

**Virginia Board of Conservation and Recreation
Friday, March 18, 2011
Lake Anna State Park, Spotsylvania, Virginia**

Board of Conservation and Recreation Members Present

Mark E. Smith, Chair
Alan D. Albert
Stephen Murray
David Watts
Andrea Young

W. Bruce Wingo, Vice Chair
Gwen Mason
Jennifer C. Wagner
Robert L. Wilkerson

Board of Conservation and Recreation Members Not Present

Richard Formato
Sheryl W. Swinson

George R. Melnyk, Sr.

DCR Staff Present

David A. Johnson, Director
Bill Conkle
Joe Elton
Doug Graham
Kelly McClary

Jeb Wilkinson, Chief Deputy Director
David C. Dowling
Michael Fletcher
Janit Llewellyn
Danette Poole

Others Present

Johnny Finch, Virginia Association for Parks
Jo Finch, Friends of Lake Anna State Park
Kate Killham, The Central Virginian

Call to Order

Chairman Mark Smith called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes from October 28, 2010

MOTION: Ms. Mason moved that the minutes of the October 28, 2010 meeting of the Board of Conservation and Recreation be approved as submitted by staff.

SECOND: Mr. Murray

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

Greetings

Johnny Finch, Virginia Association for Parks

Mr. Finch gave greetings to the Board members. He said that the Virginia Association of Parks is an umbrella organization that supports the friends group in State Parks.

Mr. Finch reviewed the actions of the Association during the General Assembly session as well as a background document regarding re-benchmarking for parks.

Jo Finch, Friends of Lake Anna

Mrs. Finch gave an overview of the accomplishments of the Friends of Lake Anna. She noted that the friends group was organized shortly after the Master Planning process in 2011. She noted that the Friends of Lake Anna average around 2000 volunteer hours annually.

Director's Report

Mr. Johnson said that it had been a busy few months. He thanked Mr. Finch for the report on benchmarking. He said that his opinion was that other parks should be benchmarked against Virginia's award winning state parks.

Mr. Johnson noted that in January the Governor had sent a directive reversing a previous decision by Governor Kaine. The directed said that DCR should allow open carry of firearms within state parks. Mr. Johnson said that there had been little comment in this regard.

Mr. Johnson said that the Department had undertaken a management study. He said that some changes had been made and that more would be made in the coming months.

Ms. Young asked how many state legislators had been in state parks.

Mr. Wilkinson said that most local legislators are familiar with parks in their districts; however there are districts where no parks are represented.

Mr. Johnson noted that most members of the House and Senate Committee on Agriculture have been in State Parks. Mr. Elton said that all legislators would be invited to the 75th Anniversary in June.

Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Dowling to give a legislative update.

Mr. Dowling said that it had been a very successful session of the General Assembly. A full copy of Mr. Dowling's report is available from DCR. He highlighted the following items.

HB1972 Golf carts and utility vehicles; authorizes limited over-the-road operation by DCR employees.

This legislation modifies §§46.2-916.2 and 46.2-916.3 of the Code of Virginia to allow the use of golf carts and utility vehicles by employees of the Department of Conservation and Recreation on roads within or adjacent to DCR property with posted speed limits of 35 miles per hour or less.

HB2167 Biscuit Run: DCR to negotiate land exchange of certain areas in Albemarle County.

This legislation authorizes the Department of Conservation and Recreation to negotiate a land exchange of a part of 1,191 acres in an area known as Biscuit Run in Albemarle County Virginia for a receipt of a 36-acre privately owned parcel in the interior of and entirely surrounded by DCR's parcel.

SB1300 DCR; authorized to divest itself of certain properties conveyed to it by Norfolk Southern Railroad

Authorizes the Department of Conservation and Recreation to divest itself of two small parcels of property that were conveyed to it by Norfolk Southern Railroad for High Bridge Trail State Park. These properties have no potential utility to the High Bridge Trail State park and the divestiture would eliminate any liability to the Department associated with the private use of property by adjacent landowners, which preceded the donation by Norfolk Southern Railroad.

SJ438 Commending the Virginia State Parks on the occasion of their 75th anniversary

HB2003 and SB1257 Real property; DGS to inventory all property owned and update at least annually

Changes the fund to receive the 50 percent portion of the proceeds from the sale, lease, or conveyance of surplus property owned by the Commonwealth from the Conservation Resources Fund to the State park Acquisition and Development Fund.

Mr. Dowling noted that two bills dealing with the composition of Boards and Governor's appointments had no effect on the Board of Conservation and Recreation.

Mr. Dowling noted two budget amendments not included in the Governor's original budget.

The authorization of \$800,000 for FY11-12 and five FTE positions for the Natural Heritage Program.

The authorization of \$1,200,000 for state park and 15 positions for the Division of State Parks.

Planning and Recreation Resources Update

Ms. Poole gave an update for the Division of Planning and Recreation Resources. A full copy of Ms. Poole's presentation is available from DCR.

State Park Master Planning

- Established by General Assembly in 1998
- Must be prepared for all Virginia State Parks
- Plan must be adopted prior to major development
- Plan looks at complete future build out of park
- Must allow for public input

Plans under development in 2011

2 New Parks

- Biscuit Run – Albemarle County
- Mayo River – Henry County

Subsequent plan reviews

- In-house review every 5 years
- Public review triggered if a facility of more than \$500K is proposed which is not in the adopted plan
- If additional major land acquisition
- If a relocation of a major planned facility is proposed

Updates to be completed in 2011 (17)

March: Belle Isle, Caledon, Fairy Stone, Pocahontas, Smith Mt. Lake, Twin Lakes

June: Grayson Highlands, Lake Anna, Occoneechee, Sky Meadows, Southwest Virginia Museum

October: Chippokes, Holliday Lake, New River Trail, Shenandoah River, Westmoreland, York River

Virginia Outdoors Plan

Key resource in Master Planning

- Commonwealth's official conservation, outdoor recreation and open space plan

- Required by the NPS for states to be eligible to receive federal LWCF funds
- Guides all levels of government and the private sector
- Virginia has produced a VOP approximately every five years since 1966.
- The 2007 VOP was the ninth plan produced in accordance with § of the Code of Virginia.
- Plan development takes ~2 years and starts with the Virginia Outdoors Survey

Issues:

- Land Conservation
- Wildlife Corridors
- Carrying Capacity
- Trails/greenways & linkages
- Water trails & scenic rivers
- Urban green space initiatives
- Walkable communities
- Good planning/assessment
- Development pressure
- Water quality
- Eco-tourism
- Nature deficit disorder

Virginia Outdoors Survey

- First step in completing the VOP
- The 2011 Survey is under contract with the University of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center
- Public is polled in a series of questions about their outdoor recreation preferences
- Simultaneously, the inventory of recreational facilities across the state is updated
- Takes about a year to complete & analyze

Recreational Trails Program

- 80/20 (federal/local) match
- 46 applications for over \$3.8 million in assistance
- Approximately \$1 million available
- Program requires 30-30-40 distribution of funds:
 - 30% for non-motorized trails
 - 30% for motorized (ATV, OHV, etc.)
 - 40% for diversified trails
- Land & Water Conservation Fund grand round – late spring (\$389,500)

Statewide Trails Program

NPS Partnerships

- Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail
- Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail
- Southeast Coast Saltwater Paddling Trail

Other DCR Trail Initiatives

- James River Heritage Trail – conceptual plan under review, “Plan Your Trip” signs being developed
- East Coast Greenway – mapping completed; Traveler’s Guide being developed
- Greenways & Trails Toolbox – by National Trails Day

Scenic Resources

Scenic Rivers

- Nottoway and Appomattox extensions
- Requests received for studies of Meherrin, Mattaponi, Middle James

Scenic Resources

- DEQ Permit by Rule for small renewable energy projects (wind)
- Scenic Virginia (scenic viewshed register program)
- Scenic Byways

PRR’s Design and Construction

Ms. McClary gave the following update. A full copy of Ms. McClary’s presentation is available from DCR.

DAC Major Programs

- \$119M for 2002 GAB
- \$17M for 3 Major VPBA Bond Projects
- \$20M for Dam Rehabilitations and Break Studies
- \$500K+ for Maintenance Reserve Program
- Annual Permit Program

GOB Update

- Total Bond Projects: 72
- Total Bond Projects Initiated: 72
- Total Projects Complete or Substantially Complete: 64
- Total Projects in Progress: 8

GOB Funding Status (as of 2/10/11)

- Total GOB Funds: \$119M
- Supplemental General Funds & Leverage Funds Available: \$52.8M
- Total Funds: \$171.8M
- Total GOB Funds & Leverage Funds Spent: \$152.8M
- Total GOB Funds & Leverage Funds Obligated: \$2.7M

Major Public Use Facilities Completed

- 2 Meeting Facilities in 2 Parks
- 86 Cabins in 8 Parks
- 20 Camping Cabins in 4 Parks
- 8 New Campgrounds in 8 Parks
- 20 New Bathhouses
- 9 Visitor Centers
- 4 Equestrian Areas in 4 Parks
- 2 Major Dredge Projects

Major Projects Currently Under Construction

- Sky Meadows Picnic Area
- Various Park Trail Improvements
- Douthat Campgrounds
- First Landing Visitor Center – Substantial
- Fairy Stone Equestrian Center
- High Bridge Trail
- Staunton River Equestrian Area
- James River Visitor Center – Exhibits
- James River Equestrian Center

Projects to be LEED Certified

- Andy Guest Visitor Center – Silver
- Sailors Creek Visitor Center – Silver
- First Landing Visitor Center
- James River Visitor Center
- Smith Mountain Lake Visitor Center – Certified
- Westmoreland Visitor Center – Gold
- Wilderness Road Visitor Center – Certified

At this time the Board recessed for lunch.

Green Infrastructure

Virginia Conservation Lands Needs Assessment

Mr. Tom Smith gave an update regarding the Virginia Conservation Lands Needs Assessment (VCLNA). The VCLNA is a flexible, widely applicable tool for integrating and coordinating the needs and strategies of different conservation interests using GIS (Geographic Information System) to model and map land conservation priorities and actions in Virginia.

More information is available at the following link:

http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural_heritage/vclna.shtml

Protecting Virginia's Common Wealth

Ms. Llewellyn introduced a video entitled Protecting Virginia's Common Wealth. This video was produced by the Department of Conservation and Recreation. The video was funded by the Department of Forestry and USFS Urban and Community Forest Grants Program. A copy of the DVD was provided to members.

The video may be seen online at the following link:

<http://www.youtube.com/dcrvirginia#p/a/u/1/fb7HLYPwJ4I>

State Park Updates

Mr. Elton gave an update for State Parks. A full copy of his presentation is available from DCR.

Cultural Heritage Site Applications

Mr. Elton presented Cultural Heritage Site Applications for Moton Museum in Farmville and Graves Mill Historical Park in Big Stone Gap.

Mr. Elton said that the concept of Cultural Heritage Sites was a new legislatively directed program. The intent is to establish a reference that is easily accessible to tourists to list significant sites that do not qualify to be on the federal or state registers. These sites will be listed on the State Park website.

Applications are submitted through State Parks and reviewed, submitted to the Board for recommendation and forwarded to the Governor for final designation.

MOTION: Ms. Mason moved that the Board of Conservation and Recreation endorse the applications of Moton Museum and Graves Mill Historical Park to be the first approved Cultural Heritage Sites in the Commonwealth and that the endorsement be communicated to the Governor.

SECOND: Mr. Murray
DISCUSSION: None
VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

75th Anniversary of Virginia State Parks

Why Celebrate?

- To increase citizens' pride and support for their Virginia State Park System
- To remind us, the staff and volunteers of State Parks, of our heritage and the importance of what we do
- Opportunity to increase visitation
- Promotion of parks and what we have to offer

Promotions

Anniversary theme in publications, commercials, etc.

75 Days of Summer...daily prizes

Promotional items for events, shows, etc.

Visitor Photo Contest

"Happy Birthday from VSP Staff" video

Blue Ridge Public Television Documentary

Social Media push

Blog-Contest

Lottery Scratch Off Game

Free Parking June 13-19

Birthday Cake at all Parks June 18

Special Event at Hungry Mother State Park

75 Days of Summer

- Daily web/social media based contests
- Day of the week themes like: Guess which Park; Native Virginia Plants; Fish species in Virginia State Parks; Park Trivia; Jumble of park names; Wildlife trivia
- Begins June 15th
- Ends right before Labor Day
- Every park visitor can enter the grand prize drawing
- Each park will pick one winner on Labor Day
- Out of all of the park winners, a grand prize winner will be selected

Photography Contest

- Photos will be submitted Labor Day through October 31
- Youth contest and categories: People and nature; Flora; Fauna; Seasons
- Winners featured in #1 brochure + prizes
- All photos submitted digitally through Virginia Outdoors site

Staff Pride – Park “Happy Birthday” videos competition

- All parks will submit a “Happy Birthday” video which we will feature on VirginiaOutdoors.com
- Winning video gives Park bragging rights and a Pizza Party

Other promotions

- PBS Video on State Parks
- Social Media and Blog Contest
- Images of Virginia State Parks, book by Sharon Ewing, Park Manager at Southwest Virginia Museum
- Park Histories

Interpretive events

- Will speak to VSP history
 - Standard language has been developed to be conveyed with programs
- Will feature things people can do at home to be green

Lottery

- Lottery scratch off game for the 75th Anniversary launches April 5
- Will include “second chance” feature...internet supported

Partnerships / Sponsorships / Fundraising

- We are seeking donations for the 75 Days of Summer promo
- Donations are being made through the Virginia Association for Parks
- Parks will seek local support for on-site celebrations

Mr. Elton shared a copy of Senate Joint Resolution No. 438 Commending the Virginia State Parks on the occasion of their 75th Anniversary. A copy of the resolution is available from DCR or Legislative Services.

Youth Ambassador Program

- National call to service for youth ages 16-26 to collaborate on a statewide media and marketing program.
- Promoting outdoor recreation in our state parks

- Document outdoor experiences and capture all of life's adventures from the extreme to the everyday with this youth partnership
- Challenging outdoor enthusiasts and advocates to bring the stories of the parks to the public
- Phase I – Youth Ambassador for all 50 states
- Phase II – Youth Ambassador for every state park

Virginia State Parks Ameri-Corps Volunteer Interpretive Initiative

- Successful grant application providing \$165,792 per year for up to 3 years from the Corporation for National and Community Service with an additional 2 years if successful for a five Years' total \$828,960
- Provides opportunity to increase interpretive programming – 34 individuals, 675 hours per year, April-September 2011

ADA Trails Update

- US Dept. of Justice Ruling – ADA Part 35 (Title II) – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services
- DOJ amended regulation implementing Title II and Title III of the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Title II applies to state and local governments.
- Focus has been on trails because the American Trail Association was the primary organization that brought this ruling to the attention of government agencies and the trail community. However, this ruling also impacts access to buildings and structures.
- Ruling took effect on March 15, 2011.
- In accordance with the ruling, if a public entity intends to prohibit the specific use of a particular mobility device, that public entity is to have conducted an assessment of the trail prior to arrival to the site by the individual requesting to use a particular type of mobility device.
- Meetings have been held with representatives of DCR, DOF, DGIF and OAG to discuss a cooperative approach to complying with the DOJ ruling.
- Agreed that none of the land management agencies would be able to comply with the ruling by the March 15, 2011 effective date.
- Standard text to be developed about what trail access is presently available for the mobility impaired. Text will be posted on Commonwealth website with links to DCR, DGIF and DOF.
- Working group comprised of representatives from each agency/division to develop a standard format that each land management agency would use to evaluate their trails.

Equine Regulations

2VAC5-70-20 Effective March 2, 2011

Testing requirements for horses exhibited at shows, fairs or other exhibitions, or coming into contact with horses owned by others in Virginia.

All horses assembled at a show, fair, race meet, or other such function, or participating in any activity on properties where horses belonging to different owners may come into contact with each other in Virginia, must be accompanied by a report of an official negative test for equine infectious anemia. The test shall be conducted by an approved laboratory on a sample taken by an accredited veterinarian or a State-Federal Regulatory Veterinarian within 365 days prior to such event or activity. The person in charge will ensure that a copy of the official negative test results accompanies each horse in the event or activity, and shall make such reports available for inspection by a representative of the State Veterinarian upon request. The person in charge shall exclude any horse which is not accompanied by a negative test report.

State Park Master Plan Updates

Mr. Conkle presented the recommended updates to the State Park Master Plans and asked for Board endorsement of each.

Belle Isle State Park

Mr. Conkle gave the following summary:

This Belle Isle State Park Master Plan Executive Summary is an update to the official unabridged master plan document adopted in 1998 and renewed in 2004 by the Department of Conservation and Recreation. It is the most recent five-year review as described in §10.1-2001. of the *Code of Virginia*.

Comprising 709 +/- acres, two separate agricultural parcels with frontage on the Rappahannock River and Deep and Mulberry Creeks were purchased in April 1993. The acquisition was funded with appropriations from the 1992 Virginia Park and Recreation Facilities Bond Act. The Department of Conservation and Recreation retained EDAW, Inc. to create the original park plan, and Belle Isle development was started in 1993. In 1998, while construction was ongoing, the master plan was revisited and modified to adjust for changing conditions, new acquisitions and new development. All park amenities funded through proceeds of the 1992 Virginia Park and Recreation Facilities Bond Act were completed by the fall of 1999, and at that time, the park opened to visitors.

A full copy of the Executive Summary of the Master Plan for Belle Isle State Park is available from DCR.

MOTION: Mr. Murray moved that the Board of Conservation and Recommendation endorse the Master Plan Update for Belle Isle

State Park as presented by DCR staff and recommend that the Director approve the plan.

SECOND: Ms. Young
DISCUSSION: None
VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

Caledon Natural Area

Mr. Conkle gave the following summary:

This Caledon Natural Area Master Plan Executive Summary is an update to the official unabridged master plan document adopted in 1998 and then renewed in 2004 by the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Caledon is located on the lower Potomac River 60 miles from the confluence with the Chesapeake Bay; it is easily accessible from both Virginia and Maryland. Located in the George Washington Regional Commission (District 16) of northeastern Virginia and King George County, the site is easily accessible via Routes 301 and 218. Of Caledon's 2,579 acres, the vast majority of the property, 2,355 acres is forested. The rich biological diversity will continue to make Caledon one of the Commonwealth's ecological jewels and present unique educational and recreational opportunities for the visitor.

A full copy of the Executive Summary of the Master Plan for Caledon Natural Area is available from DCR.

MOTION: Ms. Mason moved that the Board of Conservation and Recreation endorse the updated Master Plan for Caledon Natural Area as presented by staff and recommend approval by the DCR Director.
SECOND: Mr. Murray
DISCUSSION: None
VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

Fairy Stone State Park

Mr. Conkle gave the following summary:

This Fairy Stone State Park Master Plan Executive Summary is an update to the official unabridged master plan document adopted in 2005 by the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Fairy Stone State Park, one of the six original Virginia state parks to open on June 15, 1936, is renowned for the mythical “fairy stones” that can be found in the park and surrounding areas. Considering the park’s proximity to Fairy Stone Farms Wildlife Management Area, the US Army Corps of Engineers Philpot Reservoir, and the scenic Blue Ridge Parkway, it’s no surprise that visitors from near and far are inspired to visit the park to enjoy its beautiful scenery, rich history, and ample recreational opportunities. All this, and the opportunity for visitors to engage in their very own fairy stone hunt, is what makes this 4,741-acre state park nestled in the mountains of southwest Virginia a special place for state park enthusiasts.

A full copy of the Executive Summary of the Master Plan for Caledon Natural Area is available from DCR.

MOTION: Ms. Wagner moved that the Board of Conservation and Recreation endorse the updated Master Plan for Fairy Stone State Park as presented by staff and recommend approval by the DCR Director.

SECOND: Ms. Young

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

Pocahontas State Park

Mr. Conkle gave the following summary:

The Pocahontas State Park Master Plan Executive Summary is an update to the official unabridged master plan document adopted in 1989 by the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Pocahontas State Park is located on Swift Creek in Chesterfield County. It was purchased for recreation in 1934 by the National Park Service under the land Program of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration. The area known as the Swift Creek Recreational Demonstration Area was constructed in cooperation with the Virginia Conservation Commission with the understanding that upon completion it would be managed by the Commission. Most of the recreation area was completed during the summer of 1937 by two Civilian Conservation Corps companies and a workforce of 300 from the Works Projects Administration. The park’s day-use area was not opened until July 1938. On June 6, 1946, after twelve years of cooperative work between the NPS, the Virginia Conservation Commission and a number of other state agencies, the Swift Creek

Recreational Demonstration Area was handed over to the state and became known as Pocahontas State Park.

This 2011 update places value on connecting Pocahontas to other resources in the community.

A full copy of the Executive Summary of the Pocahontas State Park is available from DCR.

MOTION: Mr. Murray moved that the Board of Conservation and Recreation endorse the updated Master Plan for Pocahontas State Park as presented by staff and recommend approval by the DCR Director.

SECOND: Ms. Wagner

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

Smith Mountain Lake State Park

Mr. Conkle gave the following summary:

The Smith Mountain Lake State Park Master Plan Executive Summary is an update to the official unabridged master plan document adopted in 2003 by the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Smith Mountain Lake State Park is on the 20,600-acre Smith Mountain lake that was created in 1960 when Appalachian Power Company (now American Electric Power) built a dam on the Roanoke River in Smith Mountain Gap.

Smith Mountain Lake State Park is located in Region 2000 Local Government Council (Planning District 11), which lies in the southwest and central part of Virginia along the eastern edge of the Blue Ridge physiographic region on the Roanoke River branch of Smith Mountain Lake. The park consists of 1,248 acres, primarily in Bedford County. An additional 37-acre peninsula across the lake from the main state park property is in Franklin County. This parcel is leased to Franklin County and has been developed as a county park. Smith Mountain Lake Park is accessed via Route 626. It is about 40 miles southeast of Roanoke, 40 miles southwest of Lynchburg, and 140 miles southwest of Richmond.

A full copy of the Executive Summary of the Smith Mountain Lake State Park is available from DCR.

MOTION: Ms. Mason moved that the Board of Conservation and Recreation endorse the updated Master Plan for Smith Mountain Lake State Park as presented by staff and recommend approval by the DCR Director.

SECOND: Mr. Wilkerson

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

Twin Lakes State Park

Mr. Conkle gave the following summary:

The Twin Lakes State Park Master Plan Executive Summary is an update to the official unabridged master plan document adopted in 2005 by the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Twin Lakes State Park in Prince Edward County has a unique history. The park is located in the Commonwealth Region (Region 14) in Virginia's Piedmont region. Land for the park was acquired from local farmers in 1939. The park was developed originally as two separate parks in order to provide segregated facilities for African-Americans to recreate within the state park system. Each park consisted of a swimming and fishing lake, a camping area, and a picnic area. The parks, called Prince Edward State Park (for Negroes) and Goodwin Lake State Recreational Area, were very popular, and from their conception in 1950 saw large crowds on weekends. In 1964, the parks were combined, and in 1986 were named Twin Lakes State Park. Prince Edward-Gallion State Forest land surrounds three sides of the 495-acre park.

A full copy of the Executive Summary of the Master Plan for Twin Lakes State Park is available from DCR.

MOTION: Ms. Mason moved that the Board of Conservation and Recreation endorse the updated Master Plan for Twin Lakes State Park as presented by staff and recommend approval by the DCR Director.

SECOND: Mr. Murray

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

Other Business

Proposed Resolution

MOTION: Ms. Mason moved that the Board adopt the following resolution:

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF CONSERVATION & RECREATION
VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION &
RECREATION
COMMENDING RESOLUTION**

Presented to

KELLY McCLARY

In appreciation of her outstanding service to DCR and to the citizens of the Commonwealth in her role as Director of the Planning and Recreation Resources Division's Design and Construction Section.

Whereas, since implementation of the \$119 million General Obligation Bond in 2002, Ms. McClary has:

- Managed over \$172 million in public bond and leveraged grant funds for State Park improvements
- Completed five visitor centers with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) accreditation, making DCR the first state agency in Virginia to obtain LEED certification for public buildings
- Completed overnight cabin projects at Shenandoah River State Park, Douthat State Park, and Natural Tunnel State Park
- Completed the largest capital project ever undertaken by DCR with the Shenandoah River State Park Cabins and Campground project with a total budget of over \$10 million
- Is simultaneously working on the Phase I Development of two new state parks—Powhatan and High Bridge
- Serves as the Agency lead on the rehabilitation of Soil and Water Conservation District Dams, completing over 80 studies and acting as the Agency's lead engineer for dam repairs

And, whereas Ms. McClary's work has resulted in recognition for DCR in two awards:

James River Green Building Council Award – Presented on October 21, 2010 to DCR for its leadership in

implementing sustainable design in public buildings, with five LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) accredited State Park Visitor Centers and two others under construction. DCR was recognized for its self-imposed LEED design efforts and for being an example for State Park visitors.

Engineer of the Year Award – Presented on February 23, 2011 by the Richmond Joint Engineering Council (RJEC) to Kelly McClary in recognition for her outstanding work in managing over \$172 million public bond and leveraged grant funds for State Park improvements that will benefit all of the citizens of Virginia, and for her role in paving the way for obtaining LEED accreditation for public buildings in Virginia.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Virginia Board of Conservation and Recreation recognizes and applauds Ms. Kelly McClary for her commitment to the recreational and natural resources of the Commonwealth, by providing outstanding public facilities for the enjoyment by its citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that on this date, March 18, 2011, the Virginia Board of Conservation and Recreation establishes as public record their deep appreciation for Ms. McClary's service.

Mark E. Smith
Johnson
Chairman

David A.
Director

Public Comment

There was no further public comment.

Adjourn

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark E. Smith
Chair

David A. Johnson
Director