

PROJECT PROPOSAL PRESENTATION

# Town of Jonesborough 2026 Parks & Recreation Grant Funding Proposal

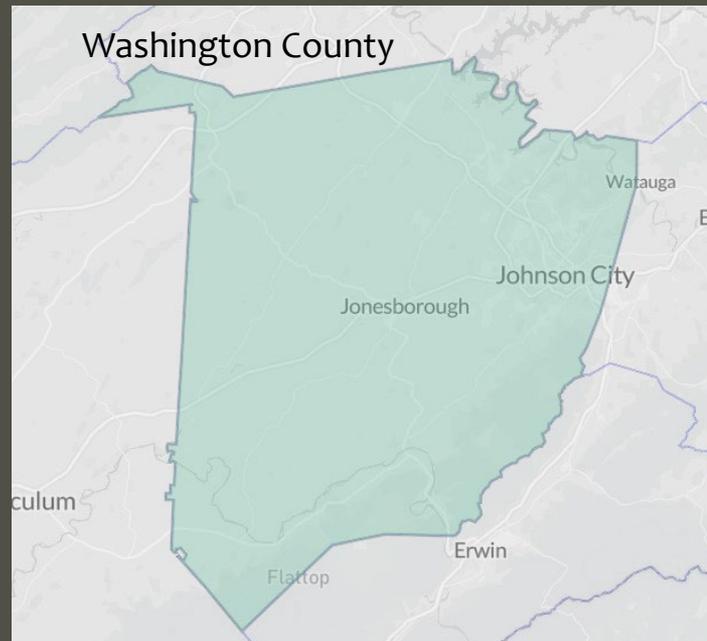
Jonesborough Parks and Recreation  
Persimmon Ridge Park  
Ballfield Accessibility Improvements

# CENSUS POPULATION

2023 AMERICAN COMMUNITY  
SURVEY ESTIMATES

- Town of Jonesborough
  - Total Population: 6,232
  - Total Households: 2,619

Washington County  
Total Population: 139,642  
Total Households: 58,180



The Town of Jonesborough is  
located in Washington County, TN

[Jonesborough, TN - Profile data -  
Census Reporter](#)

# TARGET DEMOGRAPHICS

- The Persimmon Ridge Park Ballfield Accessibility Improvements project will continue to make recreational facilities available to all persons, regardless of age, gender, race, economic status, or possible disability.
- The proposed developments can be used by all ages.

## Age

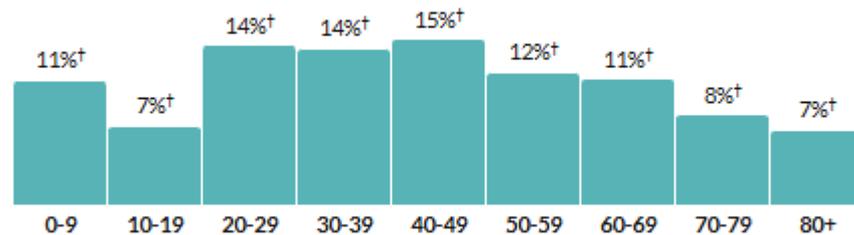
**42.6**

Median age

about the same as the figure in the Johnson City, TN Metro Area: 42.1

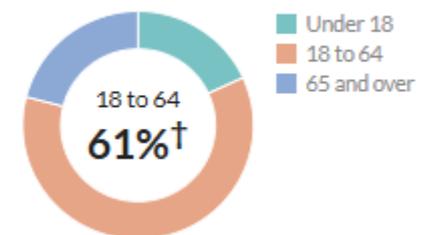
about 10 percent higher than the figure in Tennessee: 38.9

Population by age range



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Population by age category



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# PUBLIC RECREATION ACTIVITIES/ PROGRAMS ENVISIONED AT PERSIMMON RIDGE PARK BALLFIELDS

## Proposed Development

- Stormwater improvements
- Demolition and removal of the existing storage building, concession stand/restroom facility, and press boxes
- Construction of a new consolidated ADA-compliant building to include restrooms, concession area, storage space, and press/score booth functions
- Upgrades to three existing dugouts to improve durability, safety, and ADA compliance
- Replacement of fencing from first base to third base to improve spectator protection
- Paving of the existing parking lot, including designated ADA-accessible parking spaces
- Installation of ADA-compliant pedestrian access connecting parking areas to the ballfields and supporting amenities



# PUBLIC RECREATION ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS AT PERSIMMON RIDGE PARK BALLFIELDS

## Existing

- Softball, T-Ball, Baseball
- Open Play
- Playground
- Walking/Jogging
- Hiking
- Basketball
- Water Park

## Planned Park Improvements:

- Improved ball field amenities
- ADA accessible spectator seating, dugouts, restroom facilities, parking and concession stand



# POSITIVE COMMUNITY IMPACT

- Addresses the needs, interest and priority the community detailed during the 2025 Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update. Improve public health by encouraging outdoor physical activity
- Significantly expands ADA accessibility through the construction of fully ADA-compliant restrooms, concessions, and support facilities
- Provides designated ADA-accessible parking spaces and ADA-compliant pedestrian routes connecting parking areas to the ballfields and amenities
- Upgrades dugouts and spectator areas to better accommodate users of all abilities
- Improves overall site circulation to ensure safe, accessible movement throughout the ballfield complex
- Enhances public safety for players and spectators through upgraded fencing, protective features, and modernized infrastructure
- Modernizes aging facilities to create a more inclusive, welcoming recreational environment for residents of all ages and abilities
- Strengthens Persimmon Ridge Park as an accessible, community-centered recreational asset serving Jonesborough and Washington County.

# GOAL OF PROJECT

- Addresses needs as identified in the 2025 Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update
- Implements ADA improvements currently lacking in the parking lot, routes between amenities, public restrooms, concession stands, spectator area and dugouts
- Encourage outdoor physical activity
- Increase quality of life by providing recreation opportunities to residents in Jonesborough and Washington County.

# MEANS & FUNDING FOR DEVELOPMENT

- TDEC Local Parks and Recreation Grant Funding
- Force Account (In Kind Labor and Equipment) Match
- Remaining Cash Match from Parks and Recreation budget

# SUITABILITY, LOCATION, & TOPOGRAPHY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECT

- **Established Recreational Use:** The project is located within the existing ballfield complex at Persimmon Ridge Park, a long-standing and heavily utilized community recreation facility, making it well-suited for continued recreational development
- **Existing Infrastructure Footprint:** Improvements are concentrated within the current developed footprint (ballfields, parking areas, and support structures), minimizing land disturbance and supporting cost-effective upgrades to aging facilities
- **Central Community Location:** The park serves residents of Jonesborough and Washington County, providing convenient access for youth leagues, families, and visitors, reinforcing its appropriateness as a primary recreational asset.
- **Topography Conducive to Athletic Use:** The ballfields and surrounding area are already graded and developed for recreational use, providing a suitable base for infrastructure upgrades such as drainage improvements, facility replacement, and paving.
- **Accessible Terrain for ADA Enhancements:** The relatively level ballfield complex allows for practical implementation of ADA-compliant parking spaces, pedestrian access routes, and accessible facilities without extensive grading or structural modification.
- **Compatibility with Surrounding Uses:** As an established park facility, the proposed upgrades are consistent with the property's intended recreational purpose and surrounding land uses.



# PROGRAMMING PLANS FOR SITE

- Softball
- Baseball
- T-Ball
- Adult Co-ed Softball



# STATE COMPREHENSIVE RECREATION PLAN OBJECTIVE: ADVOCACY AND EDUCATION

- The project promotes advocacy for inclusive recreation by expanding ADA-compliant facilities and ensuring equitable access to public recreational spaces for individuals of all abilities.
- By addressing longstanding drainage and safety deficiencies, the project highlights the importance of maintaining and improving existing recreational resources.
- The upgraded facilities will support youth sports programs and community events, providing opportunities to educate participants and families about healthy lifestyles and active living.
- The consolidation of facilities into a modern, code-compliant building reinforces best practices in park design, accessibility standards, and operational efficiency.
- Through visible infrastructure improvements, the project serves as an example of responsible stewardship of public recreation facilities and public investment.



# STATE COMPREHENSIVE RECREATION PLAN OBJECTIVE: ADVOCACY AND EDUCATION

## **Goal: Advocate for improved connectivity and access**

The proposed improvements at Persimmon Ridge Park directly advance the goal of advocating for improved connectivity and access by significantly enhancing safe, inclusive movement throughout the ballfield complex. The project includes the paving of the existing parking area to provide designated ADA-accessible parking spaces and the construction of ADA-compliant pedestrian routes connecting parking areas to the ballfields and support amenities. These upgrades ensure that individuals of all abilities—including athletes, spectators, families with strollers, and persons with mobility challenges—can safely and independently access park facilities.

## **Goal: Create partnerships for distributing educational resources and education**

The proposed improvements at Persimmon Ridge Park support the goal of creating partnerships for distributing educational resources by strengthening the park's role as a hub for youth athletics, community programs, and public gatherings. As one of the Town's primary recreational assets, the upgraded ballfield complex will continue to serve as a gathering space for local sports leagues, schools, civic organizations, and community groups—creating natural opportunities to share educational resources related to health, wellness, recreation safety, and inclusive access.

# STATE COMPREHENSIVE RECREATION PLAN OBJECTIVE: COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIP FOR ECONOMIC SUCCESS

## **Goal: Develop Partnerships**

The proposed improvements at Persimmon Ridge Park advance the goal of developing partnerships by strengthening collaboration between the Town of Jonesborough, Washington County, local youth sports leagues, civic organizations, and community stakeholders who utilize the facility. As a primary recreational asset serving both Town and County residents, the park functions as a shared community resource that naturally fosters cooperative planning, shared investment, and coordinated programming.

## **Goal: Identify Communication Strategies**

With a modern, consolidated support facility and improved site layout, the Town will have better opportunities to distribute informational materials, post event updates, and share educational resources during games and tournaments. The enhanced accessibility and improved circulation also ensure that communication materials and announcements are accessible to individuals of all abilities.

# STATE COMPREHENSIVE RECREATION PLAN OBJECTIVE: CONSERVATION

## **Goal: Develop direct land conservation policies and strategies that address each of the three focal areas to ensure equity and inclusion and meet to diverse needs of Tennesseans.**

The proposed improvements at Persimmon Ridge Park advance conservation goals by reinvesting in an existing recreational facility rather than expanding into undeveloped land, demonstrating responsible land stewardship while preserving surrounding open space. Planned stormwater drainage improvements will better manage runoff, reduce erosion, and protect park infrastructure, supporting long-term environmental sustainability.

The project also prioritizes equity and inclusion through the addition of ADA-compliant restrooms, accessible parking, and ADA-compliant pedestrian routes. By removing longstanding accessibility barriers, the Town ensures that residents of all abilities can safely access and enjoy the park, meeting the diverse recreational needs of the community.

## **Goal: Collaborative actions to enhance local tourism**

The proposed improvements at Persimmon Ridge Park enhance local tourism by modernizing facilities, improving drainage, and expanding ADA accessibility, positioning the park to host tournaments, league play, and community events that attract visitors from across the region.

## **Goal: Develop a land acquisition and stewardship plan for outdoor recreation**

The proposed improvements at Persimmon Ridge Park support this goal by demonstrating strong stewardship of publicly owned recreational land through reinvestment in existing facilities rather than expansion into new areas. By upgrading infrastructure, improving stormwater management, and enhancing ADA accessibility within the park's current footprint, the Town is extending the useful life and sustainability of a key recreational asset.

# STATE COMPREHENSIVE RECREATION PLAN OBJECTIVE: INCLUSIVITY, DIVERSITY, ACCESS, AFFORDABILITY, EQUITY

**Goal: Ensure that all parks will be places where all communities can engage with nature in positive ways**

The proposed improvements at Persimmon Ridge Park directly support this goal by removing physical barriers and creating a more inclusive recreational environment for residents of all ages and abilities. The addition of ADA-compliant restrooms, accessible parking spaces, and ADA-compliant pedestrian routes ensures that individuals with mobility challenges can independently access and enjoy the park's ballfields and amenities. Upgraded safety features and improved site circulation further enhance the overall user experience, creating a welcoming and secure environment for families, youth athletes, seniors, and visitors. By modernizing facilities within an established public park, the Town reinforces its commitment to equity and affordability, ensuring that high-quality outdoor recreation opportunities remain accessible to the entire community.

# PROJECT DESIGN ELEMENTS

## Ballfield Accessibility Improvements

- Construction of ADA-compliant restroom facilities within the new consolidated support building
- Installation of designated ADA-accessible parking spaces
- Development of ADA-compliant pedestrian routes connecting parking areas to ballfields and amenities
- Upgrades to dugouts to improve accessibility and user safety
- Improved site circulation to ensure accessible access between spectator areas, concessions, and playing fields

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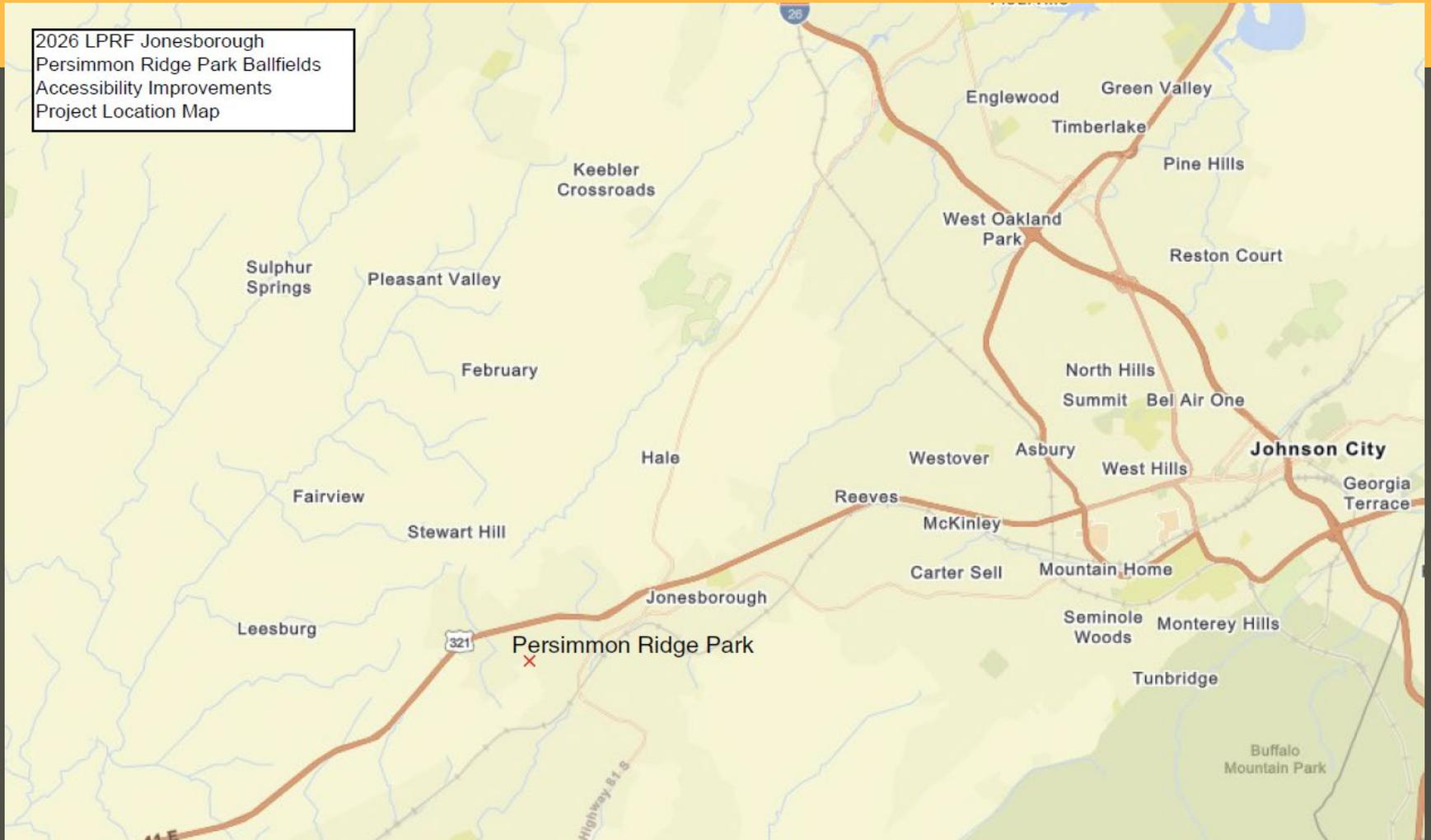
## Ballfield Accessibility Improvements

- **Access**
  - The park is open to citizens between sunrise and sunset
- **Ease of Maintenance**
  - Consolidation of multiple aging structures into one modern facility reduces long-term repair and upkeep needs.
  - New building materials and code-compliant construction improve durability and lower routine maintenance costs.
  - ADA-compliant pedestrian surfaces provide durable, stable access routes requiring less frequent patching and repair.
  - Replacement fencing and protective features improve longevity and reduce ongoing safety-related maintenance.
  - Upgraded dugouts constructed with durable materials enhance resistance to weathering and vandalism.
  - Modernized infrastructure increases overall operational efficiency and simplifies facility management.



# PROJECT LOCATION MAP

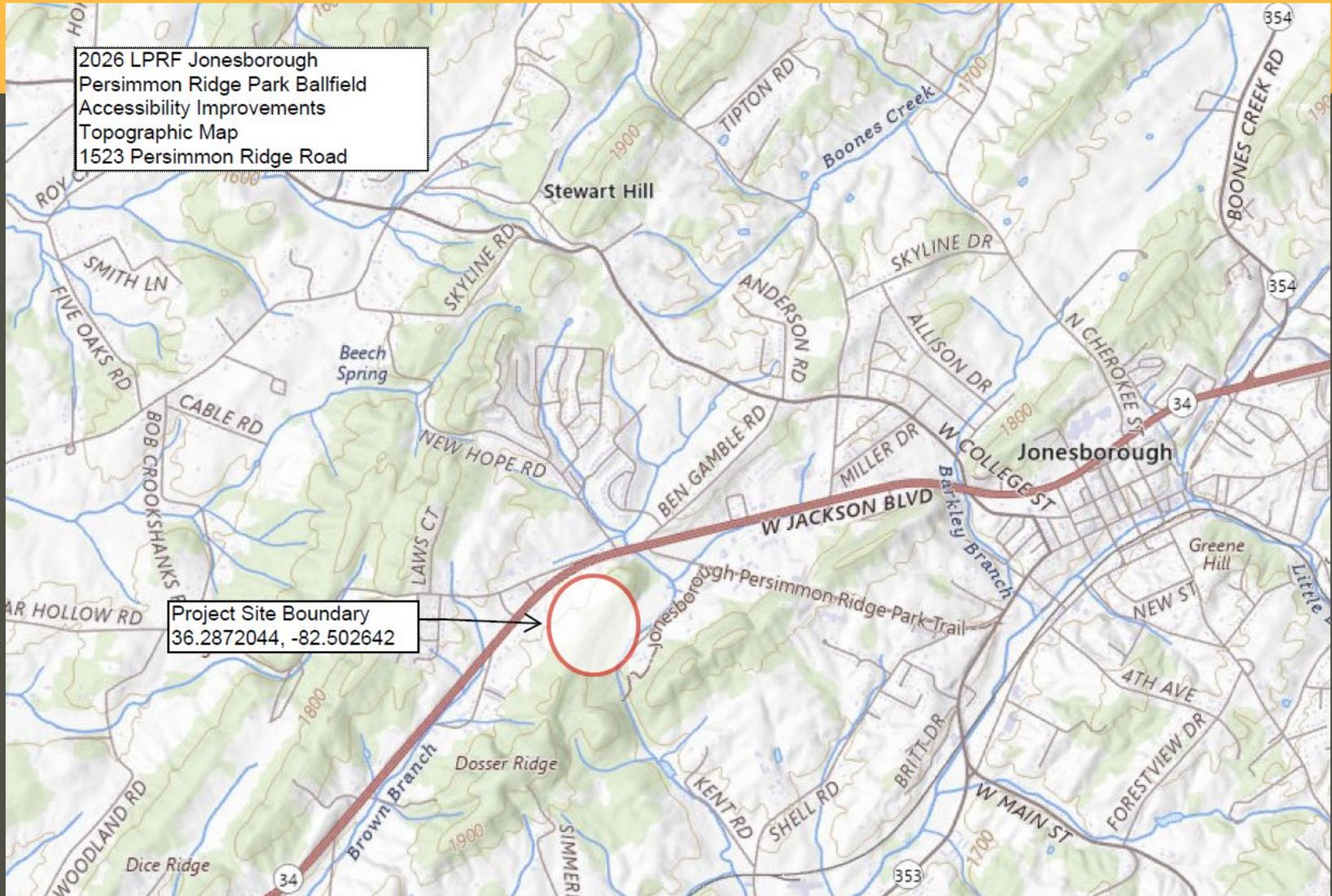
2026 LPRF Jonesborough  
Persimmon Ridge Park Ballfields  
Accessibility Improvements  
Project Location Map



# 3-YEAR PROJECT TIMELINE

- Submit Application April 2026
- Notification of Funding October 2026
- Environmental Review Dec 2026 – Feb 2027
- State Contracting May 2027
- Project Design July – October 2027
- Bidding & Award Dec 2027 – Feb 2028
- Construction April – October 2028
- Project Close-out January 2029

# TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS



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