

**2013-21 RESOLUTION
ST. CLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND MNRTF
ACQUISITION GRANT APPLICATION #13-106
FOR THE PURCHASE OF 9.4-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 St. Clair County 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 paths, 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, at the request of the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission, the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners approved the submission of MNRTF grant application number 13-106 for a \$300,000.00 grant with a \$100,000.00 local match constituting 25%; and

WHEREAS, in order to improve the grant application score and improve the county's chances to receive a grant award, the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission has committed to increasing the local match to 26% from the County Parks and Recreation millage in the amount the amount of \$104,000.00; and

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners authorizes the submission of an acquisition grant application amendment to pledge a 26% local match to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund in the amount of \$104,000.00 to purchase 9.4-acres of land along the North Channel of the St. Clair River in the Clay Township and to authorize Mark Brochu, Parks and Recreation Director to submit all required documentation.

Dated: September 19, 2013

Reviewed and Approved by:



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