

Virginia Association for Parks

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Dear State Park Supporters:

I want to take just a moment of your time to talk about the ever-growing EXCITEMENT for Virginia State Parks in this year’s 2020 General Assembly. The VAFP, supported by VSP and DCR have managed to persuade Governor Northam to put an unprecedented \$144 million in his 2021 capital budget request, and just over \$1 million in operations for Virginia State Parks. The hard work by the VAFP, Volunteers, and Staff over the past few years looks as though it may pay off.

In addition to the \$144 million proposed by Governor Northam, the VAFP will be requesting SIX ADDITIONAL Budget Amendment Requests.

- 1) Youth Conservation Corps in All Parks
- 2) Inclusion of DCR Conservation Officers into VaLors (Virginia Law Enforcement Officer Retirement System)
- 3) Daniel Boone Interpretive Center Operations and Staffing - (Satellite of Natural Tunnel State Park)
- 4) Pocahontas State Park - New Cabin Support
- 5) Sweet Run State Park Operations and Staffing
- 6) Natural Bridge State Park Operations and Staffing

Our SIX AMENDMENTS include funding dollars and an ADDITIONAL 9 Full Time Employees.

ALL SIX of our Amendments are sponsored by House and Senate Members.

Find a summary of the Governor’s proposed increased funding for State Parks, the VAFP one page advocacy document, the Virginia State Parks 2019 Economic Impact Study, and a current list of Delegates and Senators that show the Representatives for YOUR PARK, in the LINKS BELOW.

FOLKS, IT’S TIME to PICKUP the PHONE and EMAIL your representative!!!!!!

Please take a moment to reach out to your representatives and ask for their support of Governor Northam’s Budget increases for Virginia State Parks AND our SIX BUDGET AMENDMENTS! IT is CRITICAL that they hear from as many voters as possible. Reach out to

Tim Kennell, President · Diana Ramsey, Treasurer · Mike McCarthy, Secretary
James Klakowicz, State Parks Chair · Lynn Davis, National Parks Chair

your Friends Group members, neighbors, co-workers, and State Park enthusiasts to SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS.

We have not had this OPPORTUNITY to SUCCESSFULLY support our parks MONETARILY in many, many years.

THIS IS OUR TIME!!!!

Feel free to reach out to me with questions at timkennellvafp@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support of VIRGINIA STATE PARKS.

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Helpful Links:

[Governor's Budget for Office of Natural Resources including State Parks](#)

[One Page Advocacy Document](#)

[Virginia State Parks 2019 Economic Impact Study](#)

[2020 List of Delegates and Senators by Park](#)