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Cooperative Park Improvement Grant Program Continues

The citizens of Allen County continue to support their parks in many ways, including through grants to capital improvements at the local level. As part of the 2015 law, the Cooperative Park Improvement Grant Program (CPIMP) was reauthorized to enable communities all across the county with their park or recreation responsibilities.

The CPIMP was started in 1994 and to date has applied over \$1.4 million dollars to help fund playgrounds, restrooms, shelters, baseball diamonds and more. Picnicking, dogging, water and other leisure activities are included as well. A total of \$300,000/year in revenue also is provided by the Johney Applesed Metropolitan Park District to 12 political subdivisions including cities, villages and townships. Several of the subdivisions have leveraged outside of "outside" money by using our grants as local matches for state, federal grants.

Because of the success of the Cooperative Park Improvement Grant Program, many of the local community parks

across Allen County have made more progress through the CPIMP program than in the previous 50 years! The Commissioners and Staff of the Johney Applesed Metropolitan Park District fully support our neighbors in their efforts to provide the best possible park and recreation facilities and programs for our constituents.

Kevin L. Weaver
Director



2017 approved for \$15,000 for \$45,000 total



2017 approved for \$100,000 for \$200,000 total

SUMMARY OF 2018 AWARDED GRANTS

Apple Grove Township Park District, Play Equipment	\$17,000	Apple Grove Township Park District, Play Equipment	\$12,000
Wings of Excellence, Great parking lot at Village Park	\$15,000	City of Leola, Playground Equipment at Lincoln Park	\$38,000
Wings of Excellence, Garage Park Renovation	\$4,500	Apple Grove Township Park District, Swing Set & safety surfacing	\$13,000
City of Delaware, Replace storm, Java & water for shelter house	\$4,000	Sugar Creek Township, Ben & joint tennis courts, replace basketball back board, 1.7 million water billing	\$1,000