



A land donation by the Allan Jones Foundation has been accepted by the city of Cleveland to expand the site of the future city park at Taylor Spring.

The strip of land next to the First Street property creates room for a construction entrance now and parking spaces later.

Meanwhile planning continues for a park that will mark the place where Cleveland began, said Will Jones, speaking for the foundation. The foundation purchased the extra land and donated it to the city. The Cleveland City Council has officially accepted the donated land.

"We want to thank Allan Jones and the Allan Jones Foundation for stepping up to the plate with a major effort to support the birthplace of Cleveland," said Mayor Tom Rowland. "We look forward to the time when this park is completed. Folks can gather there and remember those who began this great city."

Andrew Taylor is credited with founding Cleveland in the 1830s at the spring which he owned. Until recently a building had sat over the spring for decades.

Attorney James Webb donated the portion of the structure that held his law office two years ago. The city purchased the remainder of the building which housed a dry cleaners. The structure was demolished to reveal the historic spring and prepare for a park.

A committee was appointed by the Cleveland City Council to develop a plan for the park. The committee is chaired by City Councilman Richard Banks and includes city historian Bob George, businessman Jeff Morelock, city Department of Public Works Director Tommy Myers and businessman Allan Jones.

Mayor Tom Rowland and Will Jones discuss Taylor Spring Park and the Jones Foundation donation.

