

# News Release



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## Meinert County Park doubles in size

*November 23, 2010, Muskegon County* – Muskegon County took possession of 95-acres of additional park land with the help of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and the Land Conservancy of West Michigan. This expansion of Meinert Park more than doubles the size of the County Park. The park is located north of Whitehall, Michigan and offers Lake Michigan beach, a creek system, seasonal wetlands, wooded dune land, and hiking opportunities on 183-acres.

“I view the Meinert Park property addition to be one of the better accomplishments of my tenure as a county commissioner,” said Ken Mahoney, Chairman of the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners. “I’ve always enjoyed Meinert Park and now it has even more to offer Muskegon County. I’m looking forward to the public dedication.”

A grant of over \$400,000 from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and over \$150,000 raised by the Land Conservancy of West Michigan provided funding for the project. A long term endowment fund for the upkeep of the property will be housed at the White Lake Community Foundation.

“Partnership is what makes great projects like this possible,” said Peter Homeyer, Executive Director of the Land Conservancy of West Michigan. “Willing landowners, the support of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, generous neighbors, and patience made this happen. It created the winning formula so that this fantastic place now can be enjoyed by everyone and is permanently protected.”

A dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned for the spring of 2011. Park photos and information on this Meinert County Park Expansion Project can be found on the Land Conservancy of West Michigan website, [www.naturenearby.org](http://www.naturenearby.org).

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