

Dear Naperville Gardener,

Last night Naperville City Council approved amendments to the Park District lease agreements for DuPage River Park and the West Street properties. The amendments allow for a change in land use at each of the respective parks to accommodate the development of new garden plots at DuPage River Park and the re-development of a portion of the West Street Garden Plots based on the Option 1A concept. Next steps within the process include the acceptance of the lease agreement amendments by the Naperville Park District Board of Commissioners, as well as the development and approval of a mutually acceptable Intergovernmental Use Agreement between the Park District and School District 203. The Park District will also begin the development of design drawings and engineering plans for DuPage River Park and the West Street Community Garden Plots. Naperville gardeners will be asked to provide insight on the design of new garden plots per option 1A in order to assist with the layout of the plots and support amenities (water spigots, signage, etc.) prior to the construction phase. Additional information on this process will be forthcoming.

Throughout the 2009 gardening season you may see individuals completing surveying and site engineering studies at DuPage River Park and the West Street properties. Completion of the studies is necessary in order to further the design for the parks. Any site work related to these studies will not impact the 2009 growing season; new garden plots will be developed prior to the relocation of any existing plots.

The Park District remains committed to keeping gardeners informed and involved throughout this process. It is our goal to continue working with residents to expand and improve gardening opportunities within the community.

Sincerely,

Naperville Park District