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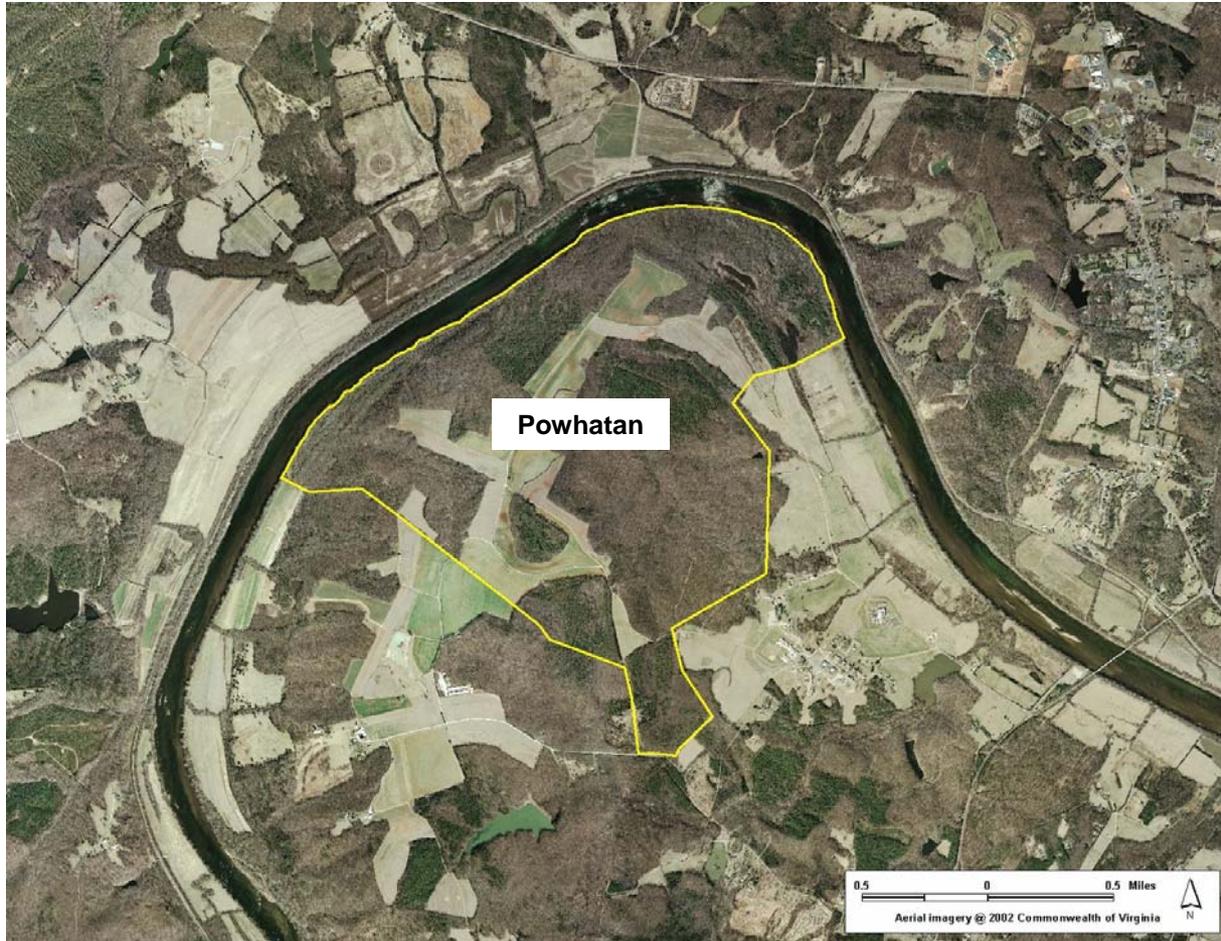
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Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation

- * State Parks * Soil and Water Conservation * Natural Heritage**
- * Outdoor Recreation Planning * Land Conservation**
- * Dam Safety and Floodplain Management**
- * Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance**



Powhatan State Park on the Historic James



Powhatan State Park

- Appropriations Act in 2003 directed transfer from Beaumont Juvenile Correction Center
- 1,563 acres along the James River
- Transfer complete; Master planning process being finalized
- Proposed as day-use until nearby road intersection improvements can be made
- Powhatan Board of Supervisors voted to support funding of park development and road improvements in January 2007



Costs for Phase 1 Development

- \$12 M for Phase 1 development
(infrastructure, site work and day-use)
- Phase 1 includes:
 - Interior park access roads (2.3 miles)
 - Utilities
 - Picnic areas
 - Boat launches
 - Multi-use trails
 - Equestrian day-use facilities
 - Canoe-in campsites
 - Contact station, park office, ranger residences



Projected Costs for Related Intersection and Road Improvements

- DCR completed an analysis of alternative access routes into the park.
- Concluded existing Old River Trail (Rt. 617) is best option because of significant security concerns, site restrictions and higher costs
- 1st time DCR has supported funding for road improvements not located within a park
- \$5.2 M (DCR planning estimates) includes:
 - Improvements to Rt. 522 and Rt. 617 interchange (turn lanes, right-of-way, utility relocation)
 - Re-paving and minor shoulder improvements of Rt. 617
 - A&E costs, permitting fees, reviews, etc.
 - Approximately 1.8 miles from Route 522 to Park entrance

State Parks Maintenance Reserve Needs

2006 Agency Plan contains approx. \$12.5 M in currently unfunded identified needs

\$2.2 M Existing Cabin Repairs

- Claytor Lake, Douthat, Fairystone, First Landing, Pocahontas, Staunton River and Westmoreland

\$500,000 Major Roof Repairs

- Chippokes, False Cape, Holliday Lake, New River Trail (Campground) and Occoneechee

\$510,000 Restroom and Bathhouse Renovations

- Claytor Lake, Douthat, and Holliday Lake

\$1.5 M Repairs to Piers, Fencing, and Trails

- Chippokes, False Cape, Lake Anna, New River Trail, and Pocahontas

Maintenance Reserve Needs (continued)

\$2.2 M Building HVAC and Repairs

- Bear Creek Lake, Caledon, Claytor Lake, Douthat, First Landing, Pocahontas, Sky Meadows, Smith Mountain Lake, Southwest Virginia Museum, Staunton River Battlefield, and Twin Lakes

\$475,000 Lake Dredging and Additional Dam Repairs

- Claytor Lake, Douthat, Pocahontas

\$510,000 Restroom and Bathhouse Repairs/Renovations

- Claytor Lake, Douthat, and Holliday Lake



Maintenance Reserve Needs (continued)

\$2.9 M Road and Parking Lot Repairs

- Douthat, False Cape, First Landing, Grayson Highlands, Holiday Lake, Kiptopeke, Lake Anna, Mason Neck, Occoneechee, Pocahontas, Smith Mountain Lake, Staunton River Battlefield, Twin Lakes, Westmoreland, and York River

\$795,000 Utility Repair Projects

- Bear Creek, Claytor Lake, False Cape, Kiptopeke, Pocahontas, Twin Lakes, Westmoreland

\$110,000 Park Staff Housing Repairs

- Bear Creek Lake, Claytor Lake, False Cape, and Pocahontas

