



## WELCOME TO GROSSE POINTE FARMS

The city of Grosse Pointe Farms, celebrated for its scenic lakefront, was once fully under water. Retreating glacial ice left a lake covering much of what later became the five Grosse Pointe communities. Those waters receded to form Lake St. Clair. Its shores became the home and hunting grounds of Native Americans. In 1669, French explorers discovered the area, and soon French fur traders began scouting the dense forests and wetlands.

In the 1700s, strips of land became narrow "ribbon farms," reaching inland from the lake for miles. Farmers found rich soil, fine fishing and a waterway to Detroit. Over the years, the farms and their many pear trees gave way to summer cottages, then elegant mansions on large estates, and finally the neighborhoods we cherish today. Grosse Pointe Farms became a city in 1949. But the area's natural beauty and resources have attracted people for centuries. Today you stand on "The Hill," the commercial heart of our community – a place to meet friends, reflect on our past and look ahead to the enduring values of Grosse Pointe Farms.