

# Boiling Springs Community Park

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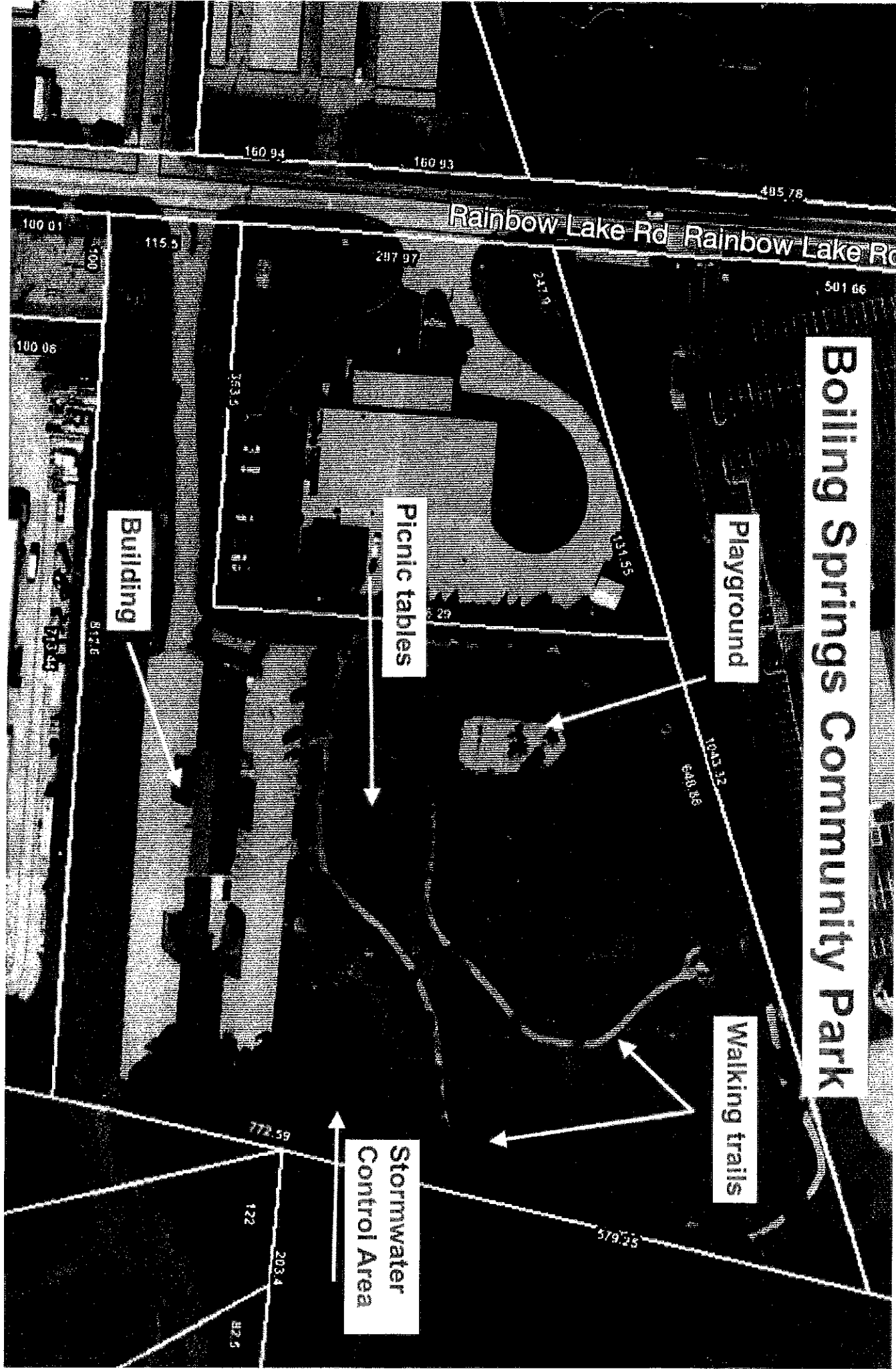
Playground

Picnic tables

Building

Walking trails

Stormwater Control Area



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## House of Representatives

State of South Carolina

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Dear Chairman Bannister and members of the Ways and Means Committee,

I am writing to inform you of specific needs in my district and ask that funding for these projects or requests be included in the budget this year.

- Entity: Spartanburg County Parks and Recreation**  
**Project: Community Building Expansion at Boiling Springs Community Park**  
**Amount requested: \$500,000**

**Background:** Boiling Springs is an unincorporated area of Spartanburg County. Despite having no local municipality government, this is one of the most densely populated and rapidly growing areas in the county. The Community Park is one of the central hubs for the community, absent a town hall or other government building. Public town halls, debates, and informative meetings are held there. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, the American Legion, and other organizations use the space. Fire Department banquets and other events are held there. The County parks department uses it for senior programming, summer camps, and other similar uses. The park playground, walking trail, and picnic tables are open to the public. There is not a public restroom available to visitors of the park/playground.

The community has outgrown the existing building and an expansion is needed to meet the current needs. The funds would be used for the foundation expansion, framing, roofing, rough-ins and other construction related costs. The funding would also be used to construct an outdoor restroom facility open to the public that visits the park.

- Entity: Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office**  
**Project: Field Force Unit Gear and Aviation Unit Gear**  
**Amount requested: \$137,472**  
**(Joint Request with Rep Bill Chumley)**

**Background:** The funding will be used for critical gear including but not limited to: Riot helmets, uniforms, gas masks, night vision goggles, drones, flight helmets, flight suits, crowd control tools, and related items. This gear will allow the Sheriff's Office to better respond to critical incidents such as active shooter response, SWAT support, civil disturbance/"riots", barricaded suspects, and other highly sensitive situations. The Aviation Unit also supports 3 neighboring counties that do not have aviation programs.

Supporting local law enforcement is absolutely necessary given the current environment and increased demands.

- Entity: Inman-Campobello Water District**  
**Project: Administrative Office, Water Laboratory, and Maintenance Facility**

**Amount requested: \$3,100,000**

**Background:** Inman-Campobello Water District (ICWD) provides water service to a large area of northern Spartanburg County and even some areas of Polk County, NC. The number of customers ICWD services has more than doubled in recent years and they have outgrown their current setup. Furthermore, the economic growth along the Hwy 292 corridor with sewer expansion will be an enormous boost to the area demands.

The funds would be used for construction of a consolidated administrative office space, a new water laboratory to support the increased water distribution, and a maintenance facility at the same property.

**4. Entity: City of Inman**

**Project: Downtown and Streetscape Project**

**Amount requested: \$950,000**

**Background:** The City of Inman is undergoing an incredible revitalization effort. There is tremendous residential as well as retail/commercial growth in the City.

These funds would improve the safety/walkability of downtown and connect the "other side of the railroad track" to downtown. The streetscape would also enhance economic development efforts and attract more visitors and investment.

I appreciate your attention to these requests. I am happy to provide additional information if needed to support your decision making. You are more than welcome to call, text, or email me any time. Thank you for all you do for our great state.

Respectfully,



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