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New, \$1.3 million signature playground underway in Lower Huron Metropark Community, stakeholder feedback guides design for playground slated to open in late 2021

[Belleville, Mich.] – The Huron-Clinton Metroparks is moving forward on plans to develop a new, unique space-themed playground at Lower Huron Metropark after community surveys and stakeholder input. Construction is expected to begin this summer and wrap up with a grand opening by the end of the year.

“The Metroparks always strive to meet community needs and provide area residents and visitors with first-rate outdoor recreation spaces and activities,” said Metroparks Director Amy McMillan. “We couldn’t be more appreciative of the feedback and ideas received, and are excited to launch this unique play experience to help spark imaginations and serve as a destination playground.”

McMillan said the design is a combination of creativity, accessibility, and offering something that did not already exist in the general vicinity. Planning for the new play space began this past November. Online surveys and stakeholder conversations were held with numerous individuals and organizations like the Detroit Association of Black Organizations (DABO) and the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy. From there, the Woods Creek area within the park was selected due to its visibility from the main park road, abundant parking and general openness.

The playground is one of many efforts that the Metroparks are making to improve recreational opportunities across the system’s 13 unique parks. Key features include a geometric playscape designed to reflect the solar system and a new Hedra tower slide, believed to be the first of its kind in Michigan. Playground consultant, Penchura, along with Michigan Recreational Construction, Inc., will lead the construction, installation and development to make the vision come to life.

The new playground is set to break ground in the summer and be completed by the end of 2021. To learn more, view site renderings and stay up to date with project developments, visit www.metroparks.com/projects.

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About Huron-Clinton Metroparks

One of America’s premier metropolitan park systems, the Huron-Clinton Metroparks have served the people of Southeast Michigan since 1940. Managed by the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, the Metroparks are made up of 13 properties in Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties. Available activities include fishing, swimming, boating, hiking, nature study, biking, golf, winter sports and more. The Metroparks also provide educational resources on science, nature, history and the environment. Learn more at Metroparks.com.