

Sheboygan County Stewardship Fund 2002

Village of Elkhart Lake: Nature Trail



The Village of Elkhart Lake received a grant in the amount of \$21,333 to construct two miles of nature trails in the Village in partnership with the Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah Athletic Association.

This project completes a larger trail network that has been under construction for the past 10 years. The trails are intended to be used for hiking, jogging, pet walking, cross-country skiing, snow-shoeing, bird watching, and nature study. The total cost of the project was \$47,159.



The Village of Elkhart Lake has an 2004 estimated population of 1,052 people. Situated north of the Kettle Moraine Forest-Northern Unit and on the northeastern shores of Elkhart Lake, just up the road from the famous Road America raceway, this community relies heavily on tourism.

The Village culture and economy centers on the tourism industry, which attracts visitors to the Oostoff Resort and other local destinations, bed and breakfasts, art galleries, shops, and restaurants. The Village maintains a “small town” atmosphere and its downtown streets are thriving throughout the year with various events. This “small town” feeling shines through in the local playground and the athletic park that were both made possible through the efforts of local volunteers. Nearly 25% of the Village’s housing is seasonal or recreational.

