

Cass River Greenway Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2021
Vassar City Office 1:00 – 3:00 PM

2021 River Clean Up

Gene and Nancy reported on a plan for cleaning the remaining stretches of river between Caro and Cass City not yet addressed. September 18th has been chosen as the date, which coincides with National Clean Up Day. Caro Motor Sports, 1660 E. Caro Road (M-81), will host the meeting place for sign ups, safety talks and team assignments beginning at 8:15 am. Additional information has been emailed to the CRG distribution list.

Log Jam Update

As we previously discussed, it will be important moving forward that new, potential log jam issues are reported and acted upon before they become major log jams. One such issue has emerged downstream of Frankenmuth, near the Dead Creek intersection with the Cass River. Daren Kaschinske has viewed the site and spoken with the property owner. A number of suggestions were made regarding next steps and support. Appropriately trained volunteers and access to some heavy equipment is needed. Contact Daren if interested.

Sturgeon Releases Planned for 2021

120 sturgeon fingerlings were released into the Cass River on Friday, August 20. About 75 people attended the event and children were able to “hand release” the little fish into the river.

Potential Upstream Access Sites

Roger Ballard of Sanilac County Parks reported that Sanilac County is planning the installation of a kayak launch at Evergreen Park, which is upstream of Cass City.

Larry Kolb is exploring the possibility of an access site in the Cass City State Game Area, which would be downstream of Evergreen Park.

The Cass City Parks and Recreation Master Plan now includes a goal for the addition of a kayak/canoe launch.

Larry Kolb also suggested working with the Tuscola County Road Commission to explore providing more roadway access to Dodge Road, Hurds Corner Road and Deckerville Road bridges, which are now used for river access but have very limited vehicle parking.

Next downstream would be Chippewa Park (upstream of the Caro Dam) and then the newly acquired parcels of land now owned by the Tuscola County Parks & Recreation (former prison property) which is between the Caro Dam and the M-46 launch.

**Next Meeting: No Date Was Set – Will Advise
1:00 – 3:00 PM At the Vassar City Office**

Bob Zeilinger, August 23, 2021