

VIRGINIA STATE BUDGET

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Department of Conservation and Recreation

Item 362	First Year - FY2009	Second Year - FY2010
Leisure and Recreation Services (50400)	\$48,962,884	\$49,212,884
	4	\$55,236,726
Preservation of Open Space Lands (50401)	\$4,667,340	\$4,667,340 \$10,142,340
Financial Assistance for Recreational Development (50402)	\$7,100,991	\$7,100,991
Design and Construction of Outdoor Recreational Facilities (50403)	\$1,149,721	\$1,149,721
State Park Management and Operations (50404)	\$35,281,402	\$35,531,402 \$36,080,244
Natural Outdoor Recreational and Open Space Resource Research, Planning, and Technical Assistance (50406)	\$763,430	\$763,430
Fund Sources:		
General	\$27,081,030	\$27,331,030 \$25,831,030
Special	\$14,538,719	\$14,538,719 \$14,587,561
Debt Service	\$20,733	\$20,733 \$95,733
Dedicated Special Revenue	\$300,000	\$300,000 \$7,700,000
Federal Trust	\$7,022,402	\$7,022,402

Authority: Title 10.1, Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 4.1, and 17; Title 18.2, Chapters 1 and 5; Title 19.2, Chapters 1, 5, and 7, Code of Virginia.

A.1. Out of the amount for Financial Assistance for Recreational Development shall be paid for the operation and maintenance of Breaks Interstate Park, an amount not to exceed \$213,750 the first year and \$213,750 the second year from the general fund.

2. The Breaks Interstate Park Commission shall submit an annual audit of a fiscal and compliance nature of its accounts and transactions to the Auditor of Public Accounts, the Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation, and the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget.

3. *The Breaks Interstate Park Commission shall, following the modernization of the Breaks Interstate Park electrical system, enter into negotiations to transfer control of the electrical system serving the park to a local regional electric utility.*

B. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 10.1-202, Code of Virginia, amounts deposited to the Conservation and

Resources Fund may be used for a program of in-state travel advertising. Such travel advertising shall feature Virginia State Parks and the localities or regions in which the parks are located. To the extent possible the Department shall enter into cooperative advertising agreements with the Virginia Tourism Authority and local entities to maximize the effectiveness of expenditures for advertising. The Department is further authorized to enter into a cooperative advertising agreement with the Virginia Association of Broadcasters.

C. Included in the amount for Preservation of Open-Space Lands is \$2,050,000 the first year and ~~\$2,050,000~~ \$1,947,500 the second year from the general fund for the operating expenses of the Virginia Outdoors Foundation (Title 10.1, Chapter 18, Code of Virginia).

D.1. Included in the amount for Preservation of Open Space Lands is \$2,000,000 the first year and ~~\$2,000,000 the second year~~ from the general fund to be deposited into the Virginia Land Conservation Fund, § 10.1-1020, Code of Virginia.

2. *The Governor shall provide \$2,000,000 the second year for this item from funds received by the Commonwealth from the flexible fund component of the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund authorized under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.*

E. Out of the amounts collected pursuant to Item 443 of this act, on or before June 30, 2009, and June 30, 2010, the Comptroller shall transfer all funds in excess of \$6,000,000 collected in each fiscal year to the Virginia Land Conservation Fund to be distributed pursuant to § 10.1-1020, Code of Virginia, for the preservation of open-space lands. There is hereby established a sum sufficient appropriation in the Department of Conservation and Recreation, not to exceed the amount of funds in excess of \$6,000,000 per year collected pursuant to Item 443.

F. The Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation, at his discretion, is authorized to accept on behalf of the Commonwealth a gift of property known as Grand Caverns Park from the Upper Valley Regional Park Authority. This property is to be developed into a state park and the existing facilities are to be demolished or upgraded to the Division of State Parks' standards when a source of funding has been identified for these purposes. The Director is authorized to make the necessary upgrades to the park facilities to meet Division of State Parks' standards, as funding is available.

G. The Department of Conservation and Recreation shall report to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees by September 1, 2008, the steps it has taken to secure the transfer of the property known as Grand Caverns Park from the Upper Valley Regional Park Authority and what activities it has taken to demolish any substandard structures on the property or to enhance the number of visitors to the Grand Caverns.