

2020 Annual Report

Dear Clayton County Residents,

I am pleased to share Clayton County Parks and Recreation's 2020 Annual Report, providing an overview of our accomplishments as well as our upcoming goals for 2021. As with most of the world, this was a year of growth, compassion, and learning to think outside the box. We took on and rose to the challenge to continue serving our community with safety and delivery as a top priority. The Lake Spivey Recreation Center opened in November and administrative staff moved to their new offices. The final touches are being completed on the Lake Spivey Recreation Center for the community to enjoy with an anticipated grand opening in January 2021. The Bark Parks at Clayton County International Park and Gerald Matthews Park hosted their grand opening in the fall of 2020. Flat Shoals Park added updates to enhance the park. Over \$63,000 in Capital Improvements assisted with upgrades and new amenities scheduled to open in 2021. Outdoor fitness equipment was installed along the trails for the enjoyment of those that prefer a good workout surrounded by nature.

Our recreation centers implemented virtual visits where anyone with access to a computer/internet could enjoy complimentary on-line classes in the safety and comfort of their home. Our Athletics Division was significantly affected this year in their capacity to deliver services; however, this amazing team rolled up their sleeves and went to work. They designed and implemented Traveling Recess that was a huge success. While large events were postponed for 2020, the department hosted: 6 Movie Under the Stars, a Virtual Breast Cancer Walk, a Fourth of July Concert /Fireworks display, and 3 Fishing Derbies. Parks and Recreation also partnered with the Rotary Club, Chairman Turner and Commissioner Davis for a successful Food Drive. Parks and Recreation staff carefully and strategically planned each event, program, and service with the safety of the community as a top priority.

Clayton County Parks and Recreation Staff received several Georgia Recreation and Parks Association awards that highlighted their outstanding service. Throughout the year, staff continued training in the recreation field to better serve the community.

As we move into the coming year we have much to look forward to. In 2021, we are completing a \$14 million dollar renovation project at the International Park to include a state-of-the-art water park with the state's longest lazy river and Sky Trail Explorer Ropes Course. Parks and Recreation is partnering with the Water Authority to improve existing water flow and trail design at Jesters Creek Trail with a completion date anticipated for June 2021.

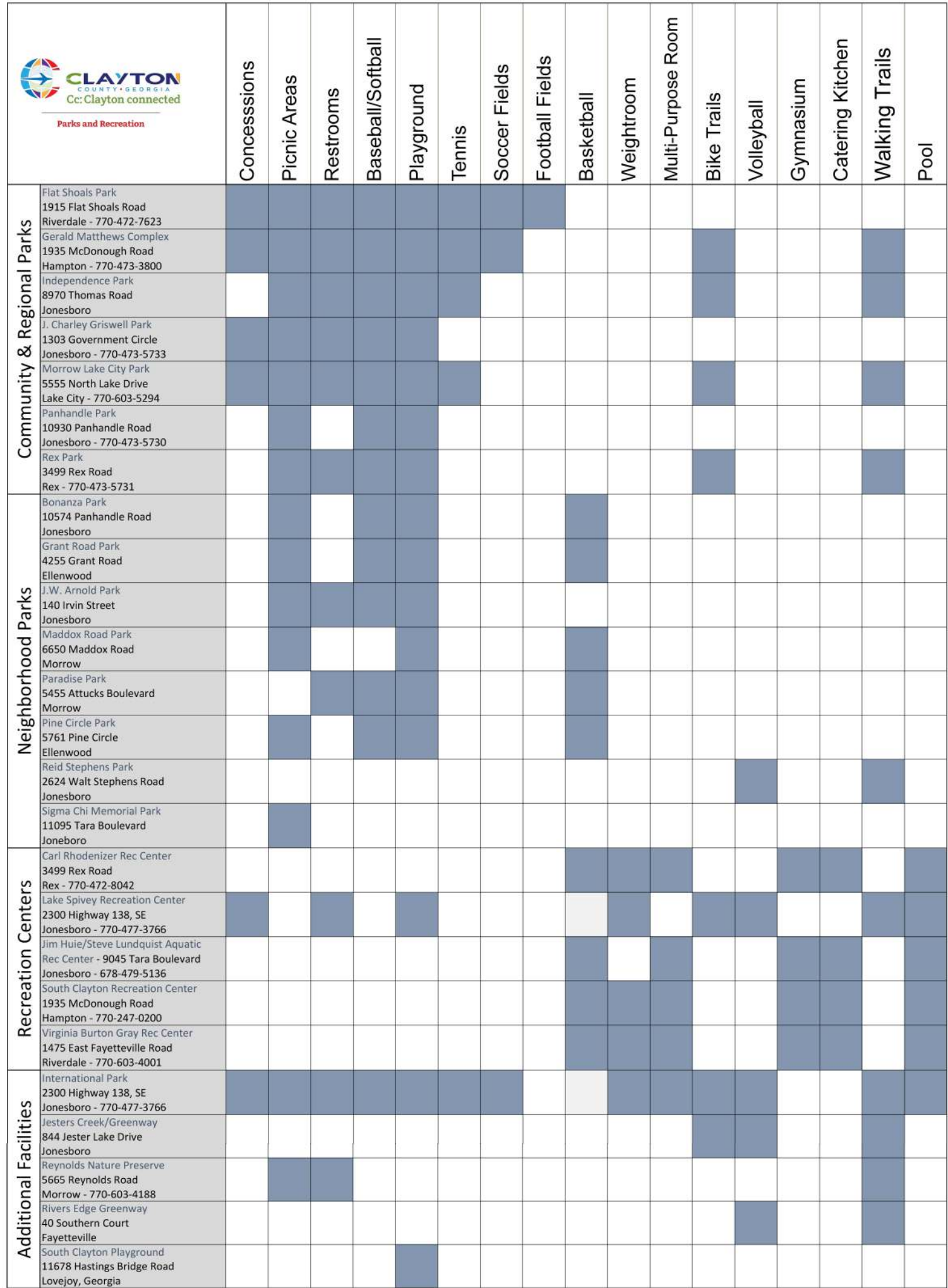
On behalf of the Clayton County Parks & Recreation Department, we want to say thank you to our patrons. We appreciate your support and passion for the parks. We look forward to providing you with another great year with events, classes, programs, and outdoor adventures. Please click on the QR Code below and complete the survey because your opinion matters!

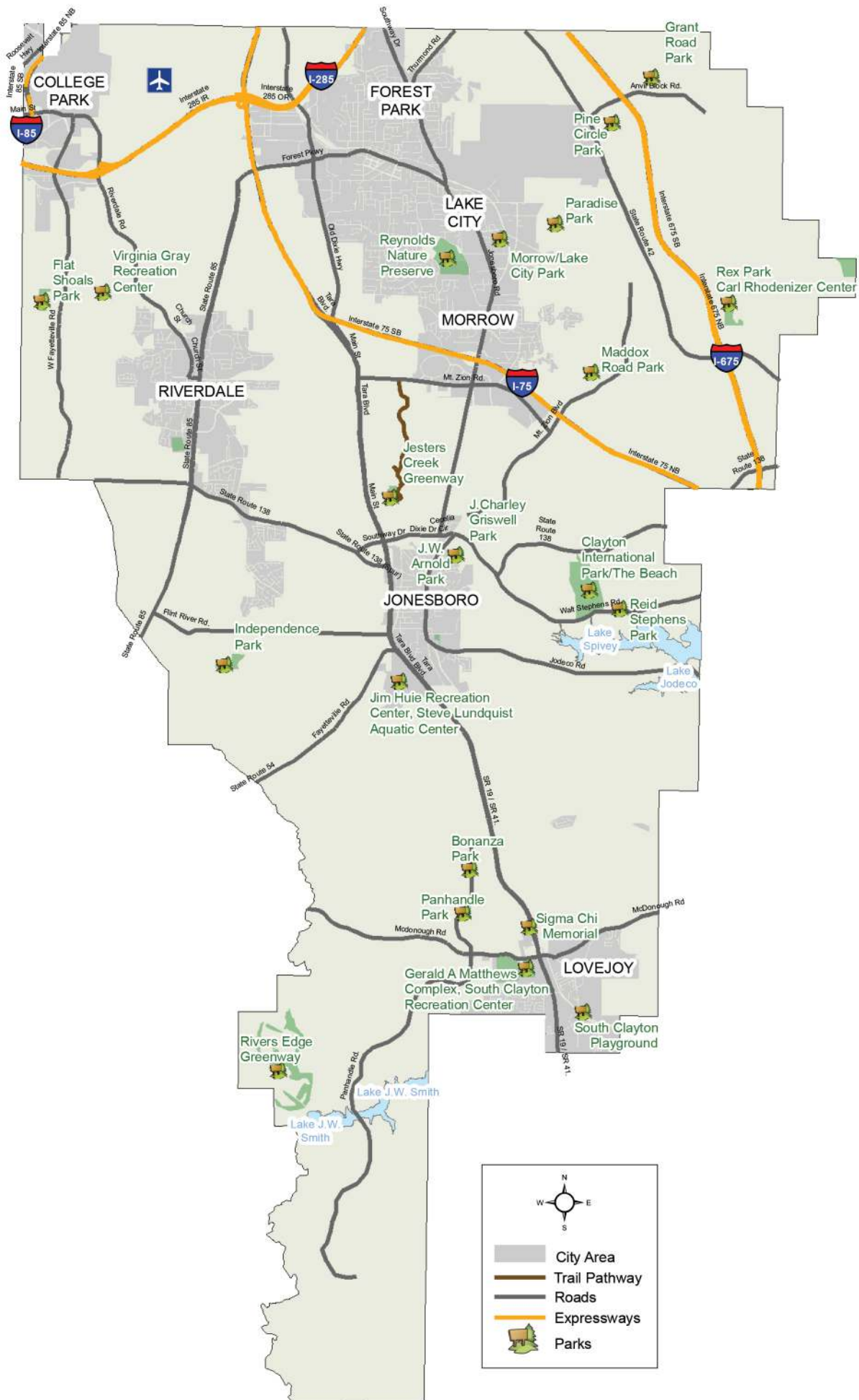
Sincerely,

Troy Hodges, Director



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2020 DEPARTMENTAL SUMMARY

PARKS AND RECREATION

Mission Statement

The mission of the Clayton County Parks and Recreation Department is to foster leisure activities, pursuits and experiences through the provision of a safe and well-maintained park system, comprehensive and affordable recreation programs and facilities to the residents of Clayton County.

Functions

To provide recreational programs and manage parks, facilities and greenspace.

Departmental Goals, Objectives, and Issues

Goal I: Administration and Organization: To systematically and efficiently provide park and recreational needs of all Clayton County residents by use of public and private resources.

- Objective I: Provide well-maintained and conditioned fields and facilities for youth and adults through a comprehensive maintenance and turf management plan.
- Objective II: Improve and develop county recreational facilities and parks.

Goal II: Recreational Program: Sponsor and support a comprehensive program of recreation and park activities with the opportunity for a variety of experiences adjusted to meet the physical and psychological needs of Clayton County residents.

- Objective I: To identify the demand for the types of programs needed ensuring a wide variety of opportunities for people of Clayton County.

Long-term Departmental Issues for FY 2021 and Beyond

1. To be awarded the Georgia Recreation & Parks Association Agency of the Year Award.
2. To be awarded national awards on behalf of the National Recreation and Parks Association.
3. The hiring and retention of qualified staff.
4. Development of new partnerships and sponsorships to assist in decreasing dependency of the General Fund.
5. Implementation, management, and completion of 2009 and 2015 SPLOST projects.
6. Continue marketing and branding program to increase visibility in the community.
7. Maintain our national accreditation.

Performance Measurements

	<u>2017 Actual</u>	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Unaudited</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
Percent of Citizens satisfaction with appearance of parks:	91%	92%	93%	93%
Number of park acres per 1,000 population:	8.1	8.1	8.2	8.2
Percent of SPLOST spending plan achieved:	91%	93%	95%	95%
Percent of users satisfied with recreation services:	87%	87%	88%	88%
Ratio of developed and underdeveloped park acres per grounds maintenance FTE:	1:25	1:25	1:25	1:25

JANUARY - DECEMBER 2020

Annual Snapshot

CAPRA
ACCREDITED

Implemented
Virtual Visits

GRPA Awards

Outstanding Support Staff
Randall Collier

Outstanding Network Professional
Ronnie Henley

Flat Shoals
Ground
Enhancements

Implemented
"Rotating Recess"
Skills Academy

Grand Opening
2 Bark Parks

Partnerships
enhance
services to
community

Over \$63,000
Capital
Improvements



GRPA Awards
Lifeguard Competition
3rd Place

Clayton State
partners with RNP
to conduct Floral Study
(cataloging all
plant specimens)

New
Administrative
Office Opens

New Pollinator
Garden created
at Reynolds

Received 2020
New Initiative
GPRG Grant
\$1,000



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Implemented Virtual Visits



Partnerships - Morrow Scout Troup 112



New Pollinator Garden - Reynolds Nature Preserve



Clayton State Partnership - Floral Study



New Logo



3rd Place Lifeguard State Competiton - GRPA



"Rotating Recess" Academy Skills



Clayton County International Park
Grand Opening - September 26, 2020



Gerald Matthews Complex
Grand Opening - October 31, 2020



Lake Spivey Recreation Center



Administrative Office Opened October 2020
Recreation Center Opened January 2021



Clayton County International Park
Workout Equipment (12 Stations)
Opened December 2020



Flat Shoals Park Ground Enhancements
New Turf and Mulch in Playgrounds

We care about you!

The temporary closure of offices to the public from Monday, March 16, 2020 to May 12, 2020 was necessary to help reduce the risk of potential contraction or transmission of the Coronavirus (COVID19) for employees, families, citizens, and constituents, and to consider additional safety measures.

County leaders closely monitored COVID-19 cases and risk factors. Meanwhile, additional proactive safeguards were in place for employees and citizens. Personal protection equipment (PPE) was available for employees and additional training for cleaning and sanitizing facilities was part of the safety protocol. In some areas, directional signage and protective barriers were installed.

Citizens were encouraged to access the departmental websites to review for any modification of services and hours of operations. Visitors were encouraged to wear a mask while handling business at all government and administrative offices. Employees and visitors were encouraged to practice social distancing.

Parks & Recreation launched a campaign "We've Missed You" to inform the public about the process and phases the department has implemented for their safety.

All facilities are being sprayed with Betco cleaning chemicals weekly to ensure the safety for our constituents and staff. We will continue to monitor CDC Guidelines and plan accordingly.

Guidelines: Maintain Social Distance 6 Feet

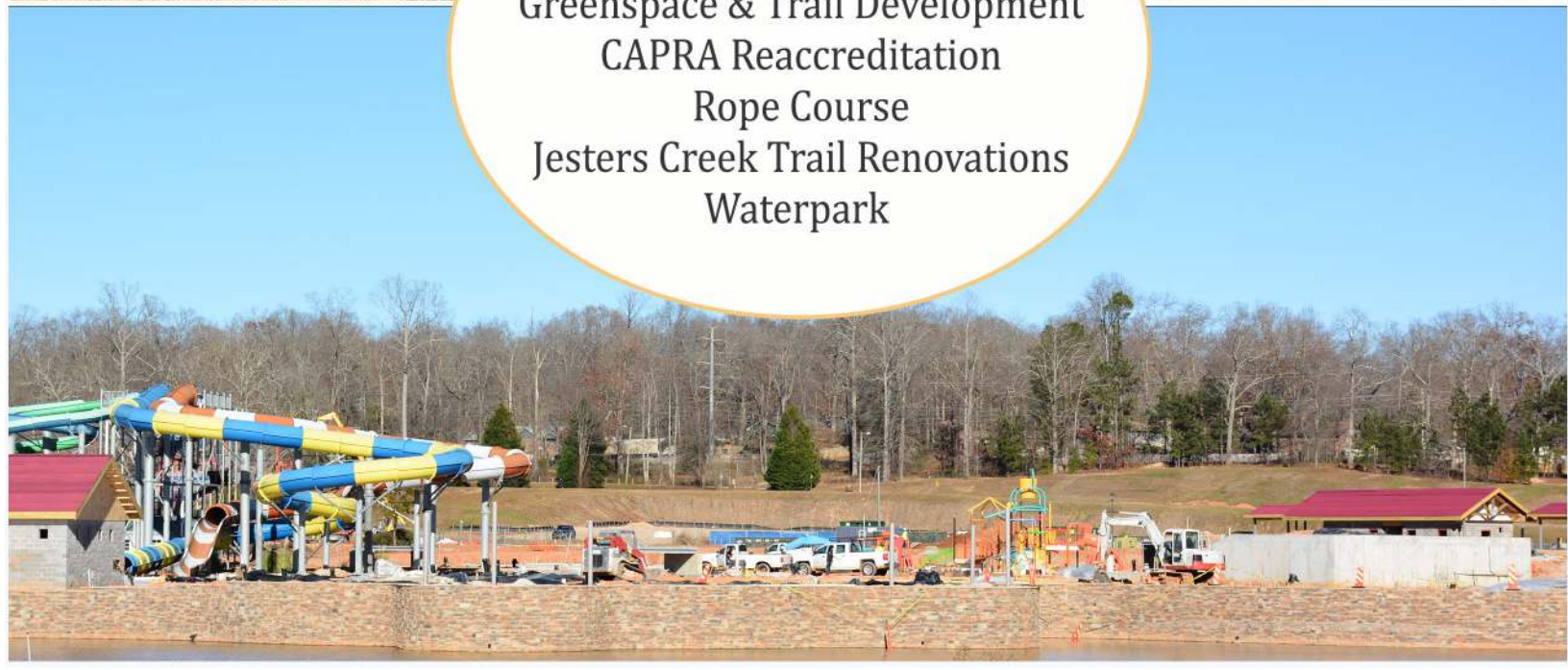


Cleaning Playgrounds, Facilities, and Parks

2021 CURRENT PROJECTS



Lake Spivey Recreation Center
Greenspace & Trail Development
CAPRA Reaccreditation
Rope Course
Jesters Creek Trail Renovations
Waterpark





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