



## TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

*Land Where Flight Began*

May 10, 2021

Memorandum

To: Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners

From: Commissioner Terry Gray

Subject: **West-Side Recreation Group** — Kill Devil Hills 2004 Recreational Facilities Plan – Update

During the April 14, 2021, WRG meeting, the committee discussed the Kill Devil Hills 2004 Recreational Facilities Plan. The WRG used this plan as a tool for the review of KDH recreational facilities. During each meeting, the group discussed the need for this document to be updated. An update to this plan will accurately identify existing recreational facilities including their amenities, community needs, recreation trends, and to incorporate the recommendations of the WRG. An updated plan will provide the Town the framework needed to guide improvements and maintenance of existing recreational facilities.

The West-Side Recreation Group recommends the Board of Commissioners consider updating the Kill Devil Hills 2004 Recreational Facilities Plan including incorporating the recommendations of the WRG for existing facilities.



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During the April 14, 2021 WRG meeting the Baum Tract was reviewed including the survey results that included (407) entries. After discussion, the group decided to make the following recommendations for future amenities at the Baum Tract:

- Incorporate the KDH 44-acre western Baum Tract in the update to the 2004 Recreational Facilities Plan.
- Use the most recent study (Baum Tract Recreational Development July 2014 prepared by ConsultEcon) for facility inventory and analysis, maintenance routine and schedule, needs analysis, and recommended improvements and preliminary cost estimates.
- Permanent restrooms adequate to serve the facility and additionally support the Dare County Sheriff Department obstacle course (Camp S.A.L.T.) and Run Hill State Park visitors.
- Shoreline access with kayak launch, boardwalk, fishing pier, including a covered gazebo.
- Incorporate walking trail/greenways within existing disc golf course including lookouts for scenic views and benches. (Possibly modify course layout)
- Incorporate outdoor education into park layout.
- Incorporate access road to shoreline for drop off location for paddle sports, turn around area, and emergency services access.
- Explore relocating current mulching operation to eastern wooded portion between the Dare County Sheriff Department obstacle course (Camp S.A.L.T.) and FFHS Fields.
- Explore entrance/walkway in association with Planned Unit Development Bermuda Bay to the East.
- Install pet waste station.
- Explore Run Hill State Park entrance/trailhead.

- SISPC review for projects to consider at future meetings to assist with Baum Tract improvements:
  - Connect greenway to multi use path that connects to First Flight Schools, Aviation Park, Town Hall, Dare County Parks and Recreation, and Wright Brothers Monument. (Centennial Path)
  - Improve parking lot to include additional/sufficient parking.
  - Improve road from Veterans Drive to the site.
- Create KDH Baum Tract trail head/park entry to access site amenities (signage, paths, shoreline access, etc.)
- Explore outdoor nature center to include area for outdoor education, restrooms, and nature porch (sustainable/off-grid construction)

The West-Side Recreation Group recommends the items above for Board of Commissioners consideration. Staff recommends the Board authorize the Town Manager to incorporate the following improvements into a future master conceptual plan for Board review.