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## West End Park Development

Kenosha, WI – (June 15, 2016) – The Kenosha County Parks Division has announced the temporary closure of the West End Park locally known as KD Park, 8530 352<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, located on the boundary between the Towns of Randall and Wheatland, adjacent to the Village of Twin Lakes. KD Park will be temporarily closed due to development of the roadway, parking lots, and storm water management features as part of Kenosha County's WDNR Stewardship Grant award. The Stewardship grant is a shared 50/50 match between the State and Kenosha County with a total project cost of \$525,837.50.

The construction project and park closure will begin on August 1, 2016 and it is anticipated to reopen to the public in the fall of 2016. This project is considered the first phase of the development of the park and will include the construction of the access drive located off CTH KD (352<sup>nd</sup> Avenue), as well as parking stalls, storm water management features, and signage. These improvements will allow visitors to access the park and its recreational amenities such as hiking paths, fishing, and non-motorized watercraft activities. Phase one of this development will provide more accessibility within the park.

The KD Park masterplan highlights the importance of creating a Sustainable Living Park that emphasizes environmentally conscious planning, development, and maintenance of this park. In 2001, Kenosha County purchased a 234-acre former gravel mine site to convert to a park which was later expanded by 113 acres with Stewardship funding in 2012. KD Park features rolling topography, a 39-acre lake, wetlands, and remnant oak savannas.

Warren Close Bark Park will remain open.

For more information, please contact the Kenosha County Parks at (262) 857-1869 or visit parks.kenoshacounty.org

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