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Columbia will receive Land and Water Conservation Fund grant for park improvements

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JEFFERSON CITY, MO. OCT. 18, 2010 -- The Missouri Department of Natural Resources today announced that Columbia has been approved by the National Park Service for a \$75,000 to develop a baseball field in the Atkins Baseball Complex.

“This is a great opportunity for Columbia to develop a recreation facility for everyone to enjoy. This kind of facilities provides great outdoor fun and bring the community together,” said Bill Bryan, director of the department’s Division of State Parks.

The grant is one of 11 FY 2010 Land and Water Conservation Fund grants for Missouri recommended to the National Park Service by the State Inter-Agency Council for Outdoor Recreation. The LWCF program provides federal grants to assist with park and recreation needs. Land developed with these funds is protected in perpetuity by the National Park Service and must be used for outdoor recreation.

The grants are available to all local governments and public school districts and can be used for development or renovation of outdoor recreation facilities or acquisition of park land. All projects require a 55 percent match. In Missouri, the program is administered by the Department of Natural Resources’ Division of State Parks

For more information on the Land and Water Conservation Fund grants, contact the Division of State Parks at 573-751-5374 or visit the website at [mostateparks.com/grantinfo.htm](http://mostateparks.com/grantinfo.htm).

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