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Petrifying Springs Park Scheduled to Reopen Saturday

Kenosha, WI – (February 26, 2016) – Kenosha County Executive Jim Kreuser has announced that Petrifying Springs Park, bike trail, hiking trail, cross country ski trail, and Carlisle Family Dog Park will officially reopen on Saturday, February 27, 2016. Kreuser stated that he "appreciates the public's patience during the logging project and is pleased that Kenosha County was able to remove over 2,600 infected trees due to the emerald ash borer (EAB)".

Brighton Dale Golf Course and Fox River Park will remain closed as part of the EAB removal program. Loggers will be working on the removal of ash trees within the golf course, disc golf course, sledding hill, picnic areas, roadsides, parking areas and walking paths at both Fox River Park and Brighton Dale Links Golf Course. The loggers are on a tight schedule to complete the removal of the ash trees and need to move and work uninterrupted in each park before the ground thaws. Each park will reopen as soon as the logger has finished the removal of the ash trees.

Cleanup efforts will be a continued effort and priority by County staff. The next phase of this project will concentrate on the cleaning of small debris, stumps, and turf damage that was caused by the logging operations. As part of the comprehensive reforestation plan, Kenosha County Parks has already planted over 2,000 trees over the past five years. Over the next three years, Kenosha County will plant an additional 500 trees within Petrifying Springs Park and Golf Course, Fox River Park, and Brighton Dale Links Golf Course.

Openings and closings of each park will be updated on the Kenosha County Parks website http://www.kenoshacounty.org and the Kenosha County Dog Park Facebook page. For more information, please contact the Kenosha County Parks at (262) 857-1869.