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Doling Waterway Improvements Break Ground June 13

The City of Springfield and Springfield-Greene County Park Board will host a groundbreaking at 10 a.m., Monday, June 13 at Doling Park, 301 E. Talmage St., for the fourth in a series of Lake, Stream and Waterway Improvement projects in historic parks.

The \$1.3 million Doling Park waterway improvements will improve safety, water quality and aesthetics, while focusing on sustainability and environmental protection of the historic park. Funding for the project is provided by the voter-approved 2006 County-wide Parks Sales Tax and a Federal Section 319 Grant from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. The project is expected to be completed spring 2012.

The project includes: repairing eroded lake banks and waterway to improve the water quality and aesthetics of Doling Lake; improving access with walkways and trails around the lake, along with access near the park's Giboney Cave; improving the lake spillway; and addition of rain garden and wetland area to improve water runoff quality, using natural and native materials.

Tree preservation and protection of the historic park will remain a priority throughout the project. The City and Park Board are working with Tree City USA Citizens Advisory Committee and the Missouri Department of Conservation throughout the project. The park and adjacent Merrell Cooper trail will remain open to the public at all times.

The General Contractor for the project is Carson-Mitchell, Inc., with engineering design services provided by Olsson Associates. Look for project updates and photos at www.springfieldmo.gov/stormwater/dolingpark.html.

Similar Lakes, Streams and Waterway Improvement projects are in progress at Fassnight and Sequiota Parks, along with Dickerson Park Zoo. Two remaining projects are planned for Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park and the Ward Branch Greenway.

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