

**RESOLUTION 2011-33
ST. CLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND
LAND ACQUISITION GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF
2.75-ACRES OF PROPERTY ON THE ST. CLAIR RIVER
LOCATED IN THE CITY OF PORT HURON
FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A SECTION OF THE BRIDGE TO BAY TRAIL
& COMMITMENT OF COUNTY MILLAGE FUNDS**

WHEREAS, Acheson Ventures, owners of St. Clair River shoreline between the Seaway Terminal and the Black River in City of Port Huron, are willing to sell a portion of their property to St. Clair County for use as a County park and a section of the Bridge to Bay Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Community Foundation of St. Clair County is spearheading the development of the Blue Water River Walk which will be part of the Bridge to Bay Trail and will include the restoration of shoreline habitat and the protection of permanent public access to the St. Clair River shoreline south of the Black River, and has asked St. Clair County to assist the public project by purchasing the south end of the project area from Acheson Ventures; 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 on September 8, 2011 to maintain its commitment to providing the maximum local match for the grant application; and

WHEREAS, subsequent discussions with Acheson Ventures have resulted in an expected purchase price of \$250,000 and total grant expenses of \$300,000;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners does hereby commit to provide a 50% local grant match from the County Parks and Recreation millage in amount of 150,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners formally authorizes the submission of an amended acquisition grant application and supplemental information to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund to purchase 2.75-acres of land along the St. Clair River in the City of Port Huron from Acheson Ventures.

Dated: August 3, 2011

ST. CLAIR COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Reviewed and Approved by:



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