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Hamilton County and Soddy-Daisy Team Up to Deliver Long-Awaited Improvements at Holly Park

HAMILTON COUNTY, TN (September 19, 2025) — Hamilton County and City of Soddy-Daisy officials today highlighted proposed upgrades to Holly Park, supported by \$250,000 from the county's Small-Town Grant Matching Program. A well-loved community asset in Soddy-Daisy, Holly Park will receive improvements that expand recreation opportunities and strengthen fishing access, reflecting a commitment to partnering with the small towns that define Hamilton County's quality of life.

"When we launched this program, the goal was to lean into our small communities—helping them pursue projects to enhance the quality of life for our citizens," said Hamilton County Mayor Weston Wamp. "The upgrades coming to Holly Park show what's possible when the county and our municipalities pull in the same direction, investing in the places and people that make Hamilton County thrive."

Proposed upgrades include new signage to increase the park's visibility, pergola swings overlooking the water, and additional picnic tables. On the waterfront, plans call for a second L-shaped dock, a widened boat ramp to ease weekend congestion, and a fish weigh-in station to help attract regional tournaments and support local fishing teams.

"Holly Park has always been a gathering space for families and fishermen, and these improvements will finally give it the infrastructure to match its reputation," said District 1 Commissioner Gene-O Shipley, who represents the Soddy-Daisy area. "With upgraded facilities, we'll be ready to host more tournaments and give young fishermen—like those on the Soddy-Daisy High and Sale Creek High fishing teams—a park they can be proud of."

The project also includes ADA-compliant restrooms and a gathering pavilion, adding modern amenities that improve accessibility and comfort. These upgrades will benefit anglers and boaters while giving families more opportunities to picnic, relax, and enjoy Holly Park as a true community hub.

"We are grateful to Mayor Wamp and Commissioner Shipley for their support in making long-awaited improvements at Holly Park a reality," said City of Soddy-Daisy Mayor Jim Coleman. "Enhancements to fishing

access and facilities will ensure this beloved park continues to bring our community together and serve as a great place for outdoor recreation in Soddy-Daisy.”

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