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## Anderson Park District receives parking lot grant

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Muddy parking spaces will soon be a thing of the past at Riverside Park.

The Anderson Township Park District recently received a \$150,000 grant from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to install a permeable paver parking lot at the Round Bottom Road park.

Mt. Washington resident Lori Whitacre said she the paver lot is a good idea and Krista Werne agrees.

"Last time we were here it was really rainy and pavers would have been nice," said Werne, who lives in Clermont County.

The parking lot will be on the north end of the park, just south of the synthetic fields currently being installed.

Ken Kushner, executive director of the park district, said the grant is part of the Ohio EPA's Surface Water Improvement Fund.

"We were going to build it and (the grant) will really help us make it a lot better," he said.

"We don't need the gutter or drainage line work needed with a regular lot."

The park district planned to install a gravel lot and the permeable pavers will allow rain water to drain into the ground.

Kushner said once the parking lot is finished it will require minimal maintenance.

The paver parking lot is estimated to cost \$240,000 and the park district will pay for the remainder of the project cost not covered by the grant, Kushner said.

## Additional Facts

### Synthetic fields

The synthetic field installation at Riverside Park on Round Bottom Road is behind schedule.

Ken Kushner, executive director of the Anderson Township Park District, said recent rains have delayed the installation a few weeks.

The project is expected to cost more than \$1 million and includes the field, two soccer fields with a football field overlay, a parking lot and lighting.

Sod removal began last month and the field installation was scheduled to start in July.

The field, which will also be suitable for lacrosse and rugby, is expected to be complete before the fall sports season begins.

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