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Parks Making Use of Solar Power

COLUMBIA, MO - The Parks and Recreation Department recently installed two solar-powered scoreboards on the football/lacrosse fields in Cosmo Park. The scoreboards are the third solar-powered initiative in the parks - the first being the solar-powered parking lot lights in the east parking lot at Stephens Lake Park, and the second was the solar-powered parking lot lights at the parking lot expansion project at the Activity and Recreation Center (ARC).

"By using solar power for the scoreboards we were able to avoid trenching up the fields to lay the conduit needed for conventional lighting and saved the cost of a monthly utility bill. We try to incorporate 'green' initiatives whenever it makes sense to do so," explained Park Services Manager Mike Griggs.

The installation of the two new scoreboards was a cooperative project between the Columbia Youth Football League (CYFL) and the Parks and Recreation Department. The CYFL paid for the scoreboards and the Parks and Recreation Department purchased the solar panels and provided the labor for the installation. The scoreboards will be operational for the 2009 fall football season.