

**State of Michigan**  
**Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy**

Water Resources Division  
Kalamazoo District Office  
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Site Name: 11-Buchanan Kayak Launch-Buchanan  
Submission Number: HQ6-22YC-4BCVY  
Date: February 26, 2025

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Richard Murphy, City of Buchanan, 302 North Red Bud Trail, Buchanan, Michigan 49107, has applied to this office for a permit under authority of Part 31, Water Resources Protection; Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA). The applicant proposes to:

Proposed improvements include: 1.) a single vessel floating kayak launch with spud pile anchors and guy wires for vertical and lateral stability, respectively; 2.) a 30-ft long ADA-compliant gangway; 3.) a 6-ft wide by 60-ft long timber pile supported timber boardwalk and gangway support platform (370 square feet); 4.) 5-ft wide 4-in thick nonreinforced concrete sidewalk with ADA-compliant ramps and landings (790 square feet); 5.) a 30-ft wide by 25-ft long 6-in thick reinforced concrete parking pad (750 square feet); 6.) pavement markings and concrete parking blocks; 7.) trash/recycle receptacles, signage, and native plantings.

The project is located in T07S, R18W, Section 23, City of Buchanan, Berrien County, Michigan, in accordance with plans attached to this notice.

**THIS NOTICE IS NOT A PERMIT**

The proposed project may also be regulated by one or more additional parts of the NREPA that are administered by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Water Resources Division (WRD). The requirements of all applicable parts are considered in determining if a permit can be issued. When a permit application is received requesting authorization to work in or over the inland waters of the State of Michigan, pursuant to Part 31 and Part 301 of the NREPA, the NREPA provides that EGLE submit copies for review to the department of public health; the city, village, or township and county where the project is to be located; the local soil conservation district; and any local watershed council organized under Part 311, Local River Management, of the NREPA. Additional notification is provided to certain persons as required by statute or determined by EGLE.

The normal review of a permit application considers the impacts that the encroachment will have on flood stage or discharge characteristics but does not consider the impact that the proposed work will have on the local community development and land use patterns.

Those persons wanting to make comments on the proposed project shall furnish comments through no later than 20 days from the date of this notice. Comments will be made part of the record and should reference the above application number. Objections must be factual, specific, and fully describe the reasons upon which any objection is founded. Unless a written request is filed with EGLE within the 20-day public comment period, EGLE may make a decision on the application without a public hearing. The determination as to whether a permit will be issued or a public hearing held will be based on an evaluation of all relevant factors, including the public comments received

and the effect of the proposed work on the public trust or interest, including navigation, fish, wildlife, and pollution. The specific permit decision criteria can be found in the parts of the NREPA applicable to this application and listed above. Copies of these parts of the NREPA are available on the public notice Web site. Public comments received will also be considered.

The entire copy of the public notice package may be viewed at the WRD's district office listed on the top of this public notice or online at:

<https://mienviro.michigan.gov/ncore/external/publicnotice/search>. To access the public notice page online, search for the public notice by location or applicant name, and view by clicking on the "Documents" tab. Comments should be sent electronically by clicking on the "Add Comment" tab. When inputting your comment please do not add any personal identification information (PII) concerning yourself or any other individual, into the comment box, including but not limited to email or telephone number. A hard copy of the public notice may be requested by calling the above number.

cc:

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