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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## Henderson County Awarded Grant to Update Outdoor Spaces

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Henderson County recently received a grant to transform East Flat Rock Park into an imaginative space for families to play and be active outdoors. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina (BCBSNC) and the North Carolina Recreation and Park Association (NCRPA) are supporting healthier communities by install PlayPrints across the state.

PlayPrints are ground markings, or colorful shapes and games that are painted on existing pavement. The bright colors and interactive designs are meant to encourage visitors to take part in more physical activity. Community agencies across North Carolina were invited to apply for the grant.

East Flat Rock Park serves 7,000-8,000 children from around Henderson County, ranging from infant upwards, as well as serving as a popular site for family and community gatherings throughout the year. The park playground also features an ADA playground to further promote physical activity regardless of physical or mental ability. The installation of PlayPrints will increase the opportunities for children and adults alike to use open space for active recreation.

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