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September 9, 2014

Marty Garity, Director Bureau of Legislative Research Arkansas State Capitol, Suite 315 Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Ms. Garity:

Arkansas State Parks (ASP) has identified priority land acquisitions, easements and use permit agreements at the following locations:

- Logoly State Park: A landowner adjacent to the park has offered to donate two wooded tracts totaling 12.9 acres to ASP. The only costs associated with this acquisition would be approximately \$1,000.00 for an appraisal and title commitment policy.
- Pinnacle Mountain State Park: A 247 acre tract along the Little Maumelle River, and adjacent to the southeast boundary of the park has been offered to ASP before being marketed to the public. Based on comparable large tract home sales and adjustments for acreage, the property was appraised for \$4.45 million. The owners are willing to sell the property for \$1 million. The Nature Conservancy (TNC) has offered to purchase the property and finance the sale to ASP over a mutually agreed period (2-5 years, similar to TNC's acquisition of Cossatot River State Park-Natural Area from Weyerhauser Corporation). Acquisition of this property would prevent private residential development, includes an additional 3.59 miles of shoreline along the Little Maumelle River, will further the park's mission of preserving open space and riparian habitats in the state's largest metropolitan area, and provide expanded recreation and environmental education opportunities for students and visitors alike.
- Petit Jean State Park: A wooded five acre tract adjacent to the park superintendent's residence is currently on the market for \$35,000.00. Acquisition of this parcel would provide a buffer, prevent private residential development in close proximity to staff housing, and preserve wildlife habitat.

These acquisitions will protect and preserve natural resources, wildlife habitats and provide additional recreational and educational opportunities for park visitors. The following pages give greater detail regarding each acquisition and include maps for reference.

In accordance with ACA 22-4-106, I am respectfully requesting the Arkansas Legislative Council's favorable advice to complete these property acquisitions. If your staff or you have any questions or need further information, please call me at 682-2535, or Greg Butts at 682-7743. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Richard W. Davies Executive Director

#### Enclosures

Cc: Greg Butts

Randy Roberson

Jeff King

Mitchell Johnson

#### Logoly State Park - Proposed Acquisition

# **Property Description:**

A part of the Northeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 17, Township 16 South, Range 20 West, Columbia County, Arkansas, containing 8.7 acres, more or less.

A part of the Southeast ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 19, Township 16 South, Range 20 West, Columbia County, Arkansas, containing 4.2 acres, more or less.

#### Purpose:

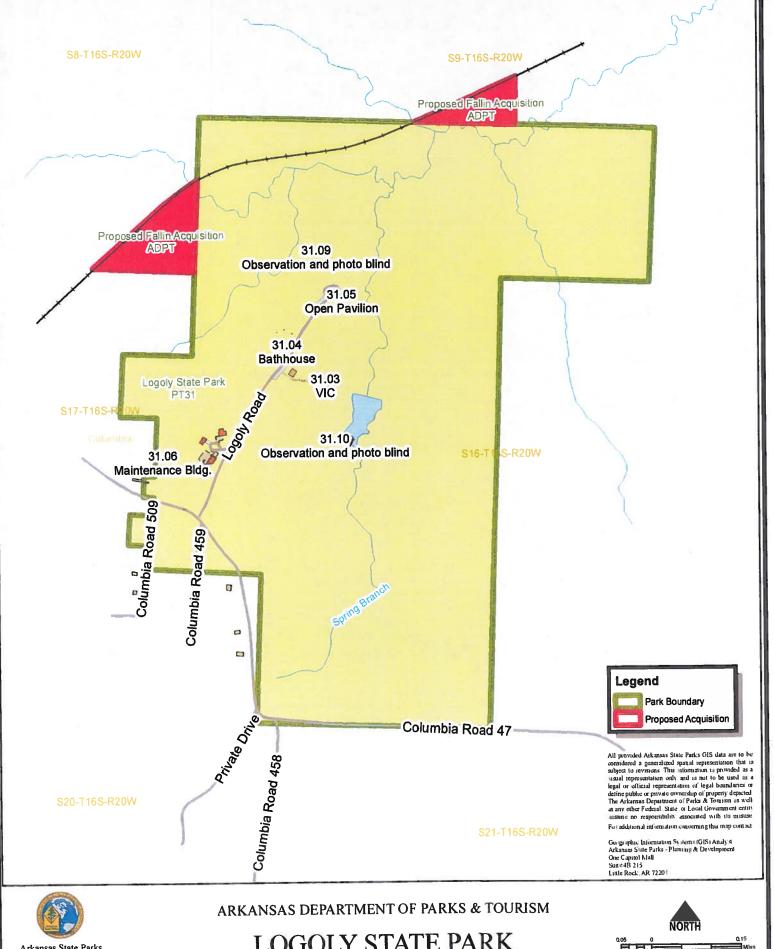
To add more wooded natural acreage to a park dedicated to environmental education, preserving the natural habitat of southwest Arkansas, and interpreting the native plants and animal species in the park.

#### **Estimated cost:**

The owner of this property is willing to donate it to Arkansas State Parks.

#### **Location Map:**

See Attachment.

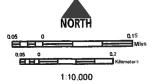




Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

# LOGOLY STATE PARK

COLUMBIA COUNTY, ARKANSAS



# Pinnacle Mountain State Park - Proposed Acquisition

#### **Property description:**

A part of the South ½ of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 14 West; and a part of the Northwest ¼ of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 14 West; and a part of the East ½ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 11, Township 2 North, Range 14 West; and a part of the Northeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 14, Township 2 North, Range 14 west; all lying in Pulaski County, Arkansas, containing 247 acres, more or less.

#### Purpose:

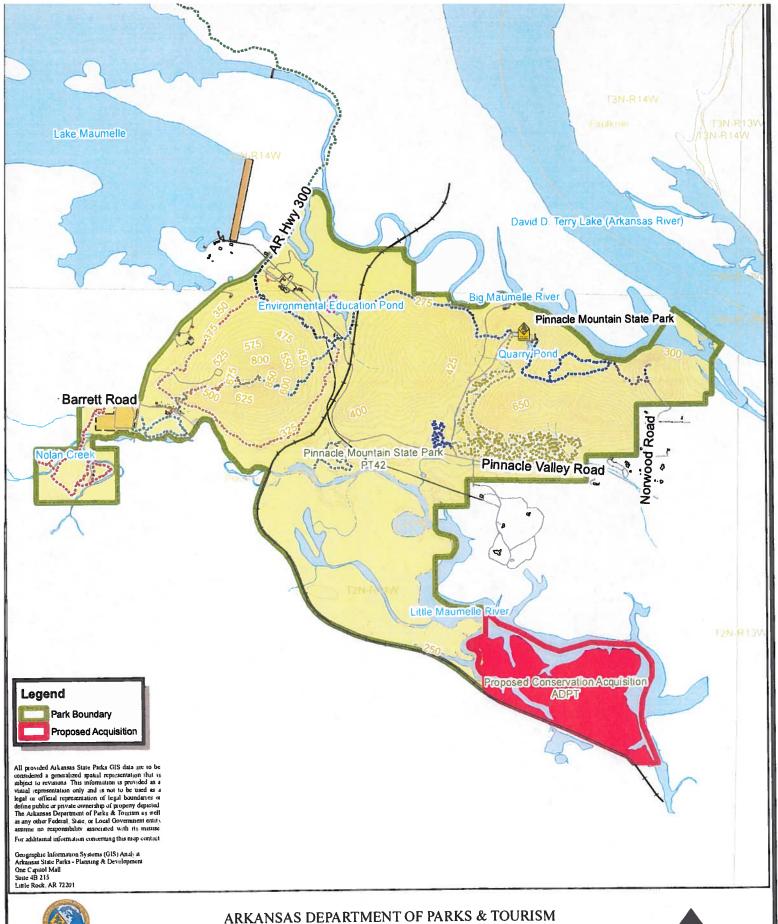
To prevent private development, to preserve open space and riparian habitat in an urban area, and provide recreational and educational opportunities within the state's largest urban area.

### **Estimated Cost:**

\$1,000,000.00 to be paid in installments over the next two to five years.

## **Location Maps:**

See Attachment.

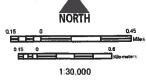




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# PINNACLE MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

PULASKI COUNTY, ARKANSAS





## Petit Jean State Park - Proposed Acquisition

#### **Property Description:**

The East ½ of the Southwest ¼ of the Northwest ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 33, Township 6 North, Range 18 west, Conway County, Arkansas, containing 5 acres more or less.

#### Purpose:

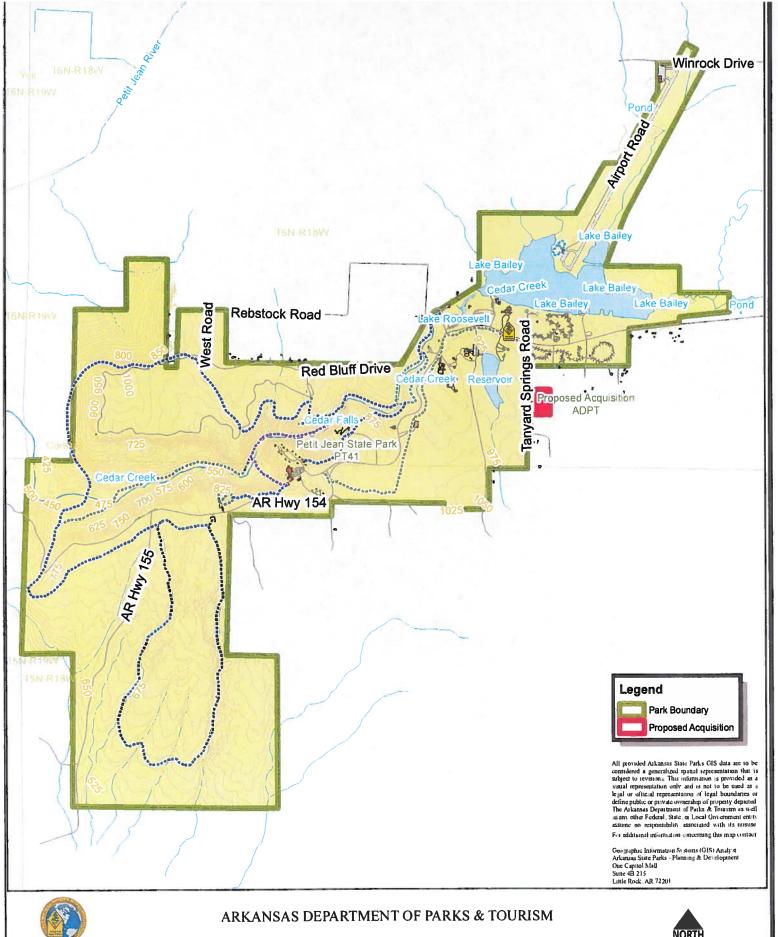
To prevent private residential development, and provide a buffer for existing staff housing.

#### **Estimated cost:**

The property is currently listed for \$35,000.00.

#### Location Map:

See Attachment.





# PETIT JEAN STATE PARK

CONWAY COUNTY, ARKANSAS

