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## Sanitary Sewer Project Along Rec Path Scheduled to Start; Greenhouse and Lagoon Closing July 23

**ROCKFORD, IL** - The Rockford Park District's Nicholas Conservatory & Gardens Construction Project and the Rock River Water Reclamation District's (RRWRD) Rock River East Interceptor Sewer Trunk Project are both scheduled to start along the Sinnissippi Riverfront. The Interceptor project involves the replacement of an existing 36" sewer trunk pipe with a new 48" pipe. In addition, the Sinnissippi Greenhouse and Lagoon will be closed beginning Thursday, July 23 as the first step in construction of the Nicholas Conservatory & Gardens Project.

### Impact to Rock River Recreation Path Users

- The Rec Path, Rose and Perennial Gardens will remain open throughout the entire construction process.
- Parking is available throughout the project in the YMCA parking lots (200 Y Boulevard)
- Limited parking is also available in the Symbol parking lot area (located north of the Greenhouse)
- The Sinnissippi Greenhouse and Lagoon will be closed, and will reopen as the Nicholas Conservatory & Gardens in December 2010

### Greenhouse Demolition Project – Closed to Public beginning July 23

The first step in construction of the Nicholas Conservatory & Gardens Project includes demolition of the Sinnissippi Greenhouse. On Thursday, July 23 the Greenhouse will be closed to the public in preparation for demolition scheduled for Tuesday, July 28. Greenhouse plant materials are currently being relocated for future use, and Park District staff members have found homes for the animals formerly housed in the Greenhouse.

### Timeline:

- Today through Wednesday, July 22– Greenhouse and Lagoon open to the public 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Thursday, July 23 – Greenhouse and Lagoon closed
- Tuesday, July 28 – Greenhouse demolition begins

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"By working with the Reclamation District in coordinating this project in conjunction with the construction of the Nicholas Conservatory & Gardens Project, we are reducing the cost and at the same time, minimizing the impact that these projects will have on Rec Path users," said Park District Executive Director Tim Dimke.

Upon its completion, the Nicholas Conservatory will be the third-largest in Illinois, and will feature changing floral exhibits and a year-round exhibition of tropical trees, plants, and flowers. The lobby area will be available to rent for private receptions, meetings, weddings, and other catered events for groups up to 150. A private meeting room will also be used to hold educational seminars, not-for-profit organizations' meetings, and various group gatherings.

The groundbreaking ceremony will be held Tuesday August 4, 2009 at 10:30 am with a grand opening scheduled for December 2010.

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