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## Oldham County Greenways Greenways to have trails in place for Wendell Moore park project

**Officials broke ground July 20 for next phase**

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BUCKNER, Ky. (August 2008) – For some time, Greenways for Oldham County has been planning an Interurban Trail System for the county and its residents to give them a healthy option for recreational use. The organization broke ground July 20 for an extension of this, the Wendell Moore Park Recreational Trail, that will provide walking, jogging and bicycle riding options.

Phase I of this project, the engineering phase, will consist of 2.5 miles of crushed limestone trails when completed later this summer. Trails will be 10 feet wide. Phase II will include a section running to the Senior Center Loop and the rehabilitation of an existing trail. Two foot bridges need to be funded and constructed in the future to complete the final design stage. Once finished, there will be 3.35 miles of trails that will eventually link to the Commerce Parkway segment of the Oldham County Interurban Trail System. Planned are three multi-use trails measuring 1/4 mile, a half mile and one mile. These trails will overlap at a common starting



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**State Sen. Ernie Harris chats  
with citizens during the July 20  
groundbreaking ceremony**

point and link to parking areas.

Greenways will provide the bulk of the funding for this project, with Oldham County Parks and Recreation and the Oldham County Road Department providing equipment and manpower needed to construct the trails.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held July 20 at Wendell Moore Park in Buckner. A picnic kicked off the event at 1 p.m. with the groundbreaking ceremony following at 2 p.m. Attendees included State Sen. Ernie Harris, Magistrates Steve Greenwell and David Voegel, Judge-Executive Duane Murner, Deputy Judge-Executive Paula Gish, and Congressman Geoff Davis' local representative Christina Poole.

In addition to Greenways and the Oldham County Government, some of the many local businesses and organizations are contributing to this project. Scott-Klausing & Co. architectural firm is responsible for overseeing management of the project and offering design services. Garber-Chilton Engineer and Land Surveyors is providing engineering and surveying support. Oldham County Stone has offered to provide crushed stone at a discounted price. Oldham Ahead has pledged its support to the project.

Greenways has initiated a tax-deductible "Adopt-A-Bench" fundraising program. Sponsors can purchase a high-quality, low maintenance bench for about \$2,000 and dedicate it to the memory of a special loved one while aiding the trail project at the same time.

Benches will be placed throughout the trail and park area. Proceeds will also be used for construction costs and procurement of other park amenities, such as trash receptacles and landscaping. Greenways President Ashli Collins is asking members to donate the following if possible: landscaping materials, time and design ideas, picnic tables, a gazebo, and help designing and constructing trail signs and markings.



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**Greenways President Ashli Collins speaks at the recent groundbreaking ceremony in Buckner.**

Greenways has received a substantial financial boost to the Oldham County Interurban Trail System. According to Emily Liu, Assistant Director for Oldham County Planning and Zoning, an agreement has been received on a \$625,000 grant (\$500,000 in federal funding and \$125,000 in local funding) for the Commerce Parkway Trail segment of the project. Oldham County Fiscal Court approved a resolution to accept this agreement at its July 1 meeting. Planning and Zoning has spearheaded this grant effort for some time.

Fiscal Court was also asked to recognize the contribution that Greenways for Oldham County has agreed to make in the amount of \$49,150 toward the local match requirement.

The next step is to send out bid requests for construction of the first phase of the Commerce Parkway Trail segment. This phase extends from Oldham 8 Plaza to Allen Lane.

The City of La Grange has agreed to provide the asphalt needs, which are valued at more than \$40,000, for the portion of trails within the City of La Grange, said Liu. Fiscal Court has budgeted \$36,600 in the fiscal year, which began July 1.

A groundbreaking ceremony for the Commerce Parkway Trail is planned for early September, and those involved hope construction will be complete by November 2008.

“This is an exciting time for Greenways and hopefully all those who have graciously contributed over the years will be able to enjoy what their dollars have made happen,” said Collins.

• *For more information, or to find out how to contribute or donate to the Oldham County Interurban Trail System, visit:*  
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