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**Park District receives 2012 Project of the Year Award for Barth Pond Shoreline Improvements**

DOWNERS GROVE, Ill. – The Suburban Branch of the Chicago Metro Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA) awarded the Downers Grove Park District with the 2012 Project of the Year Award for the Barth Pond Shoreline Improvements located at Patriots Park. The re-opening of Barth Pond at Patriots Park took place on June 27, 2011 after several months of shoreline and pathway improvements. The deteriorated steel retaining wall was replaced with natural limestone and native plant life. The once gravel pathways are now asphalt for improved accessibility of walkers, joggers, strollers and wheelchairs.



The award recognizes excellence in completing public improvements in the environmental projects category. The entry competed against other projects within the category of Environment – Less than \$5 Million. The Downers Grove Park District will be recognized for the award at the Annual Awards ceremony in Addison in January 2012.



The Downers Grove Park District is dedicated to providing a wide variety of year-round recreation programs, facilities, parks, open space and natural areas that respond to the articulated needs and desires of residents. For more information, call (630) 963-1300, or visit [www.dgparks.org](http://www.dgparks.org).