



# 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:  
Goudy Park 3498 Second St. Wayne, MI 48184
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:  
Rep. Peter Herzberg HD25
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. Phase III, Goudy Park Renovation, focuses on accessibility, utilization, and beautification of the Goudy Park Riverfront and newly proposed ADA Compliant Floatable Boat Launch serves to expand the Lower Rouge Water Trail connecting our park and all its amenities to the Canoe/Kayak Launch the County is currently constructing at the Venoy-Dorsey Park one mile to the East.
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.

1070000

11. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received any of the following types of funding? Check all that apply.

["Federal","State","Local"]

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: Goudy Park Renovation**  
**Phase III-Riverfront Accessibility and Beautification**

**Submitter:** City of Wayne

**Primary Contact:** Lori Gouin

**Title:** Community Development/Planning Director

**Phone:** 734-722-2002

**Email:** [lgouin@cityofwayne.com](mailto:lgouin@cityofwayne.com)

**Secondary Contact:** Diane Webb

**Title:** City Manager

**Phone:** 734-722-2000

**Email:** [dwebb@cityofwayne.com](mailto:dwebb@cityofwayne.com)

**Project Location:** Goudy Park 3498 Second St. Wayne, MI 48184

**Project Description: Phase III**

The City of Wayne is fortunate enough to have the beautiful Rouge River running through our most prominent and historic, 4.8-acre Goudy Park located in the heart of our downtown district on our Civic campus between City Hall and the 29<sup>th</sup> District Court. Phase III focuses on accessibility, utilization, and beautification of the Goudy Park Riverfront and newly proposed ADA Compliant Floatable Boat Launch serves to expand the Lower Rouge Water Trail connecting our park and all its amenities to the Canoe/Kayak Launch the County is currently constructing at the Venoy-Dorsey Park one mile to the East.

**The key components of the project include:**

- Removal of the deteriorating deck of the scenic overlook and stairwells to the east and west that face the Rouge River and replacing the outlook deck and one of the stairwells and adding an ADA Compliant Ramp with Trex decking that will make the riverfront accessible to all.
- The removal of invasive species on the grounds and the addition of riprap stones and landscaping to secure the secondary embankment of the river and beautify the area.
- Installation of a Floatable ADA Compliant Boat Launch.
- Installing Benches and ADA accessible tables offering visitors a place to picnic or just sit and relax alongside the river and on the scenic deck that overlooks the river.
- Replacing the walk path and trail lighting, using pathways to make the riverfront and picnic area ADA Accessible.
- Re-banding, re-sealing and re-sealing the adjacent parking lot.
- Decorative safety lighting along the stairs, ramp and scenic outlook for personal safety, and security cameras for public safety.
- Signage commemorating the 200-year anniversary of the founding of the city (1824-2024), the role of the Rouge River in our history, and an attractive placard thanking Wayne County Executive Evans, and the Wayne County Commission for their generous support of the project.

**Funding Request: \$1,070,000.00**

• Rebuild Scenic Overlook above River	\$175,000.00
• New Trex Deck Stairs and Ramp System	\$150,000.00
• Riverfront Landscaping/Limestone	\$240,000.00
• Walk Path/Lighting/Security Cameras	\$175,000.00
• Benches, ADA Tables/Umbrellas	\$45,000.00
• Parking Lot enhancements	\$65,000.00
• Covered ADA Compliant Rest Area	\$60,000.00
• ADA Compliant Floating Boat Launch	\$70,000.00
• Engineering/Design Fees	\$90,000.00

**Existing Funding:****Phase I-Amphitheatre Replacement Project: \$1,300,000.00**

Demolish deteriorating amphitheater and concrete seating, and retaining walls and replace, adding decorative concrete flatwork to seating area and landscaping/planter boxes throughout the park. Installing a new electronic messaging board at the Wayne Road entrance.

• 2021 HUD Grant	\$550,000.00
• 2022 MEDC	\$500,000.00
• 2022 Wayne County ARPA	\$250,000.00

The city was fortunate to receive generous funding in 2021 and 2022 that included: \$550,000 from HUD, thanks to Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib, \$500,000, from the State of Michigan through the efforts of Senator Dayna Polehanki, and State Representative Kevin Coleman and an additional \$250,000.00 from Wayne County through their designated ARPA funds, thanks to Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans, his outstanding Economic Development Team, Commissioner Haidous and the Wayne County Commission.

**Phase II -Splash and Play Project: \$917,000**

Replace the aging Playscape, install new Splash Pad, replace East Parking lot and stairwell and install new Entrance Archway on Second St. on the east side of the park.

• 2022 MEDC RAP Grant	\$458,000.00
• City of Wayne DDA	\$458,000.00

Phase II will be funded with the \$458,000.00 MEDC RAP Grant received in 2023, that required a \$458,000 match from the City of Wayne's Downtown Development Authority.

## **Project Impact:**

Goudy Park, with its beautiful riverfront views, has served as the City of Wayne's central gathering place for 87 years. Residents and visitors come to relax, play, picnic, and exercise along the paved pathway and the trail that runs along the river, and the riverfront is a favorite destination for senior and wedding pictures. Phase III of the Goudy Park Renovation will not only beautify the riverfront area and draw more visitors into our parks, which has proven to work wonders for our physical and mental health, it will be accessible to all our residents and visitors with the installation of a new stairway and an ADA compliant ramp.

Goudy Park is a popular location in the region hosting numerous events including but not limited to Wayne-Westland Schools band performances, the 29<sup>th</sup> District Court Drug Rehabilitation graduation ceremonies, the City's Summer Concert Series, Farm Markets, vendor shows, and family events such as weddings, graduations, birthday parties, family reunions, and is a favorite lunch spot for those who live and work downtown.

Phase I and II of the Goudy Park Renovation will bring a new amphitheater, playscape and splash pad, for people of all ages to enjoy. The amphitheater not only provides a space for events, music, art and cultural experiences it is also a tremendous creative and communal space that is inclusive, diverse, progressive and inspiring to so many. This is a venue that also brings patrons into the downtown area when events are held. When they spend their money downtown, that in turn helps local businesses. Businesses are eager to see events resume at the amphitheater and are excited about all the new amenities and improvements being made to the city's only downtown park.

Phase III connects our beautiful natural resources to our most prized park in the heart of our downtown. This Riverfront Renovation project and ADA Compliant Floatable Boat Launch connects both the greenway and the water trail to Wayne County Park's newly established boat launch in Venoy Dorsey Park and aligns with the Friends of the Rouge's Master Plan to develop a 29-mile water trail along the Lower Rouge Watershed. Our Riverfront Park creates the perfect location for canoers and kayakers to stop for lunch, relax or play in the park or just to get out of their watercraft to stretch their legs and use the rest area facilities before heading back to the Launch. This is a project that would draw visitors and economic growth from all over the region.