



Accessible Parks Program Grant

Wilmington's Parks and Recreation Department is planning to apply for a \$235,200 North Carolina Accessible Parks Program Grant to supplement City funds to replace the outdoor playground at the Fit For Fun Center with an ADA-accessible structure, extended playground surface, and new fencing. The grant can help ensure that the playground is replaced within two years and potentially with a better structure than the City could provide without additional funding.

- Fit For Fun's outdoor playground was installed in 2002, sees a comparatively high volume of use, and is not ADA accessible.
- Modern outdoor playgrounds are recommended to be replaced 15-20 years after installation.
- The North Carolina Accessible Parks Grant Program provides \$12.5 million in matching grants for parks and recreation to benefit people living with disabilities in North Carolina.
- The total project cost is \$294,000 and the City has the required 20% matching funds of \$58,800 available in the Parks Capital budget for playground replacement.

