

Springfield Park District



Program Area:

Energy Program

County:

Sangamon

Grantee:

Springfield Park District

Grant Date:

October 2007 & November 2008

Grant Amount:

105,960

Location:

Springfield, IL 62703

The Edwin Watts Southwind Park Project is an 80 acre park that opened in summer 2010. The Southwind Park project is a community supported effort that will provide a recreational and open space venue unlike any in the Midwest. The new park serves as a national model providing a new dimension of inclusion for all people regardless of physical abilities. Erin's Pavilion serves as the park's Welcome and Visitor center. Erin's Pavilion Grand Opening took place in May 2010 and the Pavilion opened its doors in June! Erin's Pavilion features a 15,000 indoor sq. ft. building which facilitates recreational, interpretive and educational programs, services and special events as well as an informational center for the entire park programs and facilities. The building project is seeking to achieve LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) platinum certification, utilizing renewable and sustainable resources. To support attainment of Platinum LEED certification – which only 120 building projects in the world have achieved – the Foundation provided two grants. The first grant of \$135,000 provided funding to offset the costs of designing the building to LEED standards. The second grant for \$105,960 is for a geothermal system to heat and cool the building. The grant also provides support to install a solar PV and wind turbine system.