

2012 Pinconning Park Expansion

The MI-DNR awarded Bay County a grant for \$325,000, and the county supplied an in-kind match of \$184,100 for this project.

The grant construction project opens up areas of park with such dense vegetation and wet conditions few visitors ever saw.

It adds over a mile of handicapped accessible nature trails to the park trail system for all visitors to enjoy.



South end entrance to Felske trail
from parking area.



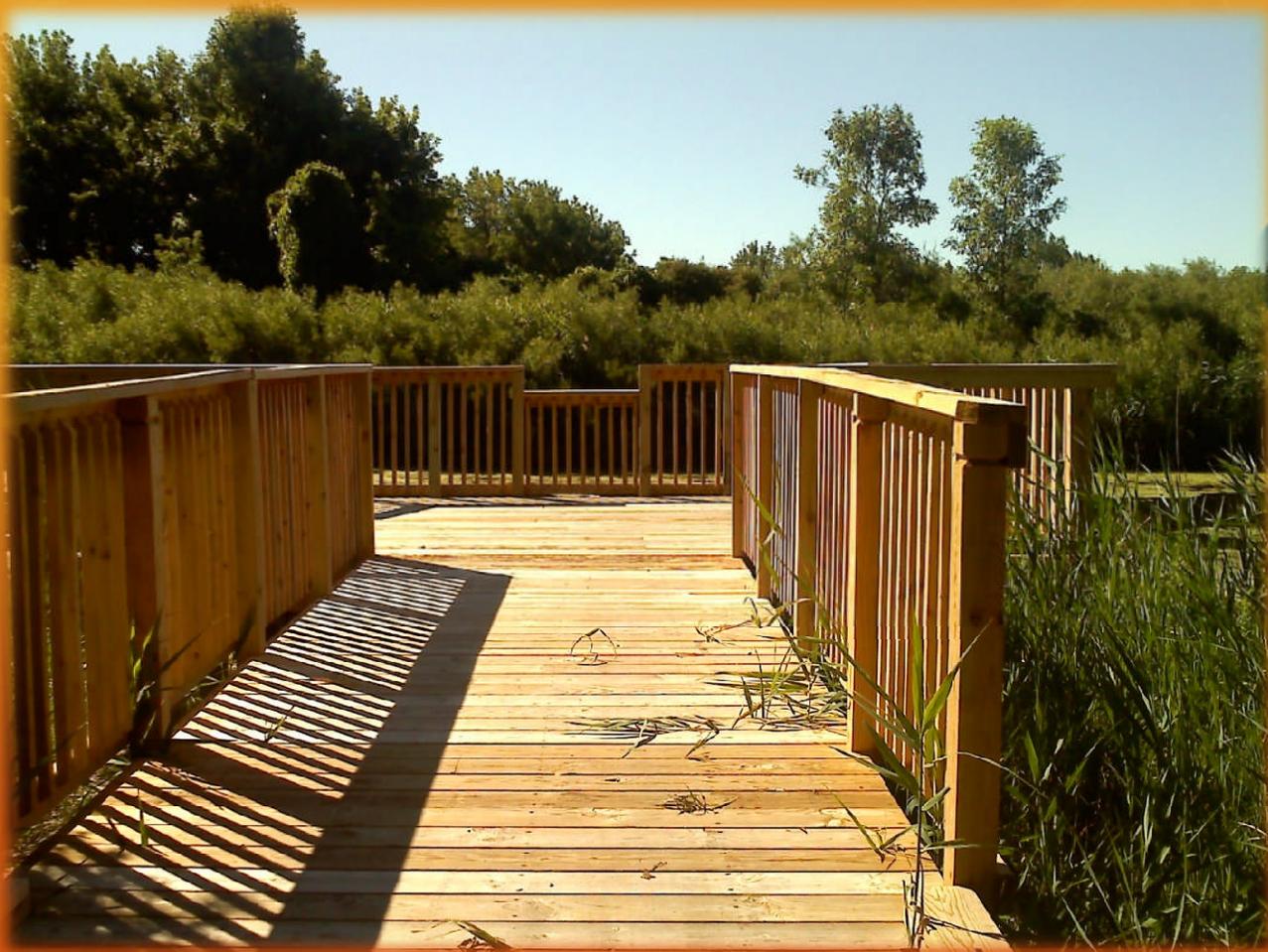
The newly surfaced barrier-free Don Felske trail which leads from the parking area to the river pier and to the Bay to a second pier.



South of the swimming beach the Felske trail spur leads to a handicapped accessible fishing pier on the Saginaw Bay.



Boardwalk surface entrance to Saginaw Bay Fishing platform. A special product called a "Mobi-mat" will provide barrier-free access over sand to the pier. Product has been ordered.



Entrance to Pinconning River fishing pier facing south. The Prindle property is across the river.

Handicapped Accessible fishing pier on the Pinconning River.

Looking southwest
toward Prindle property.



Looking east towards the
Saginaw Bay.





Rail detail on the river pier. Hand built to Spicer's design by county carpenter Jeff Switala.

New changing booth funded by ITC and the Kayak rental rack provided by Cattail Kayak Rental, LLC.

You can see the beach and the
Saginaw Bay in the
background.



Both the changing booth and sand
placement was made possible by a
\$5,000 donation by ITC.





This lumber stockpile outside the storage garage is waiting to be installed.



Current temporary end of boardwalk. This will eventually extend from north end of campground in a horseshoe shape to end of point. This view is looking back south towards the park.



Northeast across the marsh where the boardwalk remains to be built.



Northeast corner of the park a few hundred feet from the north entrance at Cody-Estey Road. Boardwalk going west across marsh.

Buildings & Grounds Superintendent, Rick Pabalis oversees the project.

All material must be hand carried into the site as the area is environmentally sensitive and largely impassable to vehicles.



- **Concept developed by Department Director, Michael K. Gray & Rob Eggers of Spicer.**
- **Special thanks to the late Jeff Coupie of MI Sports Unlimited for his support and assistance rendered over 20 years.**
- **Construction crew includes Jeff Switala, Lee Carrasco, Harry Steiger, Tim Fedak and volunteer work release inmates provided courtesy of Sheriff John Miller and his staff.**
- **Survey work done by Mark Basket of the Drain Office. Courtesy of Drain Commissioner Joseph Rivet.**
- **Funding by DNR MI Land Trust Fund and Bay County.**
- **Design by Spicer Group.**
- **Permits from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and DEQ.**