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Sarasota County Commission endorses Lime Lake concept plan

By unanimous vote, the Sarasota County Commission endorsed a park concept plan for Lime Lake at its regular meeting this morning. Lime Lake, located in the Newtown section of Sarasota south of Emma Booker Elementary School, is a stormwater retention pond that had become overgrown with exotic plants and a haven for undesirable activities.

On Saturday, Oct. 10, more than 75 neighbors joined members of the North County Community Organization, the Booker High School football team and county staff to remove debris from the lake and its shores. "It was a great day for this community," said John McCarthy, general manager Sarasota County Parks and Recreation. "To see everyone come together and focus their talents and energies on turning neighborhood blight into a neighborhood asset was really something."

With the input of neighborhood residents, county officials have drawn up a park concept plan that includes a walking trail around the lake, fishing pier, gazebo, picnic tables, benches, shoreline enhancements, and a solar powered aerator in the middle of the lake.

For more information contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 and ask about Lime Lake.

Media note: a low resolution PDF of the park concept plan is attached for your use.

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