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COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION

**NATURAL BRIDGE STATE PARK
MASTER PLAN
PUBLIC INPUT MEETING**

AGENDA
March 18, 2020
6:00 – 8:00 PM

Natural Bridge State Park Visitor Center
6477 S. Lee Highway, NB 24578. Phone number 540-291-1326

Meeting Purpose:

To present the park master plan and facility phasing. Public input is encouraged regarding recommended park amenities. Attendees will have the opportunity to provide input with regard to priorities for facilities and outdoor recreational opportunities.

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND PURPOSE

INTRODUCTION TO STATE PARKS MASTER PLANNING PROCESS

PRESENT SITE ANALYSIS, OPPORTUNITIES & CONSTRAINTS

PRESENT PARK PURPOSE STATEMENT & GOALS

REVIEW RECOMMENDED PROPOSED PARK AMENITIES

PHASING FOR DEVELOPMENT

COMMENTS & QUESTIONS ABOUT PROCESS & PRESENTATION

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

NEXT STEPS

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GUIDELINES FOR PROVIDING PUBLIC INPUT ON STATE PARK MASTER PLANS

During the public input portion of the meeting, the staff and master plan committee will try to hear everyone who wishes to comment on the plan. All speakers must sign-up in advance to speak. Speakers are limited to a three minute presentation, unless an exception is made in advance. If a previous speaker has stated your position, you may make that known by reference. The appointed timekeeper will signal when your time is up. In order to give all speakers equal treatment and courtesy, we ask that all speakers adhere to the following guidelines:

- All speakers must sign-up in advance to speak. There is a sign-up sheet in the rear of the room.
- Individuals are allowed a three-minute time limit in which to speak.
- Come forward to the speaker's podium and state your name.
- Do not speak from your seat or out of turn. Public comments are only accepted from the podium.
- State your comment and give facts and other data to support your position.
- If you represent a group or organization, you may ask others present to rise and be recognized.
- Back-and-forth debate is prohibited during the public input session.
- Written statements and other supporting material are also welcomed if you do not wish to speak. Please pass information along to a DCR Staff member.
- Please hold all applause and other forms of approval or disapproval, as a courtesy to each speaker.
- Please turn off all pagers and cellular telephones.

General notes will be taken on your spoken comments.

Written comments will also be accepted tonight and up until 5:00 p.m. on January 14, 2017.

Please send written comments to:
Lynn Crump, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation
600 East Main Street, 24th Floor
Richmond, Virginia 23219
or email Lynn.Crump@dcr.virginia.gov or by fax to 804-371-7899.

DCR Mission Statement

Conserve, protect, enhance and advocate wise use of the commonwealth's unique natural, historical, recreational, scenic and cultural resources.

State Parks Mission Statement

To conserve the natural, scenic, historic and cultural resources of the Commonwealth and provide recreational and educational opportunities consistent with the good stewardship of these lands, waters and facilities that leave them unimpaired for future generations.

Natural Bridge State Park Purpose Statement

The purpose of Natural Bridge State Park is to protect one of Virginia's unique natural features, the Natural Bridge; connect visitors to our storied past; demonstrate ecologically sound management; offer a range of outdoor recreation opportunities; and work across sectors to promote this premier destination.

Natural Bridge State Park

Goals and Objectives

These six goals were established to provide a wide range of traditional and unique park experiences with appropriate support facilities that are managed by well-equipped and trained staff.

GOAL 1 – Protect, conserve and enhance the natural, scenic, cultural and historic resources of the Park, especially the Natural Bridge.

GOAL 2 - Create attractive spaces that provide visitors an experience that enhances and sustains their park visit.

GOAL 3 – Provide a range of overnight and day use opportunities and facilities.

GOAL 4 – Provide facilities and programs for environmental education and interpretation including cultural and historical programs.

GOAL 5 – Work across sectors to provide mutually beneficial efforts to enhance Natural Bridge and the surrounding region.

GOAL 6 – Administer and manage the park in a professional and transparent manner, which fosters public trust.