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The Detroit River walk has been critical to the success of its nature restoration effort. But before building a new habitat in the bay, working on the bay to create new habitat for fish and wildlife was crucial. The bay’s natural ecosystems are an important part of the city’s overall health.

"I live and love water," said former Michigan State Senator and current Michigan Water Resources Commissioner Laurel Craig. "Transforming the bus stop was a great way to meet their needs while addressing the stormwater issue."}

Waukesha decision: Our water is here to stay

It’s up to us to keep it clean

On June 6, 2016, the eight Great Lakes states decided to allow the city of Waukesha, Wisconsin to import non-basin water to address a threat to its drinking water supply. The decision was a small victory for Detroiters and other Great Lakes residents who support clean, affordable drinking water for all.

"This is 100% of all our resources," said Michael Roper, Director for Chicago Public Water District of Alliance for the Great Lakes in D.C. "It’s an important one. And it’s only the beginning." The Alliance is working to keep this important source of drinking water in its place, free from the threat of invasive species.

"We can’t be effective if we don’t have a solid understanding of what’s important to Detroiters," said former Detroit Mayor Dave Bing. "Transforming the bus stop was something the community card bought, so this project was a great way to meet their needs while addressing the stormwater issue."

One backyard at a time

The view from ravine no. 7

Caroline Blake, a member of “the 70滨” neighborhood, describes how her backyard has changed over the years:

"I purchased this property in 1959 and have lived here ever since," said Sheahen, who raised her family here. "In 1959, I was a boy and now I’m a man, and I’ve seen the ravine go from being a place for children to play in the ravines. It was wonderful for them but scary." Sheahen said.

"The deer moved in and the undergrowth started to disappear. It was a huge change in my backyard," she said.

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"We can reduce flooding, help keep trees healthy, and make sure shade is available to people waiting for the bus on hot summer days," she said. "Two trees will give cooling shade to people waiting for the bus.

"As a kid, it was great fun to play in the ravines. It was wonderful for children but scary." Sheahen said.

"I’ve been living here since 1959 and have seen the ravine go from being a place for children to play to a place that’s not safe to play in. I’ve seen the ravine change all the time, and I’ve seen the ravine transform it can seem monumental—and it is," said former Gratiot County Commissioner Chris Proctor. "But the Gratiot County Commission is working to transform it and it can seem monumental—and it is."

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