

RESOLUTION 2015-14
ST. CLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT FOR
MNRTF ACQUISITION GRANT PROJECT TF14-0093
FOR THE PURCHASE OF 2.1-ACRES OF PROPERTY
AS PART OF THE BLUE WATER RIVER WALK ALONG THE ST. CLAIR RIVER
LOCATED IN THE CITY OF PORT HURON
FOR DEVELOPMENT AS A COUNTY PARK
& COMMITMENT OF COUNTY MILLAGE FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the Community Foundation of St. Clair County has encouraged St. Clair County to pursue the acquisition of an additional 2.1 acres of vacant land as part of the Blue Water River Walk along the St. Clair River in the City of Port Huron; and

WHEREAS, the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission would like to acquire the property and develop the site as a fully accessible county park to support recreational activities along the St. Clair River including shoreline fishing, walking, picnicking and facilities to serve Bridge to Bay Trail users; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the St. Clair County Master Recreation Plan Acquisition Goals which propose to "Continue to work in concert with Acheson Ventures to promote public access along the shoreline portion of its property in downtown Port Huron"; to "Pursue the acquisition of new properties that are culturally and/or naturally significant in conjunction with the Southeast Michigan Greenways Plan"; and to provide "Opportunities for water access and a system of water trails"; and

WHEREAS, the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Land Acquisition Project Agreement number TF14-0093 for a \$118,400.00 grant with a \$41,600.00 local match constituting 26% from the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation millage; and


NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept the terms of the Agreement as received from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (the Department) and that the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners does hereby specifically agree, but not by way of limitation, as follows:

1. To appropriate all funds necessary to complete the project during the project period and to provide \$41,600.00 to match the grant authorized by the Department.
2. To maintain satisfactory financial accounts, documents, and records to make them available to the Department for auditing at reasonable times in perpetuity.
3. To regulate the use of the property acquired and reserved under this Agreement to assure the use thereof by the public on equal and reasonable terms.
4. To comply with any and all terms of said Agreement including all terms not specifically set forth in the foregoing portions of this Resolution.

Dated: June 4, 2015

Reviewed and Approved as to Form by:

ST. CLAIR COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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