

PARK PLAYGROUND GETS SURFACE CHANGES MADE

The playground surface areas in Watson Park have been changed from woodchips to a rubber material created from recycled tires. The project was funded through a matching grant from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Waste Management in an effort to conserve landfill space and reduce the need for new solid waste facilities.

In addition to the surface improvements, sidewalks and curbing was added around the larger playground area.

The playground was closed for about 2 weeks while the work was completed.

This was the fourth time in five years that the department had received the matching grant. Playground areas converted in the past have been Clinton Park, HAND Park and South Park.

The conversion to the rubber material helps ward off weed invasion, as well as cushions falls softer than woodchips. The change to the rubber material also saves money because they have to be replaced less often than woodchips.

