The goal of the Clinch River State Park Action Group is to create a state park sited within Tazewell, Russell, Wise, and/or Scott Counties in order to provide for public recreation and education along the Clinch River while protecting its sensitive and internationally significant biological diversity.

Given the enormous potential for the region to become an attractive eco-tourism destination, the Clinch River State Park Action Group is seeking to build and support a tourism infrastructure by establishing a new state park along the Clinch River.

Establishing a new state park will require several actions, including identifying funding sources as well as conducting a feasibility study and economic benefit analysis. Based on input from localities and the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, plans for a state park will include at least one large park property on the Clinch River managed by DCR State Parks complemented by multiple public river access points upstream and downstream of the hub property managed by other partners.

### Completed Actions and Recent Successes

- **Fall 2017:** The Action Group is working to obtain new anchor properties in Russell, Wise, and Scott County.

- **Spring 2016:** An economic analysis for the State Park is created by Chmura, and is available on the website www.clinchriverva.com.

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**Ongoing and Future Actions**

A. Site Selection: Reach out to local delegates, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), and local property owners to find suitable sites. Conduct a suitability analysis to select the sites.

B. Pursue multi-tract funding strategy.

C. Receive funding to purchase anchor properties.

D. Purchase properties and create the Clinch River State Park.

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