

Riverwalk update as of May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

1. Clean-Up Date: We're still working on a new date for the spring clean-up of the shoreline. We hope to have a date picked soon and will send out announcements accordingly.
2. Trail: the plans for the trail itself continue to make progress. The St. Clair County Road Commission has agreed to sponsor our grant application to MDOT for a Transportation Enhancement Grant. This grant, if awarded, would provide the majority of the funding necessary to pay for the construction of the actual multi-purpose trail along the entire shoreline.
  - a. The application is due to MDOT on August 15<sup>th</sup> with funding decisions made by the end of 2011.
  - b. This section of the trail would be a critical link in the Bridge to Bay Trail program that when done, will stretch for over 50 miles through Michigan's Thumb Region.
3. St. Clair County Parks & Rec: The Parks & Rec continue to be great partners in developing the plans to restore the shoreline and guarantee public access in perpetuity. They have submitted their grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for a grant to purchase some additional acreage at the very southern end of Desmond Landing. Funding decisions won't be made by the Trust Fund until late 2011.
4. Coastal Zone Management Program: Last week we submitted a grant application requesting a \$20,000 grant from the Coastal Zone Management program. Funding decisions won't be made until late 2011. Our request is for support to help explore the engineering, design and cost options for a possible "fishing bridge" south of the Gray Fox and the re-use and re-engineering of the old Ferry Dock as a pedestrian overlook.
5. We have not heard anything new about our request for a \$500,000 grant through the Estuary Restoration program at NOAA.
6. The US Forest Service has a grant application deadline of July 15<sup>th</sup> for a program that our project should be eligible for. We will be exploring that program further with a goal of meeting that grant application deadline.