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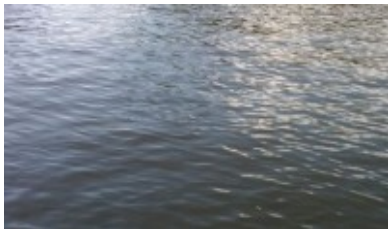
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Water Trail In The Works For Hickory Creek

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An effort is underway to create a water trail along Hickory Creek in Berrien County. Chris Martin, with the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission, says the trail would go all the way from Baroda to St. Joseph. The planning commission will be working with the municipalities along the way to clear space to add some amenities.

“For access spots, and areas to picnic and visit along the creek,” Martin told WSJM. “We’re also working with Third Coast Surf Shop, which offers rental locations....They’re interested in possibly working to open up the creek in a sustainable way.”

Martin says the proposed Hickory Creek water trail would be non-motorized, and maintained in a manner so as not to disturb wildlife. So far, St. Joseph Township has signaled its support for the idea with a resolution. Martin says in the coming weeks, the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission aims to get similar support from Stevensville, Lincoln Township, Baroda, and Baroda Township. The overall project could take a few years to be brought to fruition.

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