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Forsyth County Parks Foundation donates \$40,000 to Forsyth County Parks & Recreation

Grant for Big Creek Greenway Improvements and Park Beautification Projects

The Forsyth County Parks Foundation, Inc., a 501c3 non profit organization formed by local residents in 2010, announced its largest donation to date at the October Forsyth County Park & Recreation Board meeting this week.

Thanks to the generosity of several local businesses, fellow community organizations like the five Forsyth Rotary Clubs, individual contributors and event participants, the Foundation made the \$40,000 donation to the Forsyth County Parks & Recreation Department ahead of schedule and above their targeted amount set forth by the Foundation Board.

Each year the Foundation collaborates with Park Staff to identify current needs and priority projects. Based on those discussions, in 2023, the Foundation committed to donating \$30,000 to the County for Greenway repairs by the end of 2025. After a successful 5th Annual Tour de Forsyth, which highlights County parks with trails, the Foundation increased their total donation to our parks to \$40,000.

The bulk of the donated funds will be used to help make improvements to one of most popular and well used amenities in the County - ***the Big Creek Greenway***. With multiple phases added over the years, the now 17 mile mix of 12 ft. wide boardwalk and concrete paths offers a serene outdoor setting for walking, running and biking.

"I am always excited to see residents of all ages throughout the County regularly visit and enjoy the community parks and rec programs around them. This donation shows the community support of our staff and facilities and we appreciate the work of the Foundation and our citizens," Kirk Franz, Director, FC Parks & Recreation Dept.

The awarding of a \$40,000 grant from the FC Parks Foundation to FC Parks & Recreation helps the Foundation to fulfill its mission to assist Forsyth County residents in enhancing their local parks. To learn more about how the Forsyth County Parks Foundation works with the community to improve parks near you visit their website at <https://forsythcountyparks.org> or their other social media outlets:

