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Iredell County Parks and Recreation Department to Receive Grant Funding

Statesville, NC – Iredell County Parks, Recreation and Facility Services Department is pleased to announce that they will receive a Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Grant in the amount of \$419,718. The funds will be used for further acquisition and development of Jennings Park, located at 141 Deitz Road, Statesville, NC. The Iredell County Board of Commissioners agreed to authorize the use of the appraised land value of Jennings Park as the County's local match to accommodate PARTF Grant protocol.

[The North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund](#) (PARTF) is a state funded grant program for land acquisition and development of parks. PARTF is the primary source of funding to build and renovate facilities in state and local parks, as well as to buy land for new and existing parks. The PARTF program provides dollar-for-dollar matching grants to local governments. Recipients use the grants to acquire land and/or to develop park and recreational projects that serve the general public. [The North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation](#) administers the program, Recreation Resources Services (RRS) provides technical assistance to grantees and those applying for funding. The Parks and Recreation Authority, a nine member board appointed by the Governor and the General Assembly selects the applicants who will receive a PARTF grant.

In 2016, there were 66 applications submitted from across the state, seeking funding from the \$8.48 million dollar fund. On August 25, 2016, the selection process awarded 32 projects across the state and Iredell County was selected with the highest ranking application.

Jennings Park, boasts 68 acres of land for recreation use. The original 19 acre parcel of land, formerly known as Sertoma Park, currently includes 4 baseball fields, restrooms, and concessions and was donated by the North Piedmont Babe Ruth League. Iredell County purchased the addition adjacent parcel of 49 acres. Combined, they will provide exceptional recreation space for the citizens of Iredell County for years to come. With the support of the PARTF Program, site specific master planning can begin in January 2017, to include improvements to existing amenities, as well as design and future developments to the park property. There will be a number of public input opportunities, via public meetings and surveys to take place fall 2016 and winter 2017.

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