

Mrs. Judy Francis, AICP
NC Department of Natural
And Cultural Resources
176 Riceville Road
Asheville, NC 28805

Re: PARTF Grant Narrative
Whittier Community Park
Jackson County

On behalf of Jackson County, I am submitting an application for a Parks and Recreation Trust Fund grant to assist in the construction of the Whittier/Qualla Community Park. This project will provide 11.15 acres for a community park that will include: 1/4 mile of trail, future walking trail expansion will connect the park with Smokey Mountain Elementary school, restroom facilities with handicapped accessibility, 26' x 44' picnic shelter and a playground, multiuse green space, paved entrance and exit drive, parking area to accommodate 33 vehicles with 3 additional accessible (H/C) spaces.

The Jackson County Parks and Recreation Department strives to address current and changing recreational needs, issues, and demands of the Jackson County residents. This project is one of two projects that is left in the 2013 Masterplan Update that hasn't been completed. The master plan update detailed the need for a small community park for the northern end (Whittier/Qualla) of Jackson County. The master plan update held several open houses and performed a public survey and 763 surveys were completed and one question that was asked "Do you believe Jackson County needs more of these facilities?" 315 people stated yes to small neighborhood parks and 200 said no. Another question was asked "In your opinion, how important are the following potential parks and recreation improvements?" Purchase park property in Whittier/Qualla, 242 people stated important and 180 stated not important.

Just recently several parcels of land were brought to our attention that could be obtained to construct such said park detailed above. With such an opportunity given to us we feel that with the help from a PARTF grant this will be the best opportunity for Jackson County make this project a reality for the Northern end residents. We look forward to discussing this project with you at more detail during our schedule site visit.

Rusty Ellis, Director
Jackson County Parks and Recreation Department

Project Costs continued

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Applicant: Jackson County Parks and Recreation Dept

Project Name: Whittier/Qualla Community Park

Project Elements (Include specific units — sizes, numbers, lengths, etc. — for each item.)	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Item Cost
Building and/or Renovating Costs			
Picnic Shelter (26 x 44, 2 grills, 6 tables, 3 trash cans)	Lump Sum	133,600	133,600
Playground (play structure, surfacing, 3 benches, 2 bay swings)	Lump Sum	110,000	110,000
Paving and Circulation/Signage/amenities	Lump Sum	740,000	740,000
Bathroom Facilities	Lump Sum	150,000	150,000
Utilities (Water, Sewer)	Lump Sum	40,000	40,000
Landscaping	Lump Sum	32,000	32,000
Stormwater/Drainage	Lump Sum	87,732	87,732
Site grading & prep	Lump Sum	257,970	257,970
Cost to Build or Renovate:			1,551,302
Contingency for the Cost of Building / Renovating			
Contingency (not to exceed 5% or \$50,000 of the cost to build, whichever is less)			50,000
Land Value (indicate purchase or donation)			
Land Acquisition <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Purchase <input type="checkbox"/> Donation			
Planning and Incidental Land Acquisition Costs			
Construction management, site planning, preliminary design, survey and appraisals, or the cost of preparing the application (not to exceed 20% or \$200,000 of the cost of the project, whichever is less)			85,000
Total Project Cost:			1,686,302
Total PARTF Grant Request:			500,00
Total Local Match:			1,186,302

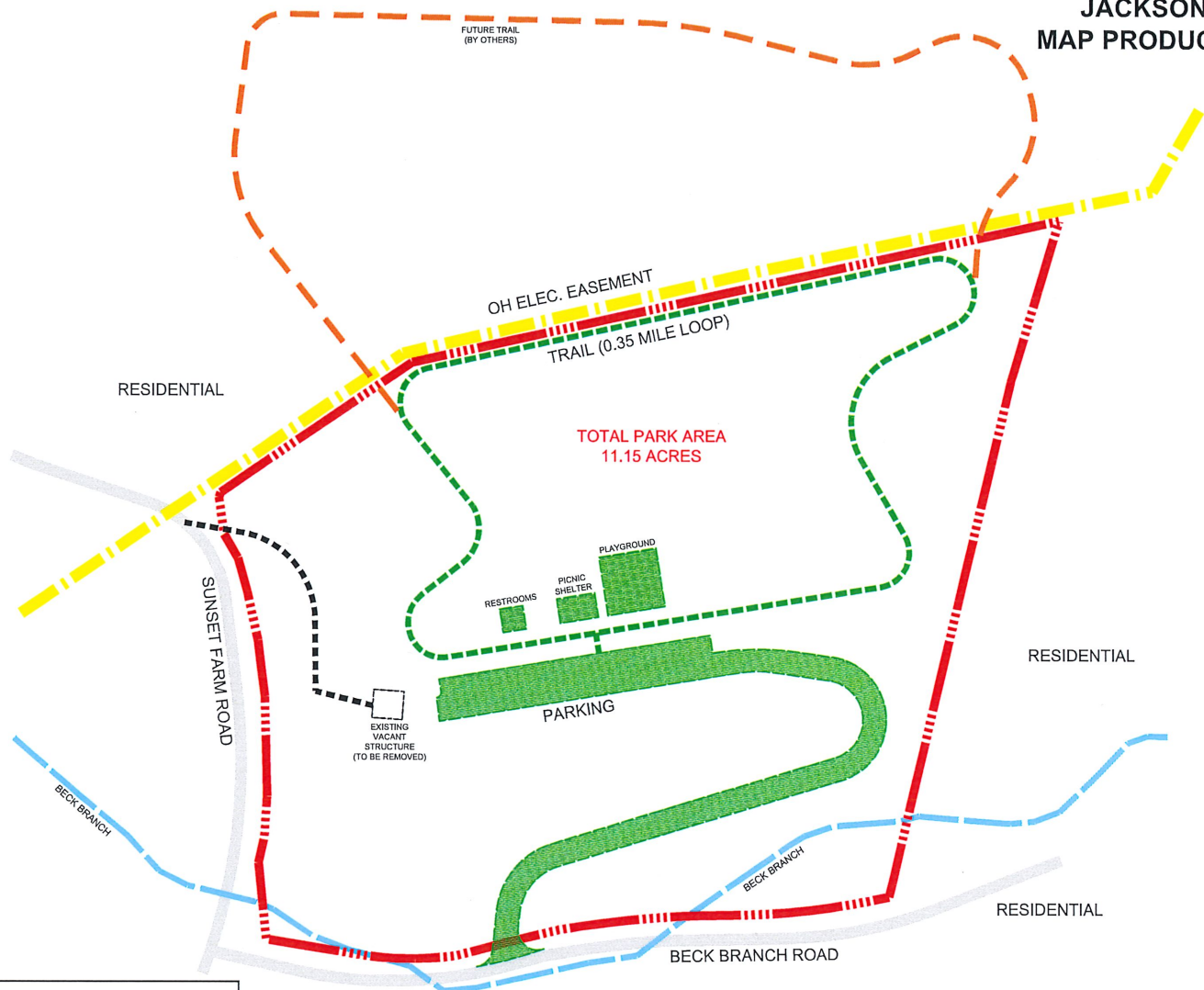
Sources of the Applicant's Matching Funds

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Sources of the Applicants Matching Funds			
Type of Matching Funds	Amount of Funds	Funding Source	Availability
Cash	\$1,186,302	County's Budget or CIP Plan	County's Approved CIP
Total Matching Funds:	\$1,186,302		

SMOKY MOUNTAIN
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**QUALLA / WHITTIER
COMMUNITY PARK
JACKSON COUNTY, NC
MAP PRODUCED MARCH 2022**



TOTAL PARK AREA
11.15 ACRES

LEGEND:

	EXISTING ROADWAYS
	PARK BOUNDARY (11.15 ACRES TOTAL)
	EXISTING CREEK
	EXISTING OVERHEAD POWER
	FUTURE DEVELOPMENT
	PARTF REQUEST

