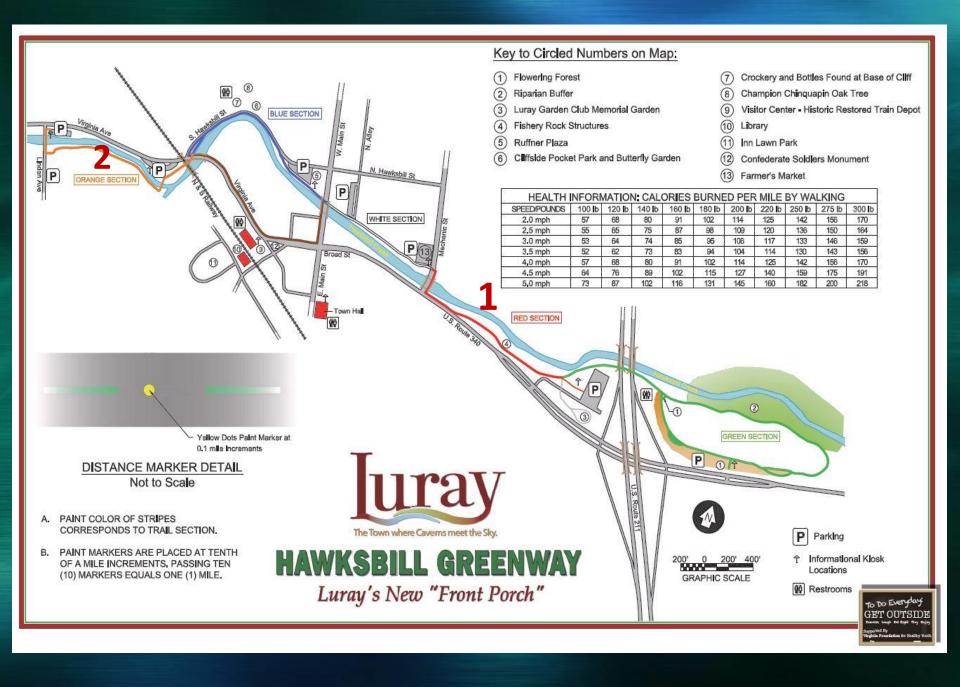
Hawksbill Greenway

For our Disabled & Wounded Warriors

A Proposal for Fishing Platforms







COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Robert W. Duncan

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Dear Dr. Heard,

Molly J. Ward

Secretary of Natural Resources

The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries is supportive of improving handicapped angler access to streams and reservoirs across the commonwealth. While there are ample handicapped assessable docks and fishing piers located on reservoirs, these facilities are rare on flowing streams. Over a decade ago VDGIF partnered with the United States Forest Service to construct multiple wheelchair accessible fishing piers along Whitetop Laurel Creek in Southwest Virginia. These piers are located within the Jefferson National Forest, and are adjacent to the Virginia Creeper Hiking/Biking Trail. Whitetop Laurel Creek in that area is also one of the Department's stocked trout streams. These fishing piers have been very popular with anglers visiting Whitetop Laurel Creek. The piers are constructed of treated lumber and secured to the stream bank with metal anchors and poured concrete. Anchors were drilled into the bedrock along the stream bank. Each pier hangs slightly over the edge of the stream channel and is elevated only a few feet from the surface of the stream. These structures are in the immediate flood plain and have been subject to high water many times. They were developed and positioned to withstand high water and have required minimal maintenance since construction.

I recently met with you and Ken Beyer of the Hawksbill Greenway Foundation and you asked for recommendations for the best locations to place handicapped fishing piers on Hawksbill Creek along the greenway in Luray. I selected four different locations that would all be well suited for fishing piers. All locations were easily accessible from the greenway trail and parking areas. The reach of Hawksbill Creek that runs along the length of the greenway is an excellent stream for angling. Hawksbill Creek has good year-round flows, an abundant warm water fish population, and is stocked with trout by VDGIF eight times from October 1 through June 1. It is one of the most popular recreational fishing destinations in Page County. VDGIF highly endorses the construction of these handicapped assessable fishing piers and would be happy to partner with other sponsors of this project. VDGIF would also be willing to contribute funding to the project.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at our office in Verona.







Our landscape is gentle and more suited to platforms or decks which transition from smooth walkways to a design similar to this platform.



Proposed Sites for Fishing Platforms Along the Hawksbill Greenway





Did You Know?

The creek is stocked 10 times a year from October –May.

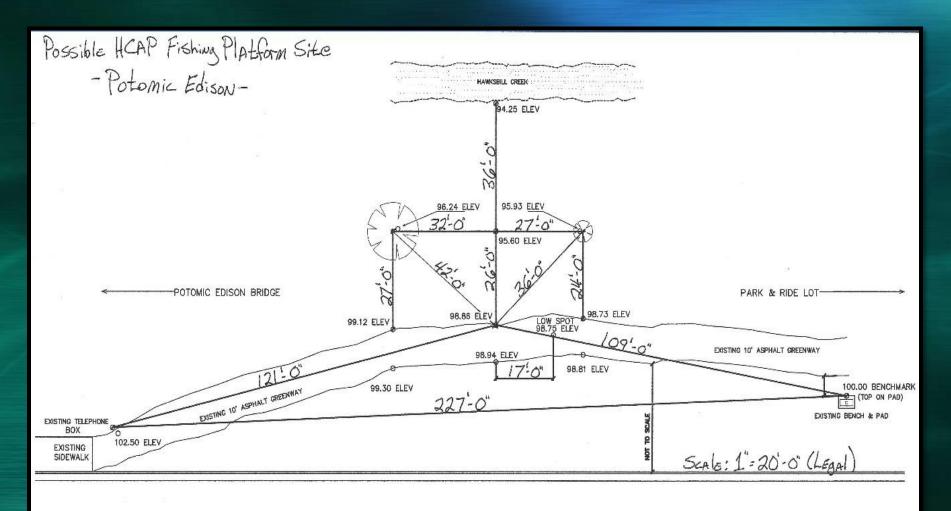
The average amount of rainbow trout is 730 or more than 3 tons a season!







Looking at Mechanic Street Bridge from proposed location



US ROUTE 340



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Possible HCAP Fishing Platform Sites - South GREENWAY ROUTE US HWY 340 96.25 ELEV 95.85 ELEV 95.93 ELEV 98.65 ELEV OSCAR SOURS BRIDGE FOOT BRIDGE-Start of curve 100.35 ELEV 99.51 ELEV 99.92 ELEV SIE # SITE #2 98.75 ELEV EX 10' ASPHALT GREENWAY 100.00 BENCHMARK SITE 3 99.53 ELEV 100.47 ELEV 98.78 ELEV 55-0" 42'-0" 30'-0" 33-0" 40'-0" 75'-0" 70'-0"

200:0"

SCALE: 1" = 20'-0"

Any Questions?

Thank You!



Luray's New Front Porch
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