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Media Advisory

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Ground breaking ceremony to kick-off remediation and restoration project for Westland Central City Park

Officials from the city of Westland, Wayne County and state of Michigan will preside over a ground breaking ceremony 3:00 P.M. Mon., Oct. 25, 2010 at the Central City Park, near Ford Road at Carlson, in Westland. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will move inside at the Bailey Center, adjacent to the park

This ceremony will officially kick-off the remediation and restoration project for Central City Park, implementing a plan approved earlier this year by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. ABC Paving Company of Trenton will be the general contractor for the project.

Westland Mayor William Wild, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, Westland Council President James Godbout, State Senator Glenn Anderson and State Representative Richard LeBlanc are scheduled to speak.

“This is a much anticipated day for the city of Westland,” said Wild. “Westland residents have always considered Central City Park the crown jewel of the city’s park system and this project will proudly restore that past glory.”

Central City Park has been closed since December 2006 after environmental testing revealed contaminants including lead and methane were present. This project will remediate the park to make it safe for recreational use, and restoration will consist of installing soccer fields, adding pavilions, a walking path, a concession area with family style bathroom and improved parking. The project is expected to be completed in spring 2011.



“Wayne County has appreciated partnering with the city of Westland to make this project a reality, and to once again make Central City Park a recreation destination for the citizens of the county,” said Ficano.

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