

**Department of Conservation and Recreation
Division of Planning and Recreation Resources
Westmoreland State Park Master Plan Public Meeting
April 11, 2019 6:00 pm
Leesylvania State Park Visitor Center
Woodbridge, Virginia**

TIME AND PLACE

The Public Meeting regarding the Master Plan for Leesylvania State Park took place at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at the Visitor Center at Leesylvania State Park in Woodbridge, Virginia.

DCR STAFF PRESENT

Bill Conkle, Park Planner
Theresa Duffey, Resource Management Manager
Ken Benson, District 2 Manager
Tim Shrader, Easter Operations Manager
Karen Lambey, Park Manager
Justin Vollmer, Assistant Park Manager

PUBLIC PRESENT

17 members of the public attended the meeting, including Senator Scott Surovell.

MEETING SUMMARY

The meeting introduced the history of Virginia State Parks, provided an overview of the master planning process, provided an orientation to Leesylvania State Park, reviewed the proposed update to the park's master plan and allowed for public comment. Proposed developments for the park include renovations to park comfort stations, 5 picnic pods, amphitheater, re-design of road and parking at contact station, addition of a turning lane on Neabsco Road, expanded office and maintenance area, and a disc golf trail. Public comments included a need for better access to the park on busy weekends, an off-road multiuse trail along the park road, discovery play area, pier/parking at Bushey Point, and landscaping to restore park's natural. The citizens in attendance expressed general support for the plan. 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

**Leesylvania State Park
Master Plan Update**

Public Input Meeting

Thursday, April 11, 2019
6:00 P.M.

Leesylvania State Park Visitor Center

AGENDA

Welcome

Introduction to Virginia State Parks

Overview of the State Park Master Planning Process

Orientation to Leesylvania State Park

Review of proposed master plan revisions for Leesylvania State Park

Public Comment Period

Next Steps in the Process

Adjourn

THANK YOU!

Written and emailed comments are also accepted for the Leesylvania State Park Master Plan until May 11, 2019.

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Leesylvania State Park 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 30-year timeframe. The phasing costs are based on 2019 cost estimates.

The estimated total cost to bring Leesylvania State Park to its desired future condition is \$

Phase I:

Reconfigure contact station/park entrance (use technology to control traffic/collect revenue)

Create/extend turning lane on Neabsco Road into park

Renovate comfort stations (2) in picnic area

Renovate comfort station at concession building

Construct outdoor shower stations (2) at each picnic area comfort station.

Expand maintenance area with storage/office building and 10 parking spaces

Construct elevated observation platform at Freestone Point

Replace 2 Large Playgrounds each with 2-5 year old and 5-12 year old component structures

Upgrade pier and dock at Powell's Creek paddle launch

Relocate canoe rental facility, add storage and electric/water

Reconfigure picnic area with expanded picnic pads, 5 covered shelters; gravel road/parking

Dredge marina (now and every 15 years, see Phase III also)

Improve landscaping to restore the natural appearance of the park

Total Cost of Phase I:

Phase II:

Staff Residence

Construct comfort station with a single shower at group camp

Expand park office

Create a discovery play area near visitor center

Expand (20 spaces) boat storage area, add covered storage

Improve landscaping to restore the natural appearance of the park.

Total Cost of Phase II:

Phase III:

Construct small amphitheater behind visitor center (100 seats)

Add fish weigh-in station with small office, electricity, holding tank and chute

Develop disc golf course

Dredge marina (every 15 years – see Phase I)

Improve landscaping to restore the natural appearance of the park.

Total Cost of Phase III:

Project costs will be determined once phase development plan is finalized.