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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Livingston County is awarded Land and Water Conservation Fund grant For Phase I development of Fillmore County Park

Livingston County is pleased to report that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) has recommended Fillmore County Park for approval of an \$86,000 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant in support of our \$172,000 Phase I park development project.

Livingston County's grant application was one of 17 competitive applications which were recommended for funding by the MDNR in its 2016 Recreation Grant cycle. The LWCF is administered by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of Interior, and it provides matching grants to states and local governments for development of public outdoor recreation areas.

The project will be located within the 198-acre Fillmore County Park, at the intersection of Mc Clements Road and Kellogg Road in Genoa Township. Located in the population center of Livingston County, it is conveniently located between the Howell, Brighton and Hartland communities. The land for Fillmore County Park was donated to Livingston County by Raymond Fillmore in 2006 for the creation of a Livingston County park.

The project will include: a 5-acre multi-purpose playfield for softball, kickball, soccer, lacrosse, flag football, family activities and outdoor special events; a 400' gravel drive and 22-space parking lot; a 1 room accessible waterless restroom; accessible walks; and a 5K natural-surface trail for walkers, hikers, runners, nature enthusiasts and cross country events.

The project has received commitments of financial, in-kind, and partnership support from several area agencies and communities, including Genoa Charter Township, Marion Township, the City of Howell, the Livingston County Foundation, Livingston County Board of Commissioners and Livingston County agencies such as the Sheriff's Department, and Road Commission. Assistance in preparing the grant application was provided through the offices of Rep. Lana Theis, Rep. Hank Vaupel and Sen. Joe Hune.

The project will require final approval of the U.S. Department of Interior/ National Park Service before work can begin. Details regarding project approvals and scheduling are forthcoming.

The generous donations and support given to project were of key importance in receiving the grant. It is hoped that the project will be a catalyst for future project support. Those who are interested in supporting Livingston County Parks may do so through the Livingston County Foundation. See <https://www.livgov.com/> for more details.