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SPRINGFIELD PARK DISTRICT TO CUT THE RIBBON TO NEW PLAYGROUND AT ILES PARK



Iles Park, Springfield, IL 62703 | 2000 S 6th Street | GPS 39.7800254, -89.6467175

[Springfield, IL] – The Springfield Park District (SPD) is pleased to cut the ribbon for the first part of Iles Park redevelopment. The redevelopment includes the installation of a new 8-foot-wide ADA accessible walking paths, new parking lot on the east side of the park, art walk, skate park with a shade structure and plaza, renovations to existing baseball and softball infield, new fencing, large community sized playground, new site furnishings, litter cans, recycle cans, bike rack, picnic tables, benches, landscaping, native tree and bioswale installation.

SPD was a recipient of a \$400,000 OSLAD Grant administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. OSLAD matching grant funds are providing 85 park and recreation agencies throughout the state the ability to acquire open space, develop existing parks or improve recreational facilities and the Springfield Park District would like to recognize the privilege of receiving one of the grants! These OSLAD funds, combined with \$400,000 in Park District Capital Improvement funds will assist in completing a long-awaited redevelopment within and around Iles Park as part of the District's Comprehensive Master Plan.

These renovations, expansion to the greenspace, and additional recreational opportunities will be a wonderful compliment to the most recently renovated Pickleball Courts at Iles Park. The improvements will enhance the experience of the patrons who walk, enjoy their lunch hours at Iles and most importantly, will have a profound impact on the families, children and neighborhood associations that surround this picturesque historic park near Springfield's southeast side. **We are excited to cut the ribbon to this brand-new playground at Iles Park on Monday, June 14th at Noon.**

"This new playground is a great addition to Iles Park. It will provide the neighborhood and community a wonderful place to come together to enjoy time outside. We are excited to present this new playground and invite the community to join us!" – states **Leslie Sgro, President of the Springfield Park District Board of Trustees**

Plan to join us on Monday, June 14th at 12pm to cut the ribbon to the playground and test it out for yourselves!

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