

From the desk of Jeff Claus – Village of Cordova Trustee

Here in Cordova, we know our Mississippi river access is very important to our residents as well as visitors! Three years ago, your Village board decided to continue our boat launching access improvements and applied for an Illinois Department of Natural Resources grant to improve safety, boat access, as well as increase parking at our 10th Street boat ramp.

We were awarded the BAAD (Boat Access Area Development) grant in 2023. In cooperation over the last two years with engineers, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the Bi-State Regional Commission, Village of Cordova trustees and staff, the mayor and multiple contractors, we are happy to announce this project is complete and ready for use! An extended flood season this year caused delays, but we are happy with the results and thank you will be too!

The usable width of the boat launch increased from 40 to 65 feet. The number of truck with trailer parking spaces increased from 4 to 8, plus we have the addition of an ADA parking space. Hundreds of scrub trees were removed and overhead power lines have been buried. In the spring, we will also have an ADA gangway and dock for smaller craft, in addition to the standard boat dock we have always provided. Lighting and fencing has also been added for safety.

Please help us maintain this improved area and enjoy it safely!

Stay tuned for more river access improvements at The Bay boat launch on Main Street this spring!

Thank you,
Jeff Claus
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