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## **Grant from Saginaw Bay WIN to Support Cass River Access at Bridgeport's Davis Park**

*\$20,000 grant will assist Bridgeport Township with  
new kayak/canoe access, floating dock and signage*

A new grant from the Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network (WIN) is helping Bridgeport Township build a new canoe/kayak access site at Davis Park, adjacent to the Bridgeport Township offices. Part of the Cass River Water Trail project, this new site links Bridgeport Township with other new launch sites funded by WIN and others at Frankenmuth, Tuscola Township and Vassar. This new project includes a ramp/launch facility, as well as new parking access, paths, and signage at the site.

"We're excited that we continue to support this work along one of the Saginaw Bay Watershed's most important rivers" said Michael Kelly, Great Lakes Director of The Conservation Fund. The Conservation Fund administers the Saginaw Bay WIN project. "Communities all along the Cass are realizing that river access and building appreciation of this unique resource are critically important to the quality of life of their citizens. Opportunities to enjoy the Cass and all of our rivers leads to better stewardship and conservation, as well as economic development opportunities" continued Kelly.

"Davis Park is going to be a focal point of our park system, especially as it relates to the Cass River. Our residents have often said that access to the Cass is a high community priority, and this grant from WIN will allow us to make that a reality in an easily accessible place for people to come and enjoy", said Bill Wheeler, Parks and Recreation Director for Bridgeport Charter Township.

*The Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network (WIN) is a collaborative, community driven quality of life initiative created by a variety of environmental, business and community interests in 1996. WIN was formed to create a more sustainable future for all who live, work and play within the Saginaw Bay watershed. One of the ways in which WIN accomplishes this objective is by providing financial support to projects that link the economic, environmental and social needs of the region. Key WIN funding partners include: Bay Area Community Foundation, Consumers Energy Foundation, Harry A. and Margaret D. Towsley Foundation, Midland Area Community Foundation, Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation, Saginaw Community Foundation, The Dow Chemical Company Foundation, The Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation, S.C. Johnson Fund, the Cook Family Foundation, the C.S. Mott Foundation and the Saginaw Bay Foundation. Since its inception, WIN has awarded in excess of \$5 million to more than 260 projects across the region. More information on WIN is available at [www.saginawbaywin.org](http://www.saginawbaywin.org) or by calling 989.892.9171.*