



RUSSEVILLE PARK & TREE BOARD



2015 Accomplishment Report

Below is a list of what the Russiaville Park and Tree Board has accomplished or helped to accomplish in 2015.

- Paved and striped the parking lot at the Community Center
- Installed a new landscaped Circle at the Community Center as part of a 2014 grant from the Community Foundation
 - Prepared an RFP, evaluated proposals, selected one design, oversaw installation
 - Submitted all final reports to Community Foundation of Howard County
- Completed the final phase of the Urban Forest Management and Growth 2013 grant project
 - Removed several problem trees at Interurban Station and Town Hall
 - Planted 12 trees at the Western Height Retention Pond Park
 - Planted 5 trees at the Russiaville Library (two replacements also planted in fall)
 - Planted 3 trees at the Russiaville Interurban Station (one replacement also planted in fall)
 - Submitted all final reports to the IDNR
- Completed the lighting of the Community Center sign
- Installed Community Center directional signs
- Placed a cigarette disposal unit at the Community Center
- Planted 24 native perennial flowers from Howard County SWCD in the Community Center Park
- Planted ~50 daffodils at Community Center Park and ~80 daffodils on SR26
- Installed concrete connecting walk on SE corner of Community Center
- Striped the basketball court in the Russiaville Town Park
- Installed landscaping at Russiaville Police station and painted the merry-go-round during Western Senior Community Day
- Maintained landscaping at Community Center
- Purchased grass seed for spring 2016 planting at the Community Center Park
- Completed fundraiser with Fitness Express



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2016 Project Plans

#1: Plant grass seed at the Community Center Park

- This was planned for 2015 in the Russiaville Parks & Recreation Master Plan
- This will be done in cooperation with the Tractor Pull group

#2: Apply for grants for Community Center upgrades

- This is part of the Russiaville Parks & Recreation Master Plan
- Focus will be on the Walking Path (2015) and Playground (2016)

#3: Plant 6 – 10 trees along Railroad Street

- This is contingent upon approval of the land use agreement with Norfolk Southern RR
- The source of funding is the remaining \$1K in private donations that were made as part of the IDNR grant

#4: Build a Sand Volleyball Court in the Community Center Park

- This would be done in cooperation with the Western Volleyball team, who have also offered to help with fundraising.

#5: Plant flowers at Community Center and along SR-26

- Mostly native flowering plants in Community Center Park and mostly daffodils along SR-26

#6: Remove airplane from and fix fence around Brady Park for small children

**The costs for these projects can be supplied from multiple sources: gifts, grants, Gene Parks fund, admissions from tractor pulls as well as volunteer labor and private donations.

Planning Questions for Russiaville Town Council:

Will any proceeds from the IN-AM water sale be applied to playground or walking trails at the Community Center Park?

Will IN-AM water be making a donation/grant to help us in building the new park? Note that this has been previously mentioned in oral conversations.