



Eaton Rapids, Michigan

G.A.R. Island Park Improvements

First a private resort, then a military encampment, and now a cultural center...

The Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) Island Park is an integral part of the City of Eaton Rapids' history. Through the years, this well-loved park began to see deterioration along the concrete seawall, causing erosion on parts of the island. C2AE identified cost-effective and environmentally conscious alternatives for a seawall rehabilitation, along with a bridge replacement and new timber boardwalk installation. Now complete, the project also removed an obsolete playground (slated for replacement), added site furnishings, rejuvenated two rain gardens, stabilized the steambank with native plantings, and erected a new black steel gateway sign at the east entrance of the park—a reference to the long absent original metal arch. The focus of this project was to revitalize the Island Park with improvements that would endure over time, just like the City of Eaton Rapids.

“In a town that’s as small as ours, anything that’s really monumental, as big as this, is always a positive change.”

Joel Krupa, Resident



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