



Fred A. and Barbara M.
Erb Family Foundation

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I would like to share with you news of 11 grants approved by the Fred A. and Barbara M. Erb Family Foundation at our board meeting last Friday.

A \$70,000 challenge grant will provide a 1:1 match for individual contributions to Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit's new arts residency at the University Prep Science/Math Elementary School in the former Miller High School building on Detroit's near east side.

The remaining grants provide continued support to organizations whose work is helping to improve the health of 4 important local rivers that feed the Great Lakes and the public health of Detroiters and others adversely impacted by poor environmental conditions:

- 3 years of unrestricted operating support for each of 4 river protection groups: The Clinton River Watershed Council, Huron River Watershed Council, Friends of Detroit River and Friends of The Rouge River. During our prior 3 year commitment (2010-2013) the organizations collectively engaged 70,000 volunteers, brought in more than \$6 million in Great Lakes Restoration and other federal grants and helped manage 360 miles of rivers flowing through 2,494 square miles of land in southeast Michigan.
- The final year payment on a 3 year grant to the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority, which is helping landowners construct 25 "blue/green infrastructure" projects in the Bayfield watershed and monitor the corresponding water quality every other week.
- Renewed support for the Ecology Center's statewide work on environmental health including helping build the "Green Chemistry" movement, and the Michigan Environmental Council's state-level advocacy of environmental health, justice and water issues facing metro Detroit such as combined sewer overflows.
- Continued planning and implementation of RecoveryPark, a model, large-scale urban agriculture project that will promote productive and sustainable land use and jobs.
- The 2nd year payments on 2 year grants to Wayne State University for the RiverWalker program and ArtsCorpsDetroit, each of which have a strong evaluation component.

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

Thank you for your continuing interest,

John M. Erb, President