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**Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan Awards \$1,965,947
to Support GreenWay Projects**

Detroit, Michigan – The **Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan** recently awarded \$1,965,947 to assist organizations and municipalities with the creation of a connected green infrastructure in southeast Michigan. These grants were awarded as part of the Community Foundation's **GreenWays Initiative**, a five-year program to support the construction of a regional network of green pathways for recreation, nonmotorized transportation and wildlife habitat. The initiative aims to connect people and communities to each other and to the region's natural, cultural and recreational resources.

The following organizations and municipalities received GreenWays Initiative Grants in September 2005:

- **City of Ecorse, Ecorse**, \$75,000 to support the construction of Phase I of the Ecorse Creek Greenway from Council Pointe Park in Lincoln Park to the Detroit River and Dingell Park. New construction will create an opportunity for residents of Ecorse to enjoy Council Pointe Park, one of the largest and most popular parks in the area. It will also give residents of Lincoln Park a nonmotorized way to get to the Detroit River and downtown Ecorse.
- **City of Warren, Oakland County**, \$75,000 to support the Warren Greenway, connecting Warren to Detroit's Conner Creek Greenway. The greenway will create links to Detroit and to the Red Run Greenway, which is currently under development, to provide connections to the Clinton River Trail and Metropolitan Parkway. It will connect the cities of Sterling Heights and Center Line, along with Detroit and Warren.
- **City of Woodhaven, Wayne County**, \$20,000 to support the final design for three greenways between Woodhaven and the Detroit River. The first route will connect the Woodhaven Community Center to Trenton by way of Hall and Van Born roads. City offices, Civic Center Park and two elementary schools are along the proposed route. The second greenway builds upon the first, continuing along Van Born Road to Allen Road and down to Vreeland Road. It will connect to the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge. The third follows Hall Road north from the Community Center through one of the more recently developed subdivisions of King Road, which the state plans to widen and add bike lanes and walkways along the roadway and across I-75.

- **County of Monroe, *Monroe County***, \$67,000 to support the development of final plans for the Monroe Riverwalk and greenway links to neighboring townships. The plan links more than 10 miles of greenways, extending the Riverwalk from the downtown area, the county fairgrounds, and other public parks and buildings. Four communities are involved in the project, including the city of Monroe, the county of Monroe, Frenchtown Township and Raisinville Township.
- **Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, *Detroit***, \$587,947 to support the construction of Tri-Centennial Trails in Tri-Centennial State Park. Tri-Centennial Trails are pedestrian and bike pathways that pass through Tri-Centennial State Park, the first urban state park in Michigan, which is located along the Detroit RiverWalk. The trails will be a part of the RiverWalk, which when completed will connect the Ambassador Bridge to the MacArthur (Belle Isle) Bridge along the Detroit River. The trails will pass on either side of a stormwater demonstration project consisting of a pond that will be used to illustrate natural ways to clean water.
- **Greater Corktown Development Corp., *Detroit***, \$333,000 to support the construction of the Corktown-Mexicantown Greenlink. Established in 1834, Corktown is the oldest community still in existence in Detroit. Immediately to its west is Mexicantown. The two are home to new and restored housing projects, active commercial districts and neighborhood associations. This project will link neighborhoods to the river and the developing Detroit RiverWalk, connect to the greenway planned for the southwest side that links parks and cultural institutions, and connect neighborhoods to the university center area north of downtown.
- **Township of Van Buren, *Wayne County***, \$75,000 to support the construction of a greenway connecting Riggs Heritage Park to Lower Huron Metropark. Riggs Heritage Park is the newest township park. Because of the park's significance to the community, Wayne County has agreed to invest as much as \$2 million in the park and its infrastructure, some of which will be used to build a trail to get people to the park. In addition to the park, this trail will link to several new residential developments.
- **University Cultural Center Association, *Detroit***, \$668,000 to support the construction of Phase I of the Midtown Greenway Loop. This project will stimulate economic growth as it unites pedestrians to multitudes of institutions and businesses along Cass, Kirby, John R and Warren streets. It will connect Wayne State University and the Detroit Institute of Arts, the College for Creative Studies, the New Detroit Science Center and the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History.
- **Village of Milford, *Oakland County***, \$65,000 to support the development of construction documents for a greenway that links the village, Milford Township and Kensington Metropark. It would also link the entire commercial district of Milford to the natural resources of the community, Hubbell Pond Park and the

Huron River, and to the main cultural institutions, the newly-built YMCA and the new library.

The Community Foundation recently received a \$5 million grant from The Kresge Foundation to permanently endow this important program. The Kresge Foundation is an independent, private foundation created by the personal gifts of Sebastian S. Kresge. It is not affiliated with any corporation or organization.

*The **Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan**, founded in 1984, is a permanent community endowment built by gifts from hundreds of individuals and organizations committed to the future of southeast Michigan. The Foundation works to improve the region's quality of life by connecting those who care with causes that matter. The Foundation supports a wide variety of activities benefiting education, arts and culture, health, human services, community development and civic affairs. The Foundation has assets of \$409 million and, since its inception, has distributed more than \$211 million through more than 22,862 grants to nonprofit organizations throughout Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Washtenaw, St. Clair and Livingston counties.*

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