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Gov. Rell, Rep. Stripp: \$75,000 Grant Approved for Weston Park Improvements



The State Bond Commission has approved a \$75,000 grant that will help pay for improvements at Bisceglie/Scribner Park in Weston, Governor M. Jodi Rell and state Representative John E. Stripp, R- 135th District, announced today.

The funding, which was approved at today's (October 6, 2006) Bond Commission meeting, comes from the state's Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP).

"This beautiful park – with its ball fields, hiking trails, picnic facilities and a handicapped-accessible playground – will become even more of a local focal point for recreational activities for the children and families of Weston," Governor Rell said. "Making this funding available will also ease some of the local taxpayer burden and build on my commitment to help our small towns by lending a hand when we can. I am delighted that this funding is now available for what is really an important investment in the town of Weston and its quality of life."

The improvements will include a small performance platform and benches for children's puppet shows, music and story-time events, Representative Stripp said, calling the project "a wonderful illustration of what a small town and the state can do when they work together."

"It shows what motivated local citizens can do when they get together with the state – they can accomplish great things. This project will significantly expand recreational opportunities for Weston's young families," Representative Stripp said.

Governor Rell expressed her gratitude to the three state lawmakers who represent Weston – state Representative Stripp and state Senators Judith Freedman and John McKinney – for guiding the project through the state bonding process.

Bisceglie-Scribner Park is adjacent to Weston's town swimming complex.

A total of \$20 million has been authorized for more than 100 small towns under the STEAP program this fiscal year.