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LAND DONATION KEEPS ST. CHARLES COUNTY DARDENNE GREENWAY PROJECT MOVING FORWARD

Mark Keeven donates more than 11 acres of land to County

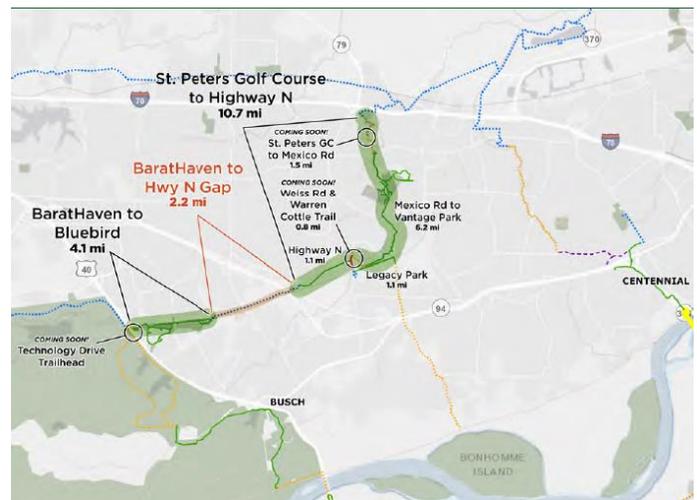
ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO – Mark Keeven of Keeven Brothers, LP, in St. Charles County, has donated 11.13 acres of land to the County that is key to completing gaps between existing segments of the Dardenne Greenway. The Greenway is one of many in the region overseen by Great Rivers Greenway that connect communities together through parks, trails, and open spaces.

The property, which includes a lake, is located on Highway K, bordered by Lou Fusz properties and adjacent to the O’Fallon Sports Park. The land is part of a 2.2-mile stretch that is needed to complete a 17-mile portion of the Greenway between I-64 and I-70.

“We are grateful to Mark Keeven for this donation and to County Councilman Joe Cronin for his work to help make this possible,” says St. Charles County Executive Steve Ehlmann. “Completing the Dardenne Greenway is our number one priority in the 2020 St. Charles County Greenway Master Plan, and this generous donation will keep us moving forward.”

The vision for Dardenne Greenway is to connect Broemmelsiek Park to the Riverside Landing Park at the confluence of Dardenne Creek and the Mississippi River. Trails will connect to the Katy Trail, Veterans Tribute Park, Lakeside 370 and other points of interest.

Currently, the BaratHaven to Bluebird section of Dardenne Greenway has 4.1 miles of trail, and between Highway N and St. Peters Golf Course, there are more than 9 miles of trail complete or under construction. Another 1.5 miles is currently being designed. More acquisitions or easements to land are needed to complete this section of the Greenway.



“We are fortunate to be able to work with the staff at Great Rivers Greenway to help connect these areas together,” says County Executive Ehlmann. “Providing a safe place to live, work and play is a top priority for St. Charles County Government and this greenway will be a hub of parks, trails and open spaces across the county.”

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About St. Charles County:

St. Charles County, Missouri, founded in 1812, is one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri. With a population of 405,262, is it the state's third largest county. It is home to 17 scenic county parks encompassing nearly 4,000 acres with additional land under development and more in reserve for future development.

With one of the largest economies in the state, St. Charles County is home to multinational companies including General Motors, Citi, MasterCard Worldwide and Boeing. It is ranked among the top 25 counties in the nation in high-tech job growth by the Progressive Policy Institute and consistently has the lowest unemployment rate in the Metropolitan St. Louis area.

St. Charles County Government has more than 1,170 employees in more than 30 departments and offices who work to make the county an excellent place to live, work and shop. For more information, please visit sccmo.org.