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South Bar Lake is a very special natural resource.

It is habitat for an unusually broad range of aquatic species, plants, and wildlife. It is a living example of how man and nature can harmoniously co-exist. This has and continues to require environmentally sensitive development which respects the importance of the natural environment.

South Bar Lake's southeast shoreline and wetlands are undisturbed and are ecologically essential to the balance and diversity of life supported by South Bar Lake. It supports fragile plant vegetation, reptiles, and animals, including bird's, living, nesting, and rearing of their young. A boardwalk through this extremely sensitive habitat is unnecessary as upland alternatives exist, as required by Michigan law. This would have unacceptable negative impacts to aquatic resources.

The South Bar Lake Association is opposed to such a boardwalk from Johnson Park to Empire Beach and recommends other walkway options be fully explored and pursued.

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