

COVERT TOWNSHIP
BEACH AND CAMPGROUND SOUTH BOARDWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

PART 1

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Covert Township will receive sealed bids for the construction of the Covert Township Park – South Boardwalk Rehabilitation Project until 2:00 pm, local time on the 29th day of October, 2026, at the office of the Township Hall, 73943 E Lake St, Covert, MI 49043 at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The work for which bids are being requested consists of the following:

Contract

The Base Bid includes complete removal and replacement of the existing boardwalk and stairs at the south end of Covert Township Park. The project consists of approximately 356 linear feet of new ADA-compliant boardwalk, 35 linear feet of stairs, and an 180-square-foot overlook. The new boardwalk system will connect to the existing paved pathway, traverse the dune, and provide access to the beach. To provide a fully accessible route to the water's edge, the project also includes an aluminum access ramp and a mobility mat. The complete improvements will enhance accessibility while providing a durable and aesthetically consistent boardwalk system. Under a separate contract, the north boardwalk has been replaced; materials of the south boardwalk will need to match the north boardwalk to maintain a consistent appearance throughout the park. The bid includes one alternate: the lowest, most beachward two sections of boardwalk (approximately 58 linear feet) will be constructed with a removable deck system to allow for seasonal removal or maintenance as needed.

The project is located in a Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy Critical Dune Area. EGLE/USACE Joint Permit (JPA), a Van Buren County Drain Commission Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Permit (SESC) and Vegetation Assurance requirements are included as part of this contract document.

A non-mandatory on site Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on October 21, 2026 at 10:30 AM, local time.

The project is funded by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Natural Resources Trust Fund in the amount of \$300,000.00 with a local match of \$142,300.00 for a total project cost of \$442,300. The goal of the Township is to update the boardwalk to the extent that the budget dollars allow.

The contractor and all subcontractors must complete construction to all applicable local, state and federal codes, as amended; including but not limited to the federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 2010, as amended; the Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act, Act 220 of 1976, as amended; the Playground Equipment Safety Act, P.A. 16 of 1997, as amended; the Utilization of Public Facilities by Physically Limited Act, P.A. 1 of 1966, as amended; the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, Act 453 of 1976, as amended; and the 2013 Access Board's Final Guidelines for Outdoor Developed Areas.

The Contract Documents including plans and specifications may be obtained at no charge by downloading from the Wightman website bidding page at <https://bids.gowightman.com/>. Neither the OWNER nor the ENGINEER will be responsible for partial sets of documents obtained from any other source. The Advertisement for Bids, Plan Holder's List, all Addenda, and the Bid Tabulation will also be posted on the Wightman website bidding page at www.gowightman.com/bids.

The OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities in bidding. The use of local contractors and labor is encouraged.

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A certified check or bank draft drawn on a solvent bank in the State of Michigan payable without condition to the OWNER or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and a surety company, in an amount equal to 5 percent of the bid shall be submitted with each bid.

No bids may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for at least ninety (90) days.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a satisfactory Performance Bond and a Labor and Material Bond in the amount of 100 percent of the Contract price. Bond forms are included in the Contract Documents.