

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 11, 2024

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mark L. Bellamy, Jr., County Administrator *BT for MB*

SUBJECT: Renovations at Back Creek Park

Back Creek Park is currently undergoing renovations and additions to enhance recreational opportunities for the community. The centerpiece of these renovations is the comprehensive overhaul of the tennis courts, which began on March 25, 2024, and is expected to last 10-12 weeks. The project involves removing all tennis court nets and poles, milling down and removing existing asphalt, replacing original tennis net pole support bases, and installing new supports for both tennis and pickleball net poles. Stone and essential electrical repairs are also being added to the site. Once these foundational steps are completed, including converting the east half of the courts (two tennis courts) into six pickleball courts, the area will be laser-graded and compacted before paving with fresh asphalt. Upon completion, Back Creek Park will feature two tennis courts and twelve pickleball courts.

In addition to the tennis court renovations, the Park is introducing a new kayak launch to cater to water sports enthusiasts. The project includes installing a redesigned parking lot with appropriate handicapped parking for accessibility. An ADA-accessible sidewalk and picnic area will provide convenient access to a 30-foot wooden pier with a fishing overlook, seamlessly connecting to a 30-foot metal gangway and a 20'x13' EZ Dock floating dock, facilitating easy entry and exit for kayakers. Measures such as tree protection, a silt fence, and a construction entrance will be implemented to preserve the natural surroundings. While approximately five trees or shrubs will be removed from the site to accommodate the project, efforts will be made to minimize environmental impact. The total work area within the project limits is approximately three thousand square feet. Once completed, the kayak launch will offer a safe and accessible entry point for water sports enthusiasts.

Back Creek Park is creating a dedicated dog park to cater to our four-legged friends and their owners. Spanning approximately 150'x 250', the fully fenced area will be divided into sections for small and large dogs, ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for all canine visitors. As part of the project, unhealthy and small-sized trees within the designated area will be removed, while larger trees will be retained to provide much-needed shade on sunny days.

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