

329 Elm Ct.

A.k.a.

Shawwood Island

Property

History & Details

- City Council purchased in February 2025 for \$210,000.
- Approximately 5.43 acres total.
- No water or sewer to site.
- Lies in flood plain which means submitting an application to EGLE/FEMA for any future structure (pavilion, picnic shelter, or canoe/kayak launch).
- Per EGLE, historical vegetation patterns in Shawood Lake have been consistent since the 1930s.
- EGLE advised the City against altering the lake through bio-augmentation and instead encouraged the City to provide education outreach to residents while encouraging passive recreation opportunities (such as kayaking and bird watching).



View to North



View West to Lakeshore



View South to Shawood Lake



Overhead of "canals"

Challenges

- No parking
- Elm Court
- Shallow lake depth – approximately 6 ft
- Lake vegetation
- Flood Plain Restrictions
- Human Impact on Ecosystem
- Migratory Bird Patterns
- Public Safety Concerns
- Funding
- Priority level versus other park projects



Options?

- Passive park w. pathway, benches and interpretive signage
 - Scenic Overlook(s)
 - Canoe/Kayak Launch at Lakeshore Park
 - Boardwalk from Island to Lakeshore
 - Osprey Nest Platform
 - Designated Nature Preserve
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- Consultant for design and cost estimates approximately \$75,000+