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Fort Tuthill Utility Improvement Project approved

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. - Fort Tuthill County Park will soon receive an infrastructure overhaul. This week the Board of Supervisors approved a contract that will construct a new sewer line from University Heights to and within the park, as well as a water line within the park which will connect with City of Flagstaff sewer and water utilities. Both utilities will be owned by the City of Flagstaff upon project completion. For park visitors, it means the opportunity for future park activities and amenities such as an expanded campground and year-round permanent restrooms.

Between June and October 2020, approximately 1.5 miles of sewer and 2,000 linear feet of water infrastructure will be built underneath a stretch of the Flagstaff Urban Trail System (FUTS) on the Sinclair Wash Segment (west end). FUTS trail users should be prepared for trail reroutes beginning in July and ending in October along the Sinclair Wash Segment (west end) leading to Fort Tuthill County Park. Reroutes will be close to the existing FUTS trail but will bypass the construction work. Trail conditions may be an increased grade, on single-track or along existing unpaved Forest Service Roads which are open to vehicular traffic. Trail users should be prepared for alternating portions of reroutes that change periodically. Directional signage will be provided onsite.

This project is funded through the Coconino Parks and Open Space (CPOS) voter-approved tax initiative. On November 5, 2002, Coconino County residents approved an open space acquisition and park development initiative to raise the County sales tax a one-eighth of one-cent for County parks. The initiative passed with 61% voter approval. The tax concluded in September 2014 with the accumulation of \$33 million. It funded the Coconino Parks and Open Space Program (CPOS) to accomplish two goals: development and re-development of community parks in the County system, and acquisition of open space within critical natural areas in the greater Flagstaff area. These funds are only available to CPOS-funded and voter-approved projects and not for other purposes such as COVID-19 projects. Shephard-Westnitzer, Inc. is the Project Engineer and Western Utility Contractors LLC, dba Overley's, is the Project Contractor.

More information about the project can be found online at
<http://www.coconino.az.gov/forttuthillutilityimprovementproject>

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