

Park almost ready to open

The ball fields and a portion of the hike/bike trail at Beech Acres Park opened May 1.

According to Troy Euton, Anderson Park District planning director, all of Beech Acres Park will be ready for the public by the first week of June.

The section of hike/bike trail which meanders around the skate park, future courts and the ball diamonds has been paved. The remaining portion of the trail, which encircles the amphitheater and com-

munity green, is not paved or open to the public yet.

The renovated park, in which a Skate Park is already open, will include an amphitheater, a shelter, rest room and vending facilities, basketball courts and sand volleyball courts. Playground facilities are under construction and will open later this year.

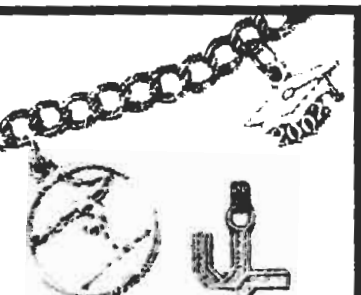
A wet spring in 2003 prevented the park district from opening Beech Acres last fall as they hoped, Euton said. Improvements, excluding in house park district labor, are about \$2 million and funded by a park district operating levy.

The park's official grand opening will take place during the Greater Anderson Days celebration July 30, 31 and Aug. 1.



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