



# 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
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# 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
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# 4-Plex Interior Renovation 35-42

Old



New



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# 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





# Water Lines Installed County water hook-up prep





# 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
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# 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
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1572.4</b>



Questions???