

Fisherman's Landing

Central Waterfront District Jackson Hill Neighborhood

Recreational Usefulness

- Originally, a City of Muskegon Launch Ramp (1968), carved out of the Giddings Street foundry sand dump. Local sport-fishing community and volunteers worked with the City of Muskegon using federal Land and Water Conservation Fund and Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund to acquire and develop the launches, campground, two restrooms, showers, playground, fish cleaning station, parking areas, water, electrical, waste disposal, swimming beach and other amenities. It was originally named "Fisherman's World."
- Muskegon Sportsman's Club and Michigan Anglers Association have worked to "save" Fisherman's Landing in the past and MUCC filed a law suit once and later withdrew one.
- It is a community asset and a regional asset that serves diverse populations and low income community residents.
- Increasingly popular and economically and socially beneficial regional events are hosted, including fishing tournaments for bass and salmon. Economic benefits have been quantified by MUCC and others (\$6.5 ml/year).
- Sport fishing has become a key element in Muskegon's growing tourism industry.
- It's cool to have such an urban campground in the city.
- Management is very open to kayak users.
- It is currently the only kayak launch and beach in the downtown area.
- It is protected from wind, making it a popular local and regional launch.



Needs, Concerns, Recommendations

- Needs better general public access to Muskegon Lake for shoreline fishing, wading, snorkeling, kayaking, swimming and viewing.
- A split rail fence is posted "Campers Only," restricting public access to a unique shallow water beach area on Muskegon Lake's south shoreline.
- There is no comparable, shallow water location for a beach.
- There is no comparable, protected area for docks and a campground for fishing tournaments.
- City of Muskegon and private commercial port operators are interested in redeveloping it under a MNRTF conversion.



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Legend

- Public Access Parcel
- Other Lake Parcel
- Neighborhood Assoc
- Trails
- Boat Launch
- State Road
- Road
- Lake



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Jackson Hill

Smart Zone/Edison
Landing -
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