



RECREATION AND PARKS
DEPARTMENT

8/24/2016

The Columbus Recreation and Parks Department is proud to be the 2016 signature recipient of a \$400,000 grant from the Columbus Blue Jackets Foundation. This \$400,000 will be matched by our department over the next four years, to build eight playgrounds in target areas of need throughout the City. It is the Department's goal to have a park and playground within a ½ mile walk of every home in the City.

Playgrounds serve a special role in communities including:

- Opportunities for play and exercise, which reduces childhood obesity
- Social and cooperative child development
- Family and child interaction, which can help revitalize neighborhoods by providing community gather places

The first two playgrounds will be built and opened this year in the Hilltop and Linden neighborhoods!

