



City of Blaine Anoka County, Minnesota

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NRCB Item - Nate Monahan, Recreation Manager and Rebecca Haug, Water Resource Manager

NRCB Updates

Staff will review with the NRCB the items below on current projects and programs.

BWS Structure and Concept Trail System Update

In May, staff reviewed options with the City Council for a structure at the Blaine Wetland Sanctuary (BWS) parking lot located at 11980 Lexington Avenue. The City Council gave staff direction to move forward with hiring a consultant to design a pavilion with restrooms. Staff also reviewed the 2014 BWS Master Plan trail system concept and discussed the possibility of updating the plan to be more cost effective. The updates would maximize uplands, limit boardwalks, utilize city property in neighborhoods for trail connections, and reduce trails behind homes.

The City Council gave staff direction to move forward with updating the BWS Trail System Plan. Staff will begin this work once the regulatory agencies approve the trail through the Central and Northern Portion of the BWS.

Volunteer rescue of State endangered Rubus Stipulates at BWS

Staff will provide an update of the event that was held on June 10.

BWS Appreciation Tour with Anoka Conservation District, CCES, and City of Blaine

Scheduled for August 10 from 5-7pm and backup date of August 12.

More information to come.

BWS Ongoing Maintenance

The spring burn scheduled at the BWS has been delayed due to weather conditions until the fall. The large upland island in the north portion was the only area burned this spring. Additional maintenance throughout the summer will include; spot herbicide treatments, interseeding, and potential threatened and endangered plantings.

BWS Entrance Sign

The cities consultant SRF will put the bid out late June or early July. Construction to follow in the fall.

BWS Summer Programs

Parks and Recreation staff is collaborating with Growing Green Hearts and the Wargo Nature Center to provide summer programs at the BWS. Below are the completed and upcoming programs.

Bird Hike - 16 participants

All Ages

DATE: Tuesday, June 1
TIME: 6 - 8PM
Fee: \$5/child or family

**Plants & Wetland Communities -
All Ages**

DATE: Thursday, July 8
TIME: 6 - 8PM
Fee: \$5/child or family

**Welcome Hike & Belly Biology
All Ages**

DATE: Monday, June 28
TIME: 9 - 10AM
FEE: \$5/child or family

**Superheroes & Systems
All Ages**

DATE: Tuesday, June 29 OR Thursday, August 5
TIME: 9 - 10AM
FEE: \$5/child or family

Author & Art

Ages 10 and Under with Parent/Guardian
DATE: Monday, August 2
TIME: 9 - 11AM
FEE: \$5/child or family

Boardwalk & Books

Ages 10 and Under with Parent
DATE: Tuesday, August 3
TIME: 9 - 11AM
FEE: \$5/child or family

Connecting with Critters

Ages 10 and Under with Parent
DATE: Wednesday, August 4
TIME: 9 - 11AM
FEE: \$5/child or family

Insects and Other Critter Crawlers

DATE: Wednesday, August 19
TIME: 6 - 8PM
FEE: \$5/child or family

Sunrise Ponds Trail

Staff is currently working with the consultant SRF on design and permitting for the Sunrise Ponds Trail with hopes of getting the bid out in July.

Pioneer Park Update

Staff will review the discussion from the June 14 City Council Workshop.