



Chatham County, NC

Legislation Text

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Vote on a request to approve North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) grant application and resolution for the Park at Briar Chapel.

Action Requested:

Introduction & Background:

PARTF program provides dollar for dollar matching grant to local governments. Recipients use the grant to develop parks and recreation projects that serve the general public. The county will apply to PARTF for matching funds for enhancement of the Briar Chapel Park. The new facilities will consist of a playground, walking trail, and picnic shelter. The enhancements to the park at Briar Chapel are part of the CIP. Operating cost for the park has been identified and already funded. The county's match will come from the recreation fees paid by the Briar Chapel Development.

Discussion & Analysis:

This grant will allow the public to maximize the full use of the park. As part of a public-private partnership, 66.17 acres of land has been donated and a soccer, football, two baseball fields, and concession/restroom have been built. These enhancements will make the park a family friendly location with activities for all members of the family. Based on the 2009 Chatham County Parks and Recreation comprehensive master plan, the county needs 14 picnic shelters, 17 playgrounds and 17.64 miles of walking trail to meet the standards for the current population. By constructing these facilities through PARTF that will address this deficit.

Budgetary Impact:

Total project estimated \$368,126.00

Will apply for PARTF reimbursement grant for \$150,000.00

From the county's Briar Chapel Park recreation fees \$218,126.00

Recommendation:

Vote on request to approve to apply for PARTF

Vote on request to adopt a resolution for Enhancement of the Park at Briar Chapel