

# **REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

## **HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** May 2, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Grant (PARTF)

**PRESENTER:** Carleen Dixon, Director of Parks and Recreation

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Show of Support
2. Map showing improvement areas
3. Budget Narrative

### **SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

Over the last few years staff have been working closely with the Etowah Lions Club, the Friends of Etowah Park, and the Etowah Regional HOA's Group to discuss Etowah Park. During this time these groups have conducted a survey, met with community leaders, and hosted numerous meetings to identify priorities and needs in Etowah Park. After identifying priorities these groups have been asking staff, "How can we work to make these improvements happen now?"

Staff have reviewed the current needs in all our parks and feel that the priorities that have been laid out for Etowah Park would be a great fit for the PARTF grant. The Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Grant process for 2022 has been released and applications are due May 2, 2022. Awards for the grant will be announced August or September of 2022. Once a contract is entered for a PARTF grant the awardee has 3 years to complete the project and to fund the match. The PARTF Grant is a dollar-to-dollar match, and it is one of the only grants available to fund recreational amenities at this level.

### **BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

Should the Board wish to apply for this grant opportunity, the Board is requested to authorize County staff to submit a grant application and all necessary documents for the improvements to Etowah Park.

Suggested Motion:

*I move that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners authorize staff to submit the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Grant for improvements as detailed for Etowah Park.*

# **Show of Support**

## **Recreation Advisory Board Recommendation**

The Recreation Advisory Board made a formal motion at the March 8, 2022, meeting unanimously supporting this grant application.

Advisory Board members in attendance at this meeting included: Robert Smith, Jeffrey Donaldson, Scott Rhodes, Katie Breckheimer, Stephanie Cantwell, Philip Ellis, Terry Maybin, and Tricia King.

## **Etowah Lions Club Recommendation**

The Etowah Lions Club made a formal motion at the March 15, 2022, board meeting unanimously supporting the grant application.

## **The Friends of Etowah Park**

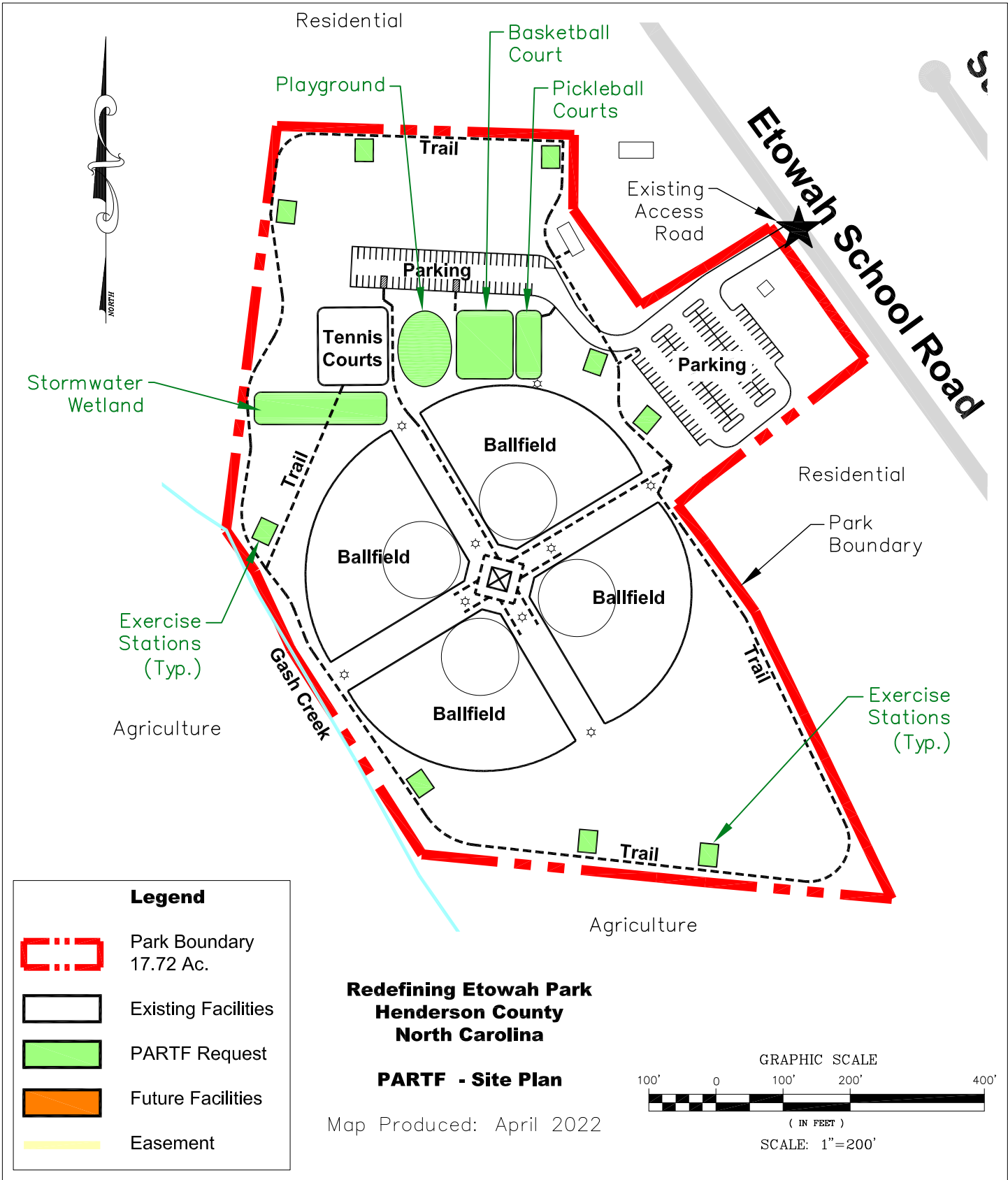
The Friends of Etowah Park made a formal motion at the March 21, 2022, board meeting unanimously supporting the grant application.

## **The Etowah Regional Board of HOA's**

The Etowah Regional Board of HOA's is made up of all the presidents from the individual HOA's throughout the Etowah Community. This board made a formal motion at the March 17, 2022, meeting unanimously supporting the grant application.

# Etowah Park





Residential

Basketball Court

Playground

Pickleball Courts

Trail

Existing Access Road

**Etowah School Road**

Parking

Tennis Courts

Parking

Stormwater Wetland

Residential

Park Boundary

Ballfield

Ballfield

Ballfield

Ballfield

Exercise Stations (Typ.)

Agriculture

Gash Creek

Exercise Stations (Typ.)

Agriculture

**Legend**

- Park Boundary 17.72 Ac.
- Existing Facilities
- PARTF Request
- Future Facilities
- Easement

**Redefining Etowah Park  
Henderson County  
North Carolina**

**PARTF - Site Plan**

Map Produced: April 2022

