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Parks and Recreation Planning Flat Branch Phase II Dedication

Columbia Parks and Recreation invites the public to attend the dedication of the second phase of Flat Branch Park this Saturday, May 3. The ceremony will be held at 1 p.m. in the park at 400 Locust. The park dedication is being held in conjunction with the kick-off of Bike, Walk and Wheel Week.

The second phase of the park features a pedestrian bridge, sprayground, playground, stone amphitheater, and bronze sculptures. The MKT Trail also winds through the park, ending in the first phase of Flat Branch Park.

Construction of the second phase of the park is a true partnership, with support from local, state, and federal sources. The citizen group known as the Flat Branch Park Committee, co-chaired by Jack Waters and John Ott, has solicited donations and ideas for the project, including the design and construction of the bridge. More than \$300,000 has been contributed.

Grants from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Land and Water Conservation Fund and the Environmental Protection Agency have helped to fund the project. Funds from the park sales tax have also been used in the development and construction of the park.

For more information, call 874-7460.