



August 21, 2023

City of Buchanan  
302 Red Bud Trail  
Buchanan, MI 49107

Attention: Mr. Rich Murphy, Community Development Director

**RE: MCCOY CREEK TRAIL EXTENSION – CURRENT PROJECT**

Dear Rich:

Congratulations on receiving formal notification for the DNR Trust Fund Grant. I wanted to give you a quick update on the funding breakdown for this trail project that will continue the trail to River Saint Joe. MDOT has already committed 2024 construction dollars in the amount of \$339,770.00 and the DNR Trust Fund has committed design and construction dollars in the amount of \$300,000.00 to this project. One more grant from MDOT Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) with a contribution of \$81,000 is likely to be approved at the September NATS meeting. These dollars along with the local funds raised by committee members will meet the total match amount for design and construction of the trail as presented in the DNR Agreement.

When referring to their own grants, both MDOT and MDNR only look at their contribution dollars versus match dollars. Match dollars can be made of a multitude of sources just as they are for this project. For the DNR agreement, the match dollars are listed as \$519,800.00 but are not matched by City funds along. The match dollars are made of the MDOT contribution, the City's contribution, AEP, and many individual donations. Without the work of the committee to raise additional local funds, this project would not be able to move forward.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Suzannah M. Deneau'.

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