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Gladwin County Trails Recreation Authority receives grants for Gladwin to Beaverton Trail

The recently formed Gladwin County Trails Recreation Authority, a recreation authority formed by the City of Gladwin, the City of Beaverton, the Township of Grout, the Township of Buckeye, and the Township of Tobacco, to develop a trail system connecting the City of Gladwin and the City of Beaverton, is pleased to announce that they have been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network for the development of a trail head to be constructed as part of the first phase of the trail system and a \$25,000 grant from the Charles J. Strosacker Foundation for organization, planning and legal instruments to get the first phase underway.

This Gladwin County Trails Recreation Authority proposes to begin the construction of a system of convenient and safe pedestrian and bicycle pathways for the county that will ultimately interconnect with other local, county, and state trailways. The proposed trail will connect the City of Gladwin at its South City Park upper campground and traverse the Cedar River corridor south to the Ross Lake portage site in Beaverton. The trail is proposed to continue on to the south from there and to connect with the Pere Marquette Rail Trail near Coleman. Families can utilize the trails. The elderly can keep healthy through the exercise and fresh air of trail use. Active bicyclists from all over the state and elsewhere will be able to tour through our beautiful Mid-Michigan area countryside.

“The Gladwin County Bicycle & Pedestrian Trail is a unique project that really supports quality of life in not only Gladwin County, but also across the region” Said Michael Kelly of the Saginaw Bay WIN program. “This trail will provide a new source for local recreation and transportation

and we are excited about the broader vision to tie into a much larger regional network. Also, the ability for the trail and associated trailhead to provide access to unique public property, and to one of our State's most beautiful rivers, the Cedar River, are added bonuses."

The Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network (WIN) was formed to create a more sustainable future for all who live, work and play within the Saginaw Bay watershed. One of the ways in which WIN accomplishes this objective is by providing financial support to projects that link the economic, environmental and social needs of the region. More information on WIN is available at www.saginawbaywin.org or by calling 989-892-9171.

The Charles J. Strosacker Foundation was established in 1957 by the late Charles J. Strosacker, one of the pioneers of Dow Chemical Company, to assist and benefit political subdivisions of the State of Michigan, and religious, charitable, benevolent, scientific and educational organizations. More information about the Charles J. Strosacker Foundation is available by calling 989-832-0066.

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