Enka Recreation Destination- Phase II

Approval of Construction Contract- BCSP

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Project Overview

- Focus: “Buncombe County Sports Park, A Premier Sports Park and Family Destination”

Project Focus

- Site Safety, Ease of Use and Navigation
- Flexibility and Optimum Use of Space
- Sports Engineering; Grading, Drainage & Field Performance
- Plan for Attendees Who are not Players or Spectators



Key Features

1. New Turfed Fields w/ lighting
2. Inclusive Playground
3. Picnic Pavilion w/ lighting
4. Restored Park Ranger Office and Contact/First Aid Station w/ restrooms & Family Station

Future Phase

A. Covered Sports Courts
B. Additional Park
C. Food Truck Hook-ups

Buncombe County Sports Park

Turf & Lighted Fields

- Turf and lighting exist on Fields 1,2, and 8 as part of Phase I
- Phase II will add turf and lighting to Fields 3, 4, and 5.

Benefits

- Increased Playability
  - Less weather cancellations
  - Extended play in Winter and Spring
- Lighting permits extended play
  - Up to 800 hours
- Decreases impact injuries
  - Softer, flatter playing surface
- Expected Completion: May 2026



Update

In 2023, Buncombe County applied for TPDF funds and received a grant award for Phase II of the Enka Recreation Destination Project at the Buncombe County Sports Park

- **TPDF Funding Scope:** Provide artificial turf and lighting to fields 3, 4, and 5 with accessible bleachers and walkway, installation of inclusive playground, renovation to central restroom to include Park Ranger Office and Contact Station, and new shelter with lighting
  - BC TPDF Funds Approved 2024: $4,054,415
- **Approach**
  - Turf fields, lighting, and walking path are in one contract
    - CDC – Design services and preliminary engineering
  - Playground, shelter, and Park Ranger Office/Contact Station will be another contact
    - Summit Design – Design services and preliminary engineering
      - Currently in design and project timeline development

Contract For Construction

- RFP advertised for construction of 3 turf sports fields, lighting, and accessible walking path at the Buncombe County Sports Park
  - Astro Turf, LLC – lowest responsive bidder
  - Contract Cost - $3,856,425

Request for Board Action

- Motion to Approve the $3,856,425 contract with Astro Turf, LLC for the construction of turfed and lighted fields at Buncombe County Sports Park

Appendix



1 ARTIFICIAL TURF FIELDS WITH LIGHTING



5 RESTORED PARK RANGER OFFICE WITH PUBLIC RESTROOMS AND PARK STORAGE



2 PARK OFFICE WITH SECURE STORAGE & OPERATIONS SPACE



3 INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND



4 PICNIC PAVILION WITH LIGHTING

6 COVERED PICKELBALL COURTS

7 SAND HILL COMMUNITY GARDEN AND ASHEVILLE GREENWORKS TREE NURSERY

8 DISC GOLF COURSE

10 DOG PARK

9 BASKETBALL COURTS

BUNCOMBE COUNTY SPORTS PARK MASTER PLAN

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TPDF GRANT APPLICATION - PHASE 2