



Chatham County, NC

Legislation Text

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Vote on a request to approve Parkers Ridge Park Master Plan and Master plan for Northeast Park Expansion

Action Requested:

Motion to approve Parkers Ridge Master Plan and Master plan for Northeast Park Expansion

Introduction & Background:

The Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan was completed February 2019. A recommendation from the master plan is to upgrade park master plans and cost estimates to reflect changes in demographics, recreation trends, and current construction costs. To determine the upgrades for the Northeast Park, a master plan expansion was created. Another recommendation from the master plan is to build a park in Southeast Chatham. In order to begin the process, a park master plan and cost estimates to reflect changes in demographics, recreation trends, and current construction costs must be complete.

Discussion & Analysis:

Northeast District Park is located on Big Woods Road in Northern Chatham County. The Southeast Park land is located in Moncure and is named Parkers Ridge Park. The overall approach for the expansion and master plan was to leverage the results of the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan input as well as facilitate additional public open houses specific to the parks. For Parkers Ridge Park three public meetings were held. Attendees were asked to provide input on response boards as well as complete a small questionnaire. As part of the planning process, the recreation staff offered desired park amenities and park programming. The Recreation Advisory committee provided their feedback on the plan as well. The Landscape Architects gathered all the information to produce the master plan and expansion plan. The final product is a park rendering, community engagement summary and a master plan level cost estimate.

How does this relate to the Comprehensive Plan:

Provide recreational opportunities and access to open space

Budgetary Impact:

Full buildout cost estimate of \$4,230,525.00 for Northeast Park. Grants and other funding options will be pursued to potentially offset the cost.

Full buildout cost estimate of \$18,486,452.00 for Parkers Ridge Park. Grants and other funding options will be pursued to potentially offset the cost in phases.

Recommendation:

Motion to approve the Parkers Ridge Park Master Plan and Master Plan for Northeast Park Expansion

