



# CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL

**Agenda Item F**  
**August 22, 2011**

**SUBJECT:** Approval to award a professional services contract for the design of Landings Property to Hamilton Anderson in the amount of \$66,970.

**SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT:** Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services

**CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:** 

<b>EXPENDITURE REQUIRED</b>	<b>\$66,970</b>
<b>AMOUNT BUDGETED</b>	<b>\$596,000</b>
<b>APPROPRIATION REQUIRED</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>LINE ITEM NUMBER</b>	<b>208-691.00-974.086</b>

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

In December 2010, the City was notified that the Landings Property Grant was recommended for funding the initial development of the Landings Park. The plan submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) for a Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund (MNRTF) development grant at that time was conceptual. The final designs and construction drawings need to be completed and it was planned to move forward with that step if the grant funding was awarded.

Staff members from Community Development, Engineering, and Parks comprised a committee to complete a Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS) process on Requests for Proposal (RFP) for Novi Park improvements. The park improvements originally evaluated were in Landings Park and Fuerst Park. However, the committee subsequently reviewed and is recommending that Fuerst Park has reached a completion state at this time. Further improvements at a future date can be considered without spending additional fees at this point.

Following a public solicitation period for Request for Proposals (RFP), four proposals were received. The proposals were evaluated using QBS. The following table summarizes the results of the proposal review process:

**CITY OF NOVI**  
**RFP Design Services for Novi Park Improvements Fees**  
 Proposals due May 17, 2011, Fee proposals opened June 28, 2011

<b>The Landings Park</b>	<b>Hamilton Anderson</b>	<b>Grissim Metz Andriese</b>	<b>McKenna</b>	<b>Wade Trim</b>
Phase 1 - Concept Plan	\$ 20,810	\$ 9,500	\$ 15,000	\$ 22,420
Phase 2 - Final Design	\$ 37,725	\$ 45,460	\$ 30,500	\$ 64,244
Phase 3 - Bidding Services	\$ 8,435	\$ 8,940	\$ 8,000	\$ 12,900
<b>Total - Landings Park</b>	<b>\$ 66,970</b>	<b>\$ 63,900</b>	<b>\$ 53,500</b>	<b>\$ 99,564</b>
<b>QBS Score with interviews</b>	<b>2,955</b>	<b>2,795</b>	<b>2,285</b>	not interviewed

**City of Novi**  
**QBS Group Tally with Interviews**  
**RFP Novi Parks Improvements**

	Hamilton Anderson	Grissim Metz	McKenna Assoc
Evaluator BC	540	345	465
Evaluator RH	315	485	410
Evaluator BM	525	540	490
Evaluator JM	475	525	520
<b>Subtotal - Proposal Evaluation</b>	<b>1855</b>	<b>1895</b>	<b>1885</b>
Interview Score	1100	900	400
<b>TOTAL - Proposal Evaluation + Interview</b>	<b>2955</b>	<b>2795</b>	<b>2285</b>

Of the firms that submitted proposals, Hamilton Anderson met all of the requirements listed in the request for proposals and had the highest staff review score (see Committee's scoring summaries for reference).

Committee members contacted the references provided and all reported Hamilton Anderson was very easy to work with, well qualified, and had competitive prices. Hamilton Anderson plans to work with the City of Novi to clarify project goals and direction. With input gained through this process, they will revisit the conceptual plan, with a greater understanding of site details, shoreline opportunities and engineering requirements. The firm will dedicate a significant amount of time developing the conceptual plan by working with PRCS staff and will seek input from City Council, PRCS Commission Members and the public.

The project schedule will consist of the revisiting the concept plan taking place during late summer/fall 2011 and conclude with a presentation to Council. Development of final construction plans, and preparation of bid documents will be completed winter 2012. After council approval, and bid advertisement construction for the project will commence early summer 2012.

At the August 11, 2011 PRCS Commission meeting PRCS staff presented the plan to recommend Hamilton Anderson as the firm of choice for this particular project. Commissioners were pleased with the work that the firm did with the Fuerst Park project and were comfortable and supportive of the recommendation being brought to City Council for approval. Therefore, the Committee recommends award of the project in the amount of \$66,970 to Hamilton Anderson.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approval to award a professional services contract for the design of Landings Property to Hamilton Anderson in the amount of \$66,970.

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<b>Mayor Landry</b>				
<b>Mayor Pro Tem Gatt</b>				
<b>Council Member Fischer</b>				
<b>Council Member Margolis</b>				

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<b>Council Member Mutch</b>				
<b>Council Member Staudt</b>				
<b>Council Member Wrobel</b>				

# MEMORANDUM



**TO:** CLAY PEARSON, CITY MANAGER  
**FROM:** JASON S. MANGUM, DIRECTOR, PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES  
**SUBJECT:** LANDINGS BID AWARD  
**DATE:** AUGUST 9, 2011

To Mayor and Council:  
Update on the Fuerst Park  
and Landings property bid.  
Victor

Recently members of the City Community Development Department, Engineering Department, Department of Public Services and Park and Recreation (PRCS) staff comprised a committee to complete a Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS) on Requests for Proposal (RFP) for Novi Park improvements. The park improvements to be evaluated were the Landings Park property and Fuerst Park. The committee determined that Fuerst Park has reached a completion state at this time, and will consider additional improvements at a future date. After close review of the RFP's, the committee is prepared to make recommendation on the award of architectural bid on the Landings Park property to Hamilton Anderson in the amount of \$66,970 at the August 22, 2011 City Council meeting.

Hamilton Anderson plans to work with the City of Novi to clarify project goals and direction. With input gained through this process, they will revisit the conceptual plan, with a greater understanding of site details, shoreline opportunities and engineering requirements. The firm will dedicate a significant amount of time developing the conceptual plan by working with PRCS staff and will seek input from City Council, PRCS Commission Members and the public.

The project schedule will consist of the redevelopment of the concept plan taking place during late summer/fall 2011 and conclude with a presentation to Council. Development of final construction plans, and preparation of bid documents will be completed this winter. After Council approval and bid advertisement construction for the project will commence early summer 2012.

# MEMORANDUM



**TO:** CLAY PEARSON, CITY MANAGER  
**FROM:** NANCY COWAN, ACTING DIRECTOR, PARKS, RECREATION  
AND CULTURAL SERVICES *N. Cowan*  
**SUBJECT:** UPDATE – THE LANDINGS PROPERTY AND FUERST PARK  
**DATE:** FEBRUARY 22, 2011

*2/24/11  
To: Mayor, City  
Council Members*

*Welcome any thoughts  
suggestions, and questions.*

The purpose of this memorandum is to share an overview of park development at two sites, the Landings and Fuerst Park, which are forthcoming in the next fiscal year 2011-12 for design, grants, and construction.

## LANDINGS PARK

In December 2010, the City was notified that the Landings Property Grant was recommended for funding the initial development of the park. The concept plan submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) for a Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund (MNRTF) development grant, Attachment A, along with the proposed budget, Attachment B, is a version of the original concept plan, Attachment C, that was developed by Birchler Arroyo Associates and partners as a part of the Landings Property Land Use Study in fall of 2009. These plans are solid concepts that were developed in order to apply for the grant yet are just that, concepts. There are no final designs or construction drawings complete at this time as it was planned to move forward with that step if the grant funding was awarded as is currently the case.

The grant, in the amount of \$437,500 will have a funding match of 30% or \$187,500 of which \$50,000 will be funded by the Novi Parks Foundation. Per the grant narrative submitted by City and currently recommended for funding through the MDNR, **Phase 1 must include** "...an 835 linear foot pathway and promenade along Walled Lake, naturalized waterfront sea wall stabilization, small fishing pier, tree-lined arc walkway, grading, landscaping, signage, historical icon, 12 car parking lot with a separate barrier-free parking and drop-off area near the waterfront, and other required infrastructure improvements (e.g. utilities and electrical). Barrier-free accessible port-a-johns will be utilized until use of the site grows and a permanent restroom is constructed in a future phase."

As a supporting piece to the grant submitted in August 2010 the City stated, "There is also a possibility that a universally accessible canoe / kayak launch could be considered through various funding opportunities within the community, vastly increasing the accessibility of the waterway and property." To comply with the grant guidelines the elements above must be included in the final drawings and construction of the project (the accessible kayak launch should be strongly considered as well) but other elements within the park for future development are flexible. Future grant funding

opportunities could be possible through MNRTF and their annual guidelines are posted each year in January with a usual deadline of April 1 for grant applications.

Over 100 project applications were filed for the MNRTF grant funding. Landings Park is one of 71 recommended for funding by the MDNR, scoring within the top 30% of all development grants submitted. It is expected that the project agreement from MNRTF will be complete in August, 2011. No work related to the grant, and nothing that can be reimbursed by the grant, can begin prior to a project agreement with MNRTF.

Now that funding has been secured for the property, staff plans to develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) for final drawings and build-out design of the property. Staff suggests a three phase process to include:

- 1) preliminary design phase to review the current concept plan with Council, Commission and staff, and present a plan to community for feedback in summer 2011 that can then be presented to the City Council for approval,
- 2) a final design phase to prepare the construction drawing and,
- 3) the bidding phase to secure a contractor to construct the actual project.

All phases will be in one RFP; however the phases will be bid on separately and can be awarded separately. The guidelines referred to in the proceeding paragraph provided by the MDNR will be followed throughout.

### **FUERST PARK PHASE III**

At Fuerst Park on Ten Mile Road and Taft Road on the Civic Center campus, after the completion of Phase II designs (see appendix chronology), nearly all the design elements in the original drawings will be implemented with the rebar arbor and tunnel planned for installation in summer 2011. The only exception is a "play sculpture" which was a part of a potential Phase III in the amount of \$60,000 but was not clearly defined in the concept. Since opening, the park has hosted the Sizzling Summer Art Series, Spring Perennial Exchange, Fuerst Fall Nights, and other recreational programming. As the programming and use of the park has increased, staff has received positive feedback from the community, much of which includes a request for further amenities in the park. **Therefore, staff plans include the development of a concept plan for Fuerst Park Phase III as a separate division of the Landings RFP, incorporating feedback and input from staff and community to develop a plan for additional amenities for Fuerst Park that can be incorporated into next year's CIP request for the final phase of the park's development.** This process will include engaging Council, PRCS Commission, Library and High School staff and City staff in the input process for this potential phase, along with holding two public community input sessions to gather information. The feedback provided will drive the amenities and final design of the property which will be a result of this RFP.

## RFP Process

The proposed RFP Process is to develop specifications for The Landings Property (Part A) and Fuerst Park (Part B) separately but post them on BidNet in the same document to seek proposals. Upon receiving and reviewing RFP's staff could move forward with a recommendation to award the proposals to one firm or separate firms based on ratings / rankings of the proposals. The anticipated scheduled to develop final designs / build-out of both properties is as follows:

Final construction drawings

March 23, 2011	RFP's Posted to BidNet
April 13, 2011	Responses Due
May 9, 2011	Recommendation of Proposal(s) for Award
August, 2011	Anticipated Completion of Conceptual Phase

Will need budget amendment once cost is known.  
CJP

Note: A brief chronology of both parks is located in Attachment D.

c: Rob Hayes  
Brian Coburn  
Matt Wiktorowski  
Victor Cardenas  
Julie Farkas  
Kathy Smith-Roy

City of Novi  
The Landings Property  
Phase 1 Development Concept  
March 22, 2010



Attachment A



**Phase 1 - The Landings Park Budget**

Quantity	Item	Unit Cost	Base Cost	10% Contingency	15% Overhead Profit
45,000 sf	Clear area at center front edge	0.5	22,500	24,750	28,463
3,500 cy	Strip and stockpile top soil	4	14,000	15,400	17,710
Allowance	Site grading		40,000	44,000	50,600
Allowance	Utilities		15,000	16,500	18,975
834 lf	Waterfront sea wall (soft "natural" engineering)	54	45,036	49,540	56,971
11018sf	Promenade walkway	8	88,144	96,958	111,502
Allowance	Fishing pier (smaller of two)		20,000	22,000	25,300
Allowance	Landscaping		15,000	16,500	18,975
58 ea	Trees on arc	500	29,000	31,900	36,685
4250sf	Sidewalks (Tree-lined arc sidewalk)	5	21,250	23,375	26,881
Allowance	Site electrical conduit and partial		30,000	33,000	37,950
Allowance	Historical icon		15,000	16,500	18,975
Allowance	Park sign		6,750	7,425	8,539
Allowance	Parking (12 lot -1ADA + curb cut) + 2 ADA NE in park	L.S.	77,450	85,195	97,974
			<b>Total Construct</b>	<b>\$439,130</b>	<b>\$483,043</b>
					10,000
					2,501
					10,000
					47,000
					<b>\$69,501</b>
			<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$625,000</b>

Attachment B

Landings Property Land Use Study | *Concept Plan*

**Concept Plan — Phase 1**  
Public Park with Single Family Residential



Concept Plan | Landings Property Land Use Study

Concept Plan — Phase 2  
Public Park with Single Family Residential



## **LANDINGS PARK PROCESS CHRONOLOGY**

In June 2009, the City of Novi contracted for the preparation of a Land Use Study of City-owned property (approximately 13 acres) at the northeast corner of South Lake Drive and Old Novi Road on Walled Lake commonly known as "the Landings Property."

In December 2009, the City staff presented the Land Use study to the City Council. The Landings Park conceptual plan was approved with the opportunity to move forward if funding was to become available. Conceptual amenities for the initial development of the park included pathways, landscaping, promenade walkway, fishing pier, and parking lot, along with other options. Subsequently, City Council formalized that the intended use of the Landing's property was to be a public park.

December 16, 2009, the Master Plan and Zoning Committee reviewed the proposed rezoning at their meeting and found the rezoning to be compatible with the surrounding neighborhood and generally consistent with the Future Land Use map. In addition, the Committee was in favor of making minor changes to the Future Land Use map to clearly designate the entire landings property as public parkland.

February 2010, the City amended the zoning of the subject parcels from B-3, General Business to R-4, One Family Residential District, which allows park development. The City Council further directed the City attorney's office to prepare materials to allow the City Council to formally consider vacation of undeveloped platted rights-of-way (e.g. "paper streets") through the site.

March 2010, a public hearing was held by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Commission to receive public comment. Participants were in favor of the project and the Commission unanimously supported the project. On March 22, 2010, the City Council designated, by resolution, the majority of the former Landing's property as park land.

April 2010, staff submitted The Landings Property for a Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund (MNRTF) development grant application through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR).

December 2010, the City was notified that the Landings Property Grant was recommended for funding the initial development of the park.

## **FUERST PARK CHRONOLOGY**

In January 2008, the City of Novi issued for a Master Plan study of the longer-term use of the property (6.5 acres) at the southeast corner of Ten Mile and Taft

Roads. A comprehensive study of the property and its structure, development concepts, and cost estimates to bring the public property into use was provided to the City in March 2008. City Council approved the conceptual plan that responded to citizen desire to create a modern and multi-purpose use of the site. The Novi Community Schools Board of Education approved a land transfer increasing the size of the park to 8.27 acres in exchange for City-owned property south of Novi High School by the City to the schools.

Construction of the initial development of the 8.27 acre Fuerst Park began in July, 2008 with the removal of the Fuerst house and barns. The park officially opened in August, 2009 as the west entrance to the Civic Center Campus. Initial design elements included a colorful and inviting entrance complete with stone walls utilizing stones from the Fuerst Family home, walkways that highlight the natural topography, hundreds of perennials, and over 45 new trees. Township Hall was relocated from Library property to the park and provides the backdrop for the 150-seat amphitheatre. Township Hall was renovated to include convenient restrooms and air-conditioning.

In May, 2010, the aesthetic of Fuerst Park was enhanced with the addition of five sculptures (a sixth was added in August) placed throughout the park. The sculpture exhibit was funded completely through sponsorships and donations; no tax dollars were used. The exhibit will be rotated with new pieces annually as long as funding opportunities are available.

In August, 2010, two large gardens were planted using funds provided by the Novi Parks Foundation. The gardens mimic the size and location where barns once stood on the property and have space set aside for future art installations.

In February, 2011, additional lighting was installed along the Ten Mile frontage of the park, matching lighting throughout the Civic Center Campus. Phase 2 construction including interior lighting, additional irrigation, benches, trash receptacles, arbors and tables is currently ongoing and will be complete in summer, 2011. The design of Phase II is ongoing. Further information will be provided as the design proceeds.

# hamiltonanderson

May 17, 2011

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Purchasing Manager  
Office of the City Clerk  
City of Novi  
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Re: RFP FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR NOVI PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Dear Ms. Morianti:

Hamilton Anderson Associates, Inc. (HAA) is pleased to offer our proposal to provide professional design services for the improvements to Fuerst and Landings Parks, both vital assets to the Novi community. We're excited about the opportunity to continue our involvement with the City of Novi and our experience and project background will bring a high level of understanding to the projects.

HAA's past experience with Fuerst Park and coordination with City agencies and community groups enables us to be a valuable resource to the City. Our success in generating wide agreement on the conceptual master plan for Fuerst Park illustrates our strength in working with the community to establish priorities and work toward a common vision.

The Hamilton Anderson team can provide both design and engineering excellence. With ASTI for environmental engineering and HH Engineering for structural and civil engineering, we offer a wealth of experience focused on the specific technical solutions required for these projects.

We trust the enclosed materials will provide the information needed to evaluate our qualifications. We look forward to sharing our ideas and insights and focusing our energy and enthusiasm on these exciting and highly visible projects.

Sincerely,



Kent Anderson, ASLA, CLARB, LEED®AP  
Design Principal



Burke Jenkins, ASLA, CLARB, LEED®AP  
Project Manager

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**FIRM OVERVIEW**



# FIRM OVERVIEW



## HAMILTON ANDERSON ASSOCIATES, INC. (HAA)

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**Contact** Burke Jenkins, ASLA, LEED®AP – Project Manager

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## History & Introduction

Hamilton Anderson Associates (HAA) is a multi-disciplinary design firm dedicated to improving the built environment through creative, contemporary design. Our design process combines rigorous analysis, intuitive curiosity and thoughtful execution to create inspiring, contextually responsive solutions.

As an MBE, HAA's diverse group of design professionals work collaboratively across multiple disciplines, including architecture, landscape architecture, planning, urban design, strategic planning, interior design, and graphic design. From three distinct locations – Detroit, New Orleans, and Las Vegas – HAA offers informed perspectives to create compelling, sustainable projects, that provide a lasting and positive impact.

## Form of Organization

"C" Corporation, licensed in the State of Michigan, 1994.

**Principals** Rainy Hamilton, Jr. AIA, NCARB, NOMA  
Kent Anderson, RLA, ASLA, CLARB, LEED®AP  
Thomas J. Sherry, AIA, LEED®AP

## Staff Size

Our 60 person staff includes landscape architects, planners and architects 22 of which are LEED accredited employees, certified by the US Green Building Council.

### HH ENGINEERING

220 Bagley Avenue, Suite 500  
Detroit, MI 48226  
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Contact: Helen Himes

**Role: Civil Engineer / Structural Engineer**

HH Engineering Ltd. was incorporated in March of 1992 as a Michigan Consulting Engineering company and became certified as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) by the Michigan Department of Transportation in August of 1992. HH Engineering Ltd. provides site, road and bridge design, and construction engineering services for both privately and publicly funded projects. They have an excellent reputation working with local agencies throughout Michigan, as well as numerous architectural firms. They are organized to provide specialized services for civil engineering, transportation and land development projects ranging from the design of major highways and bridges to design and construction administration for large projects of various types.

### ASTI ENVIRONMENTAL

10488 Citation Dr., Suite 100  
Brighton, MI 48611  
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Contact: Paul Rentschler

**Role: Environmental Consultant**

ASTI service groups are staffed by technical experts trained and certified as environmental professionals, mold inspectors, asbestos inspectors, asbestos management planners, professional geologists, brownfield redevelopment specialists, professional wetland scientists, underground storage tank professionals, remediation specialists, hazardous materials managers, and regulatory compliance managers.

### PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES (PEA)

2900 E. Grand River Avenue  
Howell, MI 48843  
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Contact: Gerald Clanton

**Role: Survey Consultant**

Professional Engineering Associates, Inc. (PEA) provides civil and municipal engineering, land surveying, construction staking, land planning, geotechnical engineering, pavement management services, landscape architecture, utility mapping and master planning, wetland delineation, GIS/Asset Management systems, and construction inspection and administration for municipal and private sector clients.

PEA prides itself on offering a service that extends beyond the limits of traditional practice. Their keen awareness of the concept of Value Engineering allows us to maintain consistently high standards in design and construction methods while minimizing cost. While dedicated to following the requirements of clients, PEA is able to provide alternative proposals (or methods) to maximize the return on the Client's investment of time and financial resources.

### BERBIGLIA ASSOCIATES

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Contact: John Berbiglia

**Role: Electrical Engineer**

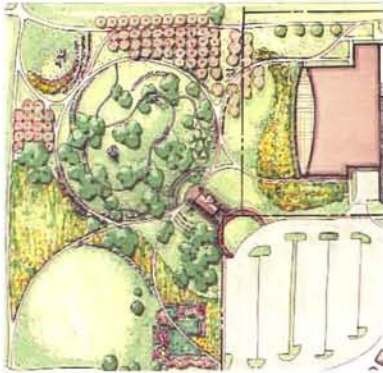
Berbiglia Associates provides a broad range of engineering services depending on a specific client's needs. They serve Architects, Owners and Contractors and are proud that many of their client relationships have existed for some 20 years. Service is the single most important thing that they can provide. They do what they say they will

and follow up on the details. They strive to provide the best engineering service possible and to provide a wide range of services related to mechanical and electrical engineering for the building construction industry.

The following is a partial list of projects that were specifically related to exterior streetscape style lighting, design or revisions. In addition to these projects, we have been responsible for the design of site lighting for the majority of our projects including parking lots and parking structures.

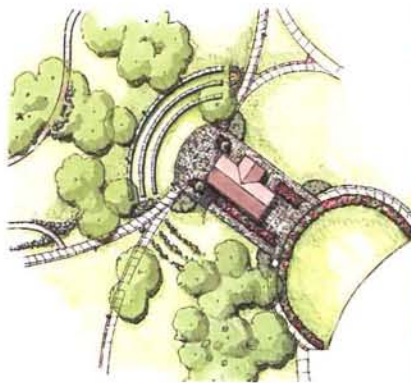
- Ford Road Re-Lighting
- Middle Allen Road Re-Lighting
- Chelsea Proving Grounds Roadway Lighting
- City of Monroe - Altrusa Park & Riverwalk
- Jackson Riverwalk
- Fuerst Park Phase I
- Westland Street Lighting
- Ann Arbor 5th and Division Street Lighting
- Dexter Streetscape
- Washington Township Streetscape
- Oakland County Parking and Roadway Lighting

## EXPERIENCE



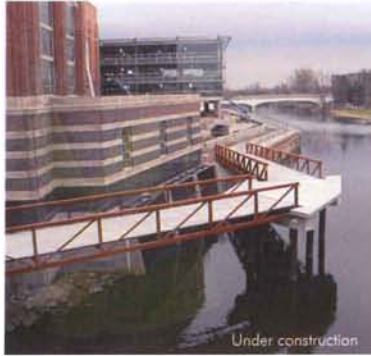
SERVICES  
Site Design  
Landscape Architecture  
Cost Estimating

CLIENT  
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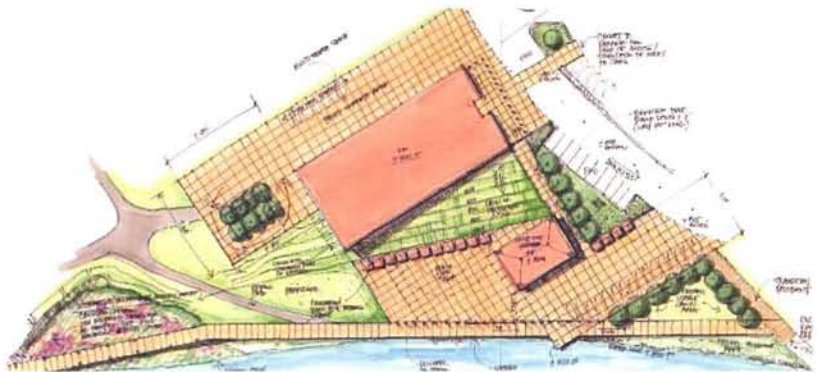
Hamilton Anderson Associates collaborated with the City of Novi to develop a new public park and amphitheater at the site of a remnant farm homestead. A graceful network of walking paths and ribbons of field stone walls wind through the 5-acre site provides opportunities for passive use by residents and visitors of all capabilities. The amphitheater, connected to the newly relocated historic Town Hall provides seasonal programming opportunities for families. The park is Novi's primary community gathering space as Novi High School and the new Public Library surrounding the site.

CITY OF LANSING  
CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE WATERFRONT  
Lansing, Michigan



SERVICES  
Landscape Architecture  
Cost Estimating  
Site Design  
Urban Design

CLIENT  
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Funded by the Clean Michigan Initiative, the city of Lansing's Grand River waterfront improvement plan will create a new public landscape along the east and west sides of the river, adjacent to downtown Lansing and two blocks from capitol. The west waterfront represents a never-before-public space on a site formerly housing the Ottawa Street Station of the Board of Water and Light.

With most of the site accommodating the concurrent project of the Accident Fund's new national headquarters, the west waterfront negotiates challenging urban conditions: a landscape legacy of contamination, a sensitive public-private interface and the place where the city meets the river. The east waterfront folds into existing park land and interfaces with another concurrent project, Lansing's new city market. Taking inspiration from the riparian context and the Board of Water and Light's historic utilitarian uses of the river's edge, the waterfront's landscape interventions foster new civic relationships with water and light.

HISTORIC MAHERAS PARK RENOVATION  
Detroit, Michigan



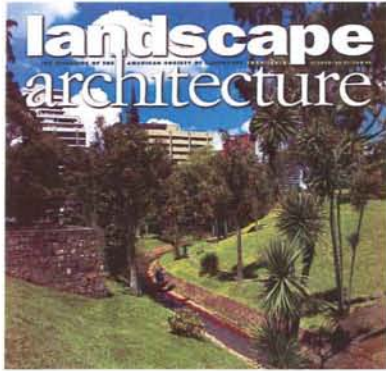
**SERVICES**  
Community Work Sessions  
Site Design  
Design Development  
Construction Documentation  
Construction Administration  
Historic District Commission Approval  
MNDR/MDEQ Design Interface

**CLIENT**  
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**RECOGNITION**  
Michigan Environmental Management  
Association  
Environmental Achievement Award  
  
Engineering Excellence Conceptor Award from  
the ACEC/Michigan Engineering and Surveying  
Excellence Competition



Maheras Park is a designated historic district on the Detroit River, east of Conner Creek. HAA and ASTI were retained to assist with site design for the Maheras Park Fish Habitat Mitigation to provide users with new amenities and natural habitat along the Detroit River. The riverbank is modified to create an inlet allowing water to circulate from the Detroit River through a new pond. The pond creates a deep water hole and shallow shelves to create fish habitat. Stone stacked like a stairway to allow people access to the water. An overlook provides barrier-free fishing at the pond. This project provides public amenities in an area where few recreational activities exist. A pathway links the park's features including the overlook, island, fishing access points and interpretive signage. The sidewalk leads visitors around the pond to bridges connecting pedestrians to an island. The overlook is furnished with benches and a shelter with picnic tables. Interpretive signs explain the intent of the pond, the ecology of wetland, planting and fish habitat and passing freighters on the Detroit River.



**SERVICES**  
Master Planning  
Programming  
Strategic Planning  
Site Evaluation / Selection  
Facilities Assessment  
Feasibility Analysis  
Landscape Architecture  
Cost Estimating

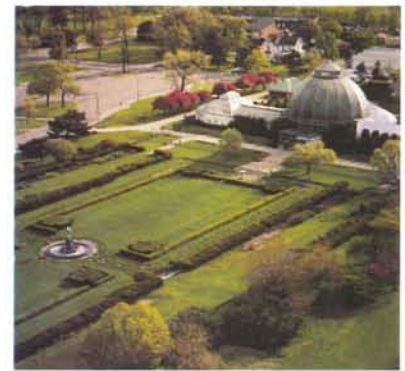
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**RECOGNITIONS**  
American Society of Landscape Architects  
Merit Award

Michigan American Society of  
Landscape Architects  
Honor Award

Michigan Recreation and Park Association  
Master Plan Award

American Institute of Architects  
Detroit Honor Award-Urban Design



**PLANNING**

As shown here, Belle Isle's environment provides a unique setting with the diverse public and private character of the island. One of the island's greatest assets is its natural beauty, which has been preserved for generations. Belle Isle is a unique island in the city, offering a natural setting, a diverse public and private character, and a rich history.

Observing argued that the value of a park "lies in its power to divert men from unwholesome, vicious, and destructive methods and... [in] inducing them to educate themselves."

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Situated in the Detroit River, less than a mile from downtown, historic Belle Isle offers Detroiters a retreat from their urban surroundings, providing a magnificent natural setting that has grown to become a special part of the city. Hamilton Anderson Associates was commissioned by the Detroit Recreation Department to identify immediate needs and develop a long-term restoration program for Belle Isle. The designed program recognized the island park's role as a unique natural environment, historic conservator, learning center and city gathering place. The plan recommended strengthening the island's assets and amenities, enhancing the range and quality of its public experiences, exploring appropriate revenue generating opportunities, creating more efficient management and operations practices and establishing a consensus for the future direction of the island.

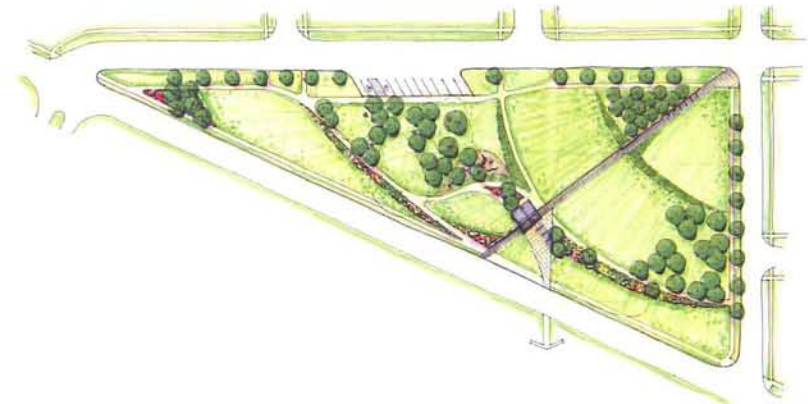


REXER JABLONSKI MEMORIAL PARK  
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Rexer – Jablonski Park is named in memory of two fallen Bay City police officers: Raymond P. Rexer and Terry Jablonski. It memorializes the two fallen officers, creates a stronger relationship to the river, and provides needed recreation amenities to the neighborhood. The triangular shaped park is located in the Columbus / Garfield recreational neighborhood of Bay City, east of the Saginaw River and bounded by Water Street to the west, Broadway to the east and 19th Street to the south.

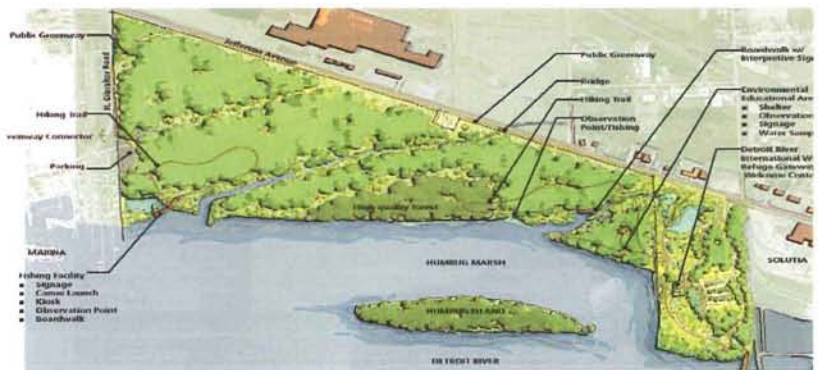
The program suggests a passive theme, including walking paths landscaping, playground, pavilion, picnic facilities, lighting, flagpoles, site amenities and a memorial to the officers. Unnecessary utilities were vacated and sidewalks were improved as a part of the development, all while avoiding and protecting still buried Native American artifacts and burial grounds

DETROIT RIVER INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE GATEWAY  
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Hamilton Anderson Associates along with CDM and ASTI assisted Wayne County Parks in developing a comprehensive master plan for the Gateway to the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge Center on a 44-acre brownfield – former site of DaimlerChrysler Chemical Plant – site in Trenton, Michigan. Approximately one half of the site is man-made, from filling operations started in the 1940s. The plan calls for a visitor's center that will provide offices for Wayne County Parks, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the Detroit Audubon Society, the Michigan Sea Grant Program and Wayne County Community College. The Humberg Marsh and Island are recognized to be part of a sensitive Lower Detroit River ecosystem along with numerous islands, coastal wetlands and marshes. Diverse habitats found in this region provide a basis for its designation as an International Wildlife Refuge. The project is being planned to achieve a LEED platinum certification rating from the U.S. Green Building Council.

In February 2010 Humberg Marsh, part of the 5,700 acre Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, became Michigan's first Wetland of International Importance under the Ramsar Convention. Ford Motor Company and Automotive Components Holdings (ACH) announced a donation of 242 acres of unique coastal wetlands (Ford Marsh) to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to be included in the Refuge.

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Providing a foothold for a river's renaissance, the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge encompasses 48 miles of combined Detroit River and western Lake Erie waterfront. A first of its kind, this acclaimed urban wildlife sanctuary shelters diverse coastal wetland habitats, preserving a wild place for numerous avian and aquatic species. The fishing access facility will provide accessible, shore-based fishing opportunities on the Detroit River, one of the most productive walleye fisheries in North America, holding the national record for a walleye caught in a professional walleye tournament. The project includes a boardwalk with three sheltered areas, a fishing pier, a floating dock, restroom facilities, seating areas, interpretive signage and a 1000' long aggregate road for vehicular access. The fishing pier, located at the end of the boardwalk, is planned to accommodate up to 100 anglers at once. In addition, the boardwalk leading out to the pier will be wide enough to accommodate fishing along both rails (an additional 900 linear feet of fishing access). Fishing areas accessible from the boardwalk include shallower waters, rich with pan fish, providing an opportunity for less experienced and young family fishing. Access to the site is secured by a lockable gate. A restroom / storage facility will be constructed immediately west of the entrance to the fishing pier.

THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY  
FOUNDER'S GARDEN  
Midland, Michigan



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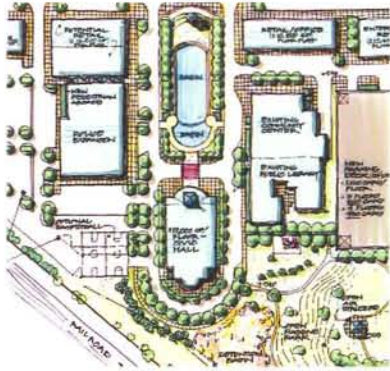
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The 47 building site is the historic grounds of one of Herbert Dow's original laboratories and office, and the long time location of The Dow Chemical Company's World Headquarters. The location of the site relative to downtown Midland, the Tittabawasee River, Dow Chemical's Michigan operations, and the new minor league baseball stadium, provides the opportunity to enhance the existing network of open spaces, while highlighting the distinct contributions made to the community and the world of chemical engineering.

The design develops the site as a passive, commemorative space that makes a statement about the Company's heritage and legacy. Native granite boulders gradually emerge from the earth to form five walls leading to the bluff above the river. They symbolize the bond between chemistry and humanity. A pathway along the top of the bluff reveals five walls one at a time. Secondary paths frame diamond-shaped spaces to create an 'Idea Garden' where exhibits, events and displays can take place. Rows of fruit trees reflect Dow's personal passion for orchards and horticulture, and plantings of pines recall the heritage of Midland and times when Dow would "walk through the pines" to solve problems and contemplate ideas.

WIXOM VILLAGE CENTER CIVIC PARKS  
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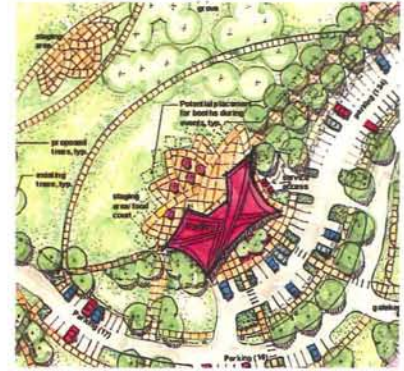
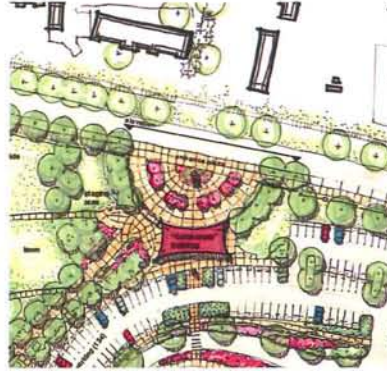
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The Wixom Village Center Park provides a central civic space with a connection to a new residential & commercial neighborhood. As an outgrowth of the Village Center Area District Master Plan, Hamilton Anderson Associates worked closely with the city to develop and implement a design for the central green space, incorporating a formal pool, performance structure and broad events lawn to support multi-purpose programs and large events. City Hall, the public library, and a new commercial district frame the space. In summer months, the fountain is programmed with changing lighting and water features; in winter it doubles as an ice skating rink. Lighting, walks and landscaping unite the district, maintaining the small town scale desired by the City.

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK MASTER PLAN  
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The City of Bay City's northern portion of Veteran's Memorial Park, commonly known as "North Vet's Park" is a 35 acre regional park that was established after World War II. Existing amenities include a playground, picnic tables, shelter, grills, sidewalks, two memorials, riverwalk, tennis courts, boat launch, parking lots and Liberty Harbor Marina. The park serves the Bay City region with opportunities for passive recreation, group picnics, boating and special events such as concerts, the Pig Gig and the Fireworks Festival. Hamilton Anderson Associates provided a redevelopment master plan to improve various amenities that guides future short and long-term improvements to better facilitate special events, while providing improved relationships between existing uses. The master plan clearly identifies needs, opportunities, and integrates appropriate elements into an orderly park design. The design process and final product was inclusive of state and federal laws and guidelines, and input from community stakeholders with an emphasis on special event coordinators.