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## **\$30,000 GRANT WILL IMPROVE BOAT LAUNCH AND ACCESSIBILITY AT ISABELLA COUNTY'S COLDWATER LAKE FAMILY PARK**

*Grant from the Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network  
to support site development, dredging, and access expansion*

Isabella County Parks and Recreation Commission was recently awarded a grant in the amount of \$30,074 from the Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network. Funds from this grant will be used to purchase new dock sections, including an EZ launch for canoes and kayaks. This purchase is a part of the Coldwater Lake Family Park Boat Launch: Accessibility and Multi-Use Improvements project.

The Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network focuses on opportunities to better link the economic, social, and environmental wellbeing of Saginaw Bay communities in order to sustain and improve the region's quality of life. Twelve area foundations and corporations work together as a network to support WIN projects. This Funders Network includes: 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, The S.C. Johnson Fund, the Cook Family Foundation, the C.S. Mott Foundation, and the Saginaw Bay Foundation.



“This project continues WIN’s efforts to increase public access to our natural resources”, said Michael Kelly of The Conservation Fund. The Conservation Fund administers the WIN project. “We applaud the folks in Isabella County for leading another effort that blends the environment with the community’s need for recreation. Projects like this are critical to the development of our communities and are key elements of our regional quality-of-life initiatives and economic development efforts”, added Kelly.

This project is to be implemented next year, along with other boat launch improvements that include: ramp replacement, dredging, and access expansion. Coldwater Lake Family Park is a 28-acre park off Coldwater Lake with 95 campsites that have electric and water hookup at each site, 5 rustic cabins, pavilions, boat launch, playground, volleyball, and horseshoes. If you would like more information on the grant or the County Parks, please contact the Isabella County Parks and Recreation Main Office at (989) 317-4083. For more Saginaw Bay WIN information, go to [saginawbaywin.org](http://saginawbaywin.org) or call 989-892-9171.

Covering nearly 8,700 square miles, the Saginaw Bay Watershed is Michigan’s largest and is home to 1.4 million people. The watershed provides habitat for many species of wildlife.

All or part of 22 Michigan counties contribute to the watershed’s 7,000 miles of rivers and streams, which contain more than 90 species of fish. In addition to supplying habitat for wildlife, residents rely on the watershed for recreation, irrigation, electrical power generation, industrial processes, and drinking water. Saginaw Bay WIN was created to enhance the quality of life in this region by providing technical support and grant funding to projects that support the support the environment, the economy, and our communities.