

Resolution 14-43
Support for Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program (MLAP) Grant

Whereas, St. Clair County owns the Fort Gratiot Light Station and has worked diligently to maintain and renovate the buildings and grounds as funding allows; and

Whereas, St. Clair County partnered with the City of Port Huron to successfully complete a Federal Save Americas Treasures grant to restore the lighthouse; and

Whereas, St. Clair County has successfully completed a Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program grant to replace the Equipment Building roof and repair and repaint the Fog Signal Building roof and doors; and

Whereas, St. Clair County has also completed a Coastal Zone Management grant to install ADA walkways and interpretive panels at the Light Station; and

Whereas, St. Clair County Parks and Recreation has partnered with the Port Huron Museum to provide tours and programs at the Light Station and has hosted nearly 61,000 visitors since the site was re-opened to the public on May 19, 2012; and

Whereas, the Fort Gratiot Light Station Advisory Committee has recommended that St. Clair County apply for a second MLAP grant to repair and restore additional Light Station building roofs as identified by the Historic Structures Report (HSR); and

Whereas, the Port Huron Museum has pledged the required \$27,500.00 local match from funds raised by the Friends of the Fort Gratiot Light;

Whereas, the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission, adopted resolution 2014-04 recommending that the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners authorize the submission of an application to the Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program for a \$55,000 grant to replace the roof of the Lightkeepers Duplex as outlined in the HSR;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission is authorized and directed to file an application for a \$55,000 MLAP grant to repair and restore the Lightkeepers Duplex at the Fort Gratiot Light Station.

Dated: November 20, 2014

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