

NEW AND EXCITING RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN GRANVILLE COUNTY





PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

- Granville Athletic Park at the Jonesland Environmental Preserve

History, facilities, maintenance of park

- Wilton Slopes

History, facilities, key players, etc.

Granville Athletic Park at the Jonesland Env. Preserve

- History- In the early 1990's the State of N.C was wanting to site a hazardous waste incinerator where the park stands today. There was a significant "uprising" from the local community to thwart the state's efforts in locating the incinerator. A local attorney backed financially by a local industry purchased the property and subdivided 5 X 5 parcels to over 10,000 title holders to people all over the region and world!



Facilities

- Collectively, 7 miles of walking trails
- Sports Pavilion
- Spray Park
- Amphitheatre
- 4 lighted baseball fields, 4 soccer fields, meeting rooms, concession stands,
- Wetland demonstration area
- Playground and picnic shelters

Sports Pavilion

- Basketball, reunions, concerts (500 people)



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Spray Park



Amphitheatre



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Grounds Management

- Organically maintained grounds
- Irrigation –closed loop system
- Potential future for using reclaimed water from the local wastewater plant





WILTON SLOPES

- Located on Tar River at Highway 96 between Oxford and Wilton
- 14 acre parcel with picnic shelter, parking, walking trails, and canoe/small boat access platform
- Construction Budget for Project \$265,000
- Grant Funds of \$123,500 from various agencies





HISTORY

- Granville County attends paddle trail meetings with Mid-East RCD and Tar River Land Conservancy
- Wilton Slopes property comes up for sale, Nature Conservancy purchases property and puts in to trust with TRLC
- County receives paddle trail and Rec. Trails grant
- County acquires property from TRLC and Wilton Slopes is born!!!

Canoe/Small Boat Access (in-kind contribution WRC)



BOARDWALK



Picnic Shelter



Boy Scout Troop (Trails)





WILTON SLOPES

**"THIS ENVIRONMENTALLY SIGNIFICANT AND PRISTINE AREA IS HEREBY DEDICATED
TO CONSERVATION, OUTDOOR RECREATION AND THE PUBLIC'S ENJOYMENT."**

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