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## **SEN. BARCIA & REP. MAYES APPLAUD GRANT FOR KAWKAWLIN RIVER WATERSHED PLAN**

*Federal monies to facilitate plan update*

LANSING- Sen. Jim Barcia (D-Bay City) and Rep. Jeff Mayes (D-Bay City) today applauded the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announcement of a \$207,366 grant to the Kawkawlin River Watershed Management Plan Revision Project. The federally funded grant will provide for updating and revision of the Kawkawlin River Watershed Management Plan.

"I'm delighted that this project will continue to move forward," Sen. Barcia said. "This plan will ultimately not only improve the quality of our water and beaches, but it will revitalize tourism and expand economic development opportunities."

The Watershed Management Plan was developed in support of the DEQ's Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative. It is designed to reduce *E. coli*, sedimentation, and nutrient levels in the Kawkawlin River and will serve as a model partnership effort to address environmental concerns in a watershed.

"The quality and vitality of the Kawkawlin River and Saginaw Bay are critical to our communities," Rep. Mayes said. "These efforts are a significant investment in the future of our region as well as the future of our state."

Restoration goals for the river include implementing low-impact development practices in developing areas of the watershed which will help in protecting and restoring the natural river channel habitat and floodplain.

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