

## Class of 2019: Paddle Up!



**Paddle Up!** is a collaborative effort between Leadership Charlevoix County (LCC) Class of 2019, the Disability Network Northern Michigan (DNNM) and the City of Charlevoix Recreation Department with a shared goal to establish a universally accessible (UA) personal watercraft launch station at Ferry Beach in Charlevoix.

There is one UA launch on Lake Charlevoix located at Whiting Park, Boyne City, on the south end of Lake Charlevoix. **'Paddle UP!'** added a second UA access point on the north end of the lake, closer to downtown Charlevoix.

The UA launch assists anyone who finds launching and landing difficult – persons who use wheelchairs, canes, prosthetic devices, the aging population, those with mobility barriers, paddlers of all ages and skill levels will benefit from this new UA launch.

The addition of a UA launch at Ferry Beach furthers the goal of facilitating the continuation of UA launches and access sites on Lake Charlevoix eventually leading to the completion of a water trail for this lake. Water trails provide increased opportunities for people to exercise and recreate in a non- impactful manner within our region.

