

Recreation Advisory Committee

Annual Summary Report



Chatham County Parks & Recreation



Recreation Advisory Committee

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Committee Members

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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: To Complete the Southeast Park Specific Master Plan and Brooks Creek Corridor Plan

Objective: Find funding to build the parks and trail corridor.

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
- ❖ Playground
- ❖ Shelter

➤ Northeast District Park

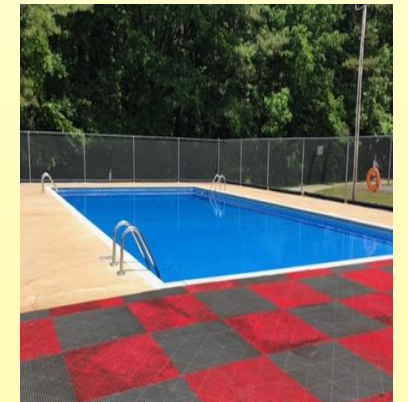
- ❖ Tennis Court/Pickleball Court
- ❖ Tennis Ball Machine
- ❖ Softball Field
- ❖ Multipurpose Field
- ❖ Shelter
- ❖ Trail

➤ Parks

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

➤ Northwest District Park

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



Activities & Sports

- Youth & Adult Basketball
- Wrestling
- Track & Field
- T-Ball
- Youth & Adult Softball
- Tennis
- Summer Day Camp
- Volleyball



Special Events

- **Easter Egg Hunt & Sprint Into Safety**
- **Fall Festival –Trunk or Treat**
- **End of Year School Bash**
- **Dog Days of Summer**
- **Back to School Bash**
- **Holiday in the Park**
- **Reindeer Run (with Partnership for Children)**
- **Senior Games- (with Council on Aging)**
- **Jump Rope**
- **Art Class**
- **Fitness Class**



Committee Members Accomplishments

- **Completed the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan**
- **Attended public meetings for the Earl Thompson and Southwest Park Master Plans**
- **Involved in the planning process for the Earl Thompson and Southwest Park Master Plans**
- **Completed the Earl Thompson and Southwest Park Master Plans**
- **Provided guidance on the department's first program guide**
- **Established a new matrix scoring system for the Grants to Organization program**
- **Participated in the first Dog of Days Summer event at Northeast District Park**
- **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**

Accomplishments

- **Committee members recommended to the Board of Commissioners the amount of funds to give to the Grants to Organization.**

Bonlee Recreation used the funds to put in a cement walkway around their home stand bleachers, concession stand and first base dugout.



Before

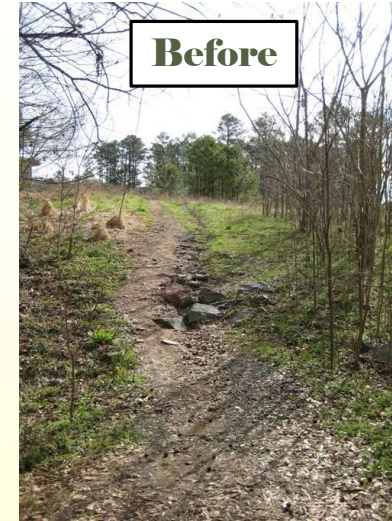


After

Sprott Youth Center received funds for open gym for youth and adults.



Friends of Lower Haw River State Natural Area received funding to improve the sitting area and the eroded path that leads to the river at 15-501



Before



After

15-501 Location

Accomplishments

Funds to Towns Projects

- **The director reported to the committee about the towns proposed projects.**
- **Siler City funds were used for installation of a new playground at Boling Lane Park.**
- **Town of Goldston funds were used for ball field fence repair.**
- **Town of Pittsboro funds were used for their Kiwanis Park Expansion planning and Rectory St. Park planning.**



Other Things Happening In Our Parks

- **Healthy Kids Running Series at the Park at Briar Chapel**
- **Cycle Cross Race**



Barriers & Challenges

- **Lack of Staff and Resources**

Recommended Changes

- **Consider Article 46 Sales Tax**
- **New legislative goal requesting special legislation to allow Chatham County to use fees to be used for the development of recreation, park or open spaces sites in addition to land acquisitions**