



Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use

Eble Park Former Residence Building Removal Project – Frequently Asked Questions

Fast Facts about the Project

Eble Park was created by the generous donation of 33 acres of land to Waukesha County from Florence and Roy Eble in 1987, with the condition that the lands remain a park space. Florence and Roy lived out their remaining days in the house. Per the 1987 deed, the county "shall forever maintain the property conveyed as a public park, which shall be known as 'Eble Park.' The current structure is not listed as historic on any local, state or federal registers.

Why are you taking down the house?

The house has been unused and vacant since Florence Eble passed away in 1995. There has been interest from local organizations to use the house. However, due to the provisions of the property donation, as well as the cost to remove lead paint and asbestos and make the necessary changes for ADA accessibility, none of the proposals were pursued. To avoid expending funds to maintain an unusable building and to eliminate a safety issue, the house needs to be taken down.

When will the work take place?

The County has done pre-demolition asbestos and lead paint inspections, so the house will be taken down by end of November 2012.

Are any of the materials being re-used or recycled?

Yes, the County will be reusing the foundation field stone in future projects at Eble Park. The demolition contractor will recycle as much of the building as possible (stone, metal, wood, windows, etc.)

Will the barn and stone sheds also be torn down?

No, the barn is scheduled to be resided and painted in the spring of 2013.

Will a building be put in its place?

Eble Park is in the first stages of the Master Planning process. The Master Planning process helps to insure that the Waukesha County Park System meets the long term recreational needs of residents while preserving and enhancing the County's exceptional natural resources. The updated Master Plans will guide improvements and enhancements, by determining new uses and facility development for the immediate 10-year future of each park, which helps prioritize and budget for the projects that make up the County's five-year Capital Improvement Plan.

What will happen to the existing trees?

It is the Park Systems goal to keep as many trees as possible throughout this process and we look to add more trees per the completed Master Plan.

Will the Eble Gardens stay?

Yes. The gardens along with the two garden sheds and garage will remain. The Eble Gardens, which consist of a floral, herb and vegetable garden, are maintained by the Southeastern Wisconsin Master Gardeners, who volunteer their time. The master gardeners donate the vegetables to the Waukesha County Food Pantry and they label the different plant species, so there is an educational and charitable component to the gardens. The gardens will remain open to the public.

Where can I find more information about this project?

For questions or comments, please contact Ginny Bocek, Parks Program Specialist, at 262-548-7803 or gbocek@waukeshacounty.gov.