## ROANOKE RAPIDS AND GASTON RECREATION PLAN FERC PROJECT NUMBER 2005 APPENDIX 2

## **Downstream Camping Platform**

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Dear Cindy:

On behalf of Dominion and the Dominion Foundation, I am pleased to enclose a \$10,000 check representing fulfillment of the company's pledge to Roanoke River Partners in support of its efforts to build and manage the Roanoke River Paddle Trail.

If your staff has questions about the grant, publicity or logo use, they should contact Michael A. Thompson, Manager-State Government Affairs for North Carolina, at (919) 418-1642. Please note that the company should be listed simply as "Dominion" in any brochures or publicity.

Missyal! well!

Best wishes for continued success.

Cordially,

William C. Hall, Jr.

Enclosure

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## **New** *Tillery* **Campsite Offers Additional Amenities**



A new campsite next to the historic Tillery community in Halifax County offers some great new camping options for paddlers as well as other campers.

Along with a spectacular view of the Roanoke from high atop a bluff, the new site features:

- both sheltered and open platforms,
- steps and multi-level docks, accommodating variations in river height
- a fire ring (allowing open fires),
- dry land surrounding the site (allowing larger groups to spread out additional tents)
- road access, and
- a cultural addition through the site's proximity to the community of Tillery. (More below.)
- a fantastic view of the Roanoke



A roofed and screened platform on the wooded bluff provides shelter from the elements and insects while offering a stunning view of the river below. Next to it, an open deck gives campers a clear view of the stars above. Dry land around the structures lets larger groups spread out more tents. A covered privy is set off from the other structures and offers its own beautiful views of the river. (Contemplation can happen anywhere!)

A fire ring at Tillery allows campers to build open fires—a first for RRP platforms. Multiple docks along a series of steps give paddlers options for large variations in river levels that can occur in this area. The site can be accessed by land from a farm road, as well.

Nearby, you'll find the town of <u>Tillery</u>. Many of its residents are descendants of this 1940s New Deal African-American resettlement community. You can visit The Tillery History House to learn more about the families who settled here and their work to bring about the best for their community. Click on the underlined link above to visit their web site, or call 252-826-3244 for more information about the community.

The Tillery campsite is 15 miles downstream from the Weldon N.C. Wildlife Access, and 15 miles upstream from the U.S. 258 N.C. Wildlife Access.

Tillery offers new options for multiple-day paddle trips as well as expanded space for group paddlers, and new opportunities for riverside camping to non-paddlers, too! And it's beautiful! What more can you ask?

This is Halifax County's first RRP site with more to come later. Keep an eye on the progress as you plan your trips on the Roanoke!