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MAWSS' Nature Sign Exhibit Opens at Tricentennial Park



A dedication ceremony and ribbon cutting June 28, highlighted a new nature sign exhibit along the walkway at Tricentennial Park. The exhibit is the final piece of a demonstration project funded by a grant from Mobile Area Water and Sewer System (MAWSS) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that included ways to make the waterfront more accessible to the public. Researched and designed by Alabama Coastal Foundation (ACF), the signs identify wildlife and fauna in the park, as well as tell the park's history. Prior to the ribbon cutting, a pavilion at the park was dedicated to the memory of activist Frank Battle.

Helping MAWSS mascot Willie Water open the exhibit at Tricentennial Park are (left to right) District 1 Council member Fred Richardson, MAWSS Board Chair Jim Bell, LaDarius Battle King, ACF Director Bethany Kraft and MAWSS Board member Leevones Dubose.



Jamarcus McCoy learns about the turtles in Day Lake from one of the new nature trail signs at Tricentennial Park.

Mobile, Ala., June 29, 2010 -- Visitors to Mobile's Tricentennial Park will know a little more about the history and habitat of their surroundings thanks to new signage along the park's walkway that were dedicated June 28. The signs are the finishing touch to a demonstration project funded by a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Mobile Area Water & Sewer System (MAWSS) that included ways to make the waterfront more accessible to the community.

The signs researched and developed by the Alabama Coastal Foundation, highlight the wildlife and fauna in the park. They also tell the history of Day Lake, named for Rev. Joseph Day, a long time Toulminville resident, who fought to protect the lake from being destroyed in the 1980's. A walking trail, named for Irmatean Watson, the area's first City Council representative, circles the lake. The nature signs are designed to enhance the public's enjoyment of the lake and park.

District 1 Councilmember Fred Richardson used the occasion to dedicate a pavilion at the park to the memory of park activist Frank Battle. Family and friends of Frank Battle were present.