

Syndicate Dune Park

Dune Wildlife & Vegetation

Michigan dunes are home to federally listed threatened and endangered species. The diversity of wildlife, topographic relief, vegetation, habitats, and climatic conditions occurring within these landforms represents a phenomenon unique to the State of Michigan.



Prairie warbler
(*Dendroica discolor*)
Endangered Species
(legally protected)



Pitcher's thistle
(*Cirsium pitcher*)
Threatened (legally protected)
Pitcher's Thistle grows only on shorelines or sand dunes of the Great Lakes.



Spotted turtle
(*Clemmys guttata*)
Threatened (legally protected)



Photo by AJ Brucks

Did you know...

Michigan's shoreline is a showcase for 275,000 acres of sand dune formations. These windswept dunes represent the largest collection of freshwater dunes in the world.



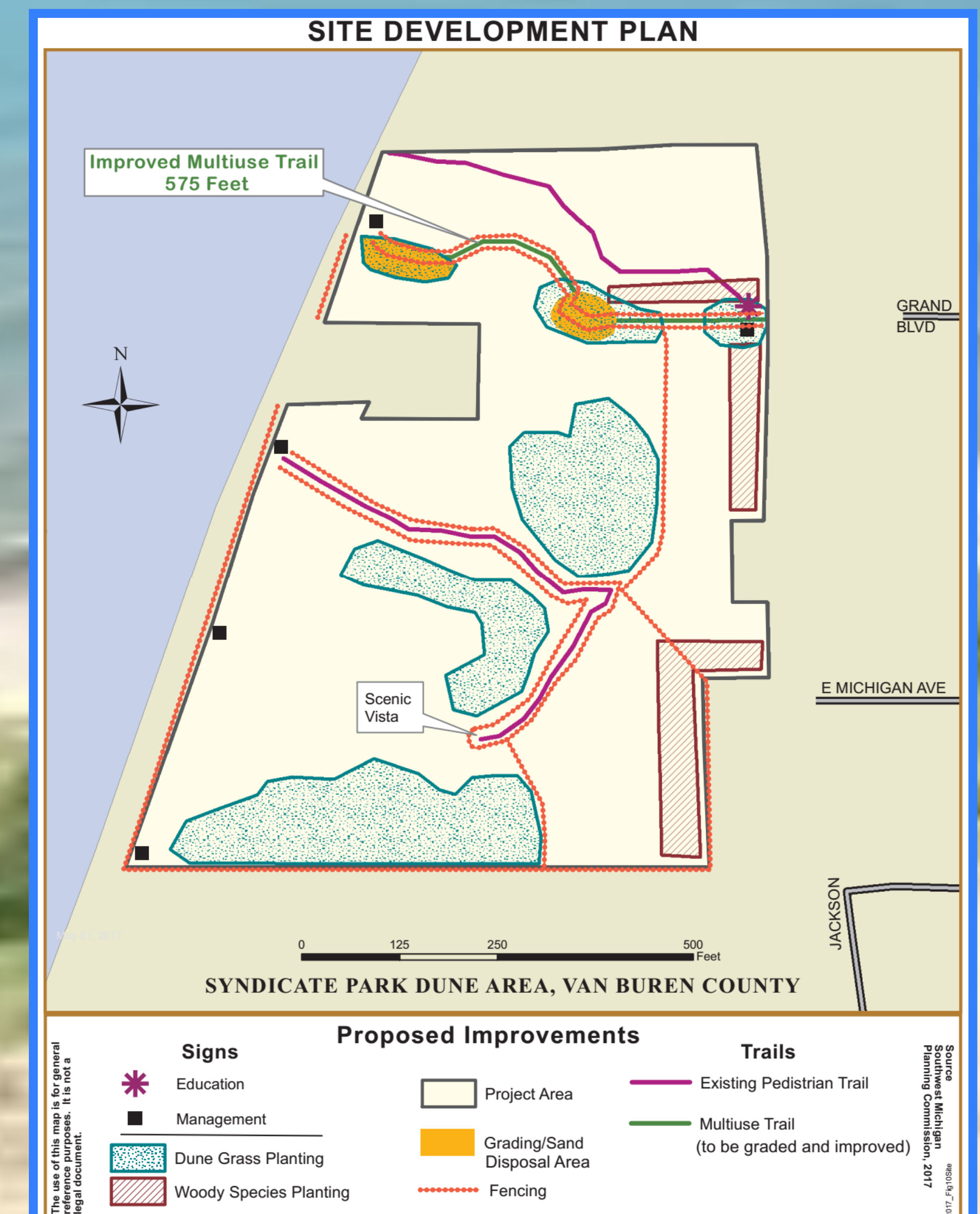
Photo by Bette Pierman

Beach Grass or Marram Grass (*Ammophila breviligulata*)

Clearly one of the most critically important dune plants. Its fast growing rhizomes can respond to the constantly shifting sands, enabling this species to serve as a significant sand binder.

Dune Restoration

Without sand dune plants, the integrity and preservation of a stable dune complex cannot exist. This map shows areas of revegetation and designated trails to help stabilize and protect Syndicate Dune.



For more information visit: <http://www.swmpc.org/syndicatepark.asp>

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