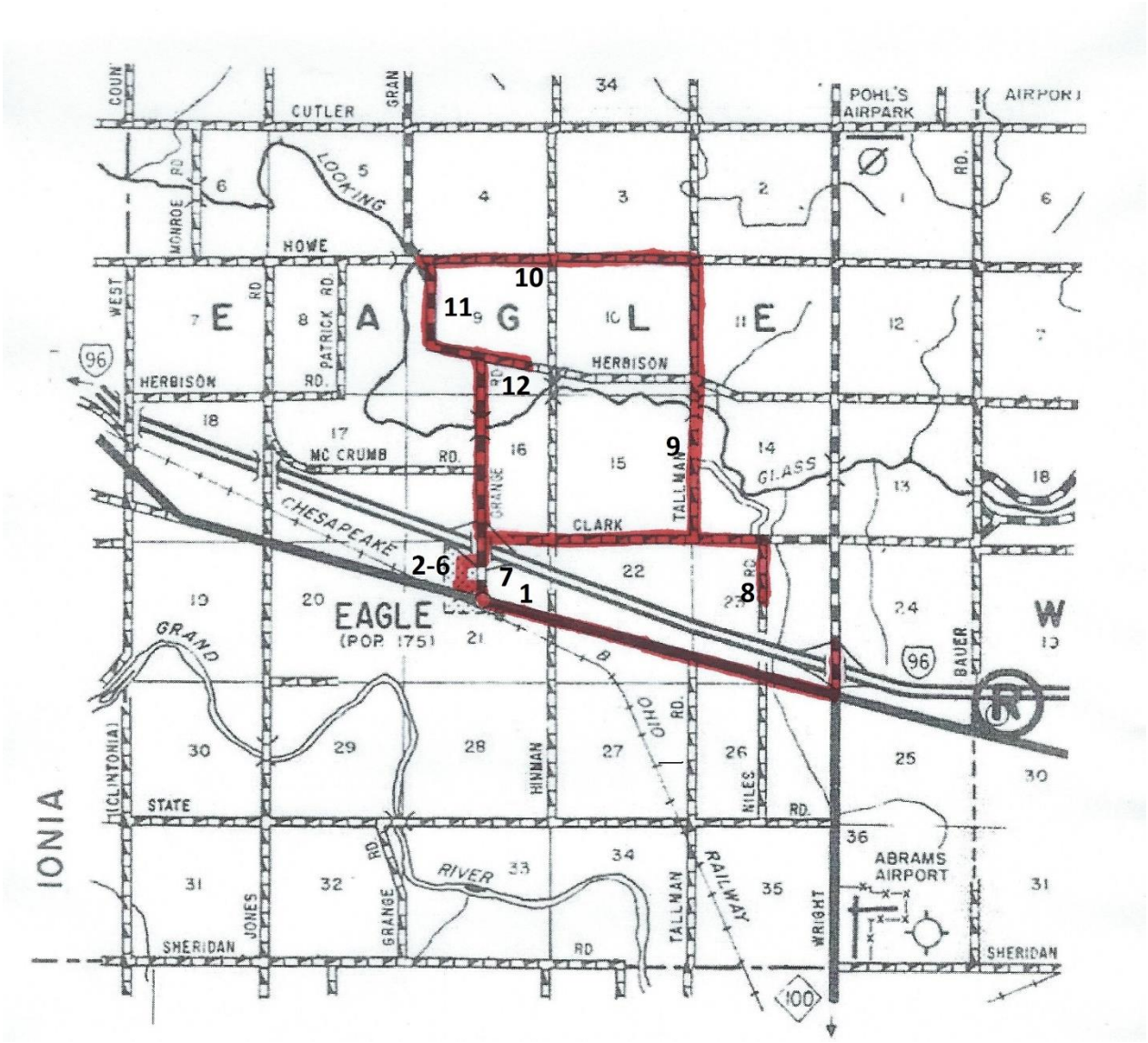
Eagle Township Tour

This tour begins on W. Grand River Road from the M-100-Wright Road exit off I-96. From the exit travel south to the four-way stop and turn right. You are now travelling along what was once the Grand River Trail used by Native Americans. Later it was M-16 and US-16 and the major connecting highway between Detroit and Grand Rapids.



1	**Eagle Village School** 13270 W. Grand River The first school on this site was built in 1873 and was known as the Jenison School. This building was moved and the current brick two room school building was opened in 1908 and became known as the Eagle Village School. While not in the current village of Eagle it is at the location of the original town hall, post office, and hotel. The school closed in 1969 and was converted into a residence. Continue west to the Village of Eagle.

2	**Village of Eagle** The Village of Eagle was the result of George W. McComb building a depot on his land in 1873 at his own expense next to the Ionia and Lansing Railroad tracks. A store and churches soon followed along with a new town hall. At Grange Road turn right and then left on Hill Street which is the first street on your left.
3	**First Store Building in Eagle** 14360 S. Grange Road, Eagle This building was built in 1873 for Loyal Hill and was at first a general store. Later it became a grocery store and today is Swamper's Party Stop. Turn right at the next intersection on Michigan Street.
4	**Old Universalist Church Building** 14324 Michigan Street, Eagle This attractive brick building was constructed as a Universalist Church. It later was purchased and became the Four Square Church. It is currently unoccupied.
5	**Eagle Town Hall** 14318 Michigan Street, Eagle The present townhall was built between 1885-1895 and replaced the first one which was located ¾ of mile east of Eagle on Grand River Road where there was a train stop ¼ mile to the south. Next to the original townhall was a post office, hotel, and school. After a train depot was built where Eagle is today. Continue north on Michigan Street.
6	**Old Eagle Methodist Church Building** 14258 Michigan Street, Eagle This building was dedicated on October 15, 1876. In November of 2011 the Methodists sold the building to the Believers Christian Church. After the Believers Christian Church opened a new building east of Eagle, the building was purchased by the Boy Scout Michigan Crossroads Council and is used as its headquarters and Scout store. Michigan Street will turn into North Street and end at Grange Road where you can see Eagle Park across the road.
7	**Eagle Park** 14331 S. Grange, Eagle Eagle Park hosts a number of activities including Eagle Days in September. Turn left on Grange Road and pass under I-96. Turn right on Clark Road which is just passed the Interstate and shares an exit ramp with the freeway. Travel east and turn right on Niles Road which is the second road on your right.
8	**Niles Cemetery** S. Niles Road south of W. Clark Road Located on a small hill, this is the final resting place for many early local residents. Turn around and go back to Clark and turn left. The second road on your right will be Tallman Road. Turn right on Tallman Road and the next location is about ½ mile on your left.
9	**Heath Farm** 13330 Tallman Road This was the first house built on Tallman Road around 1860. The farm has been in the same family since the beginning. Continue north on Tallman Road 1½ miles until you come to Howe Road. Turn left and the next location is a mile on your left just past the Hinman Road intersection.

10	**North Eagle School Building** 13049 W. Howe Road This square 30 foot by 30 foot school building closed in 1965 with the students bused to the Eagle Village School. It is now used as a private storage building. Continue west 1 mile and then turn left on Grange Road.
11	**North Eagle Cemetery** 12300 S. Grange Road Originally called the Simmons Cemetery, this cemetery was started on land owned by Joshua Simmons. In 1899 the North Eagle Cemetery Society was organized and the name changed to the North Eagle Cemetery. Near the front of this cemetery is the grave marked by a Michigan Historic Marker of Joshua Simmons who was a Revolutionary War soldier. Continue south and turn left on Herbison Road.
12	**Volk Farm** 13399 W. Herbison Road This farm has been in the Volk family since 1850. The house is modified Victorian in style. Turn around and return to Grange Road. From there turn left and go back to I-96 where this tour ends.

Additional Reading Suggestions:

As the Eagle Soars – Eagle Township history – See eagletownship.org and select History tab.