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Veterans Memorial Park Fundraising Underway

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— Fundraising is ready to kick off for a new park in Southeast Knox County that will be designed to honor veterans.

“There are over 500,000 veterans in the state,” said Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs. “In every era since the country was founded, men and women have stepped forward to ensure our continued freedom. This park will be a beautiful space to reflect upon and appreciate their sacrifices.”

The 9-acre park – called French Broad Veterans Memorial Park – will overlook the East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery on John Sevier Highway.

The county has set aside \$250,000 for the project and the Veterans Heritage Site Foundation is working with the Legacy Parks Foundation to raise another \$100,000. The total cost of the project is roughly \$1.2 million.

To learn more about the project, officials are hosting a reception tonight from 5-6:30 p.m. at Legacy Parks, located at 900 Volunteer Landing Lane in downtown Knoxville.

“We’re honored to work alongside veteran’s organization and the Mayor Jacob’s office to meet the need for a gather place for our veterans and their families. We are fortunate to own the property – donated to us by Bluewater Industries – and now we are joining together to raise the money to make the park a reality,” Carol Evans, executive director of Legacy Parks Foundation explained.

The park will be a place for community events, family gatherings, and special celebrations to honor our veterans. It will feature a covered pavilion, private areas for reflection, a signature overlook viewing the French Broad River, and veteran markers and monuments along an ADA-approved trail.

The project was announced last September but plans have been delayed due to COVID-19.

More information about the French Broad Veterans Memorial Park is at legacyarks.org.

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