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Community Foundation Invites Public to Grand Opening of Fish Ladder Music Park

LANSING, MICH. – The Capital Region Community Foundation will host a public grand opening celebration for the new Fish Ladder Music Park on Friday, October 24, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Old Town, Lansing. Free, live performances will include Flames and Dames, Larry Roy Sumner Jr., and DJ Juan Trevino.

Public and private investments totaling \$3.6 million transformed Burchard Park on Lansing’s riverfront into a unique, accessible public space for concerts, festivals, community events, and wellness activities.

“The Fish Ladder Music Park reflects our vision for a riverfront that’s vibrant, accessible, and alive with culture,” said Laurie Baumer, President and CEO of the Community Foundation. “This project is the result of public-private investments and a shared belief in Lansing’s bright future. We’re grateful for a state appropriation that launched the project, and to the City of Lansing, corporate sponsors, and individual donors who helped bring it to the finish line.”

The Community Foundation led the design, implementation and funding of the project. Major contributions were received from LAFCU, Board of Water & Light, Wieland, Lake Trust Credit Union, MSU Federal Credit Union, the City of Lansing, and many generous individuals.

Park features:

- Increased accessibility for all, meeting or exceeding ADA requirements
- Permanent performance stage and seating inside the fish ladder
- LAFCU Sound Booth and electrical infrastructure for “plug-and-play” performances
- BWL Electric Forest, illuminating the park in color
- Vibrant mural surrounding the stage by acclaimed local artist Brian Whitfield
- Elevated bench swings overlooking the river, a gas fireplace and accessible seating

The Fish Ladder Music Park is the Foundation’s third riverfront project, in addition to Rotary Park and Play Michigan! for children of all abilities. All projects are designed to increase access, community engagement, and economic vitality.

For more information, visit ourcommunity.org or contact Laurie Baumer at lbaumer@ourcommunity.org.

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The Community Foundation is passionate about creating vibrant, thriving communities throughout Michigan's capital region. The Foundation serves donors to meet their unique charitable goals, supports area nonprofits with grants and coaching, and leads innovative projects that drive community growth. The Community Foundation (also known as the Capital Region Community Foundation) is a tax-exempt public charity whose mission is to lead philanthropic solutions that build vibrant communities in Ingham, Clinton and Eaton counties.

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