

**DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP  
WARREN COUNTY, OHIO**

**PARK AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN  
FINAL CONCEPTS**

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## INTRODUCTION

Deerfield Township desired a master plan for their open space and park lands which would document their vision of how their land for parks and recreations should develop. The township also wanted this *Master Plan* to provide them information which would help guide the day-to-day decisions so that short and long term recreation growth and development can occur in an orderly manner. This park and open space master plan is a culmination of many hours of detailed research and site investigation by numerous staff members of Deerfield Township and valuable recommendations from the public. This plan represents the dreams and visions of what the Deerfield Township Parks can develop into for the next 10 years and beyond.

This document which is the second of this complete *Master Plan* should be reviewed with its companion titled SITE ANALYSIS. That study summarizes the existing conditions of the parks in a pictorial format and sets the foundation for which development decisions were made. The plans and estimates contained in this master plan are based upon the information gathered during the site analysis phase. The site analysis determined the best attributes of each site and how they could be developed to maintain a respect for their natural character.

# **FLECKENSTEIN PARK**

## **FLECKENSTEIN PARK**

This 50 acre park is located on Mason-Montgomery Road in the north part of the Township. Currently the area is not being used as a park. The land and structures are in the same condition as when the parcel was purchased. This future park has a variety of natural features and topography which will add to its overall appeal for recreational activities.

The existing buildings and natural features on the site are two barns, one residential house, one storage building, a farm pond, cultivated fields, sloped areas, a mature oak tree stand, large open areas, small wooded areas and sufficient elevation change to create views and vistas of the surrounding topography.

The proposed facilities are two entrance roads and parking lots throughout the park, shelters in a picnic area, addition to existing barn for cultural use, enlargement of existing pond, 3 soccer fields, 3 baseball fields, concession area in the barn and a trail system throughout the interior which would connect with a trail system in the adjacent proposed subdivision.

A three rail white fence will be installed at the right-of-way the entire length of the park next to Mason-Montgomery Road. This will be a visual trademark for the park and be similar in style as the fence around some of the other parks in the Township such as Cottell and Schappacher.

This park will offer many of the same recreational opportunities to the residents of the northern part of the township as Cottell Park offers the township citizens in the southern part.

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Fleckenstein  
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Item Description	Qty	Unit	Item Cost	Total Cost
Clearing & Grubbing	1	AC	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Earthwork	65000	CY	\$5.00	\$325,000.00
Drainage				
Catch Basin	23	EA	\$1,000.00	\$23,000.00
Pipe	5000	LF	\$30.00	\$150,000.00
Pavement - Road & Park Lots				
Crushed Stone Base	6500	CY	\$20.00	\$130,000.00
Asphalt Pavement	2700	CY	\$90.00	\$243,000.00
Stabilized Turf	3700	SF	\$10.00	\$37,000.00
Retaining Wall	1200	SF	\$20.00	\$24,000.00
Paths (Gravel)	2000	CY	\$20.00	\$40,000.00
Bike Trail (Paved)	814	LF	\$43.00	\$35,002.00
Light Fixtures	45	EA	\$3,000.00	\$135,000.00
Light Fixtures	25	EA	\$3,500.00	\$87,500.00
Picnic Shelter	5	EA	\$10,000.00	\$50,000.00
Bumper Blocks	500	EA	\$75.00	\$37,500.00
Painted Lines	10000	LF	\$0.30	\$3,000.00
Painted Symbols & Signs	10	EA	\$200.00	\$2,000.00
Grass	2600000	SF	\$0.05	\$130,000.00
Sanitary Line	1120	LF	\$30.00	\$33,600.00
Water Line	1120	LF	\$20.00	\$22,400.00
Barn Renovation/Addition	9340	SF	\$155.00	\$1,447,700.00
Fence	3000	LF	\$15.00	\$45,000.00

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Item Description	Qty	Unit	Item Cost	Total Cost
Backstops	3	EA	\$14,000.00	\$42,000.00
Landscape				
Trees	175	EA	\$250.00	\$43,750.00
Shrubs	100	EA	\$50.00	\$5,000.00
Sign	1	LS	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Clean Pond	1	LS	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Sub-Total				\$3,111,452.00
Contingency				\$311,145.00
Fees & Other Costs				\$350,000.00
Grand Total				\$3,772,597.00

**CARTER PARK**

## **CARTER PARK**

This 70 acre park is located on the north side of King Avenue on the east side of the township close to Kings Island. This land also borders the ODNR property which is next to the Little Miami River. Currently the area is not being used as a park since it was just purchase in 2002. This park is mostly wooded with a variety of natural features and topography which will provide an ideal setting for a wildlife sanctuary.

The existing buildings and natural features on the site are the King Mansion, 3 out buildings, pond, several meadows, trails throughout the site with tree canopy, large wooded area and elevation change of 172 feet.

The proposed facilities are entry drive, parking lot, shelters, formal gardens near the King Mansion, amphitheater, primitive campsites, open play areas, overlook pavilion, trail bridge and an interior trail system with connection to the Miami 2 Miami Trail. The King Mansion may be renovated into a museum to preserve its history as part of the King Powder Company owners. The King Mansion which was constructed in the late 1800's will also be highlighted by construction of a formal botanical garden which was also prevalent during this time period.

This park will offer a distinct different set of recreational opportunities than any other park in the township. The natural beauty, scenic views and vistas which are available at this site near the river provides an ideal environment for site sensitive development.

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Carter Park  
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Item Description	Qty	Unit	Item Cost	Total Cost
Paths				
Clearing & Grubbing	4.4	AC	\$5,000.00	\$22,000.00
Grading	16000	CY	\$5.00	\$80,000.00
Drainage - Pipe	200	LF	\$15.00	\$3,000.00
Drainage - Rip Rap	100	CY	\$50.00	\$5,000.00
Surfacing - Gravel	3200	CY	\$30.00	\$96,000.00
Grass	1	AC	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Parking Lot				
Clearing & Grubbing	.25	AC	\$5,000.00	\$1,250.00
Excavating/Grading	14000	CY	\$5.00	\$70,000.00
Storm Drainage				
Catch Basins	4	EA	\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00
Pipe	500	LF	\$30.00	\$15,000.00
Crushed Stone Base	2300	CY	\$15.00	\$34,500.00
Lighting Fixtures	6	EA	\$3,500.00	\$21,000.00
Asphalt Pavement	715	CY	\$100.00	\$71,500.00
Bumper Blocks	142	EA	\$75.00	\$10,650.00
Painted Lines	3200	LF	\$1.00	\$3,200.00
Painted Symbols & Signs	5	EA	\$200.00	\$1,000.00
Landscape Islands	16000	SF	\$0.20	\$3,200.00
Amphitheatre				
Clear & Grub	.2	AC	\$5,000.00	\$1,000.00
Grading	2000	CY	\$10.00	\$20,000.00
Retaining Steps	3120	SF	\$15.00	\$46,800.00

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Item Description	Qty	Unit	Item Cost	Total Cost
Grass	7000	SF	\$0.20	\$1,400.00
Picnic Shelters	4	EA	\$10,000.00	\$40,000.00
Campsites (33)				
Clear & Grub	1	LS	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Grass	36300	SF	\$0.10	\$3,630.00
Grading	2000	CY	\$4.00	\$8,000.00
Open Play Area				
Grading	4800	CY	\$2.00	\$9,600.00
Grass	127000	SF	\$0.05	\$6,350.00
Overlook Pavilion	500	SF	\$20.00	\$10,000.00
Bridge	1	LS	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Landscape				
Trees	100	EA	\$250.00	\$25,000.00
Shrubs	100	EA	\$50.00	\$5,000.00
Signs	1	LS	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Formal Gardens				
Clear & Grub	1	LS	\$500.00	\$500.00
Grading	300	CY	\$10.00	\$3,000.00
Planting	4800	SF	\$3.50	\$16,800.00
Surfacing Paths	80	CY	\$40.00	\$3,200.00
Entry Treatment	1	LS	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Pond Cleaning	1	LS	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Total				\$705,580.00
Contingency				\$70,560.00
Fees & Other Costs				\$115,000.00
Grand Total				\$891,140.00

## **FOSTER'S CROSSING PARK**

## **FOSTER'S CROSSING PARK**

This 5 acre park is located at the intersection of Socialville Foster Road and Old 3C Highway in the eastern part of the Township. Currently the site is not being used as a park. The historic Foster's Crossing old-time general store and post office is located on the site. The proximity of this site next to the scenic Little Miami River will add to its overall appeal for one of those special places to visit in the township.

The existing structures and natural features of the site are the historic building once used as a general store and post office, riverside access, mostly wooded and an area of steep slope with 100 ft. elevation change which creates observation areas for views and vistas of the river topography.

The proposed facilities are an improved entrance and new parking lot, relocate the existing building to the rear of the site to raise the building out of the floodplain and renovate the structure into a community meeting hall with second floor offices, a new boardwalk from the second floor of the building to gain access to the north part of the site, a pedestrian bridge over the land not in the Township's ownership, a pedestrian bridge over Kings Mills Road to gain access to an overlook deck on the banks of the Little Miami River, a canoe launch to gain access to the river and a series of four decks and boardwalks on the wooded sloped area which will be constructed in the canopy of the existing trees.

This park will offer yet another type of recreational opportunity which cannot be found in any other park in the township park system.

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Fosters Crossing  
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Item Description	Qty	Unit	Item Cost	Total Cost
Clearing & Grubing				
	1.3	AC	\$5,000.00	\$6,500.00
	.4	AC	\$3,000.00	\$1,200.00
Relocate Building	1	LS	\$66,500.00	\$66,500.00
Remodel Building	2660	SF	\$70.00	\$186,200.00
Utilities				
Water	300	LF	\$15.00	\$4,500.00
Sanitary	300	LF	\$20.00	\$6,000.00
Electric	300	LF	\$12.00	\$3,600.00
Storm Drainage				
Pipe	240	LF	\$20.00	\$4,800.00
Catch Basins	2	EA	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
Grading				
Excavation	1111	CY	\$6.00	\$6,666.00
Backfill	2800	CY	\$10.00	\$28,000.00
Perimeter Areas	175	CY	\$10.00	\$1,750.00
Canoe Launch	22	CY	\$20.00	\$440.00
Pavement				
Crushed Stone Base	730	CY	\$25.00	\$18,250.00
Asphalt Pavement	360	CY	\$100.00	\$36,000.00
Bumper Blocks	66	EA	\$100.00	\$6,600.00
Brick Pavement	500	SF	\$15.00	\$7,500.00
Concrete Walk	1210	SF	\$5.50	\$6,655.00
Canoe Launch-Gravel	20	CY	\$20.00	\$400.00
Painted Lines	1	LS	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

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Item Description	Qty	Unit	Item Cost	Total Cost
Painted Symbols & Signs	6	EA	\$200.00	\$1,200.00
Lighting				
Fixtures	10	EA	\$3,000.00	\$30,000.00
Wiring	800	LF	\$10.00	\$8,000.00
Boardwalk	16190	SF	\$22.00	\$356,180.00
Excavation	3000	CY	\$20.00	\$60,000.00
Retaining Walls	4000	SF	\$20.00	\$80,000.00
Bridges	2	EA	\$50,000.00	\$100,000.00
Signs	1	LS	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Landscape				
Large Trees	70	EA	\$250.00	\$17,500.00
Small Trees	16	EA	\$200.00	\$3,200.00
Shrubs	60	EA	\$50.00	\$3,000.00
Sub-total				\$1,064,641.00
Contingency				\$106,465.00
Fees & Other Costs				\$175,500.00
Grand Total				\$1,346,606.00

**COTTELL PARK**

## COTTELL PARK

This 46 acre park is located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Snider and Irwin-Simpson Roads. This park offers a very diverse range of activities to the public. The centerpiece of the park is the Snyder House which is used for wedding receptions, public meetings and business meetings. This community park also has a variety of natural elements which add to its overall appeal for recreational activities.

The existing facilities consist of a 2-1/2 acre pond, the Snyder House, play structure, play equipment, tennis court, open space, mature tree grove, evergreen tree grove and formal entrance.

A master plan has been recently completed for this park and some of the proposed facilities are parking lots, restrooms, garage, fishing boardwalk, walking trails, baseball fields, soccer fields, lighting, concessions, gathering pavilion, wedding pavilion, arbor, shelters, Snyder House room addition, basketball court, picnic areas, bleachers and fencing.

The existing three rail white fence which is located east of the formal north entrance will also be extended along Irwin-Simpson and Snider Roads. This will be a visual trademark for some of the parks in the township.

The master plan elements are currently being constructed as funds become available. Construction of the parking lots is the first phase of this plan with completion of the athletic fields to be next. Once all elements of the master plan are completed, this park will offer

township citizens a place for leisure time, social interaction and opportunities for recreation.

During the development of this study the Deerfield Township Veterans Park Committee has proposed a veterans memorial park in the northwest corner of Cottell Park. The memorial will be a 12-foot steel trihedral structure placed in the center of a triangular brick patio with 3 angular paths leading to it. The committee is currently seeking funds to construct the memorial.

The next page is a drawing which is on file at the township office and is included in this study for reference purposes. The design is by VIVIAN LLAMBI & ASSOCIATES INC., CINCINNATI, OHIO.

# **SCHAPPACHER PARK**

## SCHAPPACHER PARK

This 10 acre park is located on Old Irwin-Simpson Road. The north boundary line is next to the realigned Irwin-Simpson Road. The natural vegetation of this area is the site's greatest asset. The acreage is populated by mature oak trees with a high canopy. These trees shade much of the site and allow for spontaneous recreational activities to occur without interference of low tree limbs.

The existing facilities consist of open space areas, play structure, playground equipment, various wooded areas of different character, a small stream, picnic tables, grills, pedestrian bridge and a dog run. The dog run is a rather unique use and works well in this setting because of the regulations and the fenced in area.

Proposed facilities and uses which will work well on this site are an additional two picnic shelters (24 ft x 24 ft), more picnic tables and a walking trail which would include the pedestrian bridge and wind around throughout the 10 acres for maximum exposure of the site elements to the user.

The existing three rail white fence which separates the active park area from the parking spaces and the park sign serve as delineation of the Deerfield Township Parks. These elements are already used in other township parks and should be used in future park improvements to serve as visual reminders of existing park properties.

# **BOWEN PARK**

## **BOWEN PARK**

This 2-1/2 acre park is located on Bowen Road next to the entrance road to the Summit Apartments. This land was donated to the township when the land adjacent was developed. It provides an area void of buildings and serves as a retention area for storm water runoff.

The existing facilities are two retention ponds around a road culvert. The purpose of these ponds are to collect storm water runoff and provide a controlled release once the outlet level is obtained. An asphalt walking path is located around one of the retention ponds.

No proposed uses are planned as the area has already reached its full potential. The functional use of this site is for storm water retention and it also provides a recreational element as well as an aesthetic foreground buffer to the apartment entryway.

## **SOCIALVILLE FOSTER PARK**

## **SOCIALVILLE FOSTER PARK**

This 5 acre park is located on the south side of Socialville-Foster Road between Mason-Montgomery Road and Duke Drive. This site is next to and part of a series of 5 acre residential lots and provides a welcome green space area.

Currently the area does not have any facilities and serves as a green space with no access. The site has a meadow in the front half with small to medium trees scattered throughout the center and rear of the property.

Proposed facilities are an entrance road located near the east property line, small parking lot, picnic tables, play structure and a trail system with exercise stations. This park will provide the immediate neighborhood with an area for relaxation and passive activities.

Installing a three rail white fence along the right-of-way and a park sign will identify this park as a Deerfield Township park.

# **CARRIAGE GATE PARK**

## **CARRIAGE GATE PARK**

This 8.5 acre park which includes Lots 1 and 2 is located on the south side of Montgomery Road between Winding Lane and Riverwood Lane. This wooded green space serves as a buffer between 2 residential developments. Most of the site is located behind the residential developments, however it does have approximately 1,100 feet frontage on Montgomery Road.

The site is undeveloped and has a storm water retention facility next to the north service road. The wooded area is mature and provides a soft texture to the interior. An intermittent stream runs through the site.

Proposed uses of this site will be passive in nature. An existing parking lot next to the north service road provides access to this natural wooded area. This site can be enjoyed by the township as a preserved wooded area. Trails located throughout the site can provide observations of wildlife and vegetation with benches provided throughout.

## **20 MILE STAND PARK**

## **20 MILE STAND PARK**

This 5 acre park is located on the north side of Montgomery Road in front of the Nantucket development next to Nantucket Drive.

The existing facilities include, path around water feature and water falls, gazebos, pedestrian bridges, sculptures, lighting and landscaping. The pond on the site is a storm water retention facility, however with the added landscape treatment and site improvements as mentioned above the area also serves as a visual aesthetic area and buffer between the residential development and Montgomery Road. This park is similar in nature as Bowen Park as it is next to a residential development, serves as a storm water retention facility and provides an aesthetically pleasing environment for the adjacent residents and motorists.

No proposed additions or improvements are planned for this park. The township will make this area available to residents for photos or wedding ceremonies.

The next page is a drawing which is on file at the township offices and is included in this study for reference purposes. The design is by MCGILL SMITH PUNSHON, INC., CINCINNATI, OHIO.

# **FARMER PROPERTY**

## **FARMER PROPERTY**

This 20 acre parcel is located on the north side of Socialville-Foster Road approximately one half mile west of Foster's Crossing. This parcel was purchased in 2002 and will provide additional park space in the future.

The existing facilities consist of a ranch style residence with one storage building, 2 farm ponds, an open field and two wooded areas. An electric transmission tower and easement also cross the site in a north to south direction near the east property line.

Proposed facilities and uses for this site are an improved entrance road with parking areas for approximately 100 automobiles, 2 baseball fields, concession stand, concrete walks throughout the building areas, 2 picnic areas, open play areas and a pathway system of approximately 1 mile in length. A new three rail white fence could be constructed along the right-of-way of Socialville-Foster Road. This element which is already used in several other Township parks can provide that visual reminder that you are entering a township public park area. A new sign similar to the sign at Schappacher would also help identify this parcel as a township park.

## **SHORT & LONG TERM CONSTRUCTION GOALS**

## **SHORT & LONG TERM CONSTRUCTION GOALS**

Recommendations provided in this Park and Open Space Master Plan can not be constructed at the same time due to budget availability. Therefore a conscious effort has been made to prioritize and phase the recommended improvements so as funding becomes available the individual elements may be constructed in an orderly manner as needed. The following is a list of short (1-5 years) and long (5-10 years) term goals as well as greater than 10 years for each park studied in this plan.

### **Fleckenstein Park**

- South entrance drive and parking lot (1-5 years)
- North entrance drive and parking lot (5-10 years)
- Soccer fields (1-5 years)
- Baseball fields (5-10 years)
- Additional parking lots & interior road system (1-5 years)
- Picnic area (5-10 years)
- Trail system (5-10 years)
- Addition to barn (Based upon outside fund raising efforts)
- Enlarge pond (5-10 years)
- Shelters (5-10 years)

### **Carter Park**

- Entry drive and parking lot (1-5 years)
- Shelters (Greater than 10 years)
- Formal gardens (5-10 years)
- Amphitheater (1-5 years)
- Open play area (1-5 years)
- Primitive campsites (5-10 years)
- Trail system (1-5 years)
- Bridge (Greater than 10 years)
- Interior road system (1-5 years)
- Overlook pavilion (Greater than 10 years)

### **Foster's Crossing Park**

- Canoe ramp (Greater than 10 years)
- Relocate building (5-10 years)
- Improved entrance and parking lot (5-10 years)
- Boardwalk from building to first bridge (Greater than 10 years)
- First deck (Greater than 10 years)

- Bridge over Old 3C Highway & river overlook deck (Greater than 10 years)
- Remainder of boardwalk and decks (Greater than 10 years)

### **Cottel Park**

- Restrooms (2 years)
- Garage (2 years)
- Fishing boardwalk (Greater than 10 years)
- Lighting (2 years)
- Concessions (1-5 years)
- Gathering pavilion (5-10 years)
- Wedding pavilion (5-10 years)
- Arbor (5-10 years)
- Shelters (5-10 years)
- Snyder House room addition (Greater than 10 years)
- Basketball court (Greater than 10 years)
- Picnic areas (1-5 years)
- Bleachers (1-5 years)
- Fencing (1 year)
- Veterans memorial park area (5-10 years)

### **Schappacher Park**

- Shelters (1 year)
- Picnic tables (1 year)
- Walking trail (1-5 years)

### **Bowen Park**

- No proposed facilities are planned

### **Socialville Foster park**

- Entrance road and parking lot (Greater than 10 years)
- Picnic tables (Greater than 10 years)
- Play structure (Greater than 10 years)
- Trail system (Greater than 10 years)
- Exercise stations (Greater than 10 years)
- Fence (Greater than 10 years)

### **Carriage Gate Park**

- Nature Trail (Greater than 10 years)

## **20 Mile Stand Park**

- No proposed facilities are planned

## **Farmer Property**

- Entrance road (1-5 years)
- Parking lot (1-5 years)
- Concrete walking system (Greater than 10 years)
- Concession (Greater than 10 years)
- Baseball fields (1-5 years)
- Picnic areas (5-10 years)
- Open play area (1-5 years)
- Pathway system (1-5 years)

## **POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES**

**Deerfield Township  
Recreation Planning/Financing  
Potential Funding Sources**

Although the following list cannot be considered inclusive of all potential recreational funding, the agencies identified represent the most commonly used sources of recreational financing funds. As other programs become available and as programs expire or “sunset”, this listing should be updated.

**Ohio Department of Natural Resources:**

• **Clean Ohio Trails Fund:**

- Eligible applicants: Political subdivisions and non-profit organizations.
- Applications are due typically on February 1<sup>st</sup> each year.
- Grant can provide up to 75% of project costs for eligible trail acquisition & development costs.
- Local match can be in-kind contributions or other interests in land, labor, or materials.
- Criteria: refer to ODNR statewide trails plan and amended substitute House Bill 3. Contact Bill Daehler at ODNR for details (614-265-6402) or [bill.daehler@dnr.state.oh.us](mailto:bill.daehler@dnr.state.oh.us). Applications are available on-line at ODNR web site.
- Approximately \$6.25 million available each year for four years (starting 2002).

• **Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF):**

- Eligible applicants: All local subdivisions of government except school boards.
- Applications are due July 1<sup>st</sup> annually and applications are available online.
- Grants provide up to 50% reimbursement for outdoor recreation projects.
- Funds are federal funds, administered by the State in cooperation with the National Park Service.
- Funding levels vary annually; call for update on status of program and availability of funds.
- Contact: ODNR staff at (614) 265-6408.

• **NatureWorks: Parks and Recreation**

- Eligible applicants: political subdivisions of the State except for school boards and agricultural societies.
- Applications are available online at ODNR web site.
- Grants can provide up to 75% reimbursement for acquisition, development, or rehabilitation of public park and recreation areas.
  
- The applying agency must have property site control (title or at least a 15-year non-revocable lease) to be eligible for a development or rehabilitation grant.
- Eligible government agencies within each county compete for grants. Allocations are made by County statewide. Check with ODNR to find out County allocation prior to submitting an application.
- All projects must be completed within 1-1.5 years from the date of the ODNR grant agreement.
- Contact ODNR staff at (614) 265-6408.

- **Recreational Trails Program:**
  - Eligible applicants: cities, villages, counties, townships, special districts, state and federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations.
  - Grants can provide up to 80% on a reimbursable basis.
  - Eligible projects include: development urban trail linkages, trail head and trailside facilities; maintenance of existing trails; restoration of trail areas damaged by usage; improving access for people with disabilities; acquisition of easements and property; development/construction of new trails; purchase and lease of recreational trail construction & maintenance equipment; environmental and safety education programs related to trails.
  - Applications are due February 1<sup>st</sup> annually.
  - Applications are available online at ODNR web site.
  - Contact Bill Daehler at ODNR at (614) 265-6402 or [bill.daehler@dnr.state.oh.us](mailto:bill.daehler@dnr.state.oh.us) for additional information.
  
- **Outdoor Skills “Step Outside” Program:**
  - Eligible applicants: organizations and youth groups.
  - Projects must involve hands-on training in the shooting sports and fishing education.
  - Eligible activities include: family fishing days; shooting days; trapping skill days; National Fishing Week activities; free fishing days; fishing, hunting & shooting instruction events for youth and adults.
  - Funding: maximum of \$500 per event with an annual two-event limit per organization.
  - Grant is designed to help organizations fund the costs of a one-day hands-on instruction event.
  - Application cycle is ongoing, but grant process takes approximately 60 days.
  - Contact: Dave Wilson at ODNR (614) 265-6322.
  
- **Ohio Bicentennial Legacy Tree Planting Initiative:**
  - Eligible applicants: cities and villages (although, Drew Todd at ODNR says he would not turn down a Township application, but indicated Townships that are non-urban might not be competitive).
  - Grants are up to 50% reimbursable to purchase and plant trees on publicly owned lands.
  - Funding for Governor Taft’s Bicentennial Tree Planting Initiative is provided by the Ohio EPA’s Division of Air Pollution.
  - Contact Drew Todd at (614) 265-6707 or [drew.todd@dnr.state.oh.us](mailto:drew.todd@dnr.state.oh.us) for additional information and application deadlines.
  
- **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - Formula Funds**
  - In communities with significant (over 51%) low-to-moderate income (LMI) populations, parks and recreation facilities are an eligible activity for CDBG Formula funding. To determine the eligibility, the service area for the activity must be determined and then verified with Census information or with an income survey to determine the LMI eligibility.
  - If the project service area is eligible, funds are applied for through the County Commissioners’ office in the spring of each year. Funds are usually very competitive and very limited. Projects should be quite small in size (less than \$25,000 - \$50,000).
  - All CDBG requirements, including federal acquisition and relocation requirements,

federal prevailing wage rates, environmental review, etc. will apply to the project if these funds are used.

- **Conventional Financing/Donations:**
  - Local banks may be willing to finance acquisition and/or development projects on a low-interest short-term basis.
  - Local corporations, businesses, foundations or individuals may choose to participate in park development projects or may donate memorial items including land for park development.
  
- **Transportation Enhancement Programs (TEP) or TEA-21:**
  - Funds are available for communities within Warren County. Typically, projects are applied for through the local Metropolitan Planning Office (MPO) if a community falls within a designated MPO area. Otherwise, the local ODOT District office can provide information and application deadlines, etc. For information on projects in Warren County, Contact the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) at (513) 621-7060. Projects that can be funded include downtown improvements such as streetscaping, lighting, infrastructure improvements, historic preservation of facilities (transportation-related), and bike and pedestrian pathways, etc.