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MEDIA ADVISORY!

City of Gary Hosts Opening Day for New Nature-Based Play Area at Reed's Park

OPENING CEREMONY AT 10:00 A.M.

WHO/WHAT: Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson, Deborah Dewey, President Indiana American Water, the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) and Knight Foundation will attend the Opening Ceremony

WHEN: Thursday, July 13, 2017 Opening Day; Ceremony at 10:00 a.m. followed by Ribbon Cutting to include kids at 10:30 a.m., Kids play in the park and Park Tour immediately following

WHERE: 1400 Pennsylvania Street

WHY: The City of Gary received a \$125,000 grant from the American Water Charitable Foundation and through the National Recreation and Park Association as well as from the Knight Foundation to build a new nature-based play area at James Reed Park in Gary. The play area includes features such as a splash pad, community gardens and an ADA swing.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Tours will be conducted by Gary Parks Department personnel

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