



## Moon seeks input on proposed park at Sewickley Bridge

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Moon Township soon could be one of a few suburban communities with a truly waterfront Ohio River park.

What amenities the proposed 17-acre park under the Sewickley Bridge would include remain to be seen as Moon officials on Tuesday will host a public meeting to gather input from community members on items the park could have.

"The idea is to tie Moon Township to the river," said Moon Parks and Recreation Department director Dana Kasler, who oversees 600-plus acres of park space across three large parks and five neighborhood playgrounds.

The future park potentially could include a variety of water-related activities, such as boating, he said.

"We're pretty excited about the park," Kasler said. "Our goal is to offer something for the community. "But this is even bigger than that. We're talking about a regional park."

Kasler said he envisions outdoor enthusiasts, boat owners, kayakers and others from not only Moon and its surrounding communities, but from across the region to visit the park.

Two Ohio River trails — one connecting from around Monaca to Moon and another from Moon to Pittsburgh — are proposed as separate, unrelated projects to the park, Kasler said.

But those projects are among the reasons Kasler said he and township officials want to see the park become a reality.

Cost estimates — including maintenance costs — and a timeline for the project won't be known until winter as consultants and planners work to draw up a plan, Kasler said.

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He said township officials already have started the process to be considered for grant money for the project.

The land, acquired by the Moon Township Municipal Authority in 2002, is the site of the former RB&W Corp. bolt manufacturing plant.

The area offers easy access to the river and an atmosphere unique to other parks, he said.

"It's a view you never see," Kasler said.

The public meeting is planned for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Moon Township Municipal Building, 1000 Beaver Grade Road.

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