

30th Anniversary Project Updates

As part of the Foundation's 30 year anniversary celebration, BRCF has proactively worked with communities in Shelby County on quality of life projects that will definitely have a lasting impact. These projects are excellent examples of county residents and local government coming together to work with the Foundation to enhance the quality of life for all Shelby County citizens.



Fairland Community Park

What began as a dream for members of Lambda Chi sorority, who planned to raise money for a small play area at the park with swings and a slide, has recently become a much larger reality for the Fairland community. Due to grants from the Foundation, the Northwestern Hometown Community Fund at BRCF, RushShelby Energy, and the Fairland Town Council enough funding was raised build this amenity for Fairland area residents. A ribbon cutting was held on June 15th, the first day of the annual Fairland Fish Fry, celebrating the completion of the playground, new basketball court, and paved parking area.



Flat Rock Community Park

Similar to the Fairland project, some members of the Flat Rock Volunteer Fire Department wished for a park space for local youth and families. After several meetings with the local Citizens' Committee and members of BRCF's Southwestern Hometown Committee, the location was selected for a new playground area just west of the Fire Department on property that is owned by the group. The landscape architect drew up plans for the park that included a new playground, an open shelter structure, and a new community basketball court based on the vision of the local citizens' committee. The playground installation was completed in June and a ribbon cutting is planned for August as part of the annual Fish Fry event in Flat Rock.



Morristown Community Park

BRCF's Northeastern Hometown Community Fund committee began working with the Morristown Visionary Committee on a special project for Morristown, and after two community input meetings, it was decided that working on amenities for the Morristown Community Park was what the majority desired to pursue. A walking trail was a first priority, so BRCF and the Northeast Area Hometown Fund paid for the half mile walk/bike path that circles around the perimeter of the park. The installation was completed in May. A new concession stand with restrooms is currently under construction by the Morristown Town Council and BRCF is working on an outdoor musical instrument installation that will be located by the current playground. The Town plans to continue to add other amenities over time, such as a splash pad, that will build on the Park's value to the community.

Waldron Beautification Projects

The Waldron Area Hometown Community Fund committee decided to make the beautification of the downtown area a priority. Through their fund at BRCF they have purchased several additional concrete planters for the downtown area and paid to have them planted with flowers. They also voted on proceeding with the installation of a fence downtown in front of a parking lot where the recycling dumpster sits. Local artist, Amber Hudson, was contracted by the group to then paint a fun, whimsical mural on the fence to further enhance the area. A second mural was approved to be located on the side of a building by the parking lot across from the local fire department. That mural is scheduled to be installed by Johnson County artist, Greg Potter, in early August. The group has also organized some tree/shrub trimming downtown and will be sprucing up the benches they placed downtown with new coats of paint.

