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Subject: **Grants Allow Multiple Washington Township Park Developments**

WASHINGTON TWP, OH: The Centerville-Washington Park District has been awarded an \$84,667 NatureWorks grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). This project is one of 92 community-based projects that will be funded by ODNR throughout the State of Ohio. The NatureWorks funds will be used to install a shelter with restrooms at Robert F. Mays Park, currently under development in Washington Township. The new 23-acre community park will be located at the northwest corner of Paragon Road and Orville Street, with a northern boundary along Social Row Road. Park plans currently include athletic fields, an all-access playground and a multi-use trail. Development of the park, including the shelter will take place throughout 2014-2015.

The NatureWorks grant is a 75 percent reimbursement grant and is funded through the Ohio Parks and Natural Resources Bond Issue. This measure was approved by Ohio voters in November 1993 and authorizes the State of Ohio “to issue bonds, which will be retired from general state revenues, to finance capital improvements for state and local parks and recreation areas and to preserve Ohio’s natural areas and habitats.” The Park District also received a major private donation from Robert F. Mays in 2013 for development of this new park. “Through these valuable partnerships, the Park District is able to provide additional recreation opportunities for the community, stretching the impact of local funding,” said Carol Kennard, Park District Director.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) has also awarded the Centerville-Washington Park District \$500,000 from the Clean Ohio Trails Fund. The Clean Ohio Trails Fund works to improve outdoor recreational opportunities for Ohioans by funding trails for outdoor pursuits of all kinds. The funds will be used for design and construction of 5,647 linear feet of a 10-foot wide multi-use asphalt trail along Upper Holes Creek between Holes Creek Park, a 25-acre nature park located at 8575 Yankee Street, and Silvercreek Park, a 9-acre nature park located at 9369 Yankee Street. The project will also include two bridges and three culvert crossings over side streams of Holes Creek. This new trail is part of the community’s multi-use trail plan to develop safe and user-friendly system of trails that foster community connectivity while promoting alternative modes of transportation and enhancing the physical fitness and quality of life for local residents.

The Centerville-Washington Park District operates eight community parks, eight nature parks, and 33 neighborhood parks in Centerville and Washington Township. For more information about the Centerville-Washington Park District, please call (937) 433-5155 or visit www.cwpd.org.