

Dear Naperville Gardener,

At last night's Naperville Park District Board of Commissioners meeting the Park District Board accepted Naperville Community Unit School District 203's proposal to fund up to \$500,000 for development of the Option 1A concept. Option 1A consists of the following:

Development of two multi-purpose athletic fields, parking, landscaping and trail areas in the southern portion of the West Street Garden Plots.

Relocation of approximately 216 garden plots from the southern portion of the West St. garden plots to locations in the northern garden plots area and DuPage River Park.

Development of support amenities (i.e. water spigots, accessible plots, etc.) in the new northern plots.

Grading in the northern plots to improve drainage and increase usable areas for gardening.

The Park District's acceptance of Option 1A is contingent upon Naperville City Council approval and the development of a mutually acceptable Intergovernmental Use Agreement between the Naperville Park District and School District 203. Over the next several weeks Park District and School District staff will work with the City to prepare a recommendation for City Council. The Park District and School District will also begin to develop an Intergovernmental Use Agreement which must be approved by both the Park District and School District Boards prior to any future construction.

If the Option 1A concept is accepted by City Council and an Intergovernmental Use Agreement is approved, the Park District will develop detailed construction drawings for the garden plots area. Naperville Gardeners will be asked to participate in a public process to provide insight on the design of new garden plots in order to assist with the layout of the plots and development of support amenities. Additional information on this process will be forthcoming. Any future construction of the Option 1A concept will not impact the 2009 growing season. New garden plots will be developed prior to the relocation of any existing plots.

The Naperville Park District is committed to keeping gardeners informed throughout this process. Email communication will continue to be provided to gardeners and the Park District website will be updated periodically with new information. For additional information on the Garden Plots, or to view the Option 1A and DuPage River Park Garden Plots concepts please use the following web address:

<http://www.napervilleparks.org/webpages/index.aspx?webpageid=1000510> or visit our website at [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org)

Sincerely,

Naperville Park District

