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## City of Beloit Holding Public Input Session on Conceptual Plans for Turtle Creek Park Project

**June 24, 2024** - The City of Beloit is seeking community input on the second phase of Turtle Creek Park's Master Plan, which includes demolition of the bathhouse, construction of new restrooms, installation of bike racks, signage, a kiosk, unity columns, picnic tables, grills, waste receptacles, and a bike oasis.

Two conceptual renderings for the park, located at 1312 E. Grand Ave., are now available on the City of Beloit website at <u>www.beloitwi.gov</u>. The City of Beloit welcomes community feedback on the preferred concept. If you can't make the meeting, provide feedback by emailing Director of Parks & Recreation Tonya Johann at johannt@beloitwi.gov or calling 608-364-5786.

The public meeting is scheduled for 4 pm Thursday, June 27, at Department of Public Works' Engineering and Water Resources building, 2400 Springbrook Court.

The Turtle Creek Master Plan was developed in 2019 with a significant amount of community stakeholder input and feedback, including those individuals who spent their summers at the pool that was predominantly used by African-Americans in the 60s. Future phases of the park includes features to document the past history and promote future community inclusiveness.

The first phase of the project was completed in 2020, which included adding a Park Avenue entrance and constructing a new shelter.

The Beloit City Council reserved \$1 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to complete the second phase in the park's master plan.

Contact Johann via email at <u>johannt@beloitwi.gov</u> or (608)364-5786 with any questions or concerns.