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WEST RIVER ROAD BRIDGE OVER BLACK CREEK Jerome Township - Sanford, Michigan

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West River Road will be opened to two-way traffic by the end of the day Thursday, April 14, 2016.

The roadway will be gravel for the next several weeks with a posted speed limit of 25 mph. As the weather permits and asphalt plans re-open it will be paved one lane at a time utilizing flaggers for traffic control.

The Midland County Road Commission would like to thank Gerace Construction for completeing this phase on schedule. They worked beyond our expectations, in adverse weather and around other contractors that were relocating utilities. We would also like to thank Pat's Gradall, a sub-contractor for Gerace, for all of their work.

The Midland County Road Commission would also like to thank all of the residents, businesses and the community for their patience on this project.



This bridge structure type is the first of its kind to be constructed in the Great Lakes Bay Region and the second in the State of Michigan. The bridge is a GRS-IBS (Geosynthetic Reinforced Soil-Integrated Bridge System) structure that has a 22' span and 7' plus headroom for smaller boat traffic. High strength concrete slabs were used for the bridge deck.

The accepted bid was to replace two failing culverts that were severely undersized. The Road Commission awarded this project as an 18 day detour versus a typical bridge construction that would require a detour for several months.

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