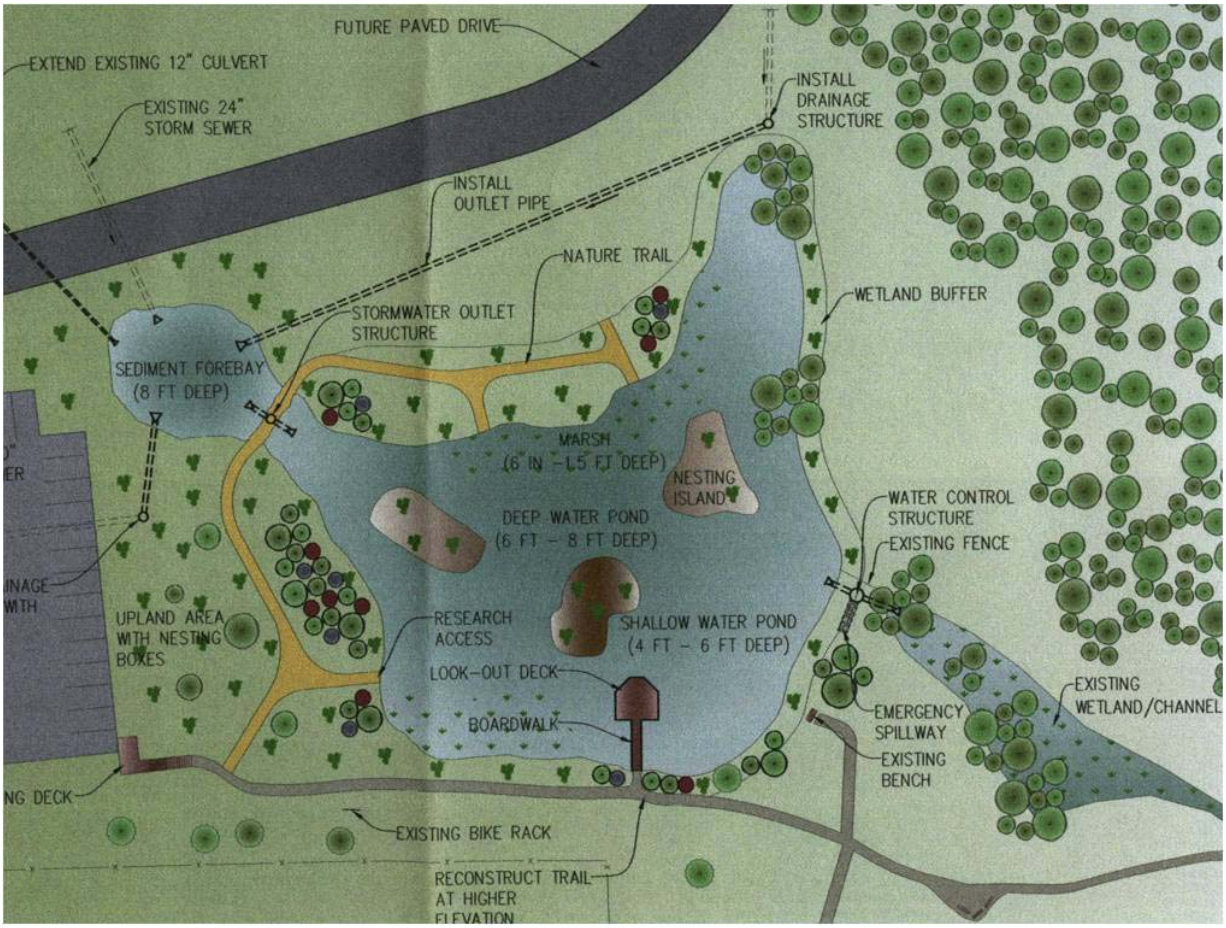
NCMC's Natural Area Retention Pond

Back in the spring of 2009, the Community Foundations granted $7,500 to North Central Michigan College to pay for an engineering study and redesign of the storm-water retention pond within the Natural Area at NCMC. Working with Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council and the Northwest Design Group, the NCMC Natural Area Committee was successful in studying and creating a new design for the storm-water retention pond to replace the existing, ineffective pond. The plan is in line with the Little Traverse Bay Watershed Plan that guides efforts in the Little Traverse Bay watershed.

In part because of the completed plan, Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council recently received over $300,000 in Environmental Protection Agency grant funding to implement the plan at the Natural Area. This was part of a bigger package of "shovel-ready" protection and restoration projects that the Watershed Council applied for on behalf of this area, with total grant funding of nearly $888,000. What a huge benefit to our community!



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