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Clinton County Opens Clinton Lakes Dog Beach and Celebrates Clinton Lakes Improvement Project

On Friday, June 24th a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held to celebrate major improvements at Clinton Lakes County Park to enhance the water based recreational experience for visitors.

Clinton Lakes County Park is a 272-acre property that was acquired in November 2013. This passive recreational facility is located west of Francis Motz County Park and features an outstanding shore, swimming, kayaking, and fishing. There are more than five miles of hiking trails, as well as nature watching and photography opportunities.

The recent improvements to Clinton Lakes County Park include additional and paved parking lots, sidewalks, kayak launch, signage, bike rack and a dog beach located on Little Clinton Lake.

During the ceremony, Clinton County Board of Commissioners Chairperson Kam Washburn thanked Parks and Green Space Coordinator Kyle Thornton and his team and said, "What a nice addition to the whole park area. We couldn't be happier with the way this turned out. This is a huge testament to the County Board of Commissioners, Parks and Green Space Commission and our entire team who got this done."

Chuck Nelson, acting Chairperson on behalf of the Parks and Green Space Commission, expressed his appreciation for the support received from the Clinton County Board of Commissioners, as well as partnerships that have been built with the Clinton Conservation District, Pheasants Forever, Native Prairie, and the Spicer Group who helped with the design and engineering of the facilities.

Nelson said, "We are working to be good stewards of this beautiful resource we have. This is one of the most popular recreational attractions in Mid-Michigan. Clinton County is a friendly place, our facilities are universally acceptable, and everyone is welcome here."

Under the direction of the Clinton County Board of Commissioners and Parks and Green Space Commission, the County applied for and received a Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in 2019. The total cost of the project was \$260,000 with the LWCF grant reimbursement totaling \$120,000.

Please contact Clinton County Parks & Greenspace Coordinator, Kyle Thornton with any questions at (989) 224-5128 or thorntonk@clinton-county.org.

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