

PARKS & RECREATION



NOVEMBER 2024

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PROJECTS

COMPLETED WITH 2016 BOND FUNDING

- **Dr. Wesley Grant Sr. Southside Center**
New multi-purpose gym and community meeting spaces, additional parking, sidewalks, basketball court, landscaping, and neighborhood swimming pool
- **Jake Rusher Park**
New pavilion and restroom building, additional parking, accessible sidewalks, sports courts, and improved lighting
- **Replacement of 5 Playgrounds**
Augusta Barnett Playground
Herb Watts Playground
Leah Chiles Playground
Murphy-Oakley All-Abilities Playground
Tempie Avery Montford Community Center Playground

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A bond referendum is a vote by the electorate to authorize the City to issue bonds to generate revenue for a specific project. In July 2024, the Asheville City Council voted to put four general obligation bond referendums totaling \$80M before Asheville voters in the November 5 general election. Voters will vote separately for each category.

2024 Prioritized Projects*

If approved by voters, 2024 Parks & Recreation funds will be used for the following prioritized projects:

- Renovation of Malvern Hills Park Pool
- Renovation of Recreation Park Pool
- Upgrades to Linwood Crump Shiloh Community Center
- Upgrades to Tempie Avery Montford Community Center
- Dedicated Pickleball Courts
- Upgrades to Murray Hill Park
- Upgrades to Recreation & Azalea Parks
- Upgrades to Walton Street Park
- Improvements to outdoor courts, playgrounds, ball field lighting, landscaping, and other supporting park infrastructure.

*Additional projects will be identified with equity, sustainability, current CIP projects and opportunities to maximize state and federal funding in mind.

Why were these projects prioritized?

Proposed projects reflect community priorities gathered in community engagement efforts and the most recent National Community Survey™ of Asheville residents.

Plans and Studies that informed the proposal of this project:

- Recreate Asheville
- Municipal Climate Action Plan
- National Community Survey™

Infrastructure projects are typically funded through the City's capital improvement program, also known as the CIP. The capital expenditures in the proposed bond program will supplement these projects which are currently funded in the 2024-2029 CIP:

- Burton Street Park Playground, Basketball Courts, Lighting and Landscaping
- French Broad River Park Parking Lot Improvements
- Haw Creek Park Paving and Resurfacing
- Roger Farmer Park New Basketball Court
- Stephens Lee Recreation Center New Playground and Basketball Court
- Weaver Park Ballfield Improvements



In the 2023 National Community Survey 55% of respondents ranked updates to City parks as essential or very important.



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