

RESOLUTION

NO: 2022-11-174

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

DATE: November 28, 2022

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**Resolution Approving Preparation and Submission of a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Michigan SPARK Grant Application for Recreational Development of Fillmore County Park – Planning Department / Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee**

- WHEREAS,** on October 24, 2022, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources initiated three rounds of Michigan Spark Grants which support projects that provide safe, accessible, public recreation facilities and spaces to improve people’s health, introduce new recreation experiences, build on existing park infrastructure, and make it easier for people to enjoy the outdoors; and
- WHEREAS,** applicants must be local units of government or public authorities legally established to provide public recreation; and
- WHEREAS,** the approved 5-year *2019-2023 Livingston County Parks & Open Space Plan* makes Livingston County eligible for the submission of a grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for development of Fillmore County Park; and
- WHEREAS,** as an eligible applicant, Livingston County would be submitting a grant application of \$333,500 that includes a match of \$46,000; \$23,000 from General Fund and \$23,000 in-kind labor from the Motor City Mountain Biking Association, for the development of water and electrical utilities, a parking lot, and trail biking course at Fillmore County Park; and
- WHEREAS,** although a match is not required for this grant application, the match will make the Livingston County grant application more competitive for a Michigan Spark Grant award; and
- WHEREAS,** eligible applications must be submitted by December 19, 2022, to qualify for Round One 2022 Michigan Spark Grant funding; and
- WHEREAS,** the Livingston County Planning Department is qualified to submit the grant application with staff that has substantial grant writing and administration expertise necessary to complete documentation for any work and costs that may be eligible under the Michigan Spark Grant; and
- WHEREAS,** additional Livingston County staff is not being requested to carry out the duties of this grant; and
- WHEREAS,** the Livingston County Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee conveys its support for the preparation and submission of a 2022 Michigan Spark Grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to advance recreational development of Fillmore County Park, subject to the approval of the Livingston County Board of Commissioners; and
- WHEREAS,** the Livingston County Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee is requesting the approval of the Livingston County Board of Commissioners to prepare and submit a Michigan Spark Grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to advance recreational development of Fillmore County Park, and the approval of additional matching funds of \$23,000 from General Fund for the proposed Michigan Spark Grant.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Livingston County Board of Commissioners approves the submission of a Michigan Spark Grant application of \$333,500 that includes a match of \$46,000; \$23,000 from General Fund and \$23,000 in-kind labor from the Motor City Mountain Biking Association, for the development of water and electrical utilities, a parking lot, and trail biking course at Fillmore County Park.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chair of the Livingston County Board of Commissioners is authorized to sign all forms, assurances, contracts/agreements, renewals and future amendments for monetary and contract language adjustments related to the above upon review and/or preparation of Civil Counsel.

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**SECONDED:**  
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