



CITY OF ARCHDALE

CITY COUNCIL

MEETING DATE: Tuesday March 28, 2023

SUBJECT: Resolution in Support of a Grant Application with the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF).

RECOMMENDATIONS OR COMMENTS: Park staff have partnered with McGill Associates to develop a Site Specific Master Plan for the Aldridge Ballfield property. The City acquired the 7.42-acre tract in late 2021 with the intent of reviving this historical recreational facility in the heart of Archdale. Now, with a Master Plan approved for the facility, staff seek Council's support in applying for a Parks & Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) grant from North Carolina State Parks.

The amenities proposed in the Aldridge Park Master Plan are substantial and will result in an invaluable asset to the community. However, due to the scope and cost of the project as a whole, staff recommend phasing the implementation of the Master Plan. This will allow for appropriate construction sequencing and the possibility of being eligible for multiple grant cycles.

PARTF grants are available annually and require a minimum 50% local match. The maximum grant amount that can be requested is \$500,000. The adopted FY24 CIP includes General Fund monies for PARTF projects at Aldridge Park. Staff believe that the City's application will be a strong candidate for funding. If the grant application is successful, the City will have 3 years to implement the planned amenities.

SUMMARY OF ATTACHED INFORMATION: Proposed facilities map and proposed Resolution of Support.

ATTACHMENTS: YES NO



**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE
NORTH CAROLINA PARKS AND RECREATION TRUST FUND (PARTF)**

WHEREAS, the City of Archdale received public input via a Needs Assessment that confirmed a desire of citizens for more recreational opportunities and amenities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Archdale adopted a Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan in 2016 to guide future development of the City's park system; and

WHEREAS, the City of Archdale amended the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan in 2023 to reference potential park system expansion at the newly acquired 7.42-acre Aldridge Park; and

WHEREAS, the City of Archdale adopted a Site Specific Master Plan for the development of Aldridge Park in March 2023; and

WHEREAS, grant awards are a desired source of funding for the improvements proposed and recommended in said plan; and

WHEREAS, increased public health, access, and well-being can be achieved if such improvements are made; and

WHEREAS, plans have been developed and public support given for a grant application to PARTF in 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Archdale, North Carolina, that the City Manager is authorized to submit a grant application to the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) for the next available round of funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council is committed to budgeting the required local matching funds upon award of a grant.

Adopted this 28th day of March, 2023

Lewis Dorsett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan T. Swaim, City Clerk