



WELCOME TO GROSSE POINTE FARMS

This area was once fully under water. Retreating glacial ice created a large lake covering what later became five Grosse Pointe communities and Lake St. Clair. Its shores were home and hunting grounds for Native Americans. In 1669, French explorers sailed into Lake St. Clair and discovered a large point of land rich in natural resources. Soon fur traders from France scouted the dense forests and wetlands. In the 1700s, strips of land by the lake were divided into narrow “ribbon farms” that reached inland for miles. French immigrants found rich soil, fine fishing, and a waterway to Detroit. During the 1800s, their farms, with many white flowering pear trees brought from France, gave way to summer cottages, then elegant mansions on large estates, and finally the neighborhoods we cherish today. You stand on “The Hill,” the heart of Grosse Pointe Farms.

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