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Kosciuszko's Ohio Land to be Named "Kosciuszko Park" After Parks Director reads 'The Peasant Prince' biography

NEW YORK, September 13, 2011 - The City Council of Dublin, Ohio voted last night to set aside 40 acres of Kosciuszko's former property as "Thaddeus Kosciuszko Park." Kosciuszko was awarded 500 acres on the Scioto River near Columbus for his service in the Continental Army during the American Revolution.

Fred Hahn, Dublin's Director of Parks & Open Space, wrote to Alex Storozynski, President of the Kosciuszko Foundation and author of "The Peasant Prince: Thaddeus Kosciuszko and the Age of Revolution," to say that his book inspired the naming of the new park in Kosciuszko's honor.

"I had never heard of Thaddeus Kosciuszko and went to the local library and checked out 'The Peasant Prince...' What a great read. What a fascinating man," Hahn wrote to Storozynski. "If you are ever in Dublin, Ohio, I hope you are able to visit the park and see our local recognition of Kosciuszko that you were instrumental in creating. I certainly enjoyed reading your book and look forward to exposing more of the general public to Thaddeus Kosciuszko."

The park is to be dedicated in Spring 2012. Hahn said, "This winter we will be working on educational signage for the park, explaining who Kosciuszko was and why he was so important to American and world history."

In making his recommendation to the City Council, Mr. Hahn presented a memo that said in part: "Kosciuszko was a most important officer during the Revolutionary War. He was appointed the rank of Colonel by the Continental Congress and served as a military engineer from 1776 to 1783. He was responsible for the design of the fortification of West Point, was instrumental in the strategy for the Battle of Saratoga, and was personally recognized by George Washington as instrumental in the success of the Continental Army over the British. Kosciuszko went on to fight for democracy in his native Poland. Kosciuszko was a man of high morals and genuine concern for the personal freedoms of all men during a time when slavery and serfdom was common throughout the world."

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American history may not receive the attention it once did, but naming this land mass after Thaddeus Kosciuszko, may, in turn, encourage interest in a period that helped secure the freedom that we all enjoy today."

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Founded in 1925, the Kosciuszko Foundation promotes closer ties between Poland and the United States through educational, scientific and cultural exchanges. It awards up to \$1 million annually in fellowships and grants to graduate students, scholars, scientists, professionals, and artists, and promotes Polish culture in America. The Foundation has awarded scholarships and provided a forum to Poles who have changed history.

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