Traverse City Waterfront
Open Space in the 1970's
2010 Bayfront Plan was paid using TIF funds
Advantages
- Removes train station and fenced yard from Con Foster building, opening views into the park
- Strengthened connections between park, downtown, and shoreline
- Access to shoreline and view point at peninsula through parking relocation
- Con Foster Building as park anchor with opportunity for events programming and rental of park spaces to community
- Artesian well element focal point of Con Foster Gardens
- Informal amphitheater and plaza on west end
- Bath house integrated into park setting
- Universal design throughout, with only one stair as secondary access route from tunnel
- No added costs associated with train

Disadvantages
- TART trail moving through site may result in pedestrian conflicts
- Does not include Train as a park amenity
The $150,000 DTE grant is to be used for the waterscape.
Existing Conditions
View of south pier end

View toward river mouth
View of north pier end
Open Seating at the Open Space
Inviting people to sit for a spell and enjoy the view.

How can we make this space more inviting?

The City of Traverse City is seeking your input. Write to us at:
openspacechairs@traversecitymi.gov
Budget

Averts money to roads

Lawmakers also found $177 million through the elimination of the state Earned Income Tax Credit. Republican Rep. Larry Inman said the credit was a small part of the package but the most controversial and sensitive aspect for Republicans and Democrats alike. The tax credit goes to low-income working families and data compiled by the Brookings Institution showed in 2013 it benefited 6,667 working families in Grand Traverse County, the area Inman represents.

Inman said he does not favor eliminating the credit and he has concerns about the entire package’s sustainability, but he still voted for the bill. “They had enough votes to pass it and I am going to support the plan as it is,” Inman said. “This is just the start ... and I’m expecting the governor or Senate to add in a revenue generator ... and maybe we can restore the earned income credit.”

Bayfront

Have a seat in the Open Space

City planner hopes to add seating to location

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TRAVERSE CITY — Is the Open Space too open? One city official thinks ware agreed to donate the chairs and he said officials plan to start out with six to see if they’ll hold up to the occasional gusty winds. He said Open Space-goers will be able to move the chairs to various spots and he’ll be interested to see if they are embraced or dismissed as unnecessary.
Thank You Ace Hardware
for providing chairs at the Open Space!

Share your comments: email openspacechairs@traversecitymi.gov