

about the project

City of Parks

On February 22, 2005, Mayor Jerry Abramson and Metro Parks announced a multi-million dollar, multi-year initiative to add thousands of acres of park land and protected green space to Louisville Metro's "greenprint."

This effort builds upon the groundwork laid by famed landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted over a century ago, and will complete Louisville's transformation into a City of Parks.

The City of Parks initiative includes:

1. Floyds Fork Greenway Project – an effort led by 21st Century Parks to create a new system of parks, trails and open spaces along Floyds Fork, from Shelbyville Road to Bardstown Road.
2. Expansion of park land in Jefferson Memorial Forest and Southwest Louisville Metro.
3. A 100-mile paved metro loop trail around Louisville Metro's perimeter that will tie together Louisville's diverse parks and neighborhoods.
4. An unprecedented level of capital investment to improve existing parks.
5. Opportunities for park users to get involved.

This is the most comprehensive effort to grow and improve Louisville's park system since the creation of the Olmsted parks in the 1890s. The addition of land in the Floyds Fork corridor is the single largest addition to the park system since the expansion of Jefferson Memorial Forest in the 1970s.

Louisville Loop

One of the most exciting elements of the City of Parks initiative is the completion of a 100-mile paved metro loop trail around Louisville. In addition to connecting Louisville's diverse parks and neighborhoods, this path includes planned connections to Southern Indiana and surrounding Kentucky counties, offering significant new opportunities for recreation and alternative transportation.

By winter 2007-08, when the Ohio River Levee Trail and the RiverWalk are connected, the loop will be approximately 25% complete. This will allow a bicyclist or pedestrian to travel nearly 25 miles from downtown to Riverside, the Farnsley-Moremen Landing along paved multi-use paths.

Components of the Louisville Loop:

- **Floyds Fork Greenway Project** - from Shelbyville Road to Bardstown Road (funded; master plan underway)
- **Southwest Loop Corridor** - from Bardstown Road to Riverside, the Farnsley-Moremen Landing, passing through McNeely Lake Park and Jefferson Memorial Forest (in preliminary planning phase)
- **The Ohio River Levee Trail and the RiverWalk** (complete by winter 2007-08)
- **River Road Corridor** - from downtown into the eastern suburbs (partially complete; additional planning underway)
- **Northeast Loop Corridor** - from northern end of River Road to Miles Park on Shelbyville Road (planning underway as of December 2007)
- **Olmsted Parkways Multi-Use Paths** - a 10-mile path system is planned along the historic Olmsted Parkway system (some funding; in preliminary planning phase)

For more information & to stay informed of upcoming meetings:



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Northeast Loop Trail

