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Lorain County Metropolitan Park District
RESOLUTION 2007-88

ODNR - Division of Natural
 Areas & Preserves

A RESOLUTION 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 RIVER SYSTEM AND DECLARING INTENT TO COOPERATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, 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, Lorain County Metropolitan Park District 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, the Lorain County Metropolitan Park District 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 protection of streams in their natural state; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Natural Areas and 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 the Lorain County Metropolitan Park District, State of Ohio, that:

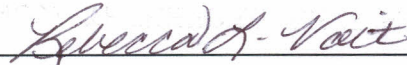
Section 1: The Lorain County Metropolitan Park District hereby requests the Chief of the Division of Natural Areas and Preserves to study the Vermilion River for designation as a wild, scenic, or recreational river area, pursuant to Section 1517.14 *et seq.* of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 2: The Lorain County Metropolitan Park District agrees to cooperate with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Scenic Rivers staff, with other units of government and agencies in the development and implementation of river preservation techniques including, but not limited to, land use controls such as zoning for long-term protection of the Vermilion River.

Section 3: This resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period provided by law.

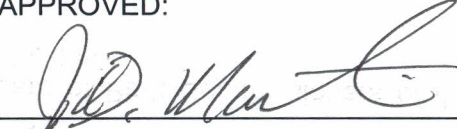
Passed this 16th day of October 2007.

ATTEST:



 Rebecca L. Voit, Assistant Director (Admin.)
 Lorain County Metropolitan Park District

APPROVED:



 James D. Martin, Director/Secretary
 Lorain County Metropolitan Park District