

Wendell Moore Park

Oldham County Park System seeks grant money to expand

Park looks to add 3.3 miles of hiking trails

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(April 2008) – Greenways for Oldham County is taking an interest in another county park, Wendell Moore Park. Located on Hwy. 393 in Buckner, Wendell Moore Park encompasses 107 acres, featuring picnic shelters, grills, a fishing lake, volleyball courts, a variety of sports fields and the Oldham County Community Convention and Aquatic Center.

County officials recently applied for a \$100,000 Recreational Trail Grant to construct 3.3 miles of trails within the park. Project supporters hope to connect existing trails within the park with Greenways for Oldham County trails.

In addition to Greenways, the County, Oldham Ahead, local businesses such as Oldham County Stone-Rogers Group and Scott-Klausing & Co., and potentially Baptist Hospital Northeast, are supporting this project.

In a letter sent out asking for letters of support for this project, Greenways Vice President Doug Wampler said, “Of the 3.3 miles, approximately .8 mile will be ADA accessible. The trails will include upgrading the present trail loop in and around the Oldham County Senior Center, connecting trails in and around park amenities (Community Center, aquatic center, tennis courts, etc.), and walking trails along Reformatory Lake to a 10-foot wide multi-use loop in the southern section of the park.

This loop will include a one-mile measured trail, a one half mile measured trail and a one quarter mile trail and include the ADA accessible sections.”



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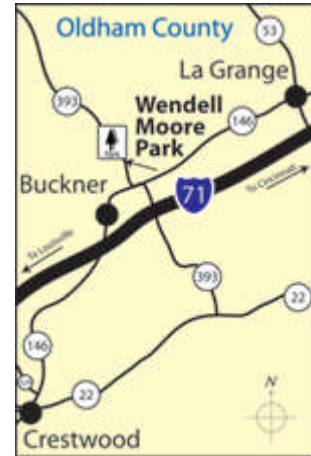
The sign in front of Wendell Moore Park tells of the many activities that take place at the park in Buckner, Ky.

Greenways is contributing financially and lending their expertise to this project, said Greenways President Ashli Collins. Greenways helped design and fund the expense of an engineer for the project.

Collins said she sees this project as fitting into the overall goal of Greenways by being a destination point from the Commerce Parkway Trail. “It will be a safe place to exercise and people can enjoy the beautiful natural scenery along the way. In time, we hope it will connect to the YMCA.”

Last year, Greenways for Oldham County was awarded a \$284,000 Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency grant for the Commerce Parkway segment of 3.2 miles of trails. Oldham Co

ounty Planning and Zoning submitted the grant request. A spring groundbreaking is expected for this first section of the Commerce Parkway section.



Currently, the Wendell Moore Park project is on hold. If the money is awarded, “We hope to get underway as soon as we can,” said Collins. If the funding does not come through, supporters will look elsewhere for other funding sources.

The next general membership meeting for Greenways for Oldham County is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, April 14, at the Oldham County YMCA in Buckner.

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