



Anderson Twp. fields open after floods

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After several weeks of flooding, Anderson Township fields are playable again.

The record-setting rainfall this spring has affected Clear Creek and Kellogg parks, which border the Little Miami River and the Ohio River, respectively.

Anderson Township Park District staff [continue to clear debris and silt left by the floods](#), Executive Director Ken Kushner said at a recent Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

“Portions of Clear Creek (Park) are still under water and we have a couple of pumps going to get out the water,” he said.

The park had anywhere from a few inches to a few feet of water during the floods and for the first time in more than a decade, LAXfest, an all-day lacrosse event, was canceled, Kushner said.

Park Commissioner Dale Bartholomew asked if they were maximizing the the new all-weather, synthetic fields at Riverside Park and Kushner said there has been close to 700 hours of use since February.



Some of the ground at Clear Creek Park, off Ohio 32, remains saturated from spring flooding, but most fields are playable again.

Last week, [a manhole sank near the entrance to Kellogg Park](#), fell onto the sanitary sewer line and creates a large sinkhole that took out part of the park driveway.

“We haven’t even got to the problem yet,” Kushner said.

Contractors and crews from the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati are trying to figure out how to divert millions of gallons of waste water through the park, Kushner said.

Park Commissioner Duffy Beischel said they are not sure of the scope of the problem or how long it will take to fix.

Kellogg Park, next to AJ’s Roadhouse on Kellogg Avenue, was closed for a few days, but has reopened. A temporary bridge has been placed over the sinkhole to allow access to the fields, Kushner said.

Citizens should visit [the Park District’s website](#) or call 357-6629 to check the status of the parks.

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A marker for field 10 at Clear Creek Park on Ohio 32 was nearly submerged in early March. It's the same field soccer players are using in the above photo.

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