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Campbell Avenue Bridge to Re-open by Nov. 8

The Springfield Department of Public Works is pleased to announce that the Campbell Avenue bridge over Fassnight Creek between Sunshine Street and Grand Street will be re-opened ahead of schedule by 6 a.m., Monday, Nov. 8, weather permitting.

The new bridge, designed to safely pass a 100-year flood, has approximately three times the water-carrying capacity of the old bridge. Other features include accommodation of the developing Fassnight Greenway Trail and an arched appearance with stonework to preserve the architectural character of the adjacent historic Fassnight Park.

The contractor is Hartman and Company. The Main Avenue bridge located within Fassnight Park is currently being reconstructed, and the Grant Avenue bridge will also be reconstructed. In the coming weeks, Meadowmere Street will be closed for approximately two weeks and Grant Avenue will be closed for approximately four months. The public will be informed of the exact dates once they are confirmed. Look for project updates and photos online at: http://mo-springfield.civicplus.com/644/Fassnight-Park.

Completion of the bridge marks the first major milestone in the Fassnight Park Waterway Improvement Project. The multi-purpose project includes reconstruction of the channel and bridges to reduce flooding, provide water quality benefits and maintain the historical appearance of the park. The full project is anticipated to be complete by August 2011. The estimated cost is $4.5 million, paid for by the 2006 County-wide Parks Sales Tax, an EPA Stormwater Infrastructure Grant and a Federal Transportation Enhancement Grant.

The Fassnight project is the first in a series of major improvement projects that will reconstruct and revive several of Springfield’s historic parks with particular attention being paid to the special water resources that were originally at the heart of many of our parks. This series of projects will highlight the fact that water resources in Springfield are one of our most valuable and popular natural assets that deserve to be protected and enjoyed for generations to come.

Sequiota Park is the next historic park scheduled to undergo such improvements. A groundbreaking ceremony for those improvements will be held at 4:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 8, with tours for the public available before and after the event. More details of that event are forthcoming.

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