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Kauffman Park fixups under way, city says

LAKEWOOD — Since the Kauffman community workshop in early June, this city has taken steps to start implementing some of the near term improvements identified at that meeting.

All the effort from the community to develop the city's park system strategic plan over the past year is already having a positive impact.

The new outfield fence work is complete. What a difference! You can now walk all the way

around the park, and it makes the Kauffman seem bigger and better already.

The big dead tree next to little links will be removed in the next few days by the city forestry crew.

Parks and forestry crews will also begin doing some initial weed and overgrowth removal as well as tree pruning within little links. The goal is to start cleaning out the space while preserving as

many healthy, mature trees as possible.

This will be a multistep process. Future steps will include taking down the fence and removal of the concrete fairways and greens.

The trees at the bottom of the sled hill near the entrance to the park were pruned recently, improving visibility into the park toward the playground.

The large pile of debris next to the LEAF garden was removed by the Parks Division recently.

City staff and the police had a productive meeting with the Outdoor Basketball Committee recently to talk about next steps in managing the pilot program and getting things under way in the next few weeks.

It was good to see so many kids using the playground last week.

Thanks to all and to the Friends of Kauffman Park for the on-going collaboration and support.