

**CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS  
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN  
STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION NO. # 15-2020**

**A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE LOWER KALAMAZOO RIVER GREENWAY PLAN**

Council Member Seabert, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption, seconded by Council Member Kenny:

**WHEREAS**, The Kalamazoo River traverses approximately two miles through the City of Douglas, a prominent and defining feature of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, At the request and with the assistance of State Representative Mary Whiteford, the ODC Network (ODC) began developing a plan for a greenway corridor in Allegan County along the Kalamazoo River in January of 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, The Greenway Plan was designed to bring together the diverse communities scattered along the Kalamazoo, Rabbit, and Gun Rivers to coordinate planning efforts and work together as a unified county on addressing ecological, educational, and developmental issues related to the river; and

**WHEREAS**, Through a planning process that involved over 300 people and dozens of meetings, the Greenway Plan was developed to identify different types of projects along the river corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, The Greenway Plan reflects the feedback received during the planning process, yet remains adaptive and flexible enough to be updated or adapted based on future needs and accomplished projects; and

**WHEREAS**, The Greenway Plan addresses issues related to environmental restoration, recreation, conservation, and education which may include seeking collaboration and funding for projects such as improving river access, addressing pollutants, treating invasive species, creating pathways, creating improved educational opportunities, and preserving the highest quality habitats.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the City of the Village of Douglas Council hereby endorses the Lower Kalamazoo River Greenway Plan to be used as an advisory document guiding public officials on a comprehensive approach to restoring the Kalamazoo River and its tributaries and help engage public involvement to determine financial feasibility (tax payer capacity) of any proposed projects.

YEAS: Council Members: Donovan, Kenny, Lion, Mooradian, Miller, North, Seabert

NAYS: Council Members: None

ABSTAIN: Council Members: None

ABSENT: Council Members: None

**ADOPTED** this 16th day of March, 2019

Signed: Patricia S. Goin  
Mayor

Signed: Pamela Aalderink  
City Clerk

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Pamela Aalderink, the duly appointed Clerk of the City of the Village of Douglas, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Douglas City Council at a regular meeting held March 16, 2020 in compliance with the Open Meeting Act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, the minutes of the meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

City of the Village of Douglas

By: Pamela Aalderink