

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 28, 2002
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Needham S. Cheely, III, Director of Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network Grant

The National Park Service Chesapeake Bay Program Office has awarded James City County's Division of Parks and Recreation a \$26,100 Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network Grant.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of the 50/50 matching grant is to assist with the cost of site improvements and interpretive materials for the Powhatan Creek Park and Blueway. The site was accepted into the Gateways Network Program in January due to the significance that the creek and watershed have to the Chesapeake Bay. The grant work will include surfacing the walkway to the creek, installing a boat launch area, construction of observation platforms with interpretive signage, new park signage, and the publication of a blueway map. Funds awarded will be matched with monies from the Greenways and Trails account for the project that has an estimated cost of \$53,000.

When the project is complete, the County will be reimbursed \$26,100 from the Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the attached resolution to accept the Chesapeake Bay Gateways \$26,100 grant for the Powhatan Creek Park and Blueway and to appropriate the funds as described above.

Needham S. Cheely, III

CONCUR:

Anthony Conyers, Jr.

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Attachment