

RESOLUTION 2020-04
ST. CLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT LAND ACQUISITION GRANT APPLICATION
FOR THE PURCHASE OF UP TO 16.25 ACRES OF PROPERTY ALONG THE
NORTH CHANNEL OF THE ST. CLAIR RIVER LOCATED IN CLAY TOWNSHIP
FOR DEVELOPMENT AS A COUNTY PARK
& COMMITMENT OF COUNTY MILLAGE FUNDS**

WHEREAS, Clay Township has encouraged the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission to pursue the acquisition of up to 16.25 acres of land located along the North Channel of the St. Clair River on M-29 between the DNR North Channel Boating Access Site and the Algonac Harbour Club; 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 with a canoe and kayak launch, swimming beach, shoreline fishing, walking trails, picnic facilities and facilities to serve Bridge to Bay Trail users; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the 5-Year St. Clair County Master Recreation Plan Acquisition Goals which propose to acquire new properties in appropriate locations that are culturally and/or naturally significant in conjunction with the Southeast Michigan Greenways Plan and the Michigan Natural Features Inventory; and to provide opportunities for water access and a system of water trails; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held on March 5, 2020 at the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners' Environment and Public Works Committee meeting to hear public comment on the proposed grant application; and

WHEREAS, the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission voted unanimously on March 11, 2020 to recommend that the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners approve the submission of an acquisition grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for the acquisition.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners does hereby commit to provide the required local matching funds from the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation millage in amount the amount of \$500,800; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners formally authorizes the submission of an acquisition grant application TF20-0073 titled "North Channel Shoreline Acquisition" to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund to purchase up to 16.25 acres of land along the North Channel of the St. Clair River in the Clay Township.

DATED: March 19, 2020

Reviewed and Approved by:



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