



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Peter
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Herzberg
3. The cosponsoring representatives' names. All cosponsors must be listed. If none, please type 'n/a.' A signed letter from the sponsor approving the co-sponsorship and a signed letter from the member wishing to co-sponsor are required. Attach letters at question #9 below.
n/a
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
City of Wayne
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
3355 S Wayne Rd, Wayne, MI 48184
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
33601 Annapolis St, Wayne, MI 48184
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Peter Herzberg MI-HD-25
8. Purpose of the legislatively directed spending item. Please include how it provides a public benefit and why it is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding. Please also demonstrate that the item does not violate Article IV, S 30 of the Michigan Constitution.
Atwood Park is not only the largest park in Wayne, but it is also a cornerstone of our community. It's where residents go to exercise, spend time with family, and enjoy the outdoors. However, the current walking path, which has been in place for over 30 years, is in critical disrepair and poses significant safety concerns. The city's request to replace the one-mile walking path is not just a matter of improving aesthetics; it's about ensuring safety, accessibility, and the overall wellness of our community. Cracked, uneven pavement has made the path unsafe for many, particularly for seniors, parents with strollers, and those with mobility challenges. The proposed upgrades will make the park safer and more accessible for residents of all ages and abilities.

9. Attach documents here if needed:
Attachments added to the end of this file.
10. The amount of state funding requested for the legislatively directed spending item.
212000
11. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received any of the following types of funding? Check all that apply.
["Federal"]
12. Please select one of the following groups that describes the entity requesting the legislatively directed spending item:
Local unit government
13. For a non-profit organization, has the organization been operating within Michigan for the preceding 36 months?
Not applicable
14. For a non-profit organization, has the entity had a physical office within Michigan for the preceding 12 months?
Not applicable
15. For a non-profit organization, does the organization have a board of directors?
Not applicable
16. For a non-profit organization, list all the active members on the organization's board of directors and any other officers. If this question is not applicable, please type 'n/a.'
n/a
17. "I certify that neither the sponsoring representative nor the sponsoring representative's staff or immediate family has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the legislatively directed spending item."
Yes, this is correct
18. Anticipated start and end dates for the legislatively directed spending item:
Est. Spring 2026
19. "I hereby certify that all information provided in this request is true and accurate."
Yes

Project: Atwood Park Walking Path Removal and Replacement

Submitter: City of Wayne

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Project Location: Atwood Park

Project Description:

On behalf of the City of Wayne, we are requesting grant funding to support the replacement of the walking path in Atwood Park. Atwood Park is the city's largest park (27 acres) and is one of the most utilized; serving as a vital hub for recreation, exercise, and social engagement.

The current walking path, originally installed over 30 years ago, has reached the end of its lifecycle. Years of wear, weathering, and heavy usage have left the surface cracked, uneven, and unsafe, creating hazards for walkers, runners, and individuals with mobility challenges. We recently partnered with Wayne RESA and the Wayne Public library to place a Story Book Walk along the path. The deterioration not only diminishes the overall park experience but also discourages community members from engaging in healthy activities.

In 2021, with the help of Community Development Block Grant funding, we were able to replace a decades old wooden play structure. The new structure has been attracting hundreds of children daily and has increased traffic exponentially. In 2021 we also replaced the deteriorating split rail fence that surrounds most of the park.

First and foremost, the safety of park goers is a top priority. The one-mile-long walk path is in disrepair and has become a potential liability. Unfortunately, due to financial constraints the City is unable to fund the replacement of the path.

The key components of the project include:

- Removal of existing walk path
- Grade and shaping of gravel base
- Install 52,900 sq ft. (8ft. wide path) of 3" of MDOT #5E1 asphalt
- Restoration of areas adjacent to path]
- Placement of concrete bollard posts (4) @ \$9,000.00/ea.

Funding Request: \$212,000.00

Project Impact:

- Health & Wellness: Encourages outdoor exercise and improves physical and mental well-being.
- Accessibility: Provides a safe and inclusive environment for individuals of all ages and abilities.
- Community Engagement: Revitalizes a shared space for families, friends, and groups to connect.

Removing and replacing this mile long path will not only mitigate risk but draw more walkers to the park. We are proud to partner with different organizations to create opportunities for families to visit the park. Having the path repaired will give us the ability to attract more projects.