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Green Ridge Announces Funding for Three New Parks in Cumberland County

Cumberland County, VA – Green Ridge Recycling and Disposal Facility, LLC (Green Ridge), announced today it will be donating \$250,000 to Cumberland County to be used to develop new parks in the county. One new park will be located in the northern end of the county, one in the southern end of the county and one in the central part of the county that will include athletic fields. The parks may include amenities such a playground, walking trails and exercise stations. The design and specific components of each park will be determined by the County.

"We remain committed to supporting the community and believe that providing additional green spaces and recreational facilities for residents to enjoy the outdoors will make Cumberland an even better place to live and raise a family," said Jerry Cifor, Manager of Green Ridge.

The announcement regarding the donation to help build three parks is the latest in a series of donations that Green Ridge has made to the county. In 2019, Green Ridge donated more than \$4,000 to buy new band uniforms for the high school. That same year, Green Ridge paid \$400,000 to the county as an advance on host fees from the proposed landfill to help the county close a funding gap in their budget. In December of 2020, Green Ridge announced its donation of \$60,000 for scholarships to help Cumberland County High School seniors continue their education beyond high school. Once the Green Ridge project opens, it plans to continue to make donations to the scholarship fund.

"We are grateful for this latest contribution from Green Ridge and excited about what this means for our county," said Eurika Tyree, Vice-Chair of the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors. "This will allow county residents to have dedicated spaces to relax and enjoy the outdoors."

"The COVID situation has caused difficult times for Cumberland County. Self-imposed quarantine and limited school hours have had a negative impact on our citizens, adults and children alike. Most of the county lacks recreational facilities for people to venture outside and safely get some exercise. This generous donation from Green Ridge will make it possible for us to construct walking tracks, exercise circuits, playgrounds, and soccer fields across our county. This commitment will provide all Cumberland citizens the access to facilities to enjoy and to foster a healthier lifestyle," said Brian Stanley, Chairman of the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors.

Green Ridge is expected to generate \$74 million in host fees for the county over the 30-year life of the project. In addition the host fees, Green Ridge has also committed \$25,000 every year for recreational programs and \$25,000 every year for an environmental science program at the high school. These annual contributions are guaranteed throughout the anticipated 30-year life of the project.

"This is exactly the shot in the arm that the County Recreation Department needed," said Travis Gilliam, Recreation Director for the Cumberland County Recreation Department. "We strive to provide county

residents opportunities to enjoy the outdoors through our programs and facilities. The addition of three parks will allow for more outdoor activities for residents."

The Green Ridge project has been approved by the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors and is now awaiting permitting approval from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Residents wishing to voice their support for the Green Ridge project are encouraged to email DEQ at GreenRidgeLandfill@DEQ.Virginia.gov.

To learn more about the Green Ridge Recycling and Disposal Facility, visit GreenRidgeVA.com.

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