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# News

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## **New paddle park launched on Clinton River**

A crowd of Macomb County officials, business owners and area residents gathered on the banks of the Clinton River today to dedicate a brand-new paddle park in Utica.

“This new park offers a convenient place for people to launch a canoe or kayak as well as a secure place to land while they explore Utica’s downtown,” said Macomb County Executive Mark A. Hackel. Meeting an important milestone for the Macomb County Blue Economy Initiative, the Utica Landing Paddle Park increases access to the county’s waterways through environmentally sound means.

The paddle park features a “green” launching pad which was created by stabilizing the embankment along the river and planting hardy vegetation. The launching pad also offers a hitching post where users can self-lock their watercraft. Within steps of historic downtown Utica, the park is located across from the Memorial Park Riverwalk.

ITC Holdings Corp provided a grant to the Macomb County Department of Planning and Economic Development for construction materials. Messina Trucking of Utica donated excavating services for the parking lot and Utica city employees provided labor and other in-kind expenses.

“This is a proud day in Utica,” said Utica Mayor Jacqueline Noonan. “We welcome our entire region to our new park. Our downtown businesses are certainly looking forward to serving hungry and thirsty canoeists.”

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