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## State-spanning trail to cross park in Anderson Twp.

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Construction on a new asphalt trail in Clear Creek Park will begin in late May.

Ken Kushner, executive director of the Anderson Township Park District, said the work will be on a 2,200-foot section, roughly two-thirds of the trail's total length.

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The Anderson Township Park District received an \$88,000 grant in 2006 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for the multimodal trail and is contributing in-kind labor as a match.

Jack Sutton, director of the Hamilton County Park District, said the Clear Creek trail is part of a planned statewide trail network that will eventually connect the Ohio River to Lake Erie.

"We're working toward making our connections, (but) it's going to be a long-term project," Sutton said.

He added that the plan includes linking the Anderson Park District's Clear Creek trail to the Hamilton County Park District's Little Miami Golf Center and Avoca Trailhead near Newtown on one end, and eventually extending it to Beechmont Avenue and the Lunken Airport path.

Kushner said it could take a few years to secure additional funding to complete the entire 3,500-foot long trail through Clear Creek Park, located on state Route 32 west of Newtown.

## Additional Facts

New road?

Hamilton County Park District Director Jack Sutton said Park District officials are trying to buy frontage along state Route 32 for a new access road and more bike trails.

Anderson Parks Executive Director Ken Kushner said the road could also allow the district to build a new paved parking lot at Clear Creek Park.

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