



# More changes for Anderson Twp. park

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The Anderson Township Park District settled on a new concept for the rear portion of Johnson Hills Park.

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After months of discussions with neighbors in the Sanctuary of Ivy Hills, park commissioners accepted a revised layout for the Moorman minifarm area.

Two of the main concerns from nearby residents - parking areas and restrooms - have been moved farther away from the property line.

Executive Director Ken Kushner said the park's topography puts some restrictions on cost-effective parking layouts and the restrooms will now be combined with a planned barn.

Karen D'Agostino, who lives in the Sanctuary of Ivy Hills, said she would still like to see the parking lot farther back in the park but is glad the park district is incorporating residents' ideas into the plan.

This is not the first change to the proposed layout for Johnson Hills Park.

The park district has agreed to pull back a hiking trail from the property line, install a low berm to screen the park from residences and place a bridge near the trails.

Work recently began on the park core, which includes a paved entrance from Bridle Road, paved parking lots, a shelter and other features.

Other amenities include gardens and an orchard, trails, tent camping, disc golf and a fishing lake.

Complete development of Johnson Hills Park is expected to take decades.

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