ADA Pathway Vision Plan



CREATING SAFE AND ACCESSIBLE PATHWAYS FOR ALL

Haven Hollow Park
Portage Township, Porter County
330 W. 700 N. Valparaiso, IN 46385

Friends of Portage Township Foundation Vision:
A lifestyle that embraces park, trail, and natural areas as the core to the wellbeing of individuals of all levels of abilities.

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FOUNDATION, INC.

1. Project Overview

Project Narrative

This project is centered on creating a more inclusive outdoor space where people of all ages and abilities can safely enjoy all the natural beauty of Haven Hollow Park and the Salt Creek waterway. In partnership with the Portage Township Parks and Recreation Department, and the support of Portage Township Trustee, Brendan Clancy, the Friends of Portage Township Foundation is raising the funds needed to make this shovel ready project a reality.

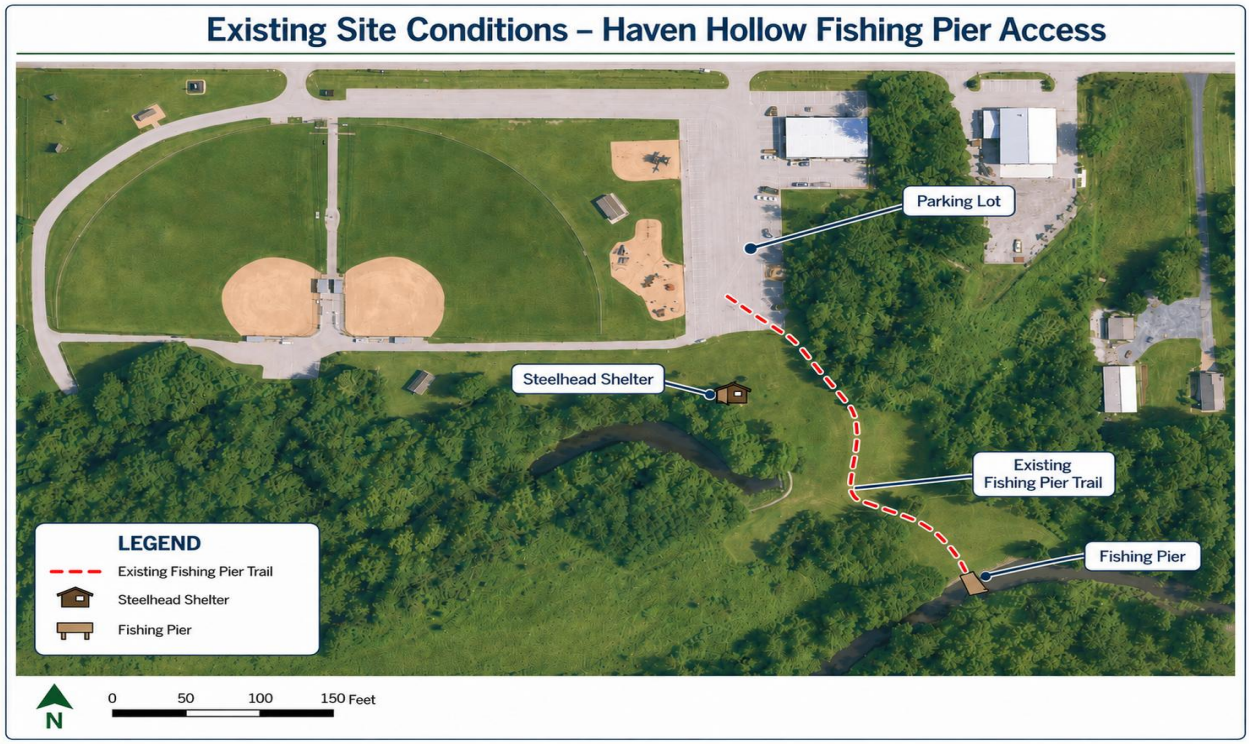
The project will create a continuous, 10-foot-wide ADA-accessible trail from the parking lot to the fishing pier that connects with Salt Creek. The existing path is extremely steep, making it inaccessible to wheelchair users and difficult for individuals with limited mobility, and others who may struggle with steep terrain. The new trail will follow a hard surface, winding route with a more gradual slope, while the existing trail will remain available for those who are able to use it.

Project design engineering plans are complete, allowing the project to move forward as soon as funding is secured. Community stakeholder groups have expressed interest and support for the project. Improvements will create a cleaner, safer, and more inclusive recreational area where **ALL** community members can independently access the pier, enjoy fishing, and experience the natural beauty of Haven Hollow Park.

Current Challenges

- No ADA-accessible route from the parking lot to the fishing pier
- A pathway that is too narrow for safe, comfortable access
- Potentially slippery walking conditions
- Limited access to Salt Creek for inclusive fishing and recreation

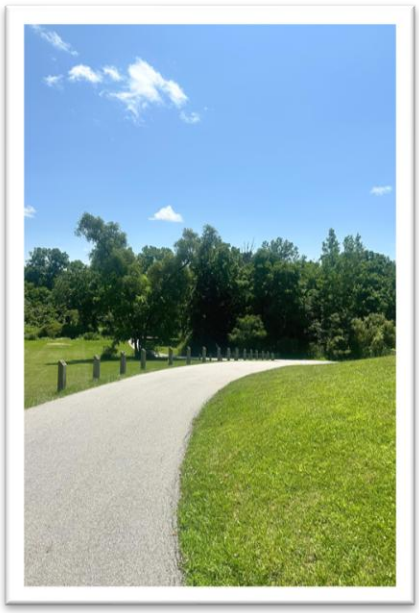
2. Existing Fishing Pier Trail Conditions



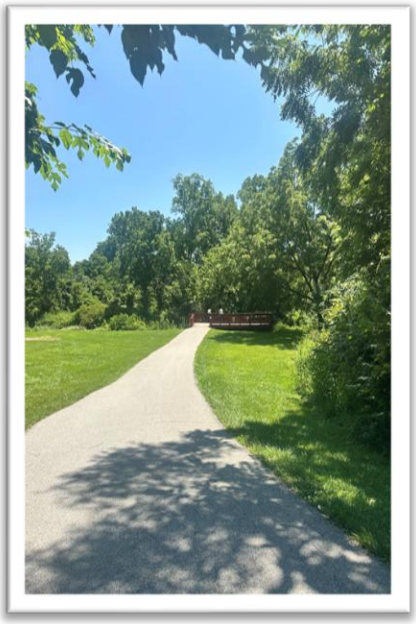
Existing Trail Overview



View from halfway along the route to the fishing pier, looking uphill toward Steelhead Shelter on the left.

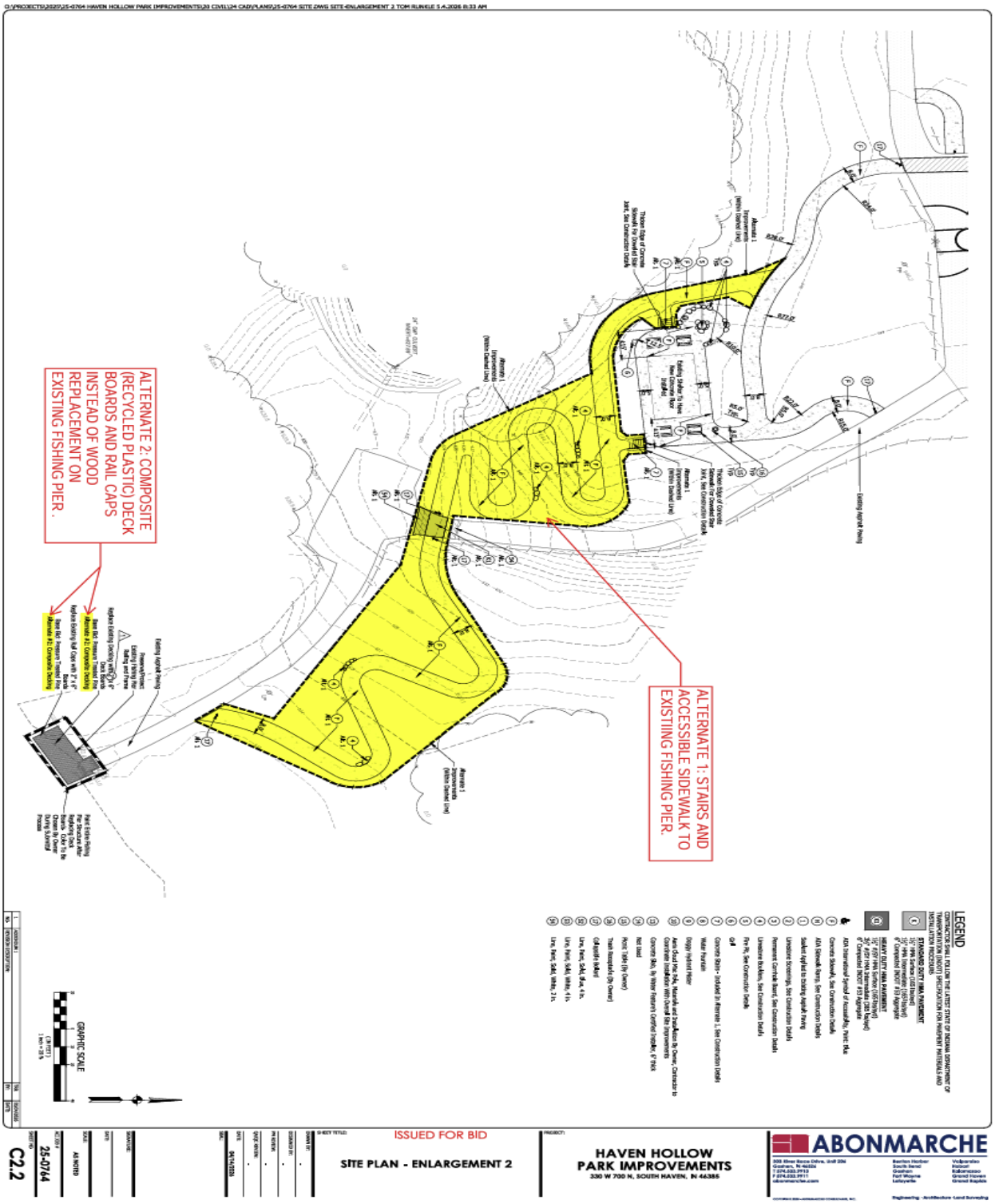


View from the top of the hill, looking down the pathway toward the fishing pier.



View from halfway down the pathway, looking toward the fishing pier.

3. Project Design Construction Plan



5. Community Support Needed

The Friends of Portage Township Foundation has set a fundraising goal of **$310,000** to bring this shovel ready project to life. Reaching this goal will require support from community members, local businesses, grant partners, and organizations that share our commitment to accessible outdoor recreation.

Our funding efforts will include:

- Launching an online donation campaign to raise awareness and make giving easy
- Applying for grants that support accessibility, recreation, and park improvements etc.
- Hosting community fundraisers and events to raise awareness/funds
- Seeking sponsorships and contributions from local businesses and organizations

Your contribution will create safe access to the fishing pier and provide a more inclusive outdoor space for people of all ages and abilities.

Estimated Groundbreaking Date: Spring 2028

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HAVEN HOLLOW ADA TRAIL

Paving the Way to Accessibility for All

Sponsorship Opportunities

TITLE SPONSOR — $50,000 (ONE OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE)

- Exclusive naming rights; sponsor selects the name of the trail, subject to approval
- 8″ x 10″ plaque prominently displayed at the beginning of the trail to display the name
- Featured individual social media announcement and thank-you on all platforms
- Individual recognition at the ribbon-cutting ceremony
- Opportunity to speak and participate in the ribbon cutting

PIER CHAMPION — $25,000

- Sponsored bench with donor recognition
- Individual social media spotlight and thank-you on all platforms
- Individual recognition at the ribbon-cutting ceremony
- Individual logo displayed at ribbon cutting

ACCESSIBILITY ADVOCATE — $10,000

- 6″ x 10″ sponsor recognition plaque along the trail
- Individual social media sponsor spotlight and thank-you on all platforms
- Individual recognition at the ribbon-cutting ceremony
- Individual logo displayed at ribbon-cutting

TRAIL BUILDER — $5,000

- 5″ x 8″ sponsor recognition plaque along the trail
- Individual social media sponsor spotlight and thank-you on all platforms
- Individual logo displayed at ribbon cutting
- Group acknowledgment at the ribbon-cutting ceremony

TRAIL BLAZER — $2,500

- Individual logo displayed at ribbon-cutting ceremony
- Group acknowledgment at the ribbon-cutting ceremony
- Recognition in group social media post on all platforms

PATHWAY PARTNER — $500 TO $1,000

- Group acknowledgment at the ribbon-cutting ceremony
- Recognition in a group social media post on all platforms

TRAIL PAL — $1 TO $500

- Recognition in a group social media post on all platforms

Every donation, no matter the size, helps pave the way toward a safer, more accessible Haven Hollow Park for people of all ages and abilities!

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Please make your donation payable and mail to:
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Memo: ADA Trail

SCAN TO DONATE ONLINE: