

Chinook Pier provides public space for marinas, an amphitheater, paths, a playground, and a farmers market in the heart of downtown Grand Haven, on the Grand River at Lake Michigan.

The City of Grand Haven and the Grand Haven Chamber of Commerce hired the Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio to assist them in the review of the waterfront area around the Chinook Pier buildings. Important site elements deserving consideration included a stadium and ferry landing area, parking and driveways, paths and walkways, gathering spaces, a potential water feature or interactive fountain, and service access.

The design process included an intensive two-day design charrette that entailed working closely with the Steering Committee and coming away with a general consensus on a conceptual plan for the project area. The Steering Committee included representatives from the City staff, members of the Chamber of Commerce, DDA and Planning Commission, as well as a local business owner and tenant in the Chinook Building.

The overall plan provided a conceptual consensus plan for the project area incorporating the input from the Steering Committee, and the conceptual alternatives that came out of the design charrette. The plan included a high-quality public gathering space at the Ferry Landing area, park-like open space for passive recreation or gathering during events, suitable parking, and the expansion and relocation of a farmers market.



Chinook Pier Area Land Use Plan

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