



Trail upgrade planned for Beech Acres Park

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The Anderson Township Park District plans to widen and enhance trails throughout Beech Acres Park this year, said Executive Director Ken Kushner.

Park District staff recently identified several areas around the playground, ball fields, amphitheater, shelter and parking lots for trail enhancements.

Kushner said they would focus on the area around the playground this summer and move outward as funds allow. He estimated the project would extend over multiple years.

Earlier this year, [Park Commissioners](#) asked about \$50,000 from the township in the Beech Acres Park account that had been unused for nearly four years.

Park Commissioners suggested moving the money to help with the [ongoing development at Johnson Hills Park](#), but Kushner said the money should stay at Beech Acres Park.

Karen Yager, of Anderson Township, disagrees and said the money should be used for Johnson Hills Park, off Little Dry Run and Bridle roads.



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The Park District plans to build a paved, loop trail at Johnson Hills Park in 2012 and recently applied for a state grant to pay for roughly half of the \$300,000 project. That segment is about 3,000 feet and the entire trail system at Johnson Hills Park eventually will be more than two miles long.

Mt. Washington resident Vicki Spector frequently visits Beech Acres Park, off Salem Road and Beechmont Avenue, and said improving those trails and walkways would be a good idea. "People would use it because it's a very popular park," she said.

Kushner said the Park District is seeking estimates for the trail improvements.

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