NEWS RELEASE

Mayor Dick Moore unveiled a new pull-off area on Beardsley Avenue east of Johnson Street. The 60’ concrete pull-off was built by AEP to allow the public to load and unload kayaks, canoes, or bicycles without being in the travel lanes of Beardsley Avenue.

The pull-off located adjacent to the canoe portage on the St. Joe River was built at the request of Mayor Moore and a large group of paddling supporters including the Elkhart County Convention & Visitors Bureau, SoMa, the Greater Elkhart Chamber of Commerce, the Friends of the St. Joe River, Christiana Creek Coalition, Bike Elkhart and numerous local paddlers.

Mayor Moore thanks AEP for building the pull-off which provides a safe way for the paddling and bicycling community to load and unload their canoes, kayaks and bicycles. Before the pull-off was created users had to either stop and unload in travel lanes or carry their equipment across Beardsley Avenue.

The new pull-off is the first element of the new Paddle and Peddle Trail that Elkhart and other regional partners are creating. The trail still in planning stage will use the rivers and the already created bike routes and trails to provide a dual sport opportunity.