

RESOLUTION NO. 07-548

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ERIE COUNTY, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REQUESTING THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO STUDY THE VERMILION RIVER FOR DESIGNATION AS A COMPONENT OF THE STATE SCENIC RIVERS SYSTEM**

The Board of County Commissioners of Erie County, Ohio, met this 13th day of December, 2007, in Regular Session with the following members present:

Thomas M. Ferrell, Jr., Nancy C. McKeen, and William J. Monaghan.

Mr. Monaghan introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 1517.14 et seq., the Director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources may declare an area to be a wild, scenic or recreational river area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Erie County Commissioners has reason to support the study of the Vermilion to determine if it qualifies for designation as a wild, scenic or recreational river area; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of Scenic River designation is to ensure protection of streams in their natural state; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board understands that the term "natural" is intended to mean a condition within the river's corridor approximating the original vegetation and forest type of primitive Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Natural Areas & Preserves, requires a majority of directly-affected counties, municipalities and townships to submit a request for study of any river; **NOW THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ERIE COUNTY, OHIO:**

**THAT**, this Board hereby requests that the Division of Natural Areas & Preserves study the Vermilion River for designation as a wild, scenic or recreational river area; and

**THAT**, this Board agrees to cooperate with ODNR Scenic Rivers staff and other unites of government and agencies in the development and implementation of river preservation techniques for long-term protection of the Vermilion River, subject first to the requirements set forth and relating to municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS-4's) and any future county stormwater utility district that may be established; and

**THAT**, this Board of County Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board; and that all deliberations of this Board and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

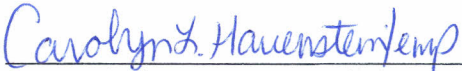
Mrs. McKeen seconded the motion for the adoption of said resolution; and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

**Roll Call:** Mr. Monaghan, Aye; Mrs. McKeen, Aye; Mr. Ferrell, Aye

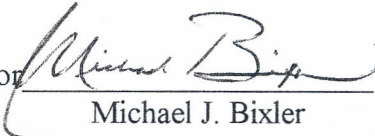
**Adopted:** December 13, 2007

#### CERTIFICATE

I, Carolyn L. Hauenstein, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Erie County, Ohio, hereby do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of resolution adopted by said Board under said date, and as same appears in Commissioners' Journal Volume #162.

 Clerk  
Board of County Commissioners  
of Erie County, Ohio

Approved by County Administrator

  
Michael J. Bixler