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**RIVER RAISIN MINI-DOCUMENTARY WORLD PREMIERE AT
NATIONAL WILDLIFE CONSERVATION FILM FESTIVAL IN NEW YORK CITY**

(MONROE, MI) - The City of Monroe's Commission on the Environment and Water Quality's (COTE) recent mini documentary film has been accepted as an entry at the acclaimed Wildlife Conservation Film Festival (WCFF). An international film festival based in New York City, the WCFF showcases more than 100 independent films over ten days that promote sustainability and the conservation of biodiversity.

The festival, which runs October 17 through October 27, 2019, takes place at the Cinema Village Theater near Union Square, and draws film producers and scientists from around the world to showcase their films and participate in panel discussions and Q&A's. Countries represented include the United States, Australia, Brazil, China, England, Germany, India, Mexico, Nigeria, Singapore and more.

The eleven-minute River Raisin mini documentary film details the extensive remediation cleanup work, habitat restoration and recreational enhancements that have taken place in the river over the past two decades. This work, coalescing in an effort to delist it as an Area of Concern (AOC), has included the removal of dams, installation of fish passages, and reinvigoration of the natural environment.

The WCFF event will be the 'world premiere' of the film, providing an excellent opportunity to showcase the regional work in our community on a global platform and enhancing existing educational outreach material and initiatives COTE has released.

COTE chairperson, Brian James Egen: "This is a positive statement of Monroe's hard work on a federally identified issue. With the assistance of many local, state and federal partners, the legacy of the River Raisin will continue as a positive contribution for our children and future generations."

The video can be viewed on the River Raisin Legacy Project web site:

<http://www.riverraisinlegacyproject.com/>

The WCFF's mission is inform, engage and inspire audiences about the need and importance for the protection of global biodiversity. A full roster of selected films that will be screened can be found here: <https://www.wcff.org/nyc-festival-2019/> (Please note that this list is updated regularly).

Incorporated in 1817, the City of Monroe is a community that has a shared vision that seeks to balance the opportunities of economic development with the stewardship that is required for historic preservation. With a population of 20,733, Monroe is located about 17-miles north of Toledo, Ohio and about 35-miles south of Detroit. The City of Monroe is Michigan's third oldest community, and is also the county seat of Monroe County. Continually moving forward with innovative vision, the City of Monroe is Raisin' Expectations.

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