

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 volunteers worked with City of Muskegon using federal Land and Water Conservation Fund and Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund to acquire and develop boat launches, campground, two restrooms, showers, playground, fish cleaning station, parking, 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 lawsuit once and later withdrew one.
- It is a community asset and a regional asset, serving diverse populations including low-income community residents.
- Increasingly popular, economically and socially beneficial regional events are hosted, including bass and salmon fishing tournaments.
- Economic benefits have been quantified by MUCC and others (\$6.5 ml/year).
- Sport fishing is a key to Muskegon's growing tourism industry.
- It is cool to have an urban campground in the city.
- Management has been open to kayak users, at the motorized boat launch ramp, not at the shallow north beach area reserved for campers.
- It is currently the only area open for kayak launching in the downtown area.
- It is protected from wind, making it a popular local and regional boat launch.



Needs, Concerns, Recommendations

- Needs better general public access to Muskegon Lake for shoreline fishing, wading, snorkeling, kayaking, swimming and viewing.
- Split rail fence is posted "Campers Only," restricting neighborhood/general-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 on the south or south/east end of the lake.
- There is no comparable, protected area for docks and a campground for fishing tournaments.
- City of Muskegon is promoting a land swamp to develop a private, commercial dock on the site, under a Michigan DNR Trust Fund conversion process.



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Legend

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



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Wuskegon Lake

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Jackson Hill

Smart Zone/Edison
Landing -
0.4 Acres

