

## Do not desecrate Jean Klock Park

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Editor,

As a child I grew up in the Benton Harbor area and have many fond memories of spending time at Jean Klock Park with family and friends. Jean Klock Park was always the most beautiful stretch of beach in the area, with many local families and tourists enjoying its beauty.

This park should not be sacrificed to help the city of Benton Harbor raise revenue. There are a limited number of public beaches along the shores of Lake Michigan. The beaches we have need to be preserved so they can be enjoyed by many people, rather than by a few select individuals. Money should not be an issue in this case - simply do what is right. If the city of Benton Harbor is not financially able to care for the park, turn it over to the Berrien County Parks Department.

I would hope that the city of Benton Harbor reconsiders this plan and preserves this beautiful beach for future generations. To build single family homes on any part of this beach, which was always intended to be a "public" beach, would be a crime.

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