

Dear Naperville Gardener,

After conducting three Community Engagement Meetings, reviewing the feedback given in a survey of 2008 Garden Plots program participants, and seeing the comments submitted on the four options that address additional athletic field space needs, the Naperville Park District and School District 203 are introducing a fifth option for consideration.

Labeled "Option 1A," it proposes the creation of fields in the southern portion of the current Garden Plots site as opposed to in the north in Option 1. It also provides for an estimated 146 more garden plots to remain at the West Street location than Option 1, potentially resulting in a total of 478 plots. This could mean that 81% of the total plots currently available would remain at West Street.

Based on results from the recent Garden Plots survey this option would seem to satisfy a majority of the respondents with 89% of those who responded indicating that they would continue participating in the gardening program if their plot was relocated to another plot within the West Street location. Additional survey feedback showed that a minimum of 304 plots would need to remain at the West Street location in order to provide one plot for each household that said they would not relocate to another Garden Plots location other than West Street.

If selected, Option 1A would reduce the number of athletic fields proposed at the site from two-and-a-half to two, and the garden plots located in the northern section of West Street would not be impacted. Of the 216 plots currently in the southern location, 115 would be relocated to the northern area of the property, while the remaining displaced plots would be relocated to either DuPage River Park or Southwest Community Park. Additional plots would be added to this new location to accommodate the interest indicated by potential gardeners who live in south Naperville, as indicated in the recent Garden Plots survey and through community feedback.

This new option will be presented to the School District 203 Board and the Park District Board for review in addition to the other options, survey results, and other community feedback. To view a copy of the Option 1A concept plan please visit the Park District website at [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org) or use the following internet address: <http://www.napervilleparks.org/docs/82e7468b-8294-445b-a11a-c24e656a6aae.pdf> An updated copy of the Option 1 concept plan, which utilizes information from the recent Wetland Delineation Study conducted at the site, is also available on the Park District website at the following address: <http://www.napervilleparks.org/docs/a320f9ac-a625-4d69-9399-a8d1d69e30ef.pdf>

If you have comments regarding the garden plots please email the Park District at [info@napervilleparks.org](mailto:info@napervilleparks.org) or School District 203 at [athleticfields@naperville203.org](mailto:athleticfields@naperville203.org); please type "Garden Plots" in the subject line.