



November 29, 2017

Mr. Bill Hunt  
President  
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**Re: Shawnee Park Redevelopment Approval**

Dear Bill:

This letter is a follow-up and confirmation of our recent telephone conversation regarding approval of the Kanawha County Commission's redevelopment plans for their LWCF-assisted, Shawnee Park in Dunbar WV, for replacement of the existing golf course with a new soccer complex.

National Park Service administrative requirements for Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)-assisted park sites do not call for the maintenance of obsolete facilities beyond their functional life. Following extensive public review of the redevelopment plans for Shawnee Park, as documented by attorney Jordan Herrick for the Kanawha County Park & Recreation Commission, the County Commission determined that while not physically obsolescent, the existing golf course had become functionally obsolescent with respect to current recreational needs and tastes of the county's general population. Additionally, site assessment of the property by WVSU and the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection determined no hazardous impacts from the proposed redevelopment. These evaluations besides our own assessment of the proposed change from one active, outdoor recreational use to another active, outdoor recreational use of the site, while still retaining its open, grade-level character, enabled our office to concur with the county's team assessment of only betterments accruing from the proposed park redevelopment.

We look forward to the successful completion of the county's new plans for this locally important public outdoor recreational facility. Please feel free to contact our office for any additional information or clarifications on this matter at 304.558.2234 or my email address, [john.r.mcgarrity@wv.gov](mailto:john.r.mcgarrity@wv.gov).

Sincerely,

  
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