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*The Dedication of Phase II
of
Flat Branch Park*

May 3, 2008



After a long clean-up and restoration process, the second phase of Flat Branch Park is now complete, making the park a popular destination. Flat Branch Park serves as the trailhead of the MKT Trail, linking downtown Columbia to outlying areas and making it easy for trail users to reach the downtown area.

Phase I of Flat Branch Park was completed in 2001. Due to the popularity of the park, the second phase was started in 2003, between Locust and Elm. Work on the second phase began with the removal of an old parking lot. With the assistance of an EPA Brownfield Grant and project oversight by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR)-Voluntary Cleanup Program, more than 8,300 cubic yards of contaminated soil were removed. Debris was also removed and the eroded stream banks were stabilized with native limestone boulders and new trees to achieve a more natural-looking stream.

The park itself features spraygrounds, a playground, stone amphitheater, benches, attractive lamp posts, pedestrian bridge and paired bronze sculptures, titled "Marathoners," by local artist Larry Young. A stormwater rain garden was constructed to naturally filter parking lot runoff before it enters the creek.

The revitalization of Flat Branch Park and surrounding area was truly a community effort. At the beginning of the project, a citizen group formed the MKT Trailhead Committee (Flat Branch Park Committee) that solicited ideas and donations for the project. More than \$300,000 has been contributed by local businesses and individuals in support of Flat Branch Phase II, including the design and construction of the bridge. Volunteers assisted with the stream cleanup and the planting of shrubs, grasses, and aquatic plants. A Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant from MDNR was also used to develop the park.

The City of Columbia appreciates the support shown by the community for Flat Branch Park. Thank you for being here today to share in the dedication ceremony.

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DEDICATION PROGRAM

Phase II of Flat Branch Park

Welcome and Introductions ~ Mr. Mike Hood, Director, Columbia Parks and Recreation Department

Remarks ~ Mayor Darwin Hindman

Remarks ~ Mr. John Ott, Flat Branch Park Committee

Remarks ~ Mr. Don Laird, Columbia Chamber of Commerce

Remarks ~ Representative of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Closing Remarks ~ Mr. Mike Hood

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