

# Enka Recreation Destination- Phase II

Acceptance of Award – TPDF

Approval of Design Contract - BCSP

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# TPDF Grant Award

- In 2023, Buncombe County applied for TPDF funds and received a grant award.
- **The scope of the TPDF funding is:** Provide artificial turf to fields 3, 4, 5, and 9 with lighting at fields 3, 4, and 5 with accessible bleachers and walkway, installation of inclusive playground, renovation to central restroom to include Park Ranger Office and Contact Station, and new shelter with lighting
- **BC TPDF Application Request:** \$6,000,000
- **TPDF Funds Approved:** \$4,054,415
  - Project Financial Gap is \$1,945,585
  - Potential revenue source identified through Legacy Investment From Tourism (LIFT) Fund
    - Phase I Application = Fall 2024



# Contract For Design Services

- RFQ advertised for design services for 4 turf sports fields, lighting, and accessible walking path at the Buncombe County Sports Park
  - CDC (Civil Design Concepts) – civil design engineering firm based in Asheville
    - Scope of Design Service = Design, Soil Testing & Geo Tech, and Construction documents with cost Estimates
  - Contract Cost = \$567,000



# Request for Board Action

## Request for Board Action

- Motion to Accept the TPDF award of \$4,054,415 for the Enka Recreation Destination – Phase II.
  - Motion to approve budget amendment for the Enka Recreation Destination – Phase II
- Motion to Approve the \$567,000 contract with CDC for Design Services



# Appendix



# Enka Recreation Destination – Phase II

## Project Overview

- Focus: “Buncombe County Sports Park, A Premier Sports Park and Family Destination”
- Estimated \$18.5M project funded by grants from the State and TDA.

## Project Focus

- Site Safety, Ease of Use and Navigation
- Flexibility and Optimum Use of Space
- Sports Engineering; Grading, Drainage & Field Performance
- Plan for Attendees Who are not Players or Spectators



### Key Features

1. New Turfed Fields w/ lighting
2. Inclusive Playground
3. Picnic Pavilion w/ lighting

4. Restored Park Ranger Office and Contact/First Aid Station w/ restrooms & Family Station

### Future Phase

- A. Covered Sports Courts
- B. Additional Park
- C. Food Truck Hook-ups



1 ARTIFICIAL TURF FIELDS WITH LIGHTING



5 RESTORED PARK RANGER OFFICE WITH PUBLIC RESTROOMS AND PARK STORAGE



2 PARK OFFICE WITH SECURE STORAGE & OPERATIONS SPACE



3 INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND



4 PICNIC PAVILION WITH LIGHTING



6 COVERED PICKLEBALL COURTS



7 SAND HILL COMMUNITY GARDEN AND ASHEVILLE GREENWORKS TREE NURSERY



8 DISC GOLF COURSE



10 DOG PARK



9 BASKETBALL COURTS

# BUNCOMBE COUNTY SPORTS PARK MASTER PLAN

58 APAC DR, ASHEVILLE NC 28806  
TPDF GRANT APPLICATION - PHASE 2



# Buncombe County Sports Park

## Turf & Lighted Fields

- Turfing on Fields 3, 4, 5, & 9
- Lighting on Fields 3, 4, & 5

## Benefits

- Increased Playability
  - Less weather cancellations
  - Extended play in Winter and Spring
- Lighting permits extended play
  - Up to 800 hours
- Decreases impact injuries
  - Softer, flatter playing surface
- Expected Completion: Winter 2026





# Buncombe County Sports Park

## Inclusive Playground

- Replace outdated playground with inclusive elements and ADA compliant surface.

## Importance

- Essential component for families with multiple children; as one participates in field sports, others are entertained in a safe location
- Children with varying abilities may participate fully
- Promotes awareness and acceptance of diversity and inclusion
- Project bidding: Summer 2027



# Buncombe County Sports Park

## Park Pavilion

- Large covered area w/ lighting
  - Designated location for Championships and Celebrations
  - Community Connection - gathering space for socialization
  - Relief from the elements - sun & rain
- Expected Completion: summer 2027



# Buncombe County Sports Park

## Park Ranger Office and Contact Station w/ Restrooms

- Renovate restrooms and include “Family Station”
  - Private space for a family to feed a nursing child, change a child or have a private indoor space
  - Expected Completion: summer 2027
- Park Ranger Office and Contact Station
  - Staffed location for visitors
  - Centralized First Aid area

