

Dolly Graham Park Renovation Project Updates: *(as of 1/11/2021)*

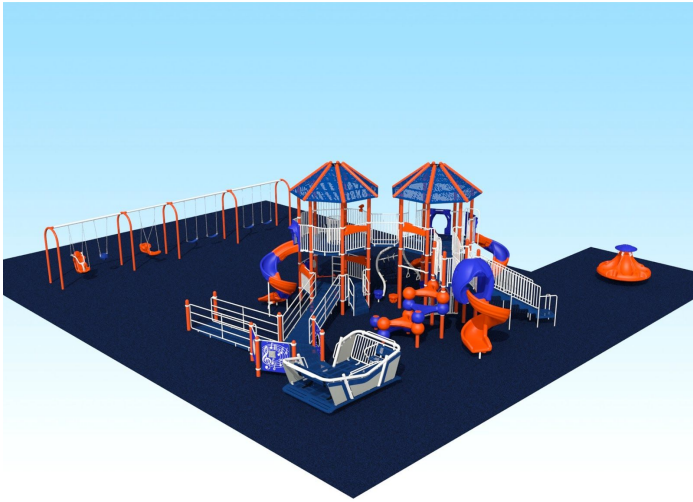
NOTE: Information on this page will be updated as the project advances and as new information becomes available. Project details and timelines are subject to change at any time.

Finalized Agreement with the KY Department of Land and Government (DLG), National Park Service (NPS) and the City of Frankfort: In November, 2020, after significant delays due to COVID-19, The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was fully executed between DLG and the City. As a final step in the Land and Water Conservation (LWCF) Grant process, the agreement is currently being reviewed by the National Park Service (NPS) to ensure it meets all their requirements. In November, 2020, the city was given January 1st, 2021 as an ***estimated timeline*** for their review to be complete. As of Monday, January 11th, 2020, the city had not received written confirmation. The city remains in close contact with the necessary parties for updates on the final approval. Once final approval is received from the NPS, work will proceed. Below is an excerpt directly from the executed MOA between DLG and the City of Frankfort.

Per MOA with the Commonwealth of KY, City of Frankfort Dolly Graham Park Enhancement LWCF 21-1559: *“This grant has been awarded prior to the NPS and the Recipient completing the required reviews of the project in accord with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and making a determination as to the project’s potential to cause impacts or effects to environmental or cultural resources. As such, the Recipient (and Sub-Recipient) is (are) not authorized to perform any work under the project except as needed to complete compliance, particularly any ground disturbing activities, nor draw down any funds. The condition will remain in effect unless and until the NHPA Section 106 and NEPA processes are completed and approved by the LWCF program with a determination of whether further review, documentation, and/mitigation measures are required; and the Recipient has satisfied any requirements contained in the LWCF program determination. Once the requirements have been successfully completed, the LWCF program will notify the Recipient in writing the review is complete, work on the project may commence, and reimbursement of Grant funds is authorized.”*

Current Playground Equipment Removal: It was approved by the city commission at the December voting meeting to remove the current playground equipment and prepare the area for the construction of the new playground. The old playground is scheduled to be removed when a completed agreement with the NPS, as stated above, has been finalized and the official approval to start the project has been received.

New Playground Installation: New playground (see picture below) is scheduled to be installed by Miracle Recreation of KY/TN. Weather and air temperatures will determine when installation is completed. The poured in place rubber protective safety surfacing requires air temperatures over 40 degrees for proper installation, and installation requires several days with temperatures over 40 degrees for the duration of the installation.



Release Invitation For Bid (IFB) for Splash Pad and Restroom Renovations: An IFB is currently being finalized with the City Solicitor and City Purchasing Agent and set to be released when final approval from NPS has been received to advertise to hire an architecture / engineering company, firm or individual to design the splash pad and restroom renovation project and oversee the construction process from start to finish.

Hire Architecture / Engineering Company, Firm or Individual: Review and evaluate the IFB responses and select company, firm or individual for the project. As well as have them approved by the city commission.

New Playground Opening: Open new playground for full community use, estimated April/May 2021.

Restrooms Renovated: Renovate existing restrooms at shelter, it is our hope to have them completed in conjunction with playground installation and opening.

Other Updates and details will be released soon as they become available.

Additional Initiatives:

Park Maintenance: 2 additional new maintenance part-time positions have been added to the downtown maintenance and beautification division to improve daily maintenance and care.

Safety and Security: Plans are in progress to hire “Park Rangers” or “Ambassadors” to provide additional security and thorough park inspections during high traffic times such as nights and weekends. The part time positions would include, but not limited to, checking and securing

facilities, inspecting for needed maintenance or cleaning and reporting immediately, report vandalism, providing assistance to park users, and other duties.

Parks Comprehensive Master Plan: Dolly Graham Park is a top priority and a key focus of the ongoing parks master plan, scheduled to be complete in the spring/early summer of 2021.

Other Measures Taken:

- Invasive Species Removal
- Employee and volunteer maintenance work days held, additional future work days planned.
- Multiple dead or dying trees were removed for safety and aesthetics.
- Fresh mulch added to playground
- Fencing was cleaned of vines and over growth
- New LED lights installed in shelter
- Landscaping improvements to shelter areas
- Pressure washed shelter
- New park entrance sign installed
- Improvements to the Labyrinth area.
- Working with the owner of the VFW building adjacent to the park to assist with clean up.

