

**CITY OF BUCHANAN
COUNTY OF BERRIEN, STATE OF MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION NO. 2022.03/426**

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR LOCAL MATCH FOR DNR MNRTF GRANT FOR
THE MCCOY'S CREEK TRAIL EXTENSION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the City of Buchanan City Commission supports the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) submission of an application titled, "The McCoy's Creek Trail Extension Project" to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) for the development of an approximately 0.7-mile extension of the existing McCoy's Creek Trail, an existing non-motorized walking, biking, and running trail in Buchanan.

WHEREAS, the project will extend the existing McCoy's Creek Trail from EB Clark Woods to Walton Road over St. Joseph River bridge and to River St. Joe Brewery located in both the City of Buchanan and the Township of Buchanan in Berrien County.

WHEREAS The McCoy's Creek Trail Extension Project will create an important connection from the existing McCoy's Creek Trail that traverses through Historic Downtown Buchanan and surrounding neighborhoods to public access areas on the St. Joseph River and continue on to the regional destination of River St. Joe Brewery and Flatwater Farms, a compelling terminus and destination that will result in more trail users. This project is the necessary first step down the path to connect Buchanan, MI - the southern and eastern gateway to a tourism center in Southwest Michigan - to the extensive and developed regional trail system, the Indiana Michigan River Valley Trail ("IN-MI River Valley Trail.)

WHEREAS, the location of the proposed project is within the jurisdiction of The City of Buchanan and Buchanan Township, and, WHEREAS, the proposed project, if completed, will be a benefit to the community.

WHEREAS, the Buchanan City Commission is hereby making a financial commitment to the project in the amount of \$180,000.00 matching funds, in cash; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Buchanan City Commission hereby authorizes submission of Michigan DNR MNRTF Grant Application for \$300,000.00, and further resolves to make available its financial obligation amount of \$180,000.00 combined with the NATS and MDOT Transportation Alternative Program funds of \$339,800.00 for a total match of \$519,800.00 (63%) for a total \$819,800.00 project cost, during the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSENT:

MOTION APPROVED.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing is a Resolution duly made and passed by _____ of _____ at their regular meeting held on _____ 20__, at _____ p.m. in _____, with a quorum present.

Dated: _____