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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Isabella County Parks Chippewa River Erosion and Canoe Launch Project Construction to Begin Wednesday, July 20, 2022

The Isabella County Parks and Recreation Commission manages eight County Parks, three of which are located along the Chippewa River – Deerfield Nature Park, Majeske Landing, and Meridian Park. Due to increased use, high water and other water conditions, several spans of riverbank located throughout two of these parks have erosion problem areas that require stabilization.

Working to improve these areas to prevent future embankment issues is the goal of the **Chippewa River Erosion and Canoe Launch Project**. Originally scheduled to be completed in Fall 2021, this project was re-bid in early 2022, with completion date now scheduled for this Fall, or sooner. In Deerfield Nature Park the project plan is to improve/ rebuild two current canoe launches, add one new canoe launch, and take steps to repair a large section of eroded riverbank. The project plan also includes improvements at the Majeske Landing launch area.

Construction for this project is set to begin Wednesday, July 20 at Majeske Landing, with Deerfield construction beginning the week of July 25. Work will take place Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. throughout the summer. Call the Isabella County Parks Main Office at (989) 317-4083 for launch access information during construction, or visit the Isabella County Parks Facebook page to view updates.

Funding for this project was made possible by the generous support of the **Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe** through their 2% revenue sharing distributions; the **Mt. Pleasant Area Convention and Visitors Bureau**; The Conservation Fund and the twelve foundations and corporations that make up the Funders Network of the **Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network (WIN)**; the **W.E. Martin Foundation**; and the Rise Family Fund, the Barbara A. Bissot Fund, the Community Impact Fund, the Fabiano Family Fund, the Jane McNamara and Louise Williams Fund, and the Access to Recreation Fund of the **Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation**.

The Isabella County Parks and Recreation Staff is grateful for the support of these great community and regional partners!