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## **Joint Ceremony at Earl Road Flood Control Basin on Saturday**

Michigan City, IN – Mayor Chuck Oberlie announced today that two ceremonies will be held jointly at the Earl Road Flood Control Basin on Saturday morning: the official Grand Opening Ceremony for the Earl Road Flood Control Project and an Arbor Day Ceremony.

The joint event will begin at 10:00 a.m. this Saturday, May 13, 2006. The ceremonies will occur at the North Picnic Shelter, located off of Earl Road.

“I invite all members of the public out to the Earl Road Flood Control Facility on Saturday morning to enjoy this new addition to our City’s public greenspaces,” Mayor Oberlie said.

“Although the site is officially designated as a flood control facility, we instructed our engineering consultants to design the site as a park facility as much as possible, and they have responded with great success. Construction activities are nearly complete and we are ready to unveil the park and open the walking and biking trails to the public for their enjoyment.”

The Grand Opening Ceremony will denote that, after 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, the facility will be open to the public from dawn to dusk.

Along with the Grand Opening, the Michigan City Tree Board will conduct an Arbor Day Ceremony. The Tree Board will plant a ceremonial tree to highlight the environmental benefits of planting trees and to celebrate the 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that Michigan City has earned the Tree City USA designation.