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January 16, 2015

Mayor Joe A. Smith
North Little Rock City Council
300 Main Street
North Little Rock AR 72119

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

To give you an update, the land conversion for Burns Park and Big Rock Quarry is final and was approved by the National Park Service. The Parks and Recreation Commission is considering final transfer of the property to the City and acceptance of the quarry property as part of our park inventory at the January 20, 2015 commission meeting.

Robert Voyles is currently working on the rezoning of the Burns Park property to C-3. It is anticipated that the Planning Commission and City Council will review and make the zoning change in February 2015.

Todd Larson with Economic Development, is currently working on a Request for Proposals to solicit a lodge theme hotel on at least 15 of the 73 acres. It is anticipated that the Request for Proposals will be completed and out for advertising within the next 60 days.

We are excited and looking forward to this development and the benefits it will bring to the many users of Burns Park.

Sincerely,

Bob Rhoads, CPRP
Director of Parks and Recreation

cc: Robert Voyles
Todd Larson

Attachments

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Outdoor Recreation Grants

Mr. John Beneke
Director
Outdoor Recreation Grants Program
Department of Parks and Tourism
One Capitol Mall
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Mr. Beneke:

This is to inform you of the approval for Amendment No. 1 to Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) project 05-00012, Burns Park. This amendment converts the 73.5 acres of Burns Park and replaces it with 52.5 acres of new park land adjacent to Burns Park. The new area is to be called Big Rock Quarry Park.

Any questions you have related to this conversion may be directed to me at 402-661-1558.

Sincerely,

Roger A. Knowlton
Outdoor Recreation Planner

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

STATE Arkansas

Project Amendment No. 1

AMENDMENT TO PROJECT AGREEMENT

THIS AMENDMENT To Project Agreement No. 05-00012 is hereby made and agreed upon by the United States of America, acting through the Director of the National Park Service and by the State of Arkansas pursuant to the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Stat. 897 (1964).

The State and the United States, in mutual consideration of the promises made herein and in the agreement of which this is an amendment, do promise as follows:

That the above mentioned agreement is amended by adding the following:

Remove 73.5 +/- acres at Burns Park in North Little Rock, Arkansas, Arkansas, and add 52.5 +/- acres to the new Big Rock Quarry Park in North Little Rock, Arkansas. Added property is contiguous with Burns Park and Emerald Park and will serve continued development of the Arkansas River Trail. The remainder of Burns Park will remain in outdoor recreation.

In all other respects the agreement of which this is an amendment, and the plans and specifications relevant thereto, shall remain in full force and effect. In witness thereof the parties hereto have executed this amendment as of the date entered below.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

STATE

By [Signature]
(Signature)

Arkansas
(State)

Chief Recreation Grants Division
(Title)

By [Signature]
(Signature)

National Park Service
United States Department of the Interior

John Beneke
(Name)

Date 10/27/2014

Alternate State Liason Officer
(Title)

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