

PRESS RELEASE

Major Conservation Effort Underway, Construction to Start on Three Stream Crossing Replacement Projects in the Jordan River

For Immediate Release:

Antrim and Charlevoix Counties, Michigan, August 20, 2024 – Conservation Resource Alliance (CRA) and project partners are excited to announce the beginning of construction on three stream crossing replacement projects in the Jordan River. The launch dates for construction will be staggered, beginning this month, and continuing into early fall.

Two of the projects will address outdated, undersized structures on the river's mainstem at Jordan River Road, East and West. A third project on Deer Creek (a Jordan River Tributary), where the stream flows under Fuller Road, will also undergo the same dramatic transformation.

At all three sites, deteriorating and obstructed culverts will be replaced with timber bridges, effectively eliminating barriers to fish passage, reducing erosion, and minimizing sedimentation. These enhancements will greatly benefit the overall health and habitat of the watershed.

The Jordan River, Lake Charlevoix's largest tributary, is considered a pristine cold-water habitat and is designated as a Natural River and Blue Ribbon trout stream by the State of Michigan.

Kimberly Balke, CRA's Program Director, stated, "We're not just replacing old structures; these bridges are a testament to our commitment to preserve and enhance one of Michigan's most cherished natural treasures. These improvements will ensure that the Jordan River continues to thrive as a vital habitat and a source of inspiration for generations to come."

Projected Start Dates and Road Closures (Subject to change)

Deer Creek & Fuller Road

Start Date: Monday, August 19, 2024

Road Closure: Fuller Road (8.19.24- Early November 2024)

Jordan River and Jordan River Road East

Start Date: Monday, September 9, 2024

Road Closure: Jordan River Road (seasonal road closed after Labor Day)

Jordan River and Jordan River Road West

Start Date: Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Road Closure: Jordan River Road (seasonal road closed after Labor Day)

Road Detours

Access to Fuller Road from the south will be available via Bergman Road to Rogers Road (a seasonal road).

For photos, more project details, and the complete list of project funders and partners, please visit CRA's website post below.

Spanning the Headwaters of the Jordan River and Deer Creek:

<https://www.rivercare.org/project/jordan-river/spanning-the-headwaters/>

About CRA: <https://www.rivercare.org/about/>

Conservation Resource Alliance (CRA) is a leading conservation organization dedicated to restoring rivers, lakes, and wildlife habitats in Northern Michigan. For more than 50 years, CRA has partnered with communities, businesses, and government agencies to create sustainable solutions for natural resource conservation.

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