Albemarle County Parks & Recreation (ACPR)

- ACPR Department Updates
- Parks Planning Updates (Crozet Development Area)
- Conservation Workshop Feedback (Parks/Trails)

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ACPR Updates: General

- New position: Chief of Parks Planning (February 2020)
- Crozet Park playground installation (July 2020)
- New County website (August 2020) - 2 web editors from ACPR
- COVID-19 response (March 2020 - ongoing)
ACPR Updates: COVID-19

• Most County Parks facilities/amenities were closed ... but parks and trails remained **OPEN** to the public

• Launch of “Park Ambassadors” program (April 3)
  - Educate and inform parks visitors about COVID safety precautions
  - Monitor park use and trail use, and request assistance as needed
  - Support and assist parks visitors during a time of increased use
ACPR Updates: COVID-19

• Major increase in visitation to County Parks:

  Measured by Volume: (Total, All County Parks, March 15 - July 28, 2020)
  - Total # of Vehicles Counted at County Parks = 360,527
  - Estimated Total # of Visitors (People) in County Parks = 901,317

  Measured in Year-to-Year Increase: (By Park, May 2019 v. May 2020)
  - Mint Springs Valley Park = 45% increase (3,409 vehicle increase)
  - Beaver Creek Park = 61% increase (2,533 vehicle increase)
ACPR Updates: Parks & Greenways Planning

• Crozet Parks & Green Systems Plan
  - Lickinghole Creek Greenway acquisitions:
    Sparrow Hill (complete)
    Chesterfield Landing (in progress)
ACPR Updates: Parks & Greenways Planning

• The Plaza at Barnes Lumber
  - Ongoing collaboration with County, CNTA, and DCI

• Western Park
  - Increasing coordination among County staff in multiple Departments; evaluating feasibility of potential partnership with MMP
Conservation Workshop Feedback

• The top recreation priority in Crozet is the development of Western Park
  - (26 of 37 total respondents)
Conservation Workshop Feedback

• Obstacles to trail access include:
  - Trail conditions (maintenance issue)
  - Trail type (materials issue)
  - Limited interconnectivity
  - Lack of vehicular access
Thank You!

Contact me with questions, ideas, suggestions, and more:

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