



Mary Ellen Brandell Bridge

As the Chair of the Access to Recreation Advisory Committee, Dr. Mary Ellen Brandell was instrumental in the creation and opening of the Access Adventure Trail. Mary Ellen was committed to improving the lives of everyone in the Mt. Pleasant community, and was passionate about projects that allowed residents and visitors to enjoy everything the city has to offer without limitations. Because of this, the universally accessible bridge in Chipp-A-Waters Park has been named in her honor.



The 8 ft. by 150 ft. pedestrian bridge crosses the Chippewa River, and includes a scenic turnout at midpoint. From here, high above the middle of the river, visitors may enjoy an unobstructed view of both sides of the Chippewa River at wheelchair height through 4 ft. by 4 ft. glass panels. Integrated handrails and grab bars, coupled with

the widened path, promote universal participation by allowing individuals with disabilities to utilize the trail with companions walking alongside instead of behind or in front. The extra space also allows room for groups of visitors going in opposite directions to pass each other safely.



The bridge is one component of the Access Adventure Trail, and was made possible by an Access to Recreation grant awarded to the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation via Midwest Community Foundations' Ventures.

