



OFF-LEASH DOG AREA
LOWER HURON METROPARK

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PHOTO SURVEY

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Entrance to the proposed off-leash dog area lot. This lot provided parking for the Par-3 Golf Course which closed in 2017.



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The area has been used for rustic hiking since 2018. Existing roadside signs to be updated as part of the grant.



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The existing maintenance building service drive provides trail access to the existing Tawata Trace trails. Trail signs will be updated separately and are not part of the grant.



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Restriping of the south side of the parking lot is proposed as part of the project. The lot on the far left side will be removed.



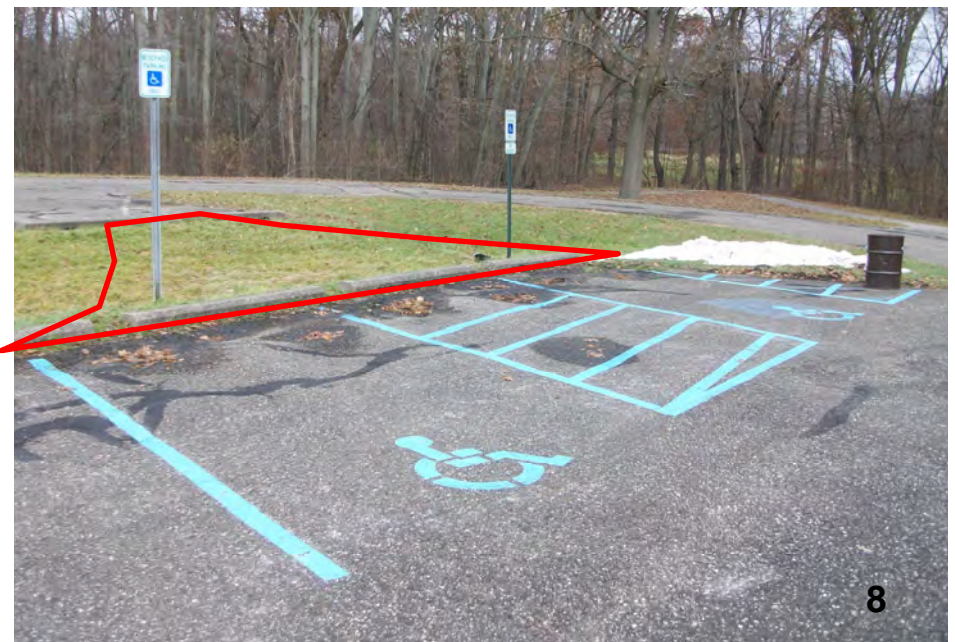
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The north parking lot shall be removed and restored to turf. Approximately .4 acres will become a no mow area.



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The existing ditch will be rerouted around the new turn around.



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The existing catch basin in the middle of the turn-around will be removed / abandoned. The center circle will become a small retention area.



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New asphalt pavement will be added to complete the new turn-around. Accessible parking is proposed in a new location.



Existing accessible parking spaces. There are 4 total, one is van accessible. A new walk is proposed in front of these spaces.



Existing spaces to be removed. New van accessible spaces shall be striped and signed adjacent to the others.



The existing walk shall be rerouted further to the left and extend in front of all of the proposed van accessible parking spaces.



Both walks will be removed. Path on right to be realigned and constructed per universal design standards. A 6' wide concrete walk is proposed. Slopes currently exceed 5% after intersection.



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The existing steep 6' wide asphalt walk shall be realigned. This will require tree removals for the lengthened trail alignment.



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The railings on the existing bridge will be modified, no gaps shall exceed four inches. The slippery tread surface to be addressed.



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The pavement transitions onto and off the bridge shall be improved for accessibility. The current bridge width shall remain.



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The timber retaining walls are beginning to tip and will be removed as part of the project.



The existing restroom building, former golf starter building, will be removed along with the adjacent concrete pavement.



Restrooms are too small to make them accessible. A moveable accessible restroom building will be rented by the Metroparks.



New concrete walk to be constructed to the bullpen area for the off-leash dog areas. Bullpen area is on an old putting green.



View from elevated bullpen area. Tree work is proposed within both field areas to make them safe and to improve visibility.



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The existing concrete tee pads shall be removed and the disturbed area seeded.



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The old sand pit areas shall be filled in to eliminate trip hazards and reduce puddling.



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View looking back towards the bullpen area and restrooms.



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Trees will be limbed up as needed for safety and visibility.



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Staff is considering the removal of all the hawthorn trees with long dangerous spikes.



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Another view looking back at the bull pen area and restroom building.



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Sections of the Tawata Trace trails can remain. Others affected by the proposed off-leash dog fields will be relocated. Tawata Trace trail realignment work is not part of the grant.



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The fencing limits that are proposed extend out to an area that is occasionally flooded by the Huron River.



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The concrete pavement around the old drinking fountain location shall be removed.



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The off-leash dog area connects to the Iron Belle Trail by way of this paved trail.



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The Iron Belle Trail connector is on the left. The paved service drive is on the right.



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A tunnel under the park road provides access to the Iron Belle Trail. The trail currently extends 25 miles connecting four of the Metroparks; Lower Huron, Willow, Oakwoods and Lake Erie.



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Older photos taken when it was a golf course. View from bullpen area.



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Older photo taken from when it was a golf course.



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Older photo taken from when it was a golf course.



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Older photo taken from when it was a golf course. The large dog field will extend up to this area near the road for visibility and indirect advertising.