



# Work starts on new Anderson Twp. park

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Work has started on Johnson Hills Park.

The Anderson Township Park District recently demolished the horse stable at the park, off Bridle and Little Dry Run roads, to begin constructing the park's core elements.

Executive Director Ken Kushner said crews are clearing the debris left by the barn and the former riding arena will be used to store equipment.

The park core includes a paved entrance from Bridle Road, paved parking lots, a dog field and obstacle area, gazebo and picnic grove, a playground with a shelter, a large event shelter where the stables were and an accessible path through the meadow.

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

Some residents who live near the back entrance of the park, in the Sanctuary of Ivy Hills neighborhood, had expressed concerns about the planned layout.

Kushner said he met with a few of the abutting property owners about the plan, such as a buffer and moving the trails, and most seemed OK with the changes made by the park district in response to the concerns.

The trails will be moved back from the property line, as the topography allows, Kushner said.

The park district is currently working on the lake and trails engineering and will begin work on the back entrance to the park, off Crooked Stick Court, once the weather breaks, Kushner said.

Complete development is expected to take decades.

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