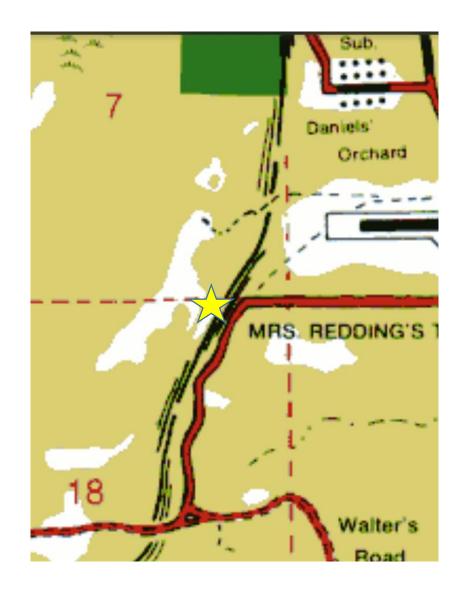
## Proposed Angeline's Bluff Scenic Observation Platform

A project envisioned by Bonnie Cull-Rice to provide locals and visitors a majestic view of Angeline's Bluff

#### Proposed Location

 Western edge of the airport property where Mrs. Redding's trail turns south



#### Proposed Observation Platform and Walkway

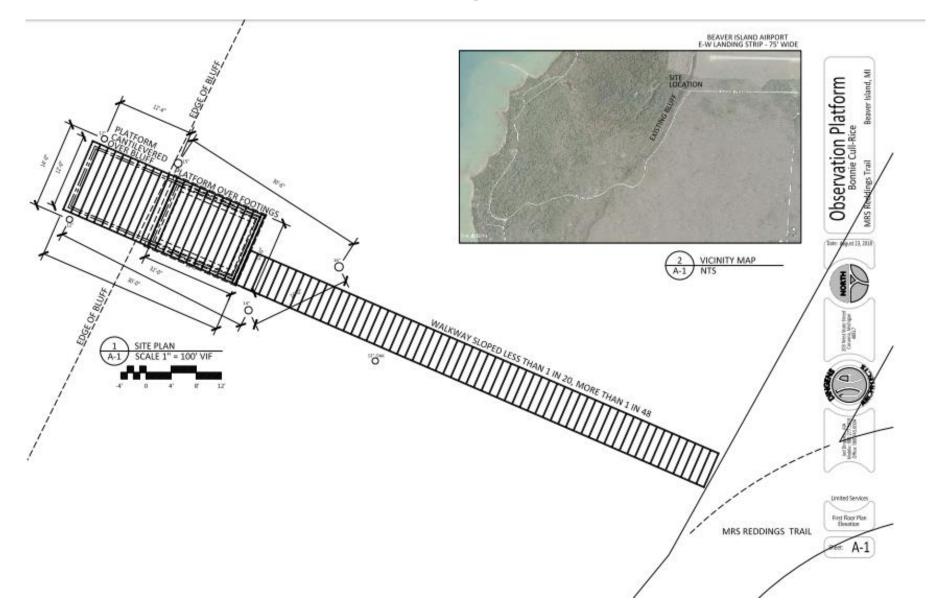
• 30 x 12 cantilevered platform with a 30 foot walkway through the

woods.





### Architectural Rendering



## Observation Platform Meets Master Plan Goals

- 2017 Master Plan Guiding Principles
  - Preserve the Island's character, scenic vistas, water quality, high-quality natural ecosystems, and clean environment.
    - This platform will provide an opportunity for the public to view to the bottom of the buff, out over the tree tops to Lake Michigan and High Island – that is currently unavailable. (page 15 of Master Plan)
- 2017 Master Plan Future Land Use and Zoning Plan
  - HOW DO WE SUPPORT AIRPORTS? Investigate uses for the areas near the airports that would not conflict with the airport's use. This might include trails or recreational land Photo Credit: Tom Hawkins uses the public could enjoy. (page 147 of Master Plan)

# Observation Platform Meets Master Plan Goals

- 2017 Master Plan Future Land Use and Zoning Plan
  - PUBLIC OPEN SPACE Public open space includes publicly-owned land and conservancy lands. Public land on the Island provides many opportunities for residents to recreate and is the cornerstone of the Island's tourism industry.
    - Encourage joint planning for the future of public lands and the maintenance of parks and trails into recreation plans. (page 142 of Master Plan)

### Provides highly ranked ADA Recreational Facility

 Proposed platform provides the island with a recreation asset that meets a high level ADA ranking- higher than any existing recreational facility

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The criteria are as follows: ADA Ranking System Rank Interpretation

- 1. None of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines.
- Some of the facilities/parks meet accessibility guidelines.
- 3. Most of the facilities/parks meet accessibility guidelines.
- 4. All the facilities/park meets accessibility guidelines.
- 5. The entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design.

Figure 1.3

Public Facility	Asset Type	Rating
Jewell Gillespie Park	Park	2
Beaver Island Municipal Dock	Marina	3
Bud McDonough Memorial Baseball Field	Park	2
Beaver Island Veterans Memorial Park	Park	3
St. James Township Campground	Park	3
Font Lake Boat Launch	Access	1
Harbor Light Park	Park	3
Tennis Courts	Park	2
Paradise Bay Park	Park	2
Gull Harbor Natural Area	Park / Trails	1
Iron Ore Bay Public Access	Park / Access	2
Donegal Bay Road Bike Path	Trail	4

#### Meets Township Goals Without Township Cost

#### GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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- Increase and improve accessibility to Lake Michigan, possibly Beaver Island's greatest and most distinct resource.
- 2. Maximize the recreational opportunities afforded by the township's existing assets and its natural resources.
- Improve the marketability of the township's recreational assets to tourists and visitors.
- Make the island's recreational assets more easily accessible to its own citizens.

#### **Proposed Funding Sources**

- Eliminate Need for Township Grant Writing to Implement Goal
- Private Fundraisers
  - June 2, 2018 Golf Outing
  - Future events including golf outing on June 6, 2019
- Committed in-kind contributions
  - Architectural planning
  - Excavating
  - Construction
  - Transportation
  - Materials at cost

#### Proposed Signage

- Signage will include
  - Geological information on how bluff was formed
  - Birding
  - Night Sky
  - Native American Activity
- Sign details will be based on research with appropriate subject area experts



