



CITY OF GRAND HAVEN

Press Release

City Receives Quality of Life Award for Five Mile Hill and Bicentennial Park Improvements

December 19, 2025 - Grand Haven Mi, The City of Grand Haven was recently awarded the Project of the Year Award from the Midwest Branch, Michigan Chapter of the American Public Works Association at their annual membership meeting for Quality-of-Life improvements associated with Bicentennial Park retaining wall replacement and the Five Mile Hill Overlook



Reconstruction. The award demonstrates the City's commitment to improve and sustain the community's quality of life for our residents and visitors alike. City Manager, Ashley Latsch stated "City Council's commitment to fund quality-of-life projects like these, coupled with our dedicated city staff executing and completing each project, exemplifies these community improvements will positively impact the City's open spaces". The City

Council approved the capital improvements in the 2024/25 fiscal year, digging into the City's fund balance to accomplish the improvements. Assistant City Manager, Dana Kollewehr, acting project lead, stated "these combined projects have long been overdue, and has brought beautification and longevity to these public spaces". The City's Engineer of Record, Abonmarche Inc. of Grand Haven MI, completed design, bidding and onsite inspection services for the project. Abonmarche Project Manager Leah Bectel, PE stated "Abonmarche is extremely satisfied with the outcome of the project and believe the improvements will impact the community for decades to come".

The projects were completed by local contractors. Lakeshore Property Services of Grand Haven completed the 5 Mile Hill Overlook, while Ryerson Brothers Excavating of North Muskegon completed the Bicentennial Park retaining wall. The City encourages all to come, explore and experience these new improvements, of course, weather dependent!

