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Senator Henry Wilkins, IV, Co-Chair
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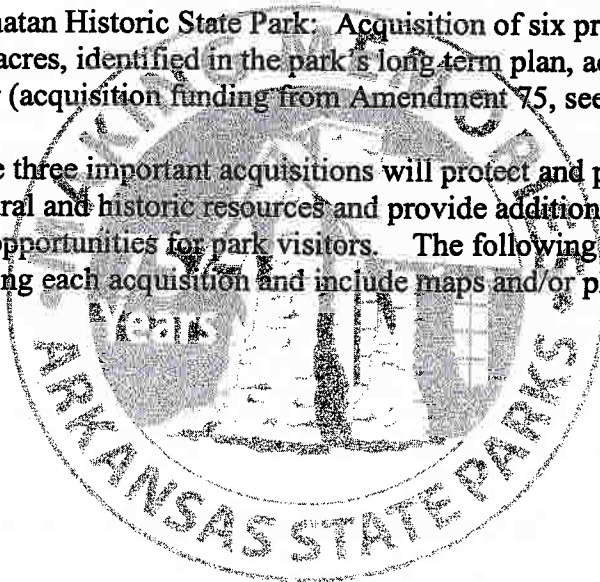
Dear Senator Wilkins and Representative Sullivan:

The Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism is respectfully requesting your favorable advice regarding the following priority acquisitions:

Jacksonport State Park: Acquisition of two lots comprising .33 acres, located directly adjacent to the site of the new visitor center that is under design and will be constructed in FY 10-11 (acquisition funding from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council, see Attachment A). An additional proposed acquisition entails three lots comprising .50 acres for the Collection Management Facility which is also in the design phase (acquisition funding from Amendment 75, see Attachment B).

Powhatan Historic State Park: Acquisition of six priority lots totaling .517 acres, identified in the park's long term plan, adjacent to the Black River (acquisition funding from Amendment 75, see Attachment C).

These three important acquisitions will protect and preserve the parks' natural, cultural and historic resources and provide additional recreational and educational opportunities for park visitors. The following pages give greater detail regarding each acquisition and include maps and/or photographs for reference.



In accordance with ACA 22-4-106, I am respectfully requesting your favorable advice to complete these property acquisitions. If 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard W. Davies", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Richard W. Davies
Executive Director

Enclosures

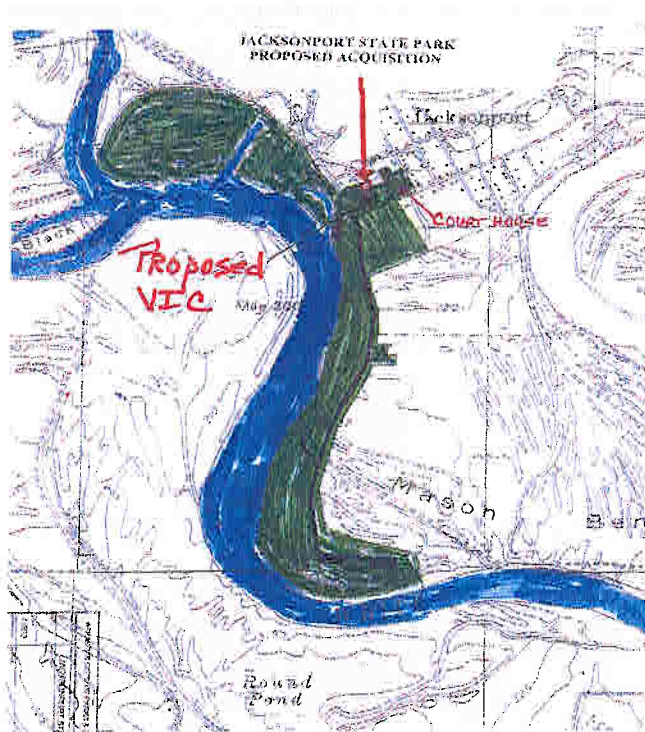
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ACQUISITION WORKSHEET #1

Property to be acquired: (Jacksonport State Park)

- A. Number of acres/items to be acquired: Acquisition of one tract of land totaling two lots approximately .33 acres adjacent to Jacksonport State Park in Jackson County , Arkansas.
- B. Estimated price per acre: \$ 121,212.00
- C. Total estimated price: \$ 40,000.00
- D. Describe the method used to estimate the total price: The total price for this acquisition has been estimated by adding the estimated cost of the appraisal, the land, the structure and any closing costs. All of these estimated costs were calculated by using the costs incurred from recent property acquisitions conducted by this agency in this area.
- E. Give a general description of the property to be acquired and its proposed use: This project will provide money for the acquisition of one tract of land totaling approximately .33 acres adjacent to the West boundary of the park behind the Visitor Center (See Attachment 1-B – map/photo).
- F. If Arkansas State Parks is unable to acquire this property, the planned construction for the new Visitor Center will be within close proximity of the park boundary thus reducing a desired buffer.

ATTACHMENT A – Jacksonport State Park (map & photo)



ATTACHMENT B

ACQUISITION WORKSHEET #2

Property to be acquired: (Jacksonport State Park)

- B. Number of acres/items to be acquired: Acquisition of one tract of land totaling three lots approximately .50 acres adjacent to Jacksonport State Park in Jackson County , Arkansas.
- B. Estimated price per acre: \$ 8,000.00
- C. Total estimated price: \$ 4,000.00
- G. Describe the method used to estimate the total price: The total price for this acquisition has been estimated by adding the estimated cost of the appraisal, the land, the structure and any closing costs. All of these estimated costs were calculated by using the costs incurred from recent property acquisitions conducted by this agency in this area.
- H. Give a general description of the property to be acquired and its proposed use: This project will provide money for the acquisition of one tract of land totaling approximately .50 acres adjacent to the North boundary of the park behind the Jacksonport Fire Department (See Attachment 2-B – map/photo).
- I. If Arkansas State Parks is unable to acquire this property, the planned construction for the new Collection Maintenance Facility will be relocated to an undesirable site within the park boundary.

ATTACHMENT B- Jacksonport State Park (map & photo)



ATTACHMENT C

ACQUISITION WORKSHEET #3

Property to be acquired – Powhatan Historic State Park

- A. Number of acres/items to be acquired: Acquisition of one tract of land totaling 6 lots in Block 1 approximately .517 acres adjacent to Powhatan Historic State park in Lawrence County, Arkansas.
- B. Estimated price per acre: \$ 89,000.00
- C. Total estimated price: \$ 46,000.00
- D. Describe the method used to estimate the total price: The total price for this acquisition has been estimated by adding the estimated cost of the appraisal, the land, and any closing costs. All of these estimated costs were calculated by using the costs incurred from recent property acquisitions conducted by this agency in this area.
- E. Give a general description of the property to be acquired and its proposed use:
This project will provide money for the acquisition of one tract of land totaling approximately .517 acres of land and a structure adjacent to the West, North and South boundaries of the park. This acquisition will secure a priority inholding within the park boundary (see Attachment 3-B – map/photo).
- F. If Arkansas State Parks is unable to acquire this property, Powhatan will continue to have two major inholdings within the park boundary. This tract of land will allow better control and maintenance of the riverfront and park.

ATTACHMENT C - Powhatan Historic State Park (map & photo)

