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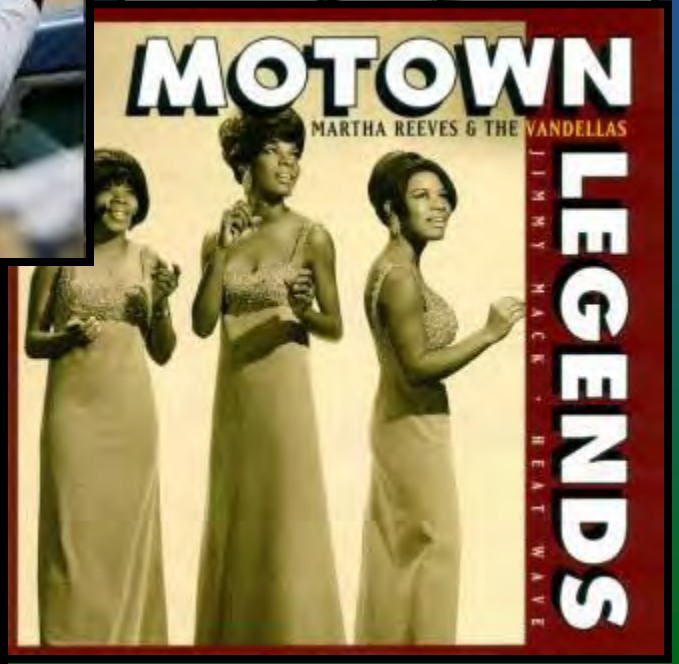
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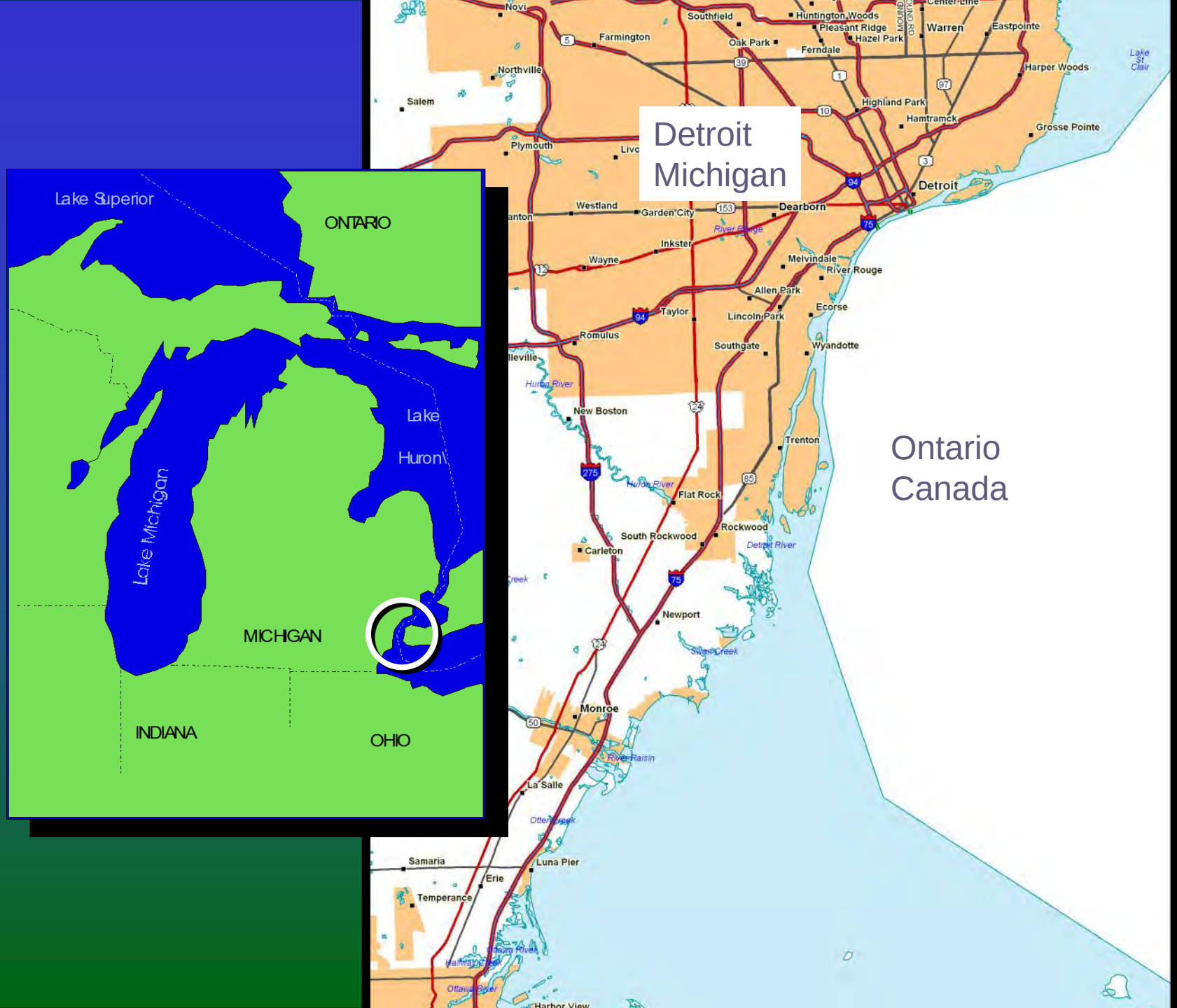
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Greenways -
Reconnecting People and Places Through Cooperative Conservation

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Master Plan Elements

Planning Process
Recommended System
Design Guidelines
Implementation Strategy
Project Readiness
5 Year Update

Downriver Linked Greenways Initiative
Master Plan Vision
Regional Location
Wayne County
Monroe County
Major Public Land
Regional Non-Motorized Public
Regional Non-Motorized Alternative
Downriver Primary Non-Motorized Public
Constructed Trails
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Detroit Heritage River Water Trail
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Connecting Our Communities
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"It's fun to be a little bit different in the world, to make a few new trails of your own."
Dennis Weaver
North-South Connector
16 miles
HCMA/East West Connector
24 miles
Rouge Gateway Greenway/Hines Park
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Monroe/Lake Erie Trails
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Detroit Heritage River Water Trail
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Regional Location Map
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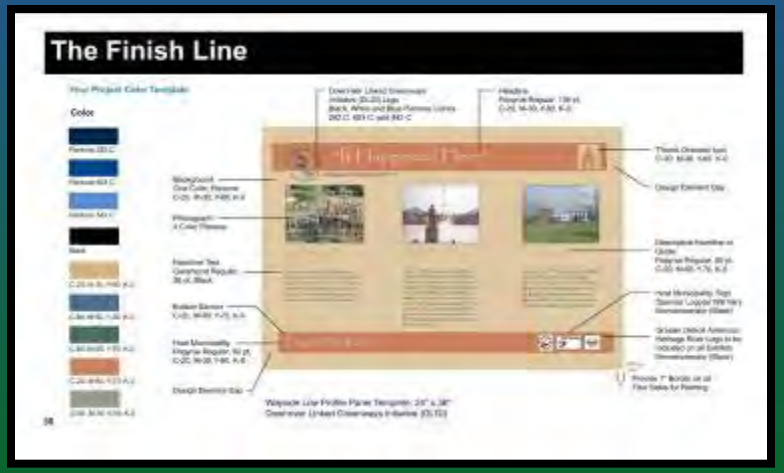
Greenways – Building Bridges of Partnerships

- Intergovernmental
- Schools
- Businesses
- Conservation Groups
- Faith-Based Organizations
- Health Organizations
- Private Foundations

International
Wildlife Refuge

Let’s Find Our Way and Tell Our Story



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Water Trails

A Quality of Life Amenity

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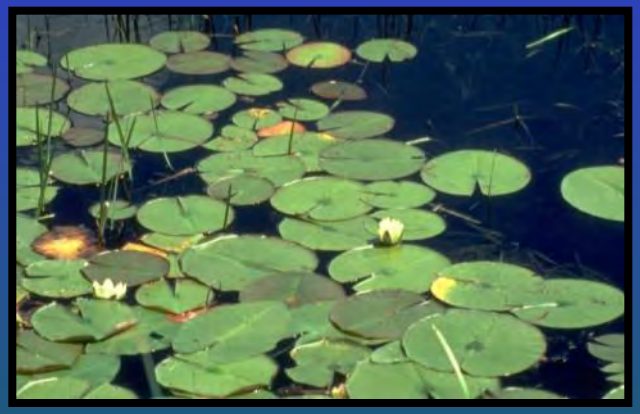
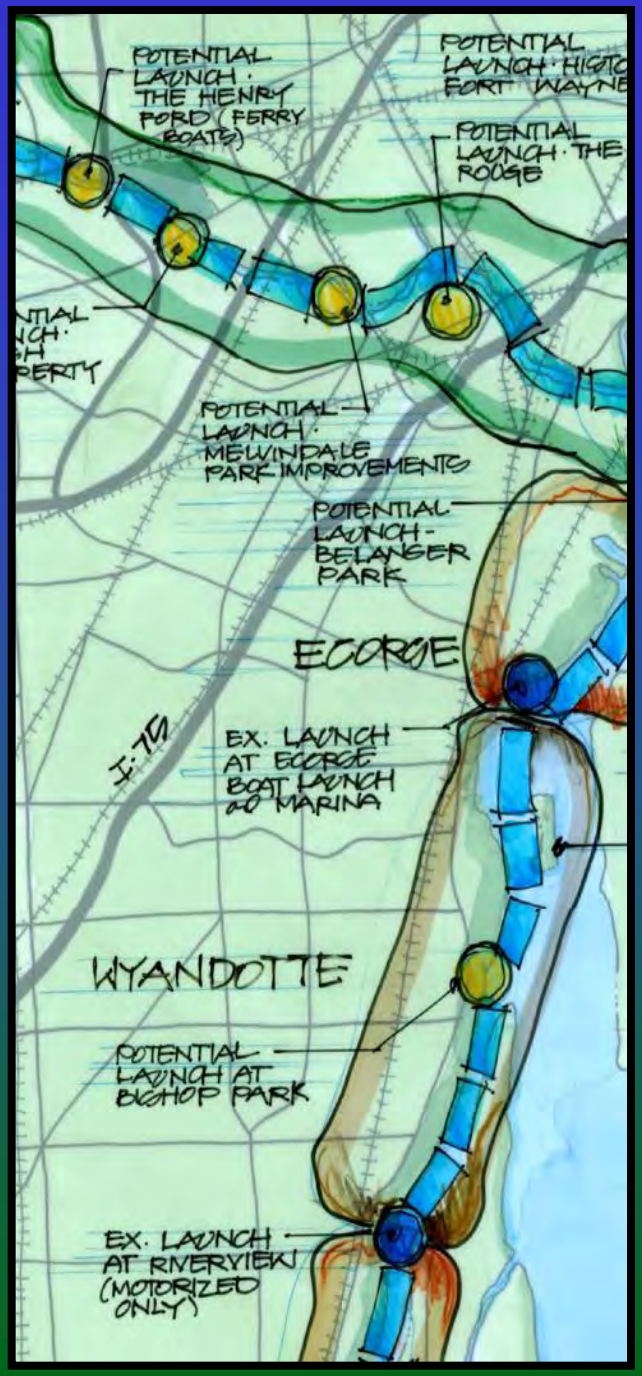


Our Vision

- A regional network of water trails
- Encourage recreation, education, and exercise
- Link to natural and historic resources
- A quality of life attraction
- Connection to Greenways



Project Goals

- Create a vision for a regional water trail
- Develop a detailed implementation plan for the first phase
- Establish management arrangements and responsibilities

A Regional Vision for Southeast Michigan

VISION PLAN

Detroit Heritage River Water Trail

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LEGEND

- Existing Access Point
- Potential Access Point
- Camping
- Dam/Portage
- Lighthouse
- Birding
- Fishing
- Wetland/Marsh
- American Lotus Bed
- Parkland
- Water Trail
- Proposed Greenway
- Existing Greenway
- Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge

Water Trail Discovery Key

- Historic
- Industrial Infrastructure
- Downtown Detroit
- City/Residential
- Mixed Development
- Natural

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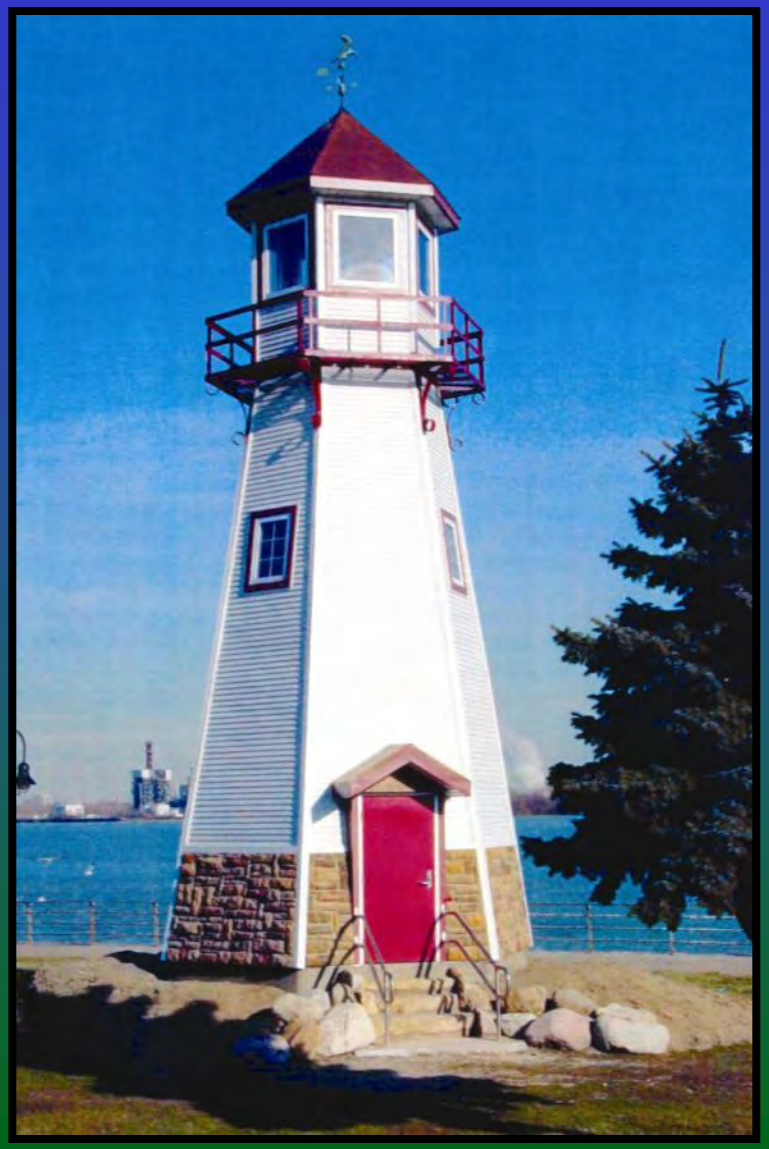
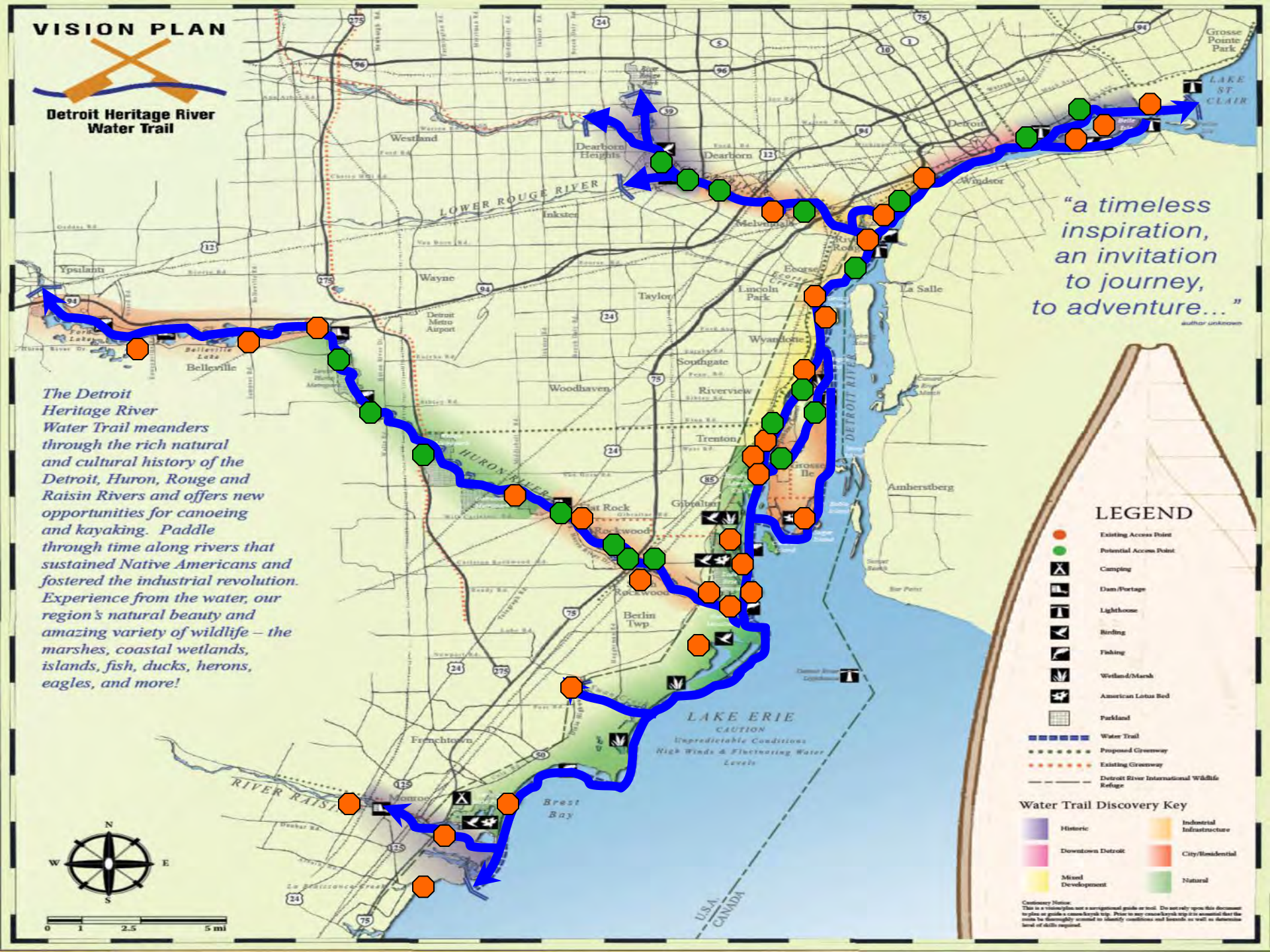
Our Resources and Attractions

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Water Trail Experiences: Character Zones

Lower Huron River

Paddlers will find that Flat Rock's Huron Park offers plenty of open space for recreation on the river. Until a non-motorized launch is constructed at or near the park, Flat Rock's Boat Launch east of Telegraph Road is a point of entry for paddlers. Rockwood's Labo Park has primitive river access, but the city has planned an improved launch area and restroom facility. Restaurants and service plazas are conveniently located. The Huron River slows and widens downstream of the city as the natural shore fills in with private residences. Be prepared to paddle without a pushing current and to explore the wildlife along numerous offshoots on this stretch of river.

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Lake Erie Waterfront

On this part of Lake Erie's shoreline paddlers can enjoy Sterling State Park and over 1,000 acres of recreational opportunities, including camping, wildlife viewing, hiking, biking, picnicking, fishing, and water access via the Jerry C. Bartnick Memorial Boat Launch. The silhouette of the Fermi Nuclear Power Plant dramatically contrasts with the natural shoreline to the north. Certified by the Wildlife Habitat Council, the Fermi site is the largest land parcel within the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge. Paddle with caution and stay near Lake Erie's shore as wind and current conditions may change abruptly.

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PHASING

Phase D: Rouge River from U of M Dearborn to the Detroit River

Phase E: Detroit River from Belle Isle south to the Rouge River

Phase C: Detroit River from Rouge River south to Elizabeth Park

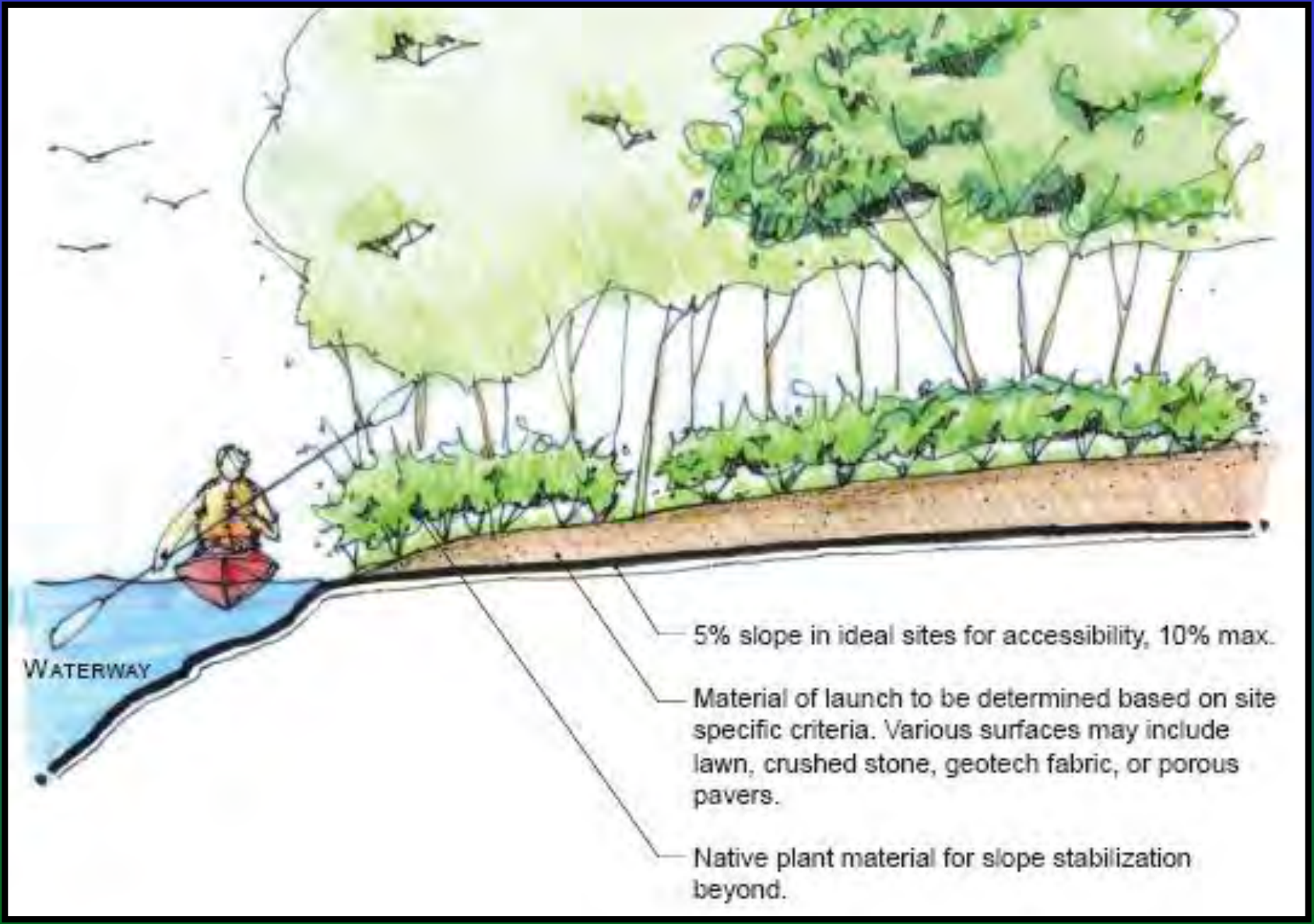
Phase A: Huron River from Ford Lake east to the City of Flat Rock

First Phase Development Plan

Phase B: Detroit River/Lake Erie waterfront from Pointe Mouille to Sterling State Park

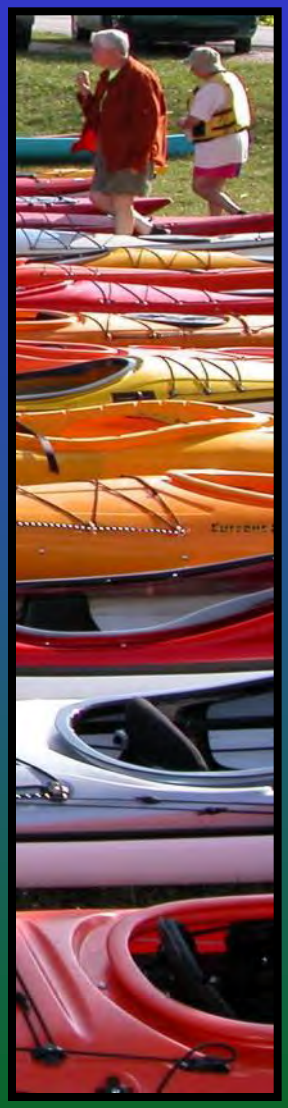
Phase I Development Plan

Identifying Needed Amenities



Water Trail Project Champion

"Paddle By Your Refuge"



Elizabeth Park, Trenton MI

Celebrating Community Down By the River

- 3 Communities common natural resources
- International Wildlife Refuge
- Pulled resources for cooperative effort for event

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