



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION

AGENDA

CLINCH RIVER MASTER PLAN

Virtual Advisory Committee Input Meeting

Monday, November 29th, 2021, 3:00pm

Access link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/239223677>

Meeting Purpose:

To provide an update to the Advisory committee of the project's process, share the final draft purpose statement and goals & objectives, and site mapping in advance of the first public input meeting on Clinch River State Park. Attendees will have the opportunity to comment after the presentation.

Agenda

Welcome

Process update

Advisory Committee September Survey results

Review CRSP purpose statement and goals & objectives

Review of existing site conditions

Park character

Next Steps

THANK YOU!

Written comments will be accepted for Clinch River State Park until **5:00 p.m. on December 6, 2021.**

Please make comments to:

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A public meeting will be held Dec. 16th, 2021, 6:30-8:00pm. Registration is available here:
<https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/recreational-planning/cr-masterplan-public-input-meeting>

DCR Mission Statement

Conserve, protect, enhance, and advocate wise use of the commonwealth's unique natural, historical, recreational, scenic, and cultural resources.

State Parks Mission Statement

To conserve the natural, scenic, historic, and cultural resources of the Commonwealth and provide recreational and educational opportunities consistent with the good stewardship of these lands, waters, and facilities that leave them unimpaired for future generations.

Clinch River State Park Purpose Statement

Clinch River State Park is envisioned as a string of pearls along the ecologically significant Clinch River, providing opportunities for all for recreation and education that connects visitors to the environmental and cultural significance of the river and the region, conserving and enhancing sensitive resources; and fostering connections within and between adjacent communities.

Clinch River State Park Goals & Objectives

Goal 1.0 – Protect, conserve, and enhance the natural, scenic, cultural, and historic resources of the park

- Objective 1.1 – Develop and manage the park, its resources, and facilities in an environmentally sensitive manner as a best practice and educational opportunity.
- Objective 1.2 – Protect, promote, and interpret the cultural and historic resources on site and in the region.
- Objective 1.3 – Develop and implement a Natural and Cultural Resources Management Plan.
- Objective 1.4 – Preserve and protect endangered and threatened species and habitat through direct action and partnerships.
- Objective 1.5 – Develop and manage the park to strengthen regional sense of place.
- Objective 1.6 – Evaluate and develop tracts at an appropriate level for the site quality and environmental sensitivities.

Goal 2.0 – Create a welcoming and safe experience for all

- Objective 2.1 – Develop and operate the park in a manner that respects and embraces the culture of the region and the visitor.
- Objective 2.2 – Develop and implement a Visitor Experience Plan.
- Objective 2.3 – Provide a range of high-quality recreation opportunities for a variety of users, regardless of income, background, and ability.
- Objective 2.4 – Serve as a hub of access and information for regional recreation resources and provide visitors clear interpretation, orientation, and wayfinding in and to the park and at partnership-managed locations.
- Objective 2.5 – Anticipate the needs of the changing community and structure programs and facilities accordingly.

Goal 3.0 – Provide a range of overnight and day use opportunities and facilities for visitors to the park

- Objective 3.1 – Design and manage recreational activities to minimize impacts on natural and cultural resources to preserve the experience for future visitors.
- Objective 3.2 – Provide a spectrum of high-quality recreation opportunities and supporting infrastructure for single-day and multi-day park users that encourages repeat visitation to the park.
- Objective 3.3 – Provide a variety of type and length of river float opportunities directly and in partnership.
- Objective 3.4 – Provide opportunities for dispersed recreation experiences by providing access to the river and the system of conservation lands.

Goal 4.0 – Provide facilities and programs for environmental, cultural, and historical education and interpretation

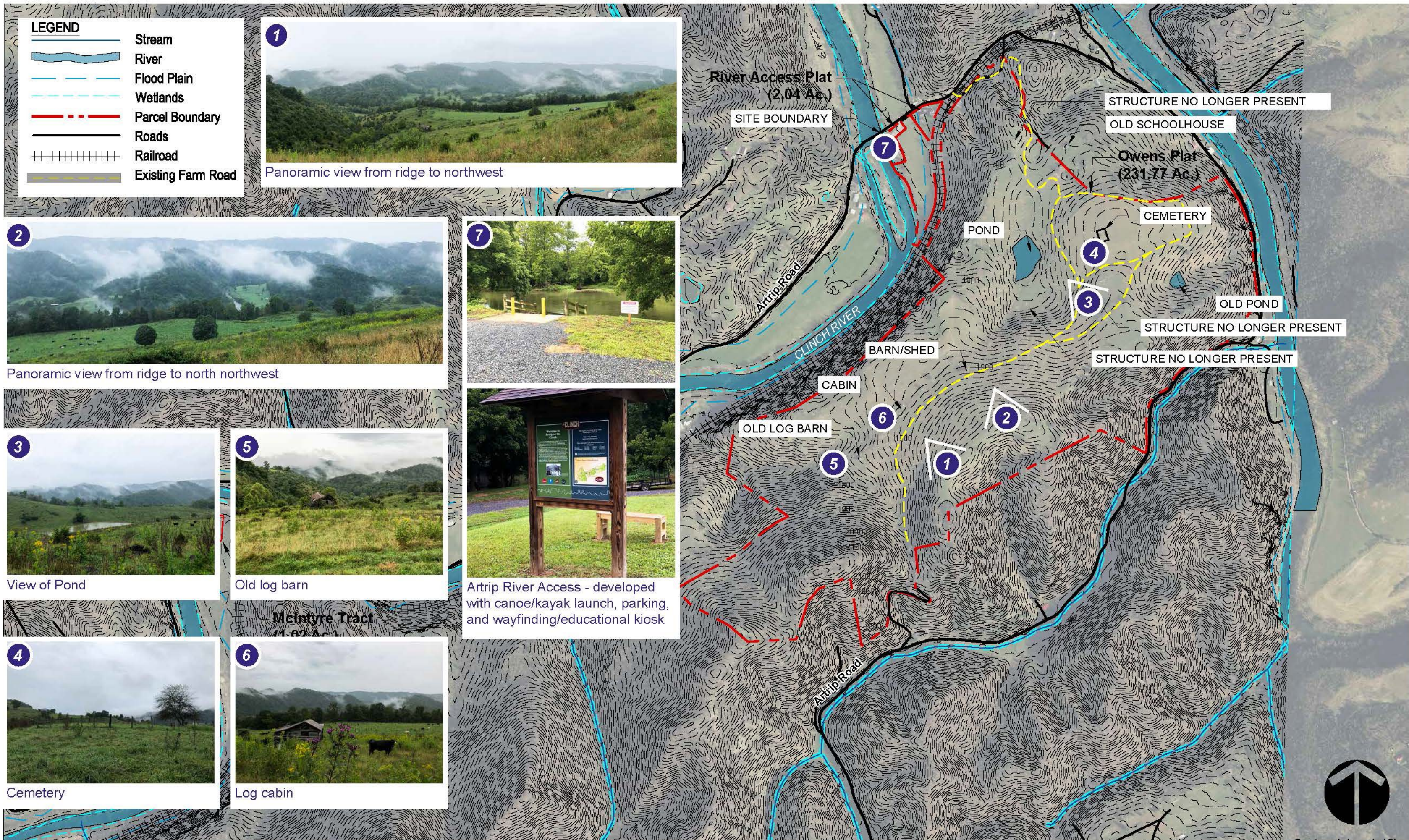
- Objective 4.1 – Provide a variety of inclusive educational formats for all learning capabilities and levels.
- Objective 4.2 – Teach environmental awareness and stewardship.
- Objective 4.3 – Educate park visitors and the wider community about the value of the environmental, cultural, and historical resources within the region and how to act to sustain and conserve these resources.
- Objective 4.4 – Provide educational opportunities for safe and environmentally-appropriate water and land-based recreation, directly or in partnership
- Objective 4.5 – Provide site-appropriate education and interpretation at each CRSP tract.
- Objective 4.6 – Develop partnerships with local organizations to promote educational opportunities.
- Objective 4.7 – Engage diverse groups with the programming and cultural interpretation on site.
- Objective 4.8 – Plan programs and access in a manner that promotes understanding and protection of plant and animal seasonal cycles.

Goal 5.0 – Work across sectors to provide mutually beneficial efforts to enhance the Clinch River and the surrounding region

- Objective 5.1 – Work in partnership to manage, connect, and conserve ecological and cultural resources in the park and the region.
- Objective 5.2 – Participate in partnership and collaboration to further the shared goals and objectives of regional organizations.
- Objective 5.3 – Participate in local, regional, and state planning efforts, related to recreational opportunities and access as well as other shared interests.
- Objective 5.4 – Collaborate with local and regional tourism on park-oriented efforts.

Goal 6.0 – Administer and manage the park in a professional and transparent manner which fosters the public’s trust

- Objective 6.1 – Ensure the park has adequate staffing and operations to support safe and meaningful visitor experiences and to protect and conserve resources.
- Objective 6.2 – Acquire additional land from willing sellers that meets the needs and objectives of the park as opportunities arise.
- Objective 6.3 – Develop and implement a Business Management Plan.
- Objective 6.4– Provide appropriate levels of staff with the necessary skills to achieve the park’s goals and objectives and provide the necessary training to reach those goals.
- Objective 6.5 – Assure proper care and maintenance of park facilities and infrastructure.
- Objective 6.6 – Upgrade and provide state of the art digital communications and informational access to enhance the visitor’s experience throughout the park.





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River Access - no existing improvements



5
Existing pedestrian access to site - via Town of St. Paul parking lot



2
Orchard picnic area



6
Trails - a network of hiking trails currently exists onsite



3
Views - the crest of the site gives views to the south across the park



4
Chimney - historic building remnant and picnic shelter

