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Town of Fuquay-Varina Recommended for Wake County Major Facilities Grant

On August 25th, the Parks & Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) recommended to Gov. Pat McCrory that the Town of Fuquay-Varina be awarded the maximum PARTF grant funding in the amount of \$500,000 for the Fleming Loop Recreational Park Project which would provide substantial amenities for local citizens. The grant has gone to the Governor for signature and should receive final approval in November 2016. In all, PARTF received 66 applications with 33 being recommended for a grant.

The total cost of the Fleming Loop Project is \$2.68 million. Obtaining the PARTF grant for \$500,000 will allow the Town to engineer, design, and construct the amenities outlined in the updated master plan. These amenities include (7) multi-purpose fields, a concession/restroom building, field lighting, playground, picnic shelters, walking trail, and an expanded, paved parking area with curbs and gutters. With these improvements, Fleming Loop Park will not only satisfy the current demands of park patrons but will also support continued hosting of festivals and expanded programming in the future.

The Town is finalizing a partnership agreement that is expected to generate an additional \$500,000 in resources to go towards the development of Fleming Loop Recreational Park. Additionally, the Town has applied for a Wake County Major Facilities (Hotel/Motel and Prepared Food and Beverage Tax) Grant for an additional \$500,000. The remaining \$1.2 million is planned to be funded from Town Recreation Unit Fee revenues.

Fuquay-Varina Mayor John W. Byrne commented on receiving the grant. "In the long term, receiving this PARTF grant means the town can do more with our parks than we would have been able to do on our own. I applaud our town board and town staff for their outstanding efforts to obtain this phenomenal grant."