Crystal Prairie Lake Park - Wichita, KS

...future park site celebrating the effects of wind and water

Currently, the Crystal Prairie Lake Park site is being leased for the extraction of sand and gravel aggregates. Upon completion of mining operations, the Wichita Parks and Recreation Department will set about the rebuilding of the site’s natural environs, creating one of the nation’s most innovative and sustainable public parks.

“It is not often that we have the opportunity to plan for future generations. And the Crystal Prairie Lake Park Design Plan represents many recreational opportunities not currently available for our citizens. The vision and ideas for this regional park are truly world-class and it will be an attraction that will benefit our community for years to come.”

-Bryan Frye, President of the Park Board of Commissioners

Crystal Prairie Lake Park is adjacent and north of K-96 along the Arkansas river. It is a master plan that will be developed over time with the goal of opening near 2020.

This park may include:

- 420 acres of park with over half restored native habitat
- 215 acres of lake
- 14.61 miles of trails for walking and biking
- Swimming beach to accommodate 900 swimmers including a beach house
- Crew course and Cable wake park
- Special Events Building on Mariah Point with a 1000 person capacity
- Fishing points and pier
- Festival lawn that covers an area of roughly 10 acres
- Driftwood Amphitheater for concerts and performances
- Picnic areas
- Personal watercraft launch
- Lake scuba diving
- Playgrounds/ natural play areas
- Native prairie areas
- Wetland interpretive boardwalk and Nature Center
- Trailwind Terrace to watch boaters and lake events
- Cove Marina
- Open air and Enclosed shelters
- Integrated public art
- Wind Turbines and Energy efficient lighting
- Bridges that celebrate prairie, wind and water