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Lakehead Conservation Releases New Trail Guide

Residents who use the paved trails along the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway now have an opportunity to learn more about the history of the local engineering marvel.

A project of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA), construction of the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway was completed on time and under budget in 1984 at a cost of \$15-million dollars. The purpose of the Floodway is to reduce damage from flooding in the Intercity area and to protect existing development in the event of a Regional Storm.

In partnership with the City of Thunder Bay, the LRCA developed 6 kilometres of recreation trails along portions of the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway. These trails run from the mouth of Lake Superior into the East End; and from Memorial Avenue to Ford Street. At several points, the Floodway trail connects to the City's trail network.

"A Walking Tour of the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway" is a trail guide which will be released at the Thunder Bay District Health Unit's "City Hike," Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. The Hike will leave from the Health Unit's parking lot and proceed along the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway to Chapples Park.

"The Neebing-McIntyre Floodway has played a major role in the history and development of the Intercity area," says Authority Chairman Bill Bartley. "This brochure helps to explain how the Floodway works while also providing a map of the trails that have been developed."

Additional copies of the brochure will be available at no charge to the public from the LRCA office located at 130 Conservation Road or can be downloaded from the Authority website, www.lakeheadca.com after May 2nd.