



Special Thanks:

The Citizens of Columbia
Thomas Atkins and family
Mayor Darwin Hindman
Columbia City Council
Boone County
City Manager Bill Watkins
Columbia Parks and Recreation Commission
Columbia Diamond Council
Land and Water Conservation Fund

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The Dedication of Thomas E. "Country" Atkins Jr. Memorial Park

May 11, 2009



Cooperatively owned by the City of Columbia and Boone County, the Thomas E. “Country” Atkins Jr. Memorial Park was made possible by the family of the park’s namesake.

The 80-acre property was donated by Thomas Atkins III in 2002 to the City of Columbia and



Atkins Park Master Plan

Boone County, each having undivided one-half interest. Mr. Atkins’ intent was that the property be developed for youth recreation.

The master plan of the park was jointly approved by the City Council and the County Commission. The City of Columbia and Boone County have entered into a cooperative agreement, in which the City’s Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for the development, daily operations, scheduling, and maintenance of the property.

Located adjacent to the Boone County Fairgrounds, Atkins Park opened in March 2009 with two lighted baseball fields. Future development of this section of Atkins Park will feature three additional fields, concession stand, restrooms, and increased parking. Construction of these additional fields and amenities depends on future available funding sources.

The Master Plan identifies the potential for an additional five fields, parking, shelters and playgrounds. These additions will also depend on available funding sources.

The City of Columbia and Boone County appreciates the support shown by the community for Atkins Park. Thank you for being here today to share in the dedication ceremony.

Project Funding

\$1,025,000 -	Park Sales Tax
\$220,355 -	Recreation Services User Fees
\$103,995 -	Boone County
\$76,005 -	Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant
<u>\$10,000</u> -	Diamond Council Donation
\$1,435,355	

DEDICATION PROGRAM

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Welcome and Introductions ~ Mr. Mike Hood, Director, Columbia Parks and Recreation Department

Remarks ~ Mr. Bill Watkins, Manager, City of Columbia

Remarks ~ Mayor Darwin Hindman

Remarks ~ Mr. Skip Elkin, Boone County Commission

Remarks ~ Mr. Tom Atkins

Closing Remarks ~ Mr. Mike Hood

Ribbon Cutting ~ Columbia Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors

First Pitch Ceremony

City Council

Darwin Hindman, Mayor

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