

Environment and Land Use Cycle Grant Summaries 2020

City of Charlevoix

Granted: \$4,000

The grant will allow for much needed repairs to the girl's softball field in Charlevoix, including resurfacing the infield, replacing bases, repairing fencing, and re-positioning the backstop. These repairs will bring the field into compliance with Little League standards and will create a safer environment for all who use the field.

City of East Jordan

Granted: \$23,500

Loveday softball field, on the corner of M-66 and M-32 in East Jordan, is used 3-5 nights per week during softball season. The grant will allow for phase one of upgrades including improving drainage on the field, resurfacing the infield, repairing the safety net that separates the field from a busy campground and children's playground, and replacing the bases and pitcher's mound.

Conservation Resource Alliance

Granted: \$10,000

Conservation Resource Alliance plans to address river crossings at three locations along the Jordan River and Deer Creek: at Jordan River Road, East and West, and Fuller Road. The proposal is for engineering designs to address issues at each of these crossings to restore integrity of water flow, shoreline stability, and overall sustainability for wildlife.

East Jordan Public Schools

Granted: \$18,500

Recently, EJPS purchased the former junkyard lot next to the middle/high school. Large debris has been removed and this grant will allow further cleanup of the site, including screening topsoil, re-spreading the soil, and planting grass, removing an eyesore and potential safety hazard from close proximity to the school.

Evangeline Township

Granted: \$14,175

The Trail Master Plan will evaluate relationship and links between current and planned trails. The plan will allow Evangeline Township to develop both short-term and long-term goals by engaging stakeholders, residents, and trail professionals alike and will add an important safety component for trail users.

Friends of the Jordan River Watershed

Granted: \$16,000

In 2020, Friends of the Jordan River plans to: complete two in-stream habitat and fish population surveys in accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Surveys and Trends protocol to identify potential reintroduction locations for Arctic Grayling; and contract with Youthwork for four weeks of in-stream habitat work, including placement of large woody debris, brush bundles, and other approved habitat structures to benefit fish populations.

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Lake Charlevoix Association

Granted: \$10,000

The request will enable a large study of Lake Charlevoix water samples, seeking areas where certain bacteria, indicative of failing septic systems, is more concentrated. In areas of higher bacteria concentration, Lake Charlevoix Association will work with the Health Department and the lakeshore community to pinpoint problems and work toward solutions.

Little Traverse Conservancy

Granted: \$7,000

The Elizabeth B. Hoffmann Nature Preserve is a 206-acre nature preserve open to the public for non-motorized recreation, located off of US-31. The proposed parking area, trail construction, and signage will allow easier access to the property for residents and visitors.

Tara's Meadow Education & Retreat Center

Granted: \$3,500

The grant will allow the organization to contribute in three ways to the Beaver Island Sustainability Fair. First, students will create a sustainability project and presentation for the fair. Second, speakers will be brought in for the fair to present in areas of food, energy, and ecological sustainability. Finally, the organization will convene focus groups and conduct surveys after the fair, in an effort to work collaboratively toward sustainability on Beaver Island.

Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council

Granted: \$16,540

The recent high-water level along the Great Lakes continues to impact shorelines and shoreline property owners need guidance and assistance in addressing high water issues in a manner that is ecologically and economically responsible. To respond to this urgent issue, the Watershed Council, in partnership with local, state, and federal partners, will host a series of educational events to provide information.

Top of Michigan Trails Council

Granted: \$6,200

The funding requested will be used to work with OHM Advisors, an engineering firm in Petoksey, to prepare the engineering study and scope-of-work documents that are required to qualify for state and federal funds. This is a critical next step in connecting the Little Traverse Wheelway to Downtown Charlevoix with a multi-use, non-motorized trail.

Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy

Granted: \$8,400

Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy (WLAC) will hire Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council to conduct a shoreline survey, looking for areas of nutrient concentration, which can help determine problem areas around Walloon Lake. Results of the survey will be used in programs and initiatives to maintain or improve water quality for the next 3 years.

