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LAST WEEKEND TO OBTAIN EARTH THROUGH THE FLOODWAY “ACCESS TO EARTH” INITIATIVE

The Manitoba Floodway Authority (MFA) is reminding Manitobans that this weekend will be the last opportunity for the public this year to obtain earth through the floodway “Access to Earth” Initiative.

The public can currently access earth at a depot site located at the former Duff Roblin Provincial Park, located just off Winnipeg’s north perimeter, approximately two kilometers east of PTH 59. **Weather permitting, this depot site is open from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm every day until Sunday, September 30, 2007.**

The MFA is providing a loader to assist the public in loading small trucks and trailers this Friday, Saturday and Sunday. MFA is providing the earth free of charge but the public is responsible for all transportation costs. MFA reminds the public that the earth available is not top soil but rather heavy clay fill.

All those interested in accessing earth are required to complete a Confirmation of Registration and Waiver Form in order to receive an ACCESS PASS. 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.

This year, the MFA expanded the program from one month to two months and established two separate earth depot sites. The first depot site was open from Tuesday, August 7 to Sunday, September 2 at the St. Mary’s Road Bridge Depot location. 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. During the month of August this year, over 3000 loads of earth, or approximately 24,000 cubic metres of earth, have been obtained by Manitobans through the program.

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