

# Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant



**Public Hearing**  
**March 19, 2026**

# Madeline Bertrand County Park All Season, Multi-use Pavilion



# WHAT?

- **All Season, Multi-Use Pavilion**
- **Expanded Parking Lot**
- **Additional Bathrooms**
- **Accessible Pathways Around the Structure**



## WHERE?

- North of existing facilities.
- Near location of demolished River Shelter.
- Ability to tie into existing well/septic.
- Positioned for staff oversight, safety, and security.



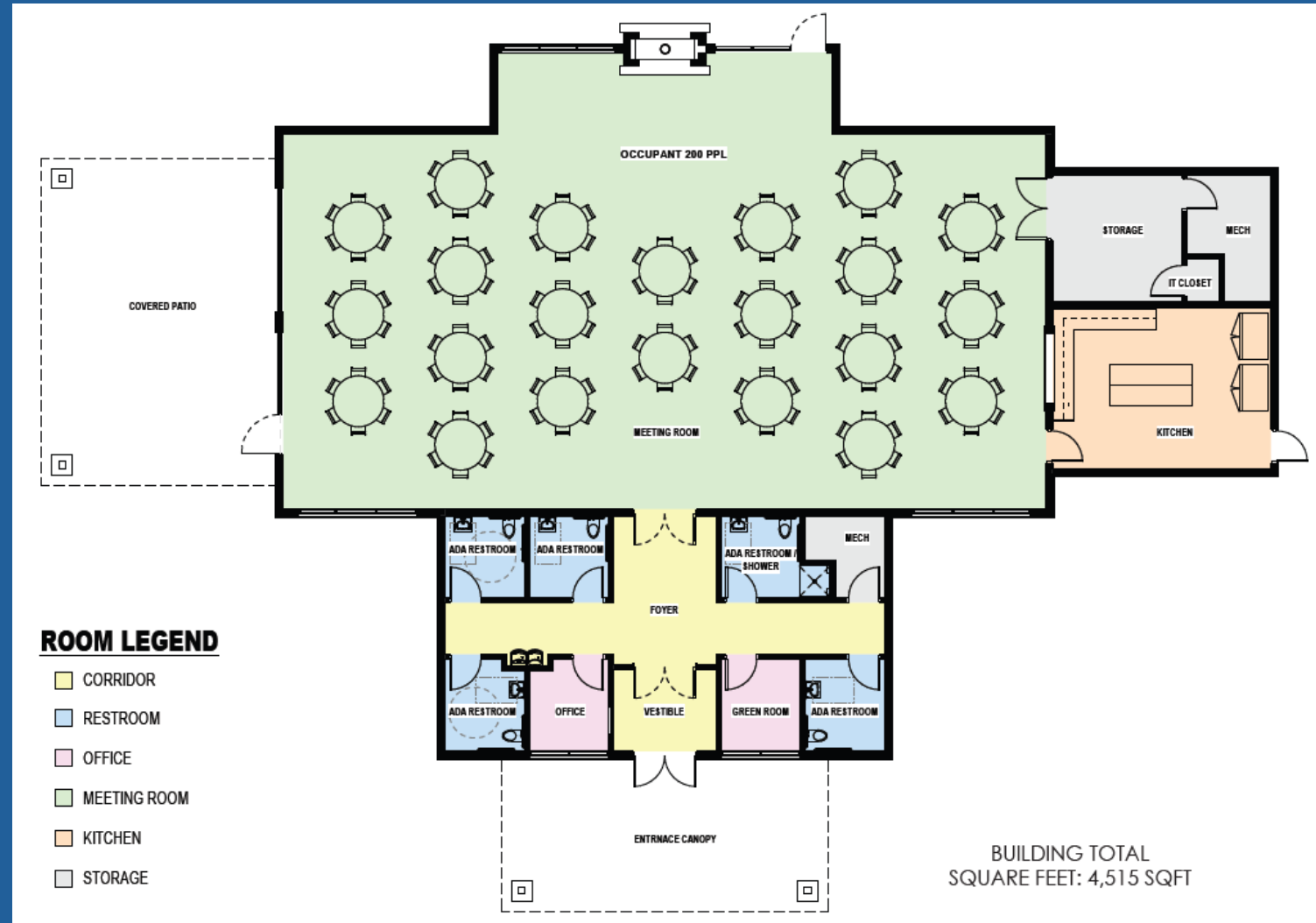
## WHY?

- **Replace demolished River Shelter**
- **Fill requests for year around indoor space.**
- **Provide additional, accessible restrooms**
- **Provide additional parking**
- **Fulfil goals outlined in 5 Year Parks Plan**



# PAVILION USES?

- Public Use Area
- School Field Trips
- Scout Group Outings
- Cross Country Meet Check In
- Outdoor Warming/Ski Season
- Community Events
- Small Private Gatherings
- Business Meetings
- Office Retreats
- Training Space



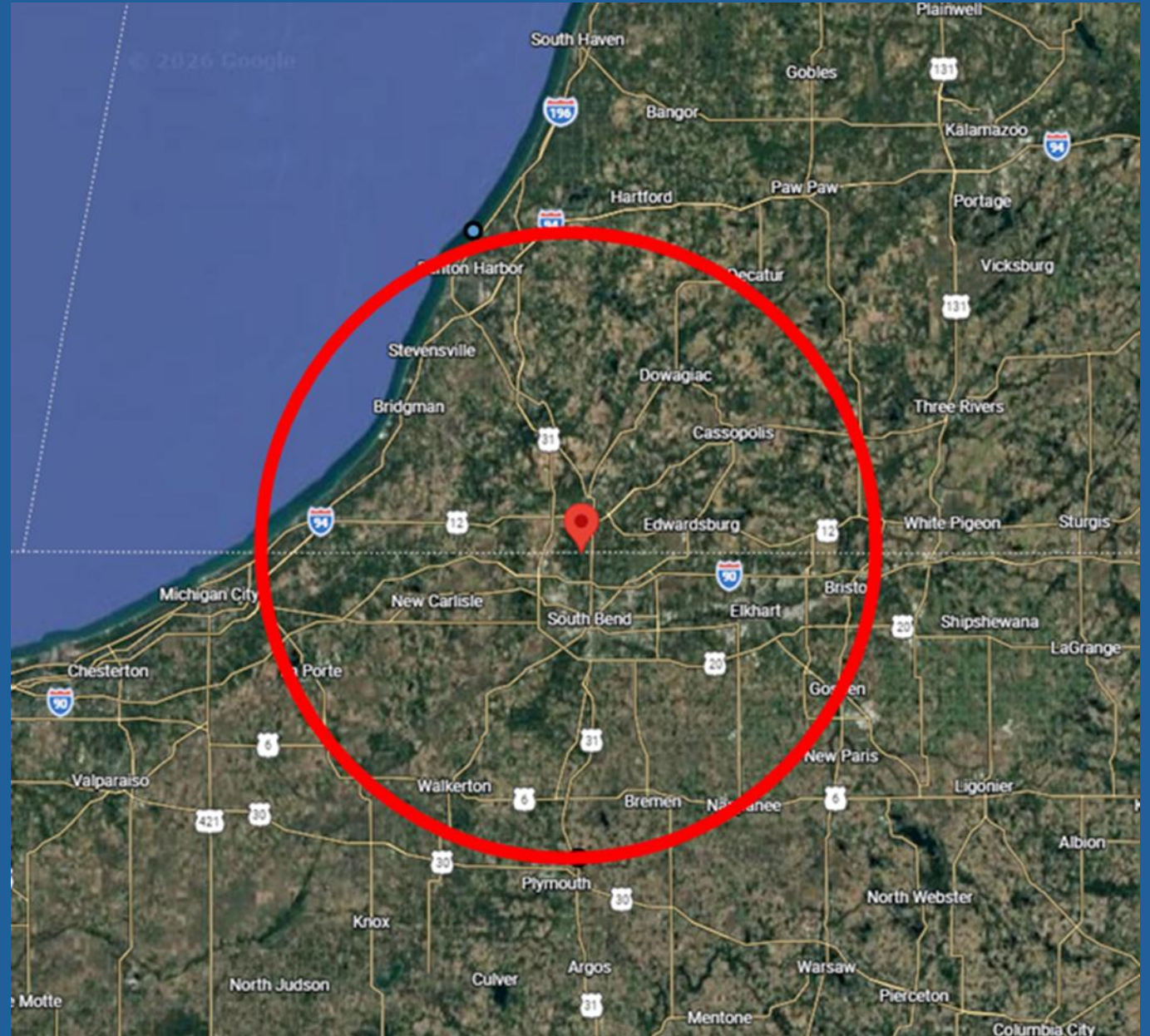
## WHEN?

- **MNRTF Grant  
Deadline: April 1, 2026**
- **Award Notification:  
~January 2027**
- **Grant Agreement  
Signature: Spring 2027**
- **Anticipated  
Construction Start:  
Fall/Winter 2027**



# HOW MUCH?

- **Estimated Cost = \$1,830,000**
- **MNRTF Grant Request = \$400,000 (maximum request)**
- **Remaining funds to come from**
  - **2027 & 2028 Parks Budget**
  - **Berrien County Endowment Fund**
  - **Other Grants/Fundraising Efforts**



## PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

- **2015-2019 & 2020–2024 Parks & Recreation Plans: needed upgrades and expansions to facilities and restrooms to accommodate the increase in attendance and demand on facilities.**
- **2025-2029 Parks & Recreation Plan: goal to “build a new, multi-functional, 4-season facility to replace the demolished River Shelter that will provide a unique and accessible option for the public to use and to rent out”.**
- **Ensure all improvements meet ADA standards at minimum & Universal Design whenever possible.**
- **Expand equitable public access to park amenities while also creating a sustainable revenue stream for facility and park operations.**
- **Meets current community needs AND anticipates future growth.**











**Question? Comments?**