

Application: Gladstone Community Bike Park

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HANNAHVILLE INDIAN COMMUNITY 2% GRANT DISTRIBUTION

Application Form

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Please complete all sections of the application. If you do not have a response, please indicate N/A in the box to prevent an error message for an incomplete response. For fields related to the budget, please put a '0' in any box that you will not be putting in a value or it will indicate an error.

DO NOT PRESS SUBMIT UNTIL THE AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL HAS SIGNED THE APPLICATION! *If you submit before this task is complete, then the application will be locked and they will not be able to provide their electronic signature.*

2% Grant Application Form

Due March 31 and September 30 each year.

I. General Information

a. Date

Mar 27 2026

Grant Request - Include only those costs directly related to the proposed project. (Do Not use commas when entering amounts in b and c)

b. Amount of Grant Request:	10000
c. Other Funding for Project:	390000

Total Project Budget (All Sources): 400000.00

d. Name of Eligible Local Unit of Government Submitting the Application:

City of Gladstone

Eligible Local Unit of Government Information

Address:	1100 Delta Ave
City:	Gladstone
State:	Michigan
Zip:	49837
County:	Delta
Township:	Gladstone

e. Please indicate if you are the Authorizing Official or if you will need to invite the Authorizing Official of an Eligible Local Unit of Government into your application so they can appropriately sign the application?

I am the authorizing official

e. Authorizing Official Details

Name:	Wendy Taavola
Title:	City Clerk
Phone Number:	906-420-4745
Email Address:	wtaavola@gladstonemi.gov

Please provide your signature as the Authorizing Official:

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light gray background. The signature reads "Wendy Taavola" in a cursive, flowing script. The first letter of "Wendy" is a large, stylized capital 'W'. The last letter of "Taavola" is a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

f. Project Details

Project Name:	Gladstone Community Bike Park
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Start Date:

May 1 2026

End Date:

Oct 27 2027

Is the entity implementing the project different from the Eligible Local Unit of Government?

Yes

g. Name of Entity Implementing the Project if not the eligible Local Unit of Government:

Delta County Nonmotorized Trails

Address:	PO Box 35
City:	Escanaba
State:	Michigan
Zip:	49837
Township:	Escanaba

h. Contact Person for questions related to the Application or Project Implementation:

Contact Person Name:	Rick Elrod
Phone Number:	906-399-1946
Email Address:	secretary@dcntrails.com

II. Narrative Summary

a. Briefly explain why your agency is requesting this grant and what impact or outcomes you hope to achieve. Describe how you will spend the funds if the grant is made. Provide detail and important points about your project. (Limit 150 words)

Delta County Nonmotorized Trails is requesting funding to support the development of the Gladstone Community Bike Park at Gladstone Sports Park. This project will create approximately three miles of multi-use trail for biking and hiking, along with skills features and a pump track designed to be accessible for youth, families, and riders of all abilities.

The goal of this project is to expand access to safe, outdoor recreation that promotes physical activity, supports mental well-being, and provides a positive space for youth and families. Funding from this grant will be used for early project development, including trail construction, site preparation, and materials needed to begin building the trail system.

This investment will help move the project forward, demonstrate community support, and position the project for larger funding opportunities, creating a lasting recreational asset for the region.

b. Who will benefit or what is the service area of the project (i.e. township residents, students, etc.)? (Limit 25 words)

Residents of Gladstone and Delta County, including youth, families, and outdoor enthusiasts, with additional benefit to visitors from across the central Upper Peninsula.

c. Please describe the Authorizing Agency's relationship with the Implementing Agency (if applicable) (Limit 25 words)

The City of Gladstone is the authorizing agency and supporting implementation by Delta County Nonmotorized Trails on city-owned land.

III. Budget Narrative

a. Please provide a detailed budget breakdown using the following budget categories:

INCLUDE ONLY THE 2% BUDGET REQUEST IN THIS SECTION (All fields in both columns must be filled in; use '0' or 'n/a' in boxes with no response.)

	2% Grant Amount (this column total should equal the amount of grant requested on page 1, item b)	Calculation/ Description
1. Salary	0	0
2. Fringe	0	0
3. Travel	0	0
4. Supplies	0	0
5. Contractual	0	0
6. Training	0	0
7. Equipment	0	0
8. Construction	10000	Trail construction costs
9. Other	0	0
Total	10000.0	

b. List priority items as proposed in the budget above in the event that we are unable to meet your full request.

	Amount	Description
1		Any contributions would be appreciated and help to kickoff local match funds needed for MNRTF grant next year.
2		
3		
4		

c. Are there any other funding sources contributing to the cost of the project?

Yes

If yes, please list the agency and provide the amounts and type of funds they are contributing. (Include your organization in this list if you will be contributing funds towards the project.)

	Name of Agency	Amount	Cash or In-Kind	Committed or Pending
1	Delta County Nonmotorized Trails	50000	In-Kind	Committed
2	Delta County Nonmotorized Trails	2000	Cash	Pending
3	MNRTF	300000	Cash	Pending
4	Other Businesses & Grants	48000	Cash	Pending
Total		400000.0		

Invite Authorizing Official to Application for Signature

Incomplete

If you selected that you are the authorizing official within the application form, you will not need to complete this task, as you have already provided your signature.

If you selected within the application form that you are not the authorizing official, please select 'Get a Recommendation' below to request a signature from your authorizing official. Once they have completed their signature, you will be notified through email that it is done (you will receive two emails, the first indicating they have accepted your request and the second that they have completed the signature). After receiving the second email, please log back into your account to **mark this signature task as complete**. This will be the second task that you mark as complete; the first was the application form.

Please note that the application is not considered complete until it is signed by an acceptable authorizing official, whether that be yourself or an authorizing official of a sponsoring agency. Although this task is marked optional, the authorizing official signature is required within the application form itself, or within this task, should you not be the authorizing official yourself.

Recommenders

Upload Attachments (3 pages max.)

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a. Attachments may include a cover letter, a letter of support, an organizational chart, cost estimates, etc. These are not required and should be limited to only those items that will assist with further clarification of the grant request. (3 pages maximum)

[Gladstone Sports Park Bike Park Proposal One Pager](#)

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[Bike Park Letters of Support](#)

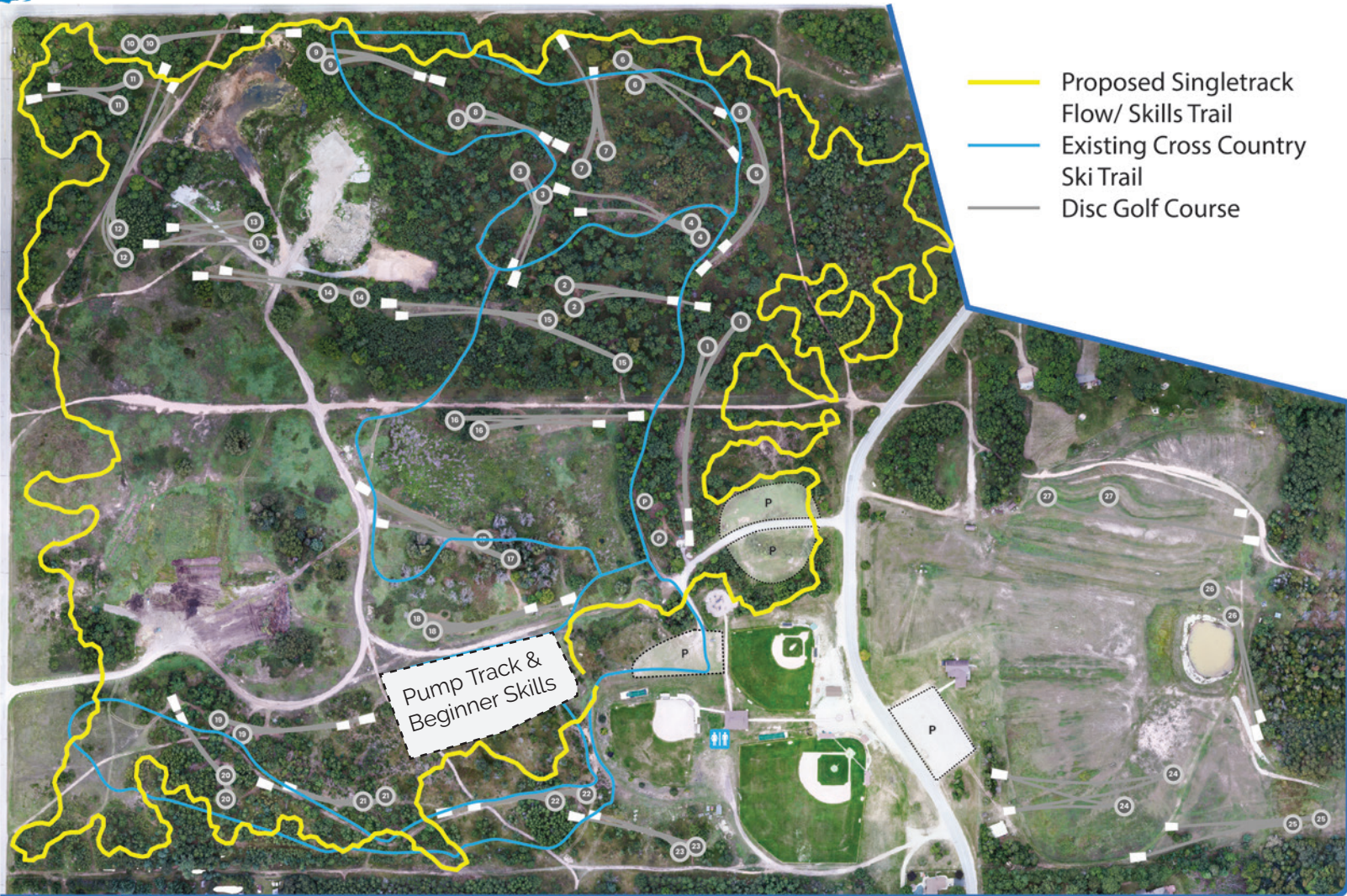
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[Gladstone Sports Park Bike Trails Estimate](#)

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Proposal for the Gladstone Community Bike Park

A Healthy, Accessible, and Sustainable Recreation Project





Project Vision

We propose the creation of a community bike park on city-owned recreation land in Gladstone. This park will feature a 3-mile flowing singletrack loop designed for both biking and hiking around the property's perimeter, integrated with skills features and a beginner-to-intermediate pump track. The design prioritizes accessibility, progression, and fun, making it suitable for kids, families, and riders of all abilities.

Why Gladstone Needs a Bike Park

- Provides youth and families with a safe outdoor space that promotes physical activity, supports mental well-being, and encourages healthy lifestyles.
- Positions Gladstone as a recreation destination in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.
- Attracts visitors who will stay in local hotels, dine in restaurants, and shop locally.
- Complements existing recreation opportunities with spring-fall biking options.

Key Features

- 3-mile singletrack loop with natural flow, berms, and optional technical lines.
- Skills features (balance beams, rock gardens, small drops) for progression and fun.
- Pump track and skills area for beginner and intermediate riders.
- Built with sustainable, low-maintenance construction.

Funding The Project


Delta County Nonmotorized Trails plans to apply for a \$300,000 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) grant to support development of the trail system and skills features. As part of the application, we are seeking local matching funds and community support to help demonstrate strong regional backing for the project.

Community & Economic Benefits

- A safe, designated space for biking reduces conflicts on city streets.
- Enhances resident quality of life while attracting regional visitors.
- Opens the door to events, youth programs, and clinics.
- Builds community pride and engagement through volunteerism and partnerships.
- Encourages active outdoor recreation that supports long-term community health.

Next Steps

With your support, we can move this project forward and create a lasting outdoor recreation resource that promotes health, activity, and community connection in Gladstone.





March 5, 2026

To Whom it May Concern,

On behalf of InvestUP, along with its Board of Directors, which represent eleven industry sectors across Michigan's Upper Peninsula (U.P.) and do business in each of the 15 U.P. counties and across the state and nation, I would like to express our support for the proposed Gladstone Community Bike Park project at Gladstone Sports Park.

Across the Upper Peninsula, investments that enhance outdoor recreation opportunities contribute meaningfully to the overall competitiveness and attractiveness of our communities. Projects that expand access to trails and outdoor spaces help strengthen the quality of life that is increasingly important for attracting and retaining residents, workforce, and businesses in the region. This is particularly important as the U.P. population, at large, is declining and aging – and research and data confirm how natural resource amenities, exactly like that proposed here, are difference-makers to attract and retain population, especially working-class talent.

That is why we are excited to support this proposal – these improvements at Gladstone Sports Park would represent an investment in community infrastructure that supports healthy, active lifestyles while building on the natural and recreational assets that make the Upper Peninsula a unique place to live, work and of course, play. Initiatives like this help communities continue to grow by creating spaces that serve residents today while positioning the region well for the future.

InvestUP supports efforts that strengthen the long-term vitality of communities across the Upper Peninsula and appreciates the work being done to advance this project.

Of course, if you have any questions or concerns regarding InvestUP's outlook and its support of this project, please call on me any time at 906-280-7800.

Sincerely,

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Marty Fittante,
CEO, InvestUP



March 4, 2026

To Whom It May Concern,

Visit Escanaba is the Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) for Delta County, Michigan, and is pleased to express support for the proposed Gladstone Community Bike Park planned for Gladstone Sports Park.

Projects that expand outdoor recreation opportunities play an important role in how visitors experience Delta County and the surrounding region. The addition of a bike park featuring multi-use singletrack trails and skills features would complement the area's existing recreation assets and create another reason for outdoor enthusiasts to visit and explore the community.

Facilities like this not only provide new opportunities for local residents, but also help strengthen the region's reputation as a destination for outdoor recreation. Investments in trails and recreation infrastructure contribute to the visitor economy by encouraging travelers to stay longer, return more often, and experience more of what Delta County has to offer.

We appreciate the work being done to advance this project and believe the Gladstone Community Bike Park would be a valuable addition to the recreational opportunities available in Delta County.

Sincerely,

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Robert Micheau
CEO
Visit Escanaba



March 12, 2026

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Delta County Economic Development Alliance, I am pleased to offer our support for the proposed Gladstone Community Bike Park project at Gladstone Sports Park.

The project would develop approximately three miles of purpose-built, multi-use single-track trail designed for both hiking and biking, along with skills features that provide opportunities for riders of varying ages and abilities. This investment would expand outdoor recreation opportunities while enhancing an already valuable community asset.

Outdoor recreation plays an important role in the quality of life and economic vitality of Delta County. Projects like the Gladstone Community Bike Park help strengthen our community by encouraging healthy activity, attracting visitors, and supporting the continued growth of our region as a place where people want to live, work, and spend time outdoors.

The Delta County Economic Development Alliance supports the efforts of Delta County Nonmotorized Trails and the City of Gladstone to advance this project and believes it will become a meaningful recreational resource for residents and visitors alike.

Sincerely,

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Ed Legault
Executive Director
Delta County Economic Development Alliance



March 27, 2026

To Whom It May Concern,

The Delta County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to support the community bike park being planned at Gladstone Sports Park.

Community amenities that encourage people to spend time outdoors are an important part of what makes our area an attractive place to live and work. Continued investment in spaces like Gladstone Sports Park helps strengthen the overall quality of life in our region and provides opportunities for residents and families to stay active and connected to the community.

Efforts that expand recreation opportunities also contribute to the long-term strength of our communities. As Delta County continues to grow and evolve, projects like the Gladstone Community Bike Park help build on the positive momentum we see across the region.

The Chamber supports initiatives that enhance community assets and looks forward to seeing this project continue to move forward.

Sincerely,

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Vickie Micheau
Executive Director
Delta County Chamber of Commerce

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Trail Construction Estimate

Gladstone Sports Park Bike Trails

Bike Skills Park

Feature	Est Length	Difficulty	
Outer loop bike skills trail	2,640 LNFT	Beginner	\$103,205
Beginner pump track	250 LNFT	Beginner	\$45,250
Intermediate pump track	750 LNFT	Intermediate	\$120,750
Multi skill level jump lines	300 LNFT	Beg/Int/Adv	\$130,795
			\$400,000