

2019 DNR Grant Application Proposal Summary

Since 2014, Delta Township has received nine grants from the DNR. These nine grants have provided the Township with over \$1.4 million dollars for park projects and have included the following improvements along with their funding sources:

1. Delta Mills Pickleball Courts – Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)
2. Mount Hope Park Land Acquisition – Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)
3. Hawk Meadow Park Restroom Building – MNRTF
4. Delta Mills Restroom Building – MNRTF
5. West Willow Highway Canoe Launch – MNRTF
6. Mount Hope Park Phase Development – LWCF
7. Old River Trail Pathway – MNRTF
8. Delta Mills Canoe Launch & Renovations – MNRTF
9. Mount Hope Park Neighborhood Connector Pathway – MNRTF

We are optimistic about the opportunity to apply for Michigan DNR grants in 2019. A committee of Township staff, met to identify potential future projects that would qualify for grants. Review included the Parks Master Plan and public input, annual parks maintenance and planning meetings, and recommendations from the Parks Commission. Upon the conclusion of the meeting, it was determined that the following grant applications and alternates could be prepared for the DNR April 1, 2019 deadline:

1. **Hunter's Orchard Park Pathway** - This proposal would complete the paving of the trails in Hunter's Orchard Park. In addition, connectivity between two outdoor recreation parks and along Old River Trail will be completed.
Total Estimated Project Cost: \$450,000 | DNR Grant Funds: \$225,000
2. **Delta Mills Playground Restroom** – This proposal would convert the old well house into a restroom building for the east side of the park. This project was considered as an addition to the Delta Mills restroom renovation completed in 2018.
Total Estimated Project Cost: \$135,000 | DNR Grant Funds: \$50,000
3. **Mount Hope Park North Baseball Fields** – This proposal would complete the final two baseball fields that were originally planned for phase 1.
Total Estimated Project Cost: \$650,000 | DNR Grant Funds: \$300,000
4. **Mount Hope Park Perimeter Pathway** – This proposal would complete the perimeter pathway around the park. Current Mount Hope Park pathways, which were grant supported, connect to the neighborhoods to the park amenities. In addition to completing the perimeter, this project will also provide future non-motorized connections in Delta Township.
Total Estimated Project Cost: \$425,000 | DNR Grant Funds: \$212,500
5. **Sharp Park Restroom, Pavilion, & Pathway** - This proposal would provide Sharp Park with a new restroom building, pavilion, and paved pathway from the current shelter to the current restroom building. Sharp Park, one of the Township's oldest parks, continues to be the most popular park amongst residents.
Total Estimated Project Cost: \$850,000 | DNR Grant Funds: \$300,000
6. **Hawk Meadow Pathway** – This proposal would entail a paved pathway to complete a large trail loop. The pathways at Hawk Meadow Park are most popular for walkers, skiers, and other non-motorized use.
Total Estimated Project Cost: \$600,000 | DNR Grant Funds: \$300,000