RESOLUTION 2013-03 ST. CLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT

LAND ACQUISITION GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF 9.4-ACRES OF PROPERTY ALONG THE NORTH CHANNEL OF THE ST. CLAIR RIVER LOCATED IN CLAY TOWNSHIPFOR 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 9.4 -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 Boat Harbour; 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 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 13, 2013 at the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to hear public comment on the proposed grant application; and

WHEREAS, the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission voted unanimously on March 13, 2013 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 \$100,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners formally authorizes the submission of an acquisition grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund to purchase 9.4-acres of land along the North Channel of the St. Clair River in the Clay Township.

Dated:

March 21, 2013

Reviewed and Approved by:

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Board of Commissioners: