

Parks Bond Referendum

November 8, 2022

On November 8, 2022, Raleigh voters will be asked to consider a \$275 million bond referendum.

The 2022 Parks Bond includes projects that continue to provide the Raleigh community with healthy park and recreation options for everyone to enjoy. This proposal focuses on evolving community priorities, social equity, and pandemic recovery. The general vision of this bond is to provide improved equitable, resilient park and greenway access across the City of Raleigh.

The Raleigh City Council initiated the bond process at the end of the 2019 calendar year. With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in spring 2020, the bond was postponed. The City Council revisited discussions associated with the parks bond in fall of 2021 and gave final approval in spring 2022 to proceed with a bond referendum.



Projects

1 Big Branch Greenway Connector - \$4,500,000 New trail development project in the Big Branch

New trail development project in the Big Branch Greenway Corridor from Crabtree Creek Greenway to Sandy Forks Road includes connections to high-density commercial and residential communities and multiple parks.

2 Biltmore Hills Tennis Improvements - \$6,750,000

Expansion of the existing tennis complex with new courts and associated lighting, sidewalks, reconfigured parking, and stormwater devices.

3 Devereux Meadows Implementation - \$11,500,000

Site remediation, stream restoration, flood and stormwater management, greenway trail implementation, and park improvements for passive recreation.

4 Dix Park: Gipson Play Plaza, Buildings, and Phase 2 Design - \$43,062,500

Construction of the 18-acre Gipson Play Plaza includes a civic plaza, waterfall fountain, a restored historic house, adventure play spaces, and a picnic grove. Operations office upfit and opportunities for other building renovations. Funds to initiate planning and design of phase two of Dix Park.

5 Erinsbrook Park Implementation - \$7,000,000 Implementation of the adopted Master Plan, including playgrounds, open play space, shelter and restrooms, dog park, trails, and associated parking and stormwater devices.

6 Green Road Park Improvements - \$4,500,000 Enhancement of site accessibility and improvement of park amenities, including comfort station, picnic shelter, and central activity plaza.

John Chavis Historic Park Phase 2 - \$54,250,000

Phase 2 implementation of the adopted Master Plan including a new aquatic center, Heritage Plaza, expanded historic interpretive displays, and associated parking and stormwater devices.

8 Kyle Drive Master Plan and Implementation - \$9,000,000

Community engagement and master plan development. Implementation of the future master plan will be based on community priorities for this neighborhood park.

2 Lake Lynn Trail Loop Improvements -\$3,937,500

Lake Lynn Trail Loop Improvements include grading, drainage, repaving, and widening the trail along the west side of the loop trail at Lake Lynn. This project will help address trail asphalt damage and improve user conflicts associated with inadequate trail width.

10 Lake Wheeler Road and Multi-use Path Improvements - \$21,000,000

Improvement of Lake Wheeler Road from South Saunders Street to Maywood Street, including a multi-use bike and pedestrian path.

2 Marsh Creek Greenway Feasibility and Preliminary Design - \$3,375,000

Planning and preliminary design for a new greenway trail project from Crabtree Creek to Spring Forest Road, connecting Brentwood Park and Hill Street Park.

13 Method Community Center Improvements - \$14,750,000

Renovation of the existing historic center and Pioneer Building to address needed improvements and community priorities.

Mine Creek Greenway Improvements - \$5,625,000

Improvements to the existing Mine Creek Trail from Shelley Lake to the Crabtree Creek Trail will include rehabilitation of the trail with new asphalt surface, trail widening, grading and drainage enhancements, improved access from communities, safety enhancements, and bridge replacement.

15 Neighborhood & Community Connections - \$5,000,000

The Neighborhood & Community Connections program identifies, prioritizes, and builds new walkable and bikeable connections to parks and greenways. *NOTE: applies citywide, not marked with a single location on map.*

16 Neuse River Park - \$11,500,000

Community engagement and master plan development. Implementation of the future master plan will be based on community priorities for this natural resource-based outdoor recreation park.

17 Sertoma Art Center Improvements - \$15,375,000

Update and minor expansion of the existing art center to address building improvement needs and growing programming demands.



18 South Park Heritage Walk and Top Greene Center Improvements - \$12,375,000

Renovation and minor expansion of John Top Greene Center and implementation of South Park Heritage Walk.

11 19 Strickland and Leesville Road Park Improvements - \$2,000,000

Development of permanent restroom facilities and additional outdoor amenities.

Tarboro Community Center - \$29,500,000 Redevelopment of Tarboro Road Park to potentially include a new community center, outdoor amenities, associated parking, stormwater devices, and improvements to the existing Saint Monica's Teen Center.

21 Walnut Creek Greenway Improvements - \$10,000,000

Improvements to the existing Walnut Creek Trail from Lake Wheeler Road to Sunnybrook Road will include the relocation of the trail outside flood-prone areas where possible, improved community access, safety enhancements, and structure replacement.



Official Ballot Language to Appear on Nov. 8 Ballot

Shall the order adopted on July 5, 2022, authorizing not exceeding \$275,000,000 PARKS AND RECREATONAL FACILITIES BONDS of the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, plus interest, for the purpose of providing funds, together with any other available funds, for improving and expanding the existing, park, greenway and recreational facilities of said City and acquiring and constructing new park, greenway and recreational facilities of said City, inside and outside its corporate limits, including, without limitation, the acquisition of land and rights of way and the construction and furnishing of supporting facilities, and providing that additional taxes will be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds, be approved?

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