



March 7, 2016

David VanGinhoven, President  
Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Commission  
12220 Fillmore Street  
West Olive, MI 49460

RE: Letter of Support for the Bend Area Expansion Project

Dear David VanGinhoven:

I am writing this letter in support of the Bend Area Expansion Project Grant application in Ottawa County, Michigan. Georgetown Township is strongly supportive of the Bend Area Expansion Plan, a plan proposed to be assisted through the Bend Area Expansion Grant. Georgetown Township has partnered with Ottawa County Parks in the past to develop recreational opportunities in the Bend Area.

Georgetown Township is excited about the project and is so strongly supportive of the expansion project because we see great value for our residents and residents of neighboring communities. The additional development of the Bend Area will allow access to new parks, trails and water recreation sports, along with providing new opportunities for swimming, fishing, sailing, paddle boarding and other non-motorized recreational boating. In addition, people will enjoy the picnic area along the trails that will be used for hiking, cross-country skiing, bird watching and nature studies. There will also be opportunities for archery deer hunting.

This will also serve the students and faculty of Grand Valley State University, providing important recreation outlets for both the Allendale and Grand Rapids campuses.

The Township also commits to having funded Sheriff's deputies patrol the park.

In summary, we urge your support for the Bend Area Expansion Project which will result in many new recreational opportunities.

Sincerely,

Daniel Carlton  
Georgetown Township Superintendent