

TO: NEWS MEDIA
FROM: GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
DATE : July 23, 2019
SUBJECT: **TIMBER BRIDGE OVER MASON CREEK ON EAST DUCK LAKE ROAD PARTNERSHIP PROJECT**
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Traverse City. Starting tomorrow, crews will begin removing and replacing the two (2) undersized existing metal culverts and the pavement that comprise the crossing over Mason Creek located on East Duck Lake Road.

Partnering with the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians (GTB) and the Conservation Resource Alliance (CRA), the Grand Traverse County Road Commission (GTCRC) will install a new “timber bridge” over Mason Creek. The timber bridge will fit better with the natural character of surrounding landscape and allow a larger hydraulic opening through the road crossing and uninhibited fish passage.

GTB is partnering with up to \$170,000 provided by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Regional Conservation Partnership Program. CRA is partnering with up to \$130,000 in funds from state, federal and private foundation grants awarded to CRA and GTCRC is funding the estimated remaining \$166,300.

This portion of East Duck Lake Road will be detoured for up to six weeks

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