



Parks Division  
Dane County Land & Water Resources Department

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TO: Neighbors of Babcock County Park  
FROM: Chris James, Senior Landscape Architect  
SUBJECT: New Property and Park Improvement Updates

Dane County Parks recently acquired two waterfront parcels located on the north end of Camp Leonard Road that are adjacent to Babcock County Park. Over the next couple of weeks you may notice parks operation staff completing property stabilization activities including the removal of buildings, piers, utilities, fence, trees and invasive species. Habitat for Humanity has removed some of the interior building materials that will be repurposed into affordable housing projects. Asbestos testing and abatement measures have been completed, wells abandoned and local, county and state building demolition permits have been secured.

Dane County Parks arborist staff will be removing non-shoreline ash trees as part of the County's ongoing efforts to control Emerald Ash Borer. We will also be removing non-native and invasive tree and shrub species on the property with the goal of enhancing long term survival of the existing oak trees.

At this time we have no plans for future park development on this property. In the short term we are hoping to stabilize the site, install boundary signing and provide for some type of walk in shoreline access from Babcock County Park. We are also working with the Madison Fishing Expo, Foundation for Dane County Parks and Access Ability Wisconsin on several fishing and boating access improvements for the existing boat landing area at Babcock County Park. Future phases of this project may include expanding these access improvement initiatives into the recently acquired properties as well.

Please feel free to contact me by phone or email if you have any questions or need additional information.

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