

# KI SAWYER LITTLE TROUT LAKE PARK REVIVAL PROJECT

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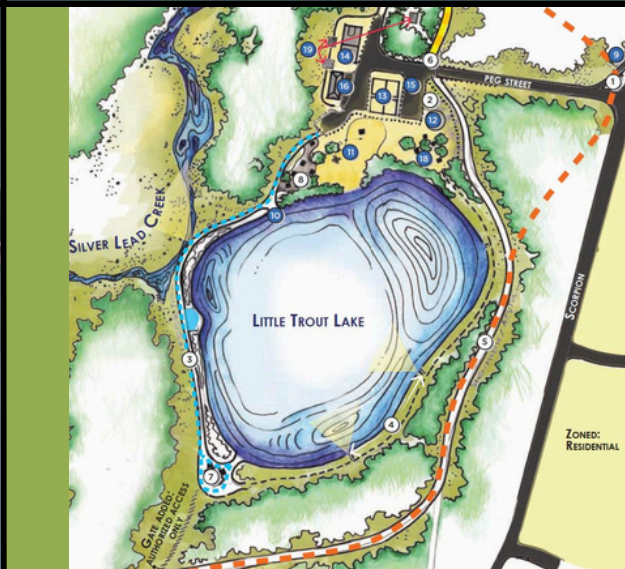


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On 6.26.23, the Marquette County Planning Division submitted a MI DNR Spark Grant application for nearly \$1M to revitalize Little Trout Lake Park in KI Sawyer.

Project goals include establishing a community wellness hub at the Park. The grant would allow the County to invest in safety and security features, ADA accessibility improvements, and park enhancements to create a more enjoyable outdoor gathering space for KI Sawyer residents and visitors.



## Project Partners and Supporters include:

- Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Regional Commission
- Forsyth Township
- Forsyth Snowmobile and ATV Club
- Marquette County Conservation District
- Marquette County Land Bank Authority
- Michigan State Representative Jenn Hill
- Michigan State Senator Ed McBroom
- Ryan Lipinski, KI Sawyer Resident
- Sault Tribe Health Division
- Sawyer Community Alliance
- Sawyer Operations Authority
- Trenary Northern Trails
- Trout Unlimited - Fred Waara Chapter

## Project highlights (with successful grant award) include improvements to:

- grounds
- pavilions
- lake trail
- utilities
- accessible restrooms
- recreation amenities
- road & parking
- lighting & security

## Improvements (happening regardless of grant success):

- roof replacements on both pavilions (2023)
- demolition & removal of blighted buildings & structures (2024)

## Looking ahead to the future, the Silver Lead Creek Greenway (SLCG)

This SLCG is part of a larger vision to connect residential and commercial areas via a public greenway with a pathway and amenities. The Marquette Co. Planning Division is currently seeking funding to help this come to fruition.



If interested in becoming a partner or learning more, please contact the Marquette County Planning Manager, Thyra Karlstrom for more information.  
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