

# 4 Fast Facts



**The General Election is November 7th.** In addition to voting for three Town Council seats, Apex residents will also have the opportunity to vote on the Parks Bond. (Please note: The Apex Community Center is not a polling place. To find out more information regarding voting locations please visit [www.wakegov.com](http://www.wakegov.com))

Here are few fast facts, answering our four most frequently asked questions about the Parks Bond. View more FAQ's, videos and more info at [www.apexnc.org/parksbond](http://www.apexnc.org/parksbond).

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## Would approval of the Parks Bond result in an immediate 4.5 cents tax increase?

The approval by residents simply grants the Town the authority to incur bond debt. It does not mean that the debt is incurred right away. We anticipate that the tax increases will be 1.5 cents each in 2019, 2022 and 2023, for a total of 4.5 cents.

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## How were the bond projects chosen?

The projects included in the Parks Bond were identified in the 2013 Parks, Recreation Greenways, and Open Space Master Plan which was developed with significant community input. They also consider existing and future program needs based on current program waitlists which indicate many residents are not able to take part in programs and activities and must go elsewhere to participate. Greenways were the number one priority for Apex residents during several recent initiatives and the Beaver Creek and Middle Creek Greenways were identified by public input as the highest priority as a part of the Wake County Greenway Systems Plan.

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## Why not have developers pay for parks and greenways?

Residential developers are required to dedicate land, construct facilities or pay a fee for each residential unit they build.

Currently 15 segments of public greenway are being constructed by developers. Developer fees have also been used to purchase or develop: Pleasant Park (land purchase) • Hunter Street Park • Salem Pond Park • Elevate Course • Halle Cultural Arts Center • Rodgers Family Skate Park

Future projects funded by developer fees include: Jaycee Park Expansion • Environmental Education Center (Nature Park) • Greenway Planning/ Design • Greenway Replacement at Community Park

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## Will the Town pursue alternative revenue sources to offset costs associated with bond projects?

Town staff always works to be the best possible stewards of tax dollars, and we have a long history of gaining grants and working with other agencies to fund some of our most popular parks amenities.

Grant funding was secured for the following current projects, just to name a few: Middle Creek and Beaver Creek Greenways (design fees) • Community /Senior Center Expansion (design fees) • Salem Pond Park (construction)

Naming rights and sponsorships have helped fund: Halle Cultural Arts Center • Rodgers Family Skate Park • KidsTowne Playground