

## Woodside Green Park Natural Play Area Project

### Description

Girl Scout Troop 678 to partner with Gahanna Department of Parks & Recreation (GDPR) to plan and develop a natural play area at Woodside Green Park. Project development to begin Fall 2017, completion by late Spring 2018. Project to be located on 1/2 acre of wooded area located in north eastern quadrant of the park between the parking lot and existing paved trail.

### Project Goals

- Create a nature play area at Woodside Green Park that will encourage residents to enjoy the park and outdoors. The nature play area will enable community engagement, imagination, exercise and provide an outlet away from electronics & television.
- Work with GDPR to develop a cost effective development plan that will engage other Girl Scout Troops and Gahanna Service organizations
- GDPR to partner with other service groups (i.e., P&R Foundation, Rotary, Kiwanis) to offset cost of project.
- Complete project by Fall of 2018, which will allow Girl Scout Troop 678 to earn their Bronze award (highest award a Junior can earn). By completing the project the Troop can then proceed to work towards Silver and Gold awards.
- For project to qualify as a Bronze Award, must be long standing, providing a legacy for the community to enjoy for years to come.

### Funding

- The last couple months the Troop and I have been meeting with donors, pledged amount is \$7800.
  - Gahanna Parks & Rec Foundation \$2500
  - Gahanna Rotary \$2500
  - Eye Columbus \$1000
  - State Farm Agent Andrea Taylor \$1000
  - Gahanna Kiwanis \$500
  - I9 sports \$100
  - Mark Thomas \$100
  - The Redd Family \$100

### Play area development

- Parks Division has been prepping the space since Fall 2017 including:
  - Delivering and laying wood chips to level the surface
  - Removing hazard trees
  - Removing invasive plants and brush
- Tunnel delivered to site
- Large logs delivered to site

### Upcoming dates

- Earth Day event 4/22, 1-3pm
  - Working with Girls Scouts on work day at Woodside Green Park
    - Planned activities include
      - Park & Trail clean-up
      - Obstacle course installation
      - Spread mulch
- Opening Day and Ribbon cutting planned for late May, date TBD based on final timeline for sign completion and play structure installation