) 639-8550

Holiday Inn Express  
1741 Phoenix Rd  
South Haven, MI 49090

**Hotel Nichols**  
Joanna Rajter  
201 Center Street  
South Haven, MI 49090  
(269) 637-8725

**Inn at HawksHead**  
Ruppert Family  
523 HawksNest Drive  
South Haven, MI 49090  
(269) 639-2146

**Jensen's Motel**  
Matt & Anna Super  
7366 North Shore Drive  
South Haven, MI 49090

**Lake Bluff Inn & Suites**  
Richard & Marta Faustmann  
76648 11th Avenue  
South Haven, MI 49090  
(800) 686-1305 or (269) 637-8531

**Old Harbor Inn**  
Robin Smith  
515 Williams St.  
South Haven, MI 49090  
Phone: (269) 637-8480  
or (800) 433-9210

**Ramada Inn & Lighthouse Conference Center**  
1555 Phoenix Road  
South Haven, MI 49090

**Sleepy Hollow Resort**  
Jackie Mortorff  
7400 North Shore Dr.  
South Haven, MI 49090  
(269) 637-1127

**Will O'Glenn Country Inn**  
1286 64th Street  
Fennville, MI 49408  
(269) 227-3045  
or (888) 237-3009 for reservations

## **Bed & Breakfast**

### **A Country Place Bed & Breakfast**

John Malmstrom & Cindy Spiess-Malmstrom  
79 North Shore Drive North  
South Haven, MI 49090  
(269) 637-5523

### **Carriage House at the Harbor**

Victoria and Scott Reinert  
118 Woodman Street  
South Haven, MI 49090  
(269) 639-2161

### **Inn at the Park Bed & Breakfast**

Jerry and Carol Ann Hall  
233 Dyckman Avenue  
South Haven, MI 49090  
(877) 739-1776 or (269) 639-1776

### **Last Resort Bed & Breakfast Inn**

Mary Hammer  
86 North Shore Drive  
South Haven, MI 49090  
(269) 637-8943

### **Martha's Vineyard Bed & Breakfast**

Lou & Ginger Adamson  
473 Blue Star Highway  
South Haven, MI 49090  
(269) 637-9373

### **Monroe Manor Inn Bed & Breakfast**

72861 8th Avenue  
South Haven, MI 49090  
Phone: (269) 637-6547

### **Sand Castle Inn Bed & Breakfast**

203 Dyckman Ave.  
South Haven, MI 49090  
(269) 639-1110

### **South Haven Inn & Suites**

186 Blue Star Highway  
South Haven, MI 49090  
(269) 637-5900

**The Seymour House Bed & Breakfast**  
1248 Blue Star Highway  
South Haven, MI 49090  
(269) 227-3918

**Sunset Inn**  
72 North Shore Dr.  
South Haven, MI 49090  
(800) 720-2468  
(269) 637-7777

**Victoria Resort Bed & Breakfast**  
241 Oak Street  
South Haven, MI 49090  
Phone: (800) 473-7376

**Yelton Manor Bed & Breakfast**  
Elaine and Robert  
140 North Shore Drive  
South Haven, MI 49090  
(269) 637-5220

## Restaurants & Places to Eat – South Haven, Michigan

403 Chophouse - 403 Phoenix Street, 269.639.7799

50's Drive-In - 8510 M-140 Hwy., 269.637.1954

Amicarelli's Vineyard - 259 Broadway Street, 269.637.5732

Bayou Beach Club - On the Idler Riverboat, 269.637.8435

Bear Claw Coffee Company - 515 Williams Street, 269.637.2553

Big Boy of South Haven - 261 73rd St., 269.639.9500

Bunde's Bakery - 89 North Shore Drive, 269.637.8353

Burger King - 752 Lagrange St, 269.637.2582

Cafe Julia - 561 Huron St., 269.639.7988

Captain Lou's - 278 Dyckman Ave. (at the Drawbridge), 269.720.8403

Captain Nemo's - 407 Phoenix Street, 269.637.5372

China Buffet - 1220 Phoenix Street #101-102, 269.639.8883

China Cafe - 319 Broadway Street, 269.637.8591

Chocolate Cafe - 406 Phoenix Street, 269.637.1700

Clementine's - 500 Phoenix Street, 269.637.4755

Cousins' - 105 Blue Star Hwy., 269.637.1499

Curve Inn - 10336 Blue Star Hwy., 269.637.5070

Dairy Queen - 555 Phoenix Street, 269.637.6671

Dutch Mill - 8763 Lakeshore Drive, 269.434.9825

Golden Brown Bakery and Cafeteria - 421 Phoenix Street, 269.637.3418

Harborside Bistro - 402 Phoenix Street, 269.637.5400

HawksHead Inn - 523 HawksNest Drive, 269.639.2146

Hungry Howie's - 08337 M-140 Hwy., 269.637.1155

Idler Riverboat Tavern - On the Idler Riverboat, 269.637.8435

Lakeside Entertainment - 09921 Blue Star Mem. Hwy., 269.637.4354

Little Caesar Pizza - 590 South Bailey Ave., 269.637.6123

Maple Grove Tavern - 72040 M-43 Highway, 269.637.9913

Ma's Coffee Pot - 13967 M-140 Hwy., 269.637.4448

McDonald's - 1025 LaGrange & at Wal-Mart, 269.637.6953

North Side Memories - 112 Dyckman Avenue, 269.637.8319

Papa Johns Pizza - 570 Broadway, 269.639.7600

Phoenix Inn - 67973 Phoenix Street, 269.639.2235

Phoenix Street Cafe - 524 Phoenix Street, 269.637.3600

Pigozzi's North Beach Inn - 51 North Shore Drive, 269.637.6738

Seawolf Restaurant and Bar - 176 Blue Star Hwy, 269.637.2007

Sherman Dairy Bar - 1601 Phoenix Rd., 269.637.8251

Subs-N-More - 529 Phoenix Street, 269.637.5533

Subway - 225 Broadway Street, 269.637.2140

Sunflower Cafe - 515 Phoenix Street, 269.637.8494

Tello's Trattoria - 7379 North Shore Drive, 269.639.9898

The Corner Chocolate Shop - 200 Center Street, 269.637.5100

The Fish Tale Pub and Grille - 38 North Shore Drive, 269.637.5123

Thirsty Perch Watering Hole and Grille - 272 Broadway Street, 269.639.8000

Venezia Restaurant - 306 Kalamazoo Street, 269.637.8505

Wendy's - 72401 County Rd 388

York's Landing - 515 Williams Street, 269.637.3695















