

Free Spanning the Jordan River

It's hard to overstate the beauty of the Jordan River Valley. This 18,000-acre stretch of state-owned forest is one of Northern Michigan's most treasured landscapes, with the serene Jordan River meandering through its heart. Designated as both a Natural River and Blue Ribbon Trout Stream by the State of Michigan, the Jordan has been a central focus of CRA's restoration work for years. The North Country Trail cuts through this valley, offering hikers a chance to pause, fish, and immerse themselves in the sights and sounds of a truly wild place.

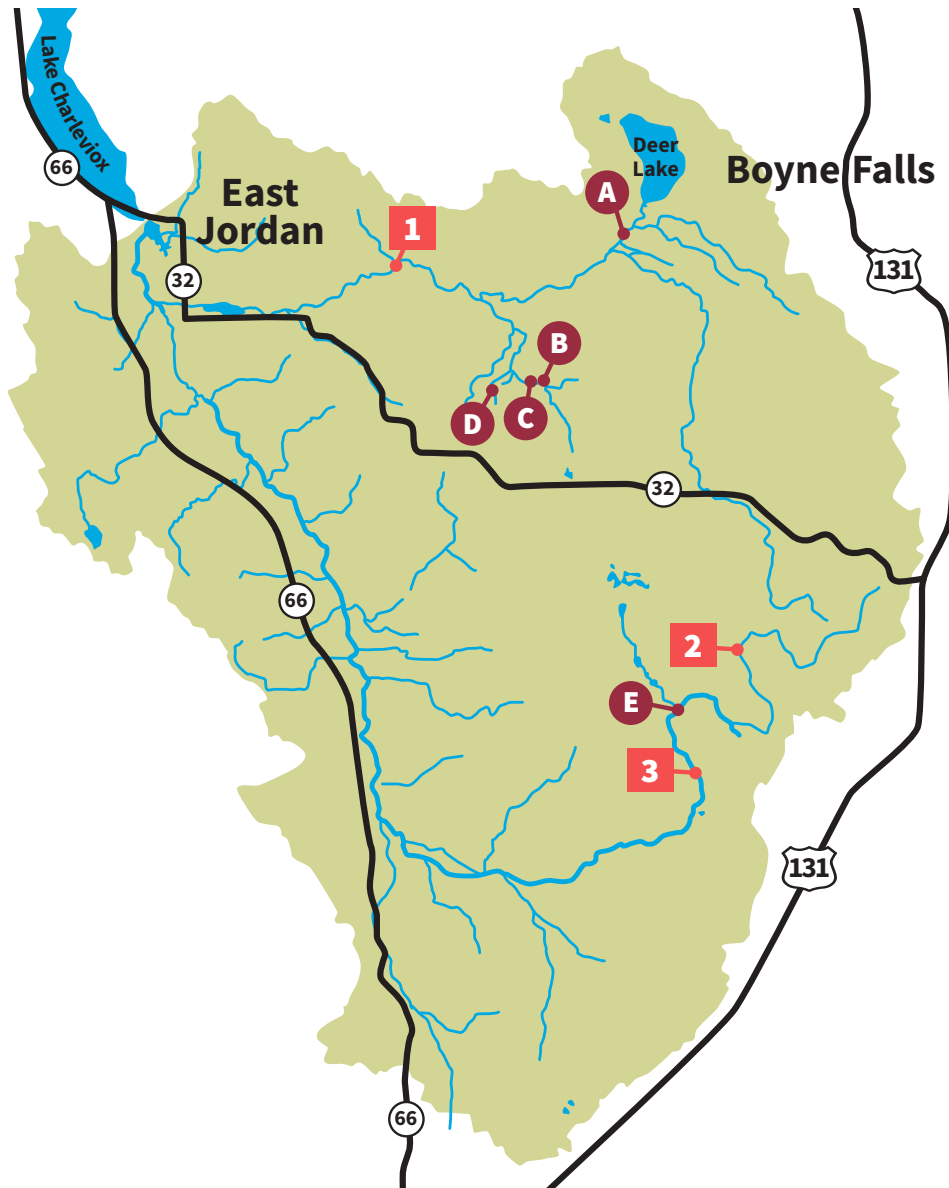
This fall, three major stream-crossing upgrades are nearing completion, marking a significant milestone for the Jordan River watershed. The final two undersized structures on the river's mainstem — at Jordan River Road East and West — have been replaced with stately, channel-spanning timber bridges. A third crossing at Deer Creek, one of the Jordan's key tributaries where the stream flows under Fuller Road, has undergone the same transformation.

These new bridges do more than improve infrastructure — they remove long-standing barriers to fish passage, curb erosion and sedimentation, and restore natural stream flow. The result is a healthier river system that supports brook and brown trout, steelhead, salmon, mottled sculpin, and fourteen species of mayflies, caddisflies, and stoneflies. By reconnecting habitat and allowing the river to flow freely once again, these projects strengthen the entire aquatic community — from the tiniest macroinvertebrates to the top of the food chain.

CRA and partners have already completed thirteen additional restoration projects throughout the watershed, but the map below highlights this fall's accomplishments and offers a glimpse of what's next for the Jordan River Valley.



For more details and a complete list of partners and funders, scan the QR code or visit <https://www.rivercare.org/project/jordan-river/spanning-the-headwaters/>.



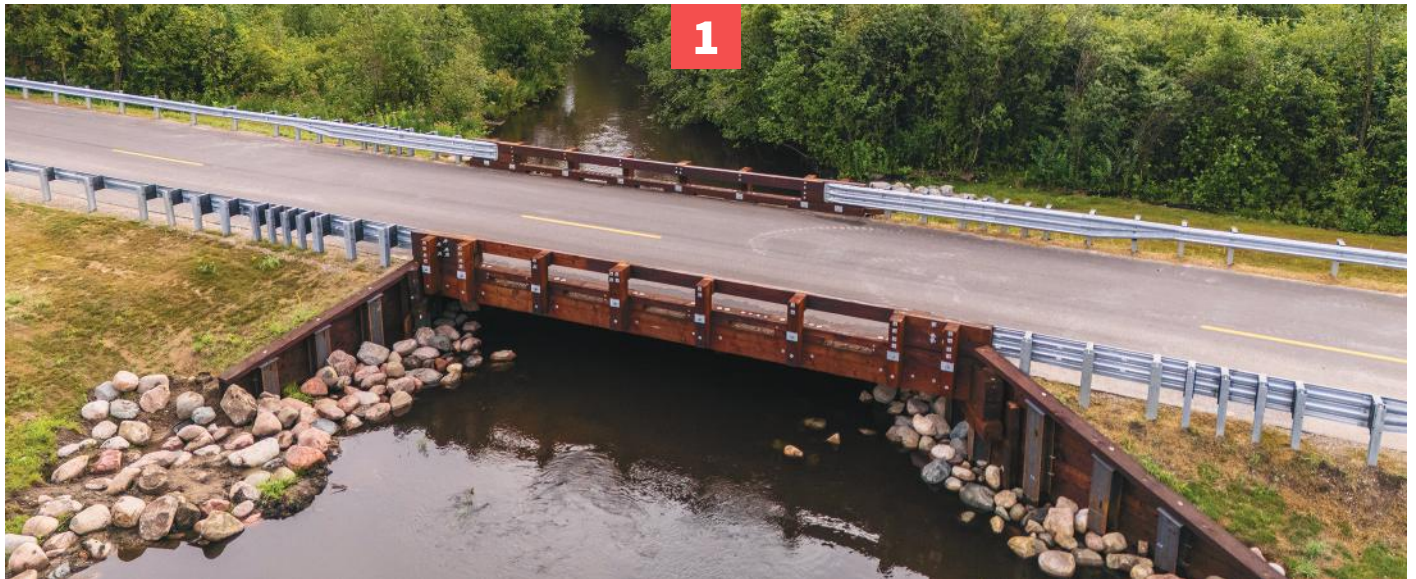
Completed Projects

- 1 - Deer Creek & Fuller Road Timber Bridge**
- 2 - Jordan River & Jordan River Road-East Timber Bridge**
- 3 - Jordan River & Jordan River Road-West Timber Bridge**

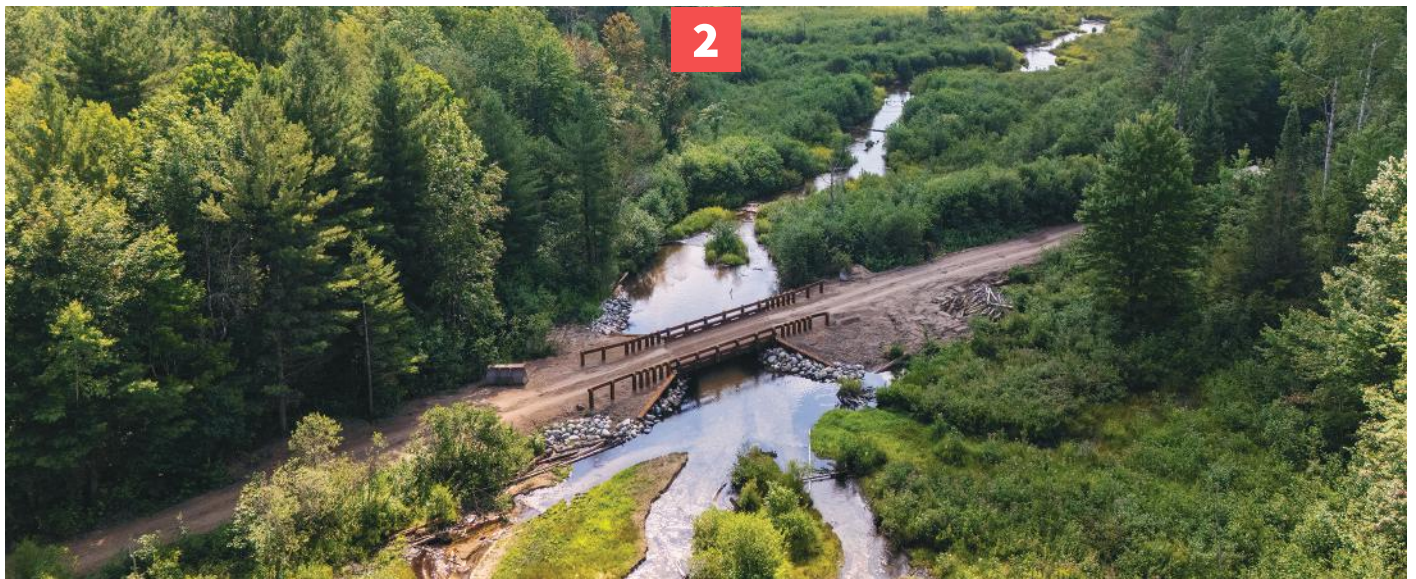
Next Up Projects

- A - Deer Creek & Barber Road Crossing Replacement**
- B - Marvon Creek & Pesek Road Crossing Replacement**
- C - Marvon Creek & Marvon Road Crossing Replacement**
- D - Marvon Creek Tributary & Pesek Road Crossing Replacement**
- E - Jordan River Tributaries & Jordan River Road Crossing Replacements**





Deer Creek and Fuller Road Timber Bridge



Jordan River and Jordan River Road-East Timber Bridge



Jordan River and Jordan River Road-West Timber Bridge