

Derry Community Park awarded state grant for improvements

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HARRISBURG, Oct. 25 – State Rep. Joseph Petrarca, D-Westmoreland/Armstrong/Indiana, announced that Derry Borough has been awarded a \$225,000 state Greenways, Trails and Recreation grant.

The grant will be used to make a number of improvements at Derry Community Park.

"This grant will help Derry add new features to the park as well as make improvements to make a nice park even nicer for the community," Petrarca said. "I was pleased Derry Borough Council received this funding."

The project includes the installation of a one-acre dog park, new benches and water fountains, as well as a youth climbing station. The improvements will consist of bathroom renovations, including Americans with Disabilities Act access, pavilion renovations, new stone added to the walking track and resurfacing the basketball court and adding new hoops.

The grant is from the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program, which is overseen by the Commonwealth Financing Authority, an independent agency created by the legislature to administer a variety of the state's funding programs. The program's goal is to promote greenways, recreational trails, open space, parks and river conservation.

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