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## **CITY OF MILWAUKEE HOSTS JULY 3 STUDENT DESIGN SHOWCASE FOR FUTURE CHESS PARK**

The City of Milwaukee invites community members to a public event on Thursday, July 3 at 2:30 p.m. at Kilbourn Reservoir Park, where Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) high school students will present their design alternatives and early construction prototypes for Wisconsin's first outdoor Chess Park.

The students created their design concepts as part of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Design & Build Camp, a two-week hands-on summer program in which rising MPS juniors and seniors explore architecture, engineering, and civic design. In collaboration with UWM's School of Architecture & Urban Planning, UWM's College of Engineering & Applied Science, and community mentors, students have developed and built elements to help shape the early vision for MKE Chess Park.

The concept for the MKE Chess Park originated from a team of City of Milwaukee employees participating in Wisconsin's Certified Public Manager (CPM) Program. The team brought the idea to MKE Parks, and it has evolved into a collaborative City of Milwaukee project, with MKE Parks partnering with UWM's School of Architecture & Urban Planning to bring the idea to life.

The July 3 showcase is a key milestone in this community-driven project, highlighting student creativity, design, and early construction models for the park. While the final design and full construction are still to come, the event offers the public an opportunity to learn more about the project, offer input, and support the ongoing process. Fundraising, design refinement, and continued community engagement will continue throughout the summer and as the project moves forward.

The event will take place on the north side of Kilbourn Reservoir Park, south of Meinecke Avenue, and is free and open to the public.

**WHAT:** Chess Park Student Design Showcase

**WHEN:** Thursday, July 3 at 2:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Kilbourn Reservoir Park, north side of the park, across from Meinecke Avenue