



Flood cleanup continues at parks

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Two Anderson Township parks are still closed after the Ohio River flooded earlier this month.

Park District staff continue to remove flood debris from Clear Creek Park, along state Route 32, and Kellogg Park, on Kellogg Avenue.

The dog field at Kellogg Park should open later this week, said Park District Executive Director Ken Kushner.

“We still have a lot of work left at Clear Creek,” he said. Water from the Little Miami River backed up and inundated the fields at Clear Creek Park when the Ohio River flooded.

“There is quite a bit of debris,” Kushner said.

Operations Manager Mike Smith said the flood washed up small brush, logs and garbage. The flood waters also scattered some of the split rail fence around Clear Creek Park and staff has to clean up the silt left behind on the fields.



Steve Subblet, left, and Rick George work on removing flood debris from Clear Creek Park.

There is still some standing water near the front of Clear Creek Park almost two weeks after the flood, but the back of the park should be ready for use in a week or two, Smith said.

“With rain expected to run into next week, it may throw off our plans to have the back of the park open,” he said. “We need to mow the fields and make sure there is no debris left that might hurt someone.”

Smith added that they will replace the timbers around the dog field at Kellogg Park.

The flood affected lacrosse season and the Park District is looking for areas for the teams to practice, Kushner said, adding they hope to have some fields ready before soccer season starts next week.

If athletes are allowed to play on wet fields, the grass will be destroyed and leave bare spots that are vulnerable to erosion, Kushner said. That can eventually lead to holes on the surface and cause injuries to the players, he added.

Kushner said the Park District hasn’t figured out how much they might lose from loss of field use due to the floods and they are waiting until clean up is complete to calculate labor costs and other damages.

Field status

Call 357-6629 to check on the status of the fields in the Anderson Township Park District or visit the park district's [website](#).

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