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## Welcome to McKinley Park



A premier 15-acre park and playground for children and adults of all abilities



The McKinley Barrier-Free Park project is a community partnership between the City of Fraser, the Fraser First Booster Club, with a mission to build a premier barrier-free park designed from the parking lot to the back of the park to be accessible to people of all abilities.

McKinley Park is located on Grove Street, ¼ mile east of Hayes, and north of 13 Mile Road in the City of Fraser.

The park has been transformed into a destination that families, individuals, groups, and organizations can enjoy.







## Park History

- McKinley Park is a 15-acre park located in the southwest corner of Fraser, Michigan
- Prior to the project, it was largely underutilized with outdated play equipment and deteriorating basketball courts.
- No restroom facilities, limited adjacent off-street parking.
- Back of the park was overgrown, poorly drained, and largely inaccessible to public





The City of Fraser and the Fraser First Booster Club have worked together on this project since 2010. Fraser First is a 501c(3) formed by volunteers to fundraise for this project and other improvements in the City of Fraser.

City of Fraser	Fraser First Booster Club
Owner of park/Final decision maker	501c(3) non-profit/Funding organization
Fiduciary for State and Federal Grant applications	All Volunteer
Manages/approves final designs, bid specs, bid process, contracts, expenditures	Fundraising events, special events
Manages reimbursement process on City grants	Manages private donor dollars and matching funds from private sources
Project manager	Works with city and vendors to design and plan park and budget





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### Project History

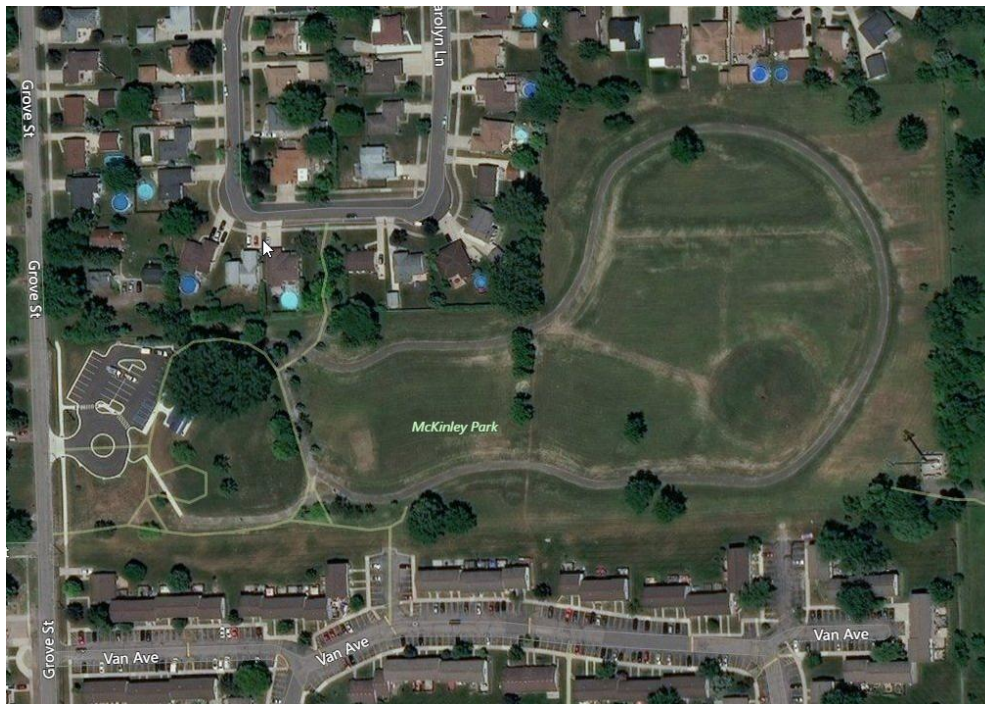
- 2006 - Planning began
- 2008 - Recession and housing market downturn
- 2010 - Fraser First Booster Club is formed, takes over fundraising efforts for park project
- 2012 - Fraser First hires professional grant consultant, begins process of MNRTF grant application
- 2013 - City is awarded a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant for McKinley Barrier-Free Park Infrastructure
- 2015 - Phase 1 (Infrastructure) is completed
- 2016 - Fraser First assists city in preparing a Land Water Conservation Fund grant application
- 2016 - City is awarded a \$100,000 LWCF grant for Phase 2
- 2017 - Fraser First awarded a grant for additional equipment
- 2017 - Phase 2 (play structures, surfacing,





## Phase 1 – Site preparation, infrastructure, walking path (Completed 2015)

- Funded through Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, matching funds, in-kind and private dollars
- Included ½ mile walking path, comfort station, pavilion, parking lot, excavation, drainage, electrical, plumbing
- All ADA-Accessible







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## Phase 2 – Play structures, surfacing, (Completed 2017)

- Majority of project funded through a Land, Water, Conservation Fund grant, matching funds, in-kind donations, private donor dollars, and an additional grant
- Fire Truck play area
- Sandy's Tot Lot and Sandpit
- Jet Airliner
- Sway Fun glider





## **Proposed and ongoing projects (as funding permits)**

- **Swings**
- **Sensory Garden**
- **Control Tower and other playscape and surfacing**
- **ADA-Accessible adult exercise stations with surfacing**
- **Benches, other amenities (privately funded, as received)**
- **Brick sponsorship program**
- **Volunteers continue to improve the park**
- **Fraser First continuing efforts to seek grants, sponsors, and fundraising**





**To learn more about this project, go to**

**[www.fraserfirst.com](http://www.fraserfirst.com)**

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