

RESOLUTION NO. 21-_____

**A RESOLUTION
CONCERNING THE PUBLIC USE OF THE DUPAGE RIVER**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPERVILLE, DUPAGE AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, in exercise of its home rule authority as follows:

WHEREAS, the west branch of the DuPage River has served as the catalyst for the initial settlement of Naperville in 1831; and

WHEREAS, the City has made major financial investments in both land purchases as well as construction of the Riverwalk that borders the river through the downtown Naperville area highlighting the river; and

WHEREAS, residents of Naperville and other members of the public have, for many decades, used the DuPage River for recreational purposes throughout Naperville including but not limited to such activities as fishing, kayaking, and canoeing; and

WHEREAS, the City's intergovernmental partners, the Naperville Park District, the DuPage County Forest Preserve and the Will County Forest Preserve all see the benefit of recreational use of the river and have made significant investment in both land purchase as well as amenity construction along its storied banks; and

WHEREAS, the river has and continues to serve as a gathering place for public enjoyment and the City desires to maximize its continued use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPERVILLE, DUPAGE AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, in exercise of its home rule authority, as follows:

SECTION 1: The City of Naperville supports the continued recreational use of the West Branch of the DuPage River through Naperville.

SECTION 2: This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

ATTEST

Pam Gallahue, PhD
City Clerk

Steve Chirico
Mayor