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Mayor Jacobs Pledges \$250k for Veterans Memorial Park

Knoxville, Tennessee—Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs this week announced the county would provide Legacy Parks Foundation \$250,000 towards their \$1.5 million fundraising goal for a Veterans Memorial Park. The park will be visible from the East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery across the river at 2200 East Gov. John Sevier Highway.

“Any time we have the opportunity to remember and honor our veterans, it is important we do that,” said Mayor Jacobs. “Tennessee is known as the volunteer state...while here we can contemplate and explore the history of volunteerism because it’s something that is important to all of us.”

Legacy Parks CEO Carol Evans said the property for the park is seven acres along the French Broad River and was donated by Blue Water Industries. The park will feature memorials and benches along an accessible walkway, a memorial plaza with monuments and flags, a covered pavilion for commemorative events and services with accessible restrooms, and parking for 44 vehicles in addition the overlook of the cemetery. The accessible trail will also connect to a 1/8-mile natural surface path that winds along the edge of the river bluff.

“I’m proud of – and grateful for Knox County, Legacy Parks and all the partners working to make this veterans memorial park a reality,” said Congressman Tim Burchett. “Too often it seems that we only honor our veterans on holidays, like the Fourth of July, Memorial Day and Veterans Day. But our veterans deserve to be honored every day. This project will serve an important purpose: to remember our deceased service members and let their families and fellow veterans know that their service is not forgotten.”

“This park is going to be well used by the veteran community and friends and neighbors who are thanking us for our service,” said Director of Knox County Veterans and Senior Services Buzz Buswell noting also that the park is a great way to show appreciation to our veterans while they’re still around to enjoy the benefits.

“This will be an awesome addition to our park system,” said Mayor Jacobs.

Those interested in supporting the construction of the park can do so at legacyparks.org/veterans.

Check out the [video](#) about yesterday’s event.

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