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White Water Creek Bridge Placement Scheduled for Wednesday, May 11

DUBUQUE, Iowa – On Wednesday, May 11, 2011, the City of Dubuque will move the Historic White Water Creek Bridge from its temporary staging location at the John G. Bergfeld Recreation Area in the Dubuque Industrial Center West to its final placement location over Bergfeld Pond.

Beginning at approximately 7:00 a.m., the Bergfeld Recreation Area will be closed while the bridge move is in process. It is anticipated that the park will be re-opened by 7:00 p.m. Should weather postpone the bridge move on Wednesday, the alternate rain date will be Thursday, May 12.

The Bergfeld Recreation Area has become very popular and heavily used and the addition of the historic 1872 bridge to the existing pedestrian bike/hike trail will be signature component of the park. Since being relocated from its last location near Cascade, the Historic White Water Creek Bridge has had its lead paint removed and received a fresh coat of paint.

Assistant City Engineer Bob Schiesl said the City was awarded two grants to help with the project. In 2005, the State Historical Society of Iowa awarded a \$30,000 Historic Resource Development Program grant to relocate the bridge. In 2006, the Historical Society awarded the city an additional \$55,250 from the Historic Site Preservation Grant Program to rehabilitate the bridge.

Additional work remaining to complete the project includes: new bridge decking, approach sidewalks, pedestrian railings and interpretive signage and lighting.

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