



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item # 8

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

October 30, 2018

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Stinson, Seconded By: Mr. Miller
Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously
Title: Recreational Access to Crystal Springs Recreational Area
Project RECR-098-839, Wythe County

WHEREAS, § 33.2-1510 of the *Code of Virginia* sets forth that the General Assembly of Virginia has found and declared that it is "... in the public interest that access roads and bikeways to public recreational areas and historical sites be provided..." and sets aside highway funds for such purpose, "... [w]hen the Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation has designated a public recreational area as such ... and recommends to the [Commonwealth Transportation] Board that an access road or bikeway be provided or maintained to that area"; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) have adopted a joint policy to govern the use of the Recreational Access Fund pursuant to § 33.2-1510 of the *Code of Virginia*; and

WHEREAS, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors has, by appropriate resolution, requested Recreational Access funds to provide roadway access to adequately serve recreational facilities located off of Pump Hollow Road (Route 684) and said roadway access is estimated to cost \$250,000; and

WHEREAS, this request is under consideration by the Director of DCR for full compliance with the provisions of § 33.2-1510 of the *Code of Virginia*; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the Director of DCR will recommend the construction of the aforementioned access; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that from the Recreational Access Fund \$250,000 (unmatched) for road construction be allocated to provide adequate access to existing

and proposed facilities within Crystal Springs Recreational Area off of Pump Hollow Road (Route 684) in the Wythe County, Project RECR-098-839, contingent upon:

1. The Director of DCR recommending the use of the Recreational Access Fund for the construction of the access roadway improvement to the proposed new facilities within Crystal Springs Recreational Area; and
2. All right of way, environmental assessments and remediation, and utility adjustments being provided at no cost to the Commonwealth; and
3. Execution of an appropriate contractual agreement between the Wythe County (LOCALITY) and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to provide for the:
 - a. design, administration, construction and maintenance of this project; and
 - b. payment of all ineligible project costs, and of any eligible project costs in excess of the respective allocation amount for the roadway access project from sources other than those administered by VDOT.

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CTB Decision Brief

Recreation Access – Wythe County Crystal Springs Recreational Area

Issue: Pursuant to § 33.2-1510 of the *Code of Virginia*, Wythe County Board of Supervisors has requested funds from the Recreational Access Program to provide adequate roadway access to existing and proposed new facilities within the Town of Wytheville's property, Crystal Springs Recreational Area.

Facts: § 33.2-1510 of the *Code of Virginia* provides that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) shall expend from funds set aside for the construction of access roads and bikeways to public recreational areas and historical sites under this section of the *Code of Virginia*. Further, this section of the *Code of Virginia* grants the CTB the authority to construct access roads and bikeways to public recreational areas and historical sites when the governing body of the county in which the access road is to be provided passes a resolution requesting the road and when the Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has designated the public recreational area as such and recommends to the CTB that an access road be provided to that area.

The Town of Wytheville owns and operates Crystal Springs Recreational Area (which is located within the County) and plans to develop new facilities within the 1,800-acre recreational area off of Pump Hollow Road (Route 684). The proposed facilities include additional beginner and intermediate trails, primitive camping areas and expanded parking facilities. VDOT will administer the design and construction of the proposed road improvement project.

Local Assistance Division has coordinated with DCR staff to confirm support for the project. It is anticipated that the Director of DCR will designate Crystal Springs Recreational Area as a public recreational area and will recommend utilization of Recreational Access funds to provide adequate access to the park.

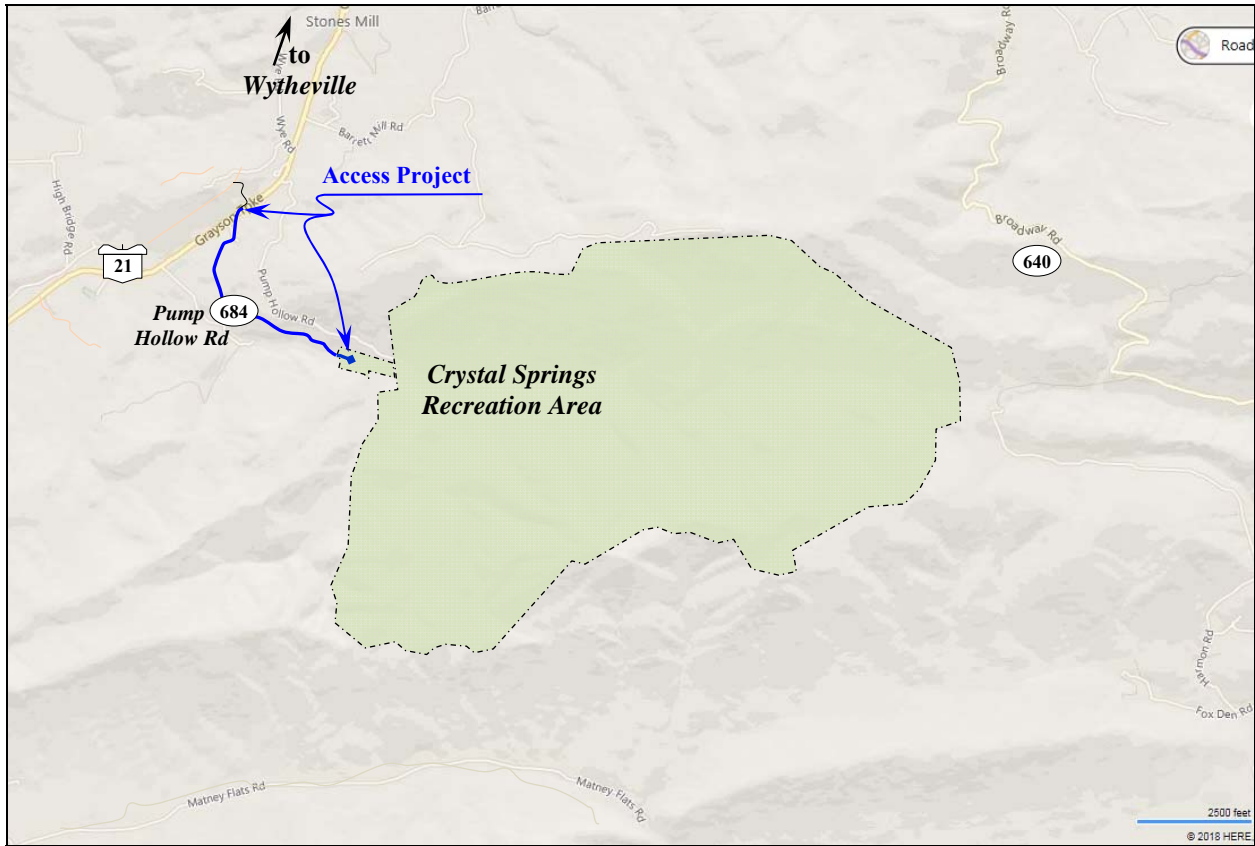
Recommendations: The road access project recommended by staff as adequate to serve existing and proposed facilities within Crystal Springs Recreation Area involves construction of an 18-foot wide asphalt roadway with appropriate ditches and shoulders, within the existing 32 to 47-foot variable right of way, extending from approximately 0.2 mile south of Route 21 and continuing south, approximately 1.03 mile to the parking lot for the Crystal Springs Recreation Area. Bristol District staff has estimated the cost of the road access project to be \$250,000. VDOT recommends that Recreational Access Program funding in the maximum amount of \$250,000 for the construction of roadway access be approved, subject to certain contingencies.

Action Required by the CTB: Prior to expending funds set aside for access roads to public recreational areas and historical sites, the *Code of Virginia* specifies that the CTB shall declare by resolution that the access road project be provided. A resolution is provided for formal vote.

Result, if Approved: VDOT and the County of Wythe will proceed with the recreational access roadway project.

Options: Approve, Deny, or Defer.

Public Comments/Reaction: None



PROPOSED RECREATIONAL ACCESS PROJECT
Crystal Springs Recreation Area
Project RECR-098-839
Wythe County

Recreational Facility / Site

Proposed facilities within 1,800-acre recreation area include additional beginner and intermediate trails, primitive camping areas and expanded parking facilities.

Estimated traffic: 100 vpd

Access Project

Length: 1.04 mile

Pavement Width: 18 Feet

R/W Width: 32-47 feet

Estimated Cost: \$250,000

Proposed Allocation: \$250,000



WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2018-11

REQUESTING PUBLIC RECREATION STATUS AND RECREATIONAL ACCESS ROAD FOR CRYSTAL SPRINGS

WHEREAS, Crystal Springs Recreation Area is owned and is to be developed by the Town of Wytheville as a recreational area serving the residents of Wythe County and adjoining localities; and

WHEREAS, the existing public road network does not provide for adequate access to this facility and it is deemed necessary that improvements be made to Route 684 (Pump Hollow Road); and

WHEREAS, the procedure governing the allocation of recreational access funds as set forth in section 33.2-1510 of the *Code of Virginia* requires action by the Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Commonwealth Transportation Board; and

WHEREAS, a statement of policy agreed upon between the said Director and Board approves the use of such funds for the construction of access roads to publicly-owned recreational or historical areas; and

WHEREAS, it appears to the Board that all requirements of the law have been met to permit the Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation to designate the Crystal Springs Recreation Area as a public recreational area and further permit the Commonwealth Transportation Board to provide funds for appropriate access to this public recreational area in accordance with section 33.2-1510 of the *Code of Virginia*; and

WHEREAS, the Board agrees, in keeping with the intent of section 33.2-406 of the *Code of Virginia*, to use its good offices to reasonably protect the aesthetic or cultural value of this access leading to or within areas of historical, natural or recreational significance; and

WHEREAS, the County of Wythe acknowledges that no land disturbance activities may occur within the limits of the proposed access project without the consent of the Department of Transportation as a condition of the use of the Recreational Access Fund.

WHEREAS, the County of Wythe hereby guarantees that the necessary environmental analysis, mitigation, and fee simple right of way for this improvement, and utility relocations or adjustments, if necessary, will be provided at no cost to the Virginia Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the County of Wythe hereby acknowledges that the Virginia Department of Transportation's Recreational Access Program may provide up to a maximum of \$250,000

(unmatched) and \$100,000 (matched) for a project and, if necessary, requires matching funding, up to \$100,000, from the County, for estimated eligible project costs over \$250,000, up to \$450,000; and

WHEREAS, the County of Wythe hereby guarantees that financing of all ineligible project costs, project costs exceeding the project allocation under the Recreational Access Program, any Program-required locality matching funds, if applicable, and all costs exceeding this Program allocation will be provided by the County of Wythe; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors hereby requests the Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation to designate Crystal Springs Recreational Area as a public recreational area and to recommend to the Commonwealth Transportation Board that recreational access funds be allocated for an adequate access road to serve said recreational area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board is hereby requested to allocate the necessary recreational access funds to provide a suitable access road as hereinbefore described.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator and/or his designee(s) be authorized to act on behalf of the Board of Supervisors to execute any and all documents necessary to secure the maximum amount of funding eligible under the Recreational Access Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The County Board of Supervisors hereby agrees that the new roadway so constructed will be added to and become a part of the secondary system of highways.

Date: May 22, 2018

COUNTY OF WYTHE

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.
Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair

Attest:

Martha G. Collins
Martha G. Collins, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE, VIRGINIA,
SUPPORTING ACCESS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO THE
CRYSTAL SPRINGS RECREATION AREA**



WHEREAS, the Crystal Springs Recreation Area is owned and is to be developed by the Town of Wytheville as a recreational facility serving the residents of Wythe County and the adjoining localities; and,

WHEREAS, the existing public road network does not provide for adequate access to this facility, and it is deemed necessary that improvements be made to Pump Hollow Road (Route 684); and,

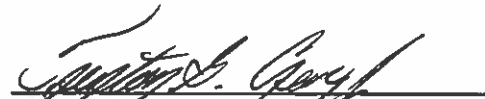
WHEREAS, the Town of Wytheville acknowledges that no land disturbance activities may occur within the proposed access project on the Crystal Springs Recreation Area property without the consent of the Department of Transportation as a condition of the use of the Recreational Access Fund; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Wytheville, Virginia, hereby guarantees that the necessary environmental analysis, mitigation and fee simple right of way for this improvement within the Crystal Springs Recreation Area property and utility relocations or adjustments, if necessary, will be provided at no cost to the Virginia Department of Transportation.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council supports the continued development of the Crystal Springs Recreation Area and the Wythe County Board of Supervisors' resolution of request for Recreation Access Program funding to assist in providing adequate access to the Crystal Springs Recreation Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council of Wytheville hereby acknowledges that the roadway improvements so constructed will be added to, and become a part of, the secondary road system pursuant to Section 33.2-1510, paragraph C., of the Code of Virginia.

Adopted this 11th day of June, 2018.


Trenton G. Crewe, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:


Sharon G. Corvin, CMC, Clerk of Council