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New inclusive playground coming to Bear Branch Park on April 1, 2022

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (December 1, 2021) – Excitement is coming to Bear Branch Park, as the replacement of the inclusive playground is underway and will be complete in April. As of Monday, November 29, 2021, the old Bear Branch playground is closed. The entire play structure and rubber surfacing will be removed and redesigned.

The new enhanced playground further expands the concept of inclusive recreation through implementing additional elements that afford additional individuals, with and without disabilities, to be able to access the playground. Individuals with disabilities related to visual, intellectual, physical and Autism would have elements and play features that more fully embrace their needs.

Anticipated re-opening will be April 1, 2022. As the only inclusive playground in The Woodlands, this will be a focal point for residents and guests for years to come. The primary pathway between the Recreation Center/swings and the playground will remain open during construction, as to not interfere with entry to the tennis courts, skate park, multi-purpose court or pathway to the Alden Woods neighborhood. The new amenity will include:

- Poured-in-place surfacing in primary play area
- Multiple elevated play structures with ramps and transfer platform
- Accessible merry-go-round
- Multiple elements include specific designs to engage sensory systems and motor, cognitive and social skills
- Five swing options
- Playhouse for 6 - 23 months old
- Playhouse for 2 - 5 year-olds

Bear Branch Park is located at 5200 Research Forest Drive in The Woodlands, TX 77381. For more information on parks and playgrounds in The Woodlands, please visit www.thewoodlandstowship/parksandrecreation or call 281-210-3800.



A new inclusive playground at Bear Branch Park will be complete April 1, 2022. This new playground features elements to be enjoyed by those with and without physical disabilities. Bear Branch Park is located at 5200 Research Forest Drive in The Woodlands, Texas 77381.