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A Plan for Recreation in Greene County

Authorization to fund a countywide recreation planning initiative

Presented by the Ruckersville Advisory Committee

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Greene County is growing, but our recreation space isn't

More demand. Limited space.

- Residential growth keeps raising demand for recreation.
- Indoor and outdoor facilities remain limited.
- Organized athletics heavily use today's facilities, leaving little room for new programs, walking, or informal play.



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Families feel the squeeze every week

No dedicated public indoor recreation facility. School gyms are the only option.

Practices and games are pushed to late evenings and Sundays.

Some programs have been reduced or can't be offered at all.

Parks are booked for organized sports, leaving less room for picnics, playgrounds, and open play.

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Recreation sits far from where most residents live

WESTERN PART OF THE COUNTY

Recreation opportunities

Concentrated here.

RUCKERSVILLE & SURROUNDING GROWTH AREAS

Majority share of the population

Residents live here.

Without a plan, projects may duplicate each other or miss the areas of greatest need.

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One coordinated plan with three parts



Indoor facility feasibility study

Is a community events center workable, where, and at what cost?



Parks and Recreation Master Plan

A long-term vision for fields, trails, programs, and upkeep.



Community Recreation and Open Space Plan

Neighborhood parks, pocket parks, and trails near homes.

Updates the basic 2008 Community Park plan into a realistic, phased, affordable roadmap.

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Planning pays off for every resident

Children and families

Positive places to play, with more reasonable practice and game times.

Adults and older residents

Easy places to walk, exercise, and connect with neighbors.

Taxpayers

Limited dollars go to the highest priorities, in phases.

The County

Stronger grant applications and partnerships with schools and community groups.

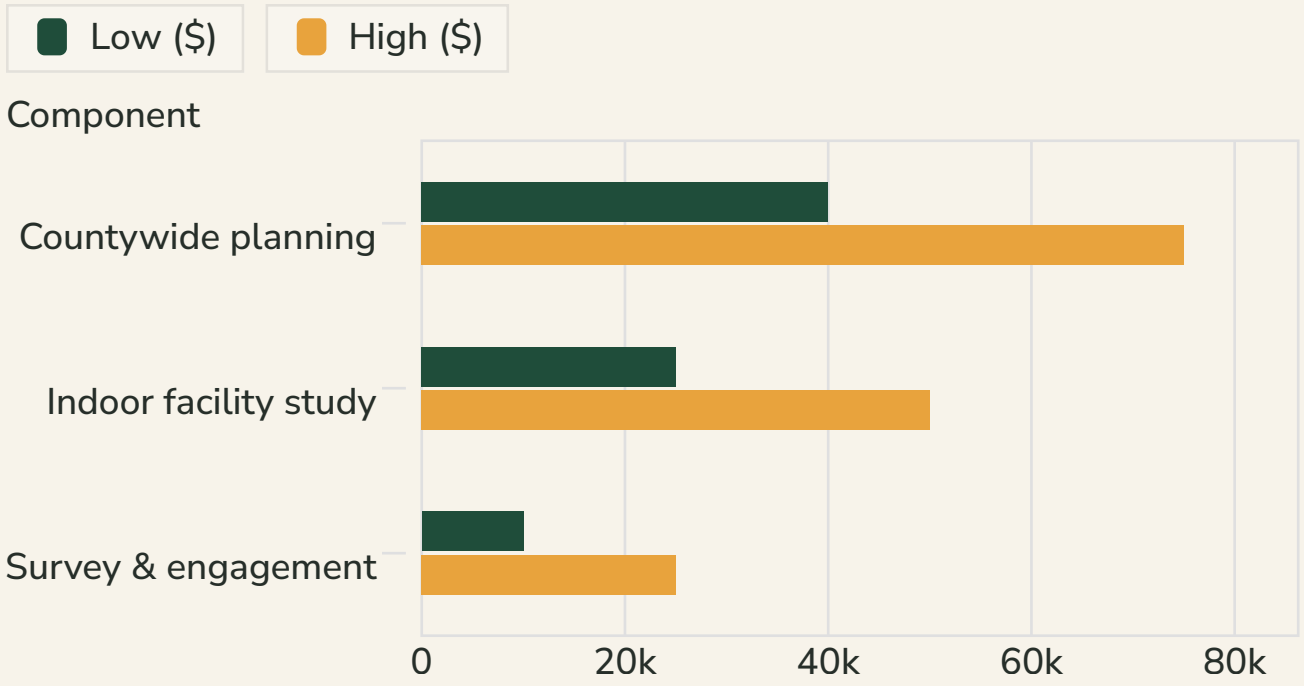
The Comprehensive Plan notes that parkland can enhance quality of life, public health, and property values (p. 88).



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The ask: up to $125,000, planning only

Planning cost ranges by component



Countywide planning is the largest share of the budget.

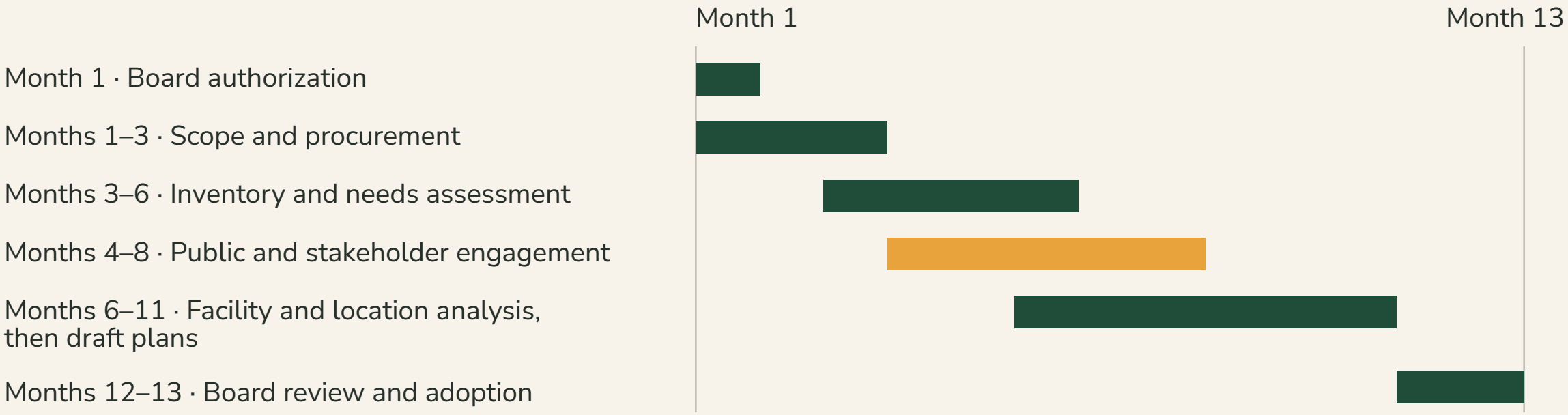
$125,000

Recommended cap, not to exceed.

- $75,000 to $150,000 is a budgeting range. Competitive proposals set the final price.
- Possible sources include the Future Recreation Facility Fund, Capital Improvement Program, and state and federal grants.
- No commitment to build anything yet.

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About 13 months from approval to adoption, with your voice throughout



Requested action

Authorize staff to issue a request for proposals and a planning amount not to exceed $125,000, subject to final appropriation. Staff returns with scope, consultant selection, and final cost.

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