

# Southeast Raleigh Tennis Center at Barwell Road Park

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## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Southeast Raleigh Tennis Center is proposed to be located on a nearly 9-acre undeveloped site at the city-owned Barwell Road Park, on which a community center has been developed in conjunction with a Wake County elementary school. This tennis center project is intended to provide a state of the art tennis center located in Southeast Raleigh and offer opportunities for a destination location for city league, inter-scholastic, inter-collegiate match and tournament play in addition to drop-in play and instructional court space for the residents of the community. The proposed facility will consist of a center building of approximately 4,000 square feet, 20+ outdoor tennis courts and associated parking and site amenities.

## PUBLIC PROCESS

- Initial introduction at local CAC
- Meeting with local tennis community for programming input
- Public meeting to present schematic design and solicit community input
- Presentation to Parks, Recreation and Greenway Advisory Board for review and approval
- Presentation to City Council for review and approval
- Public groundbreaking
- Facility dedication

## TIMELINE

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| • Design RFQ and contract          | 4 months         |
| • Schematic design & public input  | 4 months         |
| • Construction documents & permits | 12 months        |
| • Bidding & contract award         | 4 months         |
| • <u>Construction</u>              | <u>12 months</u> |
| Total project duration             | 36 months        |

## PROJECT HISTORY

Local tennis activists have been advocating for a tennis facility in southeast Raleigh area for half a decade. They approached the city to explore the opportunity of establishing a tennis center on city-own property to accommodate both local and regional activities with good vehicular access and minimum environmental impact. The advocates have been engaged to raise funds to support the construction of the tennis facility.

After nearly three months of deliberation and public hearings, City Council approved the southeast tennis center project on April 17, 2012 as part of the 2/3 bond package. The top criteria for the 2/3 bond project selection include significant private contribution and major economic development impact.

This proposed tennis facility will be similar in scale and features to the Millbrook Exchange Tennis Center in north Raleigh. The City has not been able to add new tennis courts in more than 15 years despite the continuing popularity of and interest in the sport. Raleigh already has a great reputation in the sports tourism industry for supporting tennis tournaments in the area. Potential for this facility also exists to support team play such as area universities and high schools. In addition, the tennis industry, including the US Tennis Association, has been actively promoting Ten and Under Tennis in communities nationwide. It will be advantageous to provide such a facility adjacent to a well established elementary school currently supported by a modern recreation center.

## FUNDING

City of Raleigh	\$4 million
<u>Private contribution</u>	<u>\$1 million</u>
Total project budget	\$5 million

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