

August 12, 2024

Mr. Christopher Snow, Director
Community Services / Parks, Recreation & Open Space
Wake County Government
PO Box 550, Suite 1000
Raleigh, NC 27602

Dear Mr. Snow:

In 2007, Wake County provided the Town of Morrisville with a grant to purchase 18.17 acres known as the RTF (Research Triangle Foundation) Tract. The grant required the property to be “used for and maintained exclusively as open space and used only for passive recreation or passive maintenance of water quality.”

Since that time, the Town has developed Church Street Park on that land, which is a multipurpose amenity including tennis courts, a playground, related support structures, and a world-class cricket field, which is the only one of its kind in the region.

In 2015, Wake County amended that grant to allow 7.048 of the 18.17 acres to be incorporated into the “active recreation area” of the park. This left approximately 11.122 acres to be preserved as open space. That 11.122 acres is generally the western edge of the property. With the increase in use of the park, and particularly with the growing sport of cricket and the desire of major cricket organizations to use the facility for local, regional, national, and international tournaments, the Town is interested in incorporating the remainder of the land into the “active recreation area” of the park.

We respectfully request that in exchange for a payment of \$266,928, the agreement be amended to remove the restriction on the remaining 11.122 acres, resulting in the entire parcel becoming active recreation area. Per your guidance, we request that it be presented to the Wake County Board of Commissioners for their review and action at their September 3, 2024, meeting, or whenever you deem appropriate. Our staff has prepared a draft amendment that is included with this request.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact me if you require any additional information to process this request or if you have any questions we can answer for you.

Sincerely,



Brandon Zuidema
Town Manager