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### **Grant Avenue Bridge to Re-open March 14**

The new Grant Avenue bridge spanning Fassnacht Creek between Meadowmere Street and Catalpa Street will be re-opened to traffic by the early morning hours of Monday, March 14, 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. When fully complete, its arched appearance and stonework will match the architectural character now being restored in the adjacent historic Fassnacht Park. Further work remains on cosmetic features of the bridge.

Completion of this third and final bridge is the next major milestone of the Fassnacht Waterway Project. The multi-purpose project includes reconstruction of the channel and new bridges at Campbell, Main and Grant to reduce flooding, provide water quality benefits and maintain the historical appearance of the park. The full project is anticipated to be complete by fall 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 contractor is Hartman and Company. Project updates and photos can be found online at: [www.springfieldmo.gov/stormwater/fassnightpark.html](http://www.springfieldmo.gov/stormwater/fassnightpark.html).

The Fassnacht project is the first in a series of five major improvement projects that seek to 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.

Two more projects are currently underway in Sequiota Park and Dickerson Park Zoo, with projects at Doling Park and Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park set to begin later this year.

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