

**Board of Conservation and Recreation  
Thursday, April 30, 2026  
Shenandoah National Park**

**TIME AND PLACE**

The meeting of the Board of Conservation and Recreation took place at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2026, at Shenandoah National Park.

**BOARD OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Hunter H. Ihrman, Chair  
Colonel Eric A. Hoggard, Vice Chair  
The Honorable Douglas Domenech  
Ms. Gretchen Byrd  
Mr. Ross Stewart  
Mrs. Susan Allen  
Ms. Jennifer Walle Boyd  
The Honorable James Cheng  
Mr. John W. Inge, IV

**BOARD OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

The Honorable Duane Adams  
The Honorable Kyle Kilgore  
Chief Walt "Red Hawk" Brown

**STAFF PRESENT**

Sarah Spota, DCR Deputy Director  
Frank Stovall, Deputy Director for Operations  
Laura Ellis, Deputy Director for Administration and Finance  
David Neudeck, Public Communications and Marketing Director  
Lisa McGee, Director of Policy, Planning, and Legislative Affairs  
Kelly McClary, Division Director, Planning and Recreation Resources  
David Bryan, State Parks Planner  
Dave Collett, Western Field Operation Manager  
Breanne Lindsey, Board & Constituent Liaison  
Paul Saunders, Senior Policy Analyst  
Eric Hougland, Professional Development Coordinator  
Nancy Heltman, Chief of Visitor Services  
Jessica German, RCC and SkillBridge Program Manager  
Scarlett Stevens, Community Engagement & Volunteerism Manager  
Brian Fuller, Manager, Real Property Office

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

With nine (9) members of the Board present, a quorum was established.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Ihrman called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and called for introductions.

**SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK** – *Anthony Bates, Shenandoah National Park Chief of Interpretation & Education*

Mr. Bates welcomed the Board and staff to Shenandoah National Park. He congratulated the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) on its 100th anniversary and noted that Shenandoah National Park is celebrating its 90th anniversary this year. Mr. Bates provided an overview of the commemorative events and activities planned throughout the year in recognition of the Park's anniversary.

Mr. Bates also informed the Board that they would be visiting Rapidan Camp, where Shenandoah National Park Rangers would provide a tour and share historical information regarding President Herbert Hoover's time at the camp, which he used as a retreat from Washington, D.C., during his presidency.

## **APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 9, 2026, MINUTES**

### **BOARD ACTION**

Mr. Cheng moved to approve the January 9, 2026 Board meeting minutes as presented. Mrs. Allen seconded the motion, which was approved by: Allen, Byrd, Cheng, Domenech, Hoggard, Inge, Ihrman, Stewart, and Walle Boyd.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – *Mr. Frank Stovall, Deputy Director for Operations*

Mr. Stovall provided the Director's Report in the absence of Director Rovner. He informed the Board that updates regarding administrative and agency initiatives would be shared at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Stovall stated that a state budget has not yet been finalized, as the General Assembly continues to work toward adopting a budget. He noted that discussions currently include up to \$40 million to address deferred maintenance projects within Virginia State Parks. He also shared that discussions regarding the acquisition of Oak Hill remain ongoing.

Additionally, Mr. Stovall informed the Board that 13 non-general fund positions are included in various proposed budget versions. These positions would be funded through a federal allocation associated with Hurricane Helene recovery funds provided to the United States Forest Service. He explained that the positions would support collaborative efforts between the State Park system and the U.S. Forest Service through joint projects involving state park properties that serve as gateways to National Forest lands, trails, and facilities. Mr. Stovall stated that the agency is hopeful the positions will be approved as part of the good neighbor initiative, which would establish a \$47 million agreement over a ten-year period.

Mr. Stovall also discussed ongoing and upcoming infrastructure investments taking place across the State Park system. He noted that many state parks currently have construction projects underway or nearing completion, while additional parks are expected to begin projects in the near future. Planned improvements include approximately 30 bathroom renovations, roof replacements, paving projects, utility upgrades, and campground improvements. He further shared that these improvements are taking place at several parks, including Grayson Highlands, Claytor Lake, and Fairy Stone State Parks. Cabin rehabilitation projects are also underway at First Landing and Westmoreland State Parks. In addition, work is being completed to enhance educational and visitor center facilities at First Landing, Staunton River Battlefield, Staunton River, Leesylvania, Grayson Highlands, and High Bridge Trail State Parks, with ribbon-cutting ceremonies anticipated in the near future.

Finally, Mr. Stovall referenced the previous Board discussion regarding Virginia's outdoor recreation economy. He stated that the outdoor recreation economy contributes approximately \$14 billion to the Commonwealth and emphasized the significant role Virginia's State Parks and National Parks play in that economic impact. Mr. Stovall noted that the Administration is further supporting these efforts through the creation of a new outdoor recreation position within the Office of the Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources, with additional details to be provided at a later date.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT** – *Ms. Laura Ellis, Deputy Director for Administration and Finance*

Ms. Ellis reported on the financial conditions of DCR:

General Fund Appropriation and Expenditures

FY2026 Legislative Appropriation

\$ 107,947,574

Appropriation Transfers and Adjustments

Governor’s Veto	(500,000)
WQIF Reserve	(2,583,531)
Dam Safety/Flood Prevention & Protection	(732,147)
Land Conservation Fund Transfers	(16,000,000)
SWCD Dam Repair	(1,500,000)
Mandatory Carryforward	1,388,796
Discretionary Carryforward	18,197,506
Central Appropriations	4,429,322
CTO funds for assessment	476,023

3,175,969

FY2026 Total GF Appropriation Available for Operations

\$ 111,123,543

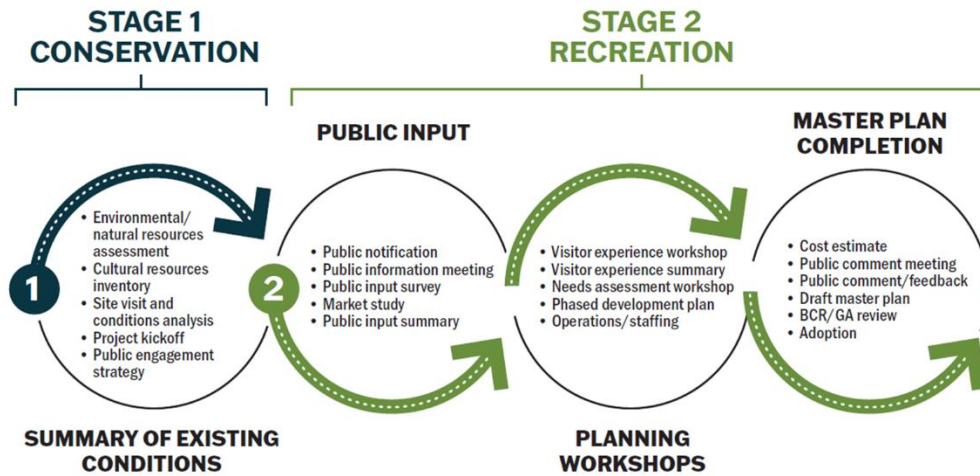
Division	Division Targets	YTD Actual (March 31, 2026)	Target vs Actual -%
Natural Heritage	\$ 7,714,500	\$ 5,008,869	64.9%
State Parks	\$ 38,659,525	\$ 34,405,875	89.0%
PRR (Incl Design & Construction)	\$ 21,139,304	\$ 3,018,378	14.3%
Director’s Office – Admin-Finance	\$ 14,931,149	\$ 12,631,956	84.6%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 82,444,478</b>	<b>\$ 55,065,078</b>	<b>66.8%</b>

State Park Operating Revenues  
July 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026  
Fiscal Year 2026

	FY26 Estimate	YTD Actual (Through March 31, 2026)	YTD Actual /Estimate	Prior Year YTD Actual (Through March 31, 2025)	YOY Change
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 33,666,754</b>	<b>\$ 21,443,774</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>\$ 21,680,410</b>	<b>-1%</b>

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PROPOSED STATE PARK MASTER PLANS** – Ms. Kelly McClary, Director, Division of Planning and Recreation Resources and David Bryan, Chief of Planning & Recreation Resources

Prior to presenting an overview of the High Bridge Trail State Park and Machicomoco State Park Master Plans, Ms. McClary provided an overview of the Master Plan process.



### High Bridge Trail State Park Master Plan

The Board’s role is to review the plan and, if deemed acceptable, recommend its adoption. If the Board recommends adoption, the plan is forwarded to the General Assembly for review. Upon approval by the General Assembly, the plan is then submitted to the DCR Director for approval. Ms. McClary provided an overview of the High Bridge Trail State Park Master Plan:

- The High Bridge Trail State Park was created following the abandonment of a 30.9-mile segment of the South Side Railroad by Norfolk Southern Corporation in 2004. The railroad corridor was donated to the Department in 2007, trail construction began in 2008, and the park officially opened to the public in 2010, with the exception of the High Bridge structure itself. Rehabilitation of the High Bridge commenced in 2011, and the bridge reopened to the public in 2012. To date, approximately 32.2 miles of trail corridor have been acquired, and the trail is currently open to the public from Pamplin City to approximately one mile west of Burkeville.
- Existing park amenities include the High Bridge Station visitor center and comfort station, picnic area, playground, access to High Bridge, side trails to the bridge substructure, Civil War earthworks, and the Appomattox River; trailhead parking at Pamplin, Prospect, Elam, Tuggle, Farmville, River Road, Rice, and Moran; hiking and mountain biking trails in the Rochelle area; three additional bridges (Buffalo Creek, Mill Street, and River Road), 94 culverts including historic stone culverts; and staff/service facilities including ranger residences on Piney Grove, Green Bay, and Campbell Hill Roads, as well as the Green Bay Road maintenance facility.
- Public input for the master planning process included the 2022 Virginia Outdoors Survey, a Public Information Meeting in October 2024, the 2024–2025 “Your Comments Count” survey, a 2025 Market Analysis, and a Public Comment Meeting in October 2025. “Your Comments Count” survey feedback indicated that 62% of visitors traveled from more than 50 miles away, with the High Bridge, trails, scenery, and staff identified as the best aspects of the park, while visitors most valued the trails, history/beauty, scenic views, and convenient access, and expressed interest in additional trails, parking, camping, and drinking water/restroom facilities.
- Desired visitor experiences and target user groups include recreation (bikers, hikers, racers, and trail runners); cultural interest users (ancestry seekers and history enthusiasts); educational groups; low-impact recreation users including casual trail users, dog walkers, photographers, picnickers, walkers, and visitors with accessibility needs; natural resource enthusiasts including birders, stargazers, and wildlife watchers; and volunteers. Essential park experiences range from short visits featuring the High Bridge views, Civil War history, and exhibits at High Bridge Station, to half-day activities such as mountain biking and ranger-led programs, and full or multi-day trail experiences from Pamplin to Burkeville.

Ms. McClary provided an overview of the three phases of each unit and the staffing needs for the park:

- Proposed phased improvements at High Bridge Station include replacement of High Bridge decking and railings, installation of observation ports, expanded picnic and shelter areas, paved parking expansion, train car exhibits, and construction of a freight depot-themed storage building during Phase 1, with an estimated cost of approximately \$7.8 million over the 30-year planning horizon. Staffing needs associated with immediate and Phase 1 implementation include a Chief Park Ranger–Visitor Experience, a Park Ranger–Maintenance position, a Public Safety and Law Enforcement position, an Assistant Park Manager, a Chief Park Ranger–Operations, and a Park Ranger–Resource Management.
- Phase 2 improvements include accent lighting on High Bridge, trail lighting between the visitor center and bridge, trail expansions at High Bridge Station and beneath the western end of the bridge, additional picnic shelters, replacement restroom facilities, and a contact station, with an estimated cost of approximately \$9.2 million. Associated Phase 2 staffing needs include an Office Assistant, Volunteer Coordinator, and additional Park Ranger–Maintenance position.
- Phase 3 improvements include construction of an observation deck at the eastern end of High Bridge and floodlighting of the bridge for nighttime events and programming, with an estimated cost of approximately \$540,000. Associated Phase 3 staffing needs include an Education Specialist position.
- Existing park staffing currently includes a Park Manager, two Chief Rangers–Law Enforcement, an Office Manager, and a Park Ranger–Maintenance position.
- The total estimated cost for all phased improvements over the 30-year planning horizon is approximately \$17.6 million.
- The project timeline includes today’s presentation to the Board for review, followed by a 30-day review period by the Virginia General Assembly upon the Board’s review, final adoption by the DCR Director anticipated in June/July 2026, and an overall expected buildout period of approximately 30 years.

Following Ms. McClary’s overview of the Master Plan, the Board discussed several components of the plan, including opportunities to expand historical information about the park on the Department’s website. The Board also discussed the potential for promoting nearby state parks in conjunction with High Bridge Trail State Park through a regional passport or badge program recognizing visitors who visit multiple parks in the area. Additional discussion focused on the materials proposed for improvements to the High Bridge structure, particularly the use of timber versus concrete and related environmental quality considerations. The Board also discussed the Master Plan review process generally and requested additional review time prior to scheduled Board meetings to allow adequate opportunity for consideration of future plans.

#### BOARD ACTION

Mrs. Allen moved to recommend approval of the Master Plan as presented for submission to the General Assembly. Mr. Cheng seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by: Allen, Byrd, Cheng, Domenech, Hoggard, Inge, Ihrman, Stewart, and Walle Boyd.

#### Mayo River State Park Master Plan

Mr. Bryan provided an overview of the Mayo River State Park Master Plan:

- The new 634-acre park in Henry County, bordered by the North and South Forks of the Mayo River, is currently open for basic trail access but has not yet been officially dedicated. The park contains significant cultural, historical, and natural resources, including ties to early 18th-century surveying expeditions led by William Byrd II and surveyor William Mayo, with guidance from Sappony hunter and guide Ned Bearskin. The park presents a unique interstate partnership opportunity with Mayo River State Park, which opened in 2010 and follows the Mayo River for approximately 16 miles to its confluence with the Dan River, with Fall Creek Waterfall serving as a focal point.

- Staff reported that public input was gathered through a public information meeting, an online public survey with 557 responses, an advisory committee survey, and a public comment meeting. Feedback indicated strong support for river access and water-based recreation, hiking and tent camping, protection of natural and cultural resources, and connections to North Carolina's Mayo River State Park. This input directly shaped the conceptual plan by prioritizing improvements such as a canoe and kayak launch, ADA-accessible fishing opportunities, and river-oriented day-use areas; including future trail and pedestrian connections; emphasizing low-impact recreation facilities rather than RV accommodations; and focusing on resource management and interpretation of significant natural, cultural, and historic features.
- Staff presented the visitor experience framework, which identifies several primary visitor audience types: active recreators, cultural special interest users, education users, low-impact recreation users, natural resource special interest users, overnight users, and water recreation users. These audience categories will help guide the development of essential visitor experiences and ensure the park provides a diverse range of recreational, educational, and interpretive opportunities that align with visitor interests and the park's natural and cultural resources.

Mr. Bryan provided an overview of the three phases of each unit and the staffing needs for the park:

- The property is currently operated as a satellite facility of Fairy Stone State Park, located approximately 45 minutes away, and presently has no dedicated on-site staffing.
- Phase 1 will focus on developing the park's core infrastructure and day-use amenities, including construction of park access roads; installation of utilities such as water, sewer/septic, electric, phone, communications, and well/wellhouse infrastructure; and development of picnic areas, day-use shelters, restroom facilities, river access facilities, ADA-accessible fishing access, canoe and kayak launches, trailheads, and a connected trail network. Additional Phase 1 improvements will include the Byrd's Ledge Scenic Overlook, a state line photo opportunity area, a nature-inspired play area, a maintenance yard with associated operational facilities, two ranger residences, and a visitor contact station. Phase 1 staffing is anticipated to include a Park Manager, Office Manager, Chief Park Ranger for Visitor Experience, Park Ranger for Maintenance, and Park Ranger for Public Safety and Law Enforcement.
- Phase 2 will focus on expanding overnight accommodations and enhancing day-use opportunities through the development of approximately 12 to 15 one- and two-bedroom cabins, a visitor center with associated day-use facilities and multi-purpose shelter, a designated stargazing area, a gathering area near the North Mayo River access parking area, South Mayo River ridgetop parking access improvements, and an additional ranger residence. Phase 2 staffing additions are anticipated to include a Chief Park Ranger for Operations and an additional Park Ranger for Maintenance.
- Phase 3 will focus on strengthening regional connectivity and expanding overnight and recreational opportunities through construction of a pedestrian bridge over the North Mayo River to connect with Mayo River State Park. Additional Phase 3 improvements will include development of group and tent camping facilities with up to 16 campsites, a bathhouse, a picnic area with vault toilet, a playground, and additional trail connections to North Carolina Mayo River State Park. Phase 3 staffing additions are anticipated to include an Assistant Manager, Office Assistant, Park Ranger for Resource Management, and an additional Park Ranger for Maintenance.
- The phased development plan is anticipated to occur over a 30-year timeframe, with estimated costs of approximately \$23.7 million for Phase 1, \$24.6 million for Phase 2, and \$3.9 million for Phase 3, for a total estimated project cost of approximately \$52.3 million.
- The project timeline includes presentation of the Master Plan to the Board for review today, followed by a 30-day review period by the General Assembly upon the Board's review, with final adoption by the Department of Conservation and Recreation Director anticipated in June or July 2026; full buildout of the park is expected to occur over an approximately 30-year timeframe.

Following Mr. Bryan's overview of the Master Plan, the Board discussed several components of the proposed plan, including technical revisions and updates to the document, the historical significance of the park and its connection to tribal history, and the potential for future hunting opportunities within the park. The Board also discussed parking fee structures and coordination between Virginia and North Carolina, the shared operational and recreational aspects of the park between the two states, and the overall layout and organization of park facilities. In addition, discussion included the work completed in collaboration with a consultant to assist in the development and drafting of the Master Plan.

#### BOARD ACTION

Ms. Walle Boyd moved to approve the Master Plan with recommended amendments by the Board to be considered by staff prior to submission to the General Assembly. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion, which was approved by: Allen, Byrd, Cheng, Domenech, Hoggard, Inge, Ihrman, Stewart, and Walle Boyd.

#### BREAK

The Board had a break from 10:44 a.m. to 10:53 a.m.

#### 100 YEARS OF DCR – A CENTURY OF CONSERVATION – *Mr. Frank Stovall, Deputy Director for Operations*

Mr. Stovall provided a historical overview of DCR in recognition of the agency's 100th anniversary. He noted that DCR was established in 1926 through the creation of the State Commission on Conservation and Development, which unified several conservation and geological entities and laid the foundation for Virginia's state parks and natural area preserve systems.

Mr. Stovall highlighted major milestones in DCR's history, including the opening of Virginia's state park system in 1936, the establishment of the Natural Heritage Program in 1986, expansion of statewide water quality and conservation initiatives during the 1980s, and the development of Virginia's modern land conservation framework beginning in the 1960s. He also recognized DCR's leadership in flood resilience, dam safety, and coastal resilience planning, as well as the agency's continued focus on accessibility, outdoor recreation, and conservation stewardship.

Mr. Stovall noted that DCR currently manages 44 state parks, supports 69 natural area preserves protecting more than 66,000 acres, and contributes to the permanent protection of more than 4.33 million acres statewide. The Board also received an update on planned centennial celebration activities, including employee events, public programming in state parks, and statewide outreach highlighting the agency's conservation legacy and future priorities.

Mr. Stovall acknowledged DCR's significant contributions to conservation, recreation, water quality, land protection, and resilience planning over the past century and discussed the agency's continued commitment to stewardship, public access, community partnerships, and science-based conservation efforts moving forward.

#### GROWING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP – *Mr. Eric Hougland, Professional Development Coordinator; Ms. Nancy Heltman, Chief of Visitor Services; Ms. Jessica German, RCC & SkillBridge Program Manager; Ms. Scarlett Stevens, Community Engagement & Volunteerism Manager*

#### Youth Conservation Corps (YCC)

Ms. Heltman provided an overview of the YCC program's past:

The Virginia State Parks Youth Conservation Corps (VSPYCC) program has had thousands of youth and young adults participate since the program's establishment in 2001. She explained that the program is a two-week residential experience for high school-aged youth, supervised by young adult crew leaders. Each crew consists of approximately 10 youth members and three to four leaders who live and work together in a Virginia State Park. Participants receive a stipend, along with food and uniforms, during the program.

Ms. Heltman noted that crews complete a variety of conservation and improvement projects, including trail construction, invasive species removal, and the building of picnic pads, kiosks, boat racks, and garden beds. In addition to project work, participants visit other state parks on weekends, attend interpretive programming, and learn about the history, mission, and natural resources of the parks in which they serve.

Ms. Stevens provided an overview of the YCC program's future:

Ms. Stevens noted that the program has been relaunched with a focus on the interests and needs of today's young adults, while continuing efforts to recruit diverse groups of youth from across the Commonwealth. Ms. Stevens explained that the program provides hands-on training opportunities for both youth participants and crew leaders, helping them develop valuable leadership, teamwork, and conservation skills. She added that the program seeks to create future advocates for public lands and conservation efforts beyond the Department. Ms. Stevens noted that approximately 30 percent of participants expected to serve in 2026 will be returning alumni.

Ms. Stevens also reviewed the mission of the YCC program, which is to connect Virginia's youth with the natural world through meaningful service projects on public lands. She explained that through activities such as trail building and conservation work, participants build environmental literacy, self-confidence, and lasting relationships while helping preserve outdoor access for future generations.

### Ranger Conservation Corps (RCC)

Mr. Hougland provided an introduction and Ms. German provided an overview of the RCC program:

Staff provided an overview of the Park Ranger Career Development Program, highlighting its growth and success from 2010 through 2025. Staff noted that more than 100 interns have participated in the program over the past 16 years, with many completing two or three years of service. Staff explained that the program offers competitive pay and housing opportunities to support participants and encourage long-term involvement. Staff further noted that 28 former interns have been hired into full-time positions with Virginia State Parks, including 25 hires since 2016. Former interns now serve in leadership and operational roles across the park system, including District Manager, Park Manager, Assistant Park Manager, Chief Ranger, Chief Ranger – Visitor Experience, and Park Ranger positions.

Staff also discussed the Ranger Conservation Corps initiative, which is focused on empowering and preparing the next generation of park rangers to lead conservation efforts within Virginia State Parks. Staff explained that the program includes multiple career tracks and a training curriculum that emphasizes hands-on learning, with approximately 90 percent field-based training and 10 percent virtual workshops. Additional program components include the integration of technology, a Professional Development Week, and expanded intern housing initiatives. Staff noted that the Cohort '26 program officially launched on May 1.

### SkillBridge

Mr. Hougland provided an introduction and Ms. German provided an overview of the SkillBridge program:

Staff provided an overview of the Virginia State Parks SkillBridge internship initiative and its efforts to engage military service members transitioning to civilian careers. Staff noted that Virginia is home to approximately 125,000 active-duty military members, second only to California. Participants in the internship program have represented multiple branches of the military, including the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and, beginning in summer 2026, the Coast Guard.

Staff explained that since the program's launch in 2021, nine different Virginia State Parks have hosted a total of 20 SkillBridge interns. Staff further noted that five former interns are currently employed in full-time positions with Virginia State Parks, while others have secured full-time employment opportunities in related fields outside the agency.

## Snapshot of 2026

The Youth Conservation Corps program is expected to include 120 crew members and 20 crew leaders serving across 14 state parks through a one-day program format. The Ranger Conservation Corps is projected to include 19 interns serving at 13 parks statewide. Staff also noted that the SkillBridge Internship Program will operate from January through September 2026, with nine interns serving at eight state parks.

The Board discussed the success of the programs and expressed appreciation for their development and growth over time. The Board inquired about the SkillBridge program and the opportunities it provides for transitioning military service members. The Board also discussed current staffing needs associated with these programs and considerations for future workforce requirements.

### **REVIEW OF A NEW AGENCY EASEMENT AMENDMENT POLICY** – *Brian Fuller, Real Property Manager*

Mr. Fuller provided information on the Virginia Open-Space Land Act of 1966 (Code of Virginia, Chapter 17), noting that it enabled the Commonwealth to work with landowners to reduce sprawl, protect open space, and authorize the acquisition of conservation easements. He explained that the Act was part of a broader legislative package that also established the Virginia Outdoors Foundation and the Historic Landmarks Commission. Mr. Fuller noted that the Act remains a primary mechanism for open-space easements held by public bodies.

Mr. Fuller then discussed the Department's current role in conservation easements, noting that DCR is involved with more than 80 properties, with over half supporting Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) projects. He added that DCR serves as a public body co-holder for Virginia Land Conservation Foundation (VLCF) easements and maintains partnerships with the Department of Historic Resources, the Civil War Trails Commission, and other organizations.

Looking ahead, Mr. Fuller outlined future program considerations, including the need for enhanced stewardship activities such as record-keeping, monitoring, and enforcement, which led to the creation of a new position in 2022. He emphasized the importance of developing an agency policy and guidance manual to support easement acquisition and stewardship, strengthen public trust in state and federal funding programs, and ensure consistency, compliance, and collaboration across partners. Mr. Fuller noted that continued program improvement is needed to align with best practices used by other state agencies and land trusts, including establishing standards for timelines, fees, and procedures, and recognizing that, in some cases, perpetual easements may require amendment.

The Board discussed the Department's easement policy and the process by which easements are acquired. The Board also discussed the role of the VLCF in the acquisition of properties.

### **BOARD ACTION**

Mr. Stewart moved to endorse the policy as presented. Ms. Walle Boyd seconded the motion, which was approved by: Allen, Byrd, Cheng, Hoggard, Inge, Ihrman, Stewart, and Walle Boyd. Mr. Domenech opposed the motion.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Ihrman announced that the next meeting is scheduled for October 7 through October 9, 2026, at Breaks Interstate Park.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.