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## Senator Young Secures A \$500,000 Grant To Renovate Point Gratiot Park

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DUNKIRK – Senator Catharine Young (R,C,I-57th District) today announced that she has secured \$500,000 to cover the cost of renovations for Point Gratiot Park in the City of Dunkirk.

The park, located on the shores of Lake Erie, is used by residents and visitors for a variety of activities, including picnicking, sporting events and sightseeing. The park also offers visitors amenities such as playground equipment and beach access.

“Having open park space available for residents enhances everyone’s quality of life. With its tremendous lake access and sandy beaches, Point Gratiot Park provides city residents and

visitors with a variety of opportunities to enjoy the tremendous natural beauty and resources that our region possesses and it has a direct positive impact on the city's economy. This grant also is exciting news for residents, because the renovations to the park will be able to be made without burdening the property taxpayers" said Senator Young.

"The funding also will go a long way in bringing long-term relief to taxpayers, as the upgrades will allow the city to market the park as a recreation destination, encouraging tourism and support for local businesses. Enhancing quality of life opportunities has a direct impact on our economy and the spirit of the city, and the upgraded park space will make Point Gratiot Park a community center for the next generation," said Senator Young.

City of Dunkirk Mayor Willie Rosas said, "The City of Dunkirk is thrilled and grateful for the grant funding Senator Young has secured, I was pleased to work with her on this project. Point Gratiot Park has been overdue for renovations and thanks to this funding the park will be able to remain a vibrant part of our community. Whether it is relaxing on the beach, playing on the playground, or taking advantage of the trails, there is something for everyone at Point Gratiot Park. The extensive upgrades and repairs funded through Senator Young's grant would not be possible otherwise, and it will provide residents and visitors to our community many years of enjoyment. We thank Senator Young for her continued commitment to the people of Dunkirk."

As a result of the funding secured by Senator Young, the city will undertake several renovation projects for Point Gratiot Park. The roofs on all six of the park's pavilions will be replaced. Electrical, plumbing and structural repairs also will be made to the pavilions. Restrooms will be reconstructed in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards and the kitchen area of the main pavilion will undergo renovations, after previously being deemed unhygienic.

"This funding truly is exciting news for the city, and I am happy to be able to assist the City of Dunkirk and taxpayers. When renovated, Point Gratiot Park will be another positive example of what can happen when people work together," Senator Young said.