

**CITY OF BUCHANAN
COUNTY OF BERRIEN, STATE OF MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR LOCAL MATCH FOR MDOT TAP GRANT
FOR THE MCCOY'S CREEK TRAIL EXTENSION PROJECT**

RESOLUTION 2023.06/17

WHEREAS, the City of Buchanan City Commission supports the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) submission of an application titled, "The McCoy's Creek Trail Extension Project Phase 4" to the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for the development of an approximately 3.25-mile extension of the existing McCoy's Creek Trail, an existing non-motorized walking, biking, and running trail in Buchanan, Buchanan Charter Township, and Niles Charter Township.

WHEREAS, the project will extend the existing McCoy's Creek Trail from River St. Joe Brewery along Walton Road across US31 to the intersection of Winn Road and Walton Road located in Niles Charter Township in Berrien County near the future connection of the Indiana-Michigan River Valley Trail.

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 to River St. Joe Brewery and Flatwater Farms and eventually connecting to the Indiana-Michigan River Valley Trail. This project is the necessary 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 proposed project, if completed, will be a benefit to the community,

WHEREAS, the City is committed to long term maintenance of the trail,

WHEREAS, the Buchanan City Commission is hereby making a financial commitment to the project in non-federal matching funds, in cash. With the project team made up of regional partners will work together to fund necessary local match; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Buchanan City Commission hereby authorizes submission of Michigan Department of Transportation TAP Grant Application.

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSENT:

MOTION APPROVED.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a Resolution duly made and passed by the City Commission of Buchanan at their regular meeting held on June 12, 2023, at 7 p.m. in Buchanan, Mi City Hall Chambers, with a quorum present.

Kalla Langston, City Clerk

Date