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PRAIRIE DU CHIEN CANOE-KAYAK INITIATIVE RECEIVES DONATION FROM ACA | CANOE-KAYAK-SUP-RAFT-RESCUE

(Prairie Du Chien, WI - January 20th 2012) – The City of Prairie du Chien’s efforts to increase canoeing and kayaking on the Mississippi River have been greatly improved with the announcement of a \$1,000 grant from the ACA. The grant is being provided through the ACA Club Fostered Stewardship (CFS) program funded by L.L. Bean. The money will be used to construct a dock and storage building in Washington Park, which is undergoing a revitalization, along with the adjacent waterfront.

Since 2002, the ACA has partnered with L.L. Bean to sponsor the CFS Program, which provides funding to local and regional paddling clubs that undertake stewardship projects on waterways in their area. The purpose of the program is to encourage paddling clubs to take an active role in protecting and improving the nation's rivers, lakes, and coastlines.

“The ACA applauds the Great Rivers Paddling Club and its partners in their efforts to revitalize the Washington Street Park and its waterfront,” said Cate Huxtable, Stewardship Coordinator. “These are exactly the types of projects and initiatives that are needed to improve access, increase outdoor recreation opportunities, as well as protect and enhance the scenic and ecological values of our natural resources.”

“We sincerely appreciate the donation from the ACA and their CFS program,” said Aaron Kramer, Prairie du Chien City Administrator. “I have been very proud of the work undertaken by Park and Recreation Director Mike Ulrich, and the commitment of our Parks and Public Works Committees to this initiative. In addition to the work at Washington Park, we are excited to be adding a canoe and kayak launching area at the Champion Street Boat Landing in 2012.”

For further information:

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