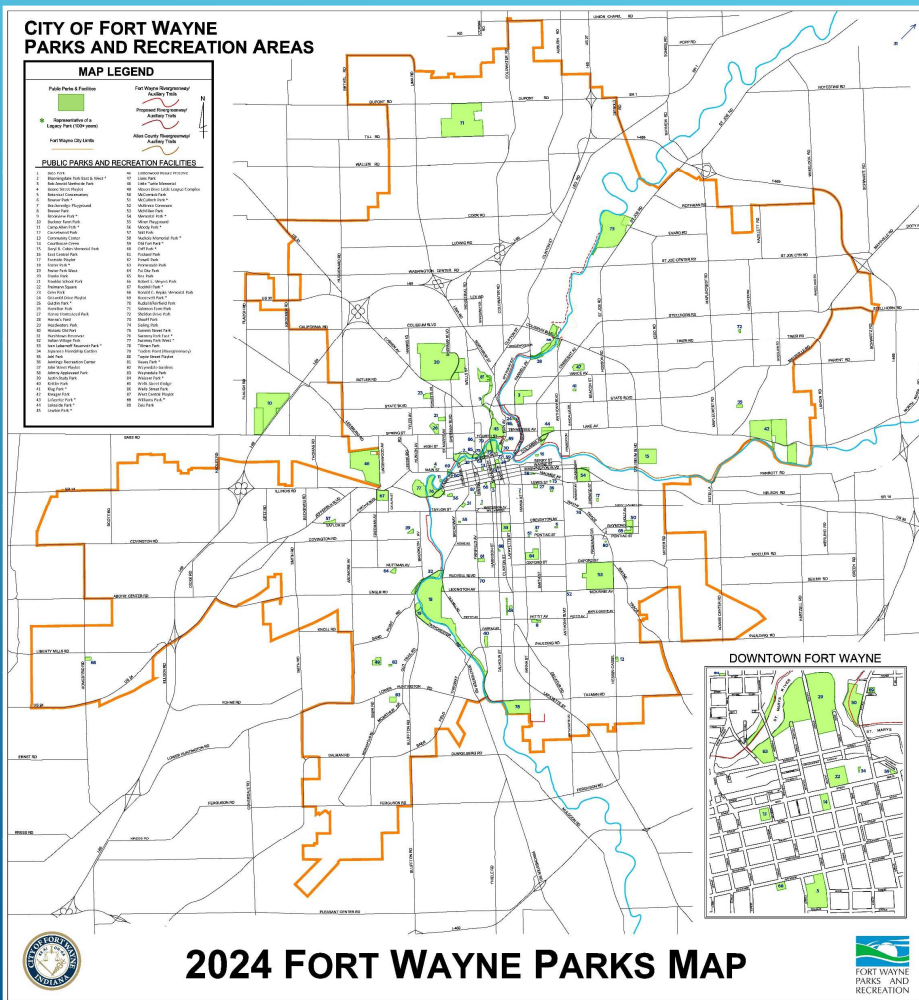


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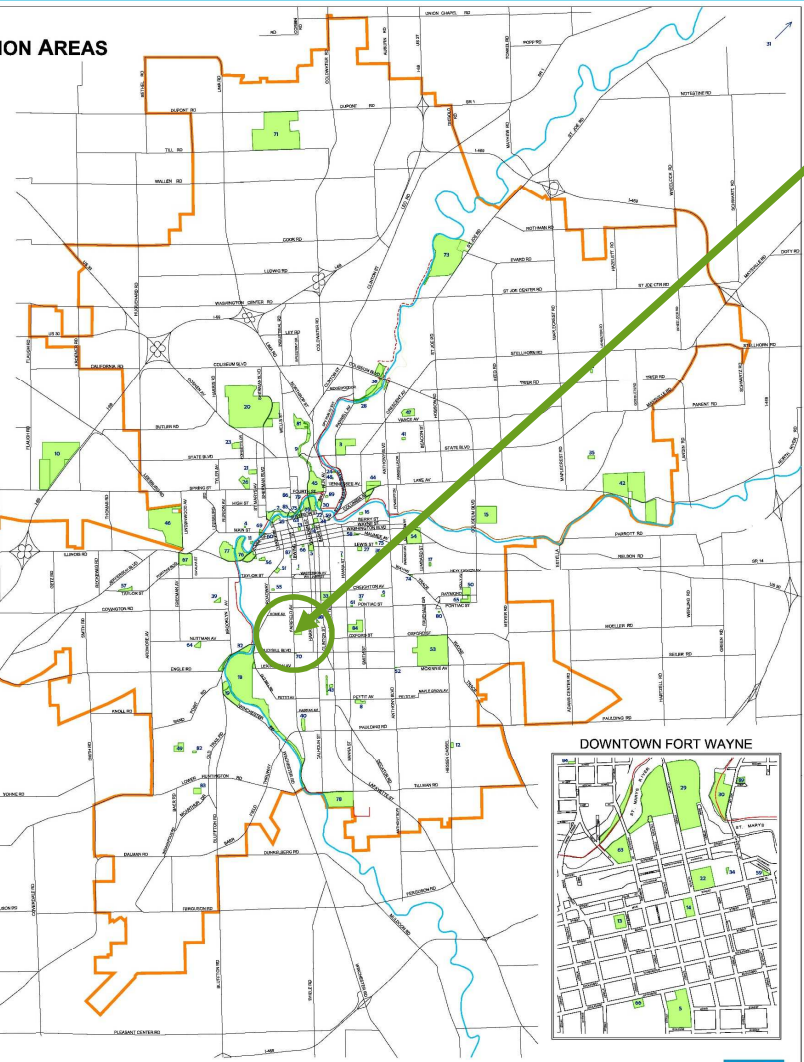
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CITY OF FORT WAYNE PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

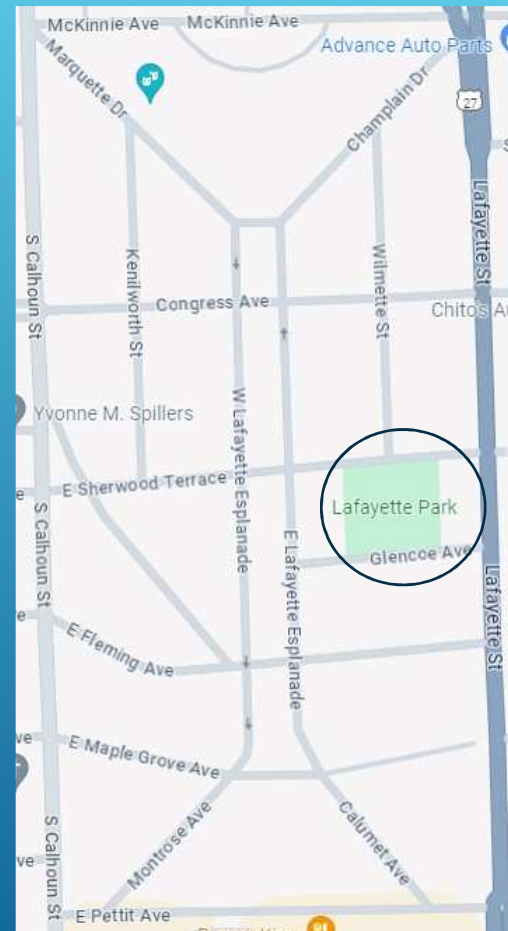
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LAFAYETTE PARK

Located in the Lafayette Esplanade Neighborhood, between Sherwood Terrace and Glencoe Avenue off of Lafayette Street



2024 FORT WAYNE PARKS MAP



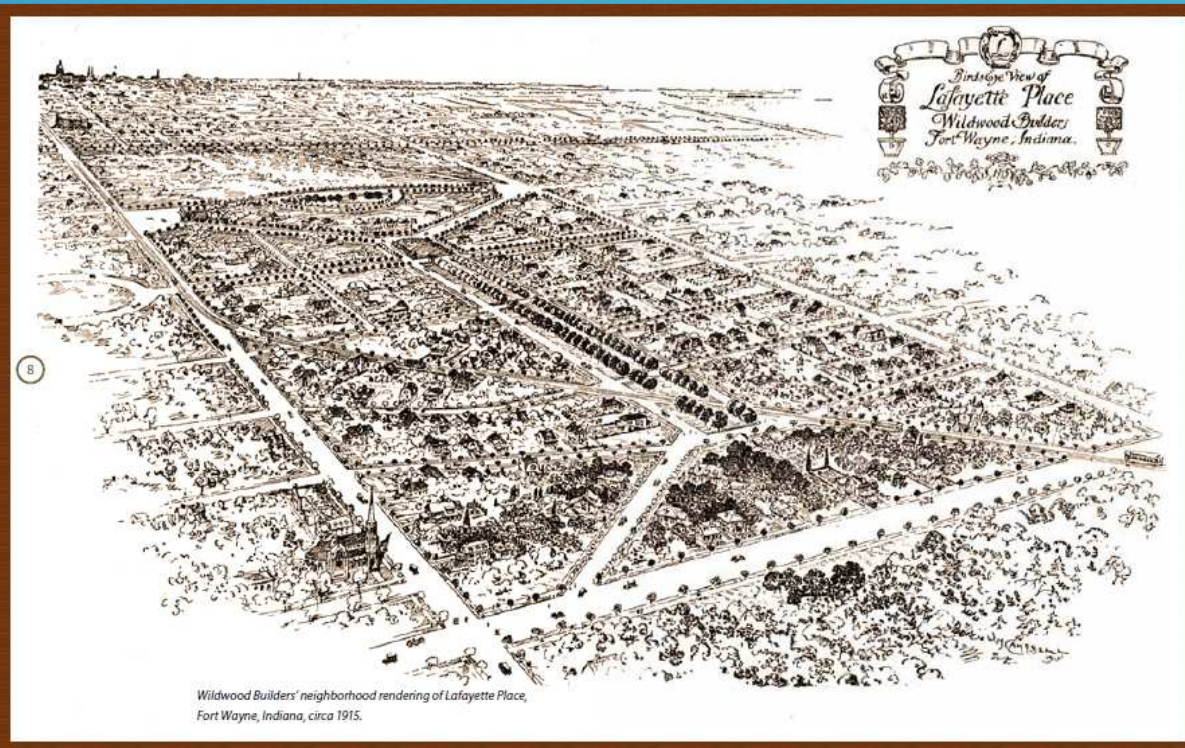
LAFAYETTE PARK

Since 1915

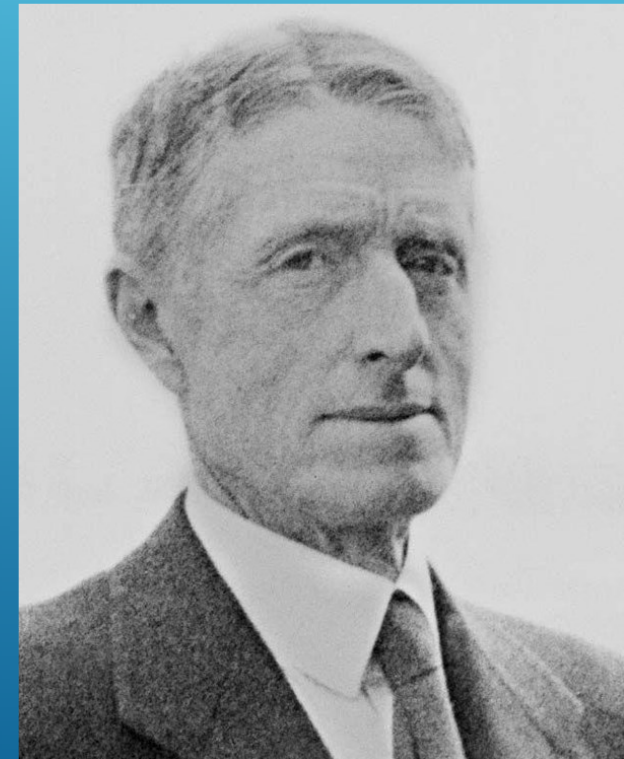
Size in Acres: 1.80

In an agreement dated June 19, 1915, the Lafayette Place Company sold a tract of land called **Lafayette Place Addition** to Lee J. Ninde for development. This tract of land was bounded on the north by McKinnie Avenue, on the west by Calhoun Street, on the south by Pettit Avenue and on the east by Lafayette Street.

Arthur Shurcliff was a nationally prominent landscape architect from Boston. In 1915, Shurcliff was hired to design Lafayette Place. Shurcliff is best known for his largest overall project, a restoration of the settings and landscape of Colonial Williamsburg (1928-1941).



Wildwood Builders' neighborhood rendering of Lafayette Place, Fort Wayne, Indiana, circa 1915.



LAFAYETTE PARK -TODAY

The park sits between two streets in a beautiful residential neighborhood with large shade trees throughout. It has a tennis court, a playground with swings, and an open-air shelter with seasonal public restrooms.



**CITY OF FORT WAYNE
PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS**

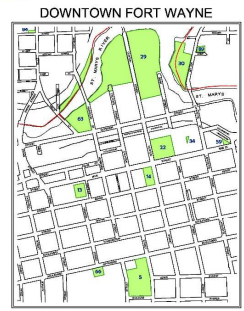
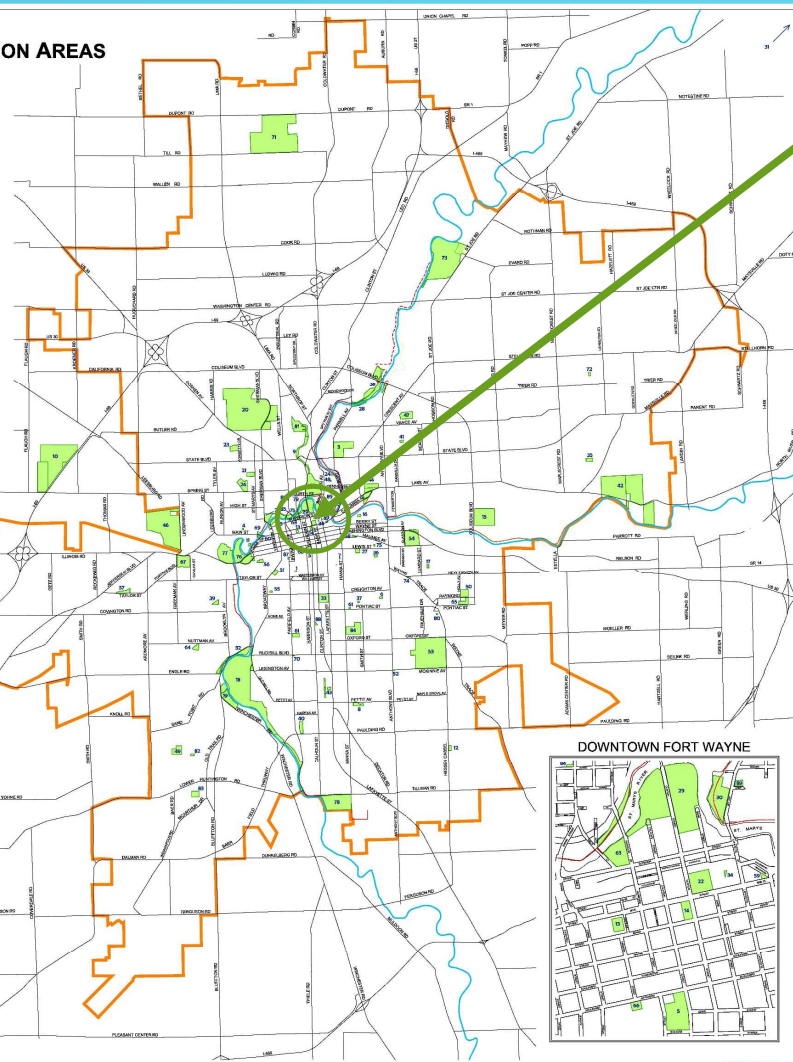
MAP LEGEND

Public Parks & Facilities
 Representations of
 Lakes/Parks (100' yards)
 Fort Wayne City Circle

Fort Wayne Rejuvenation/
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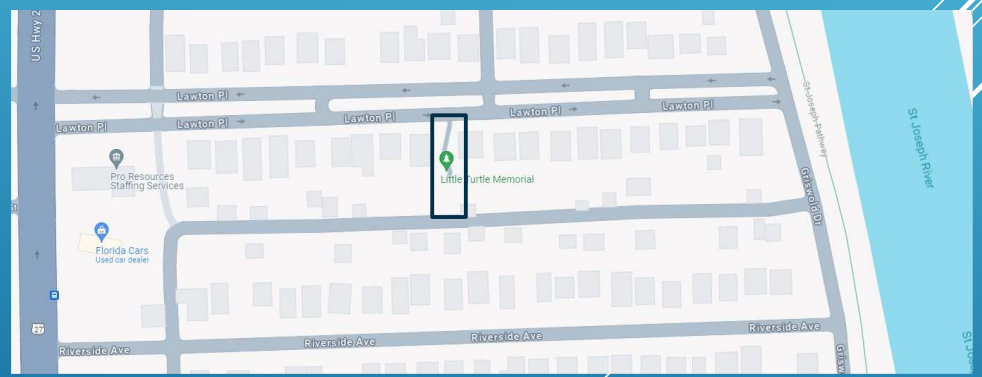
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LITTLE TURTLE MEMORIAL PARK

636 Lawton Place



LITTLE TURTLE MEMORIAL PARK HISTORY

Since 1959

Size: .13 Acres

Chief Little Turtle is a man worth remembering because of his dedication to peace. The Chief's last resting place was discovered during the construction of a house in 1912. Mary Catherine Smeltzly, a retired history teacher, donated the land for this memorial park to Chief Little Turtle in 1959. A grave marker was dedicated on June 13, 1960.



LITTLE TURTLE MEMORIAL PARK TODAY

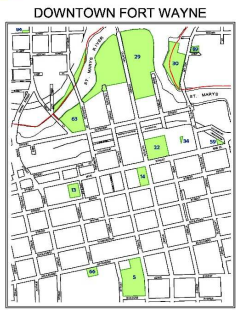
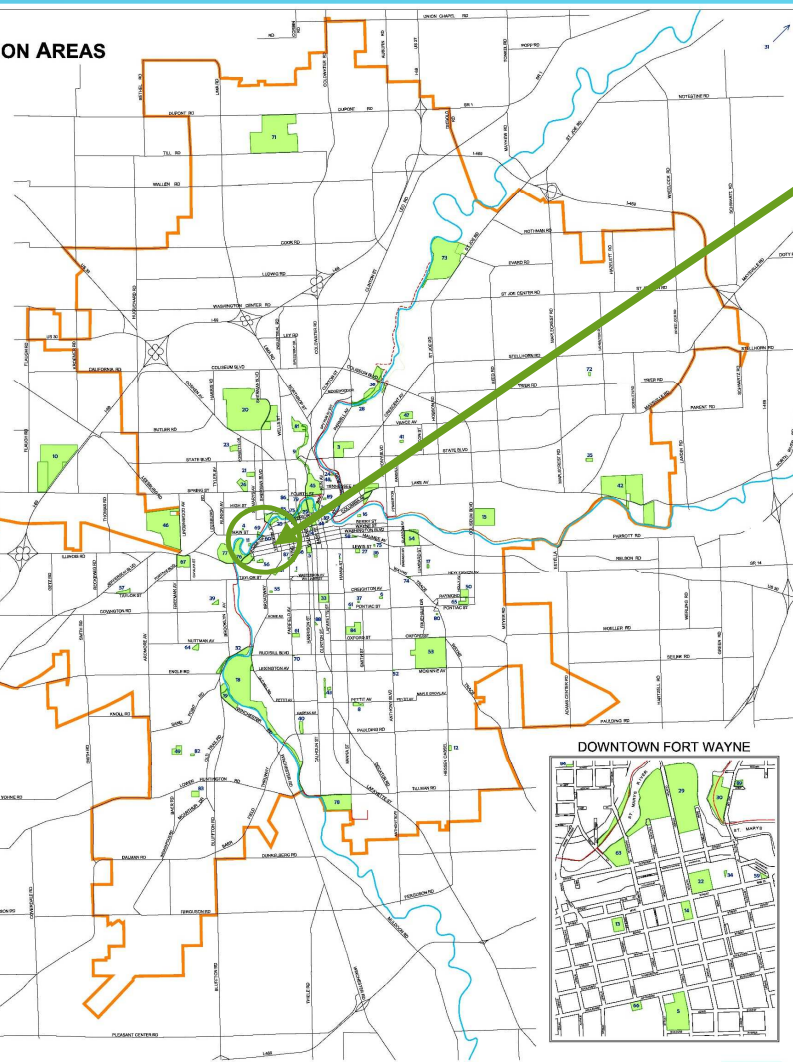
The park is a small, tucked-away site on a quiet side street. The site encompasses an area between two houses, essentially on what would be a single house site. The location is easy to miss while driving but is intended to be a quiet, reflective area for pedestrians to meander down the stone pathway, through the beautiful greenery and landscaping. There are several areas to pause and pay homage to the great Chief Tecumseh.



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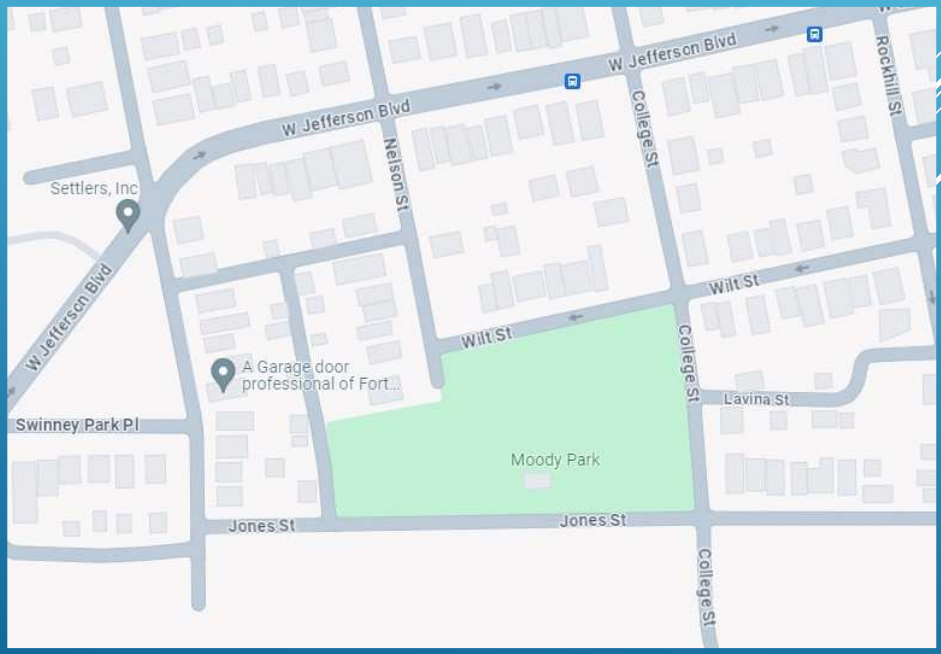
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MOODY PARK

Located at the intersection of College and Jones Streets



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MOODY PARK HISTORY

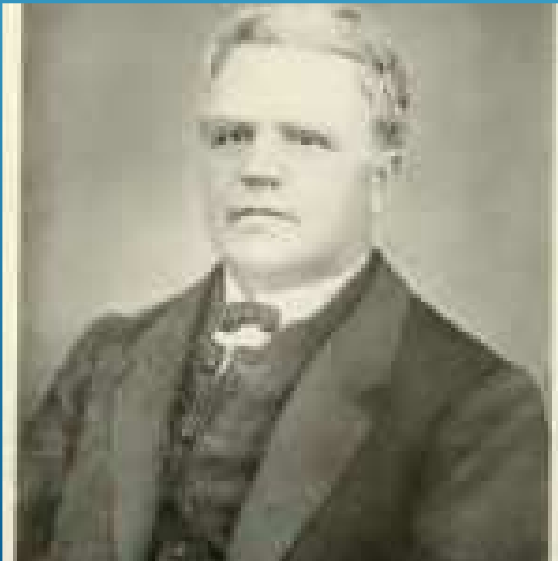
Since 1864

Size: 5.1 Acres

According to park records, Moody Park is Fort Wayne's oldest park. In 1864, the land that would become Moody Park was acquired from Rev. Julian Benoit. Benoit was a Catholic priest from France that is attributed with laying much of the groundwork for Catholicism to prosper in Fort Wayne and the surrounding areas. He is most notable for his involvement with the commissioning of the construction of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in which he is now buried.

The park property was one of many sites acquired by Benoit during his tenure as a priest.

The property became known as West Central Park until 1981 when it was renamed in honor of the co-creator of Wellspring Interfaith Social Services, Reverend Bill Moody.



Rev. Julian Benoit



Rev. Bill Moody

MOODY PARK TODAY

The park today is a quaint plot of land hidden away in the picturesque West Central neighborhood just north of the new Electric Works site. The park features an open-air shelter, a basketball court, a children's playground area, and plenty of space for picnics and recreational activities.





Moody Park Master Plan

MUCH MORE TO COME...

