

Explore the Riverfront District

The City of Grand Haven's Historic Conservation District Commission invites you to take a step back in time as you explore the Riverfront District.

Along your journey you will become acquainted with the area bound on the south by Jackson Street and Harbor Drive, on the north by the Grand River and the south channel, on the east by Second Street, and on the west by the end of the south pier head. Many of the railroad and shipping associated industries were located in this district.

Today, the district contains many of today's municipal parks, retail shops, Waterfront Stadium, the Musical Fountain and the boardwalk. Locals and visitors come in droves to Grand Haven to enjoy a host of events and activities held along the waterfront throughout the year, but summer is certainly peak season. The Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival has been an event held on the waterfront since 1924 (escalating in 1937). The City of Grand Haven was named Coast Guard City, USA in 1999.

This self-guided walking tour can begin at any point on the map. Parking and public restrooms are designated on the map.

For more information about the history of this area, visit:

Tri-Cities Historical Museum

200 Washington Avenue
Grand Haven, MI 49417
tri-citiesmuseum.org

Loutit District Library

407 Columbus Avenue
Grand Haven, MI 49417
loutitlibrary.org

Grand Haven City Hall

519 Washington Avenue
Grand Haven, MI 49417
grandhaven.org

About this Brochure

This walking tour was arranged by the Grand Haven Historic Conservation District Commission. We would appreciate your feedback. For a current listing of board members, visit grandhaven.org or you may contact a commission representative by calling the Grand Haven Building and Planning Office at 616-847-3490.

You are also welcome to attend the Grand Haven Historic Conservation District Commission meetings to ask questions or share information. Meetings take place on the third Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m., at Grand Haven City Hall, 519 Washington Avenue, Grand Haven, MI.

Sources: In The Path Of Destiny, 2007
David H. Seibold, D.D.S.

Historic photos provided by,
Tri-Cities Historical Museum 2014©

Other photos provided by,
City of Grand Haven

Historic

RIVERFRONT DISTRICT

Historic Conservation District

Self-Guided

Walking Tour

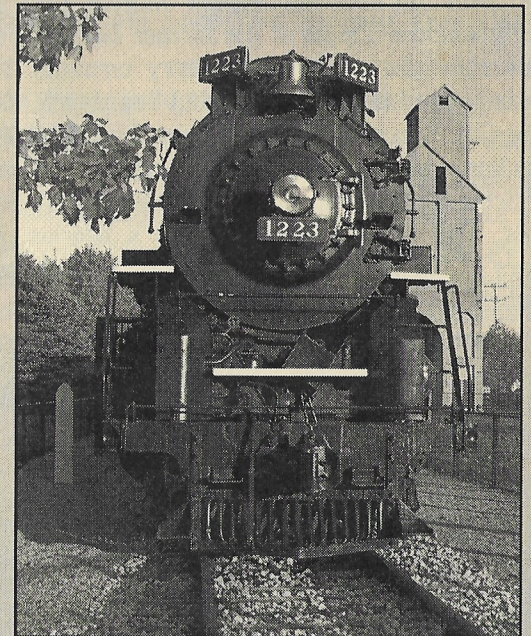
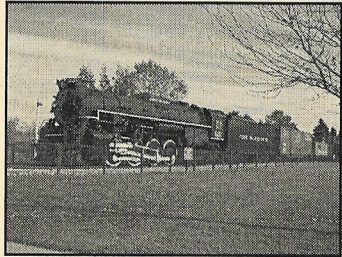


Photo By Mary A. Snedeker

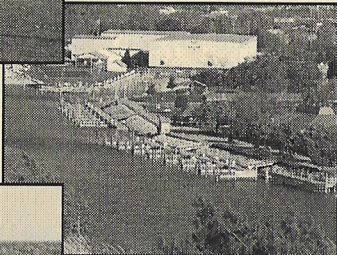
Created By,
The Grand Haven
Historic Conservation
District Commission 2014©

Then & Now

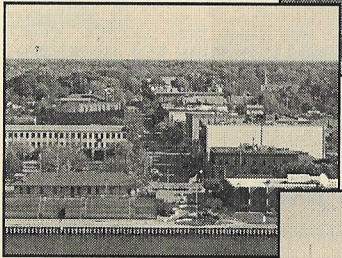
See if you can match these present day photos with the numbered historic descriptions from inside this brochure.



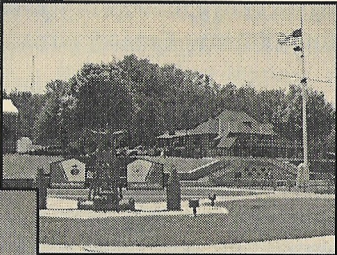
Answer: #2



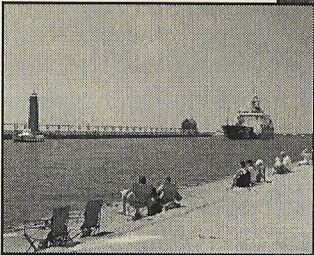
Answer: #1



Answer: #3



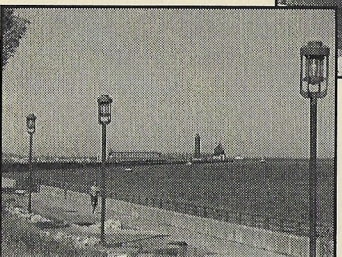
Answer: #5



Answer: #7



Answer: #4



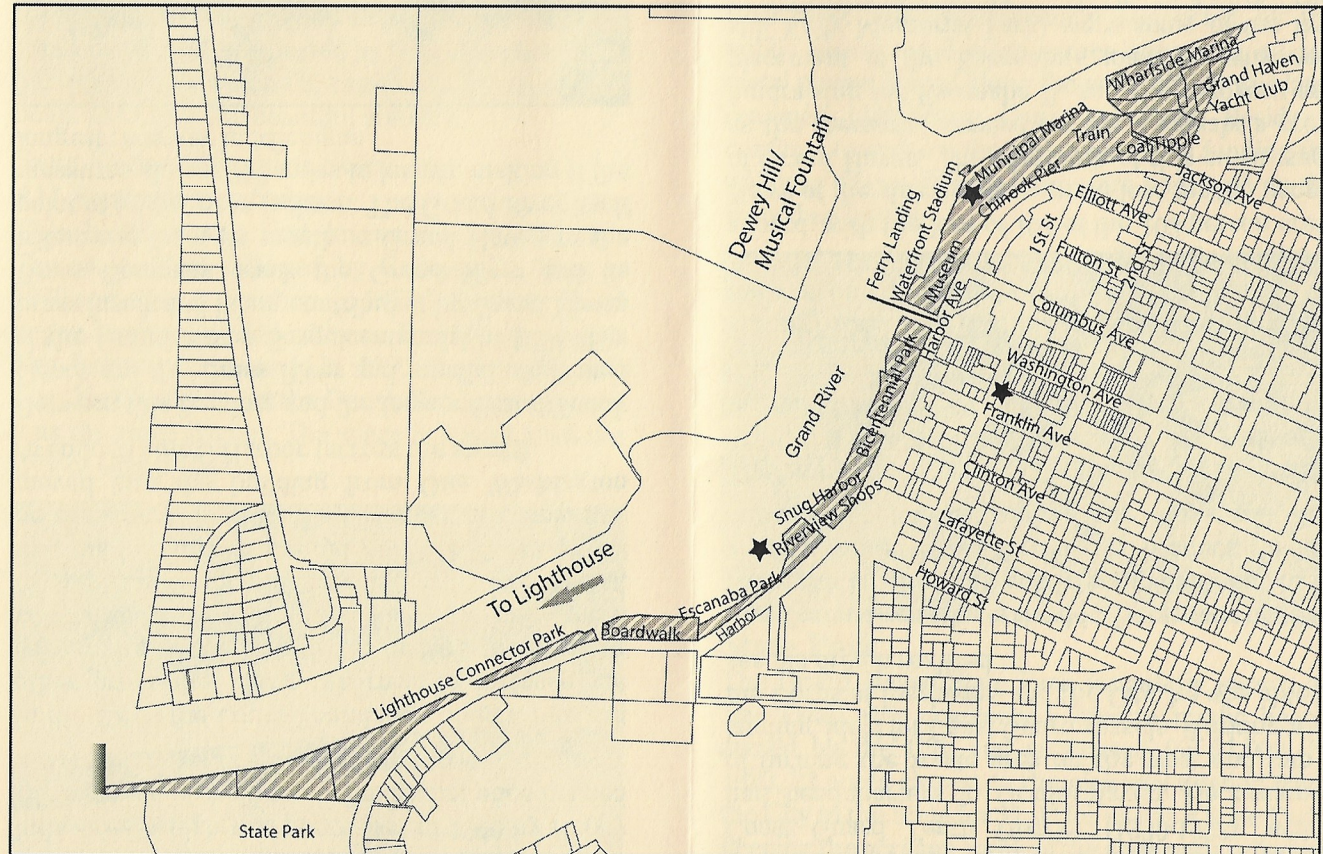
Answer: #6

HISTORIC RIVERFRONT DISTRICT

Historic Conservation District

Self-Guided Walking Tour

Created by, The Grand Haven Historic Conservation District Commission 2014©



Legend

- Parcel Map
- RiverFront

★ Restrooms

River Front Historic District

0 0.05 0.1 0.15 0.2 0.25 Miles