



# City of Mishawaka

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **MERRIFIELD PARK RIVERWALK EXTENSION**

The City, working through our partners at the Indiana Department of Transportation and the Michiana Area Council of Governments (MACOG), recently awarded the planned extension of the Mishawaka Riverwalk through Merrifield Park to Rieth-Riley Construction of South Bend. Rieth-Riley has informed the City that they plan on operating heavy equipment on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. This will essentially close the areas of Merrifield Park adjacent to the river including the Camp LaSalle Playground, the restroom building, and Castle Manor until December of 2017.

During construction, the Merrifield pool is intended to remain open as long as the recent patching of vandalism holds.

The City worked with MACOG to obtain Federal Transportation Enhancement (TE) funds which are funding approximately 80% of the nearly 3 million dollar project.

The project itself includes the relocation of the existing access drive, the construction of the Riverwalk, creation of a more formal boat launch, new parking, and a replacement restroom building. Once completed, this section will extend the walk from the “Merrifield/Crawford Park Connector” under Mishawaka Avenue to the intersection of Prospect and Indiana Avenue.

