

Dear Naperville Resident,

At last night's meeting of the Naperville Park District Board of Commissioners the Board approved the construction contract for expansion and improvements to the northern section of the West Street Garden Plots. The project primarily includes site clearing, grading, drainage improvements, and water system installation in the northern plots. The work is scheduled to begin within the next several weeks and will be completed prior to the 2010 gardening season. Overall, the project will result in approximately 476 garden plots and 4 ADA plots located in the northern portion of the West Street Garden Plots area.

In addition to the construction contract the Naperville Park District Board also approved Ordinance 694, which amends a previous ordinance adopted by the Park District amending the 1988 Lease Agreement with the City of Naperville for the West Street Properties. Ordinance 694 permits the construction of multi-use athletic fields in the southern portion of the West Street Garden Plots area to proceed independently of the relocation of the garden plots to DuPage River Park. Approval of Ordinance 694 does not remove the obligation to relocate garden plots to DuPage River Park; rather, it removes the timing requirement that the relocation be accomplished before the multi-use athletic fields are constructed. The Park District will evaluate the relocation of garden plots further as part of its overall park improvement plans. Development of the multi-use athletic fields at West Street is anticipated to begin next spring.

In the near future the Park District will meet with members of the Garden Plots Discussion Group to consider ideas related to registration methods for relocated and new Garden Plots, size/offers for future plots, and site amenities. Completion of the northern West Street Garden Plots expansion and improvements project will result in enough plots to accommodate each Naperville resident registered in the 2009 program with at least one plot. Additional information regarding 2010 garden plot registration procedures will be forthcoming.

Please share this information with anyone that may not be part of the Park District's garden plot e-mail database. Updates will continue to be provided via email and on the Park District's website as new information becomes available.

Sincerely,
Naperville Park District