

# Recreation Advisory Committee

## Annual Summary Report



# Chatham County Parks & Recreation



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**Time Period Covered: July 2017-June 2018**

**Chairperson: Timothy Mounce**

**Vice Chairperson: Lisa Baaske**

## Committee Members

**George Pauly**  
**James Fogleman**  
**Megan Lynch**  
**Tammy Phillips**  
**Howard Surface**

**Margaret Alston**  
**Josh Lindgren**  
**Timothy Mounce**  
**Lisa Baaske**  
**Andrew George**



# **Recreation Advisory Committee Mission & Goals**

**The mission of the Chatham County Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee is to advise and support staff with recreation policies, programs and facilities.**

**Goal: Complete the Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan and to implement the recommendations from the Master Plan.**

**Objective: Find funding to implement the recommendations.**

**Key Measures: Number of grants the county would be eligible for.**

# Current Facilities

## ➤ Earl Thompson Park

- ❖ Softball Field
- ❖ Playground

## ➤ Southwest District Park

- ❖ Shelter
- ❖ Kitchen
- ❖ Softball Field
- ❖ Playground
- ❖ Trail

## ➤ Briar Chapel Park

- ❖ Softball Field 1
- ❖ Softball Field 2
- ❖ Football Field
- ❖ Soccer Field

## ➤ Parks

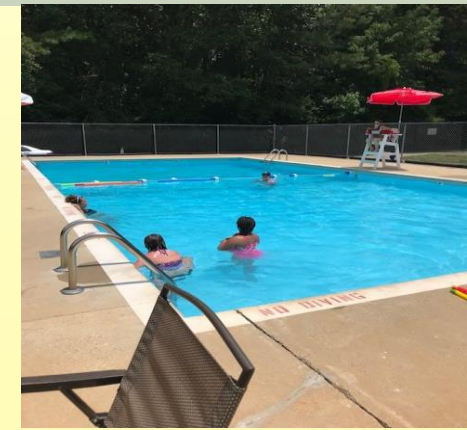
- ❖ American Tobacco Trail
- ❖ Bynum Beach Access
- ❖ 15/501 Canoe Access
- ❖ 64 East Canoe Access

## ➤ Northeast District Park

- ❖ Tennis Court/Pickleball Court
- ❖ Tennis Ball Machine
- ❖ Softball Field
- ❖ Multipurpose Field
- ❖ Shelter
- ❖ Trail

## ➤ Northwest District Park

- ❖ Dining Hall
- ❖ Activity Center
- ❖ Shelter
- ❖ Pool
- ❖ Trail



# Current Programs & Events



**T-Ball**  
**Wrestling**  
**Track & Field**  
**Youth Softball**  
**Youth Basketball**  
**Summer Camp**  
**Tennis**  
**Volleyball**  
**Holiday Events**



**Family Fun Nights**  
**Adult Basketball**  
**Open Gym**  
**Co-Ed Adult Softball**  
**National Walking Day**

# Committee Members Accomplishments

- **Committee members were part of the selection committee for the firm for Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan**
- **Some committee members served on the steering committee for the Master Plan**
- **Committee members toured Bonlee Recreation to see the improvements from the Grants to Organizations Funds**
- **The committee discussed the idea of meeting with Town of Pittsboro Recreation Advisory Committee**
- **A committee member and their family participated in the Family Fun Night at the Northeast District Park**
- **Some members were involved with the Town of Pittsboro Recreation Park System Master Plan**



- **Committee participation at the Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan Input & Stakeholders meetings**

- **Committee members attended the Friends of Lower Haw River State Natural Area Master Plan Presentation**



# Accomplishments Con't

- **Committee members gave recommendation for the Grants to Organization Funds.**

**Bonlee Recreation used the funds provided through the Grants Organization to replace the roofs for their concession stand, grandstand and both dugouts. They also put in a cement patio to allow better access for wheelchairs and strollers.**



**Before**



**After**

**Sprott Youth Center in Moneure received funds to host open gym nights and Triangle Land Conservancy received funds to construct trails at White Pines.**

**Friends of Lower Haw River State Natural Area received funding to help support improvements at Hwy 15-501 and Hwy 64 sites managed or owned by Chatham County by installing a new kiosks, new signage and repairing an existing shade shelter.**

## 15-501 Location



**Before**



**After**



**Before**



**After**

## 15-501 Location



**Before**



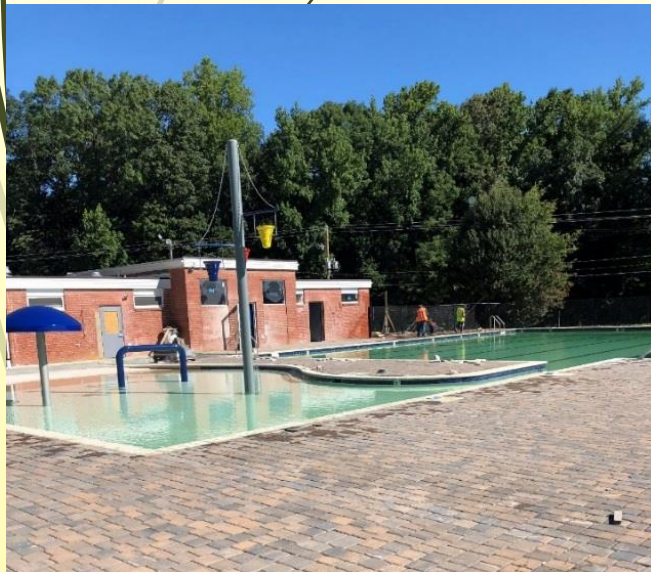
**After**

## Hwy 64 Location

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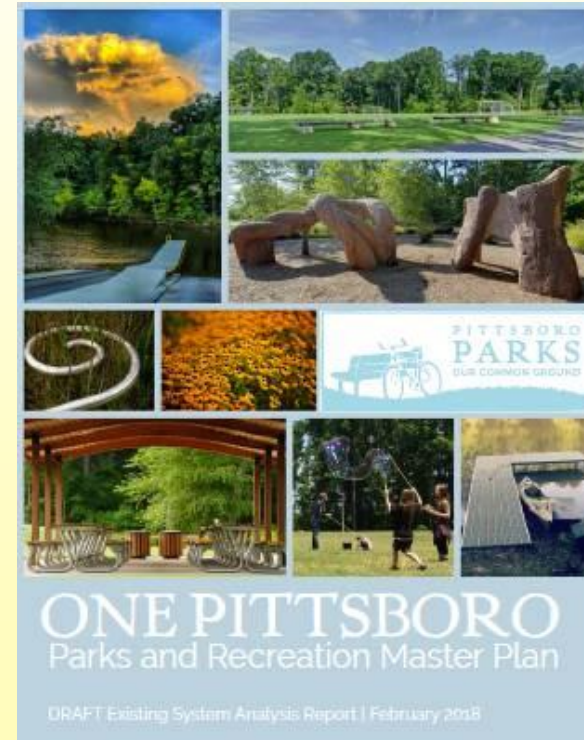
## Funds to Towns Projects

- **The director reported to the committee about the towns proposed projects.**
- **Siler City funds was used for construction of the Bray Park Aquatic Facility. Construction has been completed.**



- **The Recreation Resource Services staff from Raleigh facilitated the Annual Recreation Advisory Committee Retreat. The Chatham County manager and a staff member from Chatham County Schools participated in the retreat.**

- **Town of Pittsboro funds was used for their Parks & Recreation System Master Plan**





# Parks & Recreation Volunteer Days



Chatham Central High School Advanced Studies class along with Agriculture Teacher Christopher Hart planted flowers donated by Lowe's Home Improvement in Pittsboro at our Southwest District Park located in Bear Creek.



During the spring of 2017, Boy Scout Troop 911 from Silk Hope spent a couple of days clearing a new trail system at Northwest District Park. This trail allows park visitors to walk, run, bike or ride horses without using the roadway. An Eagle Scout candidate also worked hard building a bridge for the trail as a part of his Eagle Scout Project. The bridge and trail were completed in the summer of 2017.



Upgrades to our T-Ball field at our Northwest District Park with sand donated by Pugh Concrete.

## **Total Savings**

**Load of Sand: \$240**

**Volunteer Hours: \$378**

(average rate of \$9.00 per hour)

**Mulch Delivery Savings: \$200-\$225**

**Load of Dirt for Northwest Park: \$150**

**Plants from Lowe's Home Improvements: \$200**

**Total savings to the county in donations is \$1,193**



Meroney United Methodist Church had a work day at our Southwest District Park located in Bear Creek. Pastor Jim and his members spread mulch in the playgrounds and removed rotten timbers along the trail.



# **Barriers & Challenges**

- **Lack of Staff and Resources**
- **Contributions to the Park Capital Reserve for annual ongoing park improvements were eliminated**
- **Opportunities to attend conferences/training for committee members**

# **Recommended Changes**

- **Reinstate the Park Capital Reserve or dedicate annual funding for park improvements**