

## **Nine Mile Park Project Narrative:**

**Background:** The Town of Hamilton has purchased a 7.34 acre parcel at the southeast corner of Wickwire Road and the Sangerfield River. This location has long been informally used by the community as a launch point to the Nine Mile Swamp. The purpose of this project is to formalize the use of this property as a public park and to make necessary improvements to ensure the safety and enjoyment of the site.

**Improvements:** The project includes the improvement of the kayak launch to meet ADA standards with a removable floating dock and appropriately graded access paths and adjacent ADA parking. To improve safety of vehicular access, there will be an internal one-way driveway from the kayak launch/drop off point up to the main parking lot. This will reduce egress at the driveway by the river which has limited visibility.

There will be direct vehicular access to the upper parking lot in the form of a driveway connection, and all parking areas will be surfaced in stone, except for the ADA spaces which will have permeable asphalt. A new wood frame pavilion is proposed for the site with a concrete floor and shingled roof. There will be electricity run to the pavilion. Lighting will be minimal, and likely motion sensitive. A portable restroom will be included within a fenced enclosure. Small signs will be located at each driveway entrance location identifying the property and hours of operation.

There are numerous existing trails on the site that will remain and some new features to improve the habitat and educational capacity of the site will be introduced, including some educational signage, seating, bird and bat boxes and nominal barriers to the wetlands.

Later phase improvements include some natural play features that will be located specific to their design. These are expected to be concentrated near the pavilion area. See attached precedent document for examples.

The park is designed to cause minimal disturbance and the improvements are concentrated in the western side closer to the road.

**Utilities:** There are no plans currently to provide water to the site.

The site is located in the Hubbardsville Fire District. There are no fire hydrants near the site but it is adjacent to the Sangerfield River.

**Hours:** The park will be open from dawn to dusk and there will be no staff on-site.

**Permitting:** An archaeological study was carried out on the site and a submission to DEC was made and approved. We are now awaiting Army Corp sign-off, but the project does not disturb the wetland areas.

**Traffic:** There is minimal expectation that the improvements to this site will significantly alter traffic as this has been informally used as a park already.

**Construction:** This park will be constructed beginning in summer 2023 and should be complete for summer 2024.

Signage example: 18" sign at entryways.

