

Welcome and Introductions

We're here tonight to provide an update on the proposed improvements to the Pier Cove Park.

The proposed improvements follow those outlined in the Township's submission to the MDNR Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant program (available on the Ganges Township website) and also reflect input from various feedback opportunities within the community.

Pier Cove Park Purpose of Improvements

To Enhance the overall accessibility and scenic value of Pier Cove Park while honoring the rich history, quiet restfulness, and natural beauty of this unique lakeshore area. Renovate the current parking, fencing, signage, and steps to benefit safety and accessibility. A new walkway and gathering space will add barrier-free accessibility to parking, restrooms, and a new overlook on Lake Michigan. The renovations will help restore a more natural and rustic environment and repair damage from shoreline erosion using native plantings and wildflowers. Interpretive signage will offer a unique stop on the Lake Michigan Water Trail between South Haven and Saugatuck and along US Bike Route 35 where users can learn about the history and natural resources available at Pier Cove and enjoy its natural beauty.

Project Background

April 2021	Schematic Plan Included in MDNR MNRTF Development Application
July 2022	State Legislature Awards Development and Acquisition Grants
September 2022	Township Contracts with Engineering Consultant for Design Development through Construction Documentation
October 2022	Project Public Input Open House (Public Input Summary Available Online)
September 2023	Adjacent Parcel to North Purchased by Township with MDNR Acquisition Grant Funding

Project Background

Development Grant Scope Items Include:

- Benches for Additional Seating Opportunities
- Landscaping to Stabilize Dune Erosion
- Overlook Decks for Viewing
- Parking (Maintain Capacity) with ADA Space
- ADA Accessible Restroom Enclosure to Improve Aesthetics
- Interpretive Park Signage Describing History and Natural Habitat
- Stormwater Green Space Using Native Plants
- Entrance Plaza
- Concrete Walkways
- Replace Guardrail and Fence to Improve Aesthetics and Promote Views
- Entrance Gate Honoring Park History
- Replace Stairs and Railings to Improve Aesthetics
- Bury Overhead Utility Lines to Improve Aesthetics, Circulation and View Shed
- Retaining Walls for Terracing and Slope Stabilization

Project Background

Design and engineering challenges include:

- Parking and Site Accessibility: to and within site.
- Pedestrian Safety
- Maximum Use of Natural Materials
- Maintaining Existing Park Aesthetic
- Acknowledging Local History and Pier Cove Heritage
- Minimizing Development Impact
- Slope Stabilization and Erosion Control

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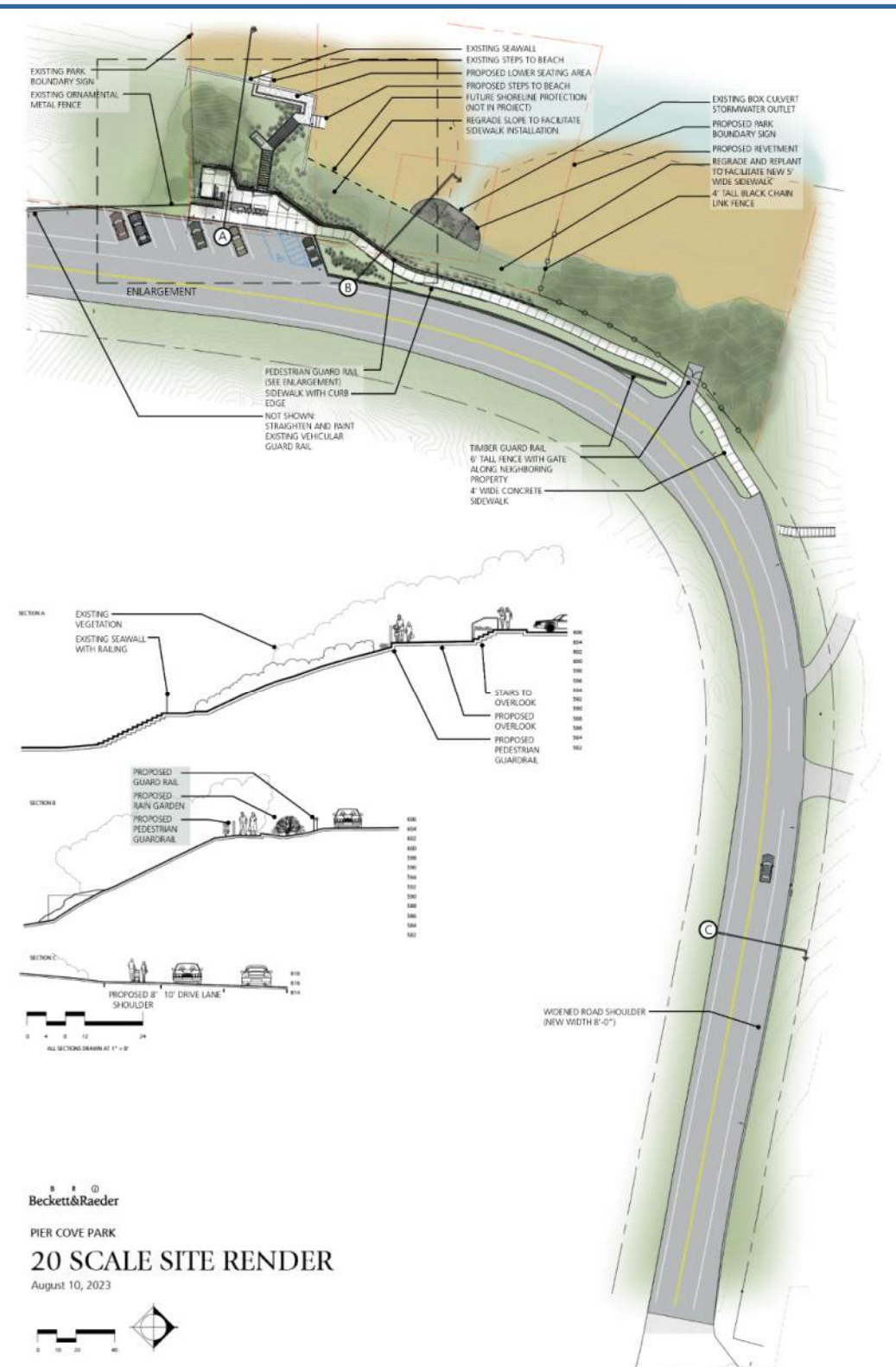
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Overall Plan



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Plan Enlargement



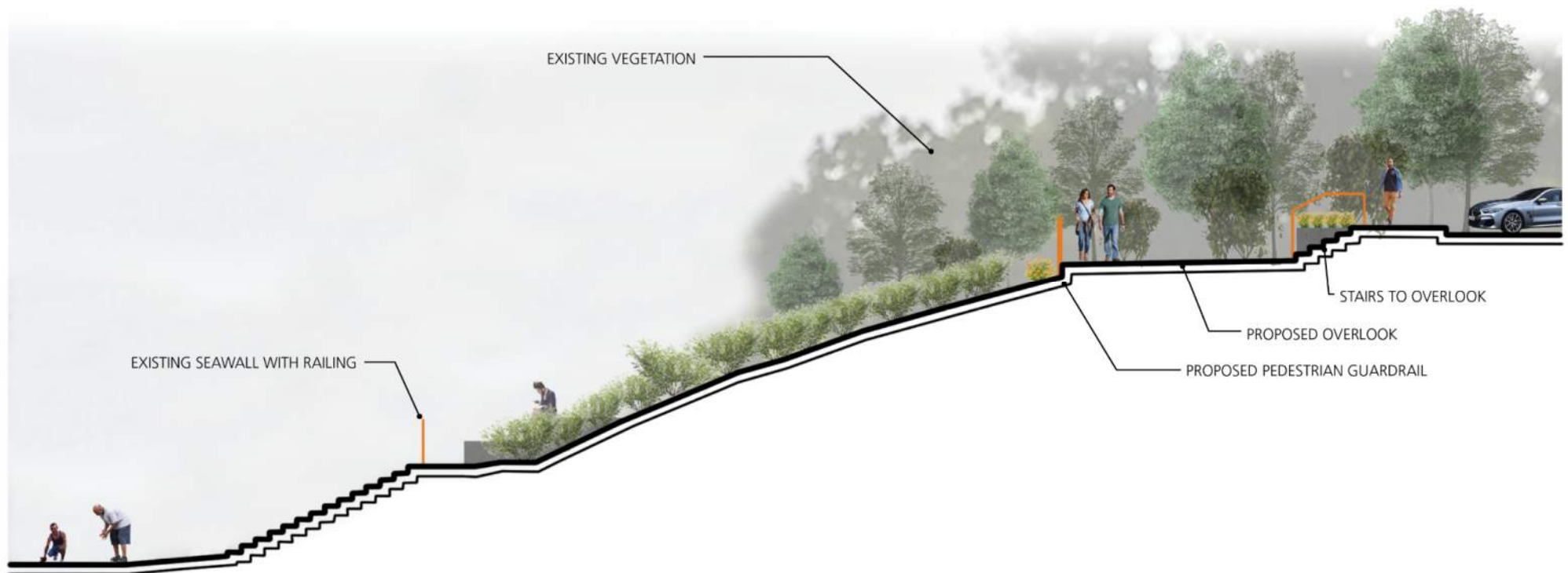
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Section A Render

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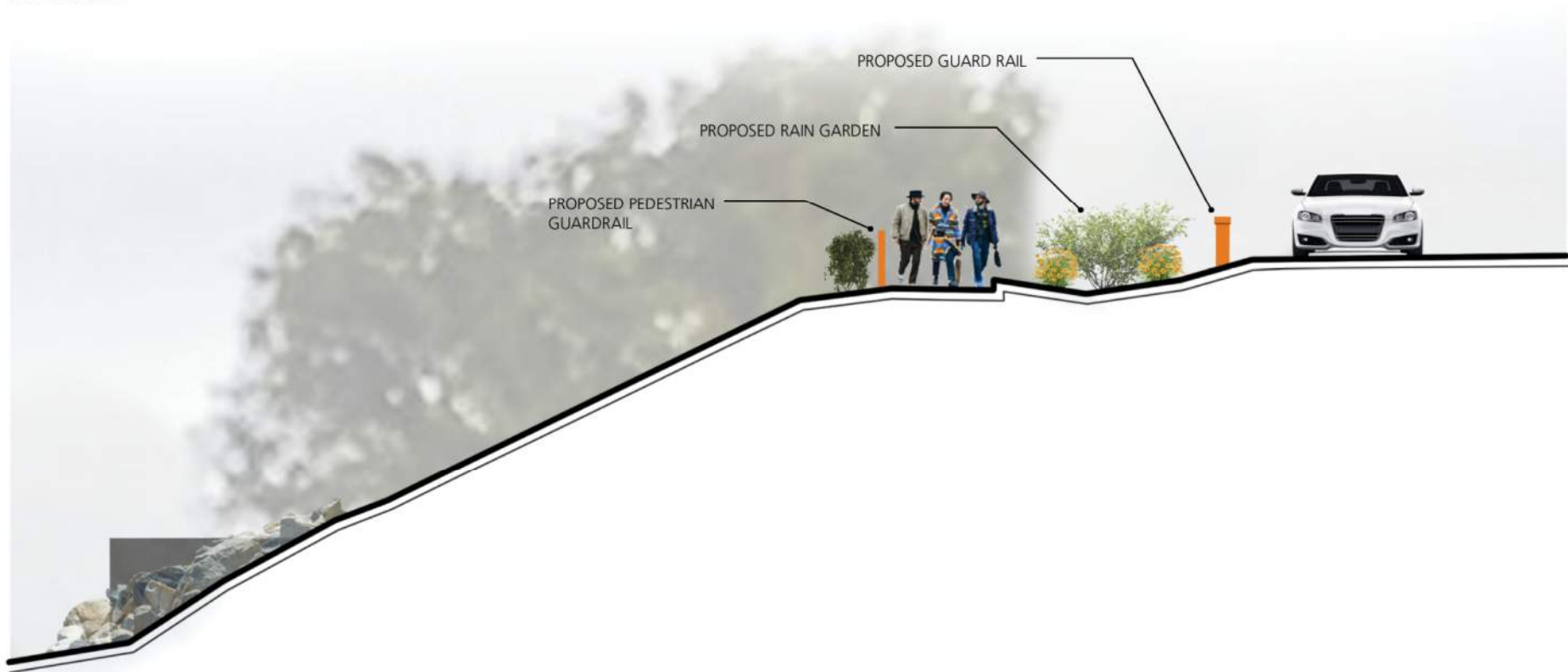
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Section B Render

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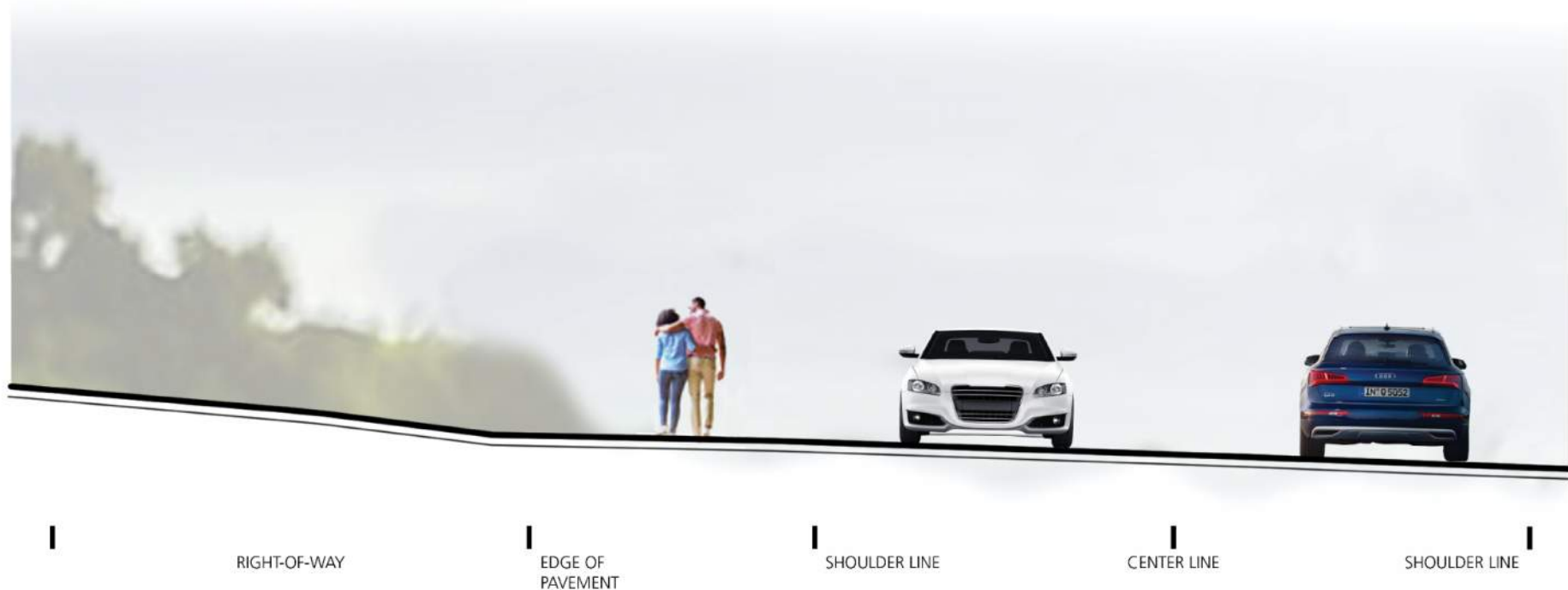
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Section C Render

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TIMBER VEHICULAR GUARD RAIL (TO REPLACE
EXISTING METAL GUARD RAIL)



6' TALL BLACK VINYL-COATED CHAIN LINK
FENCE FOR NORTH OF PARK



PEDESTRIAN GUARD RAIL



8' TALL RESTROOM AND 4' TALL TRASH
RECEPTABLE SCREEN FENCE



Product Images

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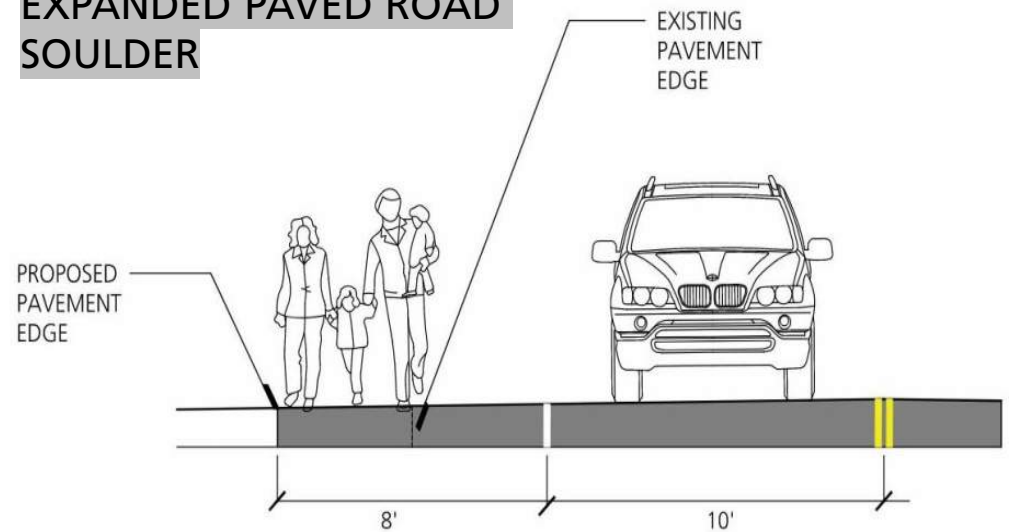
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LOW TIMBER WALL (OVERLOOK)



EXPANDED PAVED ROAD
SOULDER



Product Images

BENCH



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Product Images

18" X 24" INTERPRETIVE SIGN



PARK RULES SIGNS



RAIN GARDEN



VEGETATED REVETMENT (AROUND BOX CULVERT)



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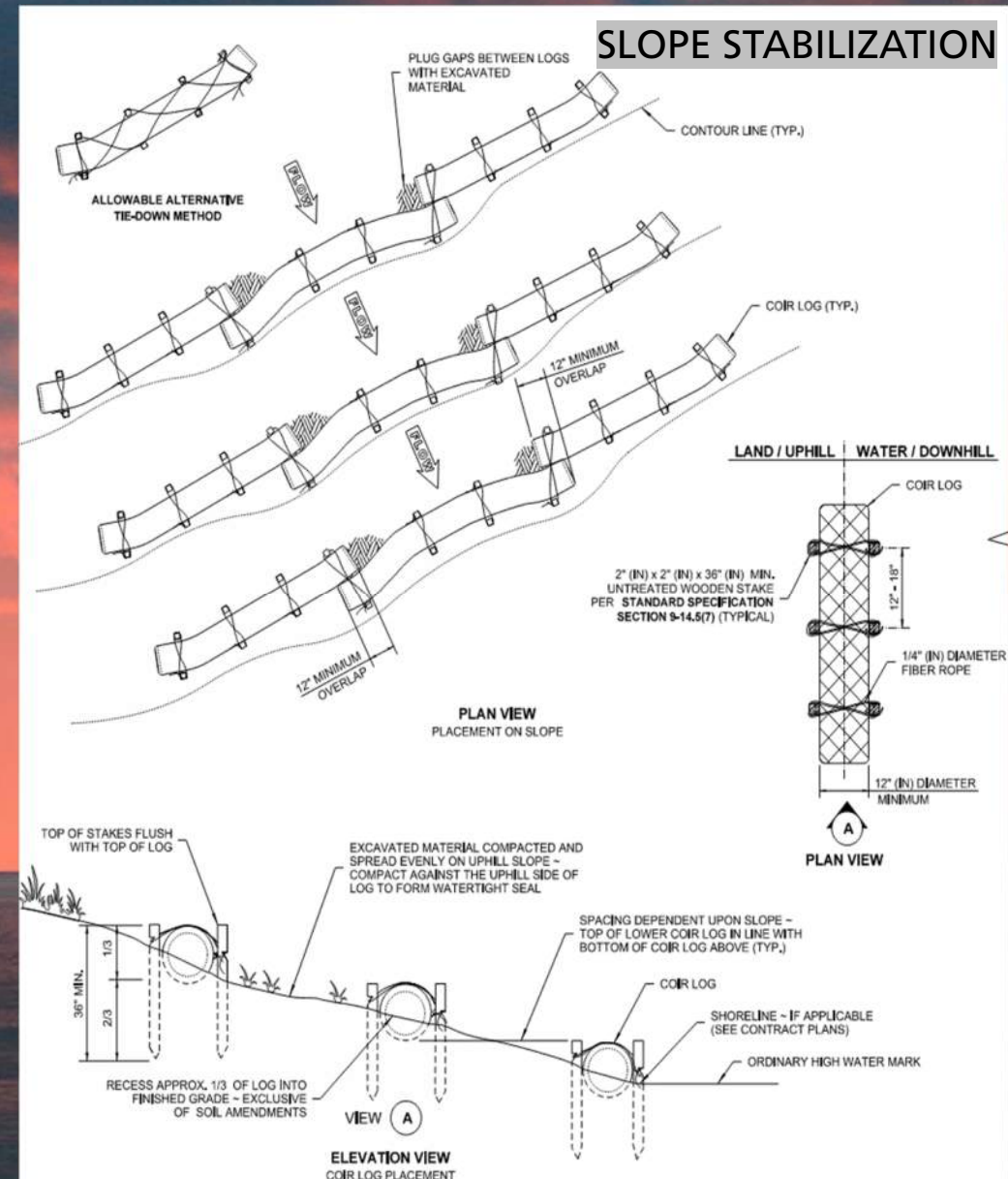
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Project Cost Summary

April 1, 2021 Township Development Grant Application to Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) – Pier Cove Park Renovation

- Total Project Cost \$ 355,000 = DNR Grant + Total Match
- DNR Grant \$ 266,000
- Total Match \$ 89,000 (match from multiple sources)

Outside Cash Fundraising (to date)

Fundraising efforts between 12/2020 to 9/2023, Totaling \$26,200

\$ 5,500	GoFundMe
\$ 1,100	Waypost (cash/posters)
\$ 3,000	Waypost Brewing Company (Pier Cove Pale Ale)
\$ 2,500	Lake Michigan Shore Association (plantings)
\$ 2,500	Fennville Community Rec. Milage Grant (bench)
\$ 5,000	Virtue Cider Elevate Grant
\$ 5,000	Allegan County Community Foundation Grant (stairs)
\$ 1,600	Direct Private Donations to Township

Next Steps

- Township Board Meeting Next Week to Determine Approval to Proceed to Bid and Construction Documentation phase.
- Final Design, Engineering and Construction Documentation
- Fundraising (Donor Bricks, Donor Bench Plaques, Signage)
- Budget Management
- Submit Bidding Documents to MDNR December 15, 2023
- Bid Letting January 22, 2024
- Construction April 2024
- Project Completion August 2024

Thank you
Questions?

