



CITY COUNCIL REPORT

November 20, 2009

TO: John Szerlag, City Manager

FROM: John M. Lamerato, Assistant City Manager/Finance & Administration
Carol Anderson, Parks and Recreation Director

SUBJECT: Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center Receives Michigan Department of Natural Resources Community Forestry Grant

Background:

- The Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center has received a grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Forest, Mineral and Fire Management, and USDA Forest Service, State and Private Forestry Program in the amount of \$4822.00.
- The City of Troy Nature Center staff is to provide in-kind services including time to research, design and install the five completed signs.
- The grant monies will be used to purchase five new interactive educational interpretive signs on the trails at the Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center. The signage will include information such as leaf shapes, seed types, as well as animal identification aids including images of tracks and scat. Signs will also include language pertaining to commercial usage of the trees in modern forestry, traditional usage of trees, understory plants and animal adaptations for survival purposes.
- The signs will enhance and enrich the natural experience of the visiting public to offer information about what they are viewing.
- This grant will help the Nature Center achieve its mission of “creating passion for, and knowledge of the natural world in the hearts and minds of citizens,” through educational use on the Nature Center’s two miles of walking trails.

It is with much appreciation and thanks that this grant is accepted by the City.

Submitted by: Stacey Yankee, Nature Center Manager