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FRED A. & BARBARA M. ERB FAMILY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES NEW GRANTS

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, Mich., December 6, 2012 — The Fred A. and Barbara M. Erb Family Foundation announced today their approval of \$1,475,000 for 8 grants.

New grants will support:

- planning for a blue water trail around the Clinton River and Lake St. Clair emphasizing green infrastructure
- green infrastructure demonstration projects in the North End neighborhood of Detroit
- improved capacity at Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice to promote sustainable solutions in Detroit including green infrastructure

In his recent address on the environment, Governor Snyder noted the need for green infrastructure solutions. “Weather-related water runoff has a big impact on the pollution levels in our waterways and lakes. These are expensive problems to fix, and for too long, the only solution the state would look at was more concrete. It’s time for that to change. Green infrastructure is one area where an investment can resolve a water-related problem and create recreational space, all at the same time.*** We need to focus on creating and recreating green spaces – parks, rain gardens and even swales and ponds – that can absorb stormwater. This will lower our costs while protecting our beaches and the health of the Great Lakes – a real win-win.”

The Foundation also renewed its support for 3 organizations and approved payments on 2 multi-year grants to promote environmental policies and initiatives designed to improve the health of our local waterways and the Great Lakes and to support leading Alzheimer’s research.

Please click [here](#) for our complete grants list.

The Fred A. and Barbara M. Erb Family Foundation’s mission is to nurture environmentally healthy and culturally vibrant communities in metro Detroit, and support initiatives to restore the Great Lakes basin. The Foundation is particularly focused on improving water quality, especially in the watersheds impacting metro Detroit and Bayfield, Ontario; promoting environmental health and justice; and supporting the arts as a means to revitalize the metropolitan Detroit region. For more information, please visit erbff.org