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City Connections: Pedestrian bridge over Boomer Creek

(Monday, Dec. 3, 2007 • STILLWATER, Okla.) – The weather may have cooled, but people are still enjoying the City of Stillwater’s many public parks. One question that residents have asked about is why handrails have not been added to the pedestrian bridge over Boomer Creek at the south end of the Kameoka Trail in Couch Park.

John McClenny, director of the city’s Parks, Events and Recreation explains: “The bridge is actually a sewer line that crosses the creek. Years ago, a walkway was added to it. Today, we are unable to add handrails because of its location in the floodway. Handrails would be torn off during a flood and obstruct the flow of water and increase the flood hazards to other locations along the creek. We have looked into installing a bridge that would cross over the entire floodway, but the costs are much larger than our budget will allow at this time.”

Another problem in that area is the debris that gathers in Boomer Creek below that same bridge. “Debris from all of Stillwater tends to collect here where the water slows down. Because much of the property in this area is privately owned, we are unable to address some of the issues along the creek banks. However, we could use some help in keeping the area cleaned up. Currently, we have an individual who participates in the City’s Adopt-A-Park Program, and he volunteers his time to help City staff keep the area clean. No doubt, we could use additional help.

For those interested participating in the City of Stillwater’s Adopt-A-Park Program, please contact Park Planner Eve Morgan. She would be happy to identify a project for interested individuals or groups.

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