



July 28, 2017

Mr. Chris Snow
Director of Parks, Recreation, and Open Space
County of Wake, NC
PO Box 550
Raleigh, NC 27602

Subject: Community Use of School Parks Funding Request, Adjacent to E-35
Elementary

Dear Director Snow,

The Town of Fuquay-Varina values our partnership with both Wake County and the Wake County Public School System, and view each of you as partners in providing the outstanding quality of life that our citizens enjoy. The Town is pleased that the Wake County Board of Education requested, and the Board of Commissioners recently approved, funding towards the startup design for the E-35 new elementary school on Old Honeycutt Road in Fuquay-Varina.

The Town of Fuquay-Varina acquired a 10.25 acre future park site in 2012 (PIN 0676660763) with the goal of developing the property into a future park in conjunction with the E-35 future elementary site, which was purchased by WCPSS in 2011. The Community Use of School Parks program is a valuable program that has assisted municipalities in providing recreational amenities that promote the health of County residents, and complement the investment being made by the County and WCPSS on the school site.

Specifically, the Town is seeking the \$250,000 maximum 1:1 cash match Community Use of School Parks grant for the design and development of this park site. This site and timeframe presents a unique opportunity to coordinate the design of the park with the school, and potentially complete the site development work in conjunction with school construction. Town management has had preliminary discussion with Betty Parker, Senior Director of Real Estate Services at WCPSS, about opportunities to partner in both design and construction, with the goal of yielding a better and well-coordinated end design, as well as cost savings for the taxpayer by coordinating construction schedules and potentially mobilizing a single contractor. The County cash match funding would be used towards design, site development, and construction of parking

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and amenities that would include athletic fields on day one, and are likely to include other amenities that may be included in phase one or could be deferred to a later date based cost estimates and the availability of funding. These could include a playground, permanent restrooms, and/or lighting. Importantly, the Town has already made a significant investment in land acquisition of this property. We are hopeful that you will be able to support this funding request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Mitchell", written in a cursive style.

Adam Mitchell
Town Manager
Town of Fuquay-Varina

cc: Betty Parker, Wake County Public School System