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Duke Energy employees Anthony Rose, left, Betsy Rabon and Florence Lavender were part of a team installing a bench Friday at Kings Mountain National Military Park. The group also assembled benches.

KM Park gets eco-benches

Kings Mountain National Military Park is getting new benches thanks to the Unilever company, Duke Energy employees and the park's Brigade of Friends.

KMNMP received a \$12,000 grant through Unilever's Recycling at Work program for the 100 percent recycled plastic, sustainable lumber. The park is one of nine recipients this year.

Duke Energy employees assembled the benches and installed one on Friday. The remaining benches will be placed along the challenging one-and-a-half mile loop which leads to the battle monument. Those benches will be installed by Duke and Brigade volunteers after archeological clearance is given.

The benches are in line with the park's environmental program which uses bio-diesel and ethanol to help reduce air pollution. The park also recycles plastic, newspaper, paper, cardboard, glass, aluminum and metal.

"We see these benches as the next step in our effort to conserve, preserve and protect our park and the surrounding communities," said park Superintendent Erin Broadbent.



CONTRIBUTED

Meagan Reynolds has been selected to represent North Carolina in the Olympic Development Program. She has played for the state team for the past two years. For the past four years, Reynolds has played for the Greater Cleveland County Soccer Association. Her parents are Brad and Leigh Ann Reynolds. She is a rising 8th grader at Kings Mountain Intermediate School.

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