

## **History of Clydesdale Park**

In July 1971, Park and Recreation Advisory Board members began visiting several South County sites for the purpose of adding a new park in the area. After careful review, land in the Gravois Creek area was selected. The property was acquired with money from the 1969 Bond Issue funds and a matching grant from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation for L&WC funds was received for the first phase of development.

Gravois Creek Park was opened to the public in the spring of 1976. In 1983 the park was renamed to recognize the longtime interest in Clydesdale horses of August Busch, Jr., a nearby property owner and president of Anheuser-Busch Brewery.

On October 18, 2016, the park was renamed in honor of Officer Blake C. Snyder, a St. Louis County Police officer who served in the Affton Southwest Precinct and was killed in the line of duty on October 6, 2016.