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Rich Miller
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Re: Bank Restoration Project, Riverside Park, City of DeWitt

Dear Rich,

On behalf of the members of the FLG Board of Directors, thank you for the notice that the City intends to seek grant assistance for the project. The FLG board supports the City's decision and of course is still committed to offering its resources to mitigate the bank erosion problems and to retain the much-needed trees to shade the stream. For the record, I studied and photographed the erosion for two years before presenting it to the FLG board on 2.22.07, as one of two area "LGR demonstration projects" that we should evaluate for action. The board voted unanimously to investigate grants and to ask the City to step in. At the city administrator's invitation, FLG made a PowerPoint presentation to Council on 3.05.07, and the rest is more or less history.

I'm still FLG's contact person on this project, and fellow board member Mike Gray has agreed to co-chair this effort. Our contact information is below. Mike organizes FLG's river clean ups and I organize our logjam clearing operations. I report on these activities regularly, and the Lansing State Journal, The DeWitt-Bath Review and various others of its LCN area weeklies print our releases and photos, as you may be aware. In addition to our respective volunteer lists, I also maintain the FLG newsletter email *friends list* and make regular reports to same for the Board. The City has partnered with FLG on these efforts by providing dumpster space for the trash we collect, and by providing DPS crews, county trustees and heavy equipment for our various "LogJamBees" within the city limits.

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I have many photos of the LGR and Riverside Park depicting the river amid seasonal changes and various water levels. I have regularly supplied them to Scott Dierks/JFNew and the city administrator. Should you need any additional, they're yours for the asking.

I'd be remiss if I didn't remake an FLG request – to please find a way to include the replacement of the previous canoe/kayak launch that for some reason was replaced by a rock pile at the north end of Riverside Park's parking lot. Regular park visitors will tell you that the launch is much needed. It makes huge economic sense to use those rocks at 'toe holds' for the fabric, saving purchase and transpo costs, and to replace the launch in one construction event to the park.

Thank you again Rich,

Bob Bishop

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