

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN:

Your County Administration Committee respectfully recommends adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners have been briefed on a proposed 2.5 mile non-motorized trail in the M-63 Right-of-Way between Higman Park Road and Monte Road, identified as the Lakeview Trail, and provided support for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Berrien County Board of Commissioners further supports the submission of an application titled, "M-63 Lakeview Trail Development" to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Program for said development; and

WHEREAS, the proposed application is supported by the County's 5-Year approved Parks and Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2023, a public hearing was held on the proposed project to accept comments; and


WHEREAS, Berrien County is hereby making a financial commitment to the project in the amount of \$2,010,957 matching funds, in cash; and

WHEREAS, if the grant is awarded, the applicant commits its local match from the following sources:

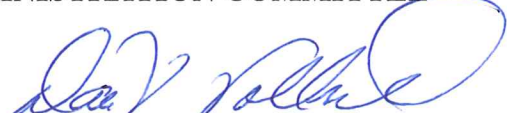
MDOT Transportation Alternatives Program Grant	\$1,608,766
Cash (Whirlpool Foundation Grant)	\$ 402,191

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes submission of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application for \$300,000, and further resolves to make available a local match of \$2,010,957 (87%) of a total \$2,310,957 project cost during the 2024 -2025 fiscal year.

**Respectfully submitted,
BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**




Jim Curran, Chair



David Vollrath, Vice Chair

Julie Wuerfel



Alex R. Ott

RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM	
Administrator 	Date 3-21
Comments Attached _____	
Corporate Counsel TH	Date 3/15/23
Comments Attached _____	