



# CHOWAN COUNTY RECREATION BOND

Chowan County Board of Commissioners voted to let citizens decide about future recreation facilities in Chowan County. Residents can vote YES or NO on November 5 to support the Recreation Bond.

The bond would total \$15,000,000 and would result in an estimated \$0.064 tax increase. The increase could be phased in as funds are spent.

## **Commissioners Approved:**

BOND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF CHOWAN IN THE MAXIMUM AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$15,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING, IN PART, THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES IN THE COUNTY.

Projects prioritized in the 2024 Recreation Master Plan include recreation complex, senior center, recreation center, and aquatic feasibility study.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **What is included in the 15 million dollar bond?**

The 15 million dollar bond will be spent based on the Master Plan that was completed in June 2024. Suggested projects include a new Recreation Complex with a Gymnasium, new Senior Center and an Aquatic Feasibility Study. This is subject to change but priority was based on the Master Plan for Chowan County Recreation Department.

## **If there is a new centrally located Recreation Complex, what will happen to the existing facilities?**

All Recreation Facilities are owned by Chowan County. Chowan County Commissioners and Administration will decide what happens to existing Recreational Facilities. Facilities may be transitioned into passive play parks and/or sold for non-recreation development.

## **Where will the new Recreation Complex be located?**

The County owns property off of Queen Street, called Red Banks Farm. Currently, this site is best suited for the Recreational Complex to be built.

## **What does a Recreational Complex include?**

A complex could potentially include Baseball/Softball fields, multi-purpose fields, tennis/pickleball courts, walking trails, paddling trails, picnic shelter(s) and a playground.

## **Can a Gymnasium and an Indoor Recreation Space Be Included?**

The current county owned property on Queen Street does have conservation restrictions. However, Chowan County can apply for waivers and, upon approval could build limited indoor recreation amenities. There is also adjacent property with no restrictions that could be purchased on which indoor facilities could be built.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **When would taxes increase?**

The tax increase will not initiate until bond funds are spent. The bond does not have to be spent at one time. The tax increase would go into effect when the bonds are issued.

## **How much would taxes increase?**

The current tax rate is \$0.695. The proposed bond would have an estimated tax rate increase of \$.064 and the new rate would be \$0.76.

## *Examples ((Property Value/100) x tax rate)*

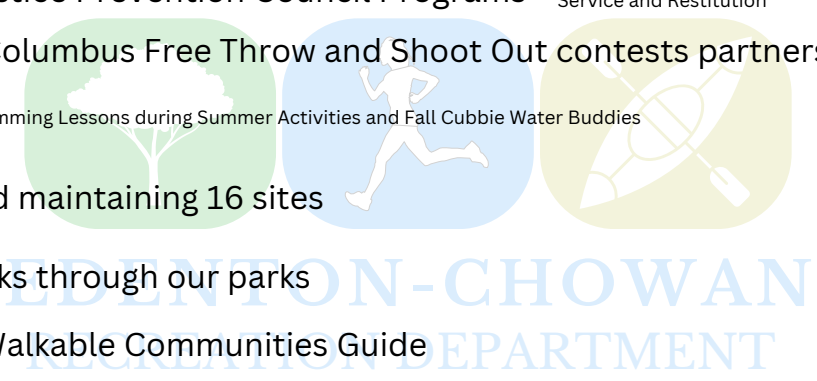
<u>Property Value</u>	<u>Current Taxes</u>	<u>Estimated Taxes</u>	<u>Proposed Increase</u>
\$100,000	\$695.00	\$760.00	\$65.00
\$200,000	\$1390.00	\$1520.00	\$130.00
\$300,000	\$2085.00	\$2280.00	\$195.00
\$500,000	\$3475.00	\$3800.00	\$325.00
\$750,000	\$5212.50	\$5700.00	\$487.50
\$1,000,000	\$6950.00	\$7600.00	\$650.00

## **HOW CAN I HELP?**

**Talk to your friends, neighbors, ECRD Administration, County Commissioners and Administration about your thoughts about future recreation facilities in our county.**

# THE ABC'S OF ECRD

- A** Activities for Adults: Pickleball and Paddling
- B** Back to School Bash
- C** Camping at Johns Island and Holladay Island platforms
- D** Day with Santa: Christmas Assistance Program
- E** Exercise classes: Northern Chowan Community Center and Chowan Senior Center
- F** Facilities Bennett's Millpond, Cannon's Ferry Park, Cape Colony Park, Chowan River Fishing Pier, CSC, Earnhardt, Fisher, Holladay Camping Platforms, Johns Island Camping Platforms, NCCC, Pembroke Creek Park, and Purser
- G** Grant writing for facilities and programs
- H** Hands-on activities and camps Including Discovery Days, Arts and Crafts Camp and Adventure Camp
- I** Inclusion Partnerships Spring Fling Event and Special Olympics
- J** Juvenile Justice Prevention Council Programs After School Plus, Community Service and Restitution
- K** Knights of Columbus Free Throw and Shoot Out contests partnership
- L** Lessons Swimming Lessons during Summer Activities and Fall Cubbie Water Buddies
- M** Mowing and maintaining 16 sites
- N** Nature walks through our parks
- O** Outdoor Walkable Communities Guide
- P** Partnerships and collaborations ARCD, AYFL, CEEG, Chowan CARES, COA, DDE, DPS, ECPS, RRP, SOS, and TRHC
- Q** Questions, concerns and comments always welcome
- R** Recreation Master Plan (Plans for ECRD next 10 years)
- S** Summer Activities Adventure Camp, Arts and Crafts, Discovery Day Camp, Football Camp, Paddling Camp, Pickleball Camp, Swimming Lessons, Sailing Lessons, HAWKS Soccer Camp & ACES Sport Camps
- T** Tennis and pickleball courts at Northern Chowan Community Center (NCCC)
- U** Use agreements with Boys and Girls Club and School System
- V** Various rentals at multiple facilities
- W** Walking for seniors at Old DF Walker gym and NCCC multiple times a week
- X** Excited to serve the residents of Chowan County
- Y** Youth Athletics Baseball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Football (Tackle and Flag), Soccer, Softball, Volleyball
- Z** Zillions of ways to impact community health





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RECREATION DEPARTMENT

# RECREATION PROGRAM AND FACILITY COMPARISON

## FALL YOUTH ACTIVITIES

	Bertie	Chowan	Gates	Pasquotank	Perquimans
Baseball **		X		X	X
Cheerleading *		X	X		
Tackle Football *	X	X	X		X
Softball **		X	X		X
Soccer *	X	X	X	X	X
Volleyball *		X	X		X

## WINTER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

	Bertie	Chowan	Gates	Pasquotank	Perquimans
Basketball *		X	X	X	X
Cheerleading *		X			

## SPRING YOUTH ACTIVITIES

	Bertie	Chowan	Gates	Pasquotank	Perquimans
Baseball *		X	X	X	X
Flag Football **		X	X	X	
Softball *		X	X		X
Soccer **	X	X		X	X
Volleyball **		X			X

\*= Primary Season \*\*=Secondary Season

## SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

	Bertie	Chowan	Gates	Pasquotank	Perquimans
Day Camps		X	X	X	
1/2 Day Camps		X			
Sailing Lessons		X			
Swimming Lessons		X			
Sport Camps		X			X

## YOUTH YEAR ROUND ACTIVITIES

	Bertie	Chowan	Gates	Pasquotank	Perquimans
After School Program		X			

## AGENCY PARTNERSHIPS

	Bertie	Chowan	Gates	Pasquotank	Perquimans
1-5 Partnerships	X				
5-10 Partnerships			X		X
11+ Partnerships		X		X	

	Bertie	Chowan	Gates	Pasquotank	Perquimans
<b>ADULT ACTIVITIES</b>	Exercise Classes	X	X	X	X
	Paddling Group		X		
	Pickleball		X	X	
	Softball	X			
	<i>Other</i>			X	X

	Bertie	Chowan	Gates	Pasquotank	Perquimans
<b>SENIOR CENTER</b>	Senior Center Program Operations		X	X	
	Senior Center Facility Operations		X	X	
	Nutrition Site		X	X	

	Bertie	Chowan	Gates	Pasquotank	Perquimans
<b>GRANT WRITING</b>	In-House by Staff		X		
	Contract Service	X		X	X

	Bertie	Chowan	Gates	Pasquotank	Perquimans
<b>JOINT-USE</b>	Share Facilities with School		X		X
	Share 1-4 Facilities		X		X
	Share 5 or more Facilities				
	Joint Use Agreement in Place	X			

	Bertie	Chowan	Gates	Pasquotank	Perquimans
<b>FACILITIES</b>	<b>INDOOR FACILITIES</b>				
	Maintain 1 Indoor Facility			X	X
	Maintain 2+ Facilities		X		X
	No Indoor Facilities	X			
	<b>OUTDOOR FACILITIES</b>				
	Maintain Only Central Complex			X	
	No Central Complex		X		
	Maintain 1-5 Sites/Parks	X			
	Maintain 5-10 Sites/Parks				X
	Maintain 11+ Sites/Parks		X		X