



PARKS AND RECREATION

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PARKS AND RECREATION AT-A-GLANCE

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

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**



Department by the Numbers



\$7.8 Million

Operating Budget

\$906K Revenue

\$260K

Fee assistance provided



55

Full-time staff

17,404

Annual volunteer
hours



17.6

Miles of greenways
and trails



1,376

Acres of parkland &
open space



987

Programs offered
annually

8,505

Program Participants

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PARKS AND FACILITIES

Community Parks

Community Center Park
Hargraives 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**

RECREATION: ACTIVATION, EXPLORATION, AND INSPIRATION



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**Special
Olympics**
Orange County



RECREATION
RESOURCES
SERVICE



NORTH CAROLINA
RECREATION & PARK ASSOCIATION



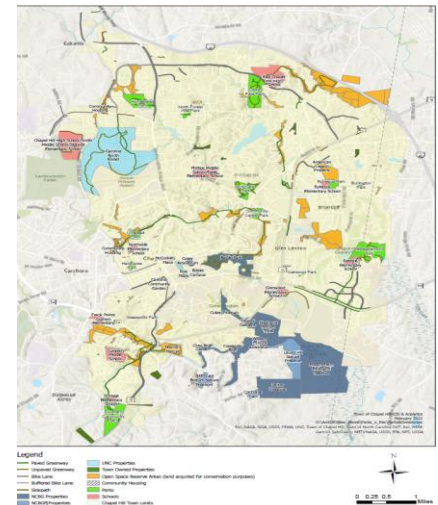
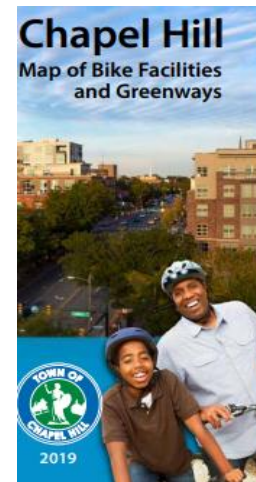
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AND PARK ASSOCIATION



Orange County, North Carolina



Orange County Park Locator



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NEEDS: 2013 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

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**



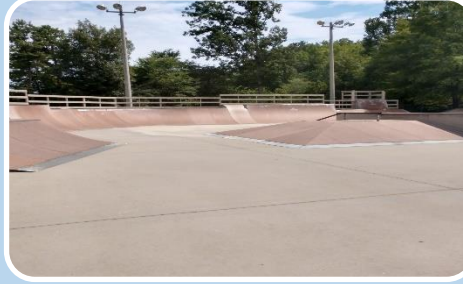
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NEEDS OUTLINED IN 2013 ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PARKS PLAN



**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

CAPITAL NEEDS: REPAIR PROJECTS

Parks & Recreation Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Identified Needs:

- Approx. \$26 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)



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CAPITAL NEEDS: NEW CONSTRUCTION

- *Morgan Creek Trail – East, West, and Bartram Bridge Sections
 - West Section \$2.37 Million – Received \$1.27 Million from MPO, Town matched \$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

Joint Use with
Chapel Hill-Carrboro
City Schools

Hope Gardens /
Community Gardens

Comprehensive Plan



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ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

COMPREHENSIVE PARKS PLAN (2013-2022)



May 29, 2013



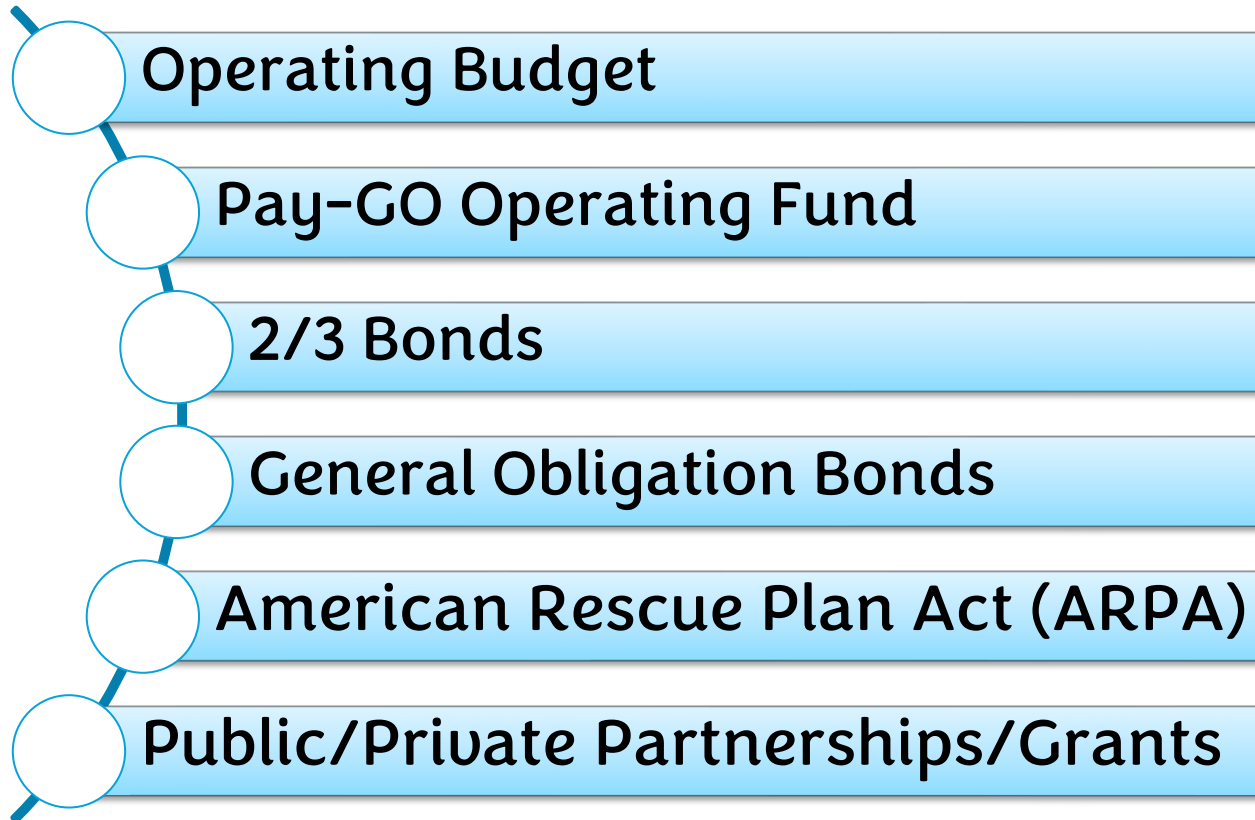
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FUNDING STRATEGIES





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2022 AND BEYOND

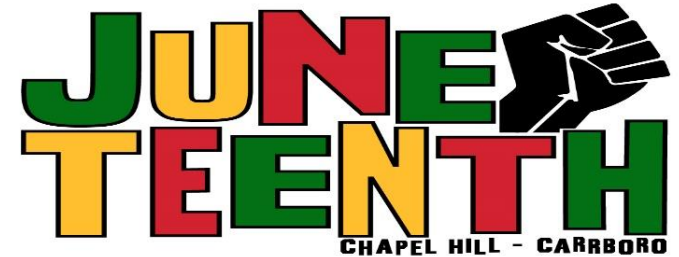
JOIN THE FUN...SEE YOU SOON



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
A.D. Clark Pool
Register at 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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ADVISORY & SUPPORT GROUPS

- **Parks, Greenways, & Recreation Commission**
 - 3rd 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

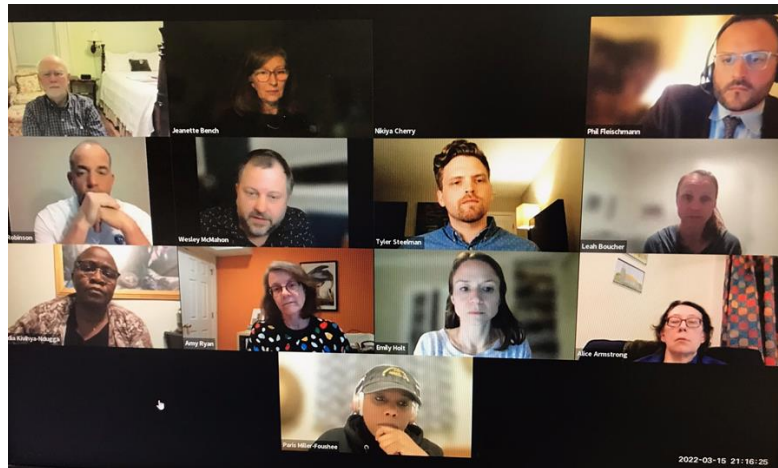


PARKS, GREENWAYS, & RECREATION COMMISSION

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

Chris Berndt, Vice Chair

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



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WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS?

- What facilities, amenities, and programs would you prioritize for growth or development?
- Are there any topics you want more information on?
- Would you be interested in joining the tour of facilities, and if so, would one of the Saturdays listed work for you? (July 9, 16, 23)



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QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

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