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Wayne County and Friends of Detroit River Team Up for Cleaner Water

WAYNE COUNTY, MI – November 19, 2007 The Wayne County Commission has approved an agreement between the County's Environment Department and Friends of the Detroit River to improve the river's water quality.

Friends of the Detroit River received a \$20,000 federal grant that will be paid to the Department of Environment. The county will then use its staff and technical resources to locate and evaluate sources of pollution entering the Detroit River in 2008.

"We are fortunate to have the talent and commitment of Wayne County in helping make this project happen," said David Howell, Chairman of Friends of the Detroit River. "As a volunteer group, we could never have done this project alone. Wayne County will help us deliver on our promise for cleaner water in the Detroit River," he said.

"Wayne County is excited to be part of the team," said County Executive Robert A. Ficano. "We're eager to help find and figure out how and where the Detroit River is being polluted, so we can work long-term to clean it up - this is important work for Detroit, Wayne County, and the entire region."

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