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SPRINGFIELD PARK DISTRICT ANNOUNCES THE ARRIVAL OF THE EASTERN BLUEBIRD ON THE LOST BRIDGE TRAIL

[**Springfield, IL**] – Last month, the Springfield Park District partnered with Jarod Hitchings, with IDOT’s Design and Environment, to identify a hospitable area, approximately 3.5 miles from the Illinois Department of Transportation entrance along the Lost Bridge Trail, to help bring back the Eastern Bluebird habitation.

Over Memorial Weekend, after the Eastern Bluebird’s first nesting period, an initial check of the first 15 Eastern Bluebird houses was completed.

Within the first month after installation, six of the first 15 birdhouses contained nests, which makes a 40% occupancy rate.

While most of the nests belonged to Swallows and House Wrens, one nest did look to belong to an Eastern Bluebird! The Eastern Bluebird birdhouse is located closest to Sugar Creek Bridge by the clearing. The next check will take place after July 4th; this check will be to see if eggs or fledglings have developed.

The Springfield Park District invites the public to help us welcome our new members into the community by visiting the Lost Bridge Trail during the Eastern Bluebird’s final nesting period this summer from June to the end of July.

With efforts such as these, we are sure to start seeing an increase in the Eastern Bluebird’s presence here in Springfield, IL. Stay tuned for updates throughout the summer on the Springfield Park District’s social media.

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