

Red Bud Unveils New Splash Pad at Ratz Memorial Park, powered by Farnsworth Group and State Grant

Ratz Memorial Park in Red Bud, IL, now features a splash pad and upgrades, boosting tourism and community thanks to Farnsworth Group and an OSLAD grant.

RED BUD, IL, UNITED STATES, August 21, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- A community park in Red Bud has received a vibrant new lease on life.

Thanks to a strategic partnership between the City of Red Bud and national design firm Farnsworth

Group, Ratz Memorial Park now features a brand-new [splash pad](#) and upgraded amenities designed to bring families together and boost local tourism.



Red Bud Splash Pad

The transformation was made possible through an Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, secured with the support of Farnsworth Group's planning and engineering team.

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“The grant was of utmost importance; in fact, I don't think the project would have happened without the grant,” said Red Bud Mayor Susan Harbaugh in a recent video celebrating the park's reopening.

At the heart of the renovation is a 2,000-square-foot splash pad, one of the most requested features by local families.

The zero-depth water play area is fully ADA-compliant and designed for children of all ages and abilities, promoting inclusive, active play.

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and bring the community together.” said Jacob Heck, Project Manager at Farnsworth Group. “Having a regional draw means you get people from out of town visiting local restaurants and shops, which is super important for a small town.”

The revitalized park also includes improved accessibility features and design elements that encourage outdoor activity, wellness, and social connection. The project reflects Farnsworth Group’s commitment to creating spaces that are not only functional but also meaningful to the communities they serve.

The splash pad is already making waves across Randolph County as a new summer destination for families and visitors alike.

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