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City of Waukeee Plans Stream Bank Improvements for Centennial Park

Waukeee, Iowa— The City of Waukeee is planning improvements to the creek that runs through Centennial Park. This creek forms part of the greater Sugar Creek Watershed. Residents may have recently noticed erosion problems along the stream bank that created exposed tree roots. The erosion can create safety and water quality issues.

Approximately 18 trees will be removed as part of the stream bank improvements following Waukeee's annual 4th of July celebration in Centennial Park. Residents should note that the covered bridge in Centennial Park will not be impacted by this maintenance and that 30 trees will be replanted to replace the 18 that are removed. City Administrator Tim Moerman said the project will help preserve older trees near the stream bank by stopping erosion.

"The Centennial Park creek improvements are a part of preventative maintenance in our parks that will keep them beautiful and safe for residents," Moerman said.

The Centennial Park disc golf course runs near the creek, and Waukeee Parks and Recreation Director Matt Jermier says disc golfers will not be affected by creek maintenance.

"We're going to shape the stream bank and put in longer prairie grasses so the creek is clearly visible and easier to navigate," Jermier said.

The project should be complete by the end of May 2016.

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The City of Waukeee is recognized as the fastest growing city within the state of Iowa and is located in Dallas County—one of the fastest growing counties within the United States. The official Census estimate based on July 2013 data is 17,077. Waukeee offers a family-friendly environment featuring quality parks, schools and trails. The City is also dedicated to economic development and expanding business opportunities, including the creation of its future mixed-use development, Kettlestone. For more information, visit www.waukeee.org.