

PROJECT SUMMARY

“We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors. We borrow it from our children.”
A Haida Indian Saying

In the mid 1950's, as protection against flooding, a two-mile canal or “spillway” was trenched from the Clinton River to Lake St. Clair. During this process, vegetation was cleared from the area. Several years ago a bike path was constructed along this clearing. In the spring of 1998, Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) Master Gardeners founded the “Clinton River Spillway Bike Path Project” with support from the Macomb County Public Works Office and the Charter Township of Clinton. Since

this project was a new undertaking, it was decided to locate the project on a manageable, one-mile segment of the path located in Clinton Township. As the project grows, it is hoped that volunteers may one day adopt the entire spillway path located in the adjacent communities.

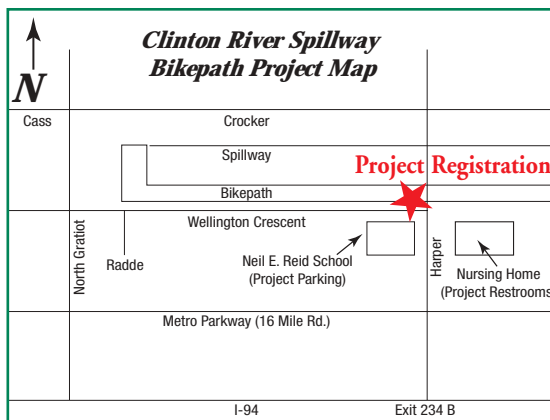


Supported primarily by donations and volunteers, the Clinton River Spillway Bike Path Project's mission to beautify, enhance and protect the environment unfolded. Waste containers, benches, trees and plants were donated, then adopted by volunteers who tend the project site. Three seasonal workdays are scheduled annually to help accomplish this. As part of a commitment to the environment, other environmental organizations are invited to co-sponsor some of their events at the site and each workday includes a presentation that contains earth-friendly gardening tips.



A growing list of volunteers, sponsors, donors and new organizational partners continue to sustain and enhance ongoing project goals on this award winning project.

PROJECT LOCATION



Clinton River Spillway Bike Path Project is located on the northwest corner of Harper and Wellington Crescent. Parking is available at Neil Reid High School, 37701 Harper, Clinton Twp, MI 48036.



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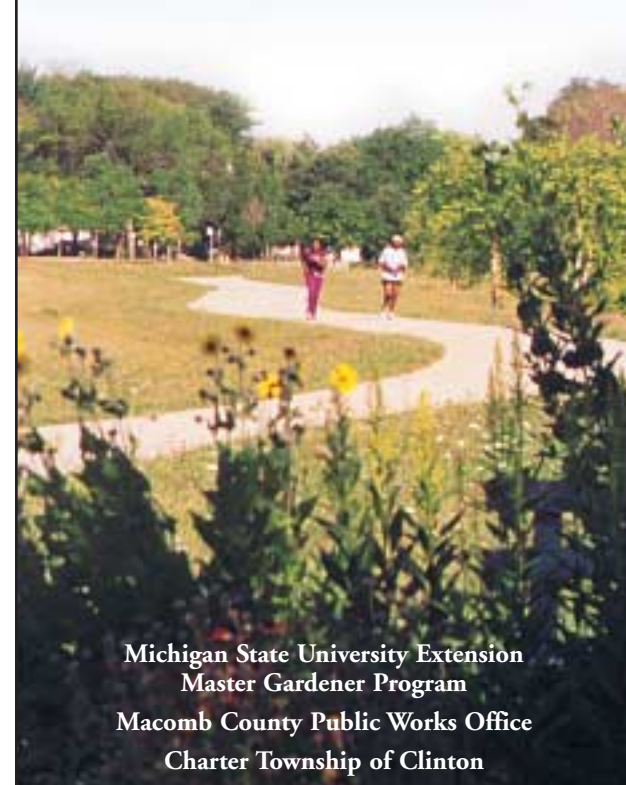
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Clinton River Spillway Bike Path Project

*A Volunteer Effort to Beautify, Enhance
 and Protect the Environment.*



Michigan State University Extension
Master Gardener Program
Macomb County Public Works Office
Charter Township of Clinton

PROJECT GOALS/PURPOSE

- Beautify, enhance and protect land and water quality
- Provide educational and volunteer opportunities
- Create a functional and attractive pathway for wildlife and the community
- Raise environmental awareness, promote environmental responsibility and protect greenspace



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Gardening to improve and protect the environment
- FREE one hour educational presentations
- Community and Master Gardener volunteer programs
- Conservation and watershed demonstration projects
- Sponsor and donor opportunities
- Honor and memorial plantings
- Flexible, self-directed Master Gardener projects
- Business, school and organizational partnerships
- “River Day” and “River Clean Up” event location
- Adopt-a-Tree, Garden & Hike-Bike Path opportunities
- Three regularly scheduled seasonal workdays; the third Saturday of May, July and September from 8:30-3:30.



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