



Fruitland Township is seeking a Michigan DNR Trust Fund grant for trails within the

Duck Creek Natural Area

The DCNA is approximately 310 acres of Township property bordered on the south by Duck Lake Road and Simonelli Road on the east side and is in the center of the Township. Duck Creek flows through the center of this beautiful and undeveloped tract of land.

Friends of Fruitland Township Trails has endorsed this effort and are actively working with the Township to make this project a reality. This grant is being sought for three areas of interest.

1. On the south side of Duck Creek, a system of two tracks has been marked and is currently being used by trail walkers both residents and non-residents. The grant is being sought to convert the two tracks into accessible trails that meet ADA requirements.
2. On the east side, off Simonelli Road, the Township is requesting funds to make existing two tracks accessible trails that meet ADA requirements.
3. To connect these two trails a natural path along with a boardwalk and a bridge over Duck Creek is to be constructed.

To obtain this \$200,000+ grant from the Michigan DNR, we are asking for two things.

First, a letter of support noting your favorable view that this will enhance the Township and those wishing to enjoy the great outdoors. If you are willing, please forward a written letter of support for the DCNA to the Fruitland Township @ 4545 Nestrom Road, Whitehall, MI 49461.

Second, this grant requires a match of 25% from local sources. Please consider donating to this worthy cause by including a commitment of a specific amount of funds with your letter of support.

Thank you in advance

Friends of Fruitland Township Trails