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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Isabella County Parks to Celebrate Completion of Chippewa River Erosion and Canoe Launch Project with Ribbon Cutting Ceremony October 12, 2022

Isabella County Parks will host a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Deerfield Nature Park to celebrate the completion of the **Chippewa River Erosion and Canoe Launch Project**. The Isabella County Parks and Recreation Commission's monthly Board Meeting will also take place that day from 5:30-6:00 p.m. at the Pond Overlook Pavilion, and the public is welcome to attend prior to the Ribbon Cutting event.

Isabella County Parks 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 had erosion problem areas that required stabilization.

Working to improve these areas to prevent future embankment issues was 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, and completed in August 2022. In Deerfield Nature Park the project improved two existing canoe launches, added one new canoe launch near the north swinging bridge, and repaired a large section of eroded riverbank near the new canoe launch. The project also included improvements at the Majeske Landing launch area.

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, the Access to Recreation Fund, the Brewster Family Access to Recreation Fund, the Janet Maar Strickler Access to Recreation Fund, and the Mary Ellen Brandell Access to Recreation Fund, all part of the **Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation**.

The Isabella County Board of Commissioners, Isabella County Parks and Recreation Commission Board, and the Isabella County Parks Staff are all grateful for the support of these great community and regional partners!