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#### **COUNTY TO CONSTRUCT WALKING PATH AT COUNTY PARK IN OLDMANS**

Salem County is receiving a \$10,000 state grant to offset the cost of constructing a walking path at the Salem County Recreation Site in Oldmans Township. The \$21,000 project is expected to begin in the Spring and be completed in June.

The Salem County Department of Health and Human Services, which received the grant, will partner with the County's Facilities Department to design and construct the asphalt loop around the main baseball field. The County's match is through in-kind services and materials.

Members of the Penns Grove-Carneys Point Men's Softball League, which designates a project to sponsor each year, also have volunteered to help with site preparation and maintaining the path.

"This grant gives us the opportunity to expand recreational offerings at the park. We currently have two baseball fields, two soccer fields and a playground," said Freeholder Bob Vanderslice, who chairs the Health and Human Services Committee. "The walking path provides another exercise option for families and friends visiting the park while they are there to support teams using the facilities.

"The walking path is part of a statewide initiative called *Shaping NJ*, which focuses on increasing opportunities at the neighborhood level for indoor and outdoor physical activities," said Freeholder Director Julie Acton. "We are grateful to all of our supporters in getting this grant, and we are especially grateful to the men's softball team and the YMCA, which will help in promoting exercise programs at the site."

The Salem County Recreation Site is located at Route 130 and Perkintown Road in Oldmans Township.

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