

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Orange Count Commissioners  
Chapel Hill Town Council

FROM: Project Planning Committee for the Southern Community Park, Aquatics Center, and  
Bolin Creek Greenway *BW & PPC*

SUBJECT: Recommended Use of \$500,000 in PARTF Funding for the Southern Community Park

DATE: June 21, 2005

We have received notice that the Town will receive a \$500,000 Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) for the Southern Community Park project. PARTF is a State-wide program that provides grants for parks and recreation capital projects.

Current Phasing Plan: On March 24, the PPC recommended a phasing plan for the park. On April 11, 2005 the Council adopted the recommended phasing plan. The current first phase of construction would include:

- Parking lot (south) with 125 spaces
- All sewer and water extensions, restrooms, and sidewalks
- The portion of traffic calming, dry detention basins, constructed wetland basins, and landscape buffers required to support the first phase of construction
- Public art
- Extension of Fan Branch Greenway Trail to the dog park
- Athletic/soccer fields (3) (This option would not include athletic lights. Lights would be added in a future phase although we would provide all conduits in this phase to make future installation easier)
- Children's play area (1)
- Picnic Shelters (1 large, 1 small)
- Dog park
- Meadow/grass play area
- Disk golf course

Elements not in the Current Phasing Plan: The following facilities are not in the current first phase:

- Athletic/soccer field lights
- Maintenance building
- Basketball courts (2)
- In line hockey court (1)
- New street to connect US 15-501 to park and ride lot
- De-acceleration lanes on Highway 15-501
- Parking lot (north) with 158 spaces
- Extension of Fan Branch Greenway Trail from the dog park to Merritt Drive
- Children's splash park (1)
- Youth ballfield

Project Planning Committee Recommendation: The PPC recommended that the \$500,000 from the Town's successful PARTF grant application be used to expand the park phasing plan in the following manner with estimated costs attached:

- Lights for the three athletic fields (\$300,000)
- Maintenance building (\$112,000)
- Two basketball courts (\$30,000)
- Increase to public art budget (\$18,000)
- Remaining funds, if any, would be used for the children's play area