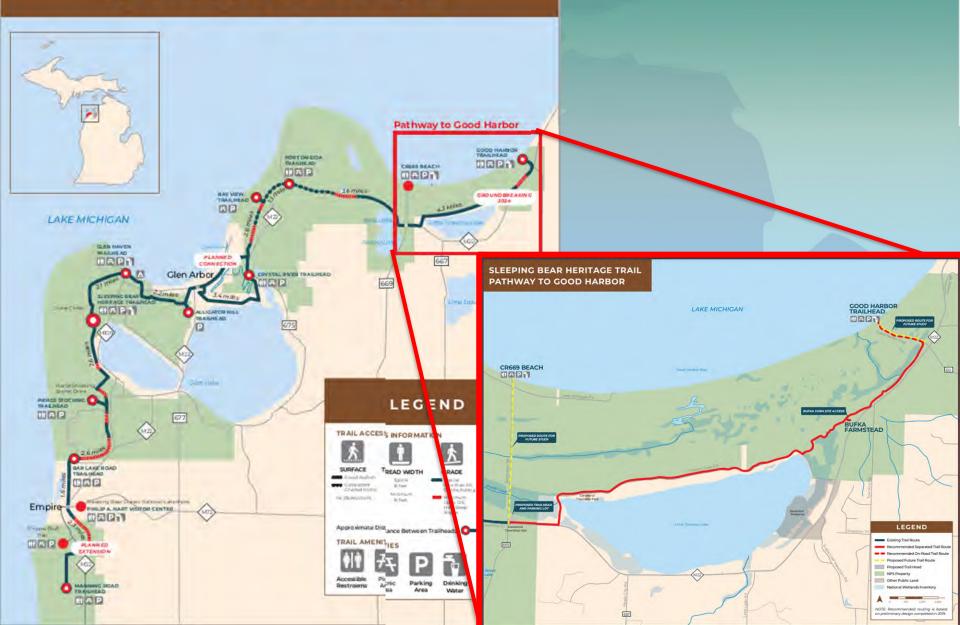


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#### Project Update to Little Traverse Lake Association August 5, 2023

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#### SLEEPING BEAR HERITAGE TRAIL





## Trail Design

- Winding Path
  - 10' asphalt with 2' gravel shoulders
  - 14' boardwalk in wetland areas
  - Preserve mature trees
  - Retaining Wall Design, TBD







#### Schedule

- May 2023 Design Consultant Contract Awarded - OHM
- Aug 11, 2023 Base Plans Completed (30% Design)
- Nov 2023 Preliminary Plans (60%) Design
- <u>Feb 2024 Pre-Final Plans (95%)</u>
- \*April 2024 Submit Plans for Letting
- \*June 2024 Award Construction Contract
- \*Fall 2024 Summer 2025 Construction

\* Variable

#### **Design Progress to Date**

- Design survey completed
- Archaeological survey completed
- Early season threatened/endangered flora & fauna species survey completed
  - Late season survey coming up soon
- Wetland boundaries surveyed
- Pre-permit application meeting with EGLE
- Coordinating with LCRC on Shalda Creek Culvert and W. Traverse Lake Rd alignment

#### **Permits Required**

#### EGLE Permits Required

- Part 301: Streams (Shalda Creek)
- Part 303: Wetlands
- Part 31: Floodplain
- Critical Dune Area Permit

MDOT will be the permit applicant, NPS will be the Owner

- Submit Permits at the end of 2023
- Typically, EGLE will offer a 30-day public comment period
- A public hearing may be required
- Approval time varies ~ 3 to 6 months

#### **Other Updates**

- Environmental Survey Results
  - Many Invasive Species
  - Potential Berula erecta (cut-leaved water-parsnip) observation in the cold water springs by Shalda Creek. All observed on private property. Not in ROW.



Potential Cut-Leaved Water-Parsnip – G2

- Realignment of W. Traverse Lake Rd
  - Western Intersection with M-22
- Shalda Creek Culvert



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## **Questions?**

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