Blue Water River Walk……new attraction in the Blue!

The Blue Water River Walk is almost one-mile of St. Clair River shoreline immediately south of the mouth of the Black River in Port Huron, Michigan. It is less than a mile downriver from the Blue Water Bridge to Sarnia and the southern end of Lake Huron. Owned by the Community Foundation of St. Clair County, the Blue Water River Walk is open to the public year-round.

The shoreline used to create this beautiful River Walk was donated to the Community Foundation of St. Clair County by local philanthropist James C. Acheson and his wife Suzanne at Christmas of 2011. This initial gift, valued at approximately $1.5 million, has now been leveraged to create a total public and private partnership investing more than $6,000,000.

Among the highlights:

- **Railroad Ferry Dock**: the old railroad ferry dock, which dates back to the early 1900’s, has been fully restored and re-opened to the public. Once used to help transport goods back-and-forth to Sarnia, the Ferry Dock is now a beautiful patio overlooking the St. Clair River.
- **Pedestrian Trail**: A 10’ wide asphalt pedestrian trail along the entire length of the shoreline. This trail is a key component of the Bridge to Bay Trail system.
- **Outdoor Classroom**: At the north end of the River Walk, just north of the Ferry Dock, is our Outdoor Classroom. Intended as a true interactive learning environment, the Outdoor Classroom is meant to teach the public about the St. Clair River ecosystem and the plant and wildlife habitat found along the River Walk.
- **Shoreline & Habitat Restoration**: Approximately 4,300 feet of St. Clair River shoreline was completely restored and rehabilitated. Almost 7,000 tons of debris was removed from the site.
- **Sculptures, informational kiosks, benches and pebble beaches, birds, fish, butterflies and Native Plants**: Amenities along the walk
- **County Wetlands Park**: Our partners at St. Clair County Parks & Recreation have received a $1 million grant to develop a new wetlands park on the very southern end of the River Walk. These restored wetlands were a part of the original master plan for the River Walk. Work on the wetlands should begin in mid-2014 and be mostly complete by year-end.