

# No designation

## 14 Mile ruled not 'natural beauty' road

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Fourteen Mile Road on Franklin's north boundary is pretty, but it doesn't qualify as a "natural beauty" road, the Oakland County Road Commission decided.

"I can't find the conditions to support a 'natural beauty' designation," said Lawrence Littman, a member of the three-man group, "but we'll do whatever we can to protect that road. It's certainly very attractive, no question about that."

"It's three-quarters of a loaf," Willem L. Weertman, a Franklin resident who spoke for residents, said following the meeting Jan. 28, "though we would have liked to have the whole thing. We'd get essentially the protection of a natural beauty road."

Franklin residents led the move for a natural beauty designation for 14 Mile between Inkster and Franklin roads as a method of halting a 72-inch water line which the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department plans to build by 1989.

INSTEAD, THE Road Commission said in a resolution that it "recognizes the community interest in preserving certain characteristics of this road." The panel committed itself to:

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• A public hearing prior to a road improvement project that would "significantly affect the character of this roadway."

• "Involve the community in the review of permit applications that may result in significant damage to the character of the roadway."

• Operate to "minimize impact to significant features of the roadway."

"I've been up and down the road before and since this became an issue," said Littman, a former Troy Planning Commission member before his appointment to the county

panel last year. He pointed to the requirement that the designation can be given to roads that are "natural without man-made changes" as the central argument against Franklin's case.

"Maybe down in the ravine it's natural, but not on the road itself," he said.

Chairman Fred Houghton and vice chairman Richard Vogt voted with him.

THE WATER line is due to go down the middle of 14 Mile, according to road commission staff members who saw Detroit's preliminary plan. The water line would run from Adams Road and I-75 in Troy, to Quanton, Lahser and then 14 Mile to a holding tank at Inkster Road.

Franklin residents on the south side of the road and Bloomfield Township residents on the north side contended tearing up the gravel road would disrupt the area's beauty.

Their survey of 38 residents showed six wanted it paved but not widened, 19 wanted it to remain gravel but better maintained and five wanted it "as is."

Their survey showed most felt the gravel road, views into the woods, canopy of trees, 25 mph speed limit and "rural appear-

ance" were "vital to the character" of the road.

"We're concerned about widening and paving, traffic and speed — all the things that happen in a metropolitan area that we don't want to see happening in our area," said Weertman.

Betty Robinson, a member of the Franklin Planning Commission, said that body believes "it does deserve to be a natural beauty road. It's very restful to be able to drive down a stretch like that."

Carmina Brooks Tuskal, president of the Franklin Historical Society, said many historic sites are "clustered at 14 Mile and Inkster." She said the natural beauty designation "could enhance the historic district. . . . It's a 19th Century setting."

BENGT SWENSON, an architect from the Bloomfield Township side, said, "We intend to shoot a video" so that after digging for a water line the road could be restored to its original condition.

"We appreciate the need for it (water line) to go in," adding, "The lawyers tell us don't use the word 'damage,' use 'effect.'"

The road commission sent a staff person to conduct a public hearing on the Franklin "natural beauty road" suggestion last year.

# Rotary planning Australian visit

Five women from southeast Michigan and Canada will travel to Australia in February as one of the first women's groups in the country sponsored by Rotary International's Group Study Exchange Program.

Accompanying the group will be Rotarian Mike Ramboas of Farmington Hills, a retired pharmacist who has been active in Rotary for the past 35 years.

The women will spend six weeks in Western Australia, near Perth and Fremantle, site of the most recent America's Cup yacht races.

To directly experience Australian customs and culture, the group will stay in the homes of Rotarians and follow an itinerary of educational and cultural activities, including time to pursue their own vocational interests.

The members of the group include: Maria Castronova of Sterling Heights, Denise Harvey of Ann Arbor, Bev LaLonde of Ann Arbor, Jane Sherzer of Royal Oak and Brenda Trask of Chatham, Ontario.

Rotary District 639, which includes southeast Michigan (except Detroit) and Kent County, Ontario, is sponsoring this exchange group, according to district governor Mav Sanghvi, an orthopedic surgeon practicing in the Novi area.

Applicants for the Rotary Group Study Exchange Program must be between the ages of 25 to 35, in good health, and have outstanding skills and interest in their chosen vocation.

"Our team of delegates was picked from a field of more than 49 well-qualified applicants with a

record of high achievement in their careers," Sanghvi said.

Internationally, the program is sponsored by the Rotary Foundation, which seeks to further international understanding and good will through educational and charitable projects funded by Rotary members and supporters.

LAST YEAR, Rotary International sent 303 teams, 1,300 participants, to 105 countries, at a cost of \$2.5 million. More than 12,500 team members have traveled worldwide since the program began in 1955.

Since 1917, the Rotary Foundation has strengthened the friendly relations among the peoples of 182 different countries and territories through involvement of more than a million Rotarians in 23,200 clubs worldwide. One of its largest projects, PolioPlus, is a \$120 million project to immunize all children in the free world no later than 2005, the year of Rotary's 100th anniversary.

Nationally, the Rotary Club started the first Easter Seals campaign in the 1920s to benefit crippled children. Locally, the Rotary Club supports a variety of community organizations for youth, the elderly, and handicapped citizens.

The U.S./Canada group will return home in early April, in time to welcome a Rotary group of women from Western Australia. Both groups will be featured at the Rotary's district conference April 22-24 at the Novi Hilton.

# Students raise money for chimps

The chimpanzee exhibit at the Detroit Zoo will get a boost from Larkshire Elementary, where first graders are busy collecting money to help their furry friends.

Spearheaded by teacher Evelyn Kaplan, the campaign at the Farmington Hills school is an effort to raise money for the new zoo exhibit.

"A student's father volunteered to

make the bin holding their contributions and labeled it, "Monkey Money."

"The first graders simply put their pennies in the bin, which is in the Larkshire lobby. The project has sparked interest among the entire student population, according to school officials.

The idea evolved from a project

the class did on chimpanzees. Kaplan saw the opportunity to use the campaign as an educational tool, and at the same time, to raise money for an educational institution.

"We've having such a good time with it," Kaplan said. "As parents come into the building, we notice they, too, have been opening their pockets."

The fund-raising project will run through the end of March. "It is a wonderful example of how a school can be involved," said Charles Hammond, executive director of the Detroit Zoological Society.

Ground will be broken for the chimp exhibit during the first week of May.

# 'Foreign' touches really closer to home

AP — Volkswagen ads emphasize the West German engineering of the automaker's Golf, GTI and Jetta cars — but they are built in Pennsylvania.

The Honda Accord and some Civic models are built in Ohio.

In one of Chevrolet's TV spots, the camera focuses on a Chevrolet Spectrum to the automaker's "Heartbeat of America" theme song. There's no mention that the Spectrum is made by Isuzu Motors Co. in Japan and imported by General Motors Corp.

It's becoming harder for consumers to tell whose car they are buying — a foreign-brand car built in the United States, a U.S.-brand car

built overseas, or a car built by one foreign automaker and sold by another.

"It's going to become so pervasive that it's going to be impossible to keep track from a consumer's perspective," said John Hammond, a partner and analyst with J.D. Power & Associates in Westlake Village, Calif.

While trade disputes publicly emphasize automakers' different nationalities and interests, companies are creating a global network that recognizes few political boundaries. Joint ventures also have blurred distinctions between companies.

Chrysler Corp. ads play up Japa-

nese quality and point out that Dodge and Plymouth Colt subcompact, sporty Chrysler Conquest and several of the automaker's small trucks are made by Japan's Mitsubishi Motors Corp. for Chrysler.

Chrysler also owns part of Italy's Maserati luxury sports car maker and one-quarter of Mitsubishi, which owns part of Korea's Hyundai, maker of the Hyundai Excel and Mitsubishi's Precis subcompact.

GM owns part of Isuzu, Suzuki and South Korea's Daewoo Motor Co., which is making GM's new Pontiac LeMans subcompact. GM also owns all of Britain's Group Lotus, a luxury sports car and engineering company,

and Vauxhall Motors Ltd., as well as Australia's Holden's Ltd. and Germany's Adam Opel AG.

Ford Motor Co. owns part of Kia Motors Corp. of South Korea, which makes Ford's coming Festiva mini-car, and a fourth of Mazda Motor Corp., which designed Ford's Mexican-built Mercury Tracer compact.

Mazda also is developing an assembly plant in Flat Rock, Mich., and Ford will sell at least half of the cars produced there under Ford namesplates.

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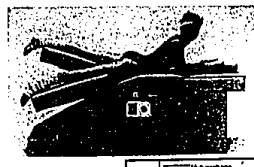
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