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INTRODUCTION

The North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) was established in July 1994 and the General Assembly made an initial appropriation of \$1 million. The purpose was to make improvements in state parks, to provide matching grants for local parks and to increase public access to the state's beaches.

From 1996 to 2013, dedicated funds from the excise tax on real estate transfers were allocated to the trust fund. Currently, PARTF is funded by an annual appropriation. Additional revenue is allocated from a portion of the fees from personalized license plates. The Parks and Recreation Authority, a citizen board, was also created to allocate funds from the PARTF for projects in state parks and for grants to local governments to develop park facilities.

Pursuant to G.S. 113-44.15, the money from the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund is to be allocated as follows:

- Sixty-five percent for the State Parks System for capital projects, repairs and renovations of facilities and to acquire land.
- Thirty percent to provide grants to local governments on a dollar-for-dollar basis to create or improve parks and recreational projects.
- Five percent for the Coastal and Estuarine Water Beach Access Program.
- No more than three percent may be used by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) for the operating expenses associated with managing capital improvements projects, acquiring land, and administering the grants program for local governments.

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NORTH CAROLINA PARKS AND RECREATION AUTHORITY

The North Carolina Parks and Recreation Authority, a nine-member board, oversees the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund. The Governor appoints three members, including the chairperson. The General Assembly appoints six members, three by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and three by the Speaker of the House.

The Authority is charged with six powers and duties:

- to receive public and private donations and funds for deposit into the trust fund
- to allocate funds for land acquisition
- to allocate funds for capital projects
- to solicit financial and material support
- to develop effective support for parks and recreation
- and to advise the Secretary of DENR on any matter he may refer to the body.

Members are appointed for three-year terms and may serve no more than two consecutive three-year terms. After serving two consecutive three-year terms, a member is not eligible for reappointment to the Authority for at least one year after the expiration of the member's last term.

The 2014-15 Parks and Recreation Authority members

Mr. Jason Kay, Jr. Chairman	Charlotte
Ms. Ann Babcock	Asheville
Ms. Lydia Boesch	Pinehurst
Mr. Paul A. Herbert	Davidson
Mr. Neal Lewis	Wilmington
Ms. Cynthia Tart	Oak Island
Ms. Lisa Wolf	Burlington
Mr. Edward Wood	Edenton
Vacant	

PARKS AND RECREATION TRUST FUND SUMMARY

The Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) is housed within the North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation. The Parks and Recreation Authority allocates PARTF revenue to state parks capital improvement and land acquisition projects. The board also selects recipients of grants to local governments to create or improve parks and recreational projects.

The Division of Parks and Recreation develops priorities for the state parks system and recommends projects for the board's approval. Once the board has allocated the PARTF funds, the Division manages the projects for state parks and for the grant program for local governments.

The Division of Parks and Recreation transfers five percent of PARTF revenue to the Division of Coastal Management (DCM) for the Coastal and Estuarine Water Beach Access Program. The Division of Coastal Management administers these funds and offers matching grants to local governments throughout the 20 coastal counties. The FY 2014-15 revenue sources and distribution are presented in Table 1.

Table 1. North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Deposits and Distribution of Revenues Fiscal Year 2014-15

Revenue	Amount
Personalized Registration Plates/ Investment Income	\$1,436,095
PARTF Appropriation	\$11,956,082
Total PARTF Revenues	\$13,392,177
Distribution	Amount
State Parks System	\$8,704,915
Local Governments Matching Grants Program	\$4,017,653
Public Beach and Coastal Waterfront Access Program	\$669,609
Total PARTF Allocation	\$13,392,177



Photo taken at Elk Knob State Park

GRANTS PROGRAM FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Program Description

The Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) program provides dollar-for-dollar matching grants to local governments. North Carolina counties and incorporated municipalities are eligible for PARTF grants. Public authorities, as defined by N.C. General Statute §159-7, are also eligible if they are authorized to acquire land or develop recreational facilities for the general public. Funds can be used to acquire land for public parks and trails and to protect natural and scenic resources. Funds can also be used to build recreational facilities or to renovate older park facilities. Each project can include only a single park or trail.

Every year the Division of Parks and Recreation (DPR) announces the availability of matching PARTF grants, and the schedule for submitting an application to local governmental officials as well as park and recreation directors. A local government can request a maximum grant amount of \$500,000 in PARTF assistance with each grant application. The appraised value of land donated to a local governmental unit, may be applied to the dollar-for-dollar matching requirement.

The DPR provides assistance to local governments in several ways. In September, the PARTF staff conducts a workshop where local governments can learn about the program and how to complete an application. The workshop is presented at video conference sites across the state. The DPR has a contract with North Carolina State University to provide technical assistance to local governments through the Recreation Resources Service (RRS). RRS assists local governments in planning PARTF projects and preparing grant applications with four consultants in regional offices across the state.



Photo taken at Haw River State Park

GRANTS PROGRAM FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Description of Applications and Grants

The members of the Parks and Recreation Authority select the projects that will receive a grant. The factors considered by the Authority as it selects recipients include, but are not limited to, the criteria contained in the PARTF scoring system, the population of the applicant, the geographic distribution of projects across the state, the presence or absence of other funding sources and compliance with prior grant agreements.

Applications were due January 31, 2014. The Parks and Recreation Authority met in July 2014 to select grant recipients.

The PARTF revenues allocated to local grants for fiscal year 2014-15 were \$4,017,653. Sixty-four local units of government submitted PARTF applications, requesting \$17.6 million in PARTF assistance. At the July 11, 2014 meeting, the Authority awarded 17 grants for \$4,098,750 (Table 2). The difference between the amount awarded and the fiscal year distribution is \$81,097. This additional revenue is from cancelled projects, reductions in the scope of work, and projects completed under budget.

**Table 2. NC Parks and Recreation Trust
Fund Grants Awarded to Local Governments FY 2014-15**

Sponsor	Project Name	Cost
Belville	Brunswick Riverwalk	\$160,897
Elizabethtown	Leinwand Park	\$215,000
Fairview	Fairview Park	\$317,550
Graham	Graham County Park	\$500,000
Landis	Lake Corriher Wilderness Area Park	\$402,269
Linden	Linden Park	\$212,400
Mint Hill	Brief Road Parcel Acquisition	\$335,000
Plymouth	Wilson Street Park	\$353,800
Raleigh	Horse Shoe Farm Nature Preserve Park	\$250,000
Red Springs	Land Acquisition	\$48,000
Richlands	Venters Park Redevelopment Phase II	\$65,734
Sims	Sims Community Park	\$75,000
Smithfield	Inclusion Park	\$350,000
Star	Forks of Little River Passive Park	\$47,500
Valdese	Downtown Park	\$215,600
Warsaw	Memorial Park Redevelopment	\$300,000
Wilsons Mills	Wilsons Mills Community Park	\$250,000
Totals		\$4,098,750



Photo taken at Hanging Rock State Park

Examples of FY 2014-15 Local Government PARTF Grant Awards

Graham County

Graham County Park is a cooperative effort between the county and Stanley Furniture, a local manufacturer that donated land to establish the park. The 36-acre park will be adjacent to Long Creek and Stanley Furniture. The park offerings will include a 1.8 mile trail, five picnic shelters, six ballfields and a playground. Currently Graham County has limited recreational opportunities. The other two parks owned by the county do not have land for expansion.

Preliminary Master Plan for the Young America Outdoor Recreational Park



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Examples of FY 2014-15 Local Government PARTF Grant Awards

Town of Smithfield—Johnston County



The Town of Smithfield is establishing an **Inclusion Park** to realize the community's vision of serving all children. The park will provide the county's first specially designed inclusive playground and a Miracle League baseball field. Walking trails, picnic facilities, and other recreational amenities are also components of the project.

The project, deemed the "Partnership to Build a Miracle", is a joint effort between the Town of Smithfield, Johnston County, the Partnership for Children of Johnston County, as well as local businesses, civic groups and individuals. The majority of the play elements and pathways will be accessible for wheelchairs and those with other disabilities. The ballfield will meet Miracle League Field standards by providing a rubberized play surface for safety and wheelchair accessible dugouts. It will also be used for youth programs such as T-ball and kindersports.



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Examples of Local Government PARTF Projects completed in FY 2014-15

Bladen County Park—Bladen County Grant Award: \$196,950 Fiscal Year Awarded: 2013



Bladen County Park is the County's only regional park. The park serves a population of nearly 35,000 by providing citizens of all ages opportunities to participate in a variety of athletic programs, active and passive recreational activities. Located just south of Elizabethtown, the county seat, the park is geographically positioned in the center of the county making it accessible to citizens living in more rural outlying areas.

A growing demand for programs, staggering health disparities, and a need to expand access to participants with disabilities encouraged county leaders to invest in adding new and enhancing current park facilities. Funding for this project allowed Bladen County to develop a new accessible walking trail and improve wheelchair access to existing facilities, enhance athletic fields and courts to accommodate growing numbers of program participants, as well as add other park amenities. These improvements to a well-used and well-loved park have demonstrated the County's commitment to providing top-notch recreation experiences to its citizens.



Dobson Square Park—Town of Dobson/Surry County

Grant Award: \$497,100 Fiscal Year Awarded: 2013

Dobson Square Park is the town's first public park. The 2.7-acre park is located downtown and within walking distance to schools, government offices, businesses, and the community library. The \$1.3 million project was funded by PARTF, BB&T, the Town of Dobson, and local donations. The park includes a splash pad, playground, two picnic shelters, restrooms, an amphitheater and a walking trail.

Both shelters have unobstructed views of the playground area and splash pad, allowing parents to keep a watchful eye on their kids. The playground area is encircled with a concrete walking path, keeping mulch in the play area while providing a wellness opportunity for parents within close proximity to the playground.

The splash pad is the primary feature of the park, offering free interactive water play for both kids and adults. Visitors can cool off by walking, running, or standing under one of the eight splash elements. Each element sprays or dumps water on users in various angles and patterns. The splash pad is currently the only treated water activity available to the public at no charge in the county.

The park has been used to host several different festivals and events such as a summer movie series. This park has without a doubt improved the quality of life for Dobson residents while helping the town fulfill its vision of being a community that promotes economic and social vitality.



GRANTS PROGRAM FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Examples of Local Government PARTF Projects completed in FY 2014-15

Anderson Creek Park—Harnett County Grant Award: \$500,000 Fiscal Year Awarded: 2011

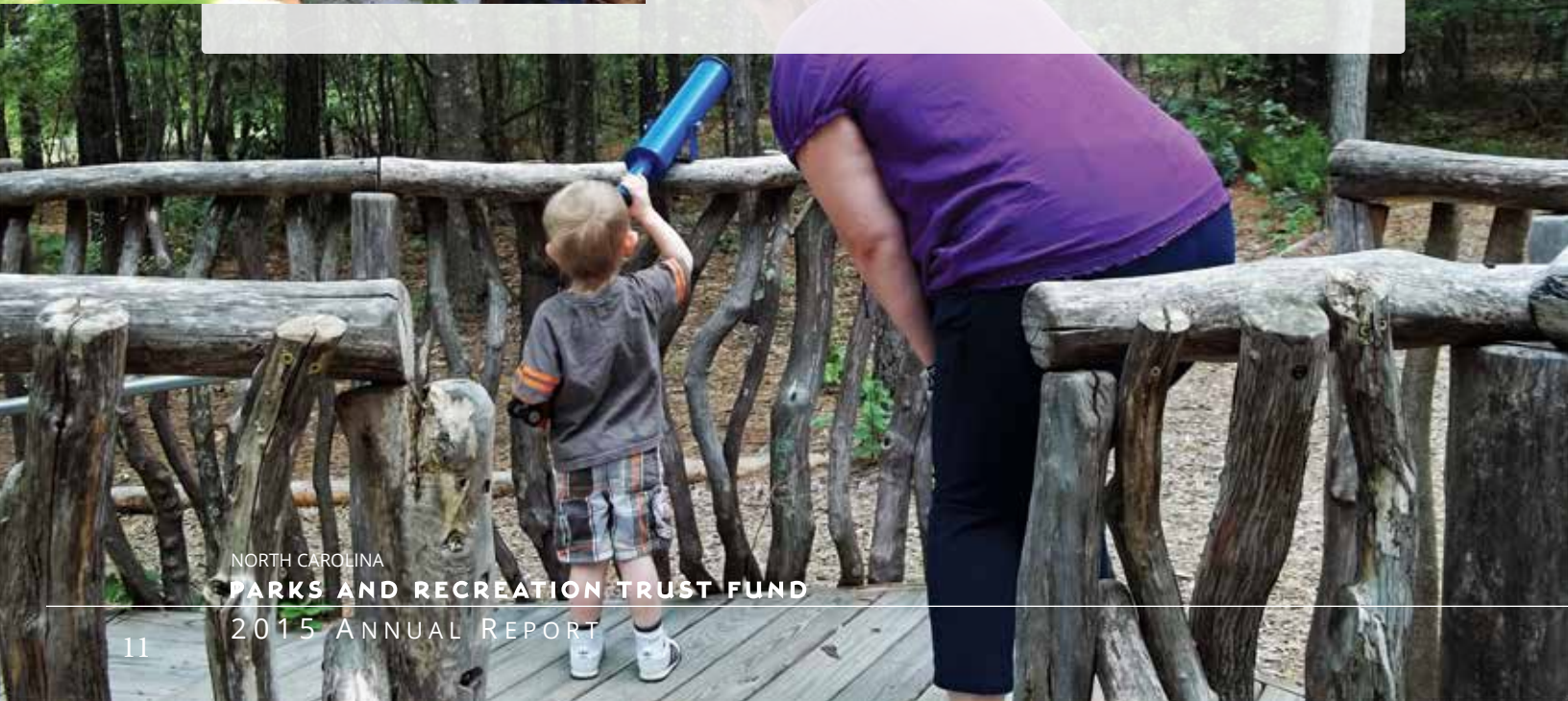


Harnett County began planning to build a nature-themed park in western Harnett County in 2005 when they were approached by a non-profit group with a 1017 acres. The County was awarded a \$500,000 Parks and Recreation Trust Fund grant in 2011 that was matched with a donation of 204 acres by a non-profit group to complete the first phase of the proposed park.

With the focus of preserving the longleaf pine habitat throughout the park and providing nature education for the citizens of Harnett County, construction began in September of 2013. Phase 1 of Anderson Creek Park was completed in April 2014 with a grand opening celebration that included an Environmental Field Day for local 5th grade students. The Phase 1 amenities include walking trails, pond overlook, picnic shelter, playground, disc golf course, interpretive signage, and restrooms.



The playground is a unique feature of the park. It is made of locust and rhododendron trees and blends into the natural setting of the park, allowing patrons to view the surrounding area as a playground and using their creativity to building new “playgrounds” with sticks, logs, leaves, and other natural elements.



Robbins Park—Town of Cornelius

Grant Award: \$300,000 Fiscal Year Awarded: 2012

Robbins Park is a 108-acre passive and active park located in Cornelius. The Cornelius Parks, Arts, Recreation and Culture Department opened Phase II of the park on April 25, 2015. Aided by a \$300,000 PARTF grant, the \$1.1 million project included the replacement of two deteriorating dams, improving pond habitat to support aquatic life, stocking the ponds with fish, building fishing piers and an observation platform, the construction of paved trails and boardwalks, and additional recreation facilities including a sand volleyball court, Ga-Ga pit, and disc golf course.

Robbins Park is a multi-phase, joint venture project, between Westmoreland Lake LLC, Mecklenburg County and the Town of Cornelius. These three partners collaborated to design an interwoven public park and residential community and Phase I opened in 2011. For Phase II, the project was highlighted by additional partnerships:

- A “turtle round-up” and relocation project was undertaken by the Davidson College Herpetology Department and the Lake Norman Wildlife Conservationists;
- The NC Wildlife Resources Commission provided two fishing piers and stocked the ponds with fish;
- The Lake Norman Wildlife Conservationists helped clear out fallen trees, identify trees, build trails, install bird boxes and expand a butterfly garden
- The Charlotte Disc Golf Club constructed the 18-hole disc golf course.



Geographic Distribution of Grants

Since 1995, the Authority has selected 785 grant recipients in all 100 counties across North Carolina for grant awards totaling \$178 million.

Figure 1. Distribution of PARTF Grants by County 1995-2014

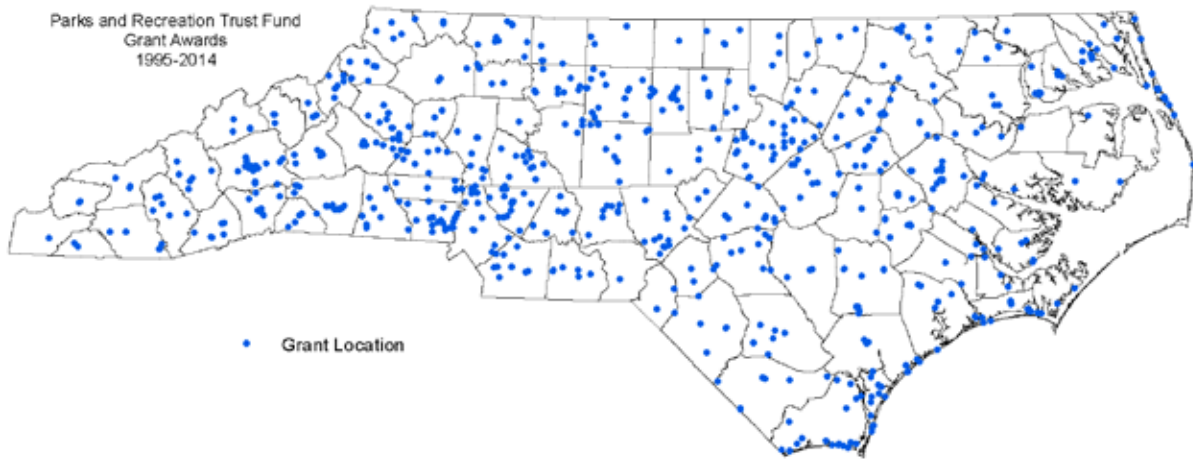
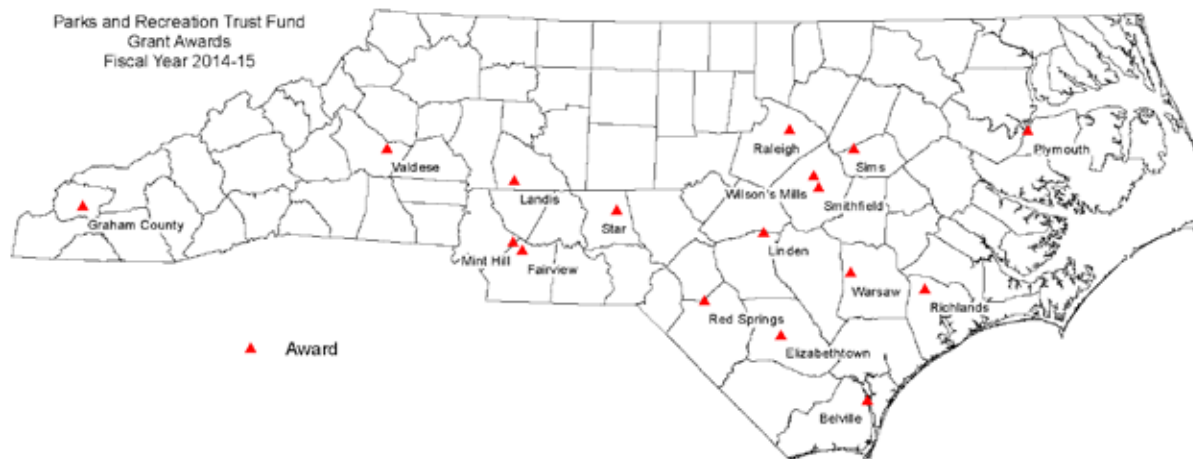


Figure 2. Distribution of PARTF Grants by County from 2014-15 Grant Cycle



Land Acquisition

The Parks and Recreation Authority approved projects totaling \$3,199,857 at five state parks including \$100,000 for associated costs (Table 3). For example, at Chimney Rock State Park the land acquisition projects focus on the protection of the natural and scenic resources as well as public access to the World's Edge section. The areas to be purchased are at Bluerock Mountain and Cedar Knob.

At Hammocks Beach State Park, the mainland facilities consist of the park visitor center and ferry terminal located on 38 acres. The expansion of the mainland area by nearly 300 acres has been a critical need of the North Carolina State Parks System for more than 30 years. The area is one of the largest undeveloped waterfront sites on the East Coast and will support environmental education and outdoor recreation at this premier coastal park.

Table 3. NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund State Parks System Land Acquisition Projects FY 2014-15

Unit	Acres	Cost	Description
Chimney Rock State Park	335	\$494,400	One tract to provide public access to the World's Edge section of the park, and several tracts to protect the Bat Cave area on the west side of the park.
Eno River State Park	87	\$155,500	Partial funding for critical tract on Buckquarter Creek, a major tributary to the Eno River. Trails may be expanded onto this property to enable the interpretation of the old quarry on the property.
Hammocks Beach State Park	289	\$1,061,957	Mainland property adjacent to existing state park property for future facility development. Partial funding for this critical project.
Mount Jefferson State Natural Area	111	\$678,000	This land will provide public access to lower elevations of Mount Jefferson. Match for Land and Water Conservation Fund grant.
South Mountains State Park	782	\$710,000	Inholding along US 64 on west end of state park. Property includes a house and out buildings. In the future, this area will be a new park entrance. Partial funding for acquisition of the Simms Hill natural heritage area.
Park System		\$100,000	Expenses associated with land acquisition including appraisals, title work, and boundary surveys.
Totals	1,604	\$3,199,857	



Photos taken at (from top): Chimney Rock, Eno River, Hammocks Beach, Mount Jefferson and South Mountains.

Construction and Renovation

During fiscal year 2014-15, the Parks and Recreation Authority approved state park construction and renovation projects totaling \$5,450,000 (Table 4). Highlights include a project to significantly increase camping facilities at Lake James State Park. It includes the design of a 35 tent-only camping loop; a bathhouse serving the tent camping loop; three vault toilets serving the boat-in primitive camp sites; approximately 30 boat-in camp sites; and approximately 5.5 miles of gravel service/access road to the boat-in primitive camping area. Boat-in camping has been popular at Lake James for many years and the new sites will greatly improve this activity at the state park.

The difference between the FY 2014-15 revenue for state park projects, \$8,704,915, and the total funds allocated by the Parks and Recreation Authority is \$55,058. The allocations are based on estimated revenue. The additional revenue will be allocated during FY 2015-16.

**Table 4. NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund
State Parks System Capital Improvement Projects FY 2014-15**

Park	Project	Cost
Chimney Rock State Park	Trail Structure Improvements (Design)	\$75,000
Fort Fisher State Recreation Area	Shower House and Picnic Area Renovations (Design)	\$125,000
Hammocks Beach State Park	Dredging Access to Bear Island (Design)	\$100,000
Haw River State Park	Youth Dormitory Renovation (Construction)	\$1,000,000
Lake James State Park	Tent and Boat-in Camping (Construction)	\$1,550,000
Lake James State Park	Cove Bridge (Design)	\$125,000
Pilot Mountain State Park	Sewer Improvements (Construction)	\$400,000
Park System	Trail Maintenance	\$175,000
Park System	Exhibit Maintenance	\$50,000
Park System	Demolition	\$25,000
Park System	Major Maintenance (includes \$250K for hydrilla control on Lake Waccamaw)	\$1,750,000
Park System	High Hazard Dam Emergency Action Plan	\$75,000
Totals		\$5,450,000

Operating Expenses Associated with State Park Projects

In allocating PARTF funds to the state parks system, the Parks and Recreation Authority considered the operating expenses that may be associated with the projects (G.S. 113-44.15(b3)). The Division of Parks and Recreation estimated these costs and presented them for the board's consideration when the projects were proposed for funding. The estimated costs are based on conceptual plans for each project.

The only funded project that will result in additional operating costs is Tent and Boat-In Camping at Lake James State Park. The minimal staffing level would include a full-time Journey Park Ranger, a Maintenance Mechanic IV, and a part-time, 11-month Office Assistant, plus equipment, supplies, utilities and other operating expenses, for a total annual cost of approximately \$166,000. The optimal staffing level would include the positions above plus a part-time, 11-month Park Technician, for a total annual cost of approximately \$180,000.

Examples of State Park PARTF Projects completed in FY 2014-15

Lake James State Park opens "boat-in" camping complex

The facility offers 30 boat-in campsites at three separate areas on the tip of the Long Arm peninsula less than one mile northeast of the park's swim beach. The reservation-only campsites are furnished with picnic tables, fire pits and tent pads and have access to environmentally-friendly vault toilets.

Lake James State Park opened a 15-mile network of mountain biking trails in mid-2014. Park staff assisted in that project and also built the award-winning Holly Discovery Trail for kids. The park expects to begin construction this summer on a traditional family campground with drive-to campsites at Paddy's Creek. The park's Catawba River Area has a 20-site campground.

The new amenities augment a swim beach, bathhouse, picnic area and foot trails that have been opened at the park's Paddy's Creek Area since 2010. The newly developed access is on 2,915 acres acquired in 2004 from Crescent Resources Inc. Lake James State Park was established in 1987 and encompasses 3,514 acres on both the north and south shore of the 6,812-acre lake. The park recorded 471,566 visitors in 2014.

Lake Norman State Park Visitor Center

Lake Norman State Park in Troutman dedicated its \$4.3 million, 11,000-square-foot Visitor Center on April 23, 2015. The center—the park's first—is designed to educate the public about the environment and local natural resources. Classrooms, a multipurpose room and an auditorium are available to school and other groups, along with restrooms.

The lobby displays exhibits about the park, Lake Norman and local wildlife and aquatic life.

The center also will house Lake Norman State Park staff and N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation West District staff.

The Division of Parks and Recreation anticipates receiving LEED Gold Certification for the project. LEED, or Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design, is a green building certification program.





Program Description

North Carolina's Public Beach and Coastal Waterfront Access Program was established by the General Assembly in 1981. The program began receiving five percent of the revenues from the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund during the 1996-97 fiscal year. The program's enabling legislation (GS 113A-134.1) states that public interest would be served by providing increased access to coastal waters, public parking facilities, or other related public uses.

The program, administered by the Division of Coastal Management (DCM), offers matching grant funds primarily to local governments throughout the 20 coastal counties. Since 1981, over 300 public access sites have been acquired or improved at a cost of over \$37 million in grant funds. Local governments are responsible for construction, operation and long-term maintenance of the facilities. While most of the early projects were located along the ocean-front, more projects are now designed to improve access to estuarine shorelines, coastal rivers, and urban waterfronts.

The Division of Coastal Management sends pre-application requests for proposals (RFPs) to local governments in the 20 coastal counties annually. Criteria developed by the Coastal Resources Commission, is used to select grant recipients. Local governments are given 18 months to complete projects. Extensions may be granted, with a 3-year maximum life of a contract, for unforeseen events and delays, such as hurricanes.

Local governments are required to match from 10 percent to 25 percent of the project costs based on the type of project being funded and the communities' economic status per the North Carolina Department of Commerce's Tier designations, as outlined by the Lee Act (G.S. 105-129.3). The required cash match may include Federal and other State funds provided these funds are not already being used as match funds for any other state or federal program.

Photo taken at Carolina Beach State Park

Types of Projects Funded

Communities can apply for five different types of water access sites: local, neighborhood, regional, multi-regional and urban waterfront redevelopment projects.

- Local access sites include public access points, offering minimal, or no facilities. Pedestrians who reside within a few hundred yards of the site primarily use them. Generally, these access ways are a minimum of ten feet in width providing only a dune crossover or pier. Vehicle parking is generally not available at these access sites. Bicycle racks may be provided as well as litter receptacles and access signs.
- Neighborhood access sites are public access areas offering parking, usually for five to 25 vehicles, a dune crossover or pier, litter receptacles and public access signs. Such accesses are typically 40 to 60 feet in width and are primarily used by individuals within the immediate subdivision or vicinity of the site. Restroom facilities may be installed.
- Regional access sites serve the public throughout an island or community including day visitors. These sites normally provide parking for 25 to 80 vehicles, restrooms, a dune crossover, pier, foot showers, litter receptacles, and public access signs. Where possible, one-half acre of open space in addition to all required setback areas should be provided for buffering, day use, nature study or similar purposes.
- Multi-regional access sites are generally larger than regional access ways but smaller than state parks. Multi-regional facilities provide parking for 80 to 200 cars, restrooms with indoor showers and changing rooms, and concession.
- Urban waterfront redevelopment and working waterfront projects that improve public access. Such projects include the establishment or rehabilitation of boardwalk areas, shoreline stabilization measures such as the installation or rehabilitation of bulkheads, and the placement or removal of pilings for the purpose of public safety and/or increased access and use of the urban waterfront.

Additionally, as part of rule changes that took effect in 2007, boat ramps and motorized boating facilities may be included as part of any of the above types of access provided the pedestrian access is also part of the project.

PARTF Awards Based on FY 2014-15 Deposits and Other Unencumbered Funds

The Program's funding mechanism was changed in fiscal year 2013. State appropriations are now allocated to DCM through PARTF. The amount budgeted for grants and transferred from the PARTF to DCM during fiscal year 2014-15 was \$669,609. Further, there was \$746,113 remaining unencumbered from previous funding allocations. Table 5 provides the list of local governments that have been awarded grant funding or have been invited to submit a final application for funding.

Photo taken at Jockey's Ridge State Park

PUBLIC BEACH & COASTAL WATERFRONT ACCESS PROGRAM

Table 5. Communities Awarded or Prioritized for FY 2014-15 Funding Based on Earlier Deposits and State Appropriations

Local Government	Project Description	Total Project Cost	Grant Amount
Atlantic Beach*	Charlotte Avenue Access Dune Crossover	\$88,710	\$66,532
Atlantic Beach	Old Bridge Abutment Parking	\$96,932	\$72,699
Carolina Beach*	Oceanfront Boardwalk	\$803,866	\$602,900
Cedar Point	Municipal Park Acquisition	\$430,000	\$200,000
Elizabeth City+	Riverside Avenue Access Improvements	\$75,000	\$67,500
Havelock	Slocum Creek Park Parking	\$210,219	\$90,093
Kitty Hawk	Lillian Street Parking	\$70,588	\$52,941
Morehead City*	Jib Plaza Phase III Pavilion	\$266,666	\$200,000
Murfreesboro+	Kings Landing Parking and Access way	\$85,000	\$76,500
Ocean Isle Beach	Leland Street Access Dune Crossover	\$25,670	\$19,253
Oriental*	South Avenue Restrooms	\$63,000	\$47,250
Swansboro*	Bicentennial Park Improvements	\$47,000	\$35,250
Swansboro	Church Street Access Improvements	\$71,424	\$53,568
Topsail Beach*	Darden Avenue Dune Crossover	\$60,641	\$45,391
Tyrrell County+	Veterans' Park Improvements	\$95,000	\$85,500
Washington*+	People's Pier Access	\$133,333	\$120,000
Windsor*+	Elm Street Access Improvements	\$35,000	\$31,500
Windsor+	Elm Street Access Improvements Phase II	90,000	\$81,000
Totals		\$2,748,049	\$1,947,877

*Projects awarded grant funding during 2014.

+ Denotes communities that are Tier 1 jurisdictions. \$462,000 or about 24% of the grant awards are proposed for Tier 1 communities.

The above project list does not include any direct partnerships with other State agencies. The only non-award use of the funds is providing access site signs made by the State Division of Corrections. Signs are provided to local governments for new sites and for replacement of weathered signs.

From Washington's waterfront, where the proposed People's Pier is sited, looking south-east down the Pamlico River (photo by Stan Deatherage).

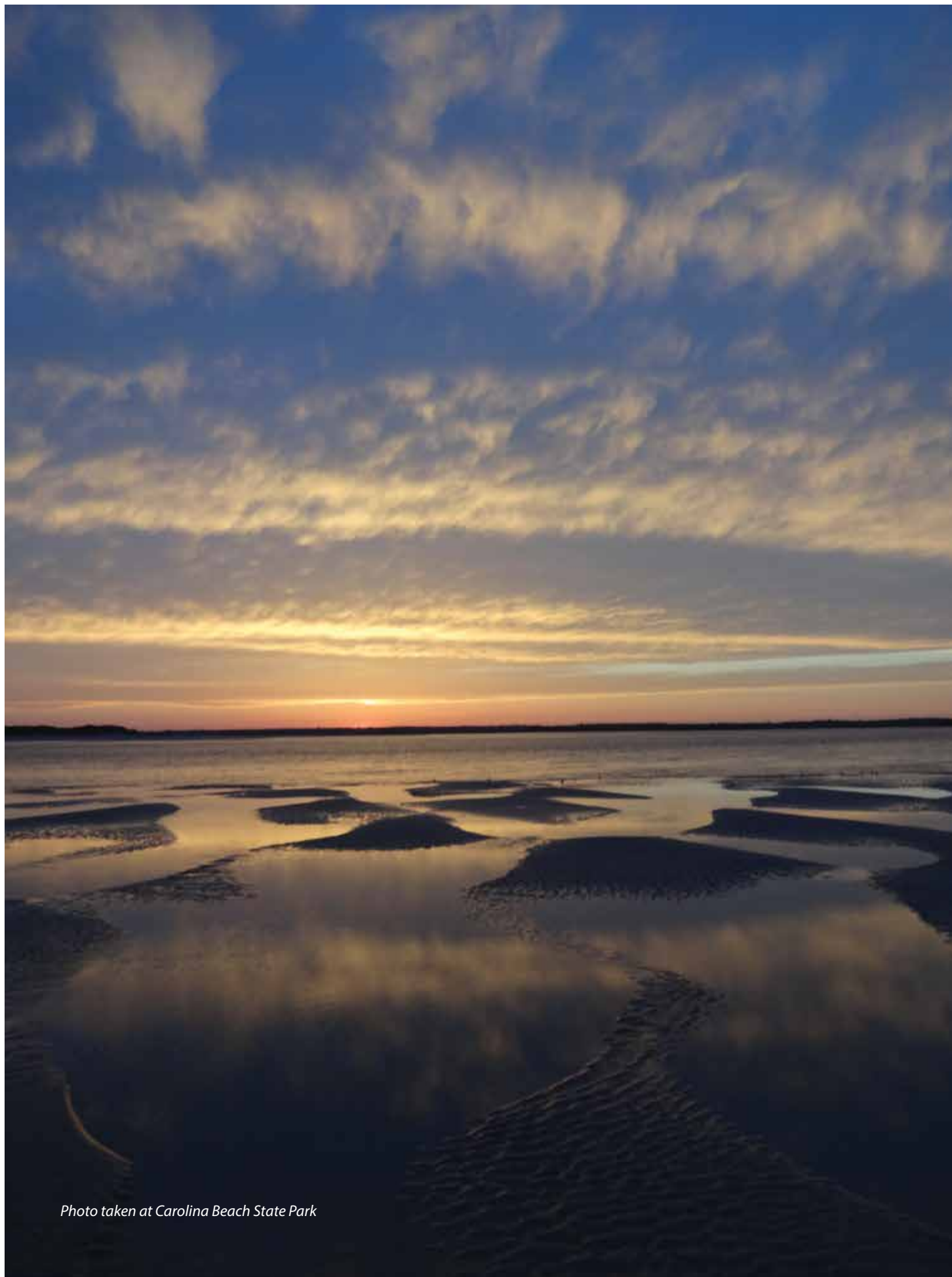


Photo taken at Carolina Beach State Park



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