

ERIE METROPARKS  
Board of Park Commissioners

Resolution 2008-05  
Proposed February 13, 2008

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RE: REQUESTING THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF NATURAL AREAS AND PRESERVES, TO STUDY THE VERMILION RIVER FOR DESIGNATION AS A COMPONENT OF THE STATE SCENIC RIVERS SYSTEM AND DECLARING INTENT TO COOPERATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND OTHER AGENCIES AND UNITS OF GOVERNMENT IN THE PRESERVATION OF THE VERMILION RIVER, SHOULD THE STUDY REQUEST RESULT IN DESIGNATION.

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

WHEREAS, Erie MetroParks has reason to support the study of the Vermilion River to determine if it qualifies for designation as a wild, scenic or recreational river area, as outlined in Ohio Revised Code Section 1517.14 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Erie MetroParks 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 purpose of Scenic River designation is to ensure protections of streams in their natural state; 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 Park Commissioners of Erie MetroParks that:

SECTION I The Board of Park Commissioners of Erie MetroParks hereby requests the Chief of the Division of Natural Areas & Preserves to study the River for designation as a wild, scenic or recreational river area, pursuant to Section 1517.14 et seq. of the Ohio Revised Code.

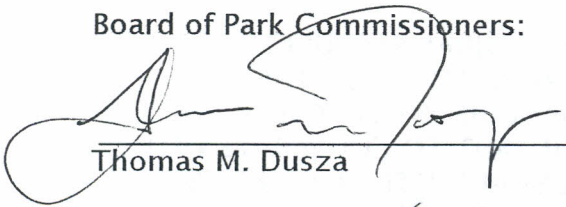
SECTION II Erie MetroParks agrees to cooperation with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Scenic Rivers staff and with other units of government and agencies in the development and implementation of river preservation techniques for long-term protection of the River.

The foregoing Resolution stands approved and adopted on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008, and is effective immediately.


Board of Park Commissioners:

Roll:

Attest:

  
Thomas M. Dusza

aye

  
Stephen D. Dice  
Director-Secretary

  
Micah A. Vawters

aye

Feb. 13 2008  
Adopted Date

Kurt O. Landefeld

absent

Feb. 13 2008  
Effective Date