

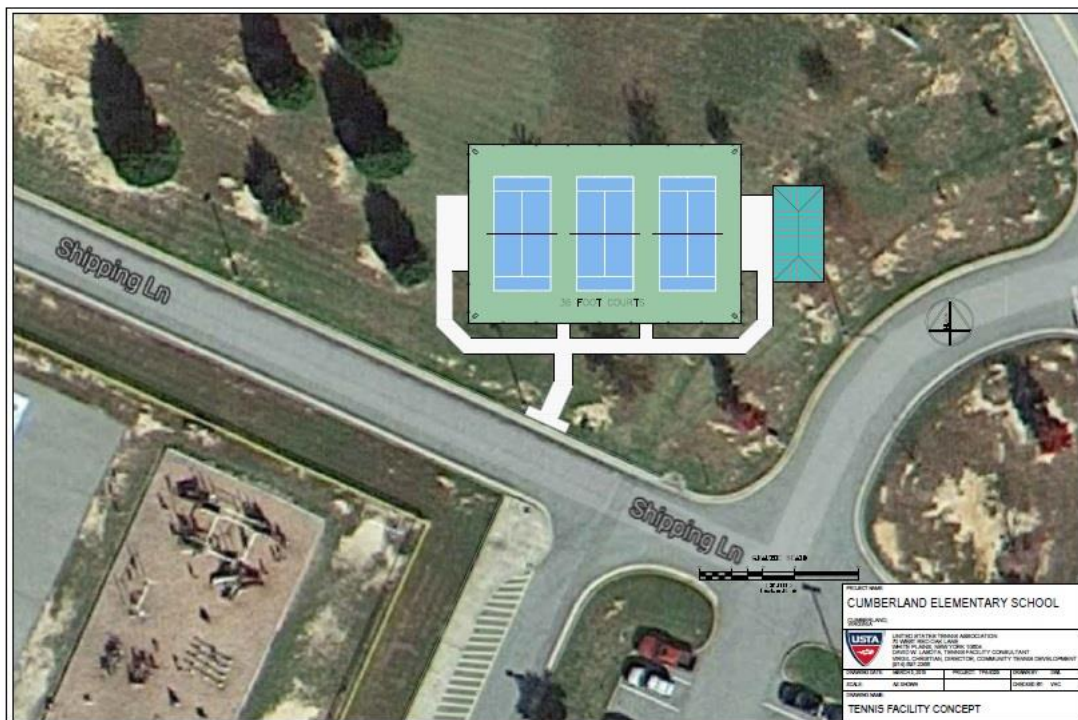


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QCV Received First Grant for Courts for Cumberland Project

Charlottesville, Virginia (5/5/2015) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia ([QCV](http://www.quickstartcentral.org)) is pleased to report it has received the first grant for the Courts for Cumberland project from The Titmus Foundation, which is headquartered in Sutherland, Virginia. The project envisions building three 36-foot QuickStart courts at the elementary school. This is QCV’s third court-building endeavor. The Titmus Foundation was started in 1947 and supports projects and programming that affect youth in a positive way.



QCV QuickStart Coordinator Lynda Harrill says, “We are so pleased to receive the initial grant for this very worthwhile project at Cumberland Elementary School and appreciate The Titmus Foundation’s support and generosity. There currently are no tennis courts – public or private – in the entire county. No community foundations serve Cumberland County and no private foundations are domiciled there. Three out of every four students at the elementary school qualify for the free or reduced lunch program. The median household income in Cumberland County is only 68 percent of the state average. We knew this was going to be a difficult yet very worthy fundraising project. The kids in Cumberland County need recreational facilities and a place to play tennis. They’ve been playing in the gym with portable nets for four years. We’re excited that people outside the immediate area understand what a positive impact this will have on this greatly under-resourced community.”

QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia is an all-volunteer, grassroots Community Tennis Association established in 2009 as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization to promote, develop and grow QuickStart Tennis in the heart of Virginia for all beginners, especially underserved youth, using the kid-sized QuickStart Tennis format.

QCV's service area includes Albemarle, Amelia, Appomattox, Brunswick, Buckingham, Charlotte, Culpeper, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Fluvanna, Franklin, Greene, Greenville, Halifax, Henry, Louisa, Lunenburg, Madison, Mecklenburg, Nelson, Nottoway, Orange, Patrick, Pittsylvania, Prince Edward, Powhatan and Rappahannock counties and the cities of Charlottesville, Danville and Martinsville, We currently serve 141 schools with 67,000 kids, nine parks & recreation departments, three Boys & Girls Clubs and two YMCAs in 27 counties and three independent cities. We have also gotten tennis into PE classes in 28 additional schools in southwestern and eastern Virginia as part of the Supercharge School Tennis Task Force in the USTA/Mid-Atlantic Section which kicked off in August 2014 and runs for the current school year.

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