



Transforming Douglas Marina Park: A Waterfront Gathering Space



History:

The Douglas Marina Park property was acquired by the City of the Village of Douglas to preserve and enhance public access to the waterfront while transforming the site into a community asset. Recognizing the importance of the location along the Kalamazoo Lake shoreline, the City envisioned the property as a destination for recreation, gatherings, and tourism-related activities.

Since acquisition, the City has worked to improve the site through strategic planning and investment, with the Marina Park & Pavilion Project serving as the next phase in creating a vibrant public space for residents and visitors to enjoy for years to come.

Douglas to buy marina for public waterfront park

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DOUGLAS — Douglas is acquiring a private marina, located just south of the Blue Star Highway bridge over Kalamazoo Lake, to convert for public use and develop into a waterfront park.



Preparing for Transformation:

After acquiring the property, the City of the Village of Douglas cleared the existing home, pool house, and swimming pool to prepare the site for future public use.

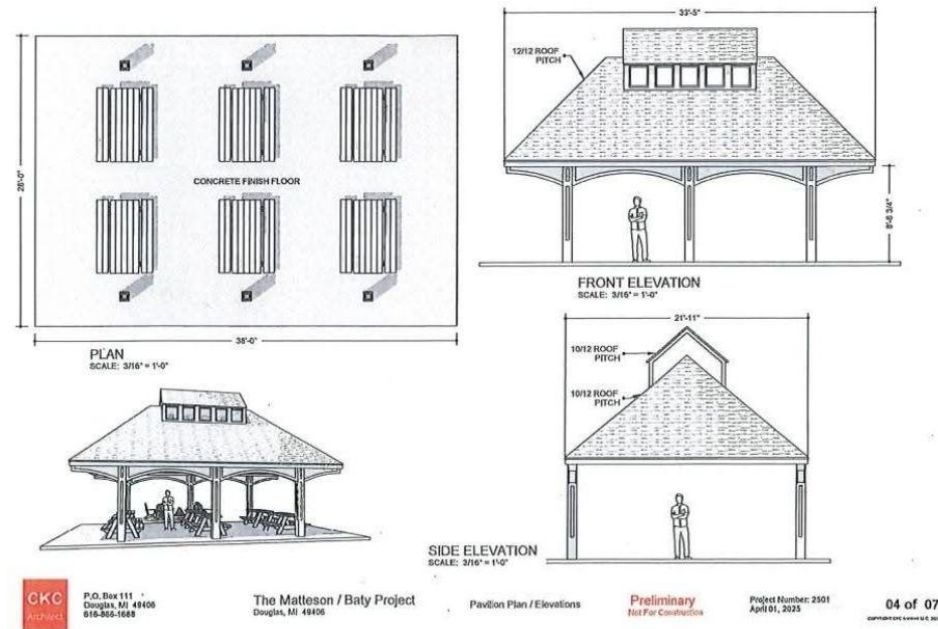
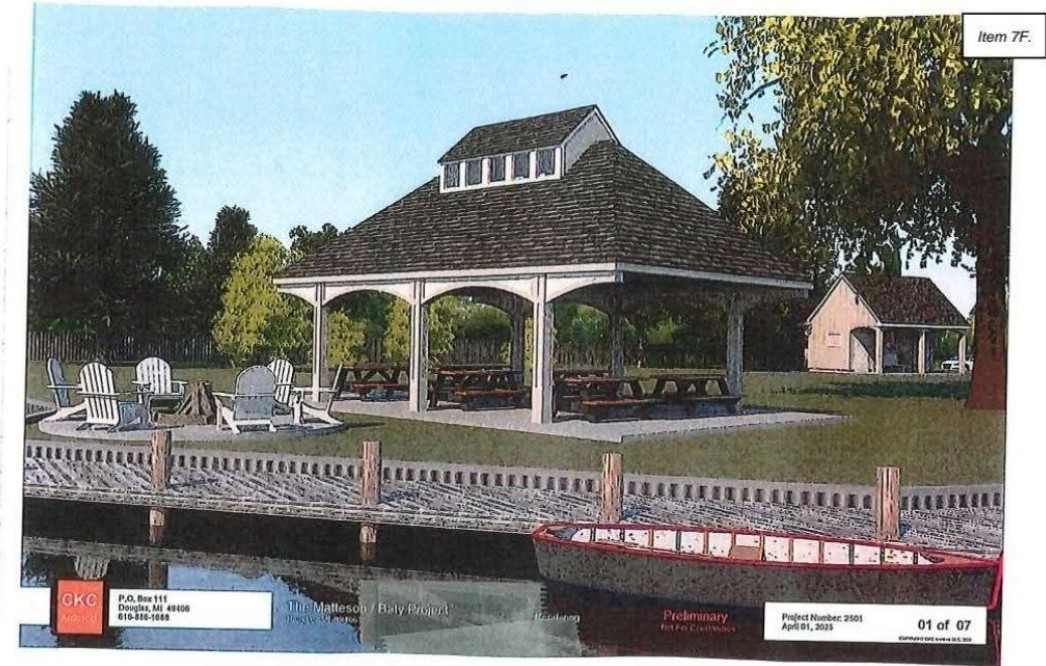
This important first step opened the waterfront for new opportunities and laid the foundation for the City's vision of creating an accessible, vibrant gathering space for residents and visitors.



From Grant Award to Community Investment:

When the Consumers Energy Foundation awarded the City of Douglas a \$100,000 grant to enhance Marina Park, neighboring property owners and community supporters Bud Baty and Max Matteson stepped forward with a matching \$100,000 contribution.

This extraordinary public-private partnership allowed the City to begin planning for a new pavilion and expanded community gathering space along the waterfront.



Breaking Ground on the Vision:

Following a competitive public bidding process, the City of the Village of Douglas selected Carbon Six Construction to bring the Marina Park Pavilion Project to life.

Construction officially began on Monday, April 26, 2026, marking a major milestone in transforming the waterfront into a vibrant community gathering space.



Opening Soon: A New Gathering Space for Douglas

The Douglas Marina Park Pavilion Project is anticipated to be completed before July 1, 2026.

Upon completion, the City of the Village of Douglas will host an official ribbon-cutting ceremony and invite representatives from Consumers Energy Foundation, project supporters, and the public to celebrate this exciting new community asset.

The new pavilion will be added to the City's parks rental inventory, creating a beautiful waterfront venue for public events, private gatherings, and community celebrations for years to come.



OPENING SOON: *A New Gathering Space for Douglas*

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