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PRESS RELEASE

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City hosts Hellgate Park planning workshop

The public is invited to help envision a master plan for Hellgate Park, a 3-acre undeveloped park along the Clark Fork River, on Wednesday, November 28.

Hellgate Park, also known as Gateway Gardens, is located just west of the Cobblestone condominiums on East Broadway, about 1.1 miles east of Van Buren Street. Parks and Recreation and neighborhood representatives invite citizens to attend the Hellgate Park Planning Workshop from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on November 28 at the Montech Building, 1121 E. Broadway. A light supper will be served, and residents should plan to stay for the entire workshop in order to fully participate in the planning process.

The master plan for Hellgate Park will define the community's "vision" for the park and will lay the groundwork for future park development. Neighbors currently use Hellgate Park for hiking, dog walking, running, cycling and river access, and they support development which will enhance the parks' recreational uses and protect its' natural resources. Because the park is located in the floodplain, it will be a minimally developed, "natural park" with native plant landscaping, walking paths and relatively few built amenities.

The Hellgate Park Planning Committee has already conducted a park opinion survey among neighborhood residents and will use those results in the planning process. After the November 28 workshop, Parks and Recreation will develop a draft master plan and invite citizens to comment on the plan in early 2013.

The planning process and site inventory are funded by City impact fees, a City neighborhood grant and Missoula County Parks and Trails. When a final park master plan is adopted, City officials can work toward funding future park development through state and federal grants, impact fees and private and public partnerships.

The City of Missoula will continue to collaborate with Missoula County, the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Montana Department of Environmental Quality and other agencies to ensure that floodplain, waterway, land use and wildlife regulations are met as Hellgate Park is developed.

For more information about Hellgate Park, please contact Dave Shaw, Parks and Trails Development Manager at 552-6264, or visit www.missoulaparks.org.

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HELLGATE PARK



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Legend

- Primary Commuter Trail
- Secondary Commuter Trail
- Neighborhood Connector Trail
- Conservation Trail



1 inch = 100 feet

0 20 40 80 120 160 200
Feet

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PROPERTY LINES SHOWN ON THIS MAP
DO NOT REPRESENT EXACT BOUNDARIES
ON THE GROUND.



