

Enka Recreation Destination Overview & Accessible Parks Grant

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BUNCOMBE COUNTY



Agenda

- Overview of Enka Recreation Destination Project
 - Components
 - Accomplishments
 - Current Project status
 - Enka Heritage Trail
 - Phase II
- Accessible Parks Grant Award
 - Acceptance of \$500,000 award
 - Approval of budget amendment for award



Enka Recreation Destination

Project Overview

- Focus: “Buncombe County Sports Park, A Premier Sports Park and Family Destination”
- Multi-phased project funded by grants from the State, TDA, and Buncombe County Commissioners

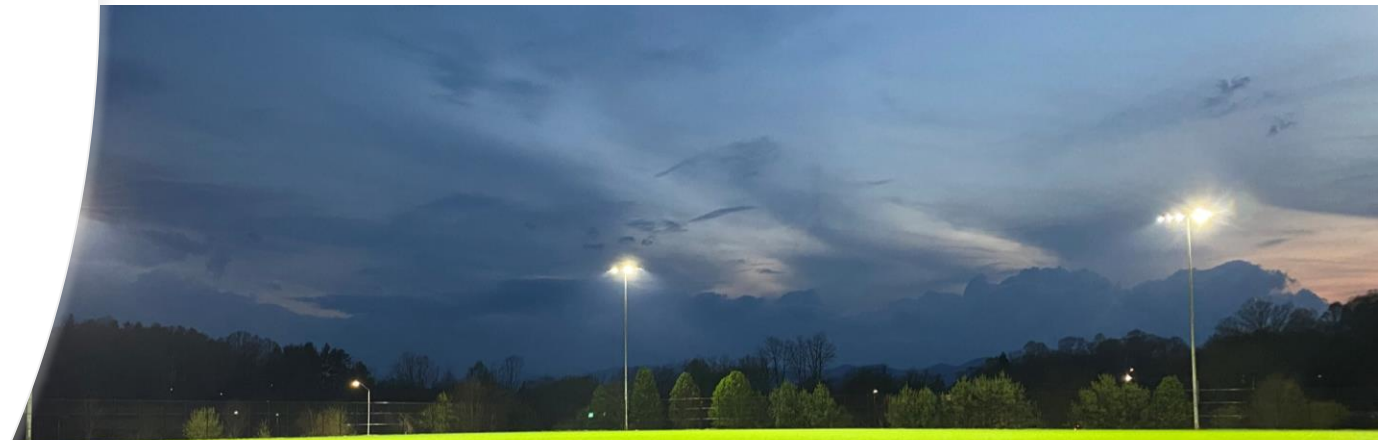
Project Focus

- 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



Accomplishments

- Phase I – TDA awarded \$6,750,000
 - 3 turfed and lighted fields
 - 2 new restroom facilities, dog park, community garden, disc golf course, and new pavement
- Phase II – TDA Awarded \$4,054,415
 - RFQ for Planning and Design of turf & lighting in Winter 2024
 - Civil Design Concepts (CDC)



Current Projects

Enka Heritage Trail (EHT)

- **Overview:** 1.5 miles of paved multi-use path
 - Greenway funded through NCDOT (\$4.8 million)
- **Project Status:**
 - NCDOT has suspended all locally administered Division 13 greenway projects.
 - Consultant team has reached 25% design
 - Ready to submit plans for review to NCDOT
 - September 2024 met with representative from Enka Partners to approve proposed alignment through ballpark
 - New condition for easement is to pave parking areas
 - Enka Partners applied for TDA funding – status unknown

Turf & Lighted Fields – Phase II

- **Overview:**
 - Turfing on Fields 3, 4, 5, & 9
 - Lighting on Fields 3, 4, & 5
 - Accessible Walking Path
- **Project Status:** In planning and design
- **Timeline**
 - Design – in progress
 - Spring 2025 completion
 - RFP for construction – Late Spring
 - Review and award
 - Construction – 12-to-18-month process
 - Expected Completion: Spring 2026



Accessible Parks Grant

- Accessible Parks Grant Awarded through the Division of Parks and Recreation and the NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund
- **Scope of work:** Provide Buncombe County Parks & Recreation's first accessible park playground with a universal design.
 - Accessible playground surface
 - Elements for various abilities
 - Improved drainage
- **Grant Award:** \$500,000
 - Required match is 1:5
 - \$1 local funds per \$5 grant funds
 - Matching funds of \$200,000 currently budgeted in FY25
 - Funds serve as match for TPDF Phase II



Request for Board Action

- Motion to Accept the Accessible Parks Grant award of \$500,000 to build a fully accessible playground at the BCSP
- Motion to approve budget amendment for the \$500,000 grant award



An aerial photograph of a sports complex, overlaid with a green and yellow architectural plan. The plan shows three soccer fields, a large central field, a tennis court, and a building with red 'HH' initials. The word 'QUESTIONS?' is written in large white letters across the center of the plan. The surrounding area includes a highway, residential streets, and other buildings.

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