



## PARKS AND RECREATION

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**INSPIRE • CREATE • PRESERVE**  
PARKS AND RECREATION AT-A-GLANCE

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Town of Chapel Hill  
Town Council Work Session  
June 1, 2022

# **TODAY'S PRESENTATION**

## **CHAPEL HILL PARKS AND RECREATION**

- **Departmental Overview**
- **Celebrate the Wins**
- **Needs: 2013 Comprehensive Plan; Current Priorities**
- **2022 and Beyond**
- **Questions and Discussion**

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# DEPARTMENTAL OVERVIEW

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# CHAPEL HILL PARKS AND RECREATION



***Vision:***  
*Inspire*  
*Create*  
*Preserve*

***Mission:*** *To enliven our community by providing exceptional service, creating opportunities for inclusive recreational and cultural experiences, and nurturing beautiful, sustainable spaces.*



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## DEPARTMENT GOALS

- **Strengthen Tree Protection**
- **Increase Afterschool and Recreation Programming Access**
- **Improve Parks, Right of Ways, Cemeteries, and Recreational Facilities and Services**
- **Foster External Resource Development**
- **Increase Staff Engagement and Training**

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# DEPARTMENT BY THE NUMBERS



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# PARKS AND FACILITIES

## Community Parks

Community Center Park  
Hargraves Park  
Homestead Park  
Meadowmont Park  
Southern Community  
Park  
Umstead Park

## Neighborhood & Specialty Parks

Booker Creek Basin Park  
Burlington Park  
Ephesus Park  
Merritt's Pasture  
North Forest Hills Park  
Oakwood Park  
Pritchard Park  
Westwood Park



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## PARKS AND FACILITIES

### Cemeteries

Barbee-Hargrave  
Historical Cemetery  
Memorial Cemetery  
Old Chapel Hill  
Cemetery  
West Chapel Hill  
Cemetery



### Recreation Facilities

AD Clark Pool  
Chapel Hill Community  
Center  
Community Clay  
Studio  
Hargraves Community  
Center  
Homestead Aquatic  
Center  
Northside Gym  
The Corner Teen  
Center



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**CELEBRATE  
THE WINS**

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## RECREATION: ACTIVATION, EXPLORATION, AND INSPIRATION



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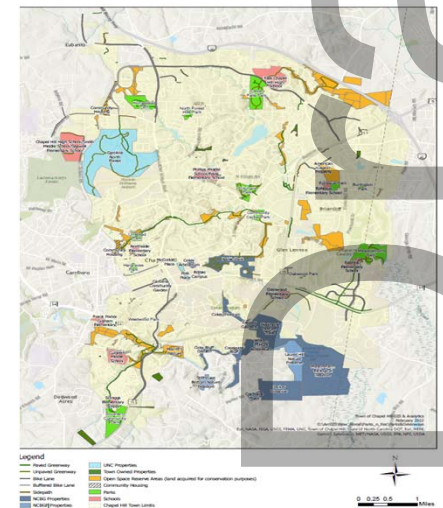
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**Special  
Olympics**  
Orange County



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## RESOURCES & DELIVERY PARTNERS



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# PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS



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# NEEDS: 2013 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

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# NEEDS OUTLINED IN 2013 ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PARKS PLAN



**Build 15,000  
Square Feet  
Community Arts  
Center**



**Build 10,000  
Square Feet Parks  
& Recreation Office  
Building**



**New Community  
Park in the  
Eastern Section of  
Town**



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# NEEDS OUTLINED IN 2013 ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PARKS PLAN



**Create (3) New  
Neighborhood  
Parks**



**Expand Skatepark**



**Create New Sports  
Facilities**

\*Multi-Use Rectangle Fields (8 to 10)

\*Basketball Courts (2)

\*Tennis Courts (6)

\*Pickleball



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# NEEDS OUTLINED IN 2013 ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PARKS PLAN



**Build (13)  
New Picnic  
Shelters**



**Build Small  
Outdoor  
Performing  
Arts Areas**



**Construct (1)  
Community  
Center with  
Gym and  
Climbing Wall**



**Construct (1)  
Community  
Center  
without Gym**



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**NEEDS: CURRENT PRIORITIES**

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# CAPITAL NEEDS: REPAIR PROJECTS

Parks & Recreation Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Identified Needs:

- Approx. \$25 million over 15-year plan
- 72 projects



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## CAPITAL NEEDS: HIGH PRIORITY REPAIR PROJECTS

- Artificial Turf Replacement (\$1.15 million) and Parking Lot Improvements at Cedar Falls Park
- Fully fund Tennis Complex Reconstruction at Cedar Falls Park
- Skate Park Replacement at Homestead Park (TBD)





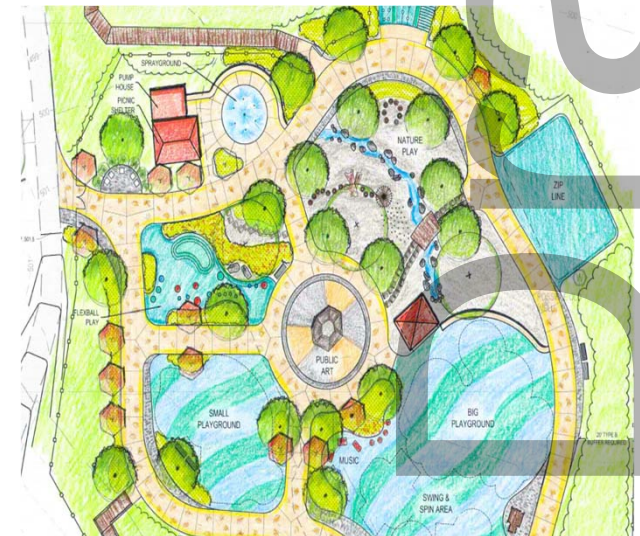
## CAPITAL NEEDS: HIGH PRIORITY REPAIR PROJECTS

- AD Clark Pool Improvements (TBD)
- Teen Center (TBD)
- Ephesus Park Court Reconstruction (\$1 million)



## CAPITAL NEEDS: NEW CONSTRUCTION

- \*Morgan Creek Trail – East, West, and Bartram Bridge Sections
  - West Section \$2.37 Million — Received \$1.27 million from Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Board. Town match \$1.1 Million
  - East Section \$3.2 Million
  - Bartram Bridge Section \$800,000
- Splash Pad(s) (TBD)
- Inclusive Playground (\$1 million)
- Teen Center Concept (TBD)
- Pickleball Complex (TBD)



# ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Program Expansions –  
Recreation; Adventure

Expanded Joint Use  
Arrangement with  
Chapel Hill-Carrboro  
City Schools

Hope Gardens /  
Community Gardens

Implementation of a  
New Pay Plan for  
Program Support Staff,  
including Living Wage  
Adjustment

**Comprehensive Plan**



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# ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

## COMPREHENSIVE PARKS PLAN (2013-2022)



May 29, 2013



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# FUNDING STRATEGIES



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2022 AND BEYOND

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# JOIN THE FUN...SEE YOU SOON



**National Trails Day Celebration**  
Saturday, June 4 | 10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Umstead Park and Tanyard Branch Trail



**Cardboard Boat Race**  
Saturday, June 25 | noon  
Homestead Aquatic Center  
Register at [chapelhillparks.org](http://chapelhillparks.org)



**Chapel Hill-Carrboro Juneteenth Celebration**  
African American Independence Day  
Celebration  
Sunday, June 19 | 2-6 p.m.  
Hargraves Park



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# RISE UP FOR PARKS AND RECREATION

**July 2022**

**Celebrate National Parks and Recreation Month!**

Parks, Trails, and Facilities Tour

- Considering a Saturday in July – July 9, 16, or 23?

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## WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS?

- Are there any programs that you would like to see Parks and Recreation offer more of?
- Would you support having higher fees for Parks and Recreation programs in order to have greater cost recovery or to increase the number and type of programs and services?
- What facilities and amenities would you prioritize for future development?
- Are there any topics you would want more information on?



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# **QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION**

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## ADVISORY & SUPPORT GROUPS

- **Parks, Greenways, & Recreation Commission**
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 7pm
- **Community Tree Committee**
  - Arbor Week celebration
  - 200 trees per year
- **Friends of Chapel Hill Parks, Recreation, and Greenways**
- **Intergovernmental Parks Work Group**
  - Orange County initiative

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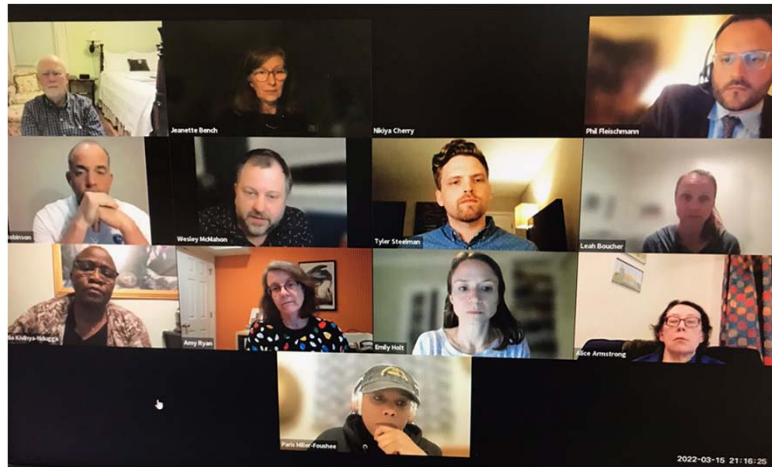
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# PARKS, GREENWAYS, & RECREATION COMMISSION

Tyler Steelman, Commission Chair

Leah Boucher, Commission Vice Chair

- Guidance to staff and Council
- Support and Advocacy
- Priority Identification



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# FRIENDS OF PARKS & RECREATION

Wesley McMahon, Chair

- Private financial support and fundraising for projects and programs
- Volunteer support



Friends of Parks  
Recreation & Greenways  
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