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Park Acres Multiply

THE MOST famous part of Overton Park, the strip bought by the state Highway Department for I-40, is spawning new parks in several parts of town.

Interstate highway money was used to pay for 23 acres of Overton Park. The City Council has approved Park Commission use of some of the money for purchase of 54 acres for a park south of Poplar and east of the I-240 expressway, newly annexed to the city. There are six other scattered park sites, including the Elmore Park Sub-division area near Bartlett, the old Bickford Park neighborhood of North

Memphis and the Horn Lake Road section west of Whitehaven.

Some of the money already had been used to buy Fox Meadows, a golf course on 160 acres.

It is expected that half of the expense of the new parks land will be replaced by money from the federal open space program, which will provide still more land-buying money.

The state is still blocked in the courts from putting the land it bought to work as I-40. But the 2.3 million dollars from state and federal funds is at work, buying about 10 acres in other parts of town for each acre sold from Overton Park.

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