

Harvest Foundation grant to support Smith River Sports Complex access road improvement
Project will improve the access road to the lower field

Martinsville, VA (March 4, 2013) – The Harvest Foundation has approved a Pick Up the Pace! grant to Henry County Parks and Recreation to improve the access road to the lower field at the Smith River Sports Complex River Access Point. The \$10,000 grant will support 53% of the cost for grading to be done to the ramp and reworking the entrance to allow for a more smooth ebb and flow of traffic.

“This access road is used by people using the river access point and is the entrance to the festival grounds for Smith River Fest,” said Roger Adams, Henry County Parks and Recreation Director. “The current access road is very steep and is a safety issue for vehicles and pedestrians. Last year, during Smith River Fest, there were several instances where vehicles almost crashed into each other because they could not stop on the rocks coming down the hill.”

“It is a pleasure to partner with Henry County Parks and Recreation on a project that will allow for increased use of the river access at the Smith River Sports Complex, as well as providing a place to host additional festivals and special events,” said Nancy Cox, Harvest Foundation Director of Programs. “Growing current events and adding new ones increases the quality of life for local residents and brings tourism dollars into our community.”

The Pick Up the Pace! small grants program is designed to engage more people and organizations in the transformation of Martinsville and Henry County. The goal is to encourage everyone to “pick up the pace” to make this a community of choice.

The Harvest Foundation researches and responsibly invests in programs and initiatives to address local challenges in health, education, and community vitality. The Harvest Foundation is dedicated to making Martinsville / Henry County the residence of choice by enhancing opportunities and quality of life for all its citizens. The Harvest Foundation was established in 2002 from the sale of the Memorial Hospital of Martinsville & Henry County. For more information, please go to <http://www.theharvestfoundation.org>

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