

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Parks, Greenways, and Recreation Commission

SUBJECT: Grant Application Support – Cedar Falls Park Tennis Renovation Project

DATE: September 28, 2022

On September 20, 2022, the Parks, Greenways, and Recreation Commission voted unanimously in support of the Parks and Recreation Department's application to the Accessibility for Parks grant for the Cedar Falls Park Tennis Court Renovation Project. The grant program is administered through the NC Division of Parks and Recreation and the NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund. The Commission supports the staff's recommendation of a matching grant request of up to the program maximum of \$500,000; the Town currently has the funding match required in order to be eligible to apply.

The Town Council's authorization of the grant application is required per the program. The Commission requests that the Town Council support the grant application. The award would help to address a significant funding gap for the project and allow the Town to have a fully accessible tennis facility enabling Parks and Recreation to be able to host drop-in play and programs for individuals of all abilities including adaptive tennis and Special Olympics.

Completing the Cedar Fall Park Tennis Court Renovation Project has been listed as a top facility funding priority for the Parks, Greenways, and Recreation Commission, and the Commission requests that it be considered for any available capital funding so that the project can move forward. As we continue to advocate for the needs of the tennis community and the community at large, this project will continue to be among those identified as a great need.

Thank you for your consideration,

Tyler Steelman, Chair
Parks, Greenways, and Recreation Commission

Members Present: Tyler Steelman, (Chair), Leah Boucher (Vice Chair), Alice Armstrong (Orange County Representative), Shane Brogan, Hallie Cherry, Renuka Soll, Marcella Twamley, and Chris Worrell.