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**RIVER RAISIN HERITAGE TRAIL**  
**TO BE DEDICATED TOMORROW AT 3 P.M.**

***Sen. Carl Levin to Deliver Keynote; Animal Planet Host, NBC/MSNBC  
Wildlife and Science Expert Jeff Corwin to be Featured Guest***

MONROE, Mich. – Following a decade’s worth of work by a broad spectrum of community organizations, the River Raisin Heritage Trail will be officially dedicated tomorrow at 3 p.m. at a ceremony on the corner of E. Elm and Detroit avenues.

That location is where the greenways path connects the City of Monroe to the River Raisin National Battlefield Park and Sterling State Park, one of the busiest in Michigan. The trail also snakes by the Ford Marsh within the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, connects to Downtown Monroe and will eventually link to Monroe County Community College.

The ceremony, which is free and open to the public, will included a keynote address by U.S. Sen. Carl Levin (D-Mich.) and speeches by other federal, state and local officials; comments from featured guest Jeff Corwin, host of Animal Planet’s “The Jeff Corwin Experience” and wildlife and science expert for NBC/MSNBC; a ribbon cutting; a living history encampment; and the unveiling of a new River Raisin Heritage Trail entrance sign designed and constructed by local volunteers.

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In addition to Levin and Corwin, speakers at the ceremony are scheduled to include:

- Dr. David E. Nixon, president, Monroe County Community College, who will serve as master of ceremonies
- Ron Olson, chief of the Parks and Recreation Division for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment
- Dr. John H. Hartig, manager, Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge
- Andy Buchsbaum, regional executive director of the National Wildlife Federation's regional Great Lakes office
- Cynthia Burkhour, accessibility technical expert for the Kellogg Foundation's Access to Recreation Grant Program
- Paul Wannemacher, board chair, Community Foundation of Monroe County
- State Sen. Randy Richardville (R-Monroe)
- State Rep. Kate Ebli (D-Monroe)
- Robert Clark, mayor, City of Monroe
- William Sisk, chair, Monroe County Board of Commissioners

As part of the two-day River Raisin Heritage Trail Dedication Celebration, Corwin will speak at 7 p.m. tomorrow at MCCC's La-Z-Boy Center on the importance of saving endangered species. Events slated for Saturday include a 5-mile run and walk, family educational tours, a dog walk, a family bicycle ride and "Mysteries of the Marsh" ghost tours.

Some of the events have a cost associated with them. Please check [www.rtrail.com](http://www.rtrail.com) for details.

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