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News Release

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### **City to Celebrate Sequiota Park Improvements**

The City of Springfield and the Springfield-Greene County Park Board will host a ribbon cutting ceremony at 10 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 27 at Sequiota Park, 3500 S. Lone Pine, for the completion of waterway improvement at the park. This is one in a series of six Lake, Stream and Waterway Improvement projects in historic Springfield parks.

The \$1.8 million Sequiota Park waterway improvements provide a stable, safe and attractive channel for Galloway Creek, and focus on the sustainability and environmental protection to the natural water environment throughout the park. Funding for the project was provided by the 2006 County-wide Parks Sales Tax.

The multi-purpose project included: upgrading deteriorated bridges across the Galloway Creek channel, near the cave and at the lake spillway; reconstruction of the channel to be safer and more attractive; cleaning and enhancements to Sequiota Park Lake to improve quality and functionality; and additional parking for the popular park destination.

Tree preservation and protection of the historic park has remained a priority throughout the project. Area groups, including Tree City USA, Greater Ozarks Audubon Society, Ozark Greenways, Greene County Historical Society and others have been a part of the planning process, and will be represented at Thursday's event.

The General Contractor for the project is Hartman & Co., with design and architecture services provided by Olsson Associates. Project updates and photos during the project can be viewed at [www.springfieldmo.gov/stormwater/sequiotapark.html](http://www.springfieldmo.gov/stormwater/sequiotapark.html)

Similar Lakes, Waterways and Stream Improvement projects are scheduled for Doling and Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Parks, and the Ward Branch Greenway in the near future. Dickerson Park Zoo just celebrated its ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday, Oct. 14 and Fassnight Park will celebrate the completion of its improvements on Monday, Nov. 7.

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