

**Municipal Center Park
 North Strabane Township
 Washington County, PA**

Project Description:

North Strabane Township’s Municipal Center Park is a popular public space, boasting athletic courts and fields, playgrounds, pavilions and a walking trail. But, “there is still a shortage of public amenities and fields in the area” says Frank Siffrin, Manager, North Strabane Township. With a \$100,000 Keystone grant from the DCNR, the township hopes to address this shortage and further develop the park.



The lighted softball field hosts games or practices virtually every night of the week during spring and summer months. Families and community groups book the pavilions nearly every weekend for five months throughout the spring, summer, and fall. Residents enjoy and heavily use the park but the park feels the strain of meeting the township’s demands.

Grant money will make the building of four more athletic fields possible, including another softball field and a multi-use, lighted astro-turf field that will facilitate year round play, weather permitting.

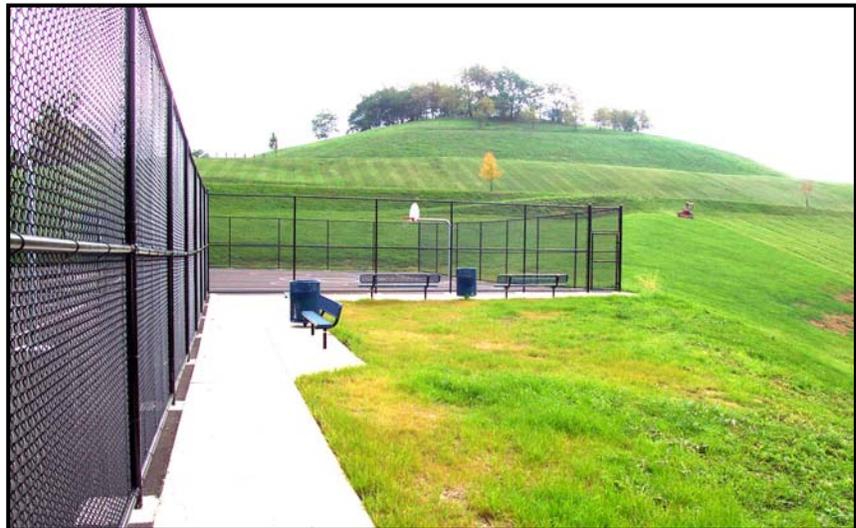
More pavilions will be built along with restrooms and ADA accessible trails connecting them to the athletic fields. The trails will be an extension of an existing one just over a half-mile in length used for jogging, bike riding, skating or dog walking. Fencing and landscaping are also part of the park’s development project.

“This expansion will effectively meet the community’s needs... and the future needs of the township,” Siffrin said.

Even though the city of Pittsburgh is just 20 miles away, residents don’t need to venture there to find something to do. They have the Municipal Center Park right in their back yards.

Quote: Frank Siffrin, Manager, North Strabane Township

“The greatest satisfaction we will get is expanding this park to provide services needed and wanted by residents. We’re lacking space to accommodate sports teams and youth groups and the master plan proposals offer something to everyone – whether you’re a walker, bike rider or baseball player.



Amount of Keystone funding awarded, year and matching sources:

2001: \$90,000
 2003: \$10,000
 Local Match: Cash: \$110,914
 Non-cash: \$38,850