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- Park Township for their ongoing support and partnership to improve the Ottawa Beach area.
- Michigan Department of Natural Resources Parks and Recreation Division and Holland State Park staff for ongoing support and cooperation with park improvements and coordination of efforts at Ottawa Beach.
- Historic Ottawa Beach Society for information on historic features at Holland Harbor site and for their dedicated efforts to restore the historic pumphouse and develop a museum.

Holland Harbor Fishing Access Dedication

September 15, 2011



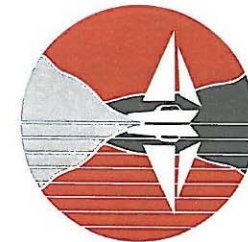
Artist rendering of completed Holland Harbor Fishing Access
Courtesy of Cornelisse Design Associates



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PROGRAM

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Thursday, September 15, 2011

4:00 PM Dedication

Welcome - *David Van Ginhoven*

Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Commission

County Commissioner Comments - *Stu Visser*

Ottawa County Board of Commissioners

Project Overview - *John Scholtz*

Parks and Recreation Director

Great Lakes Fishery Trust (GLFT) - *Brian Napont*

GLFT Board of Directors

Ribbon Cutting - *David Van Ginhoven* and *Brian Napont*

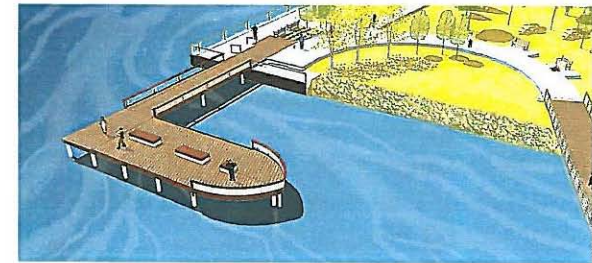
Following the Dedication:

- Enjoy refreshments with the Friends of Ottawa County Parks.
- Walk the new waterfront walkway and docks and view interpretive signs describing the maritime history of the area, fishing information, and more.
- Listen to members of the Michigan Shipwreck Research Institute as they share stories of the early harbor and the ships that sailed from there.
- Learn about fish of the area from Sea Grant Agent Dan O'Keefe.
- Visit with the Historic Ottawa Beach Society to learn more about the fascinating history of this area and plans to create a museum in the historic pumphouse building.
- Borrow a pole and try your hand at fishing with help from the Friends of Ottawa County Parks.

Project Summary

The Holland Harbor Fishing Access is located on one of the twelve park parcels that were created when the resort community, the West Michigan Park Association, was platted in 1886. Now known as the Historic Ottawa Beach Parks, these parcels were the focus of a master plan completed in 2004 by Ottawa County Parks to balance the needs of local residents with public use. Past improvement projects identified in the master plan include the Black Lake Boardwalk waterfront walkway and fishing dock, the Mt. Pisgah Dune Stairs and trail system, plus a joint project with Park Township to improve the bike path through the park parcels.

This \$565,000 project continues implementation of the master plan by providing public access to an extensive system of docks and boardwalks leading to a particularly scenic and productive fishing location known locally as "the cove". The project includes two fishing piers extending into the deeper and more desirable portions of the lake and a 340' long boardwalk with fishing locations along its length. The docks are designed to be completely barrier free to accommodate fishing by people of all abilities. Additional project features include a small parking lot, seating areas, and informational and interpretive displays highlighting Great Lakes fisheries and maritime history.



In addition, the boardwalk provides a key link for a proposed half-mile lakeshore trail planned to connect the Holland State Park beach to the Black Lake Boardwalk at the east end of County-owned property. Efforts are underway to secure additional public and private funds to complete this walkway and to renovate the historic pumphouse building, a key feature along the trail, for use as a museum.

This project is made possible by a \$500,000 grant from the Great Lakes Fishery Trust (GLFT). The GLFT provides funds to enhance, protect and rehabilitate the Great Lakes fishery including assistance to expand access for fishermen. The balance of funds came from the parks and recreation millage.