Bennett Spring State Park Public Meeting

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Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Division of State Parks

Welcome!



Operational Summary Bennett Spring State Park

- Projects Completed
- Projects Upcoming
- Stewardship
- Ranger Introduction
- -Q&A

Completed & In Progress Projects

- 4-Plex Interior Renovations
- Pool Demolition
- Renovated Lift station in campground 5
- Replaced pumps in lift station below campground 1
- Replaced pump and check valve in well three
- Water Lines Installed for county water hook-up
- 4-plex's roof replacement



4-Plex Interior Renovation 35-42

- Cabinets
- Counter tops
- Flooring
- Furniture
- Lights and Fixtures
- Pulled wallpaper
- Textured and painted walls
- New appliances

4-Plex Interior Renovation 35-42

Old





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Old





Pool Demolition

- Pool is 50+ years old, requires daily repairs
- Filter and plumbing systems are antiquated
- Condition of concrete becoming unsafe
- Threatens public drinking water system through water loss and overstressing wells
- 2020 was the last season planned for opening the pool
- The planning of a splash park is funded



Pool Demolition





Pool Demolition



Renovated Lift station in campground 5

- Contractor Replaced;
- 1. Control Panel
- 2. Electronics
- 3. Pump motors
- 4. Plumbing



Replaced pumps in lift station below campground 1

- Due to multiple flood events submerging the junction box, moisture followed the wires into the pumps and damaged the windings.
- Had to use a rental bypass pump for more than a month while pumps were on backorder
- Pumps were replaced and junction box was moved out of the vault



Replaced pumps in lift station below campground 1





Replaced pump and check valve Well #3



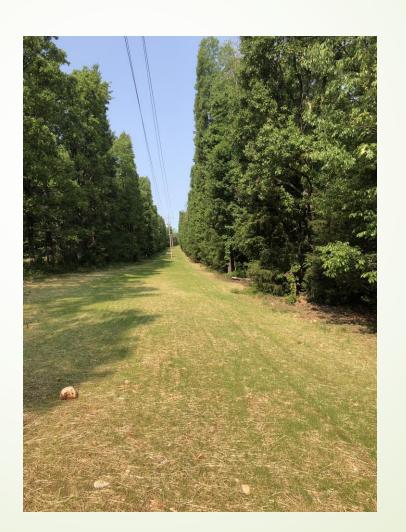


Water Lines Installed County water hook-up prep





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4-plex's roof replacement



- Replacing Roofs on all 5 buildings
- Region Construction Crew completing the work
- Protect the investment made with the interior facelifts

Upcoming Projects

- Complete 4-plex Roofing
- Complete connection to county water
- Splash pad construction
- Construct new Shop building
- (submitted requests)
 replace roofing and paint six additional lodging units



Resource Stewardship Projects Invasive Species Removal (144 hours)

- Garlic Mustard
- Sericea Lespedeza
- Bush Honeysuckle
- Winter Creeper

- Manual Pulling
- Mowing and Brush hogging
- Herbicide
- Prescribed fire

Resource Stewardship Projects Prescribed Fire

- Encourages native plant species
- Helps restore natural habitats
- Reduces invasive species
- Increased plant diversity
- Conducted two prescribed burns
- 836 staff and volunteer hours



Ranger Introduction



Stewardship Stats

Row Labels Sum	of Hours
Fireline Preparation	761.25
Other	395.4
Invasives	144.25
Biological I.D./Survey	79.25
Rx Fire	74.75
Workshops/Trainings	54
Eco-Restoration	50
Deer Management	13.5
Grand Total	1572.4

Questions???