

Robert H. Long Nature Preserve Park

Client Charter Township of Commerce

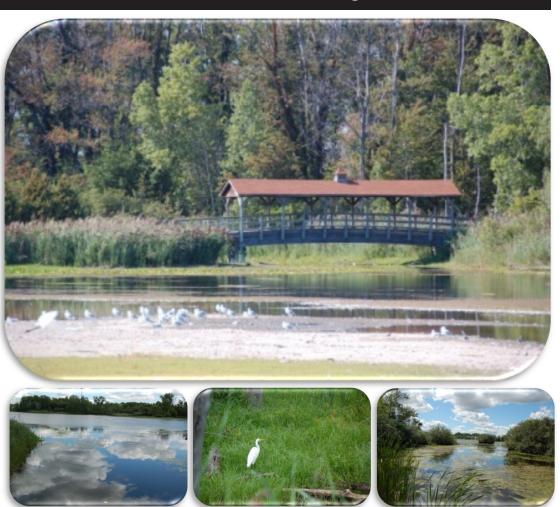
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Completion Dates
Design
1999

Wetland Monitoring In-progress

Services Provided Landscape Architecture Environmental



Giffels Webster was retained by Commerce Township to prepare the Park Master Plans for several Commerce Township parks including Robert H. Long Nature Preserve Park. Using donations from local developers and businesses, in conjunction with a Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant, Giffels Webster developed the final design for Robert H. Long to create a 110+ acre nature preserve park.

The park included lake improvements, wetland areas, nature trails, nesting islands, and a covered bridge. Giffels Webster is currently monitoring the wetlands and lake for vegetative development and hydrology establishment.

The park area had previously been drained and mined for peat and had little value as a wetland habitat. The project included dredging, a small level control structure, pathways, a pavilion, and parking lot. The park is now one of Commerce Township's most popular parks