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Warren County is proud to announce the completion of the Eastham Park Playground project. The project was completed in partnership with the Rotary Club of Front Royal.

The playground equipment was purchased at a cost of \$15,321 and was installed by Warren County Parks and Recreation Department. The project was completed with the installation of mulch by members of the Rotary Club and County Parks and Recreation Maintenance staff.

Jim Eastham, President of the Rotary Club and a member of the Eastham family that donated the land for the park, noted that he and his wife walk the Trail at the Park several times a week. During these walks he happened to notice that a lot of smaller children were at the Park with their parents while older siblings were practicing soccer or flag football. "All they had to do was play by the river which did not look particularly safe." Through a club contribution and a Rotary District Grant, the Club was able to provide \$4,000 towards the cost of the project.

Warren County Board Chair Linda Glavis, whose district includes Eastham Park stated, "We want to thank the Front Royal Rotary Club for partnering with the County to fill this need. I also want to take the opportunity to thank Jim and his family again for leaving this legacy for future generations to enjoy. Eastham Park is truly one of the gems of our Parks and Recreation system and is enjoyed by many; young and old and those that walk on two and four legs! I also want to thank Brandy Rosser, our Special Projects and Grants Coordinator, for taking the lead on this project."

Warren County's Eastham Park is located off of Luray Avenue in Front Royal. The Park includes several facilities for the public to enjoy including:

- Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Public Boat Launch
- Town of Front Royal Park
- Public parking area

- Three multi-use athletic fields
- Warren County Dog Park
- Large outdoor classroom
- Interpretive signage
- Eastham Park Trail

The Park is operated and maintained by the Warren County Department of Parks and Recreation and is open from dawn until dusk each day. Eastham Park is quickly becoming one of the County's most used facilities due to the variety of activities offered and it will only improve as Phase Three of the Eastham Park Trail is constructed in the spring of 2016.



Front Royal Rotarians and County Staff Spread Mulch for the New Playground Equipment

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