



PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

# Parks & Recreation Guide



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OF PLYMOUTH

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Supervisor's Office

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# TOWNSHIP PARK

46440 Ann Arbor Trail | Just East of Beck Road

Plymouth Township Park consists of 80 acres, offers four sheltered gathering places, walking paths, children's PlayScape area, fishing pond and dock, local youth baseball plays on four baseball diamonds, and sledding during the winter months. The park is adjacent to Hilltop, an 18-hole golf course, owned by the Township. The Township has also built a dock to enable handicapped access to the pond. There is something to do for the entire family!



Sledding



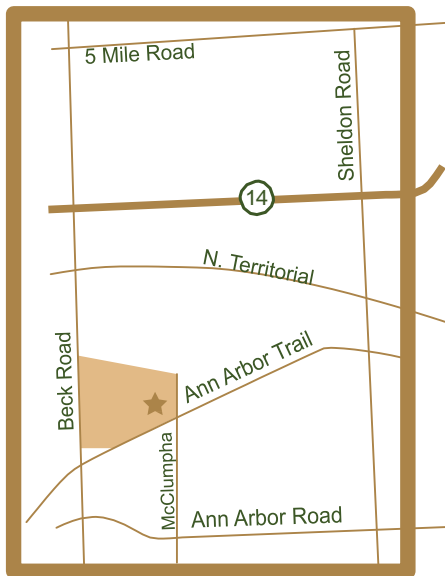
"Friendly Monster"  
Dragon Sculpture



PlayScape



Alexander's Express



## PARK HOURS:

Dawn to Dusk

(unless otherwise noted on Township website)

# SHELTERS

Township Park has four sheltered gathering places available for reservation: Shelter 1, Shelter 2, the Pavilion and the new 4 Seasons Pavilion. Please refer to the reservation section on this page for our policies. \*See page 7 and 8 for more information on reservations and fees.

SHELTER NAME	CAPACITY	AMENITIES
The Pavilion	100	Fireplace, 2 Outdoor Grills, Optional Food Prep Area, Restrooms Attached, Nearest to Fishing Pond
Shelter 1	80	2 Outdoor Grills, Electricity, Nearest to PlayScape, Restrooms Nearby
Shelter 2	80	1 Outdoor Grill, Optional Food Prep Area, Electricity, Restrooms Attached, Nearest to SprayScape, Nearest to Alexander's Express
4 Seasons Pavilion <small>*Not available for reservation on the following days/times in May and June: M-F: Session II, Saturdays: All Day</small>	Indoor Area: 80 Overall: 200	Air Conditioned 1500 Square Feet Indoor facility with seating for 80 people. Covered Outdoor Pavilion area with seating for 120. Indoor snack bar with countertop and sink. Restrooms Attached (open to all park users)

# POINTS OF INTEREST

## THE PLAYSCAPE

The PlayScape is a popular place for kids to play and parents to meet. The wooden structure gives children the opportunity to climb, swing, slide and do plenty more. It was conceived and organized by residents, funded through donations from local families and businesses, and constructed by the efforts of over 2,500 volunteers in May 1995.

## ALEXANDER'S EXPRESS

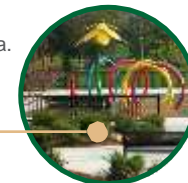
This colorful train is the newest addition to our Park. It ignites the imagination of the children 6 and under. They have the opportunity to be the engineer, play with chimes in the passenger car, crawl through the tanker or complete their "ride" in the caboose.

## THE SPRAYScape

Celebrating its grand opening in May of 2003, the SprayScape water feature has become a popular spot for Township residents to cool off on hot summer days. The SprayScape is open to all park patrons from the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day each year, providing the weather warrants operation.

### SprayScape Rules & Regulations:

1. The SprayScape is an **Unsupervised** area. Adult supervision is recommended.
2. Footwear is recommended.
3. Climbing on the structures is strictly prohibited.
4. No skateboards, in-line skates or bicycles allowed in the spray area.
5. No glass in the area for your safety and the safety of others.



SprayScape





## POINTS OF INTEREST

### WALKING PATHS

Township Park offers several barrier-free walking paths to accommodate all ages and fitness levels. Each path differs in location and distance and provides points of interest and beauty along the way.



**Short Distance Paths**  
 — 1/3 Mile  
 — 1/2 Mile



**Medium Distance Paths**  
 — 4/10 Mile  
 — 6/10 Mile



**Long Distance Paths**  
 — 7/10 Mile  
 — 9/10 Mile

### ROCKWELL SCULPTURES

While you are at Township Park take note of the Rockwell Sculptures located adjacent to the SprayScape.

Peter Rockwell (in photos), son of the famous artist Norman Rockwell, spent the spring of 1986 at the park holding classes and sculpting the "friendly monsters". This effort was funded through donations and pledges from local families and businesses.



Peter Rockwell

### FISHING POND



Try your angling skills at Township park. Our beautiful fishing pond, complete with a fishing dock, is home to rainbow trout, blue gill, sunfish and bass. **\*Michigan Fishing laws prevail. Catch and release is the preferred fishing method.**

Fishing Pond



Shelter 2



Shelter 1



Pavilion



Four Seasons Pavilion

# LAKE POINTE SOCCER PARK

14435 Haggerty Road | Between 5 Mile and Schoolcraft

The Lake Pointe Soccer Park is a beautiful, family and sports oriented park located on Haggerty Road near Five Mile Road. The park includes 2 irrigated soccer fields, a shelter area with restrooms, playground and walking paths. The park serves the daily recreation needs of the residents of adjacent neighborhoods and is home to several recreational soccer league teams from the area.



PlayScape



Soccer Fields



## PARK HOURS:

Dawn to Dusk

(unless otherwise noted on Township website)

# SHELTERS

The sheltered gathering place is situated near the PlayScape area. The shelter is equipped with electricity and will accommodate approximately 80 people. Please refer to Rules and Regulations for policies. \*See page 7 and 8 for more information on reservations and fees.

SHELTER NAME	CAPACITY	AMENITIES
Soccer Park Shelter	80	1 Outdoor Grill, Restrooms Attached, Electricity

# WALKING PATHS

The walking paths at Lake Pointe Soccer Park cover a large area of the park, ranging from 1/8 mile paths, to 1/2 mile. The barrier-free paths are a great leisure activity for all residents.



## Approximate Path Lengths

1/8 mile ( 8 laps = 1 mile)

3/8 mile ( 2.6 laps = 1 mile)

1/2 mile ( 2 laps = 1 mile)

# NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

## Miller Family Park

40198 Ann Arbor Trail

Between Haggerty and I-275, Robinson Subdivision

## Brentwood Park

On Brentwood Drive

Off Robinwood Drive in Lake Pointe Subdivision

Smaller neighborhood walk-in parks can be found in the Robinson and Lake Pointe Subdivisions. Both include large lawn areas and swings.





## RESERVATIONS

**Pavilion** and **Shelter** use is by reservation only on a first-come, first-served basis. While you do not have to reserve a shelter to use the park facilities, it is in the best interest for the enjoyment of all park visitors that large groups obtain a reservation for a shelter rather than coming to the park unannounced. Having a large group come to enjoy our facilities, while always welcome, tends to put a strain on the available parking.

Reservation permits for the current year only are issued starting the third Tuesday in January for Plymouth Township resident groups and beginning the first Monday in April for all others.

The Pavilion and Shelters are available for reservation April 15 - October 15 based on the following schedule:

**Session I: 10 am – 3 pm • Session II: 4 pm - 9 pm**

The 4 Seasons Pavilion is available for reservation April 15-30, July, August, September and October on the following Schedule:

**Session I: 10 am – 3 pm • Session II: 4 pm - 9 pm**

The 4 Season Pavilion is available for reservation in May and June on the following schedule:

**Monday - Friday: Session I • Sunday: Session I and II**

**No Session II M-F, No Saturday Reservations**

The 4 Seasons Pavilion is available for reservation October 16 – April 14 on the following schedule:

**Session III: 12 pm – 5 pm**

## FEE POLICY

A non-refundable registration fee, based on residency, must be paid by cash, check or money order at the time of application. Please be aware that any group that operates under a Tax ID number requires a general liability insurance policy. These requirements should be obtained with the permit application which includes examples of groups who require insurance.

All Pavilion and Shelter reservations must be done in person at the Charter Township of Plymouth's Division of Public Services Office located on the second floor of Plymouth Township Hall. [9955 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth MI]

A non-refundable registration fee is required to reserve any shelter in Plymouth Township Park. This fee is based upon residency. Please see the Rules and Regulations for the definition of Resident and Non-Resident Groups.

## Non-Compliance Fees

In the event of non-compliance with park rules and/or general operating procedures, a fee of \$50.00 will be assessed. Non-payment of the assessed fee will result in further action by the Township to include prohibition for future reservations and the fee being placed on the tax roll for your property.

Plymouth Township Parks Fee Schedule	Resident Group	Non-Resident Group
Session 1: 10 AM until 3 PM		
Shelter 1, 2 and Lake Pointe		
Monday thru Thursday	\$75	\$150
Friday thru Sunday	\$125	\$250
Pavilion		
Monday thru Thursday	\$100	\$200
Friday thru Sunday	\$150	\$300
4 Seasons Pavilion		
Monday thru Thursday	\$125	\$250
Friday thru Sunday	\$175	\$350
Session II: 4 PM until 9 PM		
Shelter 1, 2 and Lake Pointe		
Monday thru Thursday	\$75	\$150
Friday thru Sunday	\$125	\$250
Pavilion		
Monday thru Thursday	\$100	\$200
Friday thru Sunday	\$150	\$300
4 Seasons Pavilion		
Monday thru Thursday	\$125	\$250
Friday thru Sunday	\$175	\$350
Full Day: 10 AM until 9 PM		
Shelter 1, 2 and Lake Pointe		
Monday thru Thursday	\$125	\$250
Friday thru Sunday	\$225	\$450
Pavilion		
Monday thru Thursday	\$175	\$350
Friday thru Sunday	\$275	\$550
4 Seasons Pavilion		
Monday thru Thursday	\$225	\$450
Friday thru Sunday	\$325	\$650

Additional Fees:		
Food Prep (Shelter 2 and Pavilion)	\$25	\$25
Wedding Ceremony (Shelter Reservation not included) *NO RECEPTIONS ALLOWED	\$50	\$75
Reduced Fee (Monday thru Thursday ONLY) RESIDENT Service Clubs, Scouts, Community Schools, etc.	\$35	

# RULES & REGULATIONS

## 1. PURPOSE AND APPLICATION OF RULES

The purpose or objective of the Township Parks is to provide areas available to the residents of the Community for casual, unscheduled, informal, unorganized, recreational use. Activities or uses proposed beyond this concept shall require approval of the Township Board or its designee. These rules apply to all Township Parks.

## 2. DEFINITIONS

**RESIDENT GROUP** shall be defined as a corporation, firm, partnership, association or other legal entity with its registered office located in Plymouth Township; a family outing sponsored by a Plymouth Township resident; a church; scout group, or youth sport group located in Plymouth Township; a Plymouth-Canton private or public school group, scout group, or youth sport group; a formally organized Plymouth Township homeowner's group; or a non-profit Community group or church, including Rotary, Kiwanis, etc., whose membership consist of more than 50% residents of the Plymouth Community (The Charter Township of Plymouth and the City of Plymouth).

**NON-RESIDENT GROUP** shall be defined as any group, company or individual not defined as a resident group, even though an employee of a business or group resides in the Township.

**WEEKEND** shall be defined as Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

**WEEKDAY** shall be defined as Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

**HOLIDAY** shall be defined as a holiday observed by the Township as stated on the Event calendar on the Township's web page.

## 3. FEES

Registration and additional fees are set by the Township Board and subject to change without notice. Additional fees may be assessed for violation of these rules due to clean up costs, additional services and damage repair. Current fees are posted at the Division of Public Services, at [www.plymouthtp.org](http://www.plymouthtp.org) and can be obtained by calling 734-354-3270 ext. 4.

## 4. PAVILION & SHELTER RESERVATIONS

Pavilion and Shelter use shall be by reservation only.

### RESERVATION PROCEDURE

Reservations must be made in person only at the Division of Public Services. Dates cannot be held or "penciled" in. Reservations are made based on Residency as defined in Rule No. 2 of this document as follows:

#### Resident Group:

Reservations by resident groups shall be accepted beginning at 8:00 am on the 3rd (third) Tuesday in January.

#### Non-Resident Group:

Reservations by non-resident groups shall be accepted beginning at 8:00 am on the 1st (first) Monday in April of each reservation year.

# RULES & REGULATIONS

Reservations must be made on the Township form and include payment by check, cash or money order. Misrepresentation of residency may be subject to forfeiture of access to park reservations.

## RESERVATIONS REQUIRING TOWNSHIP APPROVAL

Reservation of a shelter or pavilion for more than one day, use of park facilities for an organized activity other than an informal gathering or picnic, or use of more than one shelter/pavilion requires approval by the Township Supervisor in addition to a permit. Special after hours permits shall be authorized only as provided in the Parks and Playground Areas Ordinance.

## LIMITATIONS ON PARK RESERVATIONS

The intent of the following requirements is to make the park pavilion and shelters available to as many Township Resident Groups as possible.

### RESIDENT GROUP:

A Resident Group as defined in this document (see page 8) may reserve a pavilion or shelter as described below:

#### Weekends (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)

Not more than three (3) weekend reservations per year. Reservations shall be on a first-come first-served basis; however, where requests for multiple reservation dates are submitted prior to April 1, only one (1) of the dates will be treated as a confirmed reservation. The other date(s) shall be available to other applicants, but only until March 31. After March 31, all date(s) shall be treated as confirmed reservation(s). That is, an applicant can only have one confirmed date until March 31, unconfirmed dates, unless otherwise chosen by another applicant, become confirmed reservation(s). The applicant may designate which of the dates chosen shall be first treated as confirmed. All reservation dates requested after April 1 shall be subject to availability on a first-come, first-served basis.

#### Weekdays (M-TH)

Up to four (4) reservations per season shall be allowed, subject to availability. Reservations beyond four (4) require approval by the Township Supervisor based on concurrently scheduled activities, capacity, required services and related considerations.

#### Holiday Reservations

Holidays shall require approval by the Township Supervisor based on concurrently scheduled activities, capacity, required services and related considerations.

### NON-RESIDENT GROUP:

A Non-Resident group may only reserve a pavilion or shelter for one (1) weekend per year and/or one weekday per year.

## INSURANCE REQUIRED FOR ALL GROUPS THAT FUNCTION

### UNDER A TAX I.D.

Any group (resident or non-resident) that functions under a tax I.D. number requires general liability insurance for their use of a pavilion or shelter for the day/season. The insurance policy requirements are subject to change and are available on the Township's website and at the Division of Public Services.

# RULES & REGULATIONS

The policy and accompanying waiver forms must be provided to the Division of Public Services at the time of reservation. It is the responsibility of the person who signs the permit to ensure that the insurance policy is on file with the Township.

## DATE CHANGE REQUESTS

Date change requests are allowed as follows:

- Requests are only taken for the current year.
- Request must be made a minimum of five (5) days prior to original reservation date.
- Request must be made in person.

## 5. HOURS

Park hours are between dawn and dusk (as defined by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the United States Department of Commerce for Detroit, Michigan) unless posted otherwise on the Township web site. Park hours are subject to change without prior notification. Exceptions will include all league scheduled activities or those events approved in writing by the Supervisor.

## 6. PROCEDURES FOR SHELTER/PAVILION

### Equipment, Clean up

Refuse in and around the pavilions or shelter shall be deposited in designated containers. All floors shall be swept and tables wiped down. Brooms and dustpans are available.

The large pavilion comes equipped with a food preparation area including a sink, counter top and commercial refrigerator with limited cold storage capabilities that is available for use to those who have rented the pavilion and paid an additional fee. This area must be cleaned and wiped down prior to departure time. Any items left in the refrigerator after use of the pavilion will be disposed of by park staff.

If a group is planning a "water balloon toss" or other games, please ensure that all debris, even small pieces, are removed from the area. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Permittee will be responsible to leave the pavilions, shelter and surrounding grounds clean and orderly. Failure to leave the pavilion or shelter and surrounding grounds in a clean and orderly condition may result in forfeiture of access to park reservations.

### Maximum Capacities

The maximum capacities of the pavilions and shelters shall not be exceeded. Failure to honor maximum capacity limits may result in forfeiture of access to park reservation, as well as ejection from the park.

## 7. WEDDINGS

The wedding ceremony is permitted subject to park rules. Wedding receptions are not permitted.

## 8. ALCOHOL

The use or possession of alcohol or alcoholic beverages is prohibited

# RULES & REGULATIONS

## 9. CANCELLATIONS

**Permittees who know they will not be using the reservation are encouraged to notify the Division of Public Services in order to allow for other uses(s) of the facilities. NO REFUNDS SHALL BE GIVEN.**

## 10. INCLEMENT WEATHER

To protect the safety of both park patrons and park staff should the National Weather Service issue a severe weather warning the Township will vacate and close the park. No refunds will be given.

## 11. CONDUCT

### Peaceful Enjoyment

All park users are expected to conduct themselves in a manner conducive to peaceful enjoyment of the facilities by all park users. Disorderly conduct by park users may be subject to forfeiture of access to park reservations, ejection from the park, and/or prosecution under the Parks and Playground Areas Ordinance.

### Vendors

Vendors are allowed for special events upon approval of Township Supervisor or designee.

## 12. BANDS, BULLHORNS and OTHER COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

Bands, Karaoke, bullhorns or P.A. systems will only be allowed upon written request to the Township Supervisor at least three (3) days in advance of the event.

## 13. ANIMALS

Possession of animals in Township Parks is prohibited under Township ordinance. Violators may be ejected and/or subject to prosecution under the Parks and Playground Areas Ordinance, other ordinances and/or state law.

## 14. NO STAPLES, ETC.

No Staples, nails or tacks are to be used on picnic tables or on building surfaces. Park users violating this rule may be subject to forfeiture of access to park reservations and cost of repairs.

## 15. NO TAPE OR ADHESIVES ON STRUCTURES

Tape and Adhesives shall not be used to affix anything to the framework of the Pavilions or Shelters. Park users violating this rule may be subject to forfeiture of access to park reservations and cost of repairs. Tape can be used to affix tablecloths and decorations to picnic tables.

## 16. MOTOR VEHICLES/PARKING

### Max Speed 5 Miles Per Hour

No person shall operate a motor vehicle on the roadway in excess of five (5) m.p.h.

### Motor Vehicle Limited Location

Motor vehicles must remain upon the roadway and designated parking areas only. Motor vehicles are subject to the provisions of Township Ordinances. Parking shall be in designated areas only - no parking in the roadway. Cars and/or trucks unloading picnic supplies are **not allowed on the grass, concrete aprons or sidewalks** of the pavilions or shelters. Vehicles can be towed for non-compliance.



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## Handicapped Parking Laws Enforced

All designated handicapped parking areas shall be reserved for vehicles with authorized, state issued handicap permits.

## Additional Parking Required

If parking requirements for your group exceed the parking available at your reserved shelter or pavilion, overflow parking may be available in the parking area provided near the baseball diamonds.

## 17. SIGNS

No signs are allowed except temporary signs identifying a group location under a permit. Please refer to Rule no. 14 and 15.

## 18. EQUIPMENT/GRASS AREA ACTIVITIES

Badminton, bocce ball, "catch", frisbee and volleyball are just a few of the many activities allowed in the grass areas of the Park. No equipment is available for use. **Horseshoes are not allowed.** Please see the Park staff for any proposed lawn game not listed above. Please check with Park staff for areas to set up volleyball and badminton nets.

## 19. FISHING POND

Fishing in the pond is allowable but normal state fishing laws prevail. Contact the Michigan Department of Resources for the fishing license requirements. Please try to limit catch of trout and bass to two (2) per fishing person or family. Remember, "Catch and Release" will help extend this important recreation resource. Ice fishing is strictly prohibited.

## 20. FIRES/GRILLS

There shall be no fires except in self-contained grills, stoves or containers specifically designed for such. Cooking under the roof of either pavilion or any shelter is strictly forbidden. Shelter 1 and the Pavilion have two (2) "Super Grills" in the immediate area of the site which are four (4) feet wide. Shelter 2 and the Lake Pointe Shelter each have a three (3) compartment grill. Deep frying is strictly prohibited. Please note that pouring water onto the grills is prohibited. Violators may be subject to forfeiture of access to park reservations and/or ejection.

## 21. NO SMOKING

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention states that second hand smoke is detrimental to health. Furthermore, cigarettes, once consumed in public spaces, are often discarded on the ground requiring additional maintenance expenses, diminish the beauty of the Township's recreation facilities and pose a risk to toddlers due to ingestion; therefore, smoking is prohibited in all Plymouth Township Parks.

'Health Effects of Secondhand Smoke.' Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 05 Mar. 2014. Web 18 Sept. 2014. <[http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/data\\_statistics/fact\\_sheets/secondhand\\_smoke/health\\_effects/](http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/data_statistics/fact_sheets/secondhand_smoke/health_effects/)>.

# RULES & REGULATIONS

## 22. PAVILION FIREPLACE

The pavilion fireplace is available for use; however, wood is not provided. Fires must be completely extinguished before you leave. Water may be used to extinguish fires in the fireplace.

## 23. ELECTRICITY

Electricity is available at each of the structures in the parks. Outlets are located in the walls at the shelters and the pavilions. There is an additional outlet near Shelter #1 that is approximately fifteen (15) feet from the structure.

## 24. BASEBALL DIAMONDS

The baseball diamonds are available on a first-come, first-served basis except when they are utilized by junior baseball leagues. These leagues utilize the fields from early April - July and from mid-August - October. During these months, the fields are open to Park patrons Monday - Friday from Park opening until 3:00 pm, and they are available Saturdays (after the end of Little League Season) from 2:00 pm to Park closing and Sundays from Park opening until Park closing UNLESS the junior baseball leagues have scheduled make-up games. In the case of make-up games, the fields will be available from 2:00 pm until park closing. The Park may also host Baseball Tournaments that are played on selected weekends.

## 25. CANOPY TENTS

Canopy tents (10' x 10') are allowed on a restricted basis. Please speak with a member of the park staff before erecting a canopy tent.

## 26. SPRAYSCAPE

The SprayScape is open to all park patrons from the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Daily operating hours for the SprayScape are from 10:00 am - 7:30 pm. SprayScape Rules and Regulations are posted at the SprayScape and designed to ensure the safety of all citizens using the park.

### SprayScape Rules and Regulations

1. SprayScape is an unsupervised area. Adult supervision is recommended.
2. Footwear is recommended.
3. Climbing on the structures is strictly prohibited.
4. NO skateboards, in-line skates or bicycles are allowed in spray area.
5. NO glass in this area for your safety and the safety of others.

## 27. SLED HILL

Sled Hill is open during normal park hours.

### Sled Hill Rules and Regulations

1. Sled hill is an unsupervised area. Adult supervision is recommended.
2. Creation of ramps or jumps is prohibited.
3. NO glass in this area for your safety and the safety of others.

# RULES & REGULATIONS

## 28. BUS POLICY

No buses shall be permitted within any park of the Township unless approval by the Township Supervisor has been granted. A written request for approval by the Township Supervisor must be submitted a minimum of two (2) weeks in advance. When considering a request the Township Supervisor shall take into consideration the primary intended use of the passengers of said bus, the other uses at the time requested, and how said approval may negatively impact the capacity of the park or its individual facilities.

## 29. DRONES AND OTHER MOTORIZED AERIAL DEVICES

To ensure the safety of park patrons, the flight of drones or any other motorized aerial device, e.g. model planes or helicopters is strictly prohibited.

## 30. EXEMPTIONS FOR TOWNSHIP SPONSORED EVENTS

Any or all of the above rules may be waived at the discretion of the Township Supervisor or his designee for events sponsored by the Charter Township of Plymouth.

Points of Interest

# ROUGE RIVER INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE

Did you know that...

... the land now occupied by Plymouth Township Park once belonged to the Potawami Tribe of the Woodlands Indians?

... the creek that runs through Plymouth Township park is part of the Rouge River?

...the fishing pond in the park is actually a storm water detention basin that helps to protect downstream communities from flooding?

...Township Park is home to the prairie loving Red-winged Blackbird, the Barn Swallow and the fearless hunter, the Harlequin Redtail Hawk.

You can learn more about these facts and other interesting information about the Rouge River and Tonquish Creek as you walk through the barrier-free pathways in the park.

Stop by the park office first to get an informational booklet that will guide you through the signage. The park office is located in the pavilion next to the fishing pond.



# HEALTHY RIVER TIPS

## FEDERAL CLEAN WATER ACT

The Federal Clean Water Act, which became law in response to growing public awareness and concern for controlling water pollution, gave the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the authority to implement pollution control programs which are now being enforced vigorously throughout the United States.

Preventing pollution ensures that we have a healthy environment for us, our children and neighbors, and it can be easier on our pocketbooks.

Clean up of polluted waterways such as the efforts to restore the Rouge River can result in high costs for communities.

It is important for all citizens to know that what they do at home and their recreation areas counts!

Clean up of polluted waterways can result in high costs for communities.



1950: Mouth of the Rouge River as it empties into the Detroit River



1987: Mouth of the Rouge River as it empties into the Detroit River



## FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE TIPS TO HELP PREVENT POLLUTANTS FROM ENTERING OUR RIVERS AND LAKES:

1. Pick up litter or debris that could get washed into a storm drain.
2. Reduce your household hazardous waste, and properly dispose of those you do use including used motor oil and antifreeze, by bringing them to a household hazardous waste collection or to a licensed hazardous waste facility.
3. Clean up that pet waste! Pet waste left on the lawn can contain bacteria and other pollutants that can quickly wash into a storm drain. Immediately pick up pet waste in a sanitary manner and put it into the trash or simply flush it down your toilet.
4. Remember to dispose of your recreational vehicle waste at a licensed disposal facility.
5. Try using sand to keep your driveway ice-free this winter. Always make sure your sidewalks and approaches are kept clear and dry for safety.
6. Don't over-fertilize your lawn. Grass can Take up only so much fertilizer at any one time. Fertilizer not used by your lawn or that has been accidentally placed on a sidewalk or driveway is washed into the storm drain causing pollution problems for the river including excess growth of plant materials that use up vital oxygen important to other species.