

## Dedication of the Resort Bluffs Segment of the Little Traverse Wheelway And the Reopening of Resort Township's East Park

Retired Emmet County Director of Planning and Zoning Max Putters (left) shares a moment with Dr. John Shields, whom Putters calls "The Father of the Little Traverse Wheelway." The two met at the dedication of the Resort Bluffs segment of the Little Traverse Wheelway on Saturday, June 20.



With connecting local sidewalks and bike routes, the wheelway extends 26.6 miles from Waller Road in Charlevoix Township to Lake Street in Harbor Springs.



State Sen. Jason Allen, R-Traverse City (right) greets visitor at ceremonies.

Also attending were State Rep. Gary McDowell, D-Rudyard, and representatives of Congressman Bart Stupak, D-MI, and U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, D-MI.

Charlie MacInnis, President, Top of Michigan Trails Council, introduces speakers at ceremonies. They included Emily Meyerson of the Top of Michigan Trails Council; Dr. John Shields; David Johnson, chairman of Bay Harbor Company; and Bob Wheaton, supervisor, Resort Township.





Jo Anne Beemon, former Charlevoix County Drain Commissioner, and Dr. John Richter, president of the Friends of the Jordan River, led a group that opposes a proposed deep-injection disposal well in Alba for contaminated wastewater.

The disposal well is sought by a subsidiary of CMS Energy, an investor in the Bay Harbor development in Emmet County where pollutants seep into Lake Michigan from cement factory kiln dust beneath luxury lakeshore homes. CMS Energy assured concerned citizens that it has obligated itself to continue to monitor the park for safe pH levels. A spokesman for CMS thanked the public for being patient, as the cleanup took longer than expected.

Marian and Fred Henthorne were among a group of enthusiasts who presented their high wheelers to the celebrants. Pictured here is Tai Coveyou sitting atop a 1890 Gormully and Jeffery.

For more on the wheelway, visit:

[http://www.trails council.org/inside/little-traverse-wheelway\\_27/](http://www.trails council.org/inside/little-traverse-wheelway_27/)

