



# NÄRÄ CHALET *and* Interpretive Center

“Life’s most noble aspiration  
is to leave the world  
a better place.”

Bob and Ruth Nara

1993

Bob and Ruth Nara donate land for the original Nara Nature Trail to the City of Houghton, including a site for the new Nara Animal Shelter (opened 2005).

2009

Nara Chalet and Interpretive Center opens. By offering unique public amenities such as showers, an open fireplace, and interpretive information, the chalet practices the Nara Foundation’s creed—

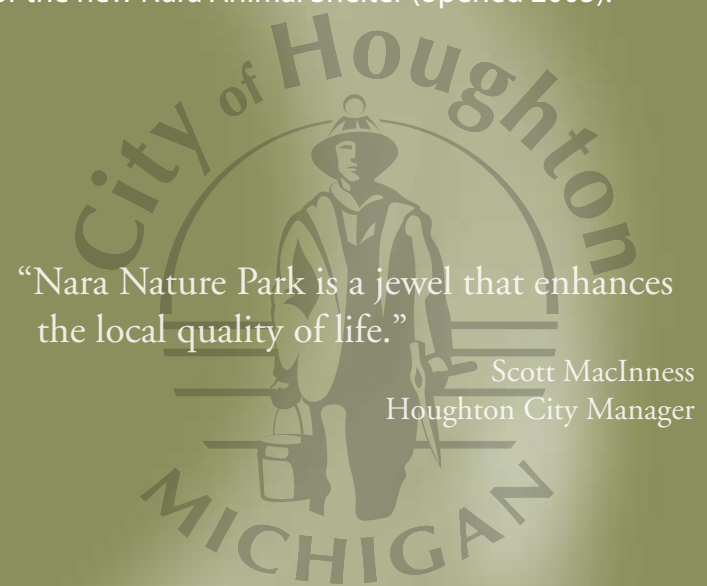
**NARA**  
FOUNDATION  
*generosity, common sense  
and always do the right thing*

2008

Michigan Tech’s School of Forest Resources and Environmental Science plans, maps and clears the trails linking the Tech Trails to the Nara Nature Park trails.

2007

Bob and Ruth Nara provide part of the financial assistance needed to purchase property linking Nara Nature Park to the Michigan Tech recreational trails.



“Nara Nature Park is a jewel that enhances the local quality of life.”

Scott MacInness  
Houghton City Manager

2006

Michigan Tech’s Forestry and Environmental Resource Management Enterprise joins the Nara Nature Park Advisory Committee and provides trail mapping, property marking, timber inventory, marking for existing trails and the harvest of marketable trees removed for trail development.

“Bob and Ruth are true philanthropists who love the Keweenaw and Michigan Tech. They practice what they call catalyst philanthropy – donating resources that will multiply by attracting additional funds – the centerpiece of which is the Nara Nature Park.”

Eric Halonen, Michigan Tech Fund

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