

**Item Title:** Community Use of Schools Funding Agreement with the Wake County Public School System for Repair of the Track at Knightdale High School

**Specific Action Requested:**  
**That the Board of Commissioners:**

- 1. Reallocates \$374,109 of Community Use of Schools CIP Funds for the Repair of the Track at Knightdale High School; and**
- 2. Authorizes the County Manager to execute a funding agreement with the Wake County Public School System in the amount of \$374,109, subject to terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney.**

**Item Summary:**

**Purpose:** The Board of Commissioners must approve budget transfers of CIP funding above certain thresholds.

**Background:** At its April 5, 2004 meeting, the Board of Commissioners approved a Joint Use Agreement (JUA) with the Town of Knightdale and the Wake County Public School System for use portions of the Knightdale High School campus as a “school/community park complex”. As a part of this JUA, Wake County agreed to certain maintenance responsibilities including funding “routine and major repair or replacement” of the running track.

The running track is currently in need of replacement and the School System and its consultant Dewberry have prepared a design and bid the project to be completed in August 2020. The County’s 50% cost share would be \$374,109 maximum.

**Board Goal:** This action supports routine County operations.

**Fiscal Impact:** The total project estimate is \$374,109. Funding will be reallocated from the Community Use Of School/Parks Project within the Parks, Recreation, Greenways & Open Space CIP Element of the Wake County CIP.

**Additional Information:**

Wake County developed the School/Park program in the 1970’s not long after its Division of Parks and Recreation (now Parks, Recreation and Open Space, PROS) was created. The School/Parks program was a partnership between PROS and Wake County Public Schools and allowed school campuses to be improved by including recreational amenities

that exceed the requirements of the schools' regular program. Examples of these improvements could include picnic shelters, trails, athletic fields, and playgrounds that provide the community with valuable recreational amenities. Under the School/Park program, Wake County designed, funded, oversaw construction and maintained these facilities.

The current Community Use in Schools program is an evolution of the School/Parks concept in that it actively seeks partnerships with municipalities to oversee and maintain the park related improvements on these school campuses. The benefit of this program is municipalities and local communities becoming more engaged with public schools. The combined programs have allowed 35 school campuses to be improved.

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The running track is currently in need of replacement and the School System and its consultant Dewberry have prepared a design and bid the project to be completed in August 2020. Based on School System's Certified Bid Tab, low bid for the entire track and field amenities project was \$877,861.74. County staff requested that the field elements not be included in the funding agreement as they are outside the scope of the 2004 JUA which reduced the actual track replacement cost to \$788,216.44. The County's 50% cost share would be \$374,109 maximum. Funding will be reallocated from the Community Use Of School/Parks Project within the Parks, Recreation, Greenways & Open Space CIP Element of the Wake County CIP, as shown in the table below:

<b>CIP Reallocation</b>			
<b>Fund 4100: County Capital CIP</b>			
<b>Project</b>	<b>Current Appropriation</b>	<b>Reallocation</b>	<b>Revised Appropriation</b>
<b>FROM</b>			
Community Use Of School/Parks Project	504,413.21	(374,109.00)	130,304.21
<b>TO</b>			
Knightdale High School – Track Replacement	-	374,109.00	374,109.00

**Attachments:**

1. Joint Use Agreement for Forestville Road Elementary School and Knightdale High School – April 5, 2004
2. Draft Funding Agreement
3. Knightdale High School Track Layout