Village of Lake in the Hills Press Release



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For Immediate Release

Lake in the Hills, IL – The Village of Lake in the Hills started an improvement project in June at Turtle Island Park, a scenic destination for fishing and launching boats on Woods Creek Lake, located at 290 ½ Indian Trail. The project will improve the shoreline, enhance existing amenities, and see the addition of a pavilion and fishing pier.

Turtle Island Park will be closed to the public for the project's duration, and the Village expects the project to be complete by the end of October 2020. The Turtle Island Park expansion has three goals, to improve a quality fishing venue, to demonstrate examples of green infrastructure, and to create a great family gathering site.

Fifty percent of the total project cost will be paid for by an Open Space and Land Acquisition (OSLAD) grant through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Boats that are normally stored at Turtle Island were moved to Indian Trail Beach at 228 Indian Trail for the duration of the improvement project. Because boating, fishing, and swimming will be allowed at Indian Trail Beach this year, Village staff installed signage and temporary fencing at Indian Trail Beach to separate swimming, boating, and fishing areas.

"Though the temporary adjustments at Indian Trail Beach may not be ideal this season, the improvements to Turtle Island will greatly enhance the community's enjoyment of the park and its new amenities in the future," said Peter D'Agostino, Interim Public Works Director.

Visitors to Indian Trail Beach are asked to be understanding of the operational changes in place as they enjoy its amenities.

One of the biggest benefits of living in Lake in the Hills is the natural beauty of the Village's four lakes nestled on the east side, minutes from major roadways. Woods Creek Lake is the largest of the four lakes, encompassing over 50 acres of land and water, and it is seasonally stocked with fish.

To learn more about the OSLAD grant awarded to the Village, view this previous press release.

Attached: Photo of construction at Turtle Island Park

