

\$147,500 Grant Supports Bridge To Bay Trail Maintenance Projects

July 30, 2020—Port Huron, MI-- The Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan through the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Trails Maintenance Fund has awarded a \$147,500 grant to rehabilitate and reconstruct over two and a half miles of the Bridge to Bay Trail (B2B) in St. Clair County.

“We are so thankful for the support of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan to give attention to our existing trail infrastructure,” said Sheri Faust, Chair of the Regional Trails board. “Communities along the St. Clair River are rallying around the vital importance of our trails, and funding for maintenance is always an issue especially since some segments are twenty years old.”

The Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Trails Maintenance Fund was established with a \$10 million gift in 2018 to the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan. The goal of the fund is to provide maintenance support to already developed trails and greenways throughout Southeast Michigan. This \$147,500 grant requires a dollar-for-dollar match and will be allocated as follows;

Clay Township	\$20,000	City of St. Clair	\$10,000
City of Marysville	\$20,000	Fort Gratiot Twp.	\$17,500
City of Port Huron	\$10,000	East China Twp.	\$20,000
Blue Water River Walk	\$50,000		

Work is expected to begin this summer on these trail projects and will enhance 2.5 miles of the 54-mile B2B trail system. The Bridge to Bay Trail concept began in the early 1990’s and stretches from Lakeport State Park on the north, to Anchor Bay along the shores of Lake St. Clair on the south.

The Community Foundation of St. Clair County is the fiduciary for these grant funds, and is one of several regional stakeholders who began work in 2018 to complete the remaining gaps of the Bridge to Bay Trail. Additional details about these regional efforts can be found on the Foundation’s website at <https://www.stclairfoundation.org/st-clair-county-trails-planning/>.

Formed in fall 2019, the Regional Trails Board is a 14-member appointment of stakeholders invested in the direction, development and oversight of the Bridge to Bay Trail. Friends of the St. Clair River is the Trail Coordinator for this project. For more information, contact Sheri J. Faust, Regional Trails Board Chair, at info@scriver.org or (810) 730-5998.

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