

**Appropriate 4576 River Rd.  
Bullet Points**

**Resolution of Intent to Appropriate Property from American 1<sup>st</sup> Title Agency, Inc., Trustee for the AW Trail Improvement Project (Detroit to Glendale).**

- The City is proceeding with the Anthony Wayne Trail Improvement Project, which will include a complete re-construction and lane reduction the Anthony Wayne Trail (Lucas County Route 25) roadway from Detroit Avenue to Glendale Avenue, as well as construction of a new multi-use/bike trail, and utility improvements
- In order to implement the objectives of and construct the project, the City needs to purchase a highway easement from American 1<sup>st</sup> Title Agency, Inc., Trustee across a portion of the property at 4576 River Road.
- The Anthony Wayne Trail roadway will be reduced to 2 lanes in each direction and the center island will be slightly smaller so that additional greenspace and a new multi-use/bike trail can be constructed within the existing right of way to connect the trail from the zoo to the Chessie Circle Trail.
- Due to grading issues between the Chessie Circle Trail and the AW Trail right of way, the highway easement required from American 1<sup>st</sup> Title Agency, Inc., Trustee is required to construct a portion of the trail from the Chessie Circle trail to the intersection of the AW Trail and Detroit in compliance with current design and ADA-compliant grading standards.
- Negotiations to purchase the property have been unsuccessful to date.
- This resolution is the first step in the eminent domain process to secure the property and the City's ability to construct the project within the deadlines set forth for by state and federal funding agencies for this project.
- The resolution only serves to notify the owner of our *intent* to appropriate the property IF we are unable to reach an amicable agreement for the purchase of the property rights required for the public improvement project and, hopefully, will facilitate active and amicable negotiations.
- If we are unable to move forward with negotiations, a formal ordinance authorizing the City to proceed with the formal legal process will be presented to Council.