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State awards $30,000 for waterfront park in Moon

Moon has received a $30,000 community conservation grant from the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources toward the planning process for a waterfront park along the Ohio River.

An approximately 17-acre park along University Boulevard adjacent to the Sewickley Bridge would open river access and offer amenities such as a boat launch, parking, picnic areas and a walking trail.

The Moon Township Municipal Authority, which owns the property, approached the township about developing a park.

"We have some very scenic waterfront in Moon, and this grant will help craft a plan to make it more accessible to the community," said Dana Kasler, director of Moon Parks and Recreation in a news release. "The goal is to help residents take advantage of their proximity to the river, whether by boating or just enjoying the view from the shore."

The waterfront park plan also fits in with a regional effort to develop a bike and pedestrian trail along the Ohio River to link Beaver with Pittsburgh.

The proposed Ohio River Trail would travel through nine municipalities, including Moon, where the trail would link up to the waterfront park.

The program provides financial and technical assistance to local governments, river and trail organizations, land trusts and other nonprofit organizations for planning, acquiring and developing park, recreation, conservation and greenways projects.