



Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council

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“New Fishing Access Coming to Downtown Cheboygan”
Public Feedback Tuesday, April 2, 3-6 pm in the City Council Chambers
403 N. Huron Street, Cheboygan
(Drawings and FAQ will be available at that time.)

Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council is pleased to be working with the City of Cheboygan to design and engineer additional fishing access along the Cheboygan River. Thanks to a \$25,000 grant from the Great Lakes Fishery Trust’s “Access to the Great Lakes Fishery” program, the Watershed Council will provide public engagement and pay for design and engineering as phase one of the project.

Key partners include the contracted landscape architecture firm Sanders and Czapski Associates, City of Cheboygan staff, Cheboygan Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Bureau, Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Fisheries Division, MDNR Parks and Recreation, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and a representative from the Lake Huron Advisory Committee. During a February kick-off meeting, partners identified a number of needs and concerns. For instance, the group considered placement of fishing piers, current use of the area by anglers, land ownership, water levels, and anticipated use by non-anglers.

The public will have the chance to view and provide feedback on preliminary options for the fishing access on April 2nd at the City of Cheboygan Council Chambers from 3-6pm. Drawings can also be viewed online at www.cheboygan.org and the Watershed Council will present to the Northern Inland Lakes Citizen Advisory Committee on the project on April 12th. A formal public comment session will occur when engineering nears the final stages, likely in June.

For more information contact Caroline Keson, Water Resource Specialist for Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council at 231-347-1181 or Tom Eustice, City Manager for the City of Cheboygan at 231-627-9931.

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