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# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

## NATURE COUNCIL

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter, this "MOU") is entered into this 31st day of December, 2024 (the "Effective Date"), by and among BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND (the "County"), and Lake Roland Nature Council, Inc. (the "NC"), a non-profit Section 501(c)(3) organization created to support the county's efforts.

WHEREAS, the County is the owner, or lessee, of a parcel of land commonly known as Lake Roland Park (the "Park"), including all structures and buildings in the Park (the "Facility") that is located at 1000 Lakeside Drive, Baltimore, MD 21210 in the south central section of Baltimore County, Maryland and situated in the Second Council District of Baltimore County (the "Property").

WHEREAS, the NC and the County have had a longstanding relationship in which the NC has supported and promoted the Park, and the parties would like to memorialize that relationship as more particularly set forth in this MOU.

WHEREAS, the NC has worked with the Staff of the Park, the Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks, and Baltimore County government entities historically to support, promote, and develop nature interpretation and conservation programs, capital projects and repair projects primarily at the Park, as well as providing significant hours of volunteer assistance and investment into the Park.

WHEREAS, BCRP and the NC recognize that it may be in the best interest of the community that BCRP work with Nature Councils in coordinating the planning and provision of recreational and nature facilities and recreational and nature programs when basic functions are compatible, and a public benefit may be derived. Through working relationships, each party can contribute to greater public service without relinquishing their separate, unique identities or responsibilities. To this end, BCRP may seek to establish a working relationship and cooperative agreement with each of the Nature Councils throughout the County.

This MOU is intended to define the working relationship, mutual expectations, and individual responsibilities of each Party.

## ARTICLE 1. PURPOSE

The Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks (hereinafter "BCRP" or "Department") recognizes that Nature Councils may seek to support the Department and/or advocate for the Facility, with appropriate approval and/or through specified procedures, policies and processes, in the following (but not limited to) capacities:

A. Providing youth enrichment, outdoor recreation and nature-based programs/education, arts,

fitness and wellness programs, performing arts, community events, historical research, environmental stewardship, archeological activities and nature-based summer camps, or as more particularly described on Addendum A attached hereto (the "Addendum").

B. Providing volunteer work to assist with trails, signage, programs or spaces in the Facility under county guidance/approval; see Addendum for Pre-approved projects/activities

C. Advocating the Department's publicly posted mission, vision and values statements located on departmental website.

D. Donating supplies, enhancements and/or equipment to the County, for the use in connection with the Facility or Park, if approved by the County consistent with County Code § 30-2-101.

## ARTICLE II. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE NATURE COUNCIL

The NC must comply with the following terms and expectations:

A. The NC must maintain 501(c)(3) status and remain in good standing with the State of Maryland.

B. The NC is not permitted to use a county government address for its principal office or mailing address with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation. The NC must identify a non-county government address and telephone number for these purposes. The County encourages a separate P.O. box for NC business. The NC is permitted to use an address at the Facility for business purposes such as grant applications, tax and insurance requirements, vehicle registrations, programs and events, and other non-public documents relevant to the NC. The NC will do this via a locked drop box at the Nature Center. BCRP staff will not have access to the lock box. The approved locked drop box will help to facilitate the NC's and public's ability to leave items for the NC. The County will not be responsible for forwarding any mail sent to the Facility. The NC acknowledges and agrees that the County is not responsible or liable for any harm or damage caused to the County by NC's use of a County mailing address at the Facility, and the NC shall indemnify and hold harmless the County with respect to any such use..

C. NC business documents may be securely stored at a county owned site subject to the conditions of the Department's policy entitled "Storage and Placement of Equipment, Tools, Materials, and Supplies", as amended from time to time (the "Storage Policy").

D. The NC must provide for its own leadership, organizational and operational structure. This includes but is not limited to the hiring, staffing, training, managing, evaluating and fiscal oversight of instructors, employees, and administrative staff of the NC. This applies to both volunteers and salaried or paid personnel. Administrative processes for NC-hired instructor positions (including, but not limited to, taxes, insurance, etc.) are the responsibility of the NC or the instructor. The NC shall provide training and/or certifications for its volunteers and paid staff as required by law and/or outlined under this MOU. The NC shall fully cooperate with the County's efforts to ensure that any registered volunteer who interacts with children in any program or event passes a background records check, as required by Section 30-3-102 of the Baltimore County

Code (2015), as amended (the "Code").

E. The NC must carry appropriate insurance where applicable (as more fully described in Article V).

F. Revenues and donations ("Funds") collected by the NC shall be spent to carry out the mission, purpose and objectives of the NC, as set forth in the NC's Bylaws, including but not limited to NC directed activities, programs, events and projects.

G. The NC may not make improvements to County parks and recreation facilities without prior express written permission and continuing oversight by the County (including any pre-approved projects and activities set forth on the Addendum attached hereto), which shall not be unreasonably withheld. The NC shall comply with all County processes, including permitting, construction, inspection, and building code requirements. Any proposed improvements approved by the County must be in accordance with the Recreation and Parks System Master Plan and any applicable individual park master plan. See Addendum of pre-approved projects/activities.

H. In the event the NC wishes to undertake a repair that is emergency in nature, the request must be approved by the Director or their designee, who will make a good faith effort to respond in a timely manner. See Addendum for pre-approved projects and activities.

I. Procurement processes followed by the NC shall comply with applicable law.

J. NC's volunteers may assist with maintenance of County parks and facilities, if approved in advance in writing by the County, see Addendum of pre-approved projects/activities.

K. The NC may raise funds to support its activities. However, County staff may not facilitate the solicitation and collection of requested donations on behalf of the NC except as indicated in approved programs or events due to ethics code 7-1-305.1(e) which outlines donations and solicitations. Subject to Department policy, which may be amended from time to time at the Department's discretion, donations may be collected via the drop box located at the Nature Center, provided the box contains a clear and conspicuous sign stating that any donated funds will solely benefit the NC and that this is not a solicitation by Baltimore County government.

L. The NC shall request facility access for programs, events and activities in CivicRec (or any future registration system) during appropriate timeframes to ensure needed dates are secured. Should the space already be reserved; the request may not be accommodated.

M. The NC shall comply with the BCRP's operational procedures and policies, which are available on the County's website and may be amended from time to time.

N. The NC shall comply with the BCRP Code of Conduct Policy, which is available on the County's website and may be amended from time to time.

O. The NC shall adhere to its Bylaws at all times and shall submit its Bylaws to the Baltimore County Board of Recreation and Parks (the "Board") for review by the Board as reasonably requested by the Board.

P. The NC shall be subject to financial review by the Board at least biennially and as may reasonably requested by the Board from time to time.

Q. The NC must request approval, in advance, for any improvements at the park or facility by submitting a Park and Facility Improvement Project Request form for individual projects or a series of projects and must follow the appropriate policy. BCRP shall approve or provide reason for denial of the Park and Facility Improvement Project Request form submission within 30 days of the submission of the form by the NC to BCRP. If the complexity or nature of the Park and Facility Improvement submission requires a greater duration of time than 30 days for final approval, such time will be afforded to BCRP by the NC.

## ARTICLE III. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNTY

A. BCRP will provide maintenance of County owned parks, facilities and amenities; provided, however, the Department may engage and utilize volunteers and may engage the NC to provide certain maintenance, as approved in advance in writing by the BCRP See Addendum for pre-approved maintenance activities and/or pursuant to a separate maintenance agreement in accordance with the County's procurement policies and procedures. When feasible, BCRP will make reasonable efforts to consult with the NC regarding certain maintenance activities or environmental projects.

B. BCRP shall provide timely updates to NC on all capital projects scheduled in the Park or Facility. In the County's discretion, such updates may be delivered in a meeting at which the Baltimore County Chief of Capital Planning and Development, or other appropriate official, may be present. Or through other notification methods determined by the Department.

C. BCRP Leadership will utilize good faith efforts to schedule with the NC an annual meeting; and may schedule such other meetings as the County, in its sole discretion, finds advisable. Site Staff will maintain appropriate meeting levels with NC's.

## ARTICLE IV. REQUIRED PROCEDURES

A. Events and Programming: Nature Councils must follow established Departmental permitting processes for their events and programs. For any partnered event, a separate agreement specific to the event may be required.

B. Registrations: The NC maintains responsibility for registration, evaluation, funding for their own programs and for the collection of the fees associated with their registration. The fees associated with these programs are the sole property of the NC. The NC may assist BCRP with soliciting of volunteers for Department events/programs at the Department's discretion.

C. Storage & Utilization of Equipment:

   a. Storage by the NC of NC-owned equipment including, but not limited to trail, maintenance and gardening equipment, may, at the County's discretion, be

permitted upon provision of a written inventory to the County. An inventory of equipment valued at $250 or more shall be provided on an annual basis by January 1, at a minimum; with updates provided whenever an individual piece of new equipment valued in excess of $10,000 or group of equipment with combined value in excess of $10,000 is requested to be stored in accordance with the Storage Policy.

b. Utilization of equipment, tools, and motorized vehicles is permitted in line with Department policies. Equipment and tools may be used by volunteers who have satisfied the requirements of the Volunteer Equipment and Tool Use Agreement. Volunteers are eligible to utilize the equipment listed on the agreement upon meeting the requirements specified in the agreement to include contact information, proof of insurance, completion of equipment specific training, and acknowledgement of the agreement.

c. Storage of equipment, tools, and motorized vehicles is permitted in line with the Storage Policy. Nature Council owned equipment and tools may be stored or placed at Recreation and Parks sites. This includes recreation equipment, motorized and electric power tools, utility vehicles, tractors, machinery, IT equipment, and all such equipment that is stored at the Park as of the date of execution of this MOU. Site Managers must approve the storage of this equipment, the equipment storage agreement must be completed for each item, and an inventory of this equipment must be maintained by completing the Non-County Equipment Inventory. Nature Council owned equipment stored at Recreation and Parks sites may be used by Recreation and Parks staff upon meeting the requirements specified in the Storage Policy to include contact information, completion of equipment specific training, and acknowledgement of the Storage Policy.

D. Park Projects: (Please see Addendum for Pre-Approved Projects)

a. The NC must fill out and submit a Park and Facility Project form and follow the associated policy. BCRP has the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to grant or deny approval. However, approval will not be reasonably withheld by BCRP. Additionally, other County Departments may have a review responsibility as well and their approval may need to be sought. Please see Addendum for Pre-Approved Projects. The NC understands that any donation of a park improvement may also be subject to approval by the County Administrative Officer and the County Council.

b. For park projects requiring hand tools and limited disturbance, the Nature Council must provide the Community Park and Facility Request Form. Please see Addendum for Pre-Approved Projects.

c. For construction projects requiring heavy machinery the Nature Council must provide the Community Park and Facility Request Form and a completed Equipment Use Agreement. Please see Addendum for Pre-Approved Projects.

d. For construction projects requiring permits the Nature Council must provide the Community Park and Facility Request Form and a completed Equipment Use Agreement and work closely with park staff to ensure all permitting requirements are met.

E. Programming:

a. NC programs or events may be created, marketed, staffed, budgeted, implemented and evaluated at the direction of the NC staff and/or volunteers. Programs must go through appropriate approval process determined by BCRP. BCRP staff will ensure the space is open, secure, clean and safe for the permitted NC program or activity. Approval will not be unreasonably withheld.

b. If a program or event is jointly created, marketed, staffed, budgeted, implemented and evaluated under direction from both BCRP staff and the NC staff and/or volunteers, revenue and cost may, upon such terms that are mutually agreeable to BCRP and the NC, be shared, as may be responsibilities in creation, implementation and evaluation.

c. NC may provide print and digital marketing of BCRP or NC's programs, events or activities on NC's social media, website or newsletter platforms.

d. Additional permissions may be required such as Lease of Space for the following programs or events:
   i. Dog Parks
   ii. Community Gardens
   iii. Large Events

F. Use of Logos or Department Likeness:

a. Any use of the Baltimore County seal or the BCRP logo must be per Departmental policy and have prior written consent of the Director or designee.

b. The NC must represent itself as an independent organization, and not County staff or a County entity.

c. Any NC-operated website or social media platform **must contain the word "Council" in the site and page name and title**, and must contain a disclaimer stating that it is not an official Baltimore County site.

## ARTICLE V. INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION

The County will indemnify and defend all NC volunteers, operating within the scope of their duties, in lawsuits filed against the volunteer that, if filed against a County employee, would be governed by the Local Government Tort Claims Act. That said, however, under the current policy, the County would ***not*** represent a Recreation or Nature Council as an entity.

While the County is not requiring the NC to obtain any specific insurance policy, the NC is encouraged to procure and maintain general liability insurance, D&O insurance and any other policy the NC deems necessary or advisable to protect its interests.

Definition of Volunteer:

"Volunteer" means a director, officer, program or activity chairperson, or other person who provides services or performs duties on behalf of the NC certified by the Board.

This does ***not*** include employees or individuals who receive financial compensation from the NC.

**Additional Limitations:**

- No coverage for Council owned Equipment (except to the extent the damage or injury is caused by the County's gross negligence or intentional misconduct).

  Example: Council owned equipment is stored in a facility that catches fire. County would not replace this equipment.

- No coverage for Council assets (fund balances, investments, etc.)

  Example: Council Treasurer embezzles funds from Council bank account. County would not cover this theft.

- No coverage for volunteers operating outside of the scope of their duties or who engaged in the commission of a crime.

  Example: Games are cancelled due to weather and coach proceeds to practice and a participant is injured. County would not cover.

- The County will not defend volunteers in civil actions involving taxes, contracts, civil rights or claims of gross negligence.

  Example: Council employee files discrimination lawsuit against program. County would not cover.

  Second example: Volunteer working on a trail cleanup project operates equipment they are not certified for and causes an injury. County would not cover.

Also, it should be noted that certain requirements of the NC will need to be understood or in place for Volunteers to receive indemnification:

- No subletting of permits to other organizations.
- No contracts with 3rd party vendors for use of facilities without appropriate Department contracts/agreements.
- Background check requirement for all volunteers in line with County Code Section 30-3-102.
- Concussion Training requirement for all volunteers associated with youth programs in line with State Law 14-501.
- Mandatory emergency plans for each Council (template to be provided by the County)
- Councils must have internal policies for suspected/alleged child abuse reporting (wording to be provided by the County)

Finally, the Department makes the following recommendations to the NC:

- Strongly recommended that Councils seek additional Liability Insurance and Director and Officer's Insurance
- Recommend Council equipment/assets/property damage insurance
- Follow a National governing body for appropriate volunteer training

The County reserves the right to make appropriate additions to requirements necessary with appropriate notice.

## ARTICLE VI. TERM; DEFAULT; TERMINATION

A. This Agreement shall be effective when executed by the parties and shall be reviewed biannually.

B. It shall constitute an Event of Default hereunder if the NC shall fail to duly perform, comply with, or observe any of the terms, conditions, or covenants contained in this Agreement and such failure shall continue for a period of Thirty (30) days after notice thereof by the County to the NC. Notwithstanding the foregoing Thirty (30) day cure period, in the event a failure cannot reasonably be cured within Thirty (30) days, the cure period shall be extended for up to an additional Sixty (60) days so long as the NC is working in good faith toward a resolution.

C. Upon an Event of Default, and failure to cure, the County may terminate this Agreement.

D. Notwithstanding the foregoing notice and cure period, the County may terminate this Agreement immediately if the County determines in its reasonable discretion that a serious health or safety issue necessitates immediate termination hereof.

## ARTICLE VII. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

A. The NC, at its sole cost and expense, hereby agrees to comply with all present and future applicable Federal, State and local laws, rules and regulations with respect to its use of County property, and operation of its or the County's programs.

B. The NC represents and warrants to the County that it has obtained the requisite licenses and approvals from ASCAP, BMI, SESAC and all other performing rights societies necessary for the public performance of musical works in connection with its use of the Premises. The NC understands and acknowledges that the unlicensed public performance of copyrighted music violates the rights of authors, publishers, songwriters and composers thereof. Upon request, the NC shall provide the County with satisfactory evidence that it has obtained all necessary licenses and approvals. The NC shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County from any claims, charges, costs or damages, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred as a result of NC's failure to obtain the requisite licenses and approvals.

## ARTICLE VIII. NOTICES

It is agreed that all notices that are required to be given by either party hereunder may be either

personally delivered, sent by recognized receipted courier, or by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid and addressed or delivered to:

County: Baltimore County Department of Recreation & Parks
305 Washington Avenue
Towson, MD 21204
Phone: 410.887.3810
Attn: Director

NC: Lake Roland Nature Council, Inc.
6115 Falls Road, PH-1
Baltimore, Maryland 21209
Attn: Jeffrey Budnitz, Treasurer

or at such other person or address as the parties shall have furnished to the other in writing.

**ARTICLE IX. MISCELLANEOUS**

A. This Agreement shall be effective upon execution by all parties. It may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, and all of which, together, shall be deemed to constitute one and the same instrument. The transmission of a signed counterpart of this Agreement by facsimile or by portable document format ("PDF") shall have the same force and effect as delivery of an original signed counterpart of this MOU, and shall constitute valid and effective delivery for all purposes.

B. Nothing herein shall be construed as creating any personal liability on the part of any officers or agents of any party, nor shall it be construed as giving any rights or benefits hereunder to anyone other than the parties to this Agreement. This Agreement shall not be construed as, or deemed to be, an agreement for the benefit of third parties and no third parties shall have any right of action hereunder for any cause whatsoever.

C. This Agreement and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland and Baltimore County without regard to conflicts of laws. The parties' consent to the jurisdiction of and agree that venue shall be proper in the District or Circuit Court of Baltimore County, Maryland.

D. The waiver by the County of the breach of any term, covenant or condition herein shall not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent breach of such term, covenant or condition herein contained.

E. The NC agrees that it shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, disability, or age with respect to its operations or the performance of its obligations under this Agreement.

F. The NC represents and warrants that it is duly authorized to execute this Agreement and that it has taken all necessary action to authorize the execution, delivery and performance

required under the Agreement. The NC agrees to furnish promptly upon request a corporate resolution, or other appropriate documentation, evidencing the due authorization of the person executing this Agreement on behalf of the NC to enter into this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands the day and year first above written.

WITNESS:

Lake Roland Nature Council, Inc.

By: _____

Gero Verheyen
President

[*Signatures Continued on Next Page*]

WITNESS:

Lauren L. James

**BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By:

D'Andrea L. Walker
County Administrative Officer

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM AND SUFFICIENCY:
(Subject to execution by the duly authorized administrative official)

JMH 12-31-24
Assistant County Attorney
Baltimore County Office of Law
*Approval of Legal Form and Sufficiency Does Not Convey Approval or Disapproval of the Substantive Nature of This Transaction. Approval Is Based Upon Typeset Document --All Modifications Require Re-Approval.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:

Debra Shindle, Chief
Property Management

Bob F. Smith, Director
Department of Recreation and Parks

# NATURE COUNCIL ADDENDUM

**Mailing and Maintenance Yard address:**

- The Lake Roland Nature Council established the United States Postal Service street address of 1000 Lake Side Drive, Baltimore Maryland 21210 for the Nature Council. The USPS mailing address is needed for:
    - Vehicle and Equipment DMV Registrations.
    - Vehicle and Equipment Insurance.
    - Site specific grant applications and follow-on reporting.
    - Paw Point Dog Park operations and insurance.
    - Site specific general liability insurance.
- The Lake Roland Nature Council established the street address of 6103B Falls Rd. Baltimore, Maryland 21209 for the maintenance storage yard the Nature Council constructed.

**Use of Baltimore County Logo:**

- Revocable license to include Baltimore County logo on the Nature Council's Paw Point Dog Park Application to enforce/drive animal license registration and registration revenues for Baltimore County Government; provided that any use of the logo includes a disclaimer that the Nature Council is not an instrumentality of Baltimore County government (Nature Council may indicate that it is a Baltimore County recognized nature council as long as the MOU is in effect). The Nature Council shall ensure that placement of the logo on the Paw Point Dog Park Application does not give the impression to members of the public that the Nature Council is a Baltimore County government agency.
- Revocable license to include Baltimore County logo on the Nature Council's main website (www.lakeroland.org) to indicate that Lake Roland is a Baltimore County Park, not a Baltimore City Park; provided that any use of the logo includes a disclaimer that the Nature Council is not an instrumentality of Baltimore County government (Nature Council may indicate that it is a Baltimore County recognized nature council as long as the MOU is in effect). The Nature Council shall ensure that placement of the logo on its website does not give the impression to members of the public that the Nature Council is a Baltimore County government agency.
- Nature Council truck and trailer can only utilize the Baltimore County logo in conjunction with approved Nature Council activities and if the Nature Council Vehicle and General Liability Insurance names Baltimore County as a named insured.

**Use of park and Nature Council keys:**

- Nature Council will be authorized to retain the use of 1145 padlock keys for use within the park while it is open to the public or to be utilized at the direction of or with the approval of BCRP Staff, to not be unreasonably withheld.
- Nature Council volunteers must fill out appropriate BCRP Key Log for 1145 keys.
- Nature council keys have been issued to park staff for storage containers and pre-approved equipment use.

**Pre-Approved Program Activities:**

- The operation of the Paw Point Dog Park as a Nature Council Program (the Nature Council fundraised for and established the dog park).

- Memorial Bench Program, future phase locations pending Department approval (no expectation for County to maintain).
- Memorial Tree Program, future phase locations pending Department approval (no expectation for County to maintain).
- Corporate or Individual Sponsored Recycling Station Program, future phase locations pending Department approval (no expectation for County to maintain).
- Art on the Trail Program, future phase locations pending Department approval (no expectation for County to maintain).
- Recreation programs including fish habitat enhancements, future phase locations pending Department approval (no expectation for County to maintain).
- The use of Nature Council owned equipment by the Department to facilitate programming will deem the program as being a "Joint Program". Revenue share percentages between the Nature Council and the Department will be determined on a program-by-program basis when the program is deemed a "Joint Program".

**Pre-Approved Maintenance/Environmental Activities:**

- The Department and the Nature Council will work in good faith collaboration and coordination on Capital Improvement, Repair and Rehabilitation Projects. It is understood that the Nature Council has had long standing working relationships with the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA), the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), the Baltimore County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT), the Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability (DEPS), the Baltimore County Office of Law and the Property Management Division of the Office of Budget and Finance.
- Trails restoration, stabilization and stewardship. This activity includes the use of hand tools, power tools and heavy equipment depending on the task at hand, subject to County policy and in accordance with the Use of Equipment, Tools, Materials, and Supplies Agreement.
- Trail clearing, including the removal of fallen trees. This activity includes the use of hand tools, power tools and heavy equipment depending on the task at hand, subject to County policy and in accordance with the Use of Equipment, Tools, Materials, and Supplies Agreement.
- Trail grooming, including cutting back of trail overgrowth for increased patron safety, keeping trails dry and the reduction of tick contact with patrons. This activity includes the use of hand tools, power tools and heavy equipment depending on the task at hand, subject to County policy and in accordance with the Use of Equipment, Tools, Materials, and Supplies Agreement.
- Erosion control projects and site stabilization to reduce sedimentation in the lake and the Jones Falls affecting water quality, aquatic and amphibian life, subject to County policy and prior approval by Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability and in accordance with the Use of Equipment, Tools, Materials, and Supplies Agreement.
- Meadow management. This activity includes the use of heavy equipment, subject to County policy and prior approval by Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability and in accordance with the Use of Equipment, Tools, Materials, and Supplies Agreement.
- Existing equipment storage at five locations within the boundaries of Lake Roland, additional storage locations with pending departmental approval, subject to County policy

and in accordance with the Storage and Placement of Equipment, Tools, Materials, and Supplies Agreement.

- The operation of the existing equipment inventory in connection with County approved projects within the Lake Roland boundaries by certified Nature Council operators or certified park staff, subject to County policy and in accordance with the Use of Equipment, Tools, Materials, and Supplies Agreement. The equipment inventory may vary from time to time and when it does, updates will be sent to the Department in accordance with the Storage and Placement of Equipment, Tools, Materials, and Supplies Agreement.
- The operation of the Nature Council truck and trailer within the Lake Roland boundaries by certified Nature Council operators or certified park staff, subject to County policy and in accordance with the Use of Equipment, Tools, Materials, and Supplies Agreement.
- The operation of the existing equipment inventory at other nature parks during Department approved volunteer outreach events by certified Nature Council operators or certified park staff, subject to County policy and in accordance with the Use of Equipment, Tools, Materials, and Supplies Agreement. The equipment inventory may vary from time to time and when it does, updates will be sent to the Department in accordance with the Storage and Placement of Equipment, Tools, Materials, and Supplies Agreement.
- The Bare Hills Serpentine Barrens Restoration Initiative. Initiative information located here: https://www.lakeroland.org/bare-hills-serpentine-barrens/
- Nature Center Landscape Design Plan Initiative. Initiative information located here: https://www.lakeroland.org/nature-center-landscape-design-plan/
- Environmental restoration and site stabilization including invasive plant matter management, invasive plant matter removal, understory restoration and native seed bank restoration and re-establishment, provided the Nature Council obtains the County's prior approval.
- Historical Preservation including, but not limited to, archeology, preservation, curation and documentation.
- Repairs when the Department is unable to perform in a timely manner and the issue at hand poses a risk to park patrons, provided the Nature Council obtains prior approval from the Director or their designee.
- Fence and gate repairs, provided the Nature Council obtains prior approval from the Director or their designee.
- Weather Station and Lightning Alert Station. OIT approved and provide the data connection. The OIT park data package included several unused IP addresses, OIT assigned the Nature Council an unused IP address for the weather station and lightening alert system.
- Nature Council installed Bike Repair Station.
- Garden Club support.
- Eagle Scout project support provided the NC obtains the County's prior approval via the Park and Facility Improvement Process.