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# News

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### **Sterling Heights dedicates first paddle landing site**

Sterling Heights and Macomb County officials, business owners and area residents gathered on the banks of the Clinton River today to dedicate Sterling Heights' brand-new paddle landing site.

The Sterling Heights Landing in Clinton River Park North (located off of Riverland Drive between Van Dyke and Clinton River roads) offers enthusiasts another landing site from which to explore the Clinton River, provides access to the Sterling Heights Nature Center and offers a short recreational ride in a canoe or kayak from Utica's Heritage Park that is easy for novices and great for families.

"This is an exciting day in Sterling Heights," said Sterling Heights City Manager Mark Vanderpool. "Our Vision Statement and Recreation Plan call for continued development of the Clinton River for leisure and recreation. This is the first of what we hope will be more launching and landing sites developed along the Clinton River in Sterling Heights."

The paddle landing features a "green" landing pad that was created by stabilizing the embankment along the river and planting hardy vegetation. The new landing pad is within steps of the Sterling Heights Nature Center and the city invites canoeists and kayakers to the center to explore fish and animals native to Sterling Heights. Sterling Heights' Nature Center is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. After Labor Day, the fall/winter hours are 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. The center is closed on Sunday and Monday.

"This new park offers a convenient, secure place for people to land a canoe or kayak and enjoy one of Sterling Heights' great parks and nearby Nature Center," said Macomb County Executive Mark A. Hackel.

Meeting an important milestone for the Macomb County Blue Economy Initiative, the Sterling Heights Landing increases access to the county's waterways through environmentally sound means.

ITC Holdings Corp provided a grant to the Macomb County Department of Planning and Economic Development for construction materials. Sterling Heights Department of Public Works employees provided labor and other in-kind expenses.

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