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Division of Waste Management Announces Grant Recipients *Program provides rubber mulch for playgrounds, tracks, athletic fields*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 25, 2012) – Governor Steve Beshear and the Energy and Environment Cabinet today announced that \$300,854 in grant funding has been awarded for 20 playground projects.

Crumb rubber, made from recycled scrap tires, is used for mulch on playgrounds to enhance durability and safety; for fitness/walking tracks; for landscaping, and on athletic fields to reduce soil degradation and increase safety benefits.

Gov. Beshear said the crumb rubber grants program encourages environmental stewardship. “The Energy and Environment Cabinet is pleased to support these projects that will use recycled Kentucky waste tires in an environmentally beneficial way, and which also will enhance playground safety for our children across the Commonwealth.”

The grants are from the Waste Tire Trust Fund, established by the 1998 Kentucky General Assembly to receive a \$1 fee from each retail sale of a new tire in the state. The fund manages 4 million scrap tires generated in Kentucky each year and helps develop markets for recycled tire products.

Recipients, along with grant amounts, are as follows:

Applicant	Project Location	Grant Amount
Anderson	Ezra B. Sparrow Early Childhood Center	\$37,502
Barren	Park City Elementary School	\$6,020
Bullitt	Cedar Grove Elementary School	\$7,964
Carroll	Worthville City Park	\$8,105
Christian	Lafayette City Park	\$5,500
Christian	Gordon Park (Crofton)	\$7,898

Clay	Bert T. Combs Park	\$8,780
Hancock	Vastwood Park	\$17,465
Hart	Bonnieville, Cub Run, Munfordville, LaGrande and Memorial elementary schools	\$33,215
Henderson	Smiths Mill Park	\$13,200
Hopkins	Dawson Springs City Park	\$5,385
Jessamine	City/County Park	\$17,150
Kenton	Sterling Staggs Park (Independence)	\$12,905
Letcher	Colson Head Start	\$6,555
McCracken	Paducah Day Nursery	\$12,280
Montgomery	Herb Botts Nature Park	\$31,307
Pulaski	St. Patrick Preschool	\$13,344
Russell	Lake Cumberland State Resort Park	\$7,507
Trimble	Bedford Elementary School	\$45,664
Washington	Cute As A Button Day Care	\$3,108
TOTAL		\$300,854

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