

RESOLUTION 2022-60
ST. CLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND SUBMISSION TO THE MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY (EGLE)
2023 HIGH WATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM FOR PROPOSED
IMPROVEMENTS AT NORTH CHANNEL COUNTY PARK TO MITIGATE EFFECTS
OF HIGH WATER, EROSION, FLOODING AND RELATED EVENTS

WHEREAS, the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners encourages and supports the continued development of all county parks in order to promote outdoor recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, the recent acquisition of the waterfront property along the St. Clair River between Lake Huron and Lake St. Clair, known as the North Channel County Park, will provide public access and enjoyment for the community at a 16-acre site that was previously held by a private owner and not accessible nor maintained to address the impacts and vulnerabilities of high water levels or seasonal weather events; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) has released a request for proposals for grants of up to \$1,500,000 with a required 20% local match commitment to develop and implement nature-based or green infrastructure projects that will directly address potential flooding, coastline erosion or storm water management along public waterfronts; and

WHEREAS, the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission has received the Master Plan for development of the North Channel County Park and elements of the plan include infrastructure to protect the existing shoreline and restore natural habitats with nature based and green methods; and

WHEREAS, comments were encouraged during the regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting held on November 17, 2022; and

WHEREAS, St. Clair County is eligible and would like to submit an application for the consideration of a 2023 High Water Infrastructure Grant in the amount of \$112,500 with a committed local match of \$37,500 (representing approximately 25%) from the annual county millage funds and other local donations or project funding made available for a total project cost of \$150,000.

WHEREAS, the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission has voted to recommend that the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners approve the submission of the development grant application and the commitment of local matching funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners does hereby support and formally authorizes the submission of a grant application in the amount of \$112,500 for consideration of a 2023 High Water Infrastructure Grant and agrees to commit the required local match funds of \$37,500 from the County Parks and Recreation Commission annual millage fund, along with any local donations or project funding made available; for the purpose of

nature based and green infrastructure to be developed along the shoreline of the new North Channel County Park.

Dated: November 17, 2022

Reviewed and Approved As To Form By:



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