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Sen. Green Shares His Commitment to Green Spaces and the Environment

JEFFERSON CITY, MO – "Since becoming a state in 1821, Missouri and its people have certainly flourished. We here in the Show Me State certainly have a lot to show." said Sen. Green. Recently in North St. Louis County, the Missouri Department of Conservation has completed upgrades and renovations at the following areas:

> Kennedy Forest - trail and parking lot improvements
> St. Stanislaus Conservation Area - wetlands development
> Bellefontaine Park - lake developments
> Fairgrounds Lake - renovations and accessible fishing facilities
> Forest Park - lake renovations, restroom and accessible fishing facilities

There are a few projects in the Conservation budget that have not been started yet this year. North County residents can look forward to these improvements:

> Bellefontaine Conservation Area. - final pond, disabled assessable fishing dock
> Koeneman Park Lake - trail and dock
> Horseshoe Lake at Carondelet Park - excavation, walkways and dock
> Hyde Park Lake - deepen and expand lake

"I would like to commend the staff with the St. Louis County Parks and Recreation Department and the Missouri Department of Conservation staff who were actively involved with coordinating and designing the newly completed Sioux Passage Park boat ramp project. My thanks to Mr. Bill Lueckenhoff, Mr. Lynn Schrader and Mr. Ed Kuhlmann with Conservation for their work." said Sen. Green.

"I want to invite residents to explore the many natural attractions in North St. Louis County. For instance, the largest available is the Columbia Bottom Conservation Area, with over 4,000 acres that offer hiking and biking trails, river access for fishing, viewing of the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers." stated Sen. Green.

To obtain more information on North County parks and recreation areas please visit: http://www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/stlouis and http://www.stlouisco.com/parks/north.html

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