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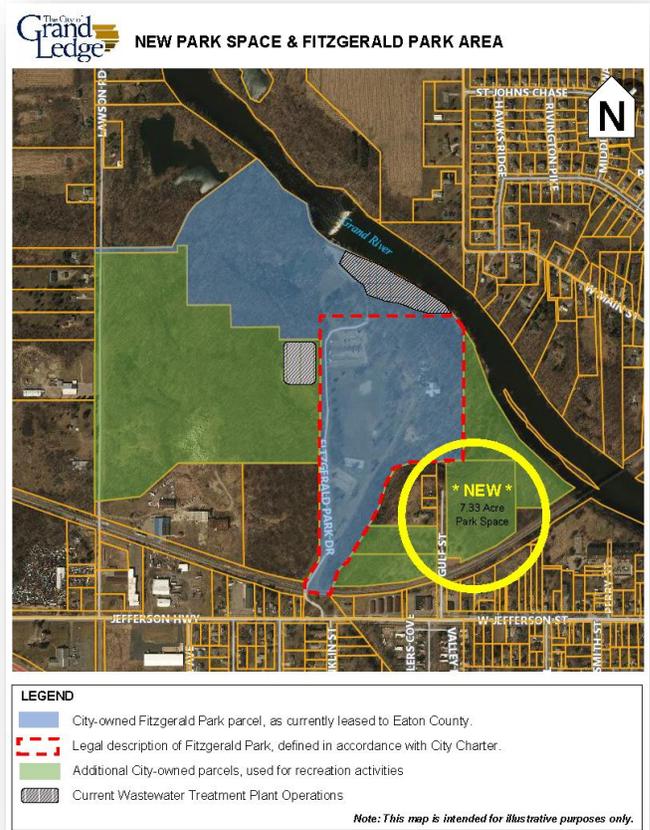
## Opening of New 7.33 Acre Park Space in Grand Ledge

GRAND LEDGE, MI, August 27, 2020 — The City of Grand Ledge officially opened a new 7.33 acre park space to the public today, August 27, 2020 marking the newest addition of park land in the City. The new park space is located at 175 Gulf Street off of West Jefferson Street with a gravel parking lot and rustic trails within the 7.33 acres leading to sandstone ledges and 133 feet of frontage along Sandstone Creek. As with all City parks, this space is open every day, dawn to dusk, and there is no charge to enter.

The addition of this 7.33 acre park was made possible through the award of a competitive, acquisition grant award from the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund (MNRTF) administered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and matching funds from the City of Grand Ledge. The MNRTF ranked the City’s project #1 out of 30 acquisition projects that were funded in 2018. As with all MNRTF grant agreements, the City commits to preserving this 7.33 acres as public park land in perpetuity.

“This MNRTF grant has enabled the City to not only add over 7 acres of natural park land but also over 170 feet of frontage along Sandstone Creek with spectacular views of the historic sandstone ledges,” said City Manager, Adam Smith.

“Visitors to this new park space, that I’ll refer to as ‘Little Fitz’, can enjoy walking, hiking, biking, bird watching, fishing, and general enjoyment of nature less than one mile from Grand Ledge’s vibrant downtown. The City of Grand Ledge is committed to expanding park space for all to enjoy. We are deeply appreciative of the MNRTF’s support,” said Grand Ledge Mayor Thom Sowle. “We look forward to bringing the community together when Governor Whitmer deems it safe to do so, for an



official dedication ceremony. Until that time, we encourage the public to get out and experience the abundance of nature within the City and to please follow CDC guidelines.”

The MNRTF funds projects that provide for natural resource protection and outdoor recreation. Final grant recommendations are made by the MNRTF Board to the state legislature for final approval. More information about the MNRTF can be found at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr).

For additional information on parks in Grand Ledge, visit [www.cityofgrandledge.com/parks](http://www.cityofgrandledge.com/parks) and follow [@CityofGrandLedgeGovernment](https://www.facebook.com/CityofGrandLedgeGovernment) on Facebook for updates.

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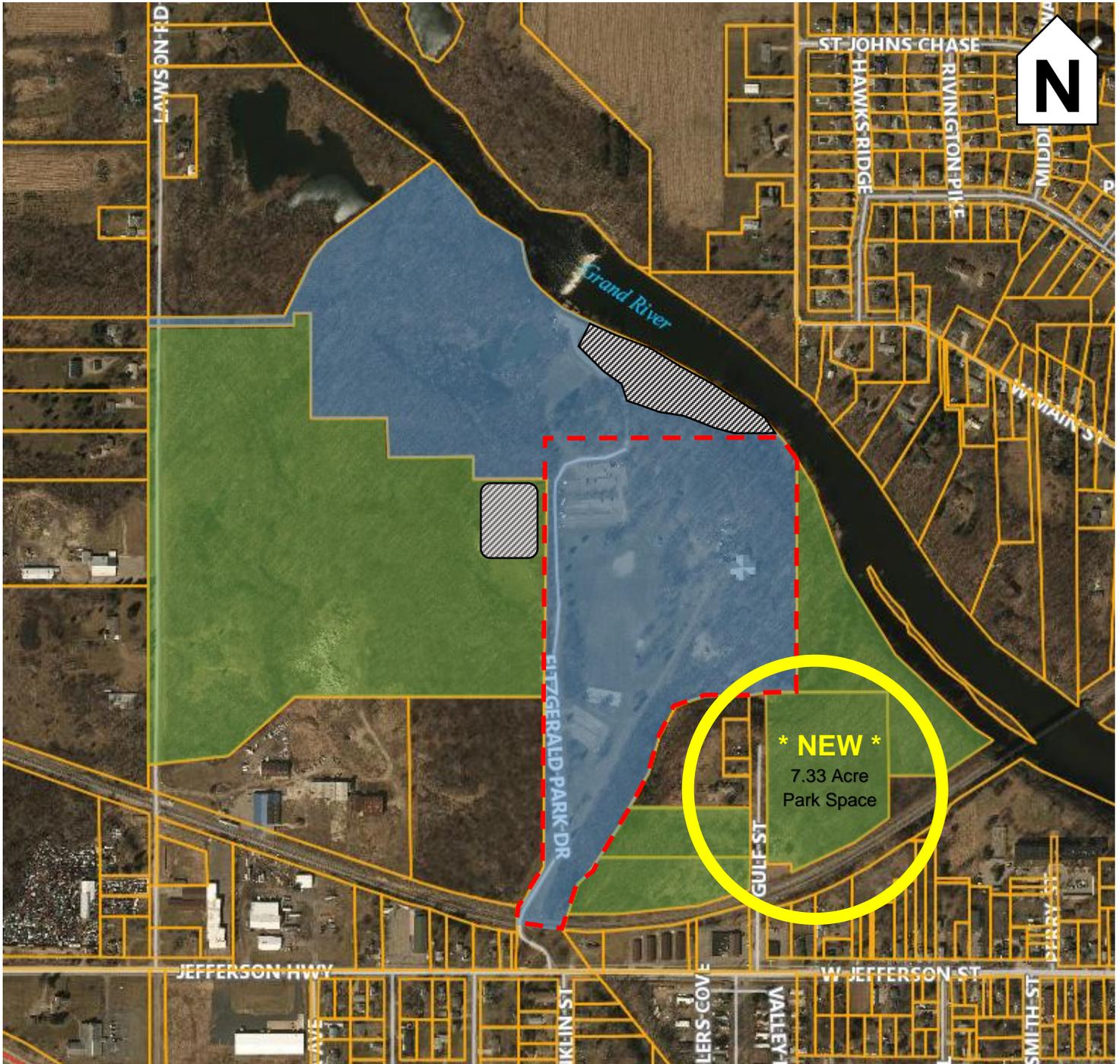
**VISIT THIS NEW ADDITION TO OUR CITY PARKS TODAY!**

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**LEGEND**

- City-owned Fitzgerald Park parcel, as currently leased to Eaton County.
- Legal description of Fitzgerald Park, defined in accordance with City Charter.
- Additional City-owned parcels, used for recreation activities
- Current Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations

*Note: This map is intended for illustrative purposes only.*



CITY OF GRAND LEDGE WELCOMES

# 7.33 ACRES OF NEW PARK SPACE!

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**OVER 7 ACRES OF NATURAL PARK AREA  
177 FEET ALONG SANDSTONE CREEK  
ICONIC SANDSTONE LEDGES**

Explore Grand Ledge's newest park - great for walking, hiking, biking, bird watching, fishing, and enjoying the scenic beauty of the historic sandstone ledges.



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