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Peg Bond Center Pavilion PRESS RELEASE

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Peg Bond Center Pavilion Construction Begins

Batavia, IL: Construction of the Peg Bond Center Pavilion got underway this week as volunteers readied the site and excavation and concrete footings were poured. The project planning, started in 2008, has overcome obstacles, reworked the design and scaled it back to both fit the site and project budget. Volunteer Project Manager, Britta McKenna, and Volunteer Construction Manager, Dennis Kintop of M.I.C. Construction are pleased the project is underway and are targeting Windmill City Fest in mid July for project completion as long as the weather stays dry. The band shell committee is comprised of Batavia Parks Foundation members and several local volunteers. The band shell design is by Batavia architect and resident Steve Vasilion of Vasilion Architects, who also designed the Peg Bond Center.

"Everyone involved in the band shell addition to the Peg Bond Center is extremely excited to be have the project get underway. It has been through the commitment and cooperation of Batavia Park District, City of Batavia, Batavia MainStreet, and our numerous donors and volunteers that the Parks Foundation can look forward to this major addition in our beautiful community Riverwalk area. We are confident that the community will support the project and benefit from the new band shell for decades to come," said Dan Brace, Batavia Parks Foundation Chairman.

Fund raising for the project is still needed to meet the \$250,000 project budget. Pavilion pillars are sold out at this point; the six pillars have been sponsored by the following: Batavia Plain Dirt Gardeners, Batavia Rotary Club, Diamond Rigging Corp, Dr. Patrick Garvin, D.D.S., Prairie State Packaging, and Michael Smith in memory of his father Dwight Smith. Other major donations to the project include: \$25,000 from Hansen-Furnas Foundation grant, \$10,000 from Batavia Parks Foundation, \$10,000 from Dennis Kintop of M.I.C., \$5,000 from Prairie State Packaging, a \$15,000 façade grant from the City of Batavia and a \$50,000 Kane County Riverboat grant. Other major donations are needed for lighting and other amenities to complete the project.

If you are interested in making any size contribution to this community project, donations in any amount may be

made out to **Batavia Parks Foundation** and sent to 327 W Wilson St., Batavia, IL 60510. More information and online donations may be found at www.its-coming.org as it is available. Community members can also join the Facebook page "Riverwalk Bandshell" to keep up with the latest news and progress.

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Volunteer Construction Manager, Dennis Kintop of M.I.C. Construction saws off a final piece of the existing roofline of the Peg Bond Center to make way for the band shell addition. (Photo by Britta McKenna)

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