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Dutch Jake's Park Site Preparation Begins Mid-March

Thank you to those who were able to join us at the Dutch Jake's Revitalization Open House on February 15, and to those who completed the survey. If you haven't shared your thoughts yet, please take a moment to do so here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DutchJakesPark>

As many of you know, the revitalization project is designed to improve safety and accessibility, and provide gathering opportunities for the West Central Neighborhood. We've enjoyed working with the neighborhood, police, urban forestry, and other stakeholders to identify uses, programs, and future amenities to meet the neighborhood's vision for the park.

As the planning continues, we will begin the first phase of site preparation. It involves "Crime Prevention through Environmental Design" (CPTED). You'll begin to see lighting upgrades and selective tree and vegetation removals. For removals, we work with urban forestry to consider the overall health of the tree, location, and safety. Eight trees are anticipated to be removed, and the revitalization planning will explore adding new trees as part of the park design.

Each of the eight recommended tree removals is a result of specific and thoughtful consideration for public safety, tree health, value, and function in the landscape. Selective removal of these few trees with functional and health deficiencies allows greater space and resources for the remaining tree canopy to reach its full maturity and potential.

CPTED site work is anticipated to begin the second week of March. Please see the attached PDF for additional information.

We continue to encourage the neighborhood to share thoughts and join in the planning process.

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About Dutch Jake's Park Revitalization

The project is in collaboration with [The Trust for Public Land](#). It provides an opportunity to improve park safety and community cohesion, recognizes and honors the rich history of the West Central Neighborhood, incorporates the work of local artists, and increases park

accessibility and connection to other destinations in the neighborhood.
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