

DISCOVER

The "Park" Story

On October 1, 1950, J. W. Denver Williams, Jr. Memorial Park was dedicated, a culmination of three years of extensive fund-raising.

According to the 1950 dedication program, "Mrs. J. W. Denver Williams, Sr., her husband, who died May 21, 1949, and their younger son, David, offered the city an 18-acre tract between Rombach and Fife Avenues on August 28, 1947, as a memorial to their son and brother and all other Clinton County men who died in World War II."

Thus began the legacy of a community who built and developed parks to honor those who came before and to provide recreational opportunities for the entire community—places that have been built and are now cared for under the current motto of:

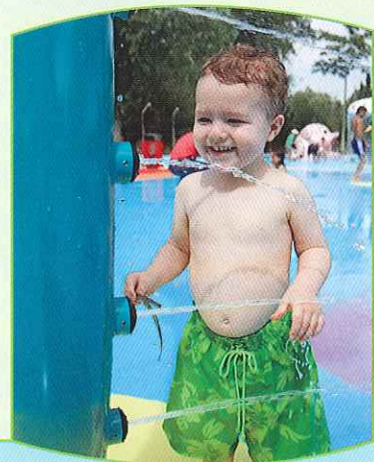
*"Your Community Parks—
Discover...Play...Celebrate."*

PLAY

Fast Forward to Today

We now have a park system with ten properties, nearly 200 acres, and includes a wide variety of sports amenities, playgrounds, recreational trails, conservation, and picnicking areas.

The City of Wilmington Park Board is entrusted with the decision-making for the City of Wilmington Parks and Recreation. Their responsibilities include oversight of personnel, maintenance, and programming of facilities, as well as planning for the future of the park system. The mission is executed by the Parks and Recreation Director, Athletic Coordinator, and Maintenance staff, along with dozens of volunteers.



CELEBRATE

PLEASE JOIN US in our next great park venture—building a splash park and concrete skate park in the David Williams Memorial Park.

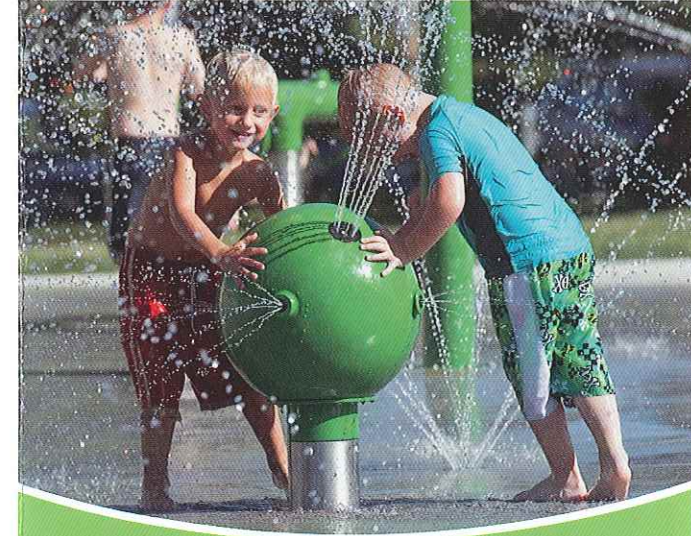
This land was generously donated by Mrs. Elizabeth Williams in memory of her husband, David R. Williams.

These new park amenities will serve a variety of ages and abilities and are certain to demonstrate that **parks build community**. These active play areas will serve the community for a long time, continuing the local park legacy.

This project has wide support from the community, demonstrated by the outpouring of support through surveying, social media, an on-line petition, letters, emails, and public meetings.

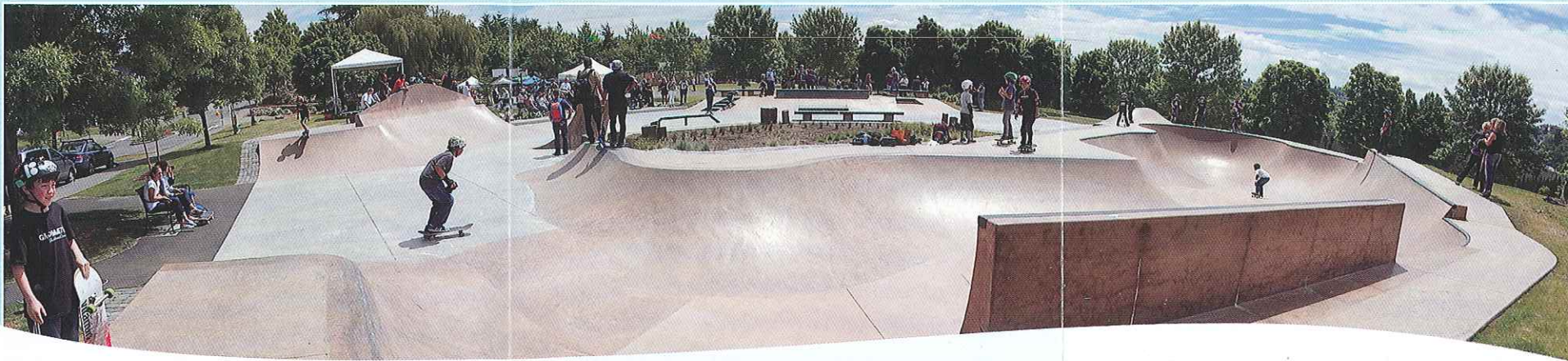
Please consider a donation to the David Williams Memorial Park Completion project. Donors will be recognized with signage near the splash park and skate park.

City of Wilmington PARKS AND RECREATION



David Williams Memorial Park Completion Project

*While We Are
Young!*



Why Invest in Parks?

- * Parks are often viewed as an **indicator of a community's well-being**. If we value parks, it indicates we value the people in our community, those who visit our community, those who are considering living, working, or building a business here, and that we value the heritage that has been passed down to us.
- * Parks **build community** by bringing people together, creating a commons, a gathering place, as well as a place to honor heroes.
- * Healthy, fun recreational endeavors **promote wellness and community**.
- * Vibrant, appealing parks **promote economic development** by bringing in visitors.
- * Parks **provide educational settings** for outdoor education and conservation.



Our project fund-raising goal is **\$450,000** and we have already made significant progress—

- \$150,000** Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant
- \$26,932** NatureWorks Grant
- \$50,000** Health First for Clinton County
- \$19,500** Denver Park Fund
- \$65,233** Clinton County Commissioners
- \$25,000** Clinton County Foundation
- \$15,000** Clinton County Skatepark Association

...and a number of other individuals and businesses have brought us a long way towards our goal. If we exceed our fund-raising goals we will build these projects bigger and better!

Help Us Meet Our Goal...

Donors will be recognized at the following levels with park signage (and we will shamelessly brag about you at every opportunity).

\$150,000 +	Legacy (includes naming rights)
\$100,000–\$149,000	Leader
\$50,000–\$99,000	Builder
\$25,000–\$49,000	Luminary
\$10,000–\$24,000	Distinguished
\$5000–\$9999	Benefactor
\$1000–\$4999	Partner
\$500–\$999	Sustainer
\$100–\$499	Supporter
Up to \$100	Friend

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DID YOU KNOW that donations toward public recreation are considered to be **tax deductible** by the IRS? Donations may be sent directly to: City of Wilmington Parks and Recreation, David Williams Completion Project, 69 N. South St. Wilmington, OH, 45177, or online via Energize Clinton County, one of our project partners: <http://goo.gl/xDFuHo>

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

DONATION (enclosed): _____

PLEDGE: _____

For more information on supporting the project, contact...

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