

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-0504**  
MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

*RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CAREFUL AND COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL, SAFETY AND OTHER COMMUNITY IMPACTS RELATED TO THE GRAVEL  
MINING PROPOSALS NEAR THE WATKINS LAKE STATE PARK AND COUNTY PRESERVE*

City of Manchester  
County of Washtenaw  
State of Michigan

At a regular meeting of the Manchester City Council of the City of Manchester, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, held in said City of Manchester Council Chambers on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026, there were:

PRESENT: Chartrand, Dresch, Harvey, LaRocque, Mahony, Woods & Vaillencourt  
ABSENT: None

The following resolution was offered by Councilor LaRocque and seconded by Councilor Dresch.

As the City of Manchester is near the Watkins Lake State Park and County Preserve, and as citizens of the City recognize the singular benefits and importance of the Watkins Lake Preserve in providing important habitat for wildlife, water quality protection, recreational opportunities and economic benefits to the surrounding area, including the City of Manchester, the Manchester City Council adopts the following resolution in accord with its duties and responsibilities to the city residents.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Manchester recognizes the authority of Norvell Township, Jackson County and relevant state agencies in reviewing and approving land use and mining permits within their respective jurisdictions, therefore be it resolved that the Manchester City Council respectfully thanks the Norvell Township Board and all relevant review authorities for:

1. Considering all environmental factors with rigor and transparency, including traffic safety, cumulative impacts to water resources, groundwater recharge areas, wetlands, and sensitive wildlife habitats adjacent to and within Watkins Lake State Park and County Preserve;
2. Applying best available science and professional expertise in evaluating any gravel mining proposals, including independent environmental review where appropriate, to ensure decisions are based upon sound data and analysis;
3. Ensuring meaningful public engagement by providing opportunities for citizens from the City of Manchester, Norvell Township, and Washtenaw and Jackson Counties to review, comment, and participate in the decision-making process;
4. Coordinating with Washtenaw County, Jackson County, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and other applicable agencies to evaluate interjurisdictional impacts and compliance with all environmental laws, regulations, and policies;

5. Prioritizing protection of the long-term environmental and economic value of Watkins Lake State Park and County Preserve as a community asset that supports quality of life, tourism, conservation, and outdoor recreation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Norvell Township Board of Trustees, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, and other appropriate local and state officials..

AYES: Chartrand, Dresch, Harvey, LaRocque, Mahony, Woods & Vaillencourt

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.

#### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Manchester, County of Washtenaw, and State of Michigan, at a meeting held on May 4, 2026, the original of which is on file in my office and available to the public. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan 1976, including in the case of a special or rescheduled meeting, notice by posting at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time set for said meeting.

Dated: 05/04/2026

  
Brittany Kuhnle, City Clerk