

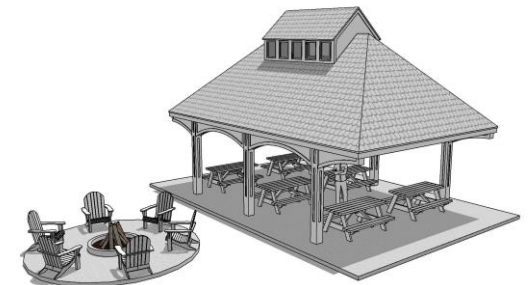


Douglas Harbor Authority Report

October 14th, 2025

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Installation of Rings & Throw Ropes-

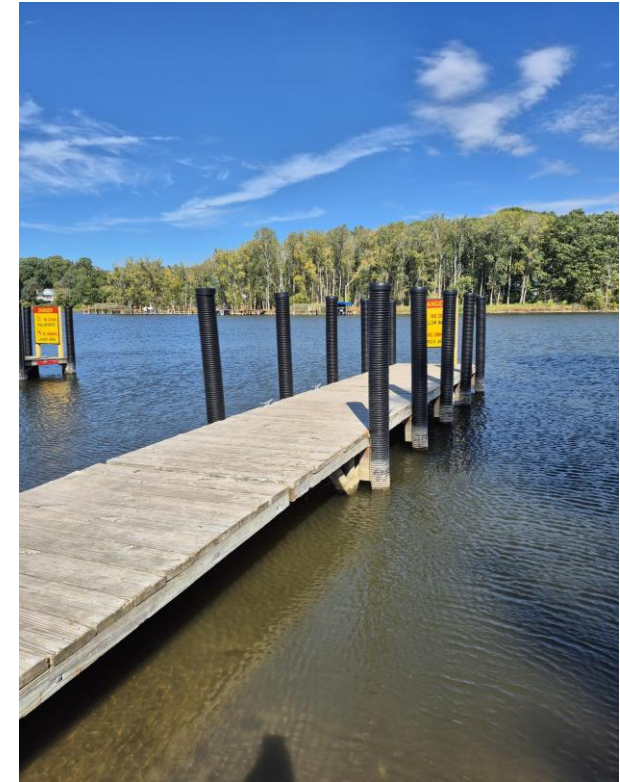
The Douglas Department of Public Works (DPW) recently installed new life rings and throw ropes at public launches and Veteran's Park to enhance waterfront safety. These additions ensure that lifesaving equipment is readily available in case of an emergency.

The durable, weather-resistant devices are positioned in visible, easy-to-access locations and include clear instructions for use. This project reflects the City's ongoing commitment to keeping public spaces safe and enjoyable for all who visit Douglas's waterfront areas.



Schultz Park Docks—

The Department of Public Works (DPW) deserves recognition for their persistent efforts at the Schultz Park boat launch, where repeated damage to the docks caused by improper boat launching had been a costly and ongoing issue. After numerous repairs and removals, the DPW identified and implemented a more durable solution that has proven highly effective. Their work not only stabilized the docks but also saved the City significant money in the long run. As the latest photos show, the docks have remained stable and unharmed—clear proof that their solution paid off.



Non-Motorized Watercrafts Signage-Wade's Bayou

The City recently installed new signage at Wade's Bayou indicating "No Motorized Watercraft Launching." This step was necessary after repeated instances of jet skis being launched from an area intended only for non-motorized watercraft, such as kayaks, canoes and paddleboards. The signs clearly mark the restriction and now give the Douglas Police Department the authority to issue citations to violators, helping to protect the shoreline and ensure safe, appropriate use of the launch area.



**Wade's Bayou
Memorial Park Launch**
Non Motorized
Watercraft's Only

Union Street Boat Launch -

The City continues to work closely with EGLE on the replacement of the dock at the Union Street Boat Launch. EGLE recently requested additional project details, which have been submitted for review. The City remains optimistic that the necessary approvals will be secured soon so that the work can be completed before the winter months.



Union Street Boat Launch-Reduced Parking 2026

The City is facing challenges at the Union Street Boat Launch as the property owner is requiring the launch area to be moved 10 feet back from the property line. This shift will reduce maneuvering and parking space, making it more difficult for trucks and trailers to launch and park. If this continues, the site could lose valuable parking capacity, and adjustments will be needed to maintain safe and efficient access.



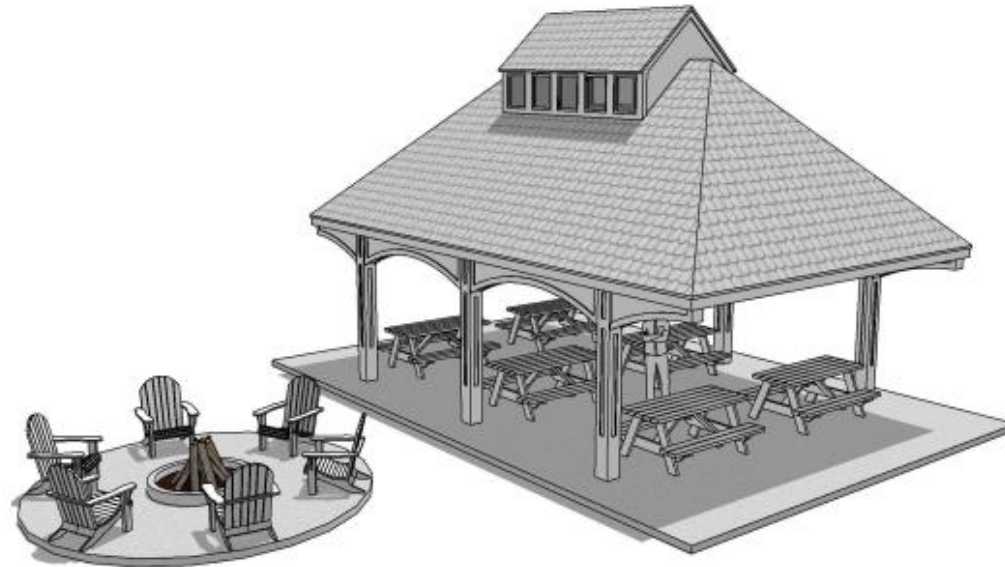
Kalamazoo Lake Treatment of Weeds/Algae

The ongoing treatment of weeds and algae in Kalamazoo Lake continues to show positive results. Regular applications have helped improve water quality, reduce excessive growth, and enhance overall lake usability for boaters and visitors. The City will continue these treatments as part of its long-term maintenance plan, ensuring the lake remains healthy, navigable, and enjoyable for everyone.



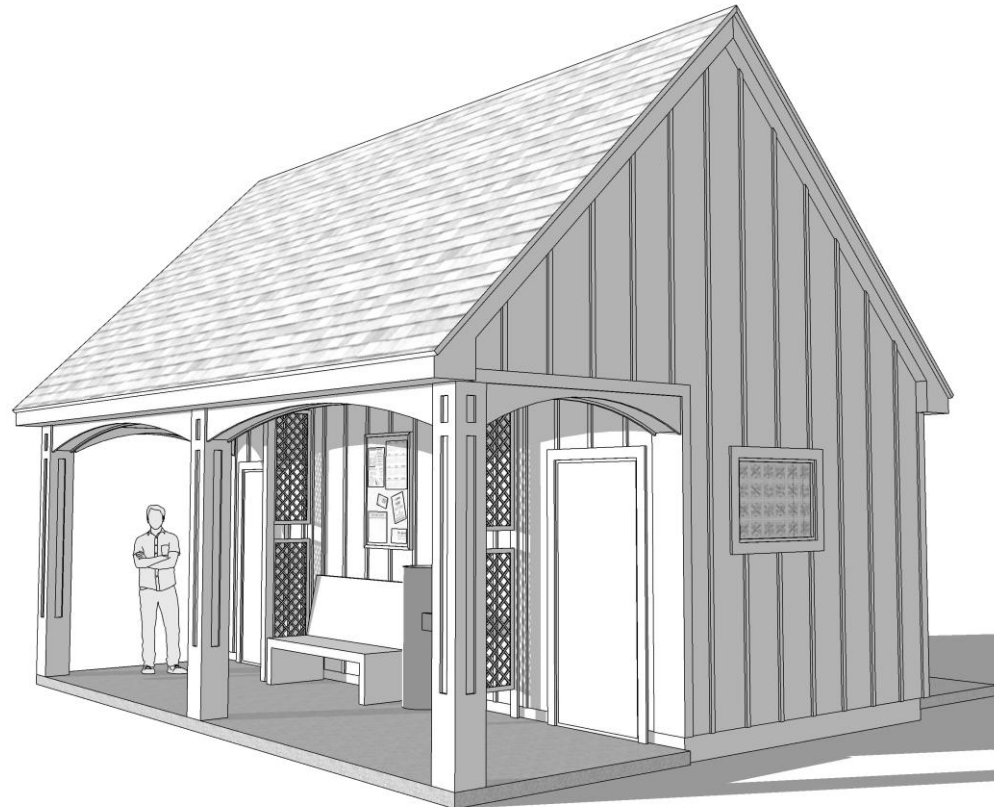
Douglas Marina Pavilion Project

The City recently received bids for the Douglas Marina Pavilion project and will be bringing them to City Council for consideration soon. This exciting project is moving forward thanks to the generosity of Bud Bady and Max Matteson, who matched the \$100,000 Consumers Energy Foundation grant dollar for dollar. Their support allows the City to move ahead with plans for a beautiful new pavilion that will serve as a welcoming space for residents and visitors alike. Construction is expected to begin in the spring.



Douglas Marina Restroom Project -

The Douglas Marina restroom project remains a priority for the City, as it is an important next step in improving amenities and accessibility at the waterfront. However, additional fundraising and financial planning will be needed to make the project possible. As a result, the restrooms will be pursued as a **Phase II** component of the overall marina improvement plan. The City will continue exploring grant opportunities, partnerships, and community support to bring this much-needed addition to life in the near future.





Questions?