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### **Newaygo County Announces Over \$450,000 in Improvements to Sandy Beach Park**

Major enhancements are coming to Newaygo County's Sandy Beach Park, located along the Muskegon River near the Hardy Dam. The Newaygo County Road Commission will be upgrading and paving the road that leads to the park and continues on to the campsite and boat launch areas. The park will also be providing electricity to 22 river view campsites, adding two camping cabins, constructing a sheltered picnic area, and installing a pier at its boat launch. "We are very excited about this project," said County Commissioner and Parks and Recreation Commission Member Sam Scholtens. "These upgrades and additions will enable us to draw a larger, more diverse group of campers and boaters to the park."

The improvements are the result of collaboration at the state and county levels. The County has received a \$267,500 grant award from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, a highly competitive grant program that is funded from gas and oil royalties on state-owned lands. In addition, the Newaygo County Road Commission is providing \$90,000 in funding for road improvements, the Parks and Recreation Department is providing a \$10,000 in-kind match, and the Newaygo County Board of Commissioners has pledged to provide the remaining \$90,000 needed for the project. "They talk about it in Lansing, but this project is another example of the daily collaboration that happens in our county," stated Physical and Economic Development Chair Chuck Trapp. "By working together, we are able to produce a park that will better serve both our residents and the visitors to Newaygo County."

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