

# 9 Mile Creek

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## **Eden Prairie and Nine Mile Creek Watershed dedicate Smetana Lake Park**

**Eden Prairie, Minn.** – The City of Eden Prairie and the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District dedicated Smetana Park, 7620 Smetana Lane, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. This is the newest addition to the City's park system and offers a small shelter, a viewing/fishing dock, two swings and a shuffleboard court on the peninsula of the north shore of Smetana Lake. The park also provides public access for boats with electric motors and a paved 1.6 mile loop trail around the lake with several viewing/rest areas along the way.

The development of this park was a joint project between the City of Eden Prairie and the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District. Acting Mayor Ron Case, the City Council Members, Nine Mile Creek Watershed District Chair LuAnn Tolliver and the Board of Managers participated in the ribbon cutting and held a picnic in the new shelter, along with Marcella Smetana, who still lives on the lake and represented the Smetana family.

"Our vision was always to have a loop trail around that body of water, and we didn't have any parks in this part of Eden Prairie, so we feel it is a very nice addition to our city parks," says Stuart Fox, Eden Prairie Manager of Parks and Natural Resources. Indeed, as soon as the loop trail was completed, it seemed as if there were hundreds of walkers out enjoying the trail. Many of them come from the surrounding office buildings as well as the two senior housing complexes on the lake. Summer Hill of Eden Prairie includes 48 housing units and Realife Valley View Cooperative includes 94 housing units. Commercial buildings on the lake include Liberty Place, Liberty Trust, Lifetouch and Southwest Crossing.

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