

ACCESS TO THE FISHERY

GREAT LAKES FISHERIES FINAL NARRATIVE REPORT



PROJECT TITLE: Hayes Township Park Camp Sea-Gull Fishing Pier

GRANTEE ORGANIZATION: Hayes Township

GLFT PROJECT NUMBER: 2016.1673

PROJECT TEAM: Ron VanZee (Hayes Township Supervisor), Warren Nugent (Hayes Township Clerk), Julie Collard (Hayes Township Treasurer), Bob Jess (Hayes Township Trustee), Ben Cunningham (Lyons Marine Construction), Jim Malewitz (Performance Engineers), Mike McCain (MDC Contracting)

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GRANT AMOUNT: \$234,000

TIME FRAME: PLANNED COMPLETION SUMMER 2019, ACTUALLY COMPLETED & OPENED 10-21-2019

BRIEF PROJECT SUMMARY:

With the generous GLFT grant Hayes Township installed an ADA accessible, public fishing pier in the Hayes Township Park Camp Sea-Gull which is situated on the north shore of Lake Charlevoix. The fishing pier is complimented by existing public restrooms, a park and parking. The fishing pier is 10' wide and extends approximately 157' into Lake Charlevoix. The pier provides deep-water fishing opportunities as it extends over a drop-off area.

FINAL NARRATIVE REPORT:

BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW:

1. The project was completed as originally intended. The township's experience suggests that original expectations were realistic in this project's implementation. However the time frame needed to complete the project was longer than expected.

OUTCOMES:

1. The fishing pier located within Hayes Township Park Camp Sea-Gull will provide shoreline-based angling access along the north shore of Lake Charlevoix between Boyne City and the City of Charlevoix. Per Hayes Township's Master Plan, the township is committed to acquiring and safeguarding property that provides access for the public to Lake Charlevoix. Intended outcomes from the grant application were achieved and include: allow deep water fishing access without the need for a boat and connect public fishing pier to existing amenities (parking, restrooms, township park).
2. It is the Township's hope that the pier will reach a wide-ranging audience from the first-time angler to the most seasoned. The newly constructed fishing pier will provide shoreline-based

angling access along the north shore of Lake Charlevoix between Boyne City and the City of Charlevoix. The fishing pier seems to be the most popular park attraction so far.

3. The development of relationships as a result of this project are numerous. Hayes Township is appreciative of each entity that provided expertise, input and financial support.
4. Benefits and outcomes of the Hayes Township Park fishing pier include but are not limited to: fishing opportunities on the north shore of Lake Charlevoix that were not otherwise available to the public, the enhancement of Hayes Township Park and the feeling of community with access to the fishing pier.

SITE-SPECIFIC INFORMATION:

5. The fishing pier is approximately 10'-wide and extends 157' into Lake Charlevoix. The initial 125' feet share structural sheet-piling pier support with an adjoining small-boat launch facility and extend 32' beyond the launch structure, supported by steel pilings at 8' intervals. A 40'x16'-wide L-shaped pier extension extends eastward at the end, thus capping the pier extension and provides ample opportunity to fish parallel to the shoreline along lake-bottom drop-off.
6. Visiting Hayes Township Park:
 - a. Hayes Township Park Camp Sea-Gull fishing pier is located on the north shore of Lake Charlevoix, centrally located between Charlevoix (approximately 7 miles northwest) and Boyne City (approximately 9 miles southeast). Visitors can access the fishing pier using a parking lot adjacent to the pier via a sidewalk.
 - b. The pier offers barrier free access. Hayes Township Park amenities include: public restrooms, small-boat launch, picnic tables and swim area.
 - c. Educational opportunities such as interpretative signage with general lake characteristics, fishing safety tips and common fish species are included in the design.
 - d. Some species that may be commonly caught at this site may include yellow perch and smallmouth bass and perhaps rock bass and northern pike.
 - e. The DNR does not currently stock any fish at this site.
 - f. Simple fishing tactics for this site include using a night crawler under a bobber for perch and panfish, small plastic jigs or baits, minnows on slip rings pike and spinnerbaits for smallmouth and rock bass.
 - g. Hayes Township Camp Sea-Gull fishing pier is conveniently located between downtown Charlevoix and Boyne City each with a variety of lodging, shopping and eating establishments.
 - h. All project objectives were met.
7. See attached site photos.
8. See attached public acknowledgement of GLFT assistance photo verification.
9. The Hayes Township Park Camp Sea-Gull fishing pier (in conjunction with the simultaneous boat launch project) has received additional grant support from Land & Water Conservation Fund, DNR Waterways, Great Lakes Energy People's Fund, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and Charlevoix County.
10. As the non-motorized trail continues to be developed in the area, the Hayes Township Park Camp Sea-Gull is currently planned as a trailhead.
11. The fishing pier is a wonderful addition to Hayes Township Park Camp Sea-Gull project and compliments existing boat launch area and will play a role in future additions to the park.

12. Recommendations to other project directors working with the GLFT on a community project:
listen to community input regarding project, communicate with GLFT, encourage input from experts and always keep long term affect of project in forefront when making decisions.