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CARY PARK DISTRICT RECEIVES STATE GRANT MONEY FOR PARK DEVELOPMENT

Cary, Illinois – On May 6, 2009 the Cary Park District was awarded a \$391,000 Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. This grant will be used for the initial development of the northern 42 acres of Hoffman Park.

The development will include an off-leash dog play area, picnic shelter, accessible fishing pier, nature observation shelter and deck overlooking the pond and wetlands, community gardens, creation of an open meadow and native prairie habitat, entry road and parking lot, bio-swale technology and solar lights, trails, alternative energy sources for pond aeration and park use, and restrooms. Construction is expected to start by early 2010 but a final schedule is yet to be determined.

“With this grant award the Park District is able to provide even more park and recreation spaces that give residents the opportunity to fish, walk or ride the trails, play with their dog off-leash, and a place for people to garden and enjoy nature, right here in our own community”, says Bill Kruegar, Park Board President.

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The OSLAD Program is a state-financed grant program that provides funding assistance to local government agencies for the acquisition and/or development of land for public parks and open space. The grant provides matching dollars of which the remaining funds will come from the Park District.

Information on the phase 1 development including the master plan for this space can be found on the Park District website, www.carypark.com.

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