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## **Groundbreaking ceremony to be held for West Anniston Wellness Park**

The City of Anniston will break new ground for the West Anniston Wellness Park at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 6 at Carver Park and Community Center, located at 720 West 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

The site of the groundbreaking ceremony will serve as a starting point for the project's construction that will start south of West 14<sup>th</sup> Street, along the abandoned railroad right-of-way, and end at West 17<sup>th</sup> Street.

The project is being funded with \$437,000 of U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant entitlement funds through the City of Anniston's Community Development Department.

CDBG funds can be used to benefit those with low-to-moderate income, or for the benefit of low-to-moderate income areas.

"I would like to thank everyone that played a part in the inception of this project," said Anniston Community Development Coordinator Reneè Baker.

"I am excited to see our vision come to life, and to be able to share it with this neighborhood."

At Carver Park, across from Cobb Elementary School, the existing walking track will be removed, and construction of a new parking area, walking path and track will be completed.

Other upgrades to the park will include the addition of exercise stations and refurbishing of the existing pavilion.

The park will connect to a wellness trail via a network of sidewalks and bike lanes; the wellness trail will consist of a wide, landscaped, gently winding concrete path that will include lighting, benches and exercise stations along the way.

Construction is set to begin as early as Nov. 10, 2014.

**The City of Anniston**

Located in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains in northeast Alabama, Anniston sits as the county seat for Calhoun County and a regional hub for legal, medical, and banking services. Home to the bronze-level mountain bike ride center of Coldwater Mountain, Anniston offers a wide range of recreational options such as biking the Chief Ladiga Trail or visiting the Anniston Museum of Natural History. For more information about the City of Anniston, visit [anniston.al.gov](http://anniston.al.gov).