



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Jennifer
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Conlin
3. The cosponsoring representatives' names. All cosponsors must be listed. If none, please type 'n/a.' A signed letter from the sponsor approving the co-sponsorship and a signed letter from the member wishing to co-sponsor are required. Attach letters at question #9 below.
N/A
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
13000 High Ridge Drive, Brighton Michigan 48114
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
Island Lake Recreation Area and Huron Meadows Metropark.
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Ann Bollin, House District 49
8. Purpose of the legislatively directed spending item. Please include how it provides a public benefit and why it is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding. Please also demonstrate that the item does not violate Article IV, S 30 of the Michigan Constitution.
The project will help provide for the construction of a trail connecting Island Lake Recreation Area and Huron Meadows Metropark. This trail is the first phase of a larger project to improve the trail network in Livingston County to better connect secondary trails, recreation areas, and populations centers with the State's Great Lake-to-Lake Trail's Route 1.
☐ Trail is about 2.8 miles including a pedestrian overpass

- ☐ Provide connections to four regional parks: Brighton State Recreation Area, Huron Meadows Metropark, Island Lake Recreation Area, and Kensington Metropark
- ☐ Together the parks encompass nearly 15,000 acres and include miles of paved scenic trails, beaches, water trails, and many other recreation opportunities
- ☐ Includes a non-motorized bridge over US-23 to provide safe connection from the City of Brighton, its high school, middle schools, and surrounding residential areas to parks and the Green Oak Village Place Mall

Public Benefit:

This project expands outdoor recreation opportunities, a vital part of the local, regional, and state economy which helps drive economic development.

- ☐ Extended trail network will draw visitors desiring easy access to miles of scenic trails
- ☐ Provides a low-cost recreation option to increase physical activity and health and well-being
- ☐ Pedestrian bridge over US-23 increases safety
 - o Pedestrians and cyclists currently use the Lee Road overpass containing 3 traffic circles, no pedestrian walkways, and scant shoulder space amid vehicles trying to navigate the unusual triple circle layout
 - o Youth are frequently seen crossing on the nearby railroad overpass to access parks and the retail mall

Community Support:

The trail connections have been extensively vetted with the public through several planning efforts.

- ☐ Public outreach, as part of the State Park to Metropark Connector Report, included 4 public events along with engagement through 1,000 survey responses
- ☐ Livingston County Outdoor Network (LivON) committee that developed the Livingston County Trail Plan includes township, village, and city leaders at each of the 20 local units of government in addition to Livingston County agencies and stakeholders

9. Attach documents here if needed:

Attachments added to the end of this file.

10. The amount of state funding requested for the legislatively directed spending item.
2000000

11. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received any of the following types of funding? Check all that apply.

["Federal"]

12. Please select one of the following groups that describes the entity requesting the legislatively directed spending item:

Local unit government

13. For a non-profit organization, has the organization been operating within Michigan for the preceding 36 months?

Not applicable

14. For a non-profit organization, has the entity had a physical office within Michigan for the preceding 12 months?

Not applicable

15. For a non-profit organization, does the organization have a board of directors?

Not applicable

16. For a non-profit organization, list all the active members on the organization's board of directors and any other officers. If this question is not applicable, please type 'n/a.'

N/A

17. "I certify that neither the sponsoring representative nor the sponsoring representative's staff or immediate family has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the legislatively directed spending item."

Yes, this is correct

18. Anticipated start and end dates for the legislatively directed spending item:

1/1/2026 – 12/31/28

19. "I hereby certify that all information provided in this request is true and accurate."

Yes



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Trail Project Funding Request

Applicant: Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority

Project: Park to Park Trail Connector, Livingston County

Project Request: \$2,000,000

Project Summary:

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Community Impact:

This project expands outdoor recreation opportunities, a vital part of the local, regional, and state economy which helps drive economic development.

- Extended trail network will draw visitors desiring easy access to miles of scenic trails
- Provides a low-cost recreation option to increase physical activity and health
- Allows for increased mobility, health, and well-being
- Pedestrian bridge over US-23 increases safety
 - Pedestrians and cyclists currently use the Lee Road overpass containing 3 traffic circles, no pedestrian walkways, and scant shoulder space amid vehicles trying to navigate the unusual triple circle layout
 - Youth are frequently seen crossing on the nearby railroad overpass to access parks and mall

Community Support:

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Funds Allocation:

On behalf of the LivOn work for trail connections, the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority received federal funding for engineering design of all phases of the trail, which is currently underway. A federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant application is underway to request a majority of Phase I construction costs; however, funding for match dollars is needed. The \$2,000,000 request will provide the bulk of these match funds.

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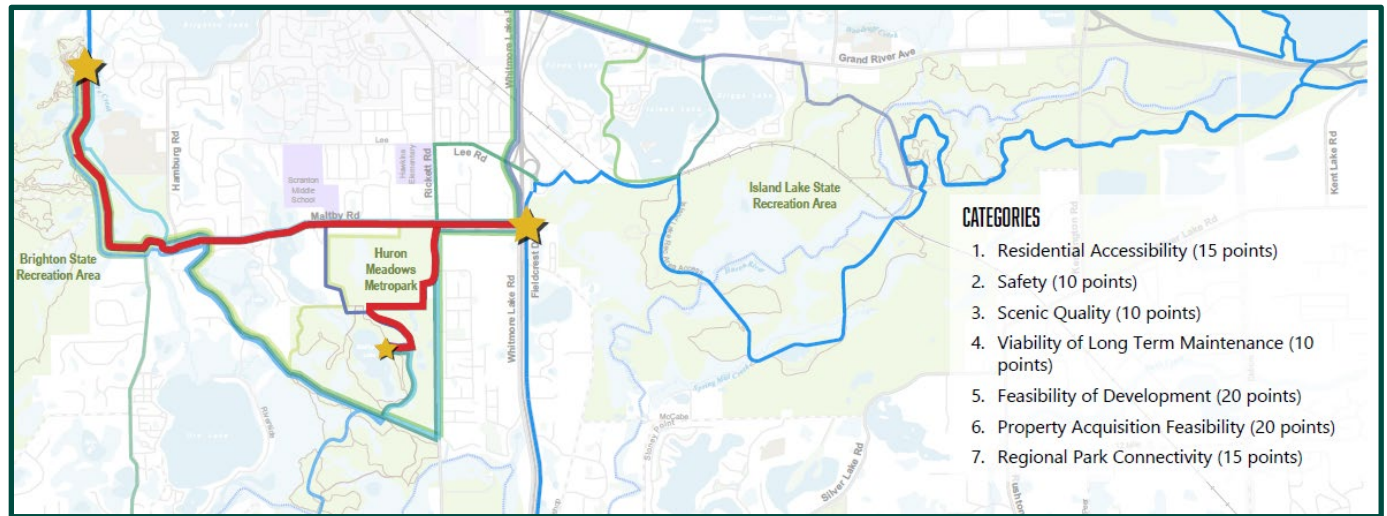
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Metroparks Investment-to-date:

- In 2021, the Metroparks completed preliminary engineering and community outreach for this project. This was funded by a \$47,000 private foundation grant
- The Metroparks is committed to providing \$168,451 in matching funds towards the \$900,000 in federal funding received for the design engineering
- When the TAP grant is submitted (estimate is June 16, 2025), Metroparks must commit to providing at least 20% in matching funds for the construction costs. Current estimates for the construction are underway but are expected to be at least \$10,000,000-\$12,000,000, which would result in at minimum; \$2,000,000 - \$2,400,000 in matching funds. This phase of construction would be connecting Island Lake State Park, across and over US-23 to Huron Meadows Metropark, to roughly Scranton Middle School.



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