

FREEDOM RIVER



Where freedom flows!

July 23, 2025

Hamburg Township Board of Trustees
P O Box 157
Hamburg, MI 48139

Re: Over the Road Banner – Special Event

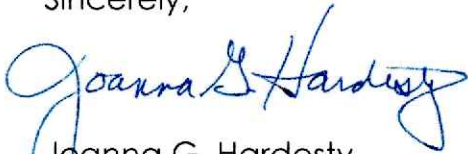
Dear Members of the Board:

Freedom River is a 94-acre development here in Hamburg Township designed specifically for veterans, their families and active military to relax, reinvigorate, spend time with family or gather together. The project is in the final stages of Phase I and II and we are planning for a soft opening this fall.

This year Freedom River will be hosting the 3rd Annual Fall Festival and Hay Ride fundraiser on Saturday, October 18th. Freedom River is seeking approval to install/display a banner across Merrill Road from September 1st through October 30th. The County specifications for banners require a permit to be issued only to the governing body. Freedom River respectfully requests the Hamburg Township Board to pass a resolution requesting a banner permit from the Livingston County Road Commission for the Freedom River Fall Festival fundraising event. Further, that the Township Board request the County Board of Commissioners to waive any and all fees that may be associated with the Livingston County Road Commission banner permit.

We appreciate your support and assistance.

Sincerely,



Joanna G. Hardesty
Freedom River Board Director
(810) 397-9058



**OVER-THE-ROAD BANNER
APPLICATION FOR TOWNSHIP APPROVAL**

APPLICANT: Freedom River

ADDRESS: 6716 Winans Lake Road

Brighton, MI 48116

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CONTACT PERSON: Joanna Hardesty

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DATE(S) OF EVENT: October 18, 2025

DATES REQUESTED FOR BANNER DISPLAY: September 1 – October 30, 2025

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT: A Halloween Community fundraising event to support Freedom River.

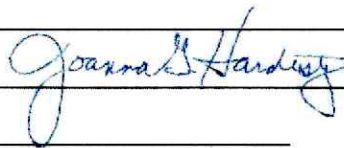
Freedom River is a comprehensive outdoor recreation center located in Hamburg Township to assist in re-assimilation of U.S. military service members, veterans and their families. The over-the-road banner on Merrill Road would assist us in getting the word out to the community.

RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

The Applicant hereby agrees to assume all loss, damages, risk and liability associated with the installation and display of an over-the-road banner. It recognizes and acknowledges that this includes, but is not limited to, personal injury and property damage incurred for any reason whatsoever. Applicant further agrees to release, hold harmless and indemnify, the Township of Hamburg, their elected officials, officers, agents, and employees, from any and all liability or responsibility whatsoever for injury (including death) to persons and for any damage to any Township property, or the property of others, arising out of, or resulting from, the placement of the over-the-road banner. Applicant further hereby waives, releases and discharges Hamburg Township, their elected officials, officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of actions, damages and liabilities resulting from or arising directly or indirectly out of the placement of the over-the-road banner. Applicant further acknowledges and agrees it is solely responsible for installation and removal of the banner. If Applicant fails to remove the banner by the permit expiration date, Hamburg Township may contract for the removal of the banner and charge the cost back to the Applicant. Applicant recognizes that it is responsible to reimburse Hamburg Township for this cost and failure to do so will result in permanent ineligibility for future application and use.


Agreed to this 23rd day of July, 2025.

NAME (print) FREEDOM RIVER

BY: Joanna Hardesty 

ITS: Director

TWP BOARD ACTION: _____ **DATE:** _____

Festival by Light - Haunted Hayride by Night
**Friday 10/21 - 6pm to 10pm**
6716 Winans Lake Rd - Hamburg Twp
www.freedomriverflows.org

CAUTION