

Fon du Lac Park District to Receive \$600,000.00 State Grant for Local Park Development

Fon du Lac Park District receives Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant for developing public parks and outdoor recreational space

East Peoria – Fon du Lac Park District today announced that it has been selected to receive a \$600,000.00 Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant from the State of Illinois. This grant money will be used for Park improvements and revitalization of Neumann Park in East Peoria.

Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) awarded a total of \$55.2 million to 100 communities for local park development projects as part of the latest round of OSLAD grants.

“Since I became Governor, it’s been my mission to build stronger, healthier communities across Illinois,” **said Governor JB Pritzker**. “Through the OSLAD program, we’re bringing that vision to life by awarding over \$55.2 million to local park projects, expanding green spaces and creating new recreational opportunities for all.”

Established by the Illinois General Assembly in 1986, OSLAD is a cost-sharing program between state and local governments that helps communities fund land acquisition and development for parks and outdoor recreation projects. It’s become one of the most popular grant programs in Illinois. Since its establishment, OSLAD has awarded \$640 million for park projects throughout Illinois (including the awards announced today).

“I was honored to receive the news that our Park District was awarded the OSLAD grant from the State of Illinois through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Our grant committee spent countless hours to provide a quality application that helped the IDNR selection committee approve our submission,” said Park Director Craig Weigle.

Neumann Park Improvements:

Located at 305 Neumann Drive, Neumann Park was established in the early 1980’s. It encompasses two pavilions with shelters, a restroom, Central Illinois Riding Therapy (CIRT) and Fon du Lac Farm Park. With this matching grant the District plans are to remove and replace aging infrastructure, install two new pavilions, an accessible restroom facility, construct a splash pad, and add additional sidewalks, parking, lighting and shade structures. Our hope is that this project will be completed in Spring of 2026.

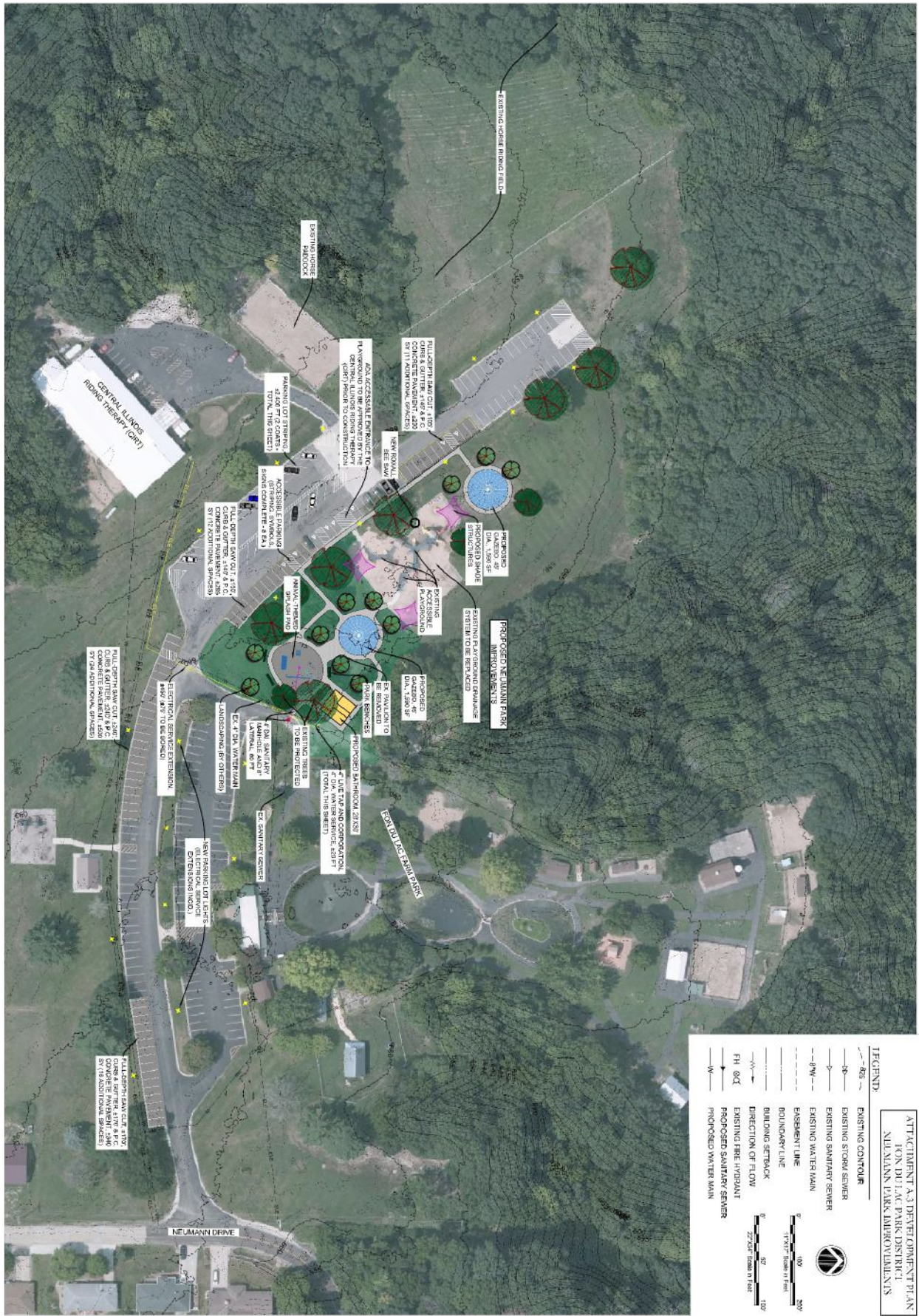
The Fon du Lac Park District has been serving the community and surrounding neighborhoods for the last 104 years. Founded in November 1920, the Park District has strived to expand and enhance the area ever since. From our purchase of the land now known as Fon du Lac Park West in 1925 to the construction of our Cole Hollow Monster Disc Golf Course in 2024, we continue to try to provide the community with accessibility

to explore and enlighten themselves in whatever way possible. The same goes for our plans for improving Neumann Park.

The Park District annually serves over 3,000 participants in our programs, and that number is modest in comparison to the number of patrons our facilities see each year. We have something for almost everyone, young and old. Just this year our Farm Park had over 24,000 visitors in their short season, which is only expected to grow with the Neumann Park additions.

Neumann Park is the home of our All-Inclusive Playground that was installed from 2014 to 2016 with the partnership of Forever Friends Fundraising. This playground is completely 100% handicap accessible with ramped areas to allow for wheelchair traffic in the play structure. An accessible sidewalk from the parking lot to the playground has been installed as well as play features that can be used by all abilities. With the \$600,000 Open Space Land Acquisition and Development Grant received, the Park District plans to remove and replace aging infrastructure, install two new pavilions, create an accessible restroom facility, construct a splash pad, and add additional sidewalks, parking, lighting and shade structures. Our hope is that this project will be completed in Spring of 2026. Without the OSLAD Grant, achieving these goals would not have been possible in the foreseeable future. The Park District is funded by our Tax Payers and other fees acquired. That means, for large projects, we must rely on grants to help make those ideas come to life. We are excited to see these improvements happen as well as the impact they will have on our facilities and patrons.

To learn more about the Fon du Lac Park District, you can visit our website at fondulacpark.com. For any questions about these plans or any Park District related topic, you can call us at (309) 699-3923 or email us at support@fondulacpark.com.



ATTACHMENT A.3 DEVELOPMENT PLAN
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 NEUMANN PARK IMPROVEMENTS

LEGEND:

- 85- EXISTING CONTOUR
- >- EXISTING STORM SEWER
- >- EXISTING SANITARY SEWER
- W- EXISTING WATER MAIN
- >- EXISTING FIRE HYDRANT
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PROPOSED:

- 85- PROPOSED CONTOUR
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BOUNDARY LINE
 BUILDING SETBACK
 DIRECTION OF FLOW
 PROPOSED SANITARY SEWER
 PROPOSED WATER MAIN

SCALE: 1" = 200'
 0' 50' 100' 150' 200'

STATION: 100+00
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CONCEPTUAL EXHIBIT
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