

River Planning Grant RP-234-13

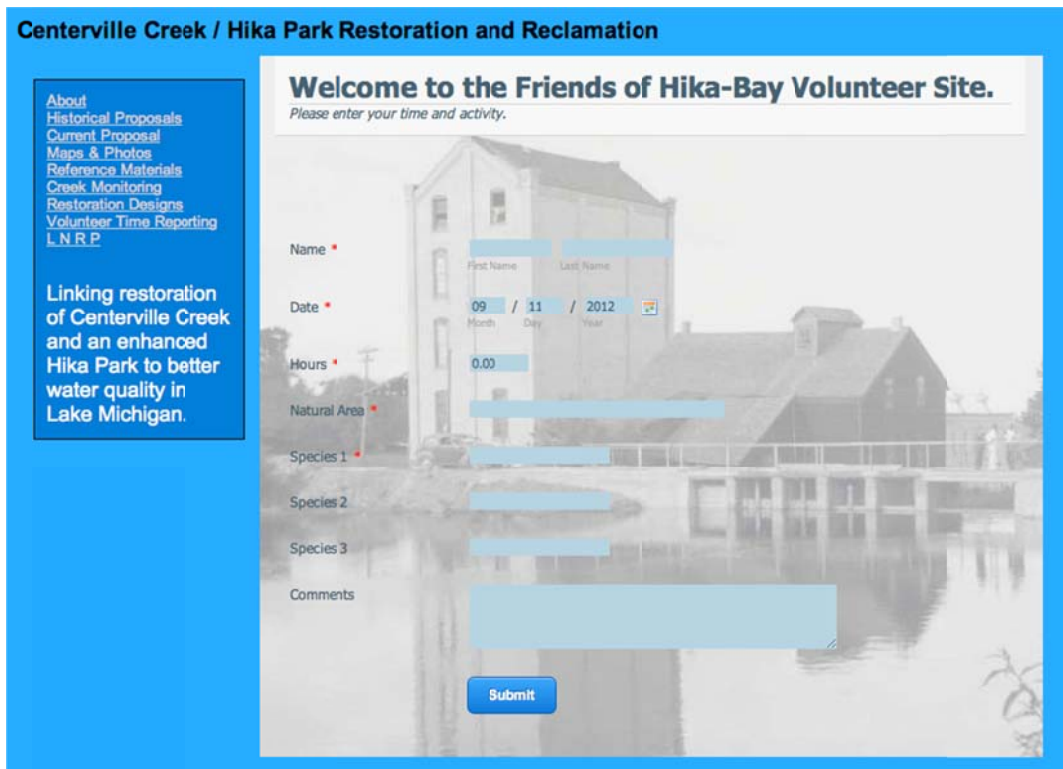
Implementing the Action Plan for the Friends of Hika Bay

Invasive Species

One of the priorities of the 5-year Action Plan for the Friends of Hika Bay is the identification and removal of invasive species.

Volunteers have worked at three locations during the cycle of this River Planning Grant. The Friends of Hika Bay Steering Committee and Tom Ward, AIS Coordinator for Manitowoc County give guidance for the work plan.

Volunteers are able to record their hours via www.hika-bay.org. Below is the page that volunteers log onto. The attached spreadsheet is a log of these hours.



The image shows a screenshot of a web-based volunteer time reporting form. The page has a blue header with the text "Centerville Creek / Hika Park Restoration and Reclamation". On the left side, there is a navigation menu with links: "About", "Historical Proposals", "Current Proposal", "Maps & Photos", "Reference Materials", "Creek Monitoring", "Restoration Designs", "Volunteer Time Reporting", and "L.N.R.P.". Below the menu is a text box that reads: "Linking restoration of Centerville Creek and an enhanced Hika Park to better water quality in Lake Michigan." The main content area is titled "Welcome to the Friends of Hika-Bay Volunteer Site." and includes the instruction "Please enter your time and activity." The form fields are: "Name" (with sub-fields for "First Name" and "Last Name"), "Date" (with dropdowns for "Month", "Day", and "Year", showing "09 / 11 / 2012"), "Hours" (with a text input showing "0.00"), "Natural Area" (with a text input), "Species 1", "Species 2", and "Species 3" (each with a text input), and "Comments" (with a large text area). A blue "Submit" button is located at the bottom of the form. The background of the form area shows a photograph of a large, multi-story building with a porch, situated near a body of water.

Hika Park

Friends of Hika Bay have adopted Hika Park and will continue to work with the Village of Cleveland to develop a framework for tying together a comprehensive approach to restoring the abandoned millpond and enhancing Hika Park. This project has restored 2,000 feet of Centerville Creek to just beyond the confluence of the South and North Branch of Centerville Creek by removing the sediment and creating a gradient to restore

flow. The project is now 90% complete with additional invasive species removal and native landscaping planned for 2014.

Point and Fischer Creek Parks

We have mapped invasive species in Point Creek Conservation Area and Fischer Creek Park and begun removing invasive species that are located there. Permission was granted by the Manitowoc County Parks Department.

Phragmites

Intentions are to create an inventory of invasive species in the watersheds in southern Manitowoc County that feed Lake Michigan. We using GPS coordinates and mapping to enhance the knowledge of these areas. We plan to collectively pool resources to professionally treat mapped areas. With the proper tools in place, we will be able to keep an ongoing log of the treatments for future reference.