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Subject: **RESTROOMS OPEN AT OAK GROVE PARK**

WASHINGTON TWP, OH: With multiple sports fields, tennis courts, an archery range, a dog park, outdoor fitness trails and two playgrounds, 102-acre Oak Grove Park is one of the area’s most frequented parks. During the initial development of the park, the Centerville-Washington Park District (CWPD) built three restroom facilities in anticipation of Montgomery County extending a sewer line to the park in the near future. However, residential development in the area slowed and after over ten years, the sewer never arrived.

For years, the community has requested flushable restroom facilities to replace the portable restrooms in the park. The project was added to the Park District’s 10-year plan in 2014; new restrooms opened for public use September 10, 2019. The project was completed by the target date, despite the lack of a sewer system reaching Oak Grove Park.

Working alongside Montgomery County and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, CWPD found an alternative solution, making restroom facilities possible without building a sewer line to the park. The new drip distribution system utilizes septic tanks and a treatment system. The treatment system filters and distributes waste strategically throughout the soil away from active areas, making sure not oversaturate the ground. The drip distribution system was approved by the Ohio EPA and required little construction, allowing for minimal disturbance to the park and park visitors.

The Centerville-Washington Park District was able to save \$1.3 million by using an alternative solution to building a sewer line. “The Centerville-Washington Park District is excited to launch this one-of-a-kind green technology, providing restrooms to the community in a highly-utilized well-loved park,” said Nick Meyer, CWPD Project Manager.

The Centerville-Washington Park District operates eight community parks, nine nature parks, and 33 neighborhood parks encompassing more than 1,000 acres in Centerville and Washington Township. For more information about the Centerville-Washington Park District, please call (937) 433-5155 or visit www.cwpd.org.

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