

Johnsonville ramps it up at Venters Landing

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The City of Johnsonville has contracted R.L. Morrison and Sons Inc. of McClellanville to make the improvements to the landing. Contractor representative Ron Rose of Alpha Construction Company supervised the installation of the ramp. Once the bulldozers were in place and began to move the ramp, it was securely in place within 10 minutes, according to a news release from the city.

Johnsonville Mayor Steven Dukes was one of several people, including city council members and citizens, who gathered to watch the ramp installation.

“Lynches River has been such a primary part of Johnsonville’s past, present and future,” Dukes said. “Odell Venters Landing is an exceptional recreation facility for our community, and we are fortunate that the federal grant funding was made available through the efforts of the Florence County legislative delegation.”

Once completed, the ramp will be 115 feet long and 80 feet wide.

The \$460,000 renovation project also will include a new 8-foot by 100-foot aluminum floating courtesy dock and a resurfaced and enlarged parking lot.

Reimbursed through state and federal grants, the project is expected to be completed before Johnsonville’s annual Heritage Festival begins on May 18, the release said. The boat ramp will not be available for public use until after the festival.

R. L. Morrison and Sons Inc. has been in business for 96 years. Michael Morrison, the company’s president, is in charge of the renovation project.