

**Department of Conservation and Recreation
Division of Planning and Recreation Resources
Westmoreland State Park Master Plan Public Meeting
June 22, 2016 6:00 pm
Westmoreland State Park Visitor Center
Montross, Virginia**

TIME AND PLACE

The Public Meeting regarding the Master Plan for Westmoreland State Park took place at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at the Visitor Center at Westmoreland State Park in Montross, Virginia.

DCR STAFF PRESENT

Bill Conkle, Jennifer Wampler, Theresa Duffey, John Fury, Steve Davis, Tom Stevens, Mark Schupp

PUBLIC PRESENT

5 members of the public attended the meeting, including a reporter from the Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star.

MEETING SUMMARY

The meeting introduced the history of Virginia State Parks, provided an overview of the master planning process, provided an orientation to Westmoreland State Park, reviewed the proposed update to the park's master plan and allowed for public comment. Proposed developments for the park include a contact station/welcome center, campground/cabin renovations, upgraded pool facilities and the exhibits for the park's visitor center. Public comments included a desire for equestrian access to the park, including the development of trails and horse trailer parking. The draft master plan will next be presented to the Board of Conservation and Recreation for recommended approval.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Meeting Agenda
2. Draft phased development plan

**Westmoreland State Park
Master Plan Update**

Public Input Meeting

Wednesday, June 22, 2016
6:00 P.M.

Westmoreland State Park Visitor Center
145 Cliff Road
Montross, Virginia

AGENDA

Welcome

Introduction to Virginia State Parks

Overview of the State Park Master Planning Process

Orientation to Westmoreland State Park

Review of Proposed master plan revisions for Westmoreland State Park

Public Comment Period

Next Steps in the Process

Adjourn

THANK YOU!

Written and emailed comments are also accepted for the Westmoreland State Park Master Plan until **July 22, 2016.**

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Westmoreland DRAFT Phased Development Plan

Proposed developments for the Park are presented in priority order. Completion of all of the projects in this list will represent total build-out (completion of the master plan), and covers a 20-year timeframe. Issues related to resource carrying capacity and social carrying capacity should be evaluated prior to developing new facilities. The phasing costs are based on 2016 estimates. Estimates are based on 2016 cost figures.

PHASE I

- Acquire and install Visitor Center exhibits
- Redesign Pool Bathrooms/Bathhouses to include a concession/rentals area
- Upgrade/redesign swimming pool/area or relocate and construct new pool facility
- Renovate former office at Potomac Retreat for seasonal staff housing.
- Erect playground near Swimming Pool/Picnic Area
- Pave roads in Campgrounds B and C, and Cabin Areas
- Construct Contact Station and Welcome Center (with document storage area)
- Expand existing fishing pier and improve accessibility to pier
- Redesign Campground A, replace bathhouse and upgrade water/electric.
- Renovate camping cabins including new electric in Campground A
- Construct yurts at existing campgrounds.
- Construct staff residence (1)
- Renovate existing staff residences (2)
- Enhance existing internal park trails to hike/bike trails and add an accessible loop
- Stabilize shoreline erosion at designated beach areas
- Stabilize cliff erosion below cabins 19-25, Visitor Center and other designated areas
- Construct vault toilet near Fossil Beach
- Develop trail linkages with local sites and area long distance trails with partners
- Utilities – place wires underground and develop backup source of electricity (If needed)

PHASE II

- Redesign Campground B, replace bathhouse (with 2 bathhouses) and upgrade water/electric.
- Add a 600 sf special events gazebo near Murphy Hall
- Remove playground at Murphy Hall and construct new playground at Visitor Center
- Relocate parking and road at Murphy Hall
- Convert existing Discovery Center into wet lab/classroom, add small shelter with fireplace
- Construct natural play area/trail near Discovery Center
- Construct staff residence (1)
- Renovate CCC Bunkhouse (current staff housing) as YCC/Volunteers' Bunkhouse
- Renovate all existing Cabins to current standards
- Improve Boat Ramp Area by adding a lane, redesign parking lot and add breakwater.
- Repurpose Boat House as a comfort station
- Develop trail linkages with local sites and area long distance trails with partners
- Utilities – place wires underground and develop backup source of electricity (If needed)

PHASE III

- Redesign and expand Campground C, replace bathhouse, add water/electric, segregate tent and r/v campsites.
- Construct additional cabins by expanding existing cabin areas (1-6br and 3-3br)

Develop trail linkages with local sites and area long distance trails with partners
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