

Funding

Funding to purchase Blue Water River Walk County Park was made possible with a \$150,000 grant in 2013, and a \$118,400 grant in 2015 from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund administered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The St. Clair County Parks and Recreation millage provided funding for the grant local matches.



The Community Foundation of St. Clair County received a \$2,000,000 grant for shoreline restoration from the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Great Lakes Habitat Restoration Program. A \$211,339 MDOT TAP grant was used to pave over one mile of trail of the Blue Water River Walk.



Restoration of the shoreline and construction of the wetlands were funded by two grants, \$250,000 and \$1,039,500 from the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service. A \$100,000 Coastal Zone Management grant funded the wetlands boardwalk.



Funding for park improvements was made possible with a 300,000 MNRTF grant and a \$75,000 Recreation Passport grant. The grants were matched with funds from the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation millage.



Partnerships

The Friends of the St. Clair River is a non-profit group that works to protect and promote the health of the St. Clair River. They volunteer at the Blue Water River Walk picking up litter, removing invasive species and providing educational programs on aquatic life. Find them on Facebook- Keyword search Friends of the St. Clair River.



The Blue Water River Walk is owned by the Community Foundation of St. Clair County. St. Clair County Parks leases and maintains the grounds.



About Blue Water River Walk County Park....

The 6.5-acre park that includes one mile of trail is located just north of the Seaway Terminal on the St. Clair River. For more information about St. Clair County Parks call (810) 989-6960.



Park Rules

- The Blue Water River Walk grounds are open daily from 7 am - 10 pm.
- Walkways in the park are for non-motorized use only.
- The St. Clair River along the walk has dangerous currents. Swim at your own risk.
- Pets must be kept on a leash. Owners must clean up after their pets.
- All St. Clair County Parks are smoke free
- Admission to the grounds is free.

County Parks Information

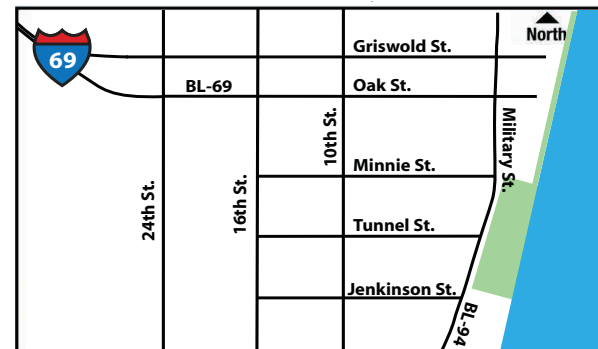
St. Clair County is home to eight county parks: Blue Water River Walk County Park, Columbus County Park, Fort Gratiot County Park, Fort Gratiot Light Station, Goodells County Park, Marine City Dredge Cut, Woodsong County Park, and the New North Channel County Park. St. Clair County also operates the Wadhams to Avoca Trail and works with local units of government to develop the Bridge to Bay Trail.



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St. Clair County, Michigan



An Urban Ecosystem and Riverside Trail
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About the Trail

The Blue Water River Walk is almost one-mile of St. Clair River shoreline immediately south of the mouth of the Black River in Port Huron, Michigan. It is less than a mile downriver from the Blue Water Bridge to Sarnia and the southern end of Lake Huron. Owned by the Community Foundation of St. Clair County and leased to St. Clair County Parks, the Blue Water River Walk is open to the public year-round. Features along the trail include:

Observation Dock:

The old railroad ferry dock, which dates back to the early 1900's, has been fully restored and re-opened to the public.



Outdoor Classroom: Just north of the Observation Dock, there is an Outdoor Classroom. Intended as a true interactive learning environment for school groups.

Pedestrian Trail: A 10' wide asphalt pedestrian trail travels along the entire length of the shoreline. This one-mile trail is a key component of the Bridge to Bay Trail system.



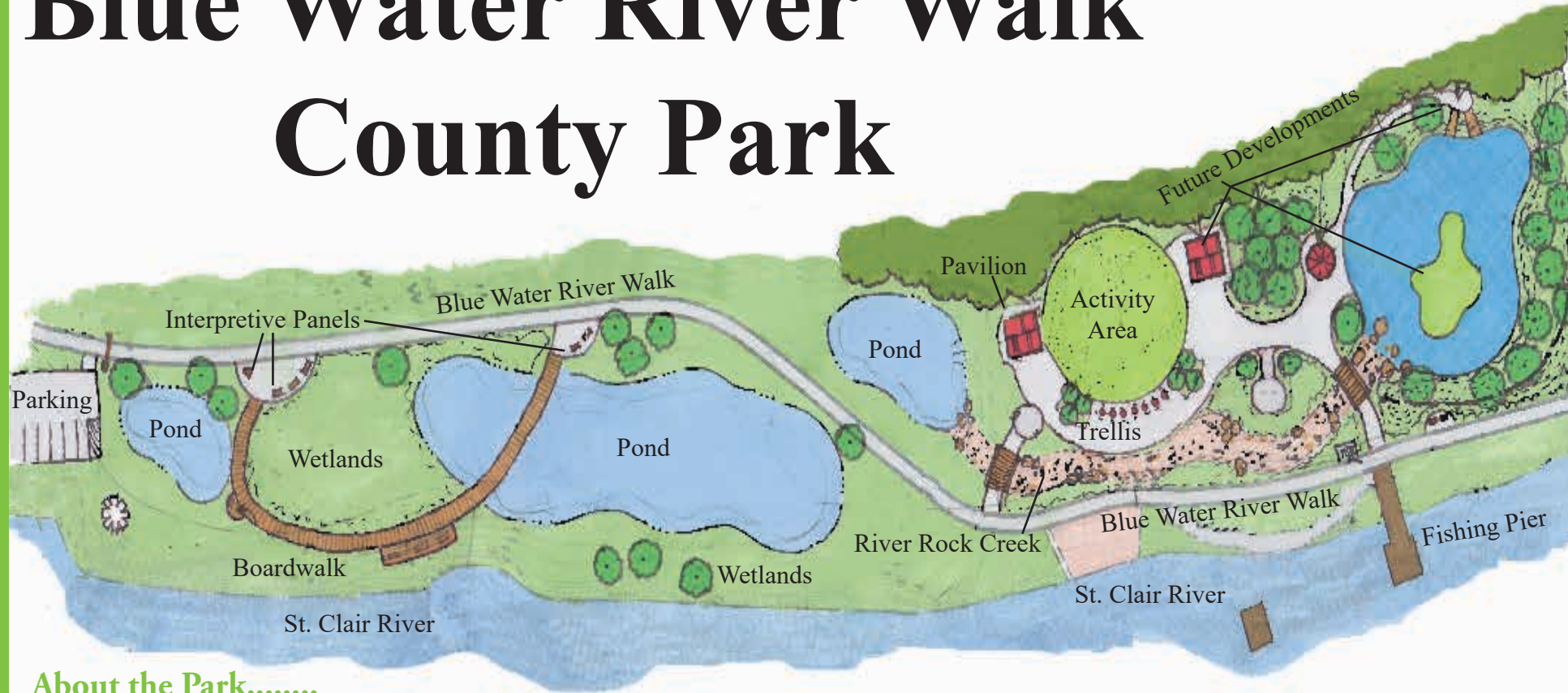
Fishing Pier: To help enhance public access for fishing and recreation, the Community Foundation built a fishing pier on the southern end of the River Walk.

Public Art: One of the many fantastic enhancements of the Blue Water River Walk is public art. Adding public art and artifacts enhances the Riverwalk experience.



If you are interested in a guided tour, field trip or volunteer opportunity with the River Walk, please contact the St. Clair County Parks office at (810) 989-6960.

Blue Water River Walk County Park



About the Park.....

The park, which was a former railroad switch yard, has been partially restored to a coastal wetland. The wetlands feature three ponds, marshland and native plants. The habitat is home to amphibians, such as frogs and toads, and is a popular nesting and feeding spot for migratory birds. A boardwalk allows park visitors to get close to the wetland habitat without disturbing the natural features and interpretive signs help explain how the wetlands work. Just north of the wetlands is a picnic pavilion, a shade trellis, walkways, landscaping, an artificial lawn activity area, picnic tables, grills and benches. Traveling through the park is the Blue Water River Walk. The River Walk is a paved pathway that begins at Desmond Landing to the north and travels southwest to 10th Street. The Blue Water River Walk is part of the Bridge to Bay Trail System. To reserve the pavilion, call the parks office at (810) 989-6960.

