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Executive Summary

The development of public recreation sites requires detailed planning, including consideration of both physical and financial issues. Various recreation opportunities represent a strong and growing area of interest by County residents. Previous recreation plans for Botetourt County have been completed in 1987, 1995, and 2001.

The Parks and Recreation Plan begins with an outline of the roles and responsibilities of the Parks and Recreation Department and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission. The Plan also includes a description of booster clubs in the County and their roles in recreation planning and programming.

The Plan contains a field inventory of existing park and recreation facilities, which was conducted by the Parks and Recreation Department staff in 2006. This inventory documented both public and private recreation facilities. A general description of the broad recreation opportunities available on state and federal land is also included.

The recreation needs of Botetourt County must be considered within existing financial constraints of limited local funding that is available. The County should look toward programs that will provide funds on a matching basis to maximize the amount of facilities per local dollar expended on projects. Some funds are available from federal, state, and various foundations that can be utilized for recreation facilities and programming. The matching and administrative requirements of these funding sources must also be given consideration prior to making application for government or private funding.

Local recreation program funding in Botetourt County has been accomplished through two efforts: (1) the Capital Improvements Incentive Fund, and (2) the County's Five-Year Capital Improvement Planning Process. The Botetourt County Capital Improvements Incentive Fund has made major improvements to County-owned recreation facilities since its creation with the County's FY 1998-99 budget for the Parks and Recreation Department. The Fund provides an opportunity for citizens, booster clubs, civic organizations, and local businesses to apply for 50-50 matching funds from the County to make capital improvements to County-owned parks and recreation facilities. The Capital Improvements Incentive Fund and application process are described in the Plan.

The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors and Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission also utilize the Botetourt County Capital Improvements Plan as a tool for planning recreation and cultural expenditures in a timely manner. The Parks, Recreation, and Culture portion of the 2008 – 2012 Capital Improvements Plan is presented in this report along with an explanation of each project.

Many issues and questions were addressed during the development of this Parks and Recreation Plan. Issues discussed in the Plan include rural needs, suburban needs, programming for additional activities, maintenance of existing facilities, improvement and enhancement of existing facilities, continued development of four regional recreation parks, and requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

After review of public comments, facility inventory, and funding resources, objectives were developed for the Plan. These objectives address the issues of coordination of recreation facilities development with future school facilities development, expansion of the County's cooperative efforts to include additional groups and resources, and an ongoing effort to involve local residents in the parks and recreation planning process. These objectives also stress continued work with booster clubs, ADA compliance, completion of regional recreation facilities at the Blue Ridge, Buchanan, Greenfield, and North County Parks, continued efforts to work with the County school system and local community colleges to expand the range of adult and youth recreation courses, and the strong role and active utilization of the Capital Improvements Incentive Fund Program.

Chapter 1

Background of Recreation Planning Efforts

Botetourt County's governmental involvement in parks and recreation dates to March 18, 1975, when the County created the Parks and Recreation Department and the Botetourt County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission.

Botetourt County Parks and Recreation Department

The Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for maintaining over 20 outdoor recreational and athletic facilities, consisting of over 400 acres of land owned by Botetourt County and the Botetourt County school system. The Parks and Recreation Department also maintains the grounds at the Blue Ridge Library, the Eagle Rock Community Center, EastPark Commerce Center, Vista Corporate Park, and the Botetourt Center at Greenfield, including the Greenfield Education and Training Center grounds.

The Parks and Recreation Department also offers leisure programs, enrichment classes, day/overnight trips, and special events for County and non-County residents.

A full selection of youth athletic programs, such as team sports and camps, are also available, including: basketball, soccer, baseball, softball, cheerleading, and football. Adult sport programs include co-ed volleyball, football, men's and women's softball, and basketball leagues.

Botetourt County Parks and Recreation Department Philosophies

1. Provide reasonable opportunities for County residents to participate in a range of recreational activities that contribute to the quality of life in Botetourt County.
2. To continually improve the Parks and Recreation Department's operations, maintain strong public relations, and pursue opportunities and cooperation with other agencies to strengthen the County's recreation program.
3. To enhance and expand the Parks and Recreation Department's capabilities through participation in professional organizations, by attending educational and training conferences and workshops, and by utilizing management by objectives.
4. To provide public recreation services within available resources in highly professional, efficient, and public service-oriented manner.

5. To actively market County facilities to athletic associations, agencies, and organizations as host sites for regional, state, and national tournaments for the benefit of economic impact on the County.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission consists of five members. Each member represents one of Botetourt County's magisterial districts. The Commission's objective is to serve as an advisory body to the Director of the Botetourt County Parks and Recreation Department. The Commission suggests policies and projects to the County Administrator and to the Board of Supervisors through the Director of Parks and Recreation consistent with its duties within in the Commission's bylaws.

The Commission works through the Parks and Recreation Director on all related matters. The Commission advises on recreation policies, programs, personnel, needs, funding, finances, the need for acquiring and disposing of lands and properties related to current and projected long-range recreation programs.

Specific duties of the Commission

1. Recommendations for the establishment of a system of supervised recreation for the County.
2. Recommendations to set apart any lands or buildings owned by or leased to the County for use as parks, playgrounds, recreation centers, water areas, or other recreation needs. May suggest improvements of such lands for the construction, equipping, and staffing of such buildings and structures as may be necessary to the recreation program within those funds allocated to the Parks and Recreation Department.
3. Advise in the acquisition of lands and structures through gifts, purchase, lease, or loan, or by statutes of Virginia and as approved by the governing body.
4. Advise in the acceptance by the County of any grant, gift, bequest, or donation, any personal or real property made available for recreation purposes and which is judged to be of present or possible future use for recreation.
5. Advise in the construction, equipping, operation, and maintenance of parks, playgrounds, recreation centers, and all buildings and structures necessary to Parks and Recreation Department functions.
6. Provide input in the preparation of a five-year capital improvement program in cooperation with the Parks and Recreation Department for improving the recreational opportunities for all residents of Botetourt County.

Additionally, the Parks and Recreation Commission spends a substantial amount of time on policy issues and in working with booster clubs concerning supervised

recreation throughout the County.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission serves as the selection committee for the Botetourt County Capital Improvements Incentive Fund Program. The purpose of the Fund is to provide reimbursement matching funds to non-profit community service groups, individuals, or corporations wishing to make capital improvements to County-owned parks and recreation facilities. This program provides matching funds up to \$10,000 to each approved project. Successful applicants have an eighteen-month period within which to complete projects. The Capital Improvements Incentive Fund Program and approved projects are described in the Financing Parks and Recreation section of this plan.

In addition to dealing with policy issues and working with booster clubs on recreational programs and site improvements, the Parks and Recreation Department has utilized the County's Capital Improvements Program (CIP) as a long-range project planning and funding tool. The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors has funded athletic field lighting at numerous locations over the years utilizing the County's CIP process. The CIP and planned recreation projects are discussed more fully in Chapter 3: Financing Parks and Recreation.

Booster Clubs

There are seven booster clubs in Botetourt County, which are geographically located within the seven different elementary school districts. The booster clubs are volunteer organizations that work in cooperation with the Botetourt County Parks and Recreation Department to provide a variety of youth sports throughout the County. The clubs manage the player registration process and form teams according to the County's team drafting procedures. The clubs assist with finding coaches and in providing uniforms and equipment for each team. The seven clubs are: Blue Ridge Youth Sports Booster Club, Buchanan Booster Club, Cloverdale Booster Club, Eagle Rock Youth Sports Booster Club, Fincastle Booster Club, Troutville-Daleville Athletic Club, and the Greenfield Booster Club.

Chapter 2

Inventory of Existing Recreational Programs and Resources

An inventory of existing recreation opportunities combined with public input provides direction for future planning of recreation programs and projects. Such an inventory revealed that current opportunities consist of County recreation programs and facilities, County school-related resources, non-County resources, and an abundance of natural outdoor recreation opportunities available through the U. S. Forest Service and the National Park Service.

Leisure Programs/Special Events Inventory

While outdoor recreation and organized team sports continue to grow in Botetourt County, recreation programs have become increasingly popular since their formal inception in 1998. Such leisure programs include activities such as art classes, craft workshops, physical fitness courses, and trips to major tourist attractions.

The Botetourt County Parks and Recreation Department offers enrichment courses and leisure programming for County and non-County residents. The Department actively utilizes school and non-County owned facilities to provide classroom space and outdoor facilities for multiple programs and events.

Enrichment courses include children's and adult art, quilting, dog obedience, senior bridge and rook, photo preservation, chess tournaments, flower arranging, and scrap-booking. Fitness courses include golf, tennis, yoga, and kickboxing. Outdoor adventure outings include canoeing, kayaking, white water rafting, caving, rock climbing, fly-fishing, and skiing.

Destination trips include excursions to Busch Gardens, Kings Dominion, Hershey Park, Amish Country, Millennium Theatre, Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater, Highland Maple Festival, Cass Scenic Railroad, Emerald Point Water Park, Biltmore Estate, Greensboro Barn Dinner, North Carolina Zoo, Washington D.C., and New York City.

The Parks and Recreation Department also coordinates annual special events, including the Children's Fishing Carnival, Old Fashioned Easter-Egg Hunt, Fall Festival, Teen Lock-In's, and Parents' Night Out. It also co-sponsors and assists in organizing other special events throughout the year, such as the Annual 5-K / 10-K Road Race in Fincastle, Virginia Commonwealth Games, National Wild Turkey Federation Jakes Event, and the Girls' and Women's Sports Clinic.

Recreation Facilities Inventory

A field inventory of existing park and recreation facilities was performed in 2006. Survey results are presented in Table 1: Inventory of Existing County Recreational Resources, Table 2: Inventory of Existing County School Recreational Resources, and Table 3: Inventory of Existing Non-County Recreational Resources. However, specific note is needed regarding a 2003 Countywide initiative to provide a system

of four regional recreation park facilities to County residents. Incorporating existing facilities, Botetourt County expanded its vision to undertake planning and implementation for regional recreation park locations in Blue Ridge, Buchanan, a North County site near Eagle Rock, and at Greenfield Park.

Blue Ridge Park

Blue Ridge Park is one of four regional park facilities that provides recreational opportunities for all County residents. It is located in south Botetourt County off of U.S. 460 in Blue Ridge. This 34-acre, multi-use park includes two lighted baseball/softball fields, a lighted soccer field, 1/5-mile walking track, two picnic pavilions, playground equipment, two lighted outdoor basketball courts, and two lighted tennis courts. Proposed additions to the Blue Ridge Park include a community center and additional walking trails.

Buchanan Park

Buchanan Park is under active development and is another regional park facility that provides recreational opportunities for all County residents. It is located adjacent to Buchanan Elementary School in northeast Botetourt County. This 9-acre, multi-use park includes one lighted softball field, two lighted tennis courts, and an intermediate soccer field. Proposed additions to the Buchanan Park include a community center, skate park, small soccer field, a paved parking lot, and direct access from Route 625 (Pico Road).

North County Park

This proposed park is planned adjacent to Eagle Rock Elementary School in northern Botetourt County. The North County Park is designed to serve as a regional park facility that will provide recreational opportunities for all County residents. Proposed amenities within the park include a community center, athletic fields, walking trails, a picnic pavilion, and a new County library branch.

Greenfield Park

Currently under development is the Greenfield Park, part of the 922-acre, multi-use Botetourt Center at Greenfield. Greenfield Park is designed as a regional park facility that will provide recreational opportunities for all County residents. It is located northwest of Daleville in southern Botetourt County. This 125-acre park includes four soccer fields and a regulation 5k cross-country course designed for training and regional competitive meets for the County's two high schools, and for additional use as a horseback trail. Proposed future additions include a community center with swimming pool, picnic facilities, tennis courts, and a fishing pier on Preston Pond accessible to those with disabilities.

Botetourt Sports Complex at Greenfield Park includes four championship level soft-ball/baseball fields surrounding a three-story tower, which contains restrooms and concessions on the ground floor; a tournament operations center on the second floor; and equipment for scorekeeping, announcing, and scoreboard staff on the third floor. Other amenities include spectator seating for 550 at each field, enclosed dugouts with restrooms and water fountains, a 350-space paved parking lot, playground equipment, an entrance pavilion with ticket office, and an umpire changing area. The Sports Complex will host regular league play for local recreational and school teams, and it will be actively marketed to athletic associations, agencies, and organizations as a potential host site for regional, state, and national tournaments.

In cooperation with Botetourt County, the Botetourt County Horseman's Association is planning a horse park in a portion of Greenfield Park. Under agreement with Botetourt County, the Horseman's Association will develop facilities as time and resources allow. The facilities will be available for use by other organizations such as 4-H clubs.

The inventories of public and private recreation facilities on Tables 1 - 3 provide:

1. Site name
2. Site size
3. Existing facilities
4. Recreation potential
5. Comments

Table 4 provides a convenient Recreation Resources Summary Chart.

Following Table 4, the Recreation Resources Map provides a geographic distribution of existing recreational sites. The inventory addresses both public and private recreation sites but does not include those on federal land. However, a general description of these recreation activities is included under the discussion of Outdoor Recreation in Botetourt County.

Table 1

Inventory of Existing County Recreational Resources

SITE	ACRES	EXISTING FACILITIES	RECREATION POTENTIAL	COMMENTS
1) Blue Ridge Park	20	One full-size soccer field with lights. 1/5 mile walking track. One large and one small baseball/softball fields with lights. Each field has a concrete floor dugout with benches, wooden roof structures, scoreboards, and a two-story press box/storage building. Paved parking lot. All fields have an irrigation system. One building with storage, concession, restrooms, and small pavilion. Playground equipment for ages 12 and under. Large pavilion with seating for up to 100 people, restrooms, and storage. Two basketball courts with lights. Two tennis courts with lights. Two batting cages.	About five acres of the site are undeveloped. Plans include extending the existing walking track along the entire property line. A community center housing a two-court gymnasium, classroom space, and restrooms would benefit the County and area residents. An additional large capacity picnic pavilion is needed as the existing pavilion is booked to capacity during usable weekends.	Local booster club has used incentive funds to make many improvements to the park.
2) Botetourt Sports Complex	12	A four-field baseball/softball complex that opened in summer 2007. The Complex contains enclosed dugouts with restrooms. A three-story center tower with restrooms and concessions on the first floor, meeting space and tournament operations on the second, and scorekeeping/announcing on the third. All four fields are enclosed with a 300' fence from each field's home plate. A ten-foot wide paved walking track circles the outfield fence around the complex. Playground equipment and parking are available.	The Botetourt Sports Complex provides a modern, state-of-the art recreation facility, which will serve all of Botetourt County.	Will be used for local league play and booking regional, state, and national tournaments.

SITE	ACRES	EXISTING FACILITIES	RECREATION POTENTIAL	COMMENTS
3) Buchanan Park	9	One small baseball/softball field with lights. Field is enclosed with 200' fence and contains covered dug-outs with concrete floors and a scoreboard. One intermediate soccer field and two tennis courts with lights.	There is space available to construct a small soccer field between the small baseball field and tennis courts. There is also space to construct two additional tennis courts. A community center housing a two-court gymnasium, classroom space, and restrooms are planned for the future, as is a skateboard park.	An access road from Route 625 and a parking lot is scheduled for completion in 2007. CIP Budget funds, a VDOT public access road grant, and a donation from the Town of Buchanan funded this project. Targeted and increased grounds maintenance work is needed.
4) Cherry Blossom Trail in Botetourt Center at Greenfield		The Trail is eight feet wide and has an ADA-accessible stone surface. The Trail can be used for walking, running, and bicycles. No motorized vehicles or horses are permitted. Phase 1 begins at the end of International Parkway, proceeds along Greenfield Lake and ends just beyond the dam. Approximately 1.3 miles roundtrip. Phase 2 begins at the end of International Parkway and proceeds along a creek towards U.S. 220. Approximately 1.0 miles roundtrip. A connector trail is located between the Greenfield cross-country/horse trail and the Cherry Blossom Trail Phase 1. It is just past the two-mile marker on the cross-country trail and at the end of Phase 1 of the Cherry Blossom Trail. This trail extension is open to foot and horseback traffic and is approximately 1.2 miles in length.	Future plans include the addition of a third phase to promote greater service to the public.	Cherry Blossom Trail was constructed utilizing County and state grant funds to provide an easily accessible recreation amenity for family-oriented enjoyment.

SITE	ACRES	EXISTING FACILITIES	RECREATION POTENTIAL	COMMENTS
5) North County Park	5	A new North County branch library will be constructed during 2008.	Planned facilities included a walking track, community center, picnic pavilion with restrooms, two lighted basketball and tennis courts, one baseball and one softball field with soccer in the out-fields.	These planned facilities will be located at the Eagle Rock Elementary School in a joint initiative with the Botetourt County school system.
6) Eagle Rock Community Center	0.5	Large meeting room equipped with tables and chairs. Kitchen and restroom available. League of Older Americans office location. Playground equipment for ages 12 and under.	Area behind the Eagle Rock Post Office has limited use for additional recreation opportunities.	Limited space restricts future development. ADA requirements need to be investigated.
7) Fincastle Community Center	0.25	Large meeting room equipped with tables and chairs. Kitchen and restroom available.	Continued active use by the public and for Parks and Recreation Department programs is anticipated.	Citizens have requested the County to improve the acoustics of the main meeting room with noise-dampening material.
8) Greenfield Park	115	A 6,000 square foot maintenance building that houses motor equipment, athletic maintenance supplies, the maintenance supervisor's office, restrooms, and storage space for recreation equipment. Two full-size, one intermediate, and one small soccer field. One practice football field. A 5-K cross-country/horse trail exists and joins an additional five-plus miles of pedestrian walking trails.	A 30,000 square foot community center with two full-size gyms, seven tennis courts (six regular and one championship size), outdoor swimming pool, and two outdoor basketball courts are planned. Additional permanent restrooms will be constructed at the soccer fields. A location has been designated for a future horse center, plans for which are being developed by the Botetourt County Horseman's Association.	The Kiwanis Club will develop Preston Pond as a fishing opportunity for those with disabilities, and has utilized a combination of private and matching County Recreation Incentive Program funds to establish a children's playground.

Table 2

Inventory of Existing County School Recreational Resources

SITE	ACRES	EXISTING FACILITIES	RECREATIONAL POTENTIAL	COMMENTS
1) Breckinridge Elementary School	15.5	One large and one small baseball/softball field with lights and covered dug-outs. One intermediate and one small soccer field can be set up across the outfield of the baseball/softball fields. A fitness course, walking track, outside basketball courts, two batting cages, small kindergarten/pre-school playground area, large playground, concession-press box and storage area, restrooms, storage on end of gym, and portable bleachers are also available.	The area behind the school could provide for soccer and/or baseball/softball fields that are needed in the Fincastle area.	Walking track needs to be graveled and paved. Baseball/softball field needs to be re-graded and re-seeded. ADA requirements need to be investigated. Funding needs to be incorporated into the CIP Budget to begin grading behind the school for additional recreation fields.
2) Buchanan Elementary School	11	One large baseball/softball field with lights. Field is enclosed with 300' fence and contains covered dugouts with concrete floors and a scoreboard. One large soccer field with lights surrounded by 1/5 mile paved walking track. One small tee-ball field with fencing, and covered dugouts with concrete floors. Concession stand with restrooms, and a small picnic pavilion with tables. Two batting cages, one outdoor basketball court, fitness course, playground equipment for ages 12 and under.	An additional outdoor basketball court and re-grading of the large baseball field are needed. Irrigation system for the soccer and baseball fields is needed to improve level of turf. Press box with restrooms and concession is needed between the large and small baseball fields, as current location of restrooms and concessions are not convenient for public use with new field layout.	Targeted and increased grounds maintenance work is needed. ADA requirements need to be investigated.

SITE	ACRES	EXISTING FACILITIES	RECREATIONAL POTENTIAL	COMMENTS
3) Central Academy Middle School	20	One football/soccer field with lights, irrigation system, press box, concessions, restrooms, and storage area; and is surrounded by ¼ mile paved track. One small baseball/softball field. A football/soccer practice area exists in the outfield of the small baseball field.	There is the potential for an outdoor basketball court.	Parking for large events is needed, but lack of space presents limitations. ADA requirements need to be investigated.
4) Cloverdale Elementary School	18	One large and one small baseball/softball field with lights, irrigation, and covered dugouts with concrete floors. Outfields are used for intermediate and large soccer fields respectively. Two small tee-ball fields. Two small soccer fields. Three batting cages with storage, fitness course, paved walking track, playground equipment for ages under 12, outdoor basketball court, concession stand, two sets of restrooms, two small picnic pavilions, and a storage building.	There is very limited remaining space for additional recreation development on existing school grounds.	The area is used for soccer and is in need of re-grading and seeding. The parking lot on Read Mountain Road is scheduled to be paved in July 2007. Due to the large number of teams in this area, additional field space severely needed.
5) Colonial Elementary	9	Three small baseball/softball fields used for practice by ages 8 and younger teams. These fields are also used as football/soccer practice fields. Outdoor basketball court and playground equipment.	There is very limited remaining space for additional recreation development on existing school grounds.	Some minor updating and repair of facilities should be undertaken. ADA requirements need to be investigated.

SITE	ACRES	EXISTING FACILITIES	RECREATIONAL POTENTIAL	COMMENTS
6) Eagle Rock Elementary School	30	One large baseball/softball field with lights, and one small baseball/softball field. An intermediate soccer field is set up in the outfield area. A concession stand with restrooms and storage space, outdoor basketball court, batting cage, walking track, fitness course, playground equipment, and bleachers.	Planned future facilities in conjunction with the adjoining North County Park include a walking track, community center, picnic pavilion with restrooms, two lighted basketball and tennis courts, and one baseball and one softball field with soccer in the outfields.	ADA requirements need to be investigated.
7) Greenfield Elementary School	18.5	Two small baseball/softball fields equipped with covered dugouts and concrete floors. One field is lighted. One small tee-ball practice field. One small and one intermediate soccer field are set up in the outfield of the two baseball fields. Playground equipment, batting cages, outdoor basketball court, and a concession stand with restrooms.	Lighting the second baseball/softball field should be considered, which would complete the lighting of the entire soccer area.	Many upgrades have been accomplished through the County Recreation Incentive Fund Program. ADA requirements need to be investigated.
8) James River High School	32.5	One large baseball field and one softball field with lights and dugouts. One multi-purpose practice field with ¼ mile paved track. One football/soccer stadium with lights and irrigation system. Two batting cages, concession stand, restrooms, and press box.	Due to existing on-site recreational development, opportunities for additional facilities are limited.	Baseball and softball fields traded locations to make room for additions to the high school. ADA requirements need to be investigated.

SITE	ACRES	EXISTING FACILITIES	RECREATIONAL POTENTIAL	COMMENTS
9) Lord Botetourt High School	26	One large baseball field with grass infield, lights, batting cages, irrigation, and enclosed dugouts. One large football/soccer stadium with lights, irrigation, press box, concession, restrooms, and paved ¼ mile track. One soccer/football practice field with irrigation. One softball field with lights, batting cages, enclosed dugouts, press box, concession, and restrooms. Additional practice area is located behind the visiting fans' bleachers of the football stadium.	Due to existing on-site recreational development, opportunities for additional facilities are limited.	Baseball field needs press box/concession stand with restrooms. The football/soccer stadium lights need to be updated. The stadium should be used for games only to avoid overuse and degradation. Softball field needs irrigation system. The softball field has a large parking lot that is for overflow parking. This facility is well-used because of its location. ADA requirements need to be investigated.
10) Read Mountain Middle School	38	One football field with press box, concessions, restrooms, and ¼ mile paved track. One small baseball/softball field with covered dugouts. One practice football field.	Due to the high degree of site usage, additional recreation potential is very limited.	Practice field needs some re-grading and turf control.
11) Troutville Elementary	16	One large baseball/softball field with lights, covered dugouts, and concrete floors. One small baseball/softball field with covered dugouts and concrete floors, surrounded by a paved walking track. One full-size soccer field is set up in outfield of large baseball/softball field. One small soccer field is set up in outfield of small baseball/softball field. Playgrounds, concession, storage, restrooms, and outdoor basketball court.	A small practice field for baseball/softball could be constructed at opposite end of large soccer field. Due to existing site usage, additional recreation potential is very limited.	Fields require considerable turf control due to high usage. ADA requirements need to be investigated.

Source: Botetourt County Recreation Department, 2006.

Table 3**Inventory of Existing Non-County Recreation Resources**

SITE	ACRES	EXISTING FACILITIES	RECREATION POTENTIAL	COMMENTS
1) Boxley Fields	3 to 4	One large and one small baseball/softball field, restrooms, concessions, storage space, permanent batting cage, and bleachers for each field. One intermediate and one small soccer field is set up in the outfields of the baseball/softball fields.	Limited due to private ownership.	Turf maintenance is performed annually. Deteriorating fencing should be replaced. Due to overuse, the need for additional field space is significant. ADA requirements need to be investigated.
2) Buchanan Lowe Street Park	7	Baseball/softball field, restrooms, and pavilion.	As owner, the Town of Buchanan has long-range recreation and tourism development plans for the Park, which has great potential.	Botetourt County's annual Fishing Carnival is held at this location.
3) Eagle Rock Ball Fields	10	Two baseball/softball fields, one of which is lighted. Bleachers, concession stand, picnic shelter, and playground equipment are also available.	This private, church-owned location has potential, but it is limited by its flood plain location.	Fields receive occasional use by area teams for practices.
4) James River Limestone Park	5	Baseball/softball field, tennis court with lights, swimming pool with clubhouse, picnic shelter.	This location is church-owned and charges a membership fee. This park has potential, but has flood plain limitations.	Baseball/softball fields are limited to use by children.
5) Troutville Town Park	5	Basketball courts, tennis courts, picnic pavilion, numerous kinds of playground equipment, walking track.	This park is developed and highly used, but it is land-locked.	The Town of Troutville owns this park. Botetourt County provides a maintenance contribution to the Town.

Source: Botetourt County Recreation Department, 2006.

**Table 4
Recreation Resources Summary Chart**

																		
	Acres/Miles	Gym	Picnic Shelter	Restrooms	Concession Stand	Press Box	Playground	Baseball/Softball	Number Lighted	Football/Soccer	Number Lighted	Tennis Courts	Number Lighted	Outdoor B-Ball	Number Lighted	Walking Track	Meeting Space	
COUNTY RECREATIONAL RESOURCES																		
Blue Ridge Park	34	0	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	Yes	No	
Botetourt Sports Complex	4	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	Yes	Yes	
Buchanan Park	9	0	0	No	No	No	No	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	No	No	
Cherry Blossom Trail	2.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Yes	No	
Eagle Rock Community Center	0.5	0	0	Yes	No	No	Yes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	No	Yes	
Fincastle Community Center	0.5	0	0	Yes	No	No	No	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	No	Yes	
Greenfield Park	125	0	0	Yes	No	No	No	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	Yes	No	
North County Park (Proposed)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	No	No	
SCHOOL RECREATIONAL RESOURCES																		
Breckinridge Elementary School	15.5	1	0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	No	No	
Buchanan Elementary School	11	2	1	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	Yes	No	
Central Academy Middle School	20	1	0	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	Yes	No	
Cloverdale Elementary School	18	1	2	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	4	2	4	2	0	0	1	0	Yes	No	
Colonial Elementary School	9	1	0	Yes	No	No	Yes	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	Yes	No	
Eagle Rock Elementary School	30	1	0	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	Yes	No	
Greenfield Elementary School	18.5	1	0	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	No	No	
James River High School	32.5	2	1	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	Yes	No	
Lord Botetourt High School	26	2	0	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	Yes	No	
Read Mountain Middle School	38	1	1	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	Yes	No	
Troutville Elementary School	16	1	0	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	2	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	Yes	No	
NON-COUNTY RECREATIONAL RESOURCES																		
Boxley Fields	3.5	0	0	Yes	Yes	No	No	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	No	Yes	
Buchanan Lowe Street Park	7	0	1	Yes	Yes	No	No	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	No	No	
Eagle Rock Ball Fields	10	0	1	No	No	No	Yes	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	No	No	
James River Limestone Park	5	0	1	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	1	0	1	0	2	2	1	0	No	Yes	
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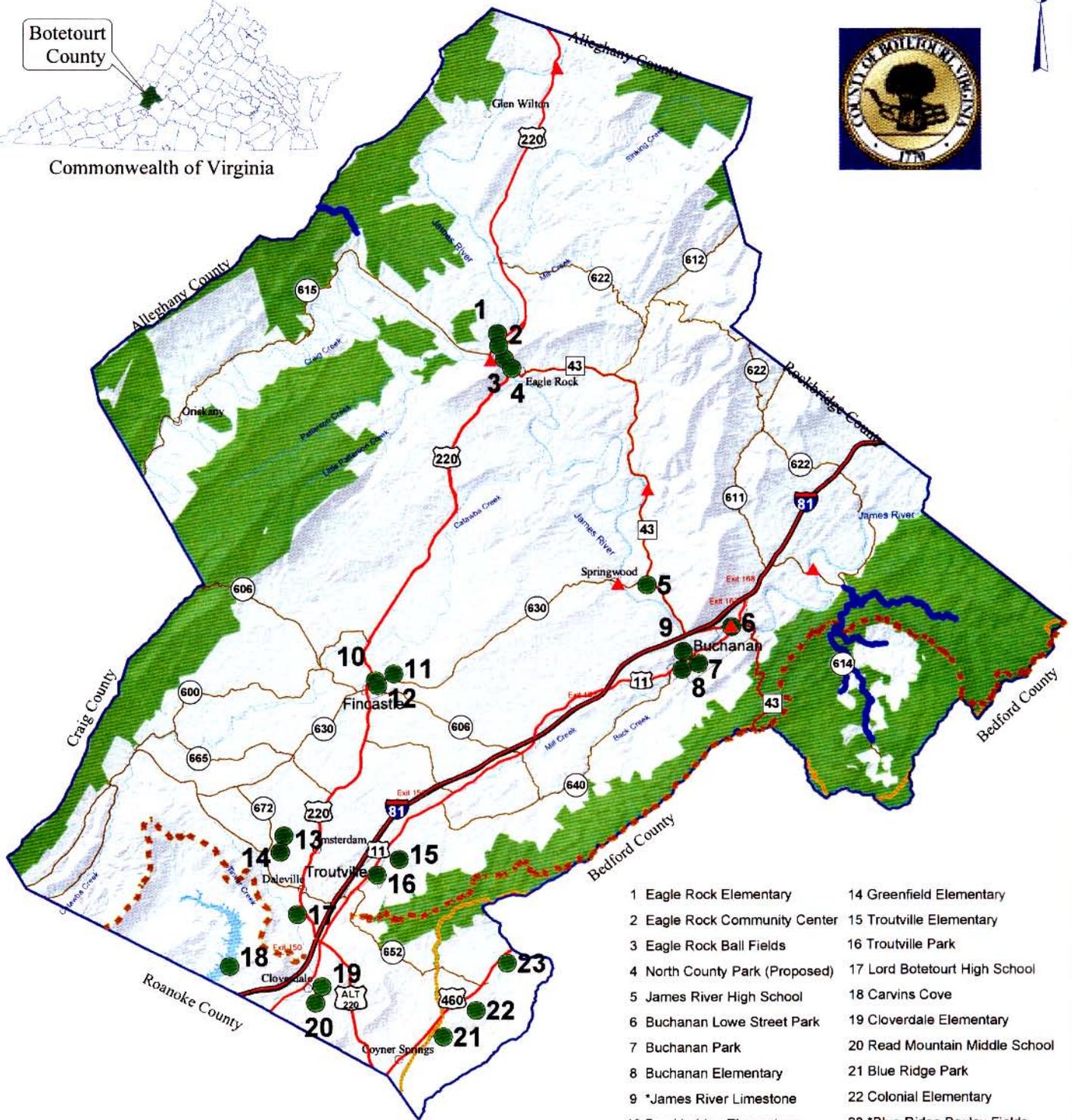
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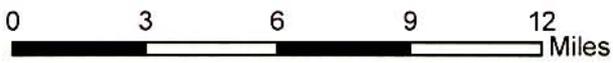


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| 1 Eagle Rock Elementary | 14 Greenfield Elementary |
| 2 Eagle Rock Community Center | 15 Troutville Elementary |
| 3 Eagle Rock Ball Fields | 16 Troutville Park |
| 4 North County Park (Proposed) | 17 Lord Botetourt High School |
| 5 James River High School | 18 Carvins Cove |
| 6 Buchanan Lowe Street Park | 19 Cloverdale Elementary |
| 7 Buchanan Park | 20 Read Mountain Middle School |
| 8 Buchanan Elementary | 21 Blue Ridge Park |
| 9 *James River Limestone | 22 Colonial Elementary |
| 10 Breckinridge Elementary | 23 *Blue Ridge Boxley Fields |
| 11 Central Academy Middle School | Federal Lands |
| 12 Fincastle Community Center | Public Boat Landings |
| 13 Greenfield Park | Stocked Trout Streams |
| Botetourt Sports Complex | Appalachian Trail |
| Cherry Blossom Trail | |
| * Indicates Private Facility | |



Outdoor Recreation in Botetourt County

The Blue Ridge Mountains offer a vast number of hiking, walking, and mountain bike trails for all ages and levels of outdoor enthusiasts.

In Botetourt County, the two most prominent mountain ranges in the eastern United States meet at Buchanan. Here, the Allegheny and Blue Ridge Mountains are separated by the James River, which winds between these magnificent mountains en-route to the Atlantic Ocean.

These mountains, their streams, and the James River offer nearly every kind of outdoor pursuit, including: hunting, fishing, hiking, picnicking, bird watching, wildflower pilgrimages, caving, climbing, canoeing, swimming, biking, and horseback riding.

National Forests

The George Washington and Jefferson National Forests have over 70,000 acres in three ranger districts in Botetourt County. The National Forests make up 22 percent of the County's land area.

The Jefferson National Forest is the predominant of the two National Forests in the County. The Glenwood Ranger District oversees National Forest land in the northeastern part of the County, while the New Castle Ranger District manages the National Forest in the southern and western parts of the County. The James River Ranger District manages the George Washington National Forest in the northern part of the County.

The U.S. Forest Service maintains four major recreation areas in Botetourt County: Craig Creek Recreation Area, Middle Creek Picnic Area, North Creek Campground, and Roaring Run Furnace and Picnic Area. Craig Creek Recreation Area near Oriskany offers picnicking, primitive camping, space for trailers and horses, a loop trail, and access to Craig Creek. Middle Creek Picnic Area located near Arcadia has a large picnic area with shelters, a pavilion, and restroom facilities. North Creek Campground (three miles from Arcadia) includes 15 camping units with parking, picnic tables, tent pads, and fireplaces. Water and restroom facilities are available. Roaring Run Furnace and Picnic Area is located eight miles northwest of Eagle Rock and includes 15 picnic units and restroom facilities. Attractions include the Roaring Run Iron Furnace, a pre-Civil War iron ore furnace, Roaring Run Falls, the Iron Ore National Recreational Trail, and trout fishing.

The U.S. Forest Service also manages and maintains several trails that provide hiking, equestrian, and off-road opportunities for residents and tourists. The Patterson Mountain 15-mile off-road vehicle trail offers opportunities for all-terrain vehicles and dirt-bike enthusiasts. Primitive camping is permitted along the trail.

Blue Ridge Parkway

The Blue Ridge Parkway winds its way along Botetourt County's eastern boundary. Some 35 miles of this Country's longest national park (470 miles) provide scenic vistas, overlooks, picnicking, and hiking trails in the Blue Ridge Mountains. It is accessible at U.S. 460 in Blue Ridge, by Route 43 east of Buchanan, and via Route 618, a state-maintained gravel road that connects with the Parkway at Powell's Gap near the Peaks of Otter.

Appalachian Trail

The Country's premier hiking trail passes through Botetourt on its way from Georgia to Maine. The Appalachian Trail enters southwestern Botetourt on Tinker Mountain, then crosses the valley in Daleville, before heading into the Blue Ridge Mountains on its northeastern route.

The Appalachian Trail has several access points in Botetourt. One of the most popular is from U.S. 220 at Interstate 81. The Trail crosses several County roads in the Troutville area before going into the Jefferson National Forest on Mountain Pass Road. The Trail then runs the ridge tops along the County's eastern border as it continues northeast, paralleling and crisscrossing the Blue Ridge Parkway.

There are a number of other hiking trails in the County as well. Many intersect the Appalachian Trail, while some are loop trails in the national forests. Trail guides are available from all three National Forest ranger district offices.

Fishing and Boating

The Jackson and Cowpasture Rivers converge in northern Botetourt County to form the James River. These headwaters, called the Upper James, provide some of the finest canoeing and freshwater fishing available in Virginia. A 16-mile stretch of the James River between Eagle Rock and Springwood has been designated a Virginia Scenic River.

The James River is renowned for its smallmouth bass fishing and the 45-mile stretch that winds its way through Botetourt is becoming one of the most popular muskie sections of water in the state. The river also offers excellent catfish, bream, and rock bass fishing.

Canoeists and those in small flat-bottom boats will find easy access at six Department of Game and Inland Fisheries public boat ramps along the river. Public parking areas are available. The boat ramps are located: beside the U.S. 220 bridge over the river just south of Iron Gate at Route 633; at the mouth of Craig Creek off U.S. 220; on Route 43 between Eagle Rock and Buchanan in the Horseshoe Bend area; under the Route 630 bridge at Springwood; on Lowe Street just north of the U.S. 11 bridge in Buchanan; and beside the Route 614 bridge at Arcadia, east of Buchanan. There are other points that are accessible to the public, such as Ox Bow Campground on Route 43 west of Buchanan, and off U.S. 43 just north of Eagle Rock.

Craig Creek, which starts in neighboring Montgomery County, provides its own recreational opportunities. There are many private camps and cabins on the creek. Most of the year it can be canoed and fished but there are no designated public access points.

Several trout streams in the Jefferson and George Washington National Forests provide excellent rainbow, brook, and brown trout fishing. Jennings Creek, McFalls Creek, North Creek, and Middle Creek in the northeastern part of the County are stocked each spring, along with Roaring Run in the northern part of the County. Sections of North Creek and Roaring Run are special regulation streams. Native trout inhabit other mountain streams.

Carvin's Cove Reservoir is owned by the City of Roanoke and serves as a water source for 160,000 area residents. The 13,000-acre watershed also offers a fee-based public boat access and limited recreational opportunities for residents of the region. Fishing and boats with small engines are allowed and boat rentals are available. Carvin's Cove is regulated by a series of policies set forth by Roanoke City to protect water quality.

Hunting

Botetourt County provides hunters with some of the best opportunities for deer, wild turkey, and bear hunting, in addition to small game.

Botetourt County has a liberal two-week general firearms deer season, which starts the third Monday in November; however, bow hunters and black powder primitive arms hunters have even more opportunities. Fall turkey season begins in early November and runs through the end of December and a spring gobbler season covers parts of April and May. Bear hunters find the County's remote national forests prime habitat for black bears. Squirrel, rabbit, quail, and grouse hunters have consistent success because of the thousands of acres of national forest and private land that are available.

The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries sets all fishing and hunting seasons and bag limits. A National Forest stamp is also required to hunt or fish on National Forest land. All private land requires owner permission to hunt or fish.

Horseback Riding

The U.S. Forest Service maintains the 65-mile Glenwood Horse Trail that extends from Natural Bridge Station to Montvale. There are a series of trailheads dispersed along the trail, which offer parking and entry to the Trail. The U.S. Forest Service also maintains the Bearwallow Gap Horse Trail located near Buchanan. Local equestrian clubs include the Daleville Horse and Pony Club, the Botetourt County Horseman's Association, and the Buchanan Horse and Pony Club.

Biking

The most scenic and challenging bike route in Botetourt is along the Blue Ridge Parkway. Bicycling is allowed and encouraged on the Parkway.

Bikers of all levels find the Bicentennial Bike-76 route through Botetourt County enjoyable. It enters the County from Rockbridge County to the north, and passes through Buchanan, Troutville, and Daleville, and then into the Catawba Valley along Route 779 to Roanoke County as it continues south.

Camping

There are two public campgrounds in the Jefferson National Forest. One is located at Roaring Run in the New Castle Ranger District, and the other on North Creek near Arcadia in the Glenwood Ranger District. Primitive camping is also allowed at the Craig Creek Recreation Area outside of Oriskany.

There are two privately operated campgrounds as well. Middle Creek Campground, Inc. on Route 618 northeast of Buchanan has trailer, tent, and primitive sites, as well as swimming, fishing, picnicking, and other activities. Ox Bow Farm on Route 43 west of Buchanan has tent and primitive sites on the James River.

Golf Courses

Golf courses in Botetourt Country include the Botetourt Country Club located on Country Club Road, west of Fincastle, and Ashley Plantation located on Greenfield Street, north of Daleville. Botetourt Country Club offers an 18-hole golf course, swimming pool, tennis courts, and a full-service snack bar. Ashley Plantation offers a 27-hole golf course, swimming pool, tennis courts, and a full-service snack bar.

Private Recreation Clubs

Botetourt Athletic Club offers group exercise classes, gymnasium, indoor track, exercise / weight equipment, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, cycle and aerobic studios, childcare, snack bar, and training and rehabilitation services. Limestone Park owned by Ministry of Mill Creek Baptist Church offers a swimming pool, limited athletic fields, picnic facilities, and tennis lessons for all ages. Read Mountain Swim Club offers an Olympic-size pool, swim teams, swimming lessons, and picnic facilities.

Chapter 3

Financing Parks and Recreation

Recreation needs must be considered within existing financial constraints of the limited local funding that is available. Botetourt County should look toward programs that will provide funds on a matching basis to maximize the amount of facilities per local dollar expended on a project. Funds are available from state, federal, and various foundations that can be utilized for recreation facilities and programming. However, consideration of these potential sources of assistance must be cognizant of varying fund-matching requirements, monitoring activities, and compliance stipulations associated with these programs. Other possible options for additional recreation development are cooperative efforts with the U.S. Forest Service, Blue Ridge Parkway, and Appalachian Trail. The County should also partner with local businesses to contribute funds, materials, or labor toward the development and maintenance of recreation facilities.

Local Funding Program

Local recreation program funding in Botetourt County has been accomplished through two efforts: (1) the Capital Improvements Incentive Fund, and (2) the County's Five-Year Capital Improvement Planning process.

Capital Improvements Incentive Fund

The Botetourt County Capital Improvements Incentive Fund has made major improvements to County-owned recreation facilities since its creation with the County's FY 1998-99 budget for the Parks and Recreation Department. The Fund provides an opportunity for citizens, booster clubs, civic organizations, and local businesses to apply for 50-50 matching funds not to exceed \$10,000 per application from the County to make capital improvements to County-owned parks and recreation facilities. The successful Capital Improvements Incentive Fund's nine-year project history, and its application process, are more fully described in the following summary.

Projects Funded, 1998-99

- Constructed dugouts at James River High School.
- Installed irrigation system on the soccer field at Blue Ridge Park.
- Installed two batting cages at Boxley Fields and Blue Ridge Park.
- Installed irrigation on the football and practice field at Lord Botetourt High School.
- Improved and expanded the concession area at the Buchanan Elementary School.

Incentive Funds:	\$ 40,000.00
Total Projects' Cost:	\$ 95,740.00

- Playground equipment, outdoor basketball courts, and site work performed at Greenfield Elementary School.
- Installed practice field and softball field irrigation at James River High School.
- Press box, storage, restrooms, and concession at Read Mountain Middle School.

Incentive Funds: \$ 50,000.00
 Total Projects' Cost: \$130,224.10

Projects Funded for 2002 – 2003

- Large field press box at Blue Ridge Park.
- Doubled the size of press box at Lord Botetourt football stadium.
- Batting cages, covers for dugouts, storage building, and playground equipment at Troutville Elementary School.
- Irrigation and well for baseball field and storage for football practice field at Lord Botetourt High School.
- Batting cages and concrete dugout floors at Greenfield Elementary School.
- Paved walking track, irrigation and covers for dugouts for tee-ball fields at Cloverdale Elementary School.
- Covers and concrete floors for dugouts at Buchanan Elementary School.

Incentive Funds: \$ 50,000.00
 Total Projects' Cost: \$130,452.00

Projects Funded for 2003-2004

- Irrigation at football / soccer field at Read Mountain Middle School.
- Scoreboard and batting cage repair at Breckinridge Elementary School.
- Concrete floors in dugouts, basketball goals, and batting cage lights at Greenfield Elementary School.
- Paved walking track at Troutville Elementary School.
- Bleachers for football / soccer stadium and baseball field at James River High School.
- Playground equipment and batting cage fencing at Blue Ridge Park.
- Fencing and lights for batting cages at Buchanan Elementary School.
- New steps for football stadium at Lord Botetourt High School.

Incentive Funds: \$ 57,791.38
Total Projects' Cost: \$123,582.75

Projects Funded for 2004-2005

- Press box and restrooms for softball field at James River High School.
- Picnic pavilion, storage, and restrooms at Cloverdale Elementary School.
- Bench and permanent waste receptacle holders at Troutville Elementary School.
- New larger building to house irrigation controls and football equipment storage at Lord Botetourt High School.
- Walking track at Colonial Elementary School.

Incentive Funds: \$ 35,739.50
Total Projects' Cost: \$ 82,221.00

Projects Funded for 2005-2006

- Playground equipment for Botetourt Sports Complex.
- Siding for concession stand, concrete pad for concession stand, replacement of dugout covers, and waste receptacles at Blue Ridge Park.
- Siding for concession stand and waste receptacles at Boxley Fields.
- Built deck onto concession stand, fencing around dugouts, and concrete pads for bleachers at Greenfield Elementary School.
- Replaced covers on dugouts, added concrete pads, concrete picnic tables, and retaining wall for picnic pavilion at Cloverdale Elementary School.
- Irrigation system for football/soccer field at Read Mountain Middle School.
- Concrete floors for dugouts and fencing for small tee-ball field at Buchanan Elementary School.

Incentive Funds: \$ 44,827.00
Total Projects' Cost: \$ 90,224.21

Projects Funded for 2006-2007

- Playground equipment for Botetourt Sports Complex.

- Weight room equipment for James River High School.
- Batting cage nets, new bleachers and concrete pads at Lord Botetourt High School baseball field.
- New playground equipment at Breckinridge Elementary School.
- Public address system, safety netting, countertops, and storage for press boxes at Blue Ridge Park.
- Concrete steps, player benches, and score tables at Cloverdale Park ball fields.

Incentive Funds Committed: \$ 50,000.00

Total Projects' Cost: \$101,553.00

Summary of spent and committed Incentive Program Funding 1998 – 2007:

Total Incentive Funds	\$420,221.84
Anticipated Total Projects' Cost	\$993,400.39

Capital Improvements Incentive Fund Program Application and Regulations

The purpose of the Capital Improvements Incentive Fund is to provide matching funds to non-profit community service groups, individuals, or corporations wishing to make capital improvements to County-owned parks and recreation facilities.

Application Process

Applicants complete and submit an original application with eight copies to the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department in October. Applications received after October 31st will not be considered. Applications for improvements on School Board property must include appropriate written approvals by the School Board. Applications for improvements on County property must include appropriate written approvals from the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department.

General Policies and Program Eligibility

1. Proposed projects must be located on public-owned property and be consistent with the master plan of the proposed site.
2. Projects submitted for County-owned or leased property, or, for school property must benefit the general public or those programs sanctioned by the Botetourt County Parks and Recreation Department.
3. Matching fund grants are subject to all Botetourt County procurement policies and building and zoning requirements.
4. Projects must be a fixed capital addition or improvement and cannot include personal or team type equipment, consumable items, or maintenance of existing facilities.
5. Individuals or organizations may submit more than one request per year, but requests must be prioritized.
6. No organization may submit an application on a previously approved project that is still under construction.

Project Selection Criteria

1. Projects that correct and/or improve safety and security of a field or facility.
2. Projects that reduce maintenance and/or operating costs.
3. Projects that add, enhance, or expand a needed service.
4. Projects that serve the greatest number of people and benefit an entire community or (organized) athletic group as opposed to a limited user group.
5. Financial status of the applicant group (i.e., matching share must be on hand and committed for the project.) Quantified donated materials and services up to twenty-five percent of the project will be considered.
6. Feasibility of the schedule and completion dates of the project and the past project

performance of the requesting organization.

7. Projects on Botetourt County property will receive priority consideration.

Examples of Projects

1. Facility renovations.
2. Field fencing and lighting.
3. Trail construction.
4. Field renovations.
5. Basketball or tennis court renovations.
6. Playgrounds, renovations, and enhancements.

Selection Process

1. Applications will be taken through October 31st each year.
2. The applications will be reviewed in November. During this period, the selection committee may ask applicants to provide additional information and/or clarifications to assist the committee in the selection process.

Selection Committee

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission serves as the selection committee with advice from the Director of Parks and Recreation Department. The Commission will make its selections based on the merits of the individual project as they relate to the project selection criteria. Projects will be approved in December and forwarded to the Director of Parks and Recreation Department for processing. Projects not selected may be re-submitted during the next funding cycle.

Project Administration

1. Each organization is responsible for the overall planning, management, and construction of their approved project, including obtaining all appropriate building-related permits. Projects must be scheduled so as not to impact activities and/or facility programming.
2. An organization receiving a grant shall appoint a representative to serve as the project coordinator, who shall have full authority to act on behalf of the organization.
3. The Botetourt County Parks and Recreation Department will provide technical assistance and help with the coordination of all projects. Upon completion, each project must be inspected and approved by the Botetourt County Parks and Recreation Department.
4. Cost overruns, delays, and incomplete projects are the responsibility of the

requesting organization. Projects must be completed within 18 months from award date. Any delays must be reported to the Parks and Recreation Director as soon as noted, with suggested corrective action.

Botetourt County procurement procedures must be followed for all projects funded through the Capital Improvements Incentive Fund Program.

Funding Availability

Total Capital Improvements Incentive Program funds are determined annually during the County's budget development process. Fifty percent matching funds for a project are available through the Capital Improvements Incentive Program, but awards shall not exceed \$10,000.

Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan Process

The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission utilize the Botetourt County Capital Improvements Plan as a second tool for planning recreation and cultural expenditures in a timely manner. The Capital Improvement Plan covers a five-year period and is tied to the County's annual budget.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission may submit a potential list of recreation projects to the Board of Supervisors annually for its consideration during the budget process. These possible projects are considered by the Board as a component of the total capital improvement planning process involving the total needs of the County. Recreation projects are funded on a competitive basis in the context of this total need.

The Parks, Recreation, and Culture portion of the 2008 - 2012 Botetourt County Capital Improvements Plan is presented on the following page.

BOTETOURT COUNTY 2008 - 2012 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Department: Parks, Recreation, Cultural

#	Capital Project Description	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	Total
1	Buchanan Park	\$ 60,000	\$ 35,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 95,000
2	Incentive Fund	\$ 60,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 340,000
3	Greenfield Preservation Activities	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 200,000
4	Greenfield Recreation Park	\$ 100,000	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 450,000
5	North County Park	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000
6	LBHS Baseball Restrooms / Concessions	\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80,000
7	JRHS Baseball Restrooms / Concessions	\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80,000
8	RMMS Football / Soccer Field	\$ -	\$ 65,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65,000
9	Blue Ridge Park	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
	TOTAL COST - Parks, Recreation, Cultural	\$ 380,000	\$ 420,000	\$ 220,000	\$ 170,000	\$ 1,220,000	\$ 2,410,000

#	EXPLANATION / JUSTIFICATION
1	Completion of current construction activities (2007-08) .Skate Board Park (2008-09).
2	Grant to provide matching funds for community based park improvement projects.
3	Historic preservation,planning and initial work (2008-09).Design and construction of historic area at Greenfield (2009-11).
4	Restrooms/Concession to serve 4 soccer fields and Sports Complex (2007-08). Lights for 2 soccer fields and irrigation for 4 soccer fields (2008-2009). Tennis courts (2011-2012).
5	Construction of additional recreation facilities based on need, following construction of new library branch.
6	Restrooms/Concession/Press Box for baseball field.
7	Restrooms/Concession/Press Box for baseball field.
8	Construction of a football/soccer field behind middle school.
9	Construction of Community Center.

Chapter 4

Objectives for Botetourt County Recreation Development

Objective 1

The existing recreation program in Botetourt County is closely associated with the school system. Any expansion of park and recreation facilities should be carefully coordinated with future school infrastructure development to minimize school construction impact on recreation facilities. The County should determine the appropriate level of investment of County funds into properties owned by the school system.

Objective 2

The Parks and Recreation Department should continue, and perhaps expand, its cooperative efforts with other agencies, including the school system, to meet the growing demand for recreation facilities and programming. Other resources that should be explored are working with the Greenfield Education and Training Center, increased usage of local libraries for classes, and working with the U.S. Forest Service and the Blue Ridge Parkway to provide additional outdoor activities. Consideration should also be given to private sector recreation providers that can assist the County in meeting its recreation needs.

Objective 3

The Parks and Recreation Department staff, with input from area booster clubs, should strengthen design guidelines for recreation sites. By involving County residents in the planning process, these individuals gain a greater sense of ownership in recreation facilities. As citizens come to recognize recreation sites as “their” facilities, the potential for vandalism and abuse may be curtailed.

Objective 4

The County should continue to work with booster clubs and neighboring localities to recruit additional youth and adult league coaches and officials. Lack of an adequate number of coaches and officials continues to present an obstacle to meeting the recreation needs of the County. The County should strive to attain adequate staff in order to provide for growing interest and demands for recreation in the future.

Objective 5

Each recreation site in the County should be evaluated for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. Each recreation site should be made ADA compliant, consistent with a comprehensive strategy and available budget funds.

Objective 6

The County should work toward completion of the regional recreation park facilities at Blue Ridge, Buchanan, Greenfield, and North County. The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors identified the completion and utilization of these regional recreation facilities as a priority during recreation facility work sessions held in 2003 and 2004. These facilities will provide the additional resources needed to accommodate the ever-increasing demand for recreational opportunities in the County.

Objective 7

The County should work with the school system and local community colleges to expand the range of adult and youth recreation courses that are offered. Existing programs offered by the Parks and Recreation Department have been successful and are in high demand. This demand is expected to increase as the population of the County continues to grow. The Parks and Recreation Department should maintain data on program demand through regular contact with schools, booster clubs, and civic organizations, through citizen surveys.

Objective 8

The County should work with booster clubs to maintain and improve existing recreation facilities, and it should continue to utilize the Incentive Fund Program to make these improvements where appropriate. Consideration should be given to increasing the amount of funds budgeted for the Incentive Fund Program. As applicable, the County should remain aware, and take advantage of, available grant programs to enhance and improve recreation facilities.

Objective 9

The County should maximize the availability of the Botetourt Sports Complex when scheduling games for youth and adult recreation sport leagues. The Complex should also be offered for regular season and tournament play for Botetourt County school teams.