**RCRFA Accomplishments in 2019**

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| **Date** | **Category** | **Accomplishment** |
| 11/8/18 | Admin | Updated pavilion rental form to all two rental periods per day |
| 1/13 | Admin | Adopted Rappahannock County Park Master Plan document |
| Feb 2019 | Admin | Participated in the Center for Nonprofit Excellence (CNE) “Pathway to a Healthier Organization" program organized by the PATH Resource Center. |
| 2/14 | Admin | Adopted RCRFA Environmental Stewardship Strategies document |
| 3/14 | Admin | Adopted RCRFA Educational Outreach Strategies document |
| February | Admin | Participated in Casey Foundation Organizational Assessment |
| 4/11 | Admin | Adopted Dark Sky Protocol (Policy 100) |
| 4/11 | Admin | Adopted Procurement Policy (Policy 110) |
| May-June | Admin | RCRFA board member attended training sessions at the PATH Center for Nonprofit Excellence on Volunteerism, Working with Local Governments, Piedmont Philanthropy Report, and Non-Profit Goal Setting. |
| 6/13 | Admin | Adopted General Park Regulations (Policy 001) |
| 7/11 | Admin | Updated pavilion rental form to refer to General Park Regulations policy. |
| 2018/2019 | Funding | Obtained PATH Make it Happen “Play in the Park” Grant for $23,900. |
| 3/4 | Funding | Applied for $12,750 PATH grant for feasibility study for future Accessible Pedestrian Path. Grant application was denied 5/20. |
| 4/13 | Funding | Held 41st annual Fodderstack 10 K Classic Race. Raised $11,283 net. |
| 4/22 | Funding | Obtained $12,000 budget item from County for Accessible Parking Project. Note: Applied in 2018 for $25,000 PATH “Make it Happen” grant for accessible parking spaces and walkway. Grant was denied in mid-2018. |
| 6/9 | Funding | Obtained $500 “Let’s Volunteer” grant from PATH for Bluebell River Trail |
| 6/13 | Funding | Obtained $1000 “30-in-30 grant” from Keep Virginia Beautiful for shrubs and plants for the new rectangular pollinator garden |
| 7/26 | Funding | Obtained $20,000 grant from the Krebser Fund for Phase 1 of the Park’s Beautification Project |
| July-Sept | Funding | Received $2,000 in donations toward tennis court benches and plaques |
| Fall 2019 | Funding | Rappahannock County Park Foundation obtains 501(c)(3) status. Obtained $1,100 grant from Lykes Foundation for pickle ball at the Park. |
| 2/21 | Events | Obtained a Silver Tier Dark Sky Park designation from the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) |
| May-Sept | Events | Held four dark sky events at the Park (5/4, 6/15, 8/3, 9/28) |
| 6/8 | Events | Held Free Fishing Day, Rush River Conservation Day. Stocked Rush River with brook trout. |
| 10/7 | Events | RCHS Environ. Science Class Invasive Education with ORMN’s Mike Wenger |
| 10/20 | Events | 2nd annual Conservation Day planned but canceled due to weather |
| All 2019 | Events | Various organizations held potlucks, picnics and plant/nature walks, including Earth Sangha, SNP, Rappahannock Seniors, Ladies Lunch Bunch, Rapp@Home. |
| 1/28—5/1 | Maintenance | RSW Jail Workforce cleared invasive trees, shrubs and vines around park perimeter. 35 trailer loads to recycling center. |
| All 2019 | Maintenance | Purchased equipment to help with plantings and park maintenance: wheelbarrow, steel spade, 200 ft hose with carrier reel, |
| May-June | Maintenance | Restored/repainted 3 metal trash cans for tennis courts, basketball court |
| May-Oct | Maintenance | RSW Jail Workforce mows grass weekly |
| 10/28 - now | Maintenance | RSW Jail Workforce continued to clear invasive trees, shrubs and vines in forested areas. 5 trailer loads to recycling center (so far). |
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| 7/2018 - now | Maintenance | Woodchips spread on trails, cleared plots and around playground equipment. Thank you, Wayne Woodward, for the many truckloads! |
| Nov ‘18 – thru 2019 | Maintenance | Monthly work days with volunteers from ORMN, MG, Garden Club, RCRFA, community: 3/9 (PATH Let’s Volunteer Day), 4/6, 7/27, 8/24, 10/5, 11/9 |
| 10/29/18 | Projects | Installed shuffleboard court |
| 11/16/18 | Projects | Planted octagonal pollinator garden. Thank you, John Cappialli, for the load of topsoil. Thank you, RappFLOW, for the pollinator sign. |
| 11/26/18 | Projects | Installed cornhole court |
| 12/26/18 | Projects | Installed parking lot barrier chain to protect septic field |
| 5/1 | Projects | Installed two benches between shuffleboard and cornhole courts |
| 5/1 | Projects | Installed display case at pavilion |
| 5/19 | Projects | Resurfaced tennis courts; installed new nets |
| 5/25 | Projects | Installed park benches at tennis court, added memorial plaques |
| 5/25 | Projects | Installed NO TRESPASSING signs on Park fence |
| 6/4 | Projects | Installed street number address signs as Park entrance |
| 6/5 | Projects | Installed frisbee golf baskets |
| 6/6 | Projects | Installed accessible picnic table near tennis courts |
| 7/19 | Projects | Replaced steps to tennis court. Thank you, Eagle Scout Dom Del Grosso. |
| 8/13 | Projects | Contracted with Monroe and Crocker to develop Site Master Plan for the Park and suggested planting schedules for Plots D and E. |
| 9/9 | Projects | Replaced tennis court backboards |
| 10/5 | Projects | Prepared and planted rectangular pollinator garden. Thank you, John Cappialli, for the two loads of topsoil. |
| 10/9 | Projects | Installed dedication plaques on tennis court benches |
| Oct. 2019 | Projects | Ordered 50 bluebell plants for planting in spring 2020 (Bluebell River Trail) |
| 11/4 – 11/5 | Projects | Planted 14 trees in VDOT right of way |
| 11/8 | Projects | Constructed accessible parking spaces and walkway |
| Nov. 2019 | Projects | Design approved to replace fencing near basketball court. Thank you Eagle Scout Ben Giles. |
| 12/7 | Projects | Installed IDA Dark Sky Park sign at Park entrance. Thank you to RLEP for gifting the sign to the Park. |
| 12/12 | Projects | Selected one of four defined four project basis options for providing ADA-compliant restrooms. (construction Nov. 2020 – Mar. 2021) |
| 12/12 | Projects | Approved purchase of six blue bird boxes and poles for installation around the edge of the urban forest (to install by end February) |
| 6/20/18 | Publicity | Park Facebook page launched |
| 11/27/18 | Publicity | Met with neighbors to update them on planned improvements and obtain their inputs. |
| Jan. 2019 | Publicity | Launched Park website at https://Rappahannock county park.weebly.com |
| All 2019 | Publicity | Published articles in local papers about Park improvements and events |
| All 2019 | Collaboration | Collaborated with: PEC, RLEP, RappFLOW, ORMN, North American Butterfly Assn. (NABA), CSWCD, VDOF, VDEQ, SCBI, Trout Unlimited, Orvis, VDGIF, Rapp Garden Club, Friends of the Rappahannock etc. |
| Fall 2019 | Collaboration | Rappahannock County Park Foundation received 501(c)(3) designation. |
| Dec. 2019 | Collaboration | Coordinating Volunteer Water Quality Testing with ORMN, Friends of the Rappahannock, and Chesapeake Monitoring Cooperative to address the results FOR’s Rappahannock Watershed Report Card on the Rush River. |