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Dedication of 3M Flat Branch-Hinkson Creek Wetlands

May 15, 2014



Pump House before...



...and after.

The 3M Flat Branch-Hinkson Creek Wetlands project is the result of a collaboration of 16 partners who came together to restore the area off of the MKT Trail near Forum Boulevard. The wetlands were created to help filter stormwater runoff, provide habitat for wildlife and offer an area for trail users to enjoy and learn more about nature through observation and interpretive signs. In fact, the site has already become a popular spot for bird-watchers; as of early May, 137 species have been documented.

The Wetlands is the former home of Columbia's second sewer treatment plant. After the restoration, the wetland cells treat stormwater runoff from about 140 acres of urban watershed and can store an estimated 10 million gallons of runoff. Another prominent feature of the wetlands is the converted viewing platform with green roof, which was the former sewer treatment pump-house.

The project was first approved by Columbia City Council in 2011. Park staff worked with the Wetland Emphasis Team II, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, and the City of Columbia Storm Water Utility Division to develop a restoration plan for the project area. A groundbreaking ceremony was held on June 23, 2011.

The project was formerly known as the 3M Urban Ecological Restoration Project before the site was formerly named "3M Flat Branch-Hinkson Creek Wetlands" in June 2013.

This project was made possible in part to a \$40,000 3M Foundation Environmental Stewardship Grant. Other funding came from the Park Sales Tax and grants from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Missouri Conservation Heritage Foundation, National Association of Counties Research Foundation, and the Recreational Trails Program. Forest ReLeaf of Missouri made an in-kind donation of trees and shrubs. Many other agency partners made contributions; please see the back of the program for their names.

We appreciate the support shown by Columbia residents and all the partnering agencies for this project! Thank you for being here today to celebrate its completion.

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Dedication Ceremony
3:30 p.m., May 15, 2014

Welcome ~ Mike Griggs, Director, Columbia Parks and Recreation

Remarks ~ Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Hoppe,
City of Columbia

Remarks ~ Bill Moore, Plant Manager, 3M

Conclusion ~ Mike Griggs

"Vine" Cutting

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