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With warmer weather quickly approaching, The RiverFront construction team is preparing for the next phases of work which include major renovations at Heartland of America Park.

As soon as April 1, the Conagra Lake will be slightly lowered to accommodate installation of an earthen causeway. The lake will not be completely drained, but eventually reduced in size as part of the park redesign. An estimated 26,000 truckloads of dirt will bring the area up to grade, creating a great lawn capable of hosting largescale events with the Missouri River serving as a scenic backdrop.

In conjunction with this work, nearby residents and stakeholders may notice intermittent inconveniences such as:

- Construction noises associated with earthwork and equipment use;
- An increase in truck traffic along Douglas and Dodge Streets;
- Potential vibrations, which continue to be carefully monitored;

Ongoing work at Gene Leahy Mall includes demolition on the east side of the park, and upcoming utility installation which will provide important, underground infrastructure. Most immediately, the public will notice large storm and sewer pipes delivered into the worksite which will service upcoming amenities within the Gene Leahy Mall.

Removal of the 13th Street Bridge is complete with all applicable materials transferred to recycling facilities. As a reminder, 13th Street is scheduled to reopen by June of this year – weather permitting.

Construction and project updates can be found at www.riverfrontrevitalization.com and the Mayor’s website at https://mayors-office.cityofomaha.org. Questions may be referred to the MECA Riverfront Hotline at (402) 599-6565 or theriverfront@omahameca.com, or by contacting the Mayor’s Hotline at (402) 444-5555 or email at hotline@cityofomaha.org.

The public may also go online to see images from the Heartland of America Park and Gene Leahy Mall progress cameras, which provide current views of project development. The links are located on The RiverFront website.

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