



October 3, 2017

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Ms. Sheila Sweeney, Chief Executive Officer
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RE: Conclusion of stormwater grading activities at Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park

Dear Mr. Bess and Ms. Sweeney,

Thank you for your letter dated September 8, 2017, providing information about the scope of the grading project at Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park. At the time of your September 8th letter, you anticipated completing the grading project in "a little more than one week." Based on a recent site visit by Department officials, the grading project is not yet complete. As stated in my prior letter dated August 30, 2017, the County must ensure the property is reasonably open, accessible, and safe for public outdoor recreation use as required by the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) agreement. Unreasonable delays in completing the grading project may violate that agreement.

Please provide an updated timeline for completion and notify us when the project is completed and the ground has been reseeded. If the County elects to delay finalization of the grading work and maintain the site in its current condition for a period of six months or less, the County will need to submit a request for a temporary non-conforming use, which we will forward to the National Park Service for review. Any continued non-conforming use beyond six-months could result in a conversion of use, requiring the County to provide replacement property pursuant to Section 6(f)(3) of the LWCF Act.

The requested documentation should be provided to Dawn Frederickson, Grants Management Section Chief for the LWCF program. Her contact information is (573)751-0848 or dawn.frederickson@dnr.mo.gov. I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

MISSOURI STATE PARKS

Ben Ellis, Division Director
LWCF State Liaison Officer

C: Roger Knowlton, Acting Chief for Recreation Grants, Omaha Regional Office, NPS
Dawn Frederickson, Grants Management Section Chief, Missouri State Parks