MEMORANDUM

DATE:	July 14, 2020
TO:	The Board of Supervisors
FROM:	Carla T. Brittle, Centers Administrator of Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT:	Contract to Purchase Brickyard Landing Park Land

At the June 9, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board unanimously voted to accept a \$687,500 grant from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation for the purchase of property for the creation of Brickyard Landing Park.

The 50:50 matching grant was awarded for the purchase of 119 acres of private property on the Chickahominy River on Brickyard Road. Currently, the County owns and operates 0.33 acres in the center of the site, known as Brickyard Landing, which includes an access road, boat ramp, and parking for approximately six cars. The purchase of this additional property will be used to create a passive park and adequate parking to support citizen access to the Chickahominy River.

County staff has negotiated a purchase option from the landowner for the property for an appraisal supported value of \$1,375,000. Once the property is purchased, a reimbursement for \$687,500 will be filed with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. Per the grant requirements, acceptance of funds requires the County to hold the land in perpetuity for recreational use.

Staff recommends approval of the attached resolution to authorize the purchase of property as described above.

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Attachment