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ST. CHARLES COUNTY ACQUIRES SAMMELMANN FARM AND HOMESTEAD FOR NEW COUNTY PARK

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO - St. Charles County is excited to announce the acquisition of the former Sammelmann Farm and Homestead as its newest proposed county park. The farm features three tracts totaling 116 acres and is bordered by Pitman Hill Road and Kisker Road in the Weldon Spring area. The acquisition is especially exciting in that the Park will occupy a unique position in an area of the County where there are not larger tracts of undeveloped land.

"I am grateful for the interest and willingness of the descendants of the Sammelmann family in wanting their land to become a county park," said Bettie Yahn-Kramer, Director of St. Charles County's Parks and Recreation Department. "This purchase will guarantee that their property will be enjoyed for generations to come."

The County will be soliciting citizen input and feedback about additional development and features of the park, as well as a name for the park. The property will cost \$6 million dollars and will be paid for in full from the County's Park Fund, which is funded through a local use tax dedicated to park acquisition, development and operations.

"This is a welcome addition to our parks system as there is not a regional County park in this area," said County Executive Steve Ehlmann. "I would like to thank the descendants of the Sammelmann Family for sharing our vision to preserve valuable land for the recreation of St. Charles County residents."

The Sammelmann Farm and Homestead is the sixth St. Charles County Park in reserve for future development, which increases the total land reserved for County parks to 3,156 acres.

The St. Charles County Parks Department currently has 10 parks open to the public - Broemmelsiek Park (south of O'Fallon), County Heritage Museum at Heritage Park (in St. Peters), Hideaway Harbor Park (near Portage des Sioux), Indian Camp Creek Park (near Foristell), Louis H. Bangert Memorial Wildlife Area (in St. Charles), Klondike Park (in Augusta), Matson Hill Park (in Defiance), Quail Ridge Park (in Wentzville), Towne Park (north of Wentzville) and the Youth Activity Park (in Dardenne Prairie). For more information about St. Charles County Parks, visit www.stccparks.org.

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