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ADA Project to Begin in Carter

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—Contractors have mobilized and are initiating Phase I of an ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) improvement project at Carter Park that will include ball parks, the senior center, and library.

In 2020, Knox County completed an update of its ADA Transition Plan identifying access barriers across all county facilities. Carter Park was selected as the first site and the one-year construction project will implement the ADA improvements drawn up by planning and design engineering consultants Kimley-Horn.

Phase 1 of the project, which begins this month, will include improvements to county baseball fields adjacent to the park’s center parking lot and includes updates to restroom facilities and the concession stand.

In October, Phase 2 will address the multipurpose field and associated restrooms, concessions, and parking, as well as the adjacent youth baseball field and greenway section.

Phase 3 is slated to start in early 2024 and will address the public library and senior center. It will also involve the relocation, expansion, and installation of a fully accessible playground for the park.

Phase 4 will address the basketball court and picnic shelter area in April/May of next year.

“Knox County is committed to ensuring that all citizens can enjoy full access to amenities, programs, and services without being sidelined by structures and barriers that prohibit inclusion,” said Knox County’s ADA Coordinator Carly Pearson.

The 30-acre Carter Park is located at 9030 Asheville Highway and boasts a multipurpose field, four baseball and softball fields, a pavilion, a playground, and 0.3-mile walking trail. The Carter Library and Senior Center are also inside the park.

The project is being managed by the Public Building Authority and construction will be completed by Shelton General Contractors.

For more information, please visit the project [website](#).

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