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For each question below be as explicit as possible. The GLFT uses this information for internal evaluation purposes as well as directing the public to the access site (via the GLFT online angler access guide: http://www.glft.org/angleracc.htm).

Describe the access structure (i.e., length, width, location, design, etc.). The Heinz Waterfront Walkway is 1512' in length of and 10' wide and is located along the waterfront on the west end of Kollen Park. Within 5 fishing decks, there are 7 locations with handicap accessible railings for fishing. The walkway is constructed with steel piling support and has recycled wood decking and metal railings.

2. How do visitors access the structure (i.e., driving directions to the parking lot, how far is the structure from the parking lot, what connects the parking lot to the structure, etc.)? The Heinz Waterfront Walkway has access on both ends of the site. Parking lots are connected to the structure by concrete walkways. Parking lots are approximately 400' from the access point of the walkway. (See attached site plan.)

What amenities are offered at the access site (e.g., restrooms, benches, barrier free access, handicapped parking, lighting, etc.)?

Please see attached site plan.

What educational opportunities are offered at the site (e.g., interpretative signs), if any? There are no educational opportunities at this time.

What species of fish are commonly caught at the site? What months of the year is fishing best for each species?

The species of fish caught at or near the project site include; bluegil, (argemouth bass, walleye, fresh water drum, and channel catfish. According to the MDNR, the best time of the year for the various species is difficult to answer because a creel survey has not been done.

Does the DNR regularly stock any fish species at or near the site? If so, what species, at what time of year, and how often?

The MDNR stocks walleye in Lake Macatawa on an every other year basis at a rate of 50 per acre.

What tactics do you recommend for catching these species (e.g., small bags, bottom casting, minnows, wobbling plugs, Hot 'n Tots, etc.). The most efficient method of catching fish is trolling or casting with most anglers using live bait when trolling and

artificial lures when casting.

Where can anglers stay if they want to overnight near the access site (e.g. campgrounds, motels, hotels, B&Bs)

Best Western, Days Inn, Microtel Inn, Lake Michigan Cottages, Drew's Country Camping, Holland State Park, more... See enclosed brochure for more options.

Is there anything else you would want to share with a potential visitor to the access site? Amenities at Kollen Park include 4000 feet of boardwalk, 6 day boat slips, 3 boat luanches, bathrooms, playground, band shell, expanded trailer parking, gazebo, picnic facilities