

VISION PLAN

Detroit Heritage River Water Trail

The Detroit Heritage River Water Trail meanders through the rich natural and cultural history of the Detroit, Huron, Rouge, and Raisin Rivers and offers new opportunities for canoeing and kayaking. Paddle through time along rivers that sustained Native Americans and fostered the industrial revolution. Experience from the water, our region's natural beauty and amazing variety of wildlife – the marshes, coastal wetlands, islands, fish, ducks, herons, eagles, and more!

"a timeless inspiration, an invitation to journey, to adventure..."
author unknown



- 1 Reid Ramp
- 2 Belle Isle Beach
- 3 Erma Henderson Park
- 4 Belle Isle Boat Club
- 5 Tri-Centennial State Park
- 6 Riverside Park
- 7 Historic Fort Wayne
- 8 Delray Boat Launch
- 9 The Henry Ford Estate - Fair Lane
- 10 The Henry Ford / Greenfield Village
- 11 Roush
- 12 Melvindale Community Center
- 13 The Rouge Manufacturing Complex
- 14 Belanger Park
- 15 Edmund Fitzgerald Park
- 16 Ecorse Municipal Ramp
- 17 BASF Waterfront Park
- 18 Riverview Boat Launch
- 19 North Hennepin Marsh
- 20 Thorofare Canal (North)
- 21 Black Lagoon
- 22 Rotary Park
- 23 Elizabeth Park Landing
- 24 Elizabeth Park Marina
- 25 Thorofare Canal (South)
- 26 Humbug Marsh / Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge Gateway
- 27 Grosse Ile Nature Area
- 28 Lake Erie Metropark (North)
- 29 Lake Erie Metropark (South)
- 30 Milleville Beach *Private access only
- 31 Pointe Mouillee
- 32 Wayne County Park Brownstown
- 33 Belleville Lake (West)
- 34 Belleville Lake (East)
- 35 French Landing
- 36 Lower Huron Metropark (North)
- 37 Lower Huron Metropark (South)
- 38 Willow Metropark
- 39 Oakwoods Metropark
- 40 Former Ford Plant Dam
- 41 Huron Park
- 42 Flat Rock Boat Launch
- 43 Rockwood
- 44 Dodge Park
- 45 Patricia Quick Park
- 46 Labo Park
- 47 Mouillee Creek
- 48 Swan Creek
- 49 Sterling State Park
- 50 Waterloo Park
- 51 Hellenberg Park
- 52 Bolles Harbor Park

Discover... diverse experiences, from highly urban to serene, natural waterways.

<p>Belle Isle</p> <p>Belle Isle Beach is the best kayak launch site on this jewel of Detroit's park system. Scenic shoreline views are unrivaled to paddlers traveling around the island and through its canals. Named in honor of Isabelle Cass, daughter of Governor Lewis Cass, Belle Isle was designed in 1883 by Frederick Law Olmsted, famed landscape architect for New York's Central Park. Key landmarks listed on the National Register of Historic Places include Livingstone Memorial Lighthouse, Scott Fountain, and the MacArthur Bridge.</p> <p>1 2 3 4</p>	<p>Urban Rouge</p> <p>Paddlers will find a "Y" shaped concrete channel harnessing the Rouge River from Michigan Avenue to the Ford Rouge Center. Low bridges, approximately ten feet above the water, prohibit large watercraft. The hard-edged river contrasts with adjacent soft meadows that are backed by light industry, housing, a golf course, and the Melvindale Community Center, which hosts this stretch of the river's only existing boat launch. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is committed to removing a portion of the concrete channel utilizing natural bank restoration techniques.</p> <p>11 12</p>	<p>Grosse Ile</p> <p>Grosse Ile, once a summer retreat for automotive pioneers, displays to paddlers historic home sites and bridges surrounded by an inviting green shoreline. Visual attractions include the G.I. Childs Mansion and Ford Yacht Club at the island's south end. Henepin Marsh straddling both sides of the historic toll bridge, the former NRE missile base under restoration by the Grosse Ile Nature and Land Conservancy, and the Grosse Ile North Channel Lighthouse. Nearby Sugar and Celeron Islands offer unimproved, forested stopping places for paddlers rounding Grosse Ile's south end.</p> <p>19 20 25 27</p>	<p>Huron-Clinton Metroparks</p> <p>Along the Huron River, paddlers can take advantage of the Lower Huron, Willow and Oakwoods Metroparks, featuring beautiful golf courses, hike-bike trails, scenic nature trails, and picnic areas. The Metroparks offer some of the most beautiful natural river viewing and paddler-friendly amenities in lower Michigan. Parking and restrooms are standard at each park. Oakwoods Metropark features a nature center which highlights the wildlife and heritage in the area. For additional information about paddling and camping within the Huron-Clinton Metropark system, please call 800.477.2757 or visit www.metroparks.com.</p> <p>36 37 38 39</p>
<p>Downtown Detroit</p> <p>Founded in 1701 by Antoine de La Mothe Cadillac, downtown Detroit ("the strait") is rich with historical architecture and many scenic assets highly visible from the water's edge, such as the new Tri-Centennial State Park featuring a 63-foot high lighthouse, General Motors' new waterfront plaza at the Renaissance Center, and the new Detroit RiverWalk linking Belle Isle to Cobo Hall. Safety conscious paddlers hug the seawall to avoid large vessels and heavy boat traffic. Be aware that ports of refuge are extremely limited in this area.</p> <p>5</p>	<p>Industrial Rouge</p> <p>Paddlers will discover heavy industry sharply contrasting with strips of natural areas at the Rouge River's mouth. DTE Energy's Rouge River Power Plant, U.S. Steel, and the Ford Rouge Center present impressive structures, all in scale with massive freighters navigating the area. A straight channel to the Detroit River and turning basin dredged by Henry Ford in 1929 allowed material deliveries to the Rouge Manufacturing Plant. World War II's "arsenal of democracy." Viewing the area from a canoe is truly an awe-inspiring adventure. Use extreme caution due to large watercraft.</p> <p>13</p>	<p>Lower Trenton Channel</p> <p>In this area, paddlers will encounter a natural riverbank lined with some industry. Dominant features seen from the river include Elizabeth Park, DTE Energy's Trenton Channel Power Plant, Humbug Marsh and Marsh, and the historic residences of Gibraltar. A historic metal truss bridge connects the mainland to Grosse Ile just south of Elizabeth Park. This historic park features arched bridges, canals, and period architecture. The Gateway for the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge is under development just north of Humbug Marsh and will offer a kayak/canoe launch.</p> <p>23 24 26</p>	<p>Lower Huron River</p> <p>Paddlers will find that Flat Rock's Huron Park offers plenty of open space for recreation on the river. Until a non-motorized launch is constructed at or near the park, Flat Rock's Boat Launch east of Telegraph Road is a point of entry for paddlers. Rockwood's Labo Park has primitive river access, but the city has planned an improved launch area and restroom facility. Restaurants and service places are conveniently located. The Huron River slows and widens downstream of the city as the natural shore fills in with private residences. Be prepared to paddle without a pushing current and to explore the wildlife along numerous outposts on this stretch of river.</p> <p>40 41 42 43 44 45 46</p>
<p>Industrial Detroit</p> <p>Detroit's west waterfront showcases an industrial landscape, with a newapparel warehouse, Motor City International Terminal, Mistecky Power Plant, and the impressive Ambassador Bridge included among the views. Riverside Park is home to the Detroit Fire Department's launch, the J.W. Westcott mail boat, and a public launch. Non-motorized launch development opportunities exist here and at Historic Fort Wayne. Due to unpredictable winds and large watercraft, paddling close to shore is advised. Be aware that ports of refuge are extremely limited in this area.</p> <p>6 7 8</p>	<p>Middle Detroit River</p> <p>Paddlers will see a Detroit riverfront that remains industrial south of the Rouge River's mouth, with U.S. Steel being the dominant landowner. Belanger Park features Mariner's Memorial Lighthouse, as well as a boat launch, although no special amenities exist for non-motorized watercraft. Further downstream, amenities are planned for Edmond Fitzgerald Park to commemorate the birthplace of that famous freighter and hundreds of others. Both parks offer opportunities for new kayak/canoe launch sites. Mud Island defines the water trail's eastern edge with 72 acres of coastal wetlands and 18 acres of uplands.</p> <p>14 15 16</p>	<p>Lake Erie Metropark</p> <p>After paddling past Gibraltar's appealing residential shoreline, a wide panorama of Lake Erie opens and the water's edge returns to a natural landscape. Lake Erie Metropark, a 1,600-acre passive and active recreation area, offers some of the state's best bird watching. Pointe Mouillee, established in the 1870's, is one of the nation's oldest marshland hunting and recreation areas. Many canals and lagoons present great opportunities to explore this area's natural beauty. Paddle with caution along the park's edge as conditions may change very quickly. Strong winds blowing in from the lake are common mid to late afternoon.</p> <p>28 29 30 31 32</p>	<p>Lake Erie Waterfront</p> <p>On this part of Lake Erie's shoreline, paddlers can enjoy Sterling State Park and over 1,000 acres of recreational opportunities, including camping, wildlife viewing, hiking, biking, picnicking, fishing, and water access via the Jerry C. Baines Memorial Boat Launch. The silhouette of the Forni Nuclear Power Plant dramatically contrasts with the natural shoreline to the north. Confined by the Westville Habitat Council, the Forni site is the largest land parcel within the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge. Paddle with caution and stay near Lake Erie's shore as wind and current conditions may change abruptly.</p> <p>47 48 49</p>
<p>Cultural-Natural Rouge</p> <p>North of Michigan Avenue, the Rouge River flows through one of the region's most significant historic areas. The Henry Ford Estate-Fair Lane, once home to Henry Ford, features a million-acre site. Further downstream, the stories of 300 years of American history unfold at the Henry Ford's Greenfield Village. Both sites are National Historic Landmark sites. An above has been restored along the canalized Rouge River at Greenfield Village. The newly created island offers camping opportunities for scout groups, a haven for wildlife observation, and an array of environmental education programs.</p> <p>9 10</p>	<p>Upper Trenton Channel</p> <p>Wyandotte, Riverview, and Trenton offer paddlers views of a golf course, parks, marinas, industrial sites, and early 19th century homes. Two centuries ago, massive lumber harvests from inland areas supported a flourishing shipbuilding and home building economy. Wyandotte's Bishop Park hosts an interpretive monument featuring the story of the first Bessemer steel making plant, which helped launch the industrial age. Just further south at BASF Waterfront Park, the City of Wyandotte has constructed a floating dock to be used as a kayak and canoe launch.</p> <p>17 18 21 22</p>	<p>Ford Lake & Belleville Lake</p> <p>Belleville Lake, Wayne County's largest inland lake, rests between two dams on the Huron River and was created when the French Landing Dam was constructed in 1925. Paddlers will find a beautiful residential and recreational shoreline known for picturesque sunsets and scenic photographic opportunities. The 101-acre Van Buren Park fronts the lake's northern shore, offering a beautiful view of the lake's northern shore. Ford Lake appears immediately upstream, a recreational gem created in 1927 when the Riverview and Powerhouse Dams were constructed by Henry Ford to power two nearby Ford plants.</p> <p>33 34 35</p>	<p>River Raisin Mouth</p> <p>Visiting historic Monroe, paddlers can stop to discover many links to the past – historic buildings, bridges, a War of 1812 battlefield, and more. Beginning as a French settlement in 1780, when Francois Nazare built a cabin on the Riviere aux Raisins, it was later named after President James Monroe. As a port city on Lake Erie, paddlers should beware of large watercraft, but take the time to enjoy exquisite American Lotus beds featuring large, spectacular aquatic flowers. The Waterloo Dam is a hazard on the River Raisin without an easy portage due to channel walls.</p> <p>50 51 52</p>

Detroit Heritage River Water Trail

paddle thru time

DISCOVER OUR WILD SIDE!

The Metropolitan Affairs Coalition (MAC) is a private/public partnership dedicated to enhancing the quality of life and economy of Southeast Michigan. The Detroit Heritage River Water Trail Project was undertaken by MAC as part of its Greater Detroit American Heritage River Initiative in cooperation with local governments as well as key stakeholders, including the Downriver-Linked Greenways Initiative, Friends of the Detroit River, Huron-Clinton Metropark Authority, Michigan Sea Grant, National Park Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Wayne County Parks.

In addition to Metropolitan Affairs Coalition, financial assistance to plan the water trail was provided by the Michigan Coastal Management Program, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, DTE Energy Foundation, and Downriver Linked Greenways Initiative.

MAC
Metropolitan Affairs Coalition
Greater Detroit American Heritage River Initiative
METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS COALITION

METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS COALITION • 5355 GRIFFIN RD., SUITE 300
DETROIT, MI 48220 • 313.961.2370 • WWW.MAC-WEB.ORG

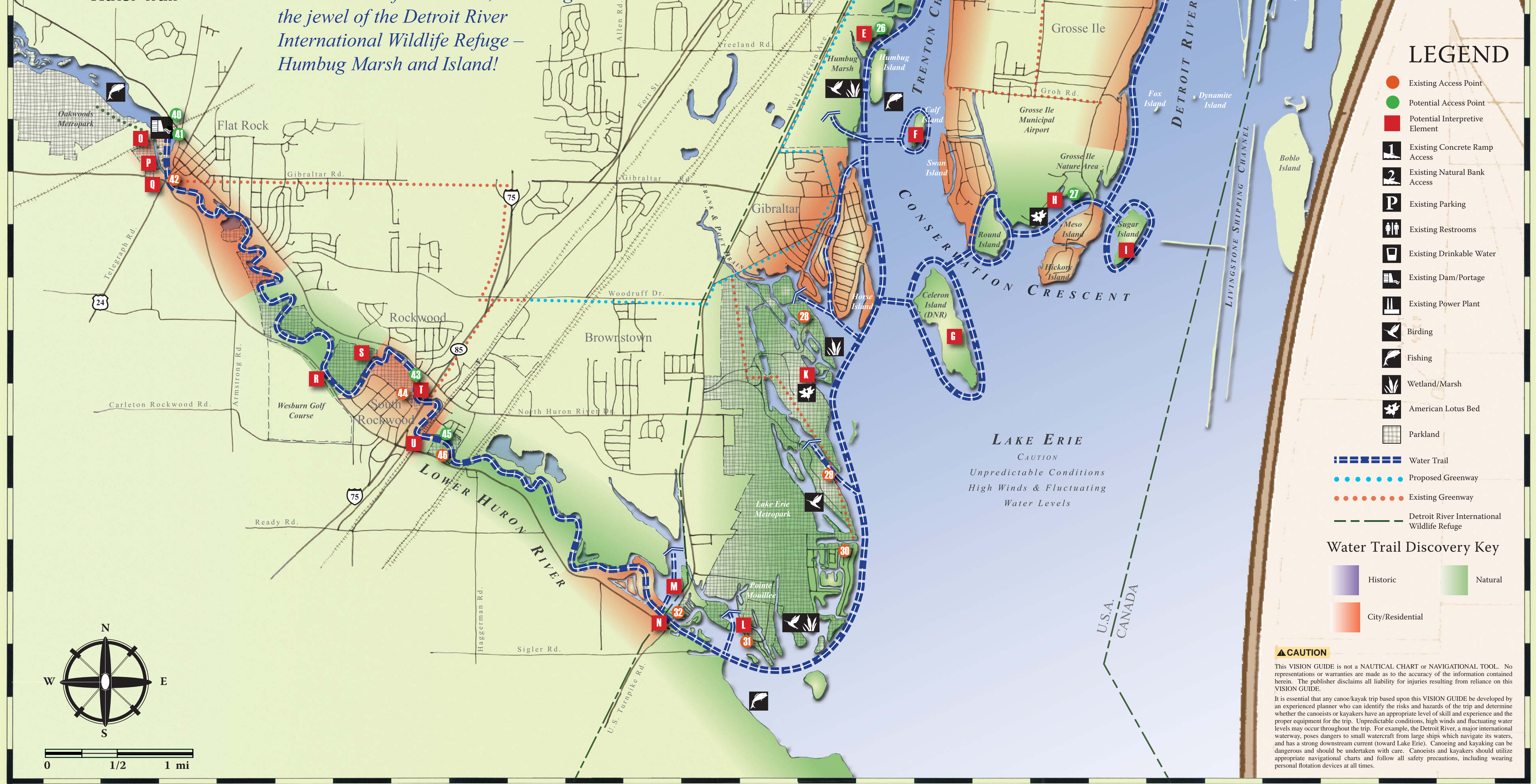
DTE Energy Foundation
DEQ

© Metropolitan Affairs Coalition, August 2006

PHASE I PLAN

Detroit Heritage River Water Trail

The first phase flows along the Huron River from Flat Rock to its mouth, up the west shoreline of Lake Erie and into the mouth of the Detroit River to Trenton. This route was selected based on mounting enthusiasm to explore these reaches, the wide diversity of paddling experiences found along the way, and the area's abundant natural beauty and rich wildlife resources, including the jewel of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge—Humbug Marsh and Island!



LEGEND

- Existing Access Point
- Potential Access Point
- Potential Interpretive Element
- Ⓜ Existing Concrete Ramp Access
- Ⓝ Existing Natural Bank Access
- Ⓟ Existing Parking
- Ⓜ Existing Restrooms
- Ⓜ Existing Drinkable Water
- Ⓜ Existing Dam/Portage
- Ⓜ Existing Power Plant
- Ⓜ Birding
- Ⓜ Fishing
- Ⓜ Wetland/Marsh
- Ⓜ American Lotus Bed
- Ⓜ Parkland
- Water Trail
- Proposed Greenway
- Existing Greenway
- Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge

Water Trail Discovery Key

- Historic
- Natural
- City/Residential

CAUTION
 This VISION GUIDE is not a NAUTICAL CHART or NAVIGATIONAL TOOL. No representations or warranties are made as to the accuracy of the information contained herein. The publisher disclaims all liability for injuries resulting from reliance on this VISION GUIDE.
 It is essential that any canoe/kayak trip based upon this VISION GUIDE be developed by an experienced planner who can identify the risks and hazards of the trip and determine whether the canoeists or kayakers have an appropriate level of skill and experience and the proper equipment for the trip. Unpredictable conditions, high winds and fluctuating water levels may occur throughout the trip. For example, the Detroit River, a major international waterway, poses dangers to small watercraft from large ships which navigate its waters, and has a strong downstream current (toward Lake Erie). Canoeing and kayaking can be dangerous and should be undertaken with care. Canoeists and kayakers should utilize appropriate navigational charts and follow all safety precautions, including wearing personal flotation devices at all times.

Discover... opportunities for river access and cultural/natural enlightenment.

Trenton

A Downtown Trenton
 Founded in 1834 by War of 1812 veteran Major Caleb Trux, Trenton was home to shipbuilding yards that fueled an industrial economy. The waterfront now has three beautiful pocket parks while downtown boasts a new streetscape, restaurants, and shops.

B Elizabeth Park
 Originally known as Slocum's Island, this land was donated in 1919 by the Slocum family to become Wayne County's first park. It has a peaceful canal perfect for the novice paddler and each year is home to the "Paddle By Your Reel" event, held in the early fall during the "Taste of Trenton/Somewhere in Time" festival.

23 Elizabeth Park Landing
 Existing Conditions: Restrooms and water are within a five-minute walk from an undeveloped soft shore launch area along the bank of the canal, southwest of the entrance bridge.

24 Elizabeth Park Marina
 Existing Conditions: The concrete launch is not ideal for non-motorized watercraft.

Recommendations: Develop a launch facility along the canal with interpretive signage. Potential livery location.

Recommendations: Elizabeth Park canal is the recommended launch point.

Humbug Marsh

D Solatia C DTE Energy
 These riverside ponds and wetlands represent commitments by industry to improve the region's quality of life. Both restore waterfront property to enhance wildlife habitat.

E The Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge Gateway
 The Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge is the only international wildlife refuge in North America. The Refuge Gateway, being planned, is adjacent to Humbug Marsh, the last mile of natural shoreline along the U.S. side of the Detroit River and a vital zone for bird migration and wildlife habitat. It will include a canoe/kayak landing and visitor/education center demonstrating advanced techniques for stormwater management, energy consumption, and sustainability as well as orientation and comfort amenities when exploring Humbug Marsh.

26 Wildlife Refuge Gateway Landing
 Existing Conditions: A high, steep bank prohibits safe access. **Recommendations:** Provide vehicular access and a soft shore launch in conjunction with natural shoreline restoration. These improvements, along with restrooms and canoe/kayak rentals, are to be provided as part of the Refuge Gateway development.

Lake Erie Metropark

28 Lake Erie Metropark (North)
 Existing Conditions: A designated access point is located north of the existing parking area. **Recommendations:** Construct a soft shore launch with interpretive signage.

K Lotus Bed
 The American Lotus flower is Michigan's symbol for clean water as well as a state threatened species. Huge leaves, large yellowish blossoms, and cone-shaped seed heads make this spectacular wetland plant a "must-see" for coastal visitors from late July through autumn. The beds serve as valuable cover and food source for wildlife. The Lotus depends on barrier islands and inlets for protection from the battering waves. Shoreline development over the past century destroyed most of these natural features, reducing plant colonies to only a few areas.

29 Lake Erie Metropark (South)
 Existing Conditions: Parking, restrooms, and water are available near an existing soft shore launch located south of the pedestrian bridge in the Cove Point picnic area.

30 Mileville Beach
 The private beach provides a location for an emergency port of refuge from Lake Erie.

Lower Huron River Mouth

32 Wayne County Brownstown Boat Launch
 Existing Conditions: The concrete launch is not ideal for non-motorized watercraft. **Recommendations:** Construct a soft shore launch and pathway connection to the existing parking area. Locate new development east of the existing concrete launch. Repair and reopen existing restrooms. Potential livery location.

M Jefferson Avenue/Huron River Bridge
 The original bridge, built during the War of 1812, was reconstructed later as a 102-foot swing bridge. An early long-span stringer bridge replaced the swing bridge in 1930.

N Old Corduroy Road Remains
 In 1812, U.S. troops and the Michigan Militia crossed the Huron River via raft and built a log road over the mucky wetlands of the river's mouth. With improvements, it later became known as U.S. Turnpike, River Road, and Jefferson. Though buried under gravel and new road construction, a 1,500-foot portion of the original corduroy road is preserved here. Logs are exposed to paddlers heading north under the Jefferson Road Bridge during low water.

Middle Lower Huron River Area

R Wesburn Golf & Country Club
 This course, not fully developed until the 1920s, has accommodated golfers since the Civil War.

S Riverside Cemetery
 This historic cemetery includes the resting place of Henry Peters, a Civil War veteran decorated with a Congressional Medal of Honor.

Rockwood

43 Downtown Rockwood
 Existing Conditions: This general area is ideal for a proposed launch due to nearby amenities in downtown Rockwood and would provide a much-needed rest area when paddling from Flat Rock.

44 Dodge Park
 Existing Conditions: This is an undeveloped launch site with gravel access drive. **Recommendations:** Provide grade adjustments to improve existing soft shore access and identify with signage.

T Abutments of the DWR Electric Line
 The D.U.R. electric trolley line operated through the Rockwood, South Rockwood area from 1903 to 1933. Abutments from a steel bridge completed in 1913 are visible to paddlers near I-75.

U Norfolk & Southern Railroad Bridge & Dixie Highway
 This is the site of the Dixie Highway Bridge and a Michigan State Police Historic Marker. The Dixie Highway, completed in 1917, was the nation's first north/south interstate highway to run from Canada to Florida.

Grosse Ile West

C Grosse Ile Parkway Bridge
 This is the last true swing bridge built in Michigan. It was constructed in 1873 for the Michigan Central Railroad and rebuilt for automobile traffic in 1931. The bridge approach on Grosse Ile is a favorite nesting site for Common Tern, a state threatened species.

25 Thorofare Canal (South)
 Existing Conditions: Although most property along the canal is private, at least two areas are owned by Grosse Ile Township that could provide access to soft shore launch points. **Recommendations:** Investigate potential for development of soft shore launches at the Grosse Ile Township Waste Water Treatment Plant, approximately 1/4 mile inland from Trenton Channel, and north of Horse Mill Road (see Vision Plan for Thorofare Canal-North launch location).

I Sugar Island
 An amusement park began operating on Sugar Island circa 1890 with its popularity peaking in the early 1900s. It languished during the Great Depression and finally failed in 1936 when the Tashmo, a visitor transport ferry, sank after colliding with a rock. The island is now forested with sandy beaches on both sides.

J Stony Island
 In the late 1800s, a railroad from the U.S. mainland crossed the Trenton Channel, Grosse Ile, and a part of the river before ending on Stony Island. From there, freight and passengers were ferried to Amherstburg, completing their trip to Canada.

Conservation Crescent

F Calf Island
 The name of this island originates from its use by Grosse Ile farmers in the late 19th century, who put calves here to graze, free from predators. Owned by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the island has wetland habitat, upland forest, and an area of open meadow.

G Celeron Island
 Named after 18th century French explorer, Louis Bleniville de Celeron, this island is owned by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources as part of the Pointe Mouillee Game Area. Deep shoreline undulations provide calm-water bays worthy of exploration. Great Blue Heron are commonly sighted on a shoal between Calf and Celeron Islands.

H Grosse Ile Nature Area
 This land once housed a Navy Seaplane Base (1927) and Nike Missile site (1954-1963). It is now owned by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and managed by the Grosse Ile Nature and Land Conservancy, a group dedicated to environmental rehabilitation of the site. One of the northernmost American Lotus beds graces the shore of this property.

27 Grosse Ile Nature Area
 Existing Conditions: A primitive launch point, heavily shrouded by lotus, lies west of an abandoned seaplane pad. Permission is required from Grosse Ile Nature and Land Conservancy.

L Pointe Mouillee State Game Area
 This area is rich with wildlife and renowned for outstanding bird watching and high quality duck hunting. Named "Pointe Mouillee," or "Wet Point," by French fur traders, the marsh once covered the Huron River delta. Native Americans, French trappers, and settlers depended on its rich harvest of muskrats, waterfowl, and plant resources. In 1875, the Pointe Mouillee Shooting Club purchased most of the marsh. After World War II, the property was transferred to the State of Michigan. It is managed by the Michigan DNR.

Pointe Mouillee

31 Pointe Mouillee
 Existing Conditions: The concrete launch is not ideal for non-motorized watercraft. **Recommendations:** Construct a soft shore launch with interpretive signage.

L Pointe Mouillee State Game Area
 This area is rich with wildlife and renowned for outstanding bird watching and high quality duck hunting. Named "Pointe Mouillee," or "Wet Point," by French fur traders, the marsh once covered the Huron River delta. Native Americans, French trappers, and settlers depended on its rich harvest of muskrats, waterfowl, and plant resources. In 1875, the Pointe Mouillee Shooting Club purchased most of the marsh. After World War II, the property was transferred to the State of Michigan. It is managed by the Michigan DNR.

Flat Rock

O Flat Rock Dam
 This dam powered the plant erected by Henry Ford in 1921 and served as the bridge for the Canadian National Railroad (originally DT&I Railroad).

40 Former Ford Plant Dam
 Existing Conditions: Portage around the dam is difficult but achievable on the dam's west side through a gate near the factory. Call Flat Rock Metal: 734.782.4454 for access. **Recommendations:** Provide designated soft shore access points on both sides of the dam for a safe portage; locations to be determined.

41 Harco Park
 Existing Conditions: This beautiful park offers restrooms, parking, and interpretive signage. **Recommendations:** Provide a designated soft shore launch downstream of the dams.

P Downtown Flat Rock
 Restaurants and shops are located in downtown Flat Rock. There is great potential for a canoe livery development near the park.

Q Telegraph Road Bridge
 The masonry below the Telegraph Road Bridge is solid rock, which explains the City of Flat Rock's namesake. Telegraph Road was first paved in the 1920s.

42 Flat Rock Boat Launch
 Existing Conditions: The concrete launch is not ideal for non-motorized watercraft. **Recommendations:** Construct a soft shore access launch and identify with signage. Potential livery location.

Labo and Patricia Quick Parks

45 Patricia Quick Park
 Existing Conditions: Limited parking is remote from a potential launch point. **Recommendations:** Develop a footpath from the parking area to the nearest potential launch point and identify with signage.

46 Labo Park
 Existing Conditions: This undeveloped soft shore launch site has nearby parking and portable restrooms within walking distance. The river current slows significantly from Labo Park to Pointe Mouillee. **Recommendations:** Provide grade adjustments to improve existing soft shore access point, new stair with kayak slide from parking area to launch site, permanent restroom facilities, and identify launch site with signage.

This Regional Vision and Phase I Plan are first steps in realizing the Detroit Heritage River Water Trail. Next steps include incorporating the water trail plan in local recreation and master plans; acquiring funding for launch site amenities; developing strategies and methods for interpreting and communicating historical, cultural, and natural features; and establishing management and maintenance arrangements. For more information and details on the Detroit Heritage River Water Trail visit MAC's website, www.mac-web.org.

Photo Credits:
 DTE Energy
 Detroit Historical Society
 Don Brennan, National Park Service
 Donald Courtney
 Friends of the Rouge
 Prepared for Metropolitan Affairs Coalition by Hamilton Anderson Associates

Grosse Ile Nature & Land Conservancy
 Gayle Yergo Cole
 Huron-Clinton Metroparks
 Janis Layne
 U.S.F.W.S.

MAC
 Metropolitan Affairs Coalition
 Greater Detroit American Heritage River Initiative
 METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS COALITION