

Press Release: The Town of Rural Hall is PARTF Funded!  
Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Yesterday, North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper announced the local parks and recreation projects across the state that were funded this year through the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF). We are excited to announce that the Town of Rural Hall's "Covington Memorial Park Revitalization Project: Phase 1" is one of the 23 projects funded! The Town of Rural Hall will receive the maximum award of \$500,000.

In November 2023, the Town of Rural Hall held the first of two Community Meetings for the development of the town's Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Rural Hall Town Council adopted this Master Plan in February, 2024 following input from the community and our Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. We submitted our PARTF Grant application on May 1st for Phase 1 funding, and were notified on August 23 that Rural Hall's project was recommended for funding.

This phase of the Covington Memorial Park Revitalization is primarily focused on relocating and expanding the playground, installing a splash pad where the old playground was located and creating a walking path that circulates around the entirety of the park and across the pond via a boardwalk. Throughout this portion of constructing, existing paths will be demolished, regraded, realigned and expanded for accessible access. While we are not able to definitively say how much of this will be completed with this funding, it will put us well on our way to revitalizing our park to suit the needs of our community and continue to make Rural Hall a great place to live, work, and play.

This opportunity for our Town would not be possible without YOU, the hard-working, dedicated, and recreation loving residents of Rural Hall. Your input during this process has been invaluable. Thank you to our elected officials and staff, our Recreation Advisory Committee and our partners at WithersRavenel for their assistance in preparing and submitting our grant application. This has been a true team effort, and we are grateful for all that everyone has done throughout this successful application process. We are incredibly grateful for this funding, and we look forward to keeping everyone updated along the way. THANK YOU, RURAL HALL!