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FLOODWAY AUTHORITY INVITES PUBLIC TO ACCESS EARTH FROM FLOODWAY PROJECT

The Manitoba Floodway Authority (MFA) is inviting Manitobans to obtain earth from the Red River Floodway Expansion Project as part of the 2007 Access to Earth Initiative.

“The Access to Earth Initiative was developed in response to requests by the public,” said Ernie Gilroy, CEO of the MFA. “We are pleased that we have had the opportunity to expand this year’s program with the establishment of two depot locations which will permit more Manitobans to take advantage of the program.”

This year, the MFA will be expanding its Access to Earth Initiative with the establishment of two separate earth depot locations (see attached map). **Weather permitting**, each depot will be open from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm between the specific dates below:

SECTION 1 **ST. MARY’S ROAD BRIDGE DEPOT** **Tuesday, August 7 to Sunday, September 2**
*Located just south of the St. Mary’s Road Bridge
that crosses the floodway*

SECTION 2 **DUFF ROBLIN PARK (formerly) DEPOT** **Tuesday, September 4 to Sunday, September 30**
*Located just off Winnipeg’s north perimeter,
approximately two kilometers east of PTH 59*

MFA is providing the earth free of charge but the public is responsible for all transportation costs. In addition, the MFA is planning to provide a loader to assist the public in loading small trucks and trailers on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. On other days, the public is responsible for loading the earth into their vehicles.

All those interested in accessing earth are required to **complete a Confirmation of Registration and Waiver Form in order to receive an ACCESS PASS**. A separate ACCESS PASS is required to access earth at each depot location. To obtain the Confirmation or Registration and Waiver Form, please visit the MFA website at www.floodwayauthority.mb.ca or contact the MFA offices at 945-4900 or toll free 1-866-356-6355 to register.

As the floodway expansion project proceeds, other depot locations will be established at other locations. Last year, nearly 2000 loads of earth, or approximately 13,000 cubic metres of earth, was accessed by Manitobans over a one month period as part of the initiative.

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The Red River Floodway Expansion Project 2007 Access to Earth Initiative

