

## Special Thanks

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*Before Renovation...*



*The MDC offices, repurposed into the Hillcrest Community Center*



*The MDC maintenance garage, repurposed into the Moss Building*



*Open House and Dedication*

## Hillcrest Community Center and Moss Building Waters-Moss Memorial Wildlife Area

August 28, 2014

# **Waters-Moss Memorial Wildlife Area**

Dedication Ceremony

4:30 p.m., August 28, 2014

The City of Columbia took over management of the Waters-Moss Memorial Wildlife Area in June 2012 as part of a land swap agreement with the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC). In 2013, Parks and Recreation staff began renovating two of the buildings on-site to house the recreation staff and programs formerly located at the Stephens Lake Activity Center.

The Hillcrest Community Center (1907 Hillcrest Dr) and the Moss Building (1905 Hillcrest Dr) now house offices for administrative and programming staff, as well as many of Parks and Recreation's life enrichment classes, preschool programs, 50+ programs and travel, and Osher Lifelong Learning programs. The facility also provides space for office staff who manage special events and facilities. Starting October 1, 2014, the Moss Building will be available for public rental.

The Hillcrest Community Center formerly housed the MDC office and the Moss Building was an MDC maintenance garage. Under a Memorandum of Understanding and lease, the MDC used 18.5 acres of the Gans Creek Recreation Area to build a new regional office, in exchange for the City's use of the Waters-Moss property for recreation purposes. Parks and Recreation budgeted about \$605,000 for the project. Funds came from the Park Sales Tax and the department's Recreation Services Fund.

Parks and Recreation is continuing work on the site. Staff is constructing a playground, medium-sized shelter, and restroom for a small outdoor park. The park will be located at the site of the old Sears house, which was removed from the property. Another building on the Waters-Moss property, the Waters house, will soon be renovated to accommodate the department's park ranger station. And as funding allows, another building on the property, the Jones house, will be converted to additional public rental space.

We appreciate the support shown by Columbia residents and the partnership with the Missouri Department of Conservation. Thank you for being here today to celebrate the open house and dedication.

Welcome ~ Mike Griggs, Director, Columbia Parks and Recreation

Remarks ~ Mayor Bob McDavid, City of Columbia

Remarks ~ Hank Waters

Remarks ~ Beverly Coberly, University of Missouri Extension

Conclusion ~ Mike Griggs

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