

William V. Karr

Park

NatureWorks

Grant

Recipient

Information



- Legend**
- A** Proposed Asphalt Path
 - B** Expanded Playground
 - C** Enhanced Volleyball Court
 - D** Small Entry Plaza
 - E** Park Sign
 - F** Directional Wayfinding Sign
 - G** Shade Trees (Typ.)
 - H** Additional Screening
 - I** Field Game Zone
 - J** Mulch / Gravel Path
 - K** Dog Park
 - L** Connection to Community
 - M** Physical Fitness Zone
 - N** Community Garden

KARR PARK PLAN

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Legend

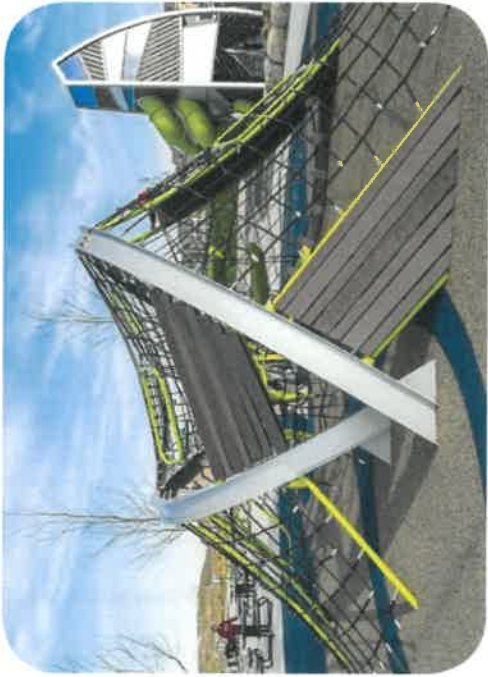
Path and Physical
Fitness Area, Part of
Nature Works Grant

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EXPANDED PLAYGROUND



MULCH PATH



EXPANDED PLAYGROUND



**ADDITIONAL SCREENING
KARR PARK CHARACTER IMAGES**



**DIRECTIONAL
WAYFINDING SIGN**



ENHANCED VOLLEYBALL COURT

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Question 1. Purpose and Need: Justification and Explanation

William V. Karr Park was donated to the Village of Pataskala by William V. Karr in 1985. The William V. Karr Park is a 9-acre active park located behind the City Administration Building at 621 West Broad Street and our new police station. The park offers two shelter houses with multiple large grills, playground equipment and restrooms. The park is also equipped with an asphalt path that has since become cracked and has many uneven surfaces along the ~600 ft area. The poor condition of the path is negatively impacting the use of the park by the neighboring retirement home. Conine Village has nearly ~60 residents who underutilize the park due to its lack of harmonizing natural environment and available amenities that fit their physical abilities. Being able to offer a walking path and a fitness space for Conine Village residents and employees will help improve residents' quality of life by increasing their physical activity and offer employees the opportunity for worksite wellness options.

A small fitness space is another great addition to the park for our city employees and Conine Village residents. In 2019 the parks department began a health and wellness initiative called The Movement. The City of Pataskala is dedicated to making our community a healthier place, one individual at a time, by partnering with local professionals to understand our residents' unique needs and to help provide exceptional, research-based programming for whole-person wellness solutions. If the City of Pataskala is chosen for Nature Works Grant, the city will be able to offer outdoor walking group classes, fitness classes for employees and the community ranging from young to active seniors. The overall mission of this project is to improve the parks current infrastructure based on current standards and past feedback (surveys provided) and offer additional amenities such as the walking path and small fitness area.



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Question 3. Operation and Maintenance

If the City of Pataskala is awarded the Nature Work Grant for the improvements in William V. Karr Park our parks seasonal employees and parks manager will maintain the park using the current parks standards.

- **Weekly mowing, trimming and blowing**
- **Weekly park playground and other equipment checks**
- Our local rotary club has adopted the park and has hosted multiple community project days through the year.
- Each year we host several community organizations for small projects in parks. We hope to continue our working relationship with local businesses and other organizations.



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Question 4. Accessibility

The City of Pataskala and the parks department are in the process of our strategic plan and revamping of our maintenance operations. The parks advisory board for Pataskala has agreed to begin working to ensure that all our parks are current with industry standards and policies. The standards which are being referred to are pertaining to playgrounds, walking paths and environmental use for all. This will allow for residents of all demographics to enjoy a barrier free path to and from various amenities in parks. Creating a clear access way in to the park from the parking lot is another critical component we are working to accomplish within our parks system.



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Question 5. Planning

In April of 2019, the parks department worked with OHM to develop concept plans and cost estimates for 3 parks in our community. During this month we held an open house, opened a survey for the community to participate. After several meeting with the parks board discussing the parks amenities and overall needs this was the best concept to use for our parks system. Our residents and employees close to this facility need a safe walking path and fitness area.

The conceptual plan for this park is attached.

Name of Project:

Pataskala's Demonstration Garden Project

Mission:

Pataskala is on a mission to help provide health and wellness opportunities for the aging population and city employees. Being able to offer programs teaching garden techniques and offer various opportunities for social interaction all in one location

The Pataskala Parks and Recreation Department has a vision to increase and promote a healthy community, while at the same time providing gardening education for all age groups which can be offered and give our residents the chance to learn from each other through creative workshops from our local master gardeners and farm enthusiasts. Partnering with Licking County Master Gardeners will give the city's parks and recreation department the opportunity to serve several demographics in our community includes the employees all in one location.

With the lack of programming being offer to this demographic, the parks department has partnered with Licking County Master Gardener Volunteers Program (LCMGV). Working with county Extension personnel, Master Gardener Volunteers will provide such educational services to their communities as: answering gardening questions from the public; conducting plant clinics; gardening activities with children, senior citizens, or disabled persons; beautifying the community; and developing community or demonstration gardens. In 2019/2020, the partnership between both organizations will bring an abundance of horticulture education and leadership opportunities for every demographic in our community. The benefits of the program will help with employee wellness

Demonstration gardens showcase plants and sustainable gardening techniques appropriate to local areas and provide learning opportunities for home gardeners on design, planting, and maintenance practices. They are open to the public free of charge. Being able to offer free researched based education to the community is essential to the health and wellbeing of all residents. Adding demonstration gardens and education with the help of Licking County Master Gardener Volunteers will bring a harmonizing environment which will invite the community to visit parks more often. Our local historical society, West Licking Historical Society host a gardening tour every summer.

The City of Pataskala and the Licking County Master Gardeners would like to be a part the program as a honor to William V. Karr. William V. Karr Park donated the property to the Village of Pataskala in 1985. His goal was to increase the well-being of humanity and life in our city. The park will forever be in his name.

Being offered the 1,000-grant funding will give both the city of Pataskala and Licking County Master Gardener Volunteers the opportunity to offer quality programming where residents in the community will have yearly opportunities to learn about horticulture while providing a social environment. If awarded, the grant funds will be used for design and educational materials related to water management, pollinators, tree and other garden techniques. The parks department is focused to improve the quality of life of all residents and city employees in Pataskala, Ohio. Demonstration gardens offer benefits such Healthy eating, physical activity, mental health and social health.