



TOWN OF ROBBINS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2025 – 6:00 PM
Robbins Fire Department

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. INVOCATION**
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. CONFLICT OF INTEREST** *Does any Commissioner have a conflict of interest concerning agenda items the Board will address in this meeting?*
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD NC G.S. 160A-81, 160A-81.1**
- VI. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Discussion of Ellie Jean Project
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD NC G.S. 160A-81, 160A-81.1**
- VIII. COMMISSIONER'S UPCOMING MEETING/EVENTS**
 - Town Hall will observe the Christmas holiday December 24-28
 - Town Hall will observe New Years holiday January 1st
 - January Board Meeting January 8th 2026



Agenda Item : B/C
Meeting Date:12/17/25

MEMORANDUM TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FROM: Clint Mack

DATE: 12/15/2025

SUBJECT: Ellie Jean Project

PRESENTER: Clint Mack

ELLIE JEAN PROJECT UPDATE

-Prices were confirmed again on December 12th, 2025, with *Creative Playscapes* (see attachment 1&2) as the same quoted on February 19th, 2025, of \$199,075.00

-Quote from Gilbert Horner Paving for 50x22ft handicapped parking spaces (3), \$4,300.00

-Site clearing to be completed by Public Works, any other site prep required has been coordinated with a robust volunteer workforce that has reached out to the Town over the weekend.

-No construction project managed by current administration has ever gone over budget.

-Current Fund balance/Cash on hand \$2,854,836.81

TIMELINE RECAP

- July 22, 2023-Ellie Jean Project hosts Fundraiser for last Ellie Jean Playpark initiative.
- March 15, 2024-Town accepts \$42,000.00 from ELJ and passes resolution to complete project.
- November 10, 2024-Town conducts fundraising softball game, raising \$2,475.63 and another \$600.00 in private donations (see ledger.)
- February 19th 2025, Manager reports price quote of under \$200,000.00 for project is attainable.
- Summer 2025, Manager reports application to be submitted for ELJ Funding through OTPF from Moore County Visitors Bureau.
- December 9th 2025- Town was notified of \$75,000.00 grant contingent on matching funds.

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PROJECT FINANCIALS (continued next page)

Total Budget Amendment Breakdown:

Playground: \$199,075.00

Parking Paving: \$4,300.00

Contingency 5%: \$10,000.00

(rather than standard 10%)

Total \$213,375.00

EJ Project Account Balance Today	-\$45,075.63
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CVB Grant Proceeds	-\$75,000.00
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Total Amendment to be transferred to project account

Including reimbursable grant + Town match + Parking/Paving

And Contingency	\$168,299.37.
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Town Project “out of pocket”	<u>\$93,299.37</u>
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Re: Re[3]: structure rendering

From creativeplayscapes <creativeplayscapes@gmail.com>

Date Fri 12/12/2025 11:43 AM

To Clint Mack <manager@townofrobbins.com>

As long as the order is placed by December 31st the pricing is still good. That is great news.

Please forgive me for any spelling or grammatical errors as I am using dictation to send this email.

Kurt Karriker - Owner

Creative Playscapes

148 S Freemont St.

Matthews, NC 28105

704.589.7455

On Dec 12, 2025 at 11:34 AM, Clint Mack <manager@townofrobbins.com> wrote:

Kurt,

I know its been some time however, I've got good news...we received the Grant funds we requested. We're very excited; my board is calling a special meeting to vote it through if I can confirm the previous quote. If you can please do that, we'll be on our way. Thank you brother.

Clint E. Mack

Town Manager/CZO

manager@townofrobbins.com

C: 336-302-9635

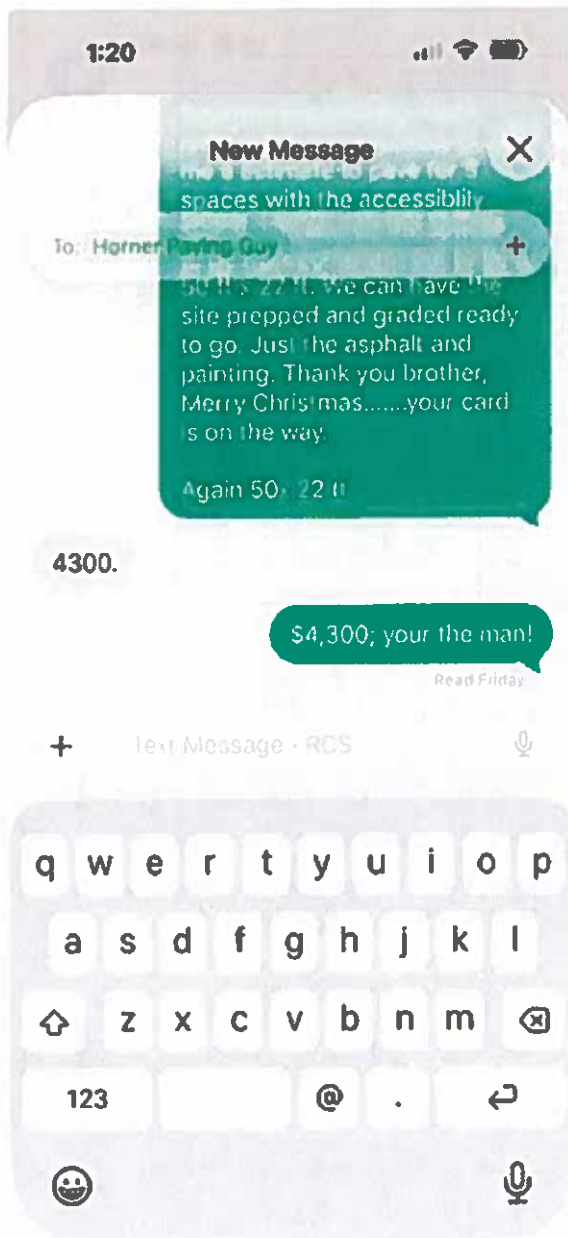
O: 910-948-2431 ext. 9

101 N Middleton St.

P.O. Box 296

Robbins, NC.





Ellie Jean Project

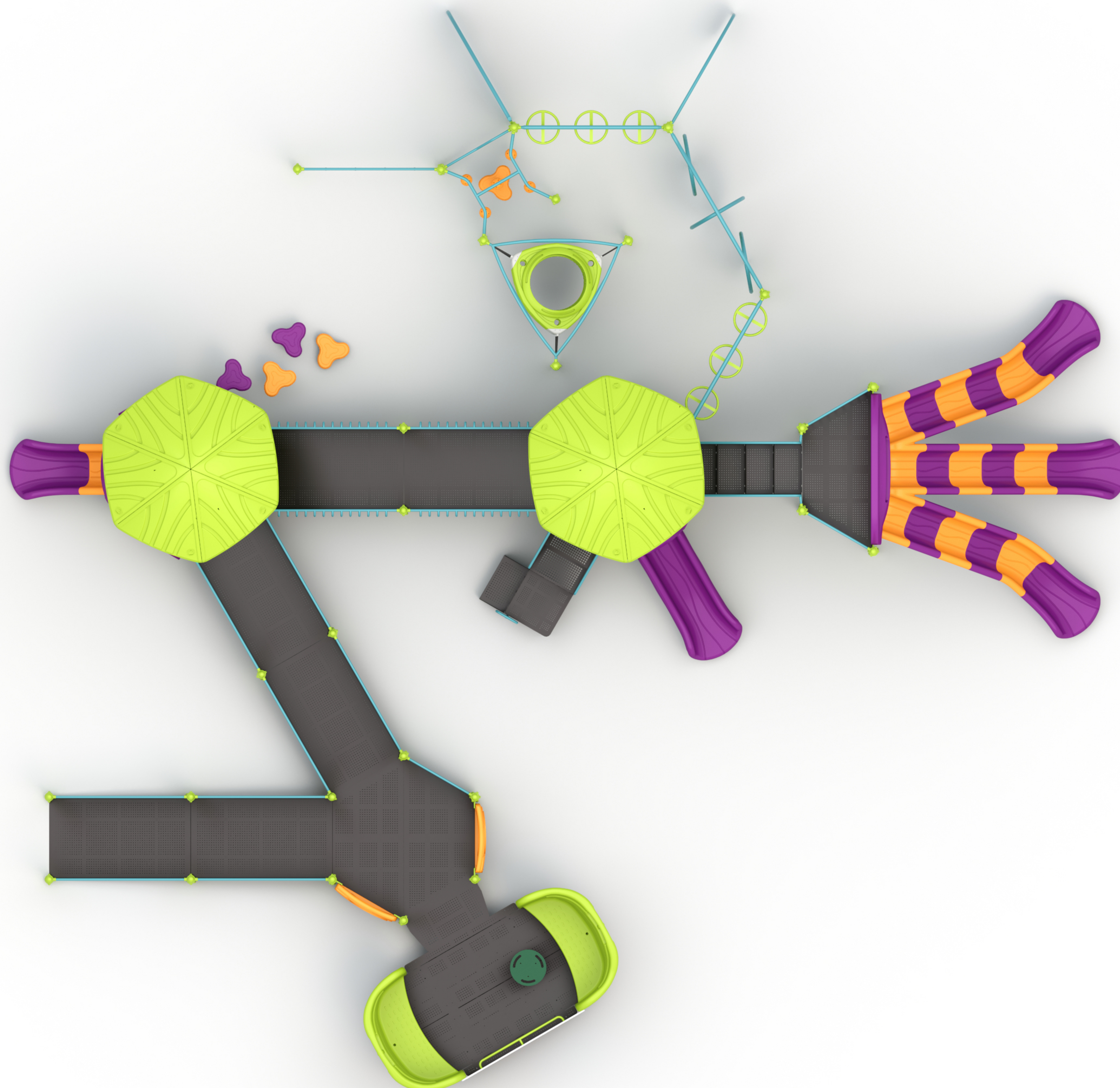
4/12/2024 Initial Donation	\$ 42,000.00	
11/14/2024 Softball Ellie Jean 24	\$ 2,475.63	Concessions
11/19/2024 Ellie Jean Pvt Donation	\$ 100.00	
11/22/2024 Ellie Jean Pvt Donation	\$ 200.00	
11/22/2024 Ellie Jean Pvt Donation	\$ 300.00	
	\$ 45,075.63	



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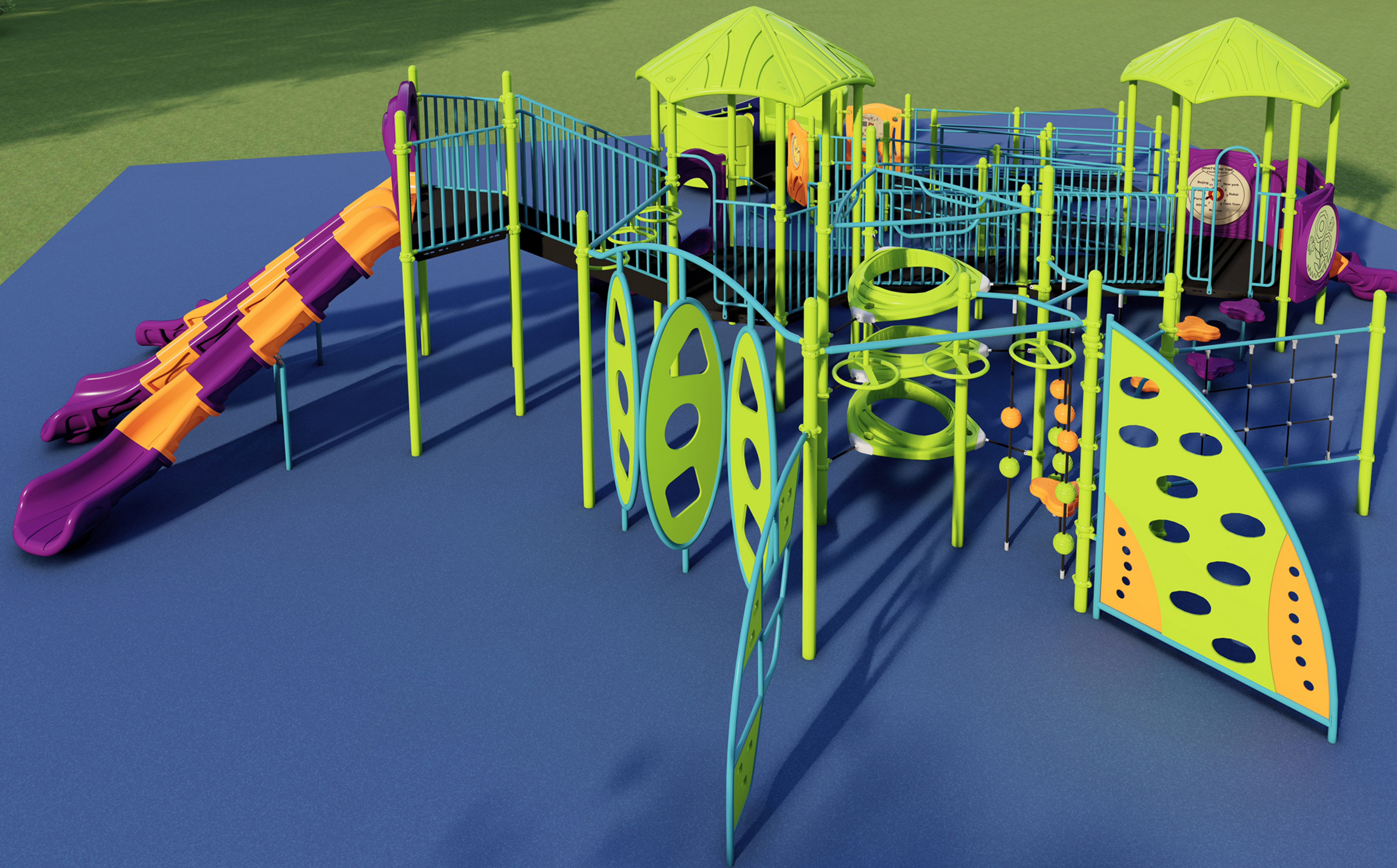


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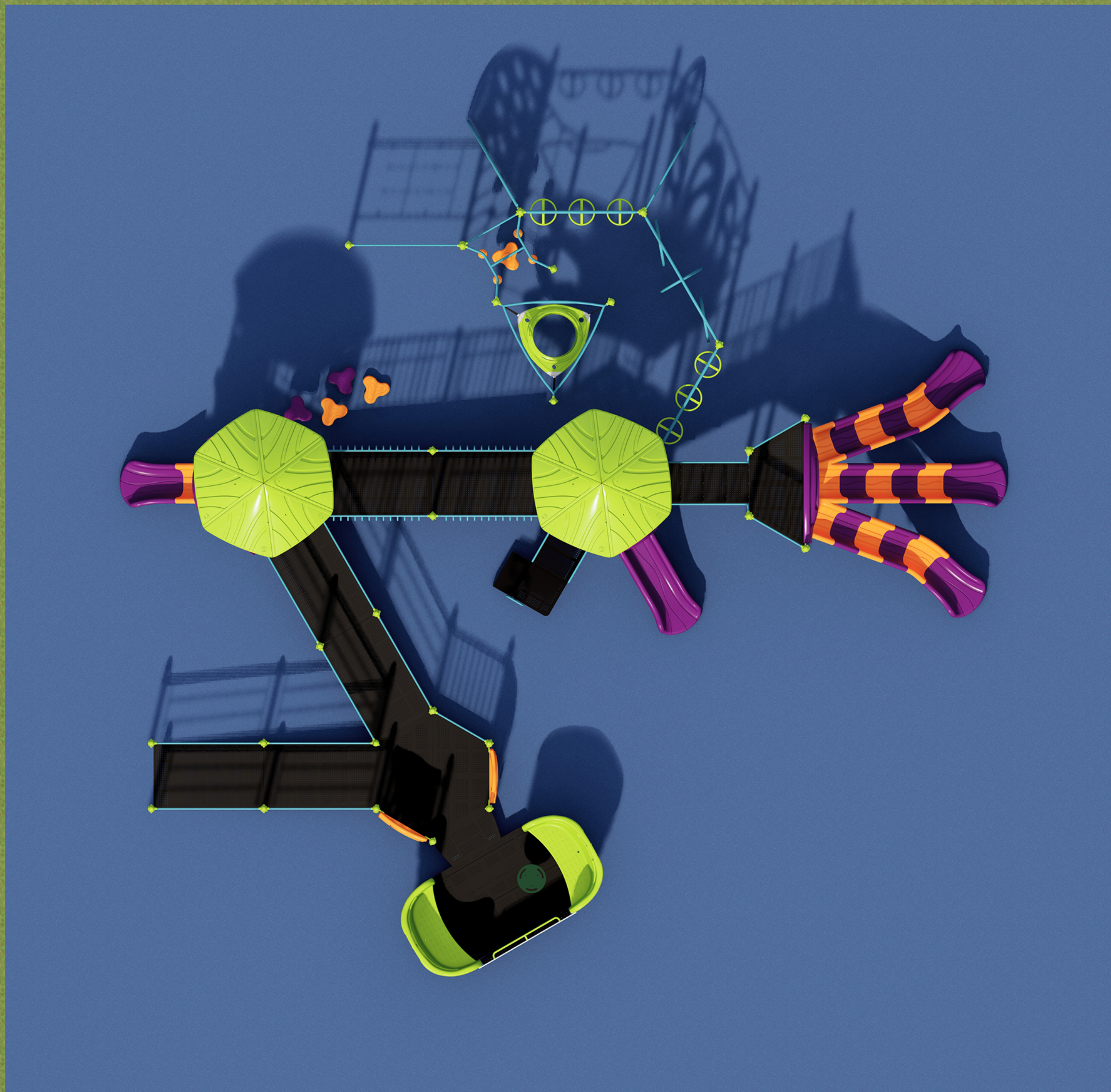
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TOP VIEW

KJSJ-2025021112843

THIS DRAWING CANNOT BE ALTERED IN ANY WAY.
IF CHANGES ARE REQUIRED PLEASE CONTACT
YOUR WISDOM PLAYGROUNDS REPRESENTATIVE
@ (910) 769-3576



WISDOM PLAYGROUNDS

WWW.WISDOMPLAYGROUNDS.COM

PROJECT NAME
Town of Robbins, NC

DESIGN NO:
WP3525-076BC32-77121122

DATE:
2/13/2025

EQUIPMENT SIZE:
46'-4"×44'-10"×12'-1"
[14.12m×13.65m×3.68m]

USE ZONE:
59'×57'
[17.78m×17.36m]

PERIMETER:
212 Ft.
[64.86m]

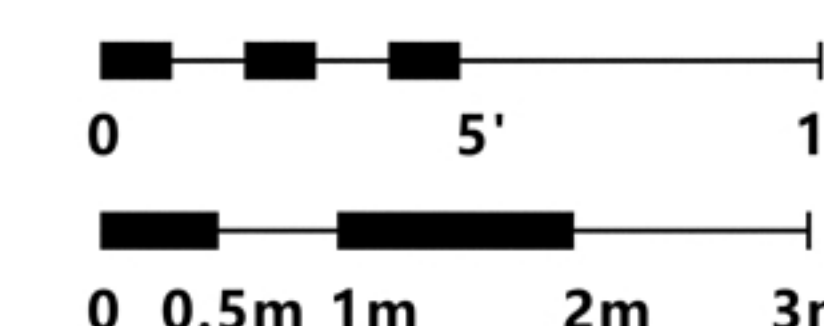
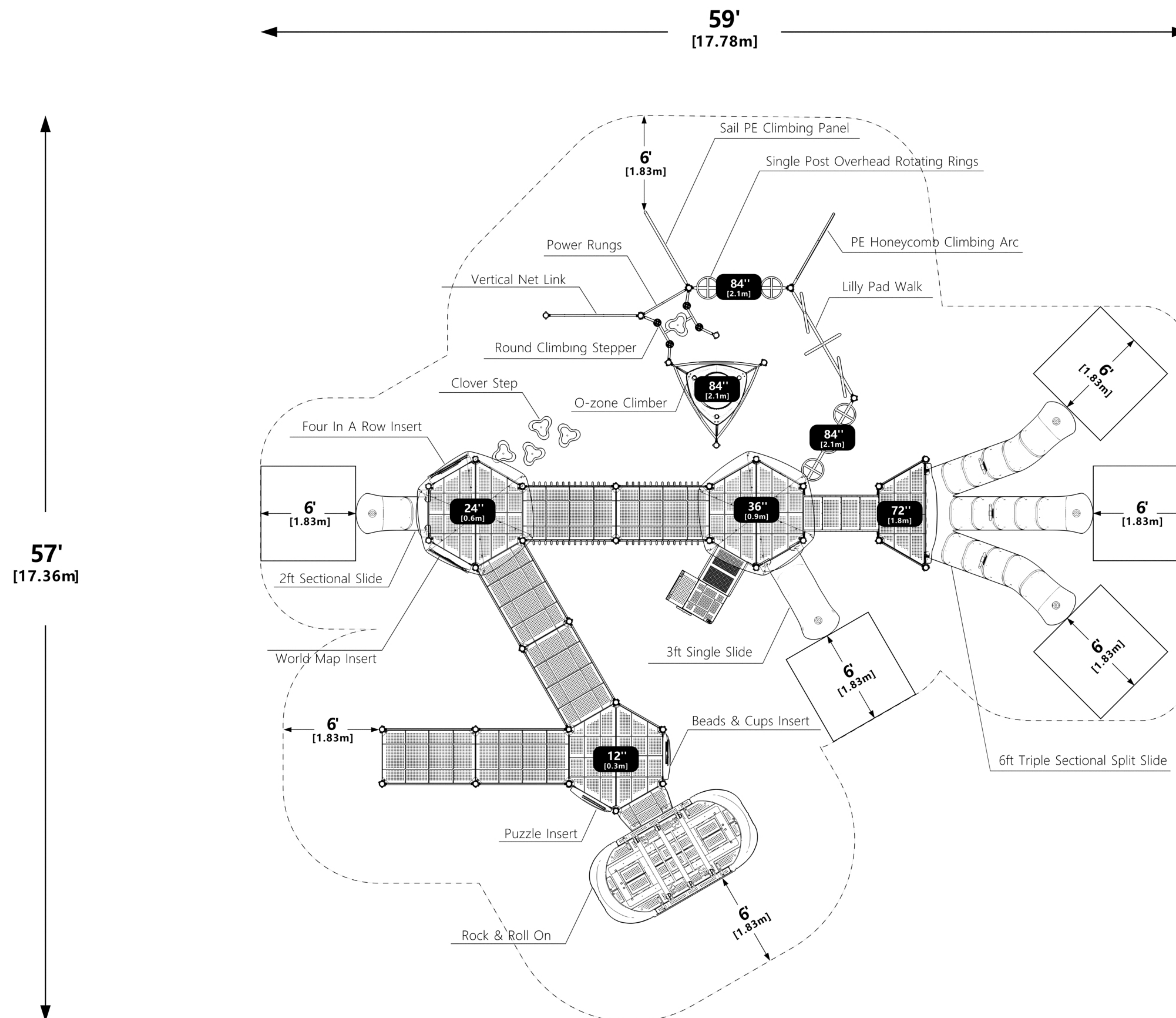
SURFACE AREA:
2215 SqFt
[205.75 m²]

FALL HEIGHT:
84"
[2.1m]

AGE GROUP:
5-12

USER CAPACITY:
170-174

Compliance:
This play structure has been designed
to meet the safety requirements
established in:
- 2010 ADA Standard
- ASTM F1487-21
- CPSC Pub #325
When the play structure is installed over
a properly maintained surfacing material
which is in compliance with
- ASTM F1292
- ASTM F1951
and is appropriate for the highest
designated play surface of the structure.





2 September 2025

To: Phil Werz, CEO Pinehurst-Southern Pines-Aberdeen CVB
 From: Clint Mack, Robbins Town Manager
 Thru: Cameron Dockery, Mayor of Robbins
 Re: Request for Project Funding through the *One Time Project Fund 2.0*

Mr. Werz,

Last year it was brought to the attention of Robbins' leadership that there were no *all-inclusive, adaptive, handicap accessible* (AAH) play areas within reasonable distance from the Town of Robbins. Since learning about this shortcoming, the town staff have attended seminars and received credible training on how to support families and children with disabilities residing not only inside but also outside the Robbins community.

Furthermore, Robbins has partnered with the *Ellie Jean Project*, which has successfully built two all-inclusive parks within Moore County. With donations from the *Ellie Jean Project*, and private donations from the Inaugural "Battle for the North Charity Softball Game," we have raised over \$50,000 towards this noble public project that will appeal to a untapped demographic of local and regional visitors to the Town of Robbins; combined with the continued focus on the outdoor recreation appeal of Bear Creek, we strongly feel that this park will enhance new visitation and recreation exploration from regional travelers and adventure seekers.

While planning this project, we learned that there are 40 families within Robbins that have children categorized as handicapped or having disabilities. Additionally, ADA accessible facilities are a growing market that supports a specific tourism population worth over \$58+ billion nationally. For communities aiming to be inclusive, investing in accessible play isn't just a playground site, they're foundational to growth, cohesion, and tourism appeal. On behalf of the 40 effected families, their children, and many others, we humbly request CVB grant funding for **\$100,000.00** to jumpstart and this amazing "shovel ready" project.

I also invite you at your convenience to meet the Clothier family. Leslie and her husband are both dedicated public servants who founded the *Ellie Jean Project* for the daughter. Ellie Jean was born blind from cerebral palsy with epilepsy and was not expected to live past 7 years old. Now that Ellie Jean is 10 years old, the Robbins leadership feels that this project should be prioritized to fulfill the Clothier family's dream of having an AAH park in Robbins within Ellie Jean's lifetime. We eagerly ask your organization to consider this selfless request as we continue to support and appreciate all the remarkable things your organization does for all Moore County's communities.



Point of contact for this request is undersigned or manager@townofrobbins.com.



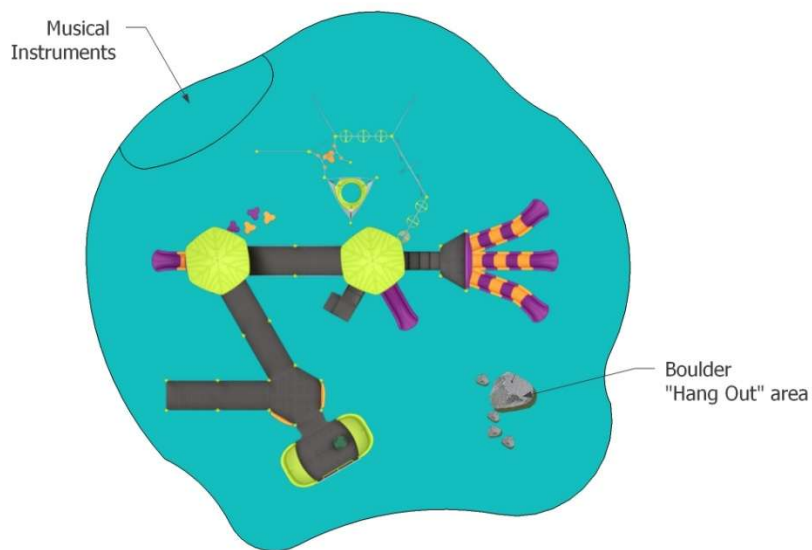
Clint Mack
Robbins Town Manager



Cameron Dockery
Robbins Mayor

Attachments: (2)

1. Project Concept/Design
2. Project Estimate
3. Project Presentation





QUOTE

Robbins, Town of
101 N Middleton St
ROBBINS NC 27325
USA

Date
19 Feb 2025

Expiry
21 Mar 2025

Quote Number
QU-5033

Reference
ADA Playground

Creative Playscapes, LLC
148 S Freemont St
MATTHEWS NC 28105
UNITED STATES

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount USD
Custom wheelchair accessible structure. Your choice of colors. Price includes shipping and installation.	1.00	92,500.00	92,500.00
Allowance for musical equipment	1.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Bouldering area to include Horseshoe Bend boulder and four smaller boulders/hop rocks. Price includes delivery and installation.	1.00	9,800.00	9,800.00
Poured in place rubber installed in use zone of equipment. Thickness of rubber to accommodate equipment fall heights. Color to be a 50/50 blend of black and a standard color of tan, green, red, blue, or grey. Price includes a 4" compacted stone base to receive rubber. We highly recommend selecting a rubber surface color that does not include black recycled rubber. A surface without black is much cooler in direct sunlight and much more durable as this system will last up to 50% longer. Warranty for a surface with a 50/50 blend of color and black is one year. Warranty for the non-black surface is three years. Cost for the non black surface is \$2.00/sf greater.	3300.00	19.75	65,175.00
Upcharge for rubber surface that does not include the black, recycled material	3300.00	2.00	6,600.00
INCLUDES NO TAX 0%			0.00
TOTAL USD			199,075.00

Terms

Acceptance _____ Date _____

Registered Office: 148 S Freemont St, Matthews, NC, 28105, United States.

Phone: 910.948.2431 | Fax: 910. 948.3981



ONE TIME PROJECT 2.0 GRANT REQUEST

THE TOWN OF ROBBINS ADA ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND

PROJECT FACTS AND ADVANTAGES

LAND ACCESSIBLE AND PUBLICLY OWNED.

PROPOSED SITE IS CENTRALLY LOCATED TO GREENSPACE AND DOWNTOWN AMENITIES.

EXISTING PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR PROJECT.

NO ZONING OR ORDINANCE BEUACRACY TO NAVIGATE.

ONE OF A KIND AMENITY FOR THE AREA.

PROJECT IS SHOVEL READY AND MINIMAL EXPECTED TIMELINE

QUOTE AND PROPOSAL PROVIDED BY *CREATIVE PLAYSCAPES*, A REPUTABLE COMPANY.



PROJECT DETAILS



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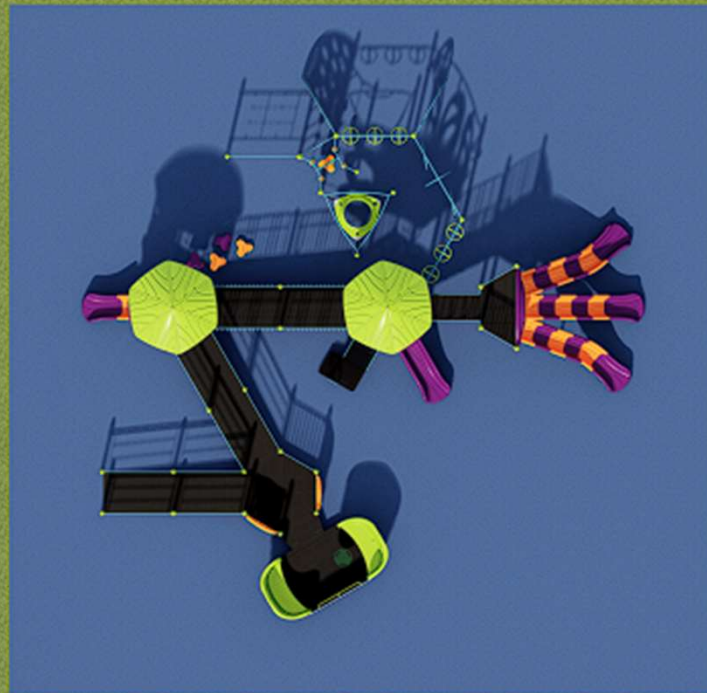


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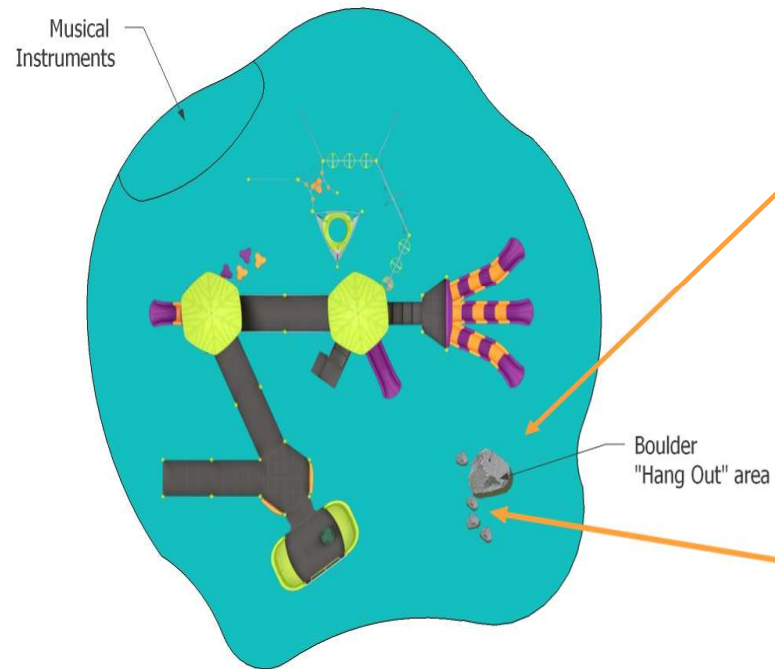
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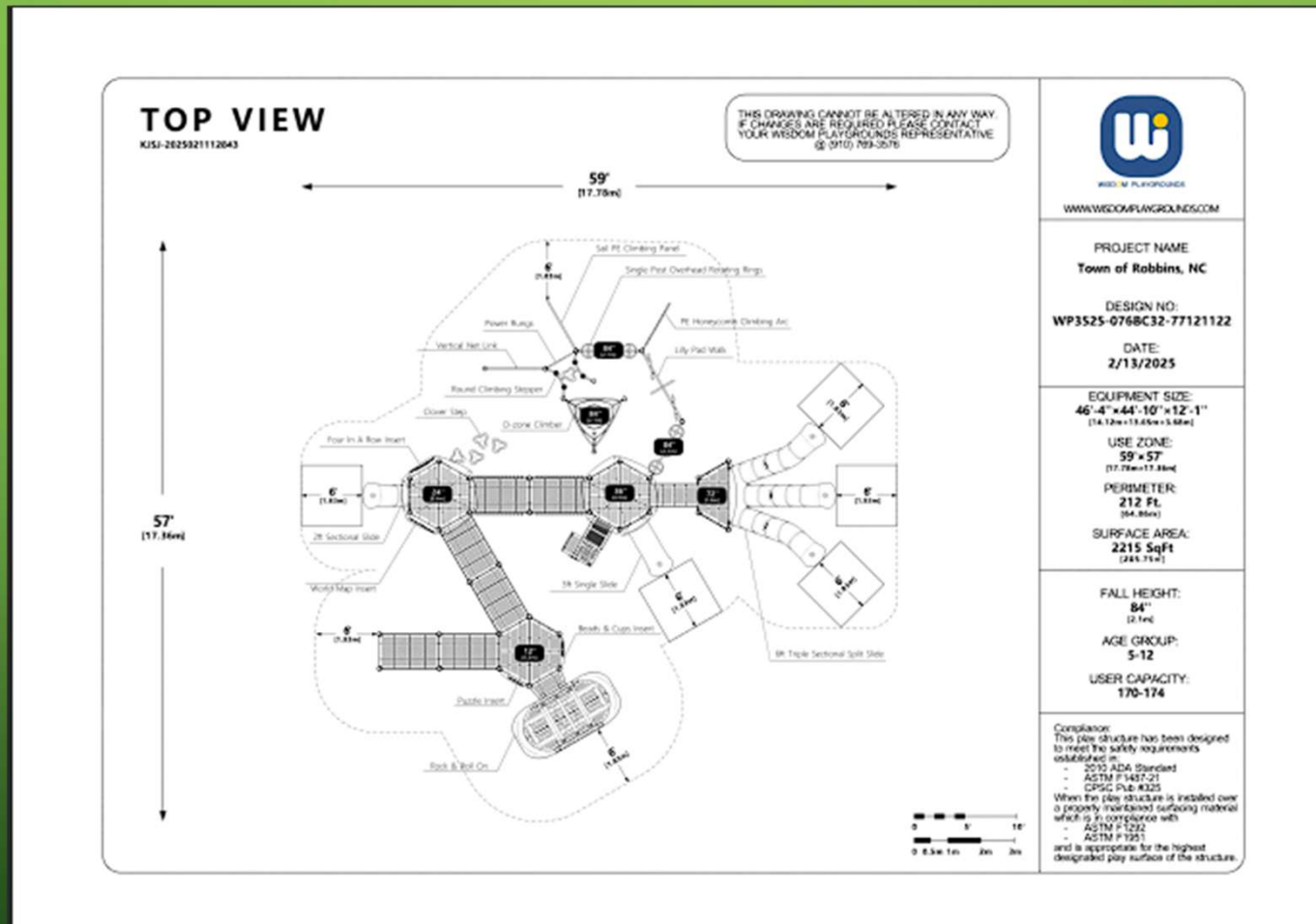
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- NATURAL PLAYScape APPEARANCES
- FULLY CUSTOMIZED FOR SIZING AND ABILITIES



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-INDUSTRY'S SAFEST OPTION OF
"POUR IN PLACE RUBBER"



EXAMPLE PROJECTS



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“Several years ago, the city invested in an updated inclusive playground; this has proven to be one of the most visited places in Blue Ridge by both locals and visitors. We feel it is one of the best investments the city has made.”

- Rhonda Haight, Mayor, Blue Ridge Georgia



PROJECT SUMMARY

- Total project cost \$199,075.00.
- Requesting \$100,000.00 from CVB.
- Project is “shovel ready”.
- 7.3M children in the U.S. could benefit from inclusive playgrounds.
- Drives local tourism, enhances public image, while promoting confidence, empathy, social cohesion, and inclusive interaction.

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OTPF Award

From Phil Werz <pwerz@homeofgolf.com>
Date Wed 12/10/2025 3:51 PM
To Clint Mack <manager@townofrobbins.com>
Cc Melissa Holt <mholt@homeofgolf.com>

Hello Clint,

Congratulations on your One-Time Project Fund award of \$75,000 for the Ellie Jean Play Park. The CVB appreciates your continued support and partnership.

Now that you have been awarded funds, I need to tell you how you secure the funds. Given this is a match, the CVB needs to see documentation from a bank that shows assets dedicated to this project that meet or exceed the awarded funds. For example, for the Skatepark, they initially raised \$140,000, so we could only provide that match of the \$200,000.00. Once they raised the full amount, we provided the full match.

In Haywood County (the inspiration for the OTPF), they do their awards as a reimbursement. Their projects must be completed, all receipts provided and their CVB provides the matching funds as a reimbursement. This does two things: 1) ensures the project completion and 2) funds cannot be diverted to a different project of other use. They changed their policy recently as an award recipient used the dollars for something not associated with the project (HVAC), so they did not provide the reimbursement at all. The recipient was not happy, but he did not fulfill the terms of the match.

So, for us, we merely need to have a letter from the bank, a statement, or something that shows you have secured at least \$75,000.00 for this project. Once we have that for our files (and for us to show county finance for their files), the county will send you the funds at my request. I will also need to know to whom/what the check should be made out. I assume the Town of Robbins.

If you are wondering, for any organization that would potentially divert funds, it would result in permanent disqualification for any future considerations from the CVB on all levels. Of course, that is of no concern with the Town of Robbins! Just letting you know it does happen, so we have guardrails and safeguards to protect the CVB and to ensure we protect visitor taxpayer dollars.

Thanks so much! Please let me know if you have any questions.

Phil Werz, CHS | President & CEO | [Pinehurst-Southern Pines-Aberdeen Area CVB](#)
Phone: 910.692.3330 x 234
pwerz@homeofgolf.com
155 W. New York Ave., Suite 300
Southern Pines, NC 28387



December 17, 2025

Town of Robbins
 Budget Amendment 25-03
 Fiscal Year Ending 2025-2026

Account GL	Description	Current Budget	Amendment Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
Revenues	FUNDS FOR ELLIE JEAN PROJECT			
Fund 10				
10-101-00	GENERAL FUND BALANCE TRANSFER	\$0	(\$168,299.37)	\$168,299.37
Total Revenues				\$168,299.37
Expenditures				
92-330-01	ELLIE JEAN PROJECT	\$45,075.63	\$168,299.37	\$213,375.00
Total Expenditures				\$168,299.37
Revenues-Expenditures			\$	-0

 Cameron Dockery, Mayor

 Jessica Coltrane, Town Clerk