



**ALAN KULWICKI
PARK**

**MILWAUKEE
COUNTY PARK
SYSTEM**

**KULWICKI PARK
UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS
2018**

The City of Greenfield's goal throughout 2018 was to re-establish the original design and aesthetics of Kulwicki Park for the benefit of all park patrons.

1. Involuntary vegetation encroachment into sports fields and creek.
2. Water shed overgrowth.
3. Drainage issues including a non-functioning drainage swale and pedestrian path flooding.
4. Impeded visibility and sight lines throughout.



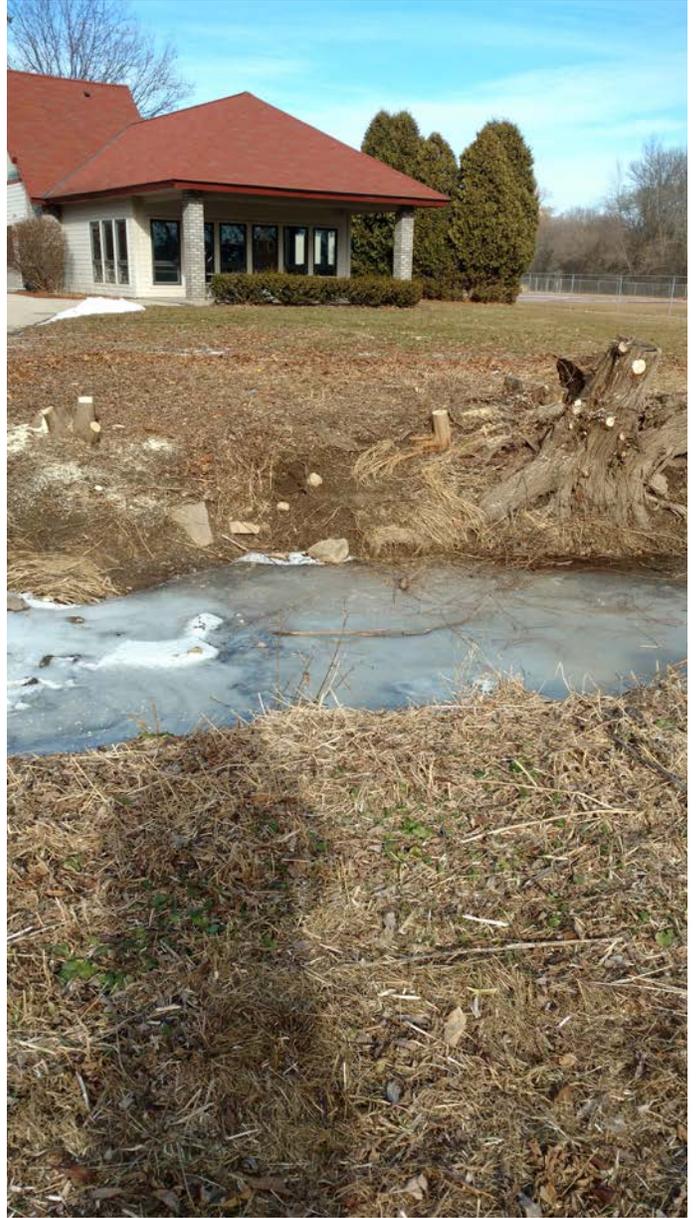


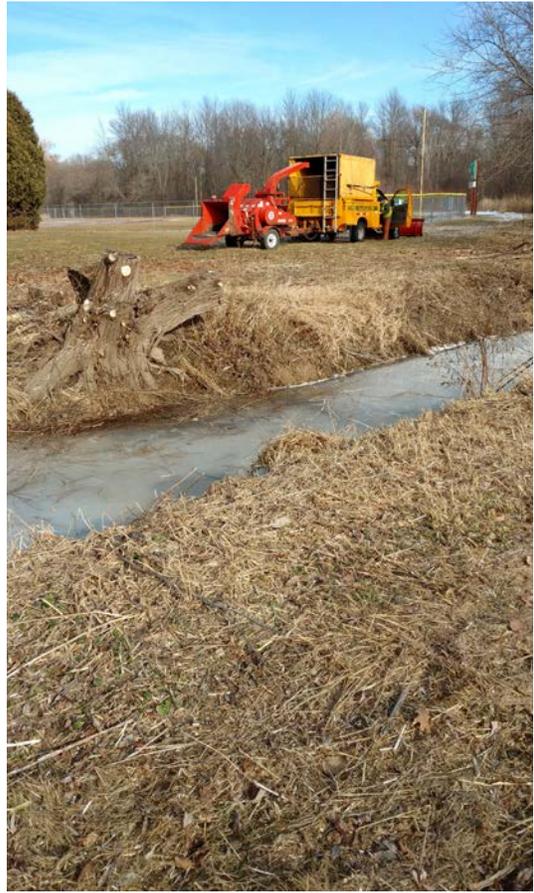


Beginning January 2018, City of Greenfield Public Works crews began extensive operations to remove overgrowth of invasive and unwanted vegetation (like Buckthorn and Boxelder) which led to drainage issues. Removal of brush from the Wildcat Creek area restored the intended sight lines. Redefinition of perimeter plantings and screening increased usable area.

In addition to ongoing regular park maintenance including scheduled mowing, athletic field preps, proper fertilization, playground inspections, landscaping, refuse removal and custodial duties, 570+ hours were spent rejuvenating Kulwicki Park.













In early December, City of Greenfield Department of Public Works forestry crews removed an additional 15 dead or dying ash trees due to emerald ash bore located on in the south section of Kulwicki Park.

BEFORE



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REMOVAL OF OVERGROWN PLANTINGS
eliminating potential vandalism and other un-
wanted behavior.



UPDATED LANDSCAPING around the
Pavilion and fresh plantings at foot path off
parking lot.



- **PIUS XI HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAMS.** Historic weather related issues in the spring of 2018 caused wide spread field maintenance issues for all interscholastic spring sports. City of Greenfield staff performed 19 athletic field preps to accommodate their Varsity and Junior Varsity schedules.
- **ADDITIONAL FALL PROGRAMMING.** The Greenfield Parks & Recreation Department added additional fall programming (September/October) including fall t-ball and coach pitch recreational/instructional youth leagues.
- **GREATER GREENFIELD LIONS CLUB.** Regular on going communication with the Greater Greenfield Lions Club with respect to inside rentals of the Brooks Pavilion allowing for proper timing for refuse removal as well as their annual spring car show.
- **SOLAR LIGHTING.** The City of Greenfield purchased and installed proper (solar) lighting for the flag pole located on the south side of the park.

ROOF REPAIR basic repairs (replacement of missing and damaged shingles) was done to extend life until complete repair can be scheduled.

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FACILITATED PICNIC AREA

RENTALS Realized 9 picnic area rentals at Kulwicki Park including the Annual Badgerland Striders training event on September 1st.



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SIGNAGE REPLACEMENT

improved look of signage by replacing old faded signs with new updated ones.

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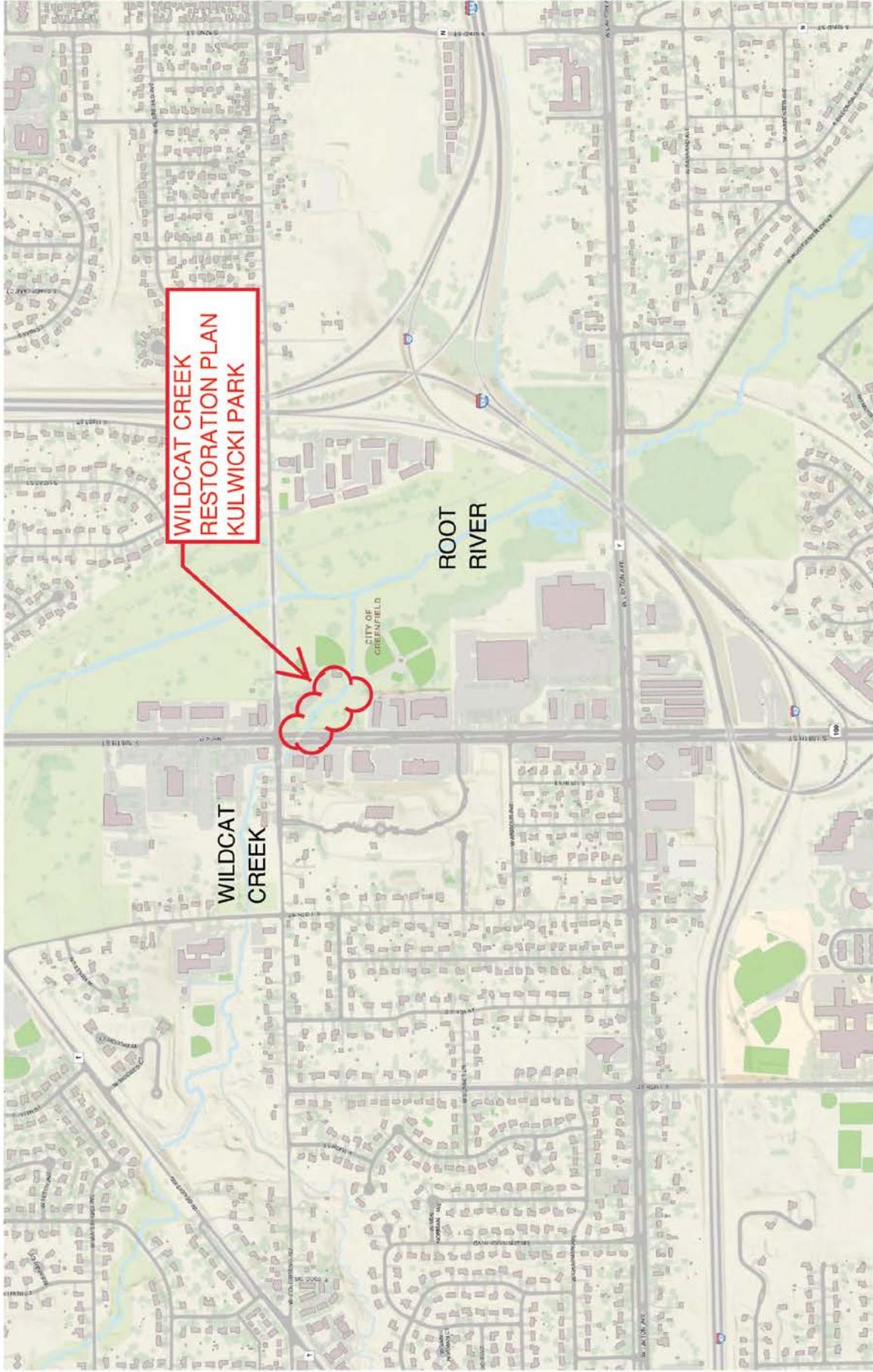
GRANT PROJECT: WILDCAT CREEK RESTORATION PLAN

A portion of Wildcat Creek in Kulwicki Park, between highway 100 and the pedestrian bridge, will be improved using natural materials including native plants and natural stone. These efforts will improve water quality and fish habitat, as well as decrease sediment downstream in the Root River. There will be a buffer area between the parking lot and stream planted with native plants and wildflowers.

The following is a summary of the presentation made by Ruekert-Mielke in July of 2018:

- 500' Creek Improvements, Shoreline Stabilization with geotextile wrapped soil lift, Habitat Restoration, Invasives Removal.
- Watershed: 1,200 acres, 90% residential (2/3 New Berlin in Waukesha County and 1/3 Greenfield in Milwaukee County).
- Located < 700 feet upstream confluence with Root River no obstructions such as culverts or roads between.
- Next Phase multi-phase project effort by City of Greenfield since 2010 that included steambank and other instream work, Aquatic Organism Passage improvements.
- Project listed as recommendation #URR-17 in July 2014 Root River Watershed Restoration Plan prepared by SEWRPC for Root Pike Win and Sweet Water. Categorized as "Habitat and Water Quality" improvement project on Wildcat Creek in Kulwicki Park and improvements call for "Steambank Stabilization"
 - EPA & WDNR approved 9 Key Element Plan
 - Plan funded by MMSD, WI Coastal Management, Fund Lake Michigan, NOAA
 - Plan was adopted City of Greenfield, Milwaukee County & MMSD
 - Kulwicki Park area is classified as "Class 1, High-Value Habitat" (Page 170) "Warm water Fish and Aquatic Life" (Page 178). Lower reach of Wildcat Creek is considered part of a "High Priority" sub-basin (560).
- City of Greenfield is working with MMSD on taking over jurisdiction of Wildcat Creek.
- City of Greenfield previously met with WDNR & USACOE onsite.
- City of Greenfield met Dave Giordano of Root Pike WIN & representatives of USFWS in January 2018. Root Pike WIN offered partnership to construct interpretive signage.
- City met with Milwaukee County Park in December 2017. Agreement with County, work with County Forester, and full plan approval anticipated spring 2018.
- Letters of support from Milwaukee Riverkeeper, Sweet Water, and Root Pike WIN.
- City is also looking into other possible grants from MMSD, Fund for Lake Michigan and WDNR to help in making this project a reality.
- HIGHLY VISIBLE site located in a Milwaukee County Park and visible from Hwy. 100.

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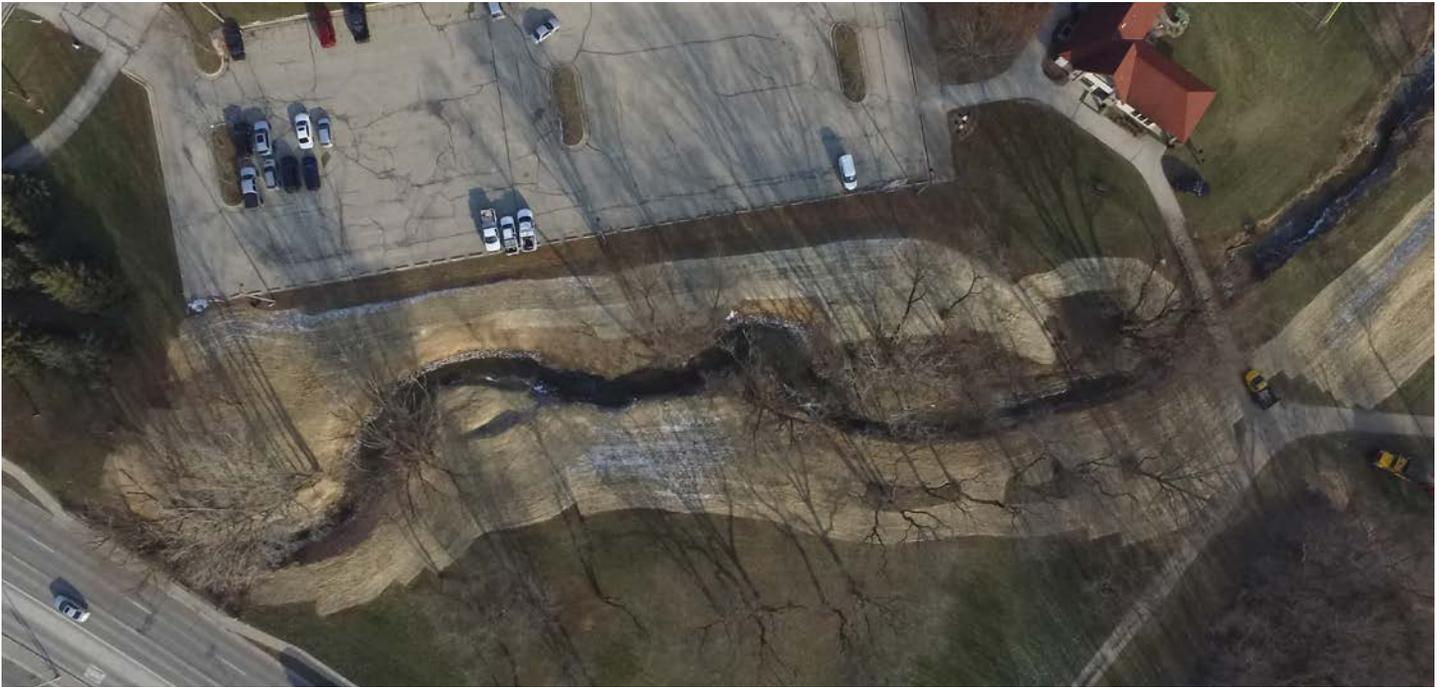
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WILDCAT CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT COMPLETION











GREENFIELD LITTLE LEAGUE

Working in concert with the Greenfield Little League, which encompasses well over 200 youths, the City of Greenfield staff performed approximately 180 athletic field diamond preparations to accommodate the ever changing spring/summer schedule due to weather related cancellations. In addition, the City of Greenfield provided diamond preps for two tournaments as well as the fall season schedule.



November 14, 2018

VIA E-MAIL (Guy.Smith@milwcnty.com)

Guy Smith, Executive Director
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Re: Kulwicki Park Partnership

Dear Mr. Smith:

Greenfield Little League (“GLL”) wanted to reach out to you in support of the continued partnership of Milwaukee County, City of Greenfield (the “City”), Greenfield Greater Lions Club, and GLL at Kulwicki Park. To be completely honest, not only did the City meet our expectations this first year, they went beyond our expectations.

If you have not seen Kulwicki Park recently, the City did an absolute fantastic job in turning things around. Even with our season coming to a close, the City is still doing work at the Park along the creek. This is a partnership that GLL would like to see continue as a long-term partnership, not just year-to-year. GLL believes that the continued partnership will allow a very important project that it has wanted to get done for at least the past four years get done. That project is the path from the upper lot down to the fields. Without this long-term partnership, GLL does not see that path coming to fruition.

GLL is non-profit entity and our main goals are giving children an opportunity to play Little League without a great expense to the families. With the City taking care of Kulwicki Park this past season, we were able to keep our costs to a minimum, which in turn allows GLL to offer reasonable and affordable fees to our participants. With a continued, long-term partnership, GLL will be able to continue to keep our costs down to afford these kids a chance to play in an organized Little League and not just a recreational team.

Lastly, GLL has gotten many compliments on how the fields look, as well as the areas surrounding the fields. We hope to continue this successful partnership for years to come.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact either James or Pam.

Sincerely,

James Zacher

James Zacher, President

Pam Panich

Pamela A. Panich, Treasurer

Cc: City of Greenfield
Greater Greenfield Lions Club

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Mr. Smith,

The Greater Greenfield Lions club would like to go on record stating that we have overall been pleased with the City of Greenfield's management of Kulwicki Park. There have been several enhancements such as cleaning the creek and replacing plants around the pavilion which have improved the appearance of the park. The city has done a great job removing trash from the pavilion area, the bathroom cleanliness has been excellent, and snow removal was done promptly. Scott Jaquish and his staff have been easy to work with and professional to deal with.

The Greater Greenfield Lions appreciates the opportunity Milwaukee County has given us to manage the pavilion. We believe it is a great example of government and a service organization working together. We hope this relationship can continue in the future between us and Milwaukee County and/or the City of Greenfield.

Derald Kettlewell
Chair, Kulwicki Park Operations Committee
Greater Greenfield Lions Club