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Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Dear friends and neighbors,

As you may be aware, Roanoke County and the Virginia Recreational Facilities Authority (VRFA) have reached an agreement in principle that would establish a 99-year lease of Explore Park to the County. This agreement would add over 1,100 acres of land to our parks system, while opening up new opportunities for outdoor recreation, education, tourism and economic development.

To ensure the success of this project going forward, we need feedback from you! In the coming weeks we will be seeking input from citizens, stakeholders, volunteers and businesses about potential amenities and activities at Explore Park. We'll use these ideas to create a master plan for the property, with the long term goal of creating a regional outdoor attraction. The first step in this process will be a community meeting next week. You're invited to join us at the Blue Ridge Parkway Visitors Center to discuss our shared vision for Explore Park.

COMMUNITY MEETING

Thursday, September 19, 2013

6:00 P.M. at the Blue Ridge Parkway Visitor's Center

Milepost 115, Blue Ridge Parkway

As a service oriented department, Roanoke County Parks, Recreation and Tourism has always relied on your feedback to provide high quality recreational experiences. As we take on this exciting new challenge, we pledge to keep you involved and informed about our progress. The Roanoke County Board of Supervisors will have a final reading to discuss the lease agreement on Tuesday, September 24. With your help, Explore Park will be not only a destination for Roanoke County citizens, but a shining gem for the region as well.

Sincerely,

Doug Blount, Director
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Tuesday, September 17, 2013

Dear friends and neighbors,

Over the next few days, Roanoke County's Board of Supervisors will consider the final adoption of a lease agreement which would give the County long term control of Explore Park. This is an exciting opportunity for our region, and I hope you will take time to be a part of the discussion at an informational community meeting this week!

COMMUNITY MEETING

Thursday, September 19, 2013

**6:00 P.M. at the Blue Ridge Parkway Visitor's Center
Milepost 115, Blue Ridge Parkway**

The addition of Explore Park would add over 1,100 acres of land to our parks system, while opening up new opportunities for outdoor recreation, education, tourism and economic development. However, before we get started, we need feedback from you! We hope you'll come out to share your views of Explore Park's future with us. Your ideas and suggestions will be used to create a master plan for the property, with the long term goal of creating a regional outdoor attraction.

As a service oriented department, Roanoke County Parks, Recreation and Tourism has always relied on your feedback to provide high quality recreational experiences. I sincerely hope you will consider attending our community meeting **this Thursday**, where we can discuss our shared vision for the future of Explore Park. Together we can create a regional outdoor recreation destination that we can all be proud of.

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