

MEETINGS/GETTING STARTED

In the Summer of 2006, We Make Things Happen (WMTH) Corporation was hired by DLZ Engineering to assist in developing a master plan for the development of a 218 acre park called Myer Creek jointly owned and maintained by McLean County and the City of Calhoun in McLean County Kentucky.

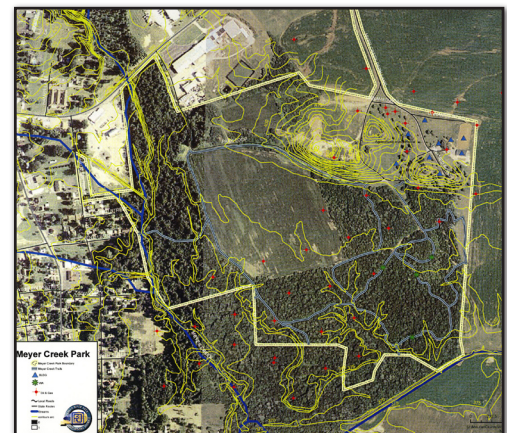
A preliminary meeting was held by McLean County Judge Executive Larry Whitaker at the Green River Area Development District (GRADD) in which representatives from Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources, Daviess County Park & Recreation, DLZ Engineering, WMTH Corporation and members of Kentucky Recreation & Parks Society (KRPS), Kentucky's newly created Kentucky Recreational Trails Authority (KRTA), Kentucky Division of Forestry were among the attendees.

Jim Markwell, Chairman/ GRADD RC&D Council
Allen Murray, Board member/ McLean County tobacco (phase 1) Council
Kent Stewart, Director/ USDA-McLean County Conservation District
Sandy Kelley, Forest Ranger/ Kentucky Div of Forestry, Green River Region
Tom Young, Wildlife Biologist/ Kentucky Dept. F&W, Green River Region
Ross Leigh, Daviess County Parks and Recreation and member of KRSP,
a state wide recreation organization.
Judge Whitaker
Debby Spencer, WMTH Corporation
Bill Smith, GRADD
Steve Gardner, GRADD
Ron Cardwell, Kentucky Recreational Trails Authority
Michael Hesse, DLZ Engineering

Maps of Myer Creek Park developed by Greg Henson, UK Extension Service Agent for McLean County and GRADD cartographers were distributed to those in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to inform each of the organizations and groups of the initiative and to ask for their expertise and assistance in developing the master plan.

As the plan began to take shape, meetings were also held with the Lion's Club and McLean County Fairgrounds organization, the 4-H Club, Extension Service and other interested groups to make sure each of their needs were addressed.

A special meeting was also set up between the planners and the Mayor of Calhoun since the park is both city and county owned. Both Judge Whitaker and Mayor Fulkerson attended all of the charettes as well as a number of the magistrates and council members.



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Moving the fairgrounds on site, providing space on site for an exhibition hall and an extension service office, expanding the current trail system, adding an RV Park and camping area and moving the tractor pull to an area closer to the proposed site of the fairgrounds were some of the recommendations that came out of these meetings. All of these suggestions were incorporated into the final plan.

A meeting was set up for those interested in developing a disc golf course. H.B. Clark, foremost designer for signature courses in the state met on site and a course was laid out and mapped. See Chapter XX - Signature Course for more information.

A trail development meeting was held on site in February 2007. Thomas Young (wildlife biologist with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources), Sandy Kelley (forest ranger with the Kentucky Division of Forestry), Judge Larry Whitaker, Carla Durbin and Greg Henson representing the interests of 4-H Club and McLean County Extension, H.B. Clark and Andy Bowles representing those interested in developing a disc golf course spent a day with the planners walking the trails and developing plans on how best to develop, sign and interpret the nature trails, as well as expand both the equestrian trail and incorporate the back nine of the disc golf course into one area without creating a conflict between users.

See Chapter XX - Trail Development.

The director of the Kentucky Horse Council and a representative from the Kentucky Fitness and Health Program also visited Myer Creek Park and made suggestions, recommendations and provided ideas of how best to utilize their agencies and all they had to offer.

