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## Public Input Invited on New South Regional Park

The Columbia Parks and Recreation Department is inviting the public to offer their input on the new regional park planned in southeast Columbia.

Two public meetings are scheduled to discuss the park, which will consist of the Philips and Crane tracts of land off Gans Road. The first meeting will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on November 8 at the ARC (Activity and Recreation Center). The second meeting will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on November 12 in the Commons Area of Rock Bridge High School. The public is invited to attend either meeting; each meeting will cover the same content.

The public meetings mark the kick-off of the planning process for the new park. The agenda for the first two meetings will include a department presentation that outlines some of the physical characteristics of the site and any established factors that impact future development. Following the presentation, the public will have the opportunity to present their ideas for the park and the meeting will conclude with a prioritization of proposed ideas.

The information that is gathered will be used in preparing several conceptual designs for the park, which will be shared at later public meetings. The public will again have the chance to comment on these conceptual plans and indicate a preference. The entire planning process is expected to take about 18 months.

If you have any questions about the meetings, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 874-7460.