



May 23, 2023

The Honorable Brandon Guffey
304D Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Re: Funding Request for Parks and Recreation

Dear Representative Guffey:

The Lake Wylie Parks and Recreation District was established as a special tax district within York County for the purpose and function of providing recreation facilities and services and operate as an agency of the county. Field Day Park began operations in October 2020 and includes three softball fields, three multipurpose fields, pickleball courts, a community center and a children's playground. The children's playground is located adjacent to two of the softball fields. It has been noted on several occasions that foul balls have traveled over fencing and landed outside of the field. In some cases, these foul balls have landed within the confines of the children's playground. This situation presents a significant risk of injury to users of the playground as well as to the parents and guardians of the children using the playground.

Park staff has reviewed options to minimize the risk of injury. One potential option is to install a cover over the playground that would shield the users from foul balls landing in the playground. The cover structure would include the boring of holes to install poles which would support a shade structure. Once installed, this structure would minimize the risk of injury from foul balls as well as allow for use of the playground during inclement weather and provide shade to the playground users and observers. The estimated cost of this project is \$275,000.

In August 2021, York County entered into a \$3,458,076.04 cost-share agreement with Duke Energy for the construction of improvements to the Allison Creek Access Area as required by the 2006 comprehensive relicensing agreement. Included in this agreement were the following non-project items requested by York County; a ranger station, gate house, CXT restroom and bathhouse, children's playground, tent camping area, canoe/kayak launch located near the boat ramp. Funding in the amount of \$725,000 would offset the construction cost of the children's playground and a significant portion of the tent camping area. These two projects will provide additional recreational opportunities for York County citizens and enhance the experience available to Allison Creek Park patrons.

Request

The county takes pride in providing exceptional parks and recreation experiences for all residents. These requests will provide for enhanced safety and usability for all park patrons.

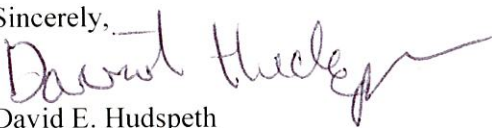
The County respectfully requests the financial support in the amount of \$1,000,000 to support the County's efforts in these projects.

Conclusion

We thank you for your service, and your interest and support for these projects. Any available funding for parks and recreation facilities would be greatly appreciated. We will be glad to provide more in-depth information upon your request.

On behalf of York County.

Sincerely,



David E. Hudspeth
York County Manager