

Parks and Trails Report for July 2024

Campus Shop

- Groundwork and prep for new camper cabin at Chester Woods
- Continued spraying poison hemlock around campus
- Vehicle and equipment repairs for campus and CW
- Receiving new equipment and surplus old equipment

Chester Woods

- Staff and FOCW continue to work on invasive species removal
- DNR trail project contractors on site and are about 90% complete
- Amphitheater repairs completed
- New Park Manager, Michael Bergum, started work first part of the month
- MN Conservation Corps doing trail work in the park
- Staffing booth for Olmsted County Fair
- Booth at Thursday's Downtown

Lake Zumbro

- LCCMR grant application marked in top percentage of projects recommended to move forward for the interview process. Grant project completes the parks entire master plan.

Oxbow

- Work on ponds and storm retention areas around nature center
- MN Conservation Corps working on trails
- Staffing booth for Wabasha and Olmsted County Fair
- Continue to work on invasive species removal
- Booth at Thursday's Downtown
- YMCA camps

Root River

Director

- Project planning and design work for CW visitor center, OX campground, playground equipment, and OX bridges
- Greater MN meetings
- DAV hunt planning
- Budget prep for 2025
- Legacy grant prep for playgrounds
- Park map updates