



Dear Park District Resident,

The Des Plaines Park District is reaching out to the Cumberland Terrace Park and Des Plaines Manor Park neighborhoods to begin a conversation about an interesting project: the construction of a bridge over Weller Creek. We know this has been discussed in the area before, and we have scheduled a Public Forum to gather input on the idea from you and your neighbors.

We envision creating a new path in both parks and building a bridge across Weller Creek for pedestrians and bicyclists. This will connect the two neighborhood parks, allowing for safe, non-motorized access to Terrace Elementary School, Chippewa Middle School, and public transportation. The Des Plaines Manor Park playground would be completely renovated, and the playground at Cumberland Terrace would be removed to create a larger open space for recreation and leisure. These changes would be beneficial to the environment and enhance the community.

In our preliminary plans, the path begins at the north edge of the Cumberland Terrace parking lot and ends at La Salle Street, just west of the Des Plaines Manor Park playground. Two spurs connect the new path to the basketball court and the playground. (A diagram is on the reverse.) Some of the trees and shrubs would be cleared from both parks to make the proposed 8-foot wide bridge clearly visible from the banks of the creek.

It's important to note that all of the proposed work is dependent on the acquisition of a state Transportation Grant, which the district is prepared to apply for.

We think the project provides significant benefits for our residents and we hope you will join us for the forum at Cumberland Terrace Fieldhouse on Tuesday, May 22, from 6:30–8:00pm. As always, we value your input and look forward to a lively discussion.

If you are unable to attend the forum, but still have questions about the project, please call Debbie Hermanson, 847-391-5096, or send them via email to news@dpparks.org.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director



