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LEMONT'S DOWNTOWN PARK DEVELOPMENT FAQ'S!

1. Why is the Lemont Park District creating a park development in Downtown Lemont?

In 2019, The Lemont Park District engaged the community in the agency's Master Planning Process asking for insight regarding community needs and wants from their Park District. After collecting data from a comprehensive survey, as well as a Listening Tour Series, the strong desire for a downtown park property was determined.

2. Where is the Downtown Park going to be located?

The park will be located at the long abandoned area at the north end of Stephen Street which is the former location of the steel swing bridge and Tri-Central Marine Terminal. Owned by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD), this neglected area has now been leased for a nominal amount to the Lemont Park District and the Village of Lemont for park development. The agency's collaborative vision, is to truly transform this condemned area into a beautiful, community park.

3. What is the timeline for the Downtown Lemont Park Development project?

The development of this park property is being planned through a phased approach with the buildout taking place over the next three to five years. Groundbreaking for Phase One is tentatively scheduled to take place in the Fall of 2022 and includes land remediation, a playground, walking trail and parking lot. Phase Two plans currently include plans for a dog park, shelter, expanded pathway system, increased parking, environmental & natural elements, and other recreational & entertainment amenities. Groundbreaking for Phase Two is to be determined.

4. How will the Downtown Park Project be funded?

Although Capital Funds are budgeted for this park development, the Lemont Park District is seeking alternative funding through the Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Grant program to assist with offsetting the cost(s) associated with the development of this park. Additionally, the Village has been awarded an Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Grant that will fund a new bicycle and pedestrian bridge that will be connected to this park property. This bridge will span the Old Lemont Road and Stephen Street bridge.

5. Is the Downtown Park going to be built on contaminated land?

No, the park will not be built on contaminated land. Less than 10% of the approximately 27-acre parcel has been deemed minimally contaminated which is common in this type of property. This area will be moved, capped, and remediated to unutilized areas of the site.