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New Inclusive Playground Opens in Columbus County

Joins 31 other playgrounds launched by Trillium

WHITEVILLE, NC: A new, all-inclusive playground at the Columbus County Playground opened today. Equipment includes a rubber surface to allow for smooth transport with wheelchairs, doublewide ramps to access slides and other elements, and equipment that will appeal to children with sensory issues. The playground will provide an opportunity for individuals of all ages and abilities to play together outside.

Trillium provided \$500,000 to the Columbus County Parks and Recreation Department for the playground, located at 131 Government Complex Rd. GameTime®, the recreation and playground installer selected for the project, uses research-based programs and education to deliver the most tailored play and recreation environments in the world.

“This is an exciting day for Columbus County ... kids at heart can come out here to smile and have fun,” shared Julie Strickland, Director of Columbus County Parks and Recreation. “This is a stepping stone for anyone who wants to play. This is a playground for everyone.”

Children, their families, county employees, and Trillium staff enjoyed snow cones and music by DJ Smooth after the ribbon cutting.

Trillium first offered these grants in 2015, and has since constructed 31 playgrounds across our region. Each location received a grant amount appropriate for the scope of work and land space allocated for developing or updating a playground. To learn more, [please visit our website](#).

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