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ACCESS TO EARTH DEPOT OPENS TOMORROW

Last Summer to Obtain Floodway Earth

The Manitoba Floodway Authority (MFA) is reminding public that the St. Mary's Road "Access to Earth" Depot will open on Friday morning at 8:00 am. The MFA is also advising the public that this summer's program will be the last opportunity for the public to obtain earth through the program.

"With channel excavation work largely completed, this summer will be the last chance for the public to obtain fill from the floodway," said Ernie Gilroy, CEO of the MFA. "After this year's program is completed, we will be re-vegetating the channel and finalizing the channel work. For this reason, we are encouraging the public to take advantage of the program this summer."

This season two earth depot locations will be established (see attached map). Weather permitting, each depot will be open Tuesday to Sunday from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, between the specific dates below:

St. Mary's Road Bridge Depot

Site access just south of the St. Mary's Road Bridge that crosses the floodway

Friday, July 3rd to Friday, July 31st

Dunning Road Depot

Site access off Dunning Road at PTH 202

Wednesday, August 5th to Sunday, October 4th

Last year, a number of improvements were made to the program including an earlier opening date, extending the program from two to three months, and increasing the number of days that a loader was available to four days. This year's program will further increase the number of days that a loader is available from four to five days from Wednesday to Sunday. The depots will be closed on Mondays.

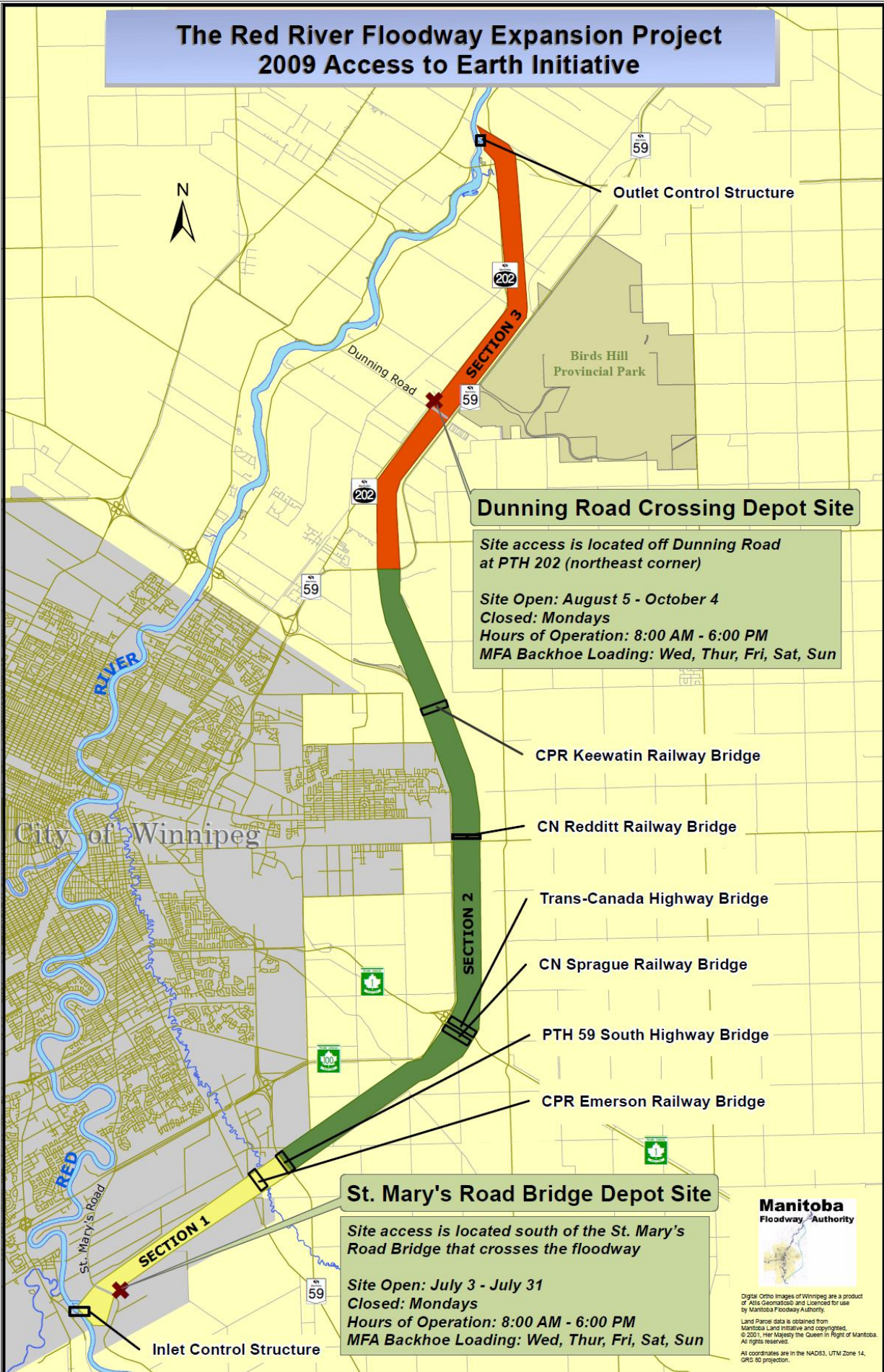
As in previous years, MFA is providing the earth at no charge but the public is responsible for all transportation costs. **The public is reminded that the earth available is clay fill and not topsoil.**

All those interested in obtaining earth require an ACCESS PASS which can be obtained by completing a **Confirmation of Registration and Waiver Form** and registering with the MFA. To obtain the form, please visit the MFA website at www.floodwayauthority.mb.ca or contact the MFA at 945-4900 or toll-free 1-866-356-6355. Over the last three summers, approximately 100,000 cubic metres of earth has been obtained by the public through the Access to Earth Initiative.

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The Red River Floodway Expansion Project 2009 Access to Earth Initiative



Dunning Road Crossing Depot Site

Site access is located off Dunning Road at PTH 202 (northeast corner)

Site Open: August 5 - October 4
Closed: Mondays
Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
MFA Backhoe Loading: Wed, Thur, Fri, Sat, Sun

St. Mary's Road Bridge Depot Site

Site access is located south of the St. Mary's Road Bridge that crosses the floodway

Site Open: July 3 - July 31
Closed: Mondays
Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
MFA Backhoe Loading: Wed, Thur, Fri, Sat, Sun

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