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FROM THE WINY NEWSROOM: EASTFORD/WOODSTOCK -- Enough funding, provided through donations, has now been successfully raised to make it possible to complete an 18-hole disc golf course at Nahaco Park by Crystal Pond, on the border of Eastford and Woodstock.

Nahaco Park Commission Chair Chris Mayhew recently gave the update to WINY, saying that 18 “baskets” to catch the airborne discs—which are thrown like frisbees toward the baskets to score a goal—were purchased on the last day of April. It was previously reported at the end of March that the commission was still unsure of whether or not it would be able to come up with enough funding to pay for a full course – but it appears that a team of disc golfers was successful in finding enough sponsors to cover the costs.

Mayhew said that the baskets would be installed as soon as they arrive. The commission has applied for grant money from a disc golf course association, which Mayhew hopes will go through. As for current sponsorship, there have been a couple of anonymous donors—but as soon as he has some names, Mayhew said he wants to make sure they're known.

As previously reported, 130 acres of Nahaco Park is set to be used for the disc golf course, with preparation expected to take minimal work. The goal, Mayhew says, is to have the first nine holes of the course ready for play by July 1st.

“We're excited, the disc people are very excited about it; we've had some experienced course designers that have helped us out along the way, and they've been outstanding assistants for us,” Mayhew reiterated.

As previously reported, the course—which will consist of both beginner and advanced holes—is expected to help fund the self-sufficient park's operations in the future. It was first introduced as an idea by Bill Bradley, who is a Nahaco Park commissioner.