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**AGENDA - CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2014
6:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER.

II. ROLL CALL.

III. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

IV. PROCLAMATION.

52 Earth Day – April 5, 2014

V. COUNCIL ACTION.

39 Postponed at the March 19, 2014 Council Meeting.

Communication from the Director of Economic and Community Development, submitting a proposed resolution supporting the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application for the River Raisin Heritage Corridor Riverfront Connection, and recommending that City Council authorize and support the submittal of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Acquisition Grant Application for the River Raisin Heritage Corridor Riverfront Connection; in the form of the attached resolution.

40 Postponed at the March 19, 2014 Council Meeting.

Communication from the Director of Economic and Community Development, submitting a proposed resolution supporting the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Development Grant Application for the River Raisin Heritage Trail Riverwalk Extension, and recommending that City Council authorize and support the submittal of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Development Grant Application for the River Raisin Heritage Trail Riverwalk Extension, in the form of the attached resolution.

VI. MAYOR'S COMMENTS.

VII. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATION.

VIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS.

IX. CITIZEN COMMENTS

X. ADJOURNMENT.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA FACT SHEET

RELATING TO: Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Acquisition Grant Application for the River Raisin Heritage Corridor- East Area.

DISCUSSION: The Economic and Community Development Division, in partnership with the River Raisin National Battlefield Park Foundation and the National Park Service, is proposing to seek a grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for funding to purchase properties with the River Raisin Heritage Corridor East project area from willing sellers. The areas we believe are the highest priority for acquisition include 1) the several riverfront residential properties and small marina along E. Elm Ave., 2) the undeveloped and commercial properties along the River on E. Front Street, and 3) the properties between the CN and Norfolk Southern rail lines east of Eastchester Street. These properties correspond with portions of Activity Zones 3- Frenchtown Settlement, 6- Entertainment, and 7- Greenway of the River Raisin Heritage Corridor- East Master Plan and the City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2014-2018.

The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) projects provide for natural resource protection and outdoor recreation. Twenty five percent of the Trust Fund revenues available for appropriation each year can be used for development, therefore the majority of funding is allocated for acquisition projects. As of 2011, more than \$900 million in MNRTF appropriations have been made for more than 1,250 state and local recreation projects. MNRTF-assisted project sites must be dedicated to public outdoor recreation in perpetuity. Applications are evaluated using criteria established by the MNRTF Board of Trustees. The top priorities for the 2014 application round are Trails (including water trails), Wildlife/Ecological Corridors and Winter Deeryard (acquisition only), and Projects within an Urban Area. The proposed riverfront acquisitions and development of a greenway fit within these priorities. Recommendations are made by the MNRTF Board of Trustees to the Governor, which are forwarded to the Michigan Legislature for final approval and appropriation.

Local units of government must provide at least 25% of the project's total costs as local match. This match commitment must be identified in the application and at minimum a pledge by the local unit of government's governing board must be provided in its approval resolution. In accordance with the grant guidelines, the pledged match must then be secured by October 1 of the application year. Economic and Community Development staff is currently calculating the value of the land that the City, Port of Monroe, and private partners hold that could be dedicated and preserved for recreational uses and natural resource protection, and thereby utilized as match for this project. In addition to the land dedication, the City can count in-kind services provided by City staff and partner agencies toward the required match. An accurate project budget and the land values available for the required match will be available prior to the April 1 submittal deadline.

Submitting an application for funding in this 2014 grant round is important due to the significant planning efforts that have recently been completed (Exp. River Raisin Heritage Corridor- East Master Plan, City of Monroe Parks & Recreation Master Plan, and Resilient Monroe! Comprehensive Plan Amendment); and the high level of awareness these planning efforts currently have with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and other State agencies. It is critical to keep the momentum from these planning efforts and begin to realize the vision for this area of the community as well as the potential economic benefits these projects could bring to the Monroe community, southeast Michigan and the entire State.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that City Council authorize and support the submittal of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Acquisition Grant Application for River Raisin Heritage Corridor Riverfront Connection; in the form of the attached resolution.

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

- For *AS*
- For, with revisions or conditions
- Against
- No Action Taken/Recommended

APPROVAL DEADLINE: March 17, 2014

REASON FOR DEADLINE: Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Deadline of April 1, 2014

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: X For Against

REASON AGAINST: N.A.

INITIATED BY: Economic and Community Development Division

PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS, OR GROUPS AFFECTED: River Raisin National Battlefield Foundation (RRNBF), National Parks Service (NPS), Monroe County, Port of Monroe, Private Property Owners in the Project Area

FINANCES

COST AND REVENUE PROJECTIONS:	Cost of Total Project	\$ TBD
	Cost of This Project Approval	\$ TBD
	Related Annual Operating Cost	\$ 0*
	Increased Revenue Expected/Year	(\$ 0)**

* Property will be transferred to NPS or RRNBF, ** Property will become tax exempt.

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	City	Account Number	Amount
	Force Labor Accounts	TBD	TBD
	<u>Other Funds</u>		
	Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund		TBD
	County of Monroe Land Donation		
	Port of Monroe Land Donation		
	Homrich, Inc. Land Donation		

Budget Approval: _____

FACT SHEET PREPARED BY: Dan Swallow, Director of Economic and Community Development **DATE:** 3/11/14

REVIEWED BY: George Brown, City Manager



DATE:

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: March 17, 2014

**CITY OF MONROE
RESOLUTION**

**Support of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application for the
River Raisin Heritage Corridor Riverfront Connection**

1 **WHEREAS**, City Council of the City of Monroe supports the submission of an application titled,
2 "River Raisin Heritage Corridor Riverfront Connection" to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust
3 Fund for acquisition of 1) the several riverfront residential properties and small marina along E.
4 Elm Avenue, 2) the undeveloped and commercial properties along the River on E. Front Street,
5 and 3) the properties between the CN and Norfolk Southern rail lines east of Eastchester Street;
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8 **WHEREAS**, these properties correspond with portions of Activity Zones 3- Frenchtown
9 Settlement, 6- Entertainment, and 7- Greenway of the River Raisin Heritage Corridor- East
10 Master Plan; and,
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12 **WHEREAS**, the proposed application is supported by the Community's 5-Year Approved Parks
13 and Recreation Plan; and,
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15 **WHEREAS**, City of Monroe has made a financial commitment to the project of at least 25% of
16 the project costs; and,
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18 **WHEREAS**, if the grant is awarded the applicant commits its local match and donated amounts
19 from the following sources:

- 20 County of Monroe Land Donation
 - 21 Port of Monroe Land Donation
 - 22 Homrich, Inc. Land Donation
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24 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Monroe hereby
25 authorizes submission of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application, and further
26 resolves to make available its financial obligation in an amount at least 25% of the project cost,
27 during the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

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29 **AYES:**

30 **NAYES:**

31 **ABSENT:**

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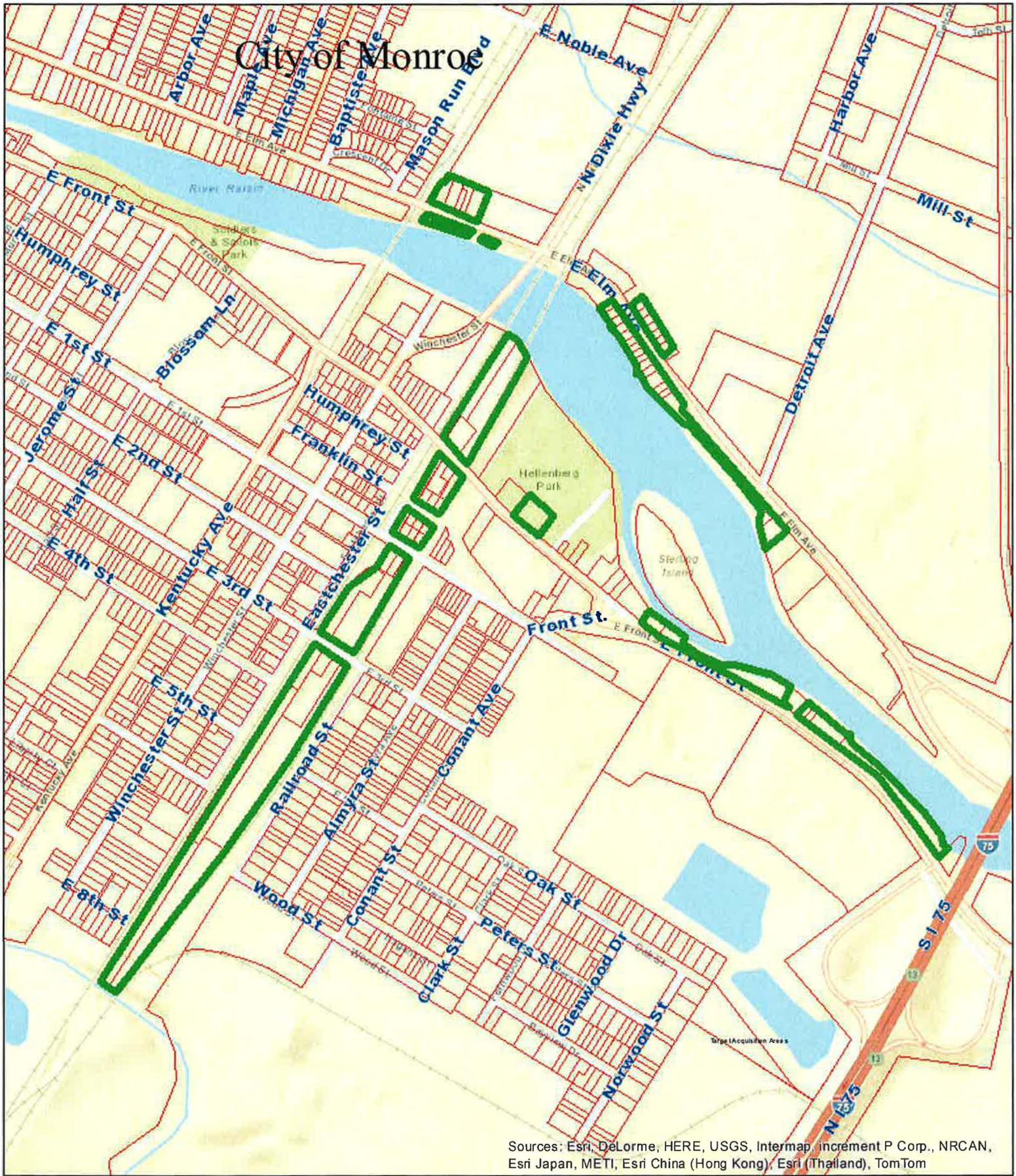
35 **RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**

36 I, Michelle J. LaVoy, City Clerk-Treasurer of the City of Monroe, County of Monroe, State of
37 Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is an exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the
38 City Council of said City, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 17th day of March 2014.

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Michelle J. LaVoy
City Clerk-Treasurer

City of Monroe



Sources: Esri, DeLorme, HERE, USGS, Intermap, increment P Corp., NRCAN, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), Esri (Thailand), TomTom



Geographic Information System (GIS)
Engineering Department

1 inch = 752 feet
March 12, 2014
City of Monroe
Target Acquisition Areas



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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA FACT SHEET

RELATING TO: Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Development Grant Application for the River Raisin Heritage Trail Riverwalk Extension.

DISCUSSION: The existing River Raisin Heritage Trail provides approximately eight miles of paved hike-bike trails and sidewalks along safe and scenic routes within the City of Monroe and Frenchtown Township. The Trail connects major historic sites, state and local parks, nationally significant buildings, monuments and important natural and ecological features. However, access and viewing of the River Raisin is limited through the downtown area and adjacent neighborhoods. The current extent of the Riverwalk only covers a small portion of the riverfront from the new Riverfront Park and Parking Lot to the western edge of Soldiers and Sailors Park. This proposed project would extend the Riverwalk east, through Soldiers and Sailors Park, and develop the connections for its further eastward extension to Gateway Park (Winchester Street Bridge).

The proposed Riverwalk extension enhances several recent investments the City, State, and Federal governments, as well as the Downtown Development Authority have already made in the River and downtown Monroe. The Macomb Street Bridge, one of the primary access points to the Riverwalk, was rebuilt to open up views and improve pedestrian access from both sides of the River. The Riverfront Park and Parking Lot was specifically designed to enhance connections from the downtown to the Riverwalk. This project included a new gazebo, landscaping and clearly delineated pedestrian access points from an inviting parking area that is utilized as a trailhead. Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funded projects removed or modified the low-head dams in the River, creating highly desirable rock rapids that attract wildlife and enhance the views of the River. Now, extending the Riverwalk would provide access further east along the River and advance the on-going efforts to make the River a natural resource and recreational asset for Monroe. This project has also been identified as a priority in the recently adopted City of Monroe Parks and Recreation Plan 2014-2018.

The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) is a State funding source designated to provide for natural resource protection and outdoor recreation. As of 2011, more than \$900 million in MNRTF appropriations have been made for more than 1,250 state and local recreation projects. MNRTF-assisted project sites must be dedicated to public outdoor recreation in perpetuity. Applications are evaluated using criteria established by the MNRTF Board of Trustees. The top priorities for the 2014 application round are Trails (including water trails), Wildlife/Ecological Corridors, and Projects within an Urban Area. The proposed Riverwalk extension meshes closely with each of these priorities.

Local units of government must provide at least 25% of the project's total costs as local match. This match commitment must be identified in the application and at minimum a pledge by the local unit of government's governing board must be provided in its approval resolution. In accordance with the grant guidelines, the pledged match must then be secured by October 1 of the application year. An accurate project budget and the available funding from alternate sources (Exp. Wastewater and/or Water Funds) for the required match will be available prior to the April 1 submittal deadline. Funding for this project was identified in the Capital Improvements Program as a future project for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that City Council authorize and support the submittal of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Development Grant Application for River Raisin Heritage Trail Riverwalk Extension; in the form of the attached resolution.

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

- [Handwritten Signature]*
- For
 - For, with revisions or conditions
 - Against
 - No Action Taken/Recommended

APPROVAL DEADLINE: March 17, 2014

REASON FOR DEADLINE: Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Deadline of April 1, 2014

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: X For Against

REASON AGAINST: N.A.

INITIATED BY: Economic and Community Development Division

PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS, OR GROUPS AFFECTED: Department of Public Services (Maintenance), Private Property Owners in the Project Area

FINANCES

COST AND REVENUE PROJECTIONS:	Cost of Total Project	\$ TBD
	Cost of This Project Approval	\$ TBD
	Related Annual Operating Cost	\$ 3,000.00*
	Increased Revenue Expected/Year	\$ 0

* Seasonal maintenance and trash collection.

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	<u>City</u>	Account Number	Amount
	Capital Improvements Program	TBD	TBD
	<u>Other Funds</u>		
	Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund		TBD

Budget Approval: _____

FACT SHEET PREPARED BY: Dan Swallow, Director of Economic and Community Development **DATE:** 3/11/14

REVIEWED BY: George Brown, City Manager



DATE:

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: March 17, 2014

**CITY OF MONROE
RESOLUTION**

**Support of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application for the
River Raisin Heritage Trail Riverwalk Extension**

1 **WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan supports the submission of an
2 application titled, "River Raisin Heritage Trail Riverwalk Extension" to the Michigan Natural
3 Resources Trust Fund for the development of a multi-use pathway along the River Raisin from
4 its current terminus at the west end of Soldiers and Sailors Park, east toward the Winchester
5 Street Bridge; and,

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7 **WHEREAS**, the proposed application is supported by the City of Monroe's 5-Year Approved
8 Parks and Recreation Plan; and,

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10 **WHEREAS**, City of Monroe has made a financial commitment to the project of at least 25% of
11 the project costs, in cash and/or force account.

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13 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Monroe hereby
14 authorizes submission of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application, and further
15 resolves to make available its financial obligation in an amount at least 25% of the project cost,
16 during the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

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19 **AYES:**
20 **NAYES:**
21 **ABSENT:**

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24 **RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**

25 I, Michelle J. LaVoy, City Clerk-Treasurer of the City of Monroe, County of Monroe, State of
26 Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is an exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the
27 City Council of said City, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 17th day of March 2014.

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32 Michelle J. LaVoy
33 City Clerk-Treasurer



Geographic Information System (GIS)
Engineering Department

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March 12, 2014

City of Monroe

Riverwalk Extension



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RIVER RAISIN HERITAGE TRAIL SYSTEM



SURFACE KEY & LEGEND

- SIDEWALK (ONE SIDE)
- SIDEWALK (BOTH SIDES)
- ASPHALT PATH
- RAILROAD
- RESTROOMS
- OPEN APR.-NOV.
- OPEN ALL YEAR

- Navarre-Anderson Trading Post
- Munson Park
- St. Antoine Memorial Monument
- Veterans Park
- Monroe Family YMCA

- Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
- Memorial Place/Kentucky Monument (War of 1812)
- Monroe County Historical Museum
- St. Mary Catholic Church
- Custer Equestrian Monument
- Loranger Courthouse Square

- River Raisin National Battlefield Park
- Accessible Fishing Pier
- Ford Marsh/Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge
- Wm. C. Sterling State Park

RECREATION & FITNESS | 1.4 MILES

This section of the trail is the preeminent venue for local fitness enthusiasts. It is not unusual to find young mothers with strollers, pet owners, couples, friends, joggers, and bikers sharing the trail year-round. The local YMCA is the eastern anchor providing a point of departure to cultural and recreational amenities located on the west side of the city. At the mid-point, Veterans Park salutes our military men and women who have served from WWI through the present. Veterans Park also offers the opportunity to fish along the River Raisin, enjoy a leisurely lunch outside, or take a few moments to relax during a workout on the trail. Proceeding west from Veterans Park, the trail provides scenic views of the river and terminates in Monroe's premier recreational facility, Munson Park. The park offers skateboarding, soccer and ball fields, walking and nature trails, a sledding hill and much more. On-street bike lanes continue to the 18th century Navarre-Anderson Trading Post.

This section of the trail is constructed of asphalt and averages 6 feet in width. The path goes under Telegraph Road and crosses to the north side of North Custer (W. Elm Avenue) as it nears Munson Park. A 5-foot-wide shoulder bike path now connects Munson Park to the Navarre-Anderson Trading Post.

HISTORY & CULTURE | 1.7 MILES

This section of the trail runs through an area containing some of Monroe's oldest and most elegant homes. From early territorial governors to industrial leaders, Elm Avenue and its adjoining neighborhoods reflect architectural styles and periods ranging from the early 19th century through today. The Custer Equestrian Monument and St. Mary Catholic Church are two of the community's most notable landmarks. Visitors can also find shops, restaurants and cultural attractions, such as a Custer Exhibit at the Monroe County Historical Museum and the War of 1812 Memorial Place. Downtown is easily accessible from Elm Avenue via Monroe and Macomb Streets.

City sidewalks make up a majority of this section of the trail and range in width from 4 - 6 feet. The Riverwalk, a 10-foot wide pathway running along the river, is accessible from St. Mary's Park (near the Custer monument) and at the Macomb Street Bridge.

BATTLEFIELD & WETLANDS | 4.4 MILES

This section of the trail, which is largely contained within Sterling State Park, is adjacent to the Ford Marsh unit of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, and is near to the River Raisin National Battlefield Park, site of a significant battle in the War of 1812. The trail provides visitors with an outstanding opportunity to step back in time and experience the marshes and wetlands that the early French settlers first explored, hunted, and called home. Views of Lake Erie and of the natural habitats of indigenous wildlife and waterfowl are accessible from the main path and side trails. Bicyclists can experience nature on an extended ride and bird watchers can add unique species to their sighting list.

This section of the trail is an 8-10-foot wide asphalt path with several side trails and viewing decks. The trail can be accessed from Sterling State Park, the River Raisin National Battlefield Park, or the City of Monroe's Multi-Sports Complex (on N. Dixie Highway west of the battlefield).

From the parking area at the start of the Sterling State Park Loop, shortest route to the Wetlands Trail Head is 1.5 miles.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the 9th annual observance of Earth Day will be held on April 5th, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day is a day to bring awareness and appreciation for the Earth’s natural environment; and

WHEREAS, local communities can do a great deal to reverse environmental degradation and contribute to building a healthy society by Living *Green* and finding new ways to conduct business more efficiently and environmentally friendly; and

WHEREAS, alternative energy options related to green automobile technology use can have a very positive impact; and

WHEREAS, 19 Monroe County schools have received Michigan Green School certification in 2014 as recognition for their efforts in fostering environmental stewardship among their faculty and students, and

WHEREAS, Monroe residents are encouraged to protect and preserve the environment and participate in Earth Day activities and discover ways to live a greener life, and

WHEREAS, this Mayor and City Council are extremely proud and honored to share in this celebration observing Earth Day and would like to thank all of the contributing sponsors for sponsoring Earth Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert E. Clark, Mayor of the City of Monroe, with the full support of City Council, do hereby proclaim April 5, 2014, as “**EARTH DAY**” in Monroe, and as we continue to raise environmental awareness we encourage all residents to participate in Earth Day activities that will protect our environment and promote sustainability.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of the City of Monroe to be affixed this 26th day of March 2014.

Robert E. Clark, Mayor

Council Members:

Jeffery A. Hensley, Precinct 1

John Iacoangeli, Precinct 2

Kellie M. Vining, Precinct 3

Jeremy J. Molenda, Precinct 4

Gloria Rafko, Precinct 5

William D. Sisk, Precinct 6