



# *GRAHAM MEMORIAL PARK BECOMES ECO-FRIENDLY*

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# Introduction

- *The movie that we just showed you is how our park looks now and what we want to put in it to convert it eco friendly.*
- *We want to make Graham Memorial Park into a park that the citizens of Marion County can be proud of. This park is something that could not only be an attraction for Lebanon but could show other surrounding counties Lebanon really does care about its environment.*
- *We are going to tell you exactly how we want to convert our park and the ways that we found to fund it. At the park we want to use equipment that will save energy, water and equipment that will also not harm the environment.*
- *It will cost a substantial amount of money to convert the park but in the long run this conversion will actually save the park and the city money.*

# Play Equipment

- *We went online in search of play equipment that would be beneficial to the environment.*
- *To find play equipment at Legacy Playground that is made from all reused plastic, metal and wood. This is good for the environment because it is using things that have been used before and the making of this product will not harm the environment in any way.*
- *On the playground the mulch will also be rubber so that it can be reusable.*
- *Reusing the plastic, metal and wood on play equipment and using reusable mulch can protect the wildlife habitat, it makes sure these items don't end up in a landfill, which also saves money, and it makes from less destruction to the earth's natural beauty.*

# Bathroom

- *The bathrooms need to be taken completely out because they are disgusting.*
- *We want the bathrooms to have automatic sinks that will save 31% off the water bill a month, low flush toilets which will save you between \$50 and \$100 a year, recyclable toilet paper, automatic hand dryers that will save you 33% off the electric bill a month, a tank less water heater which will save about 10% off your bill a month, sensor dispensers and we also want to have organic soap in the dispensers.*
- *We also want to get rid of the water fountains and put in automatic timer water fountains. Changing the water fountains can save you around 20% off your water bill a month.*
- *I know that the percentages and rough estimates may not sound like a lot right now but you have to think about how that money will add up over the years.*

# *Maintenance*

- *To take care of the park we going to use all Eco Friendly products to clean the bathrooms.*
- *These products will be renewable, free of dyes and scents, recyclable or recycled themselves, non-toxic, phosphate free and biodegradable.*
- *As far as keeping the actual park maintained such as mowing the yard, planting flowers and taking care of the weeds and things like that we are hoping that the inmates from Marion County Detention Center could come and make sure that the park stays maintained on their Work Release.*

# Budget

- *We found a grant from TPWD: TRPA Grants.*
- *The grant is called Recreation Grant Program and it is used for Outdoor Recreation.*
- *The application deadline is by July 31 of every year and the limit possible to receive is \$500,000.*
- *The estimated total that we came up with to pay for this conversion is \$153,709.89 and the grant that we found is more than enough to pay for it.*

# Central Kentucky Community Action

- *As part of our Leadership part of the Gel-In Program we participated at Central Kentucky Community Action in the Head Start Department. We helped Judith Moffitt and Martha Bell sort out and deliver things to Larue, Meade, Elizabethtown, New Haven, Bardstown, Willisburg, Springfield and St. Catherine. We had to put together boxes of school supplies for every Head Start classroom. These boxes consisted of handbooks (which we had to bind together), take home folder, pens, scissors, tape, permanent markers, glue, markers, coloring pencils, crayons, folders, staples, duct tape and post its. We went to the storage building and divided panty hose, books, dolls, dry erase boards, chocolate milk straws, binders, paper dividers, mailing tags, photo paper and a variety of different supplies that the classrooms may need to do projects and complete assignments.*

# Community Action Continued

- *At the storage building we also had to go through boxes of books and deliver them to the schools as well. There were clothes donated from New York and we were required to go through them and fold them up and separate them into categories of: boys, girls, infants, youth, men's and women's. Once we had separated every item of clothing we took the boxes of clothes and donated them to Goodwill. While we were in the Head Start Office we binded books, folded papers, counted out toothbrushes, counted and sorted papers.*
- *On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, we all piled on to a school bus and delivered the books and school supplies to all of the Head Start Classrooms. Next week we will be helping to clean up floral hall and set it up for the bus driver orientation.*







# Summary

- *The green part of our project is the conversion of Graham Memorial Park and also how we reused several items at Community Action by recycling boxes, donating used clothes to Goodwill and the books that the Head Start Classrooms received were also donated.*
- *The Entrepreneurial part of our project was we created a company that searches for bathroom necessities, play equipment and scenery needed to convert public parks Green.*
- *The leadership portion of our project is when we worked at Community Action. We volunteered to help get the Head Start classrooms prepared for opening.*

# Conclusion

- *So now that you all have heard our presentation we hope that we have answered any questions you may have had.*
- *Lets give Lebanon something to be proud of and convert plain Graham Memorial Park into an Eco Friendly Park.*
- *We hope that we can have your support in converting Graham Memorial Park into a eco friendly park.*