
VIRGINIA STATE BUDGET

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Budget Amendments - SB30 (Member Request)

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Report for: Member Request

Chief Patron: Hanger

Brandy Station Battlefield (language only)

Item 363 #1s

Natural Resources

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Language

Page 326, following line 49,insert:

"H. The Department of Conservation and Recreation shall review the Brandy Station Battlefield Property and make recommendations on its suitability as a Natural Area Preserve or development as a State or Regional Park."

Explanation

(This amendment directs the Department of Conservation and Recreation to review the Brandy Station Battlefield Property and make recommendations on its suitability as a Natural Area Preserve or development as a State or Regional Park.)

Chief Patron: Howell

State Park Staffing

Item 363 #2s

First Year - FY2019

Second Year - FY2020

Natural Resources

Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$2,841,017	\$2,841,017	GF
	63.00	63.00	FTE

Explanation

(This amendment provides \$2.8 million GF in each year and 63 additional positions determined to be necessary to manage essential operations within existing State Parks.)

Chief Patron: Hanger

Remove Restrictions on Land Acquisition (language only)

Item 363 #3s

Natural Resources

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Language

Page 326, line 39, strike "as a condition of the".

Page 326, line 40, strike "expenditure of all amounts included in this Item,".

Page 326, line 41, strike "new".

Page 326, line 42, strike "Natural Area Preserve".

Page 326, line 43, strike "land as expressly set out in Item".

Page 326, line 44, strike "C-27 of this act, as well as".

Page 326, line 44, strike "lands contiguous" and insert "additions".

Page 326, line 44, following "or" insert "new".

Page 326, strike lines 45 through line 49, and insert "Area Preserves. The department shall inform the Chairmen of the House Appropriations Committee and Senate Finance Committee of all planned and executed land acquisitions at least semiannually.".

Explanation

(This amendment eliminates language that prohibits the Department of Conservation and Recreation from procuring or accepting new lands for use as a State Park or Natural Area Preserve without a specific appropriation for such purpose. A series of companion amendments are included in the Capital Outlay section of the Appropriation Act.)

Chief Patron: Reeves

Co-Patron(s): Carrico, Cosgrove, DeSteph, Edwards, Mason, Peake, Spruill, Surovell, Wagner, Wexton

Brandy Station Battlefield (language only)

Item 363 #4s

Natural Resources

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Language

Page 326, following line 49, insert:

"H. In order to establish a state battlefield park and recreational area in Culpeper County, the Department of Conservation and Recreation is authorized to acquire, by deed of gift or other means which do not require general funds or capital outlay, 1,205 acres of real property at Brandy Station and Cedar Mountain battlefields. Such property may be acquired from nonprofit historic preservation and land conservation organizations. Permitted activities at the battlefield park and recreational area may include heritage tourism, natural area activities, primitive camping, fishing, bow hunting, boating, equestrian activities, biking, and historical and military education. It is the intention of the General Assembly that this battlefield park and recreational area, after its establishment, shall require minimal improvements other than those necessary for the permitted activities. All permitted activities shall be consistent with the preservation and protection of existing historic, cultural, archeological, and natural resources."

Explanation

(This amendment would establish a state battlefield park at Brandy Station. The amendment would create the park upon transfer of the land, at no cost, to the Commonwealth by the relevant property owners. The intent of the amendment is to be revenue neutral.)

Chief Patron: Hanger

Virginia Land Conservation Foundation

Item 363 #5s

First Year - FY2019

Second Year - FY2020

Natural Resources

Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$0	\$11,500,000	GF
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Language

Page 325, line 44, strike "\$4,500,000" and insert "\$16,000,000".

Page 325, line 45, following "Code of Virginia." insert:

"The Virginia Land Conservation Foundation shall conduct a grant competition for the second year funding prior to December 31, 2018 and shall inform the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committee of all project proposals and rankings prior to January 15, 2019. Second year grants shall not be awarded until after July 1, 2019."

Explanation

(This amendment would increase the second year funding for the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation to the amount called for in HB 1398 of the 2013 General Assembly and include language requiring the VLCF to conduct a grant competition for the entire \$16.0 million prior to December 31, 2018. This will give the General Assembly the opportunity to see the proposed projects and how they ranked prior to the money actually being granted.)

Chief Patron: Stuart

Widewater State Park

Item 363 #6s

First Year - FY2019

Second Year - FY2020

Natural Resources

Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$965,310	\$590,944	GF
	6.00	6.00	FTE

Language

Page 326, following line 49, insert:

"H. Included in the amounts for State Park Management and Operations is \$965,310 the first year and \$590,944 the second year from the general fund for the initial start-up and ongoing operational costs for Phase I of Widewater State Park in Stafford County. It is the intent of the General Assembly that, as soon as practicable upon completion of Phase 1A, that the Department shall provide public access and proceed to regular revenue generating operations at the Park."

Explanation

(This amendment will provide a Park Manager, Office Manager, Chief Ranger Law Enforcement, Chief Ranger Visitor Experience, Park Ranger and wage staff to provide oversight, management, maintenance and operational support for public use of Widewater State Park. The budget amendment also requests operational funds in each fiscal year for maintenance and repairs supplies, and for contractual services, such as phone service, refuse and equipment repairs.)

Chief Patron: DeSteph

Co-Patron(s): Carrico, Dunnavant, Hanger, Marsden, Reeves, Spruill, Surovell, Wagner, Petersen

Bike Facilities - First Landing State Park

Item 363 #7s

First Year - FY2019

Second Year - FY2020

Natural Resources

Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$50,000	\$0	GF
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Language

Page 326, following line 49, insert:

"H. From the amounts included in this item, \$50,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for a feasibility assessment of establishing an accredited Ride Center within and in addition to the existing Cape Henry and Live Oak trail facilities at First Landing State Park in Virginia Beach. As part of this assessment, the Department shall evaluate what amendments to the current Master Plan may be required as well as provide estimates of all associated capital and operating costs and timelines for completion. The Department shall provide this information to the Board of Conservation and Recreation no later than November 15, 2018."

Explanation

(This amendment provides \$50,000 GF in the first year for development of a plan to expand bike facilities at First Landing State Park.)

Chief Patron: Surovell

Widewater State Park

Item 363 #8s

First Year - FY2019

Second Year - FY2020

Natural Resources

Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$965,310	\$590,944	GF
	6.00	6.00	FTE

Language

Page 326, following line 49, insert:

"H. Included in the amounts for State Park Management and Operations is \$965,310 the first year and \$590,944 the second year from the general fund for the initial start-up and ongoing operational costs for Phase I of Widewater State Park in Stafford County. It is the intent of the General Assembly that, as soon as practicable upon completion of Phase 1A, that the Department shall provide public access and proceed to regular revenue generating operations at the Park."

Explanation

(This amendment will provide a Park Manager, Office Manager, Chief Ranger Law Enforcement, Chief Ranger Visitor Experience, Park Ranger and wage staff to provide oversight, management, maintenance and operational support for public use of Widewater State Park. The budget amendment also requests operational funds in each fiscal year for maintenance and repairs supplies, and for contractual services, such as phone service, refuse and equipment repairs.)

Chief Patron: Hanger

Pocahontas State Park Bike Trail

Item 363 #9s

First Year - FY2019

Second Year - FY2020

Natural Resources

Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$235,000	\$0	GF
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Language

Page 326, following line 49, insert:

"H. Out of this appropriation, \$235,000 the first year from the general fund is designated to complete the trail redevelopment and enhancement at Pocahontas State Park consistent with the Pocahontas State Park's Swift Creek Mountain Bike Trail Concept plan. It is the intent of the General Assembly that this funding shall be used solely for construction of bathroom facilities that are complaint with the Americans with Disabilities Act Standards."

Explanation

(This amendment restores the full funding originally appropriated for the Swift Creek Ride Center at Pocahontas State Park. The remaining \$235,000 GF will be used to to construct ADA complaint restroom facilities at the entrance of the trail, as the first seven miles of the ride center are constructed for hand-cycle accessibility.)

Chief Patron: Hanger

Youth Conservation Corps

Item 363 #10s

First Year - FY2019

Second Year - FY2020

Natural Resources

Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$612,537	\$612,537	GF
	1.00	1.00	FTE

Language

Page 326, following line 49, insert:

"H. Included in the amount in this item is \$612,537 in each year from the general fund for 25 Youth Corps programs to provide seasonal service across all Virginia State Parks."

Explanation

(This amendment provides sufficient funding to sponsor 25 Youth Corps programs that will serve all 37 State Parks each summer. In addition, the amendment will provide funding for an additional 1.00 FTE to coordinate the program.)

Chief Patron: Hanger

State Parks Operations

Item 363 #11s

First Year - FY2019

Second Year - FY2020

Natural Resources

Department of Conservation and Recreation			GF
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	\$2,140,866	\$2,140,866	
	\$497,030	\$497,030	NGF

Explanation

(This amendment provides \$2.1 million GF in each year for the ongoing staffing, operations and routine maintenance of Virginia's 37 State Parks.)

Chief Patron: Hanger
State Park Staffing

Item 363 #12s	First Year - FY2019	Second Year - FY2020	
Natural Resources			
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$2,841,017	\$2,841,017	GF
	63.00	63.00	FTE

Explanation

(This amendments provides \$2.8 million GF in each year to support an an additional 63.00 positions necessary to manage essential operations within existing State Parks. This will provide a minimum level of staffing for the provision of services, programs, and facility maintenance at existing State Parks.)

Chief Patron: Howell
Virginia Land Conservation Foundation

Item 363 #13s	First Year - FY2019	Second Year - FY2020	
Natural Resources			
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$0	\$11,500,000	GF

Language

Page 325, line 44, strike "\$4,500,000" and insert "\$16,000,000".
Page 325, line 45, following "Code of Virginia." insert:
"The Virginia Land Conservation Foundation shall conduct a grant competition for the second year funding prior to December 31, 2018 and shall inform the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committee of all project proposals and rankings prior to January 15, 2019. Second year grants shall not be awarded until after July 1, 2019."

Explanation

(This amendment would increase the second year funding for the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation to the amount called for in HB 1398 of the 2013 General Assembly and include language requiring the VLCF to conduct a grant competition for the entire \$16.0 million prior to December 31, 2018. This will give the General Assembly the opportunity to see the proposed projects and how they ranked prior to the money actually being granted.)

Chief Patron: Deeds

VaLORS/DCR - Contribution Rates

Item 364 #1s	First Year - FY2019	Second Year - FY2020	
Natural Resources			
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$426,700	\$426,700	GF

Explanation

(This amendment provides funding for the Department of Conservation and Recreation to cover the additional employer cost for the increased contribution rate for VaLORS related to SB 691, which seeks to move conservation officers from the State plan to VaLORS.)

Chief Patron: Stuart

CO - DCR - Caledon State Park Improvements

Item C-24 #1s	First Year - FY2019	Second Year - FY2020	
Natural Resources			
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$2,600,000	\$0	NGF

Language

After line 4, insert:

"It is the intent of the General Assembly that \$2.6 million of the bond proceeds in this Item be used to make improvements at Caledon State Park".

Explanation

(This amendment adds \$2.6 million in VPBA bond proceeds for improvements at Caledon State Park. The items included in these amounts are the construction of a restroom at the picnic area (\$400,000), construction of a contact station (\$200,000), construction of a maintenance area (\$1.0 million), and the renovation of the caretaker's house (\$1.0 million.)

Chief Patron: Black

CO - DCR - Acquire Land to Expand Loudoun County State Park

Item C-25 #1s	First Year - FY2019	Second Year - FY2020	
Natural Resources			
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$0	\$2,900,000	GF

Language

Page 442, at the end of line 12, insert:

"Out of this appropriation, \$2,900,000 in the second year from the general fund is provided to acquire land to expand the Loudoun County State Park.".

Explanation

(This amendment provides \$2.9 million GF in the second year to enable the Commonwealth to acquire a 281-acre parcel to expand the Loudoun County State Park, which was begun by Governor McDonnell in 2014. This parcel is owned by the Robert & Dees Leggett Foundation and contains the Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Stewardship (BRCES), which has roads, buildings, and infrastructure needed for park operation.)

Chief Patron: Hanger

CO - DCR - Remove Restrictions on Land Acquisition (language only)

Item C-25 #2s

Natural Resources

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Language

Page 442, strike line 8 through line 12.

Explanation

(This amendment is part of a series of amendments to eliminate restrictions on the acquisition of land for State Parks.)

Chief Patron: Deeds

CO - DCR - Acquire Land for Highland County State Park

Item C-25 #3s

First Year - FY2019

Second Year - FY2020

Natural Resources

Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$3,600,000	\$0	GF
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Language

Page 442, at the end of line 12, insert:

"Out of this appropriation, \$3,600,000 in the first year from the general fund is provided to acquire land for a state park in Highland County."

Explanation

(This amendment provides \$3.6 million GF in the first year to acquire land for a Highland County State Park.)

Chief Patron: Hanger

CO - DCR - Remove Restrictions on Land Acquisition (language only)

Item C-26 #1s

Natural Resources

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Language

Explanation

(This amendment is part of a series of amendments to remove restrictions on the acquisition of land by the Department of Conservation and Recreation for use as a Natural Area Preserve.)

Chief Patron: Stuart

CO - Widewater State Park - Phase II

Item C-27.5 #1s	First Year - FY2019	Second Year - FY2020	
Natural Resources			
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$7,000,000	\$0	GF

Explanation

(This amendment would provide \$7.0 million in VPBA bond proceeds in the first year for Phase II construction of Widewater State Park.)

Chief Patron: Surovell

CO - Widewater State Park - Phase II

Item C-27.5 #2s	First Year - FY2019	Second Year - FY2020	
Natural Resources			
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$7,000,000	\$0	GF

Explanation

(This amendment would provide \$7.0 million in VPBA bond proceeds in the first year for Phase II construction of Widewater State Park.)