

MEMORANDUM

To: KINGSPORT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

FROM: KEN WEEMS, PLANNING MANAGER

DATE: MARCH 11, 2025

SUBJECT: GRANT PROJECT APPROVALS FOR BAYS MOUNTAIN AND BRICKYARD PARK

IMPROVEMENTS

The City was recently awarded a \$5.8M Local Parks & Recreation Fund (LPRF) Grant to fund improvements at both Bays Mountain and Brickyard Park. A requirement of this grant is to seek Planning Commission approval of the overall grant project.

Ms. Kitty Frazier, Parks & Recreation Manager for the City, will present the grant project improvements to the Commission. Site plans for each site are included with this memo. A full presentation will be made at the work session and meeting.

Bays Mountain Preliminary Site Plan

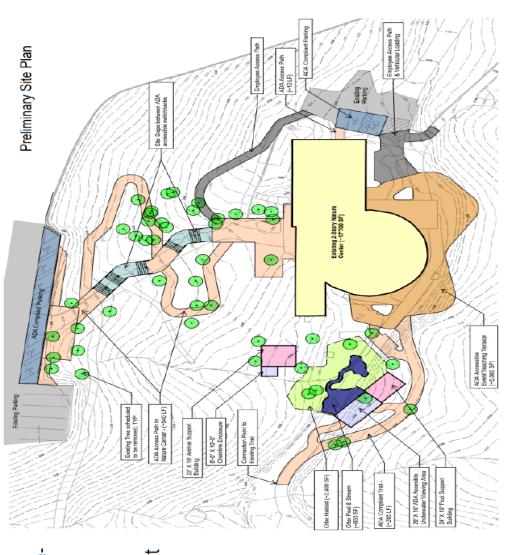
The Bays Mountain Nature Center is a preexisting structure that sits on a hillside next to the lake. The new entry path will wind down to the site, following the hill's contour. The new otter habitat will be built into the side of the hill, using the slope as a viewing advantage.

Site Development

- ADA accessible paths
- Event terrace
 - Otter habitat
- Renovated Nature Center

Future Site Development

- Upgrading exhibits/signage
- Additional animal habitats
- Picnic areas



Brickyard Park Preliminary Site Plan

The site is suitable for this project because it compliments other existing recreation facilities at Brickyard Park (i.e the Scott Adams Skatepark and Kingsport Pump Track). The parking lot expansion at this site will help support more users at the site for the variety of activities available at Brickyard Park. The hillside on this site is compatible with the development of bike trails. This project is part of an overall master plan for the site.

Site Development:

- ADA accessible walkways and parking
- Expanded parking lot
- Bike Skills area
 - Bike Trail area

Future Development

- This will complete development at Brickyard
- This park will connect to future Cement Hill
- This area will connect to future Brickyard Village residential area.

