



# VIRGINIA SALTWATER RECREATIONAL FISHING DEVELOPMENT FUND

## SUMMARY PROJECT APPLICATION

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**NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:**

Town of Smithfield  
 P. O. Box 246  
 Smithfield, Virginia 23431

**PROJECT LEADER (name, phone, email):**

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 Town Manager  
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**DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF EVENT:**

Clontz Park Boat Ramp

**PROJECT LOCATION:**

Clontz Park  
 400 North Church Street  
 Smithfield, VA 23430

**BRIEF PROJECT SUMMARY: (include a detailed description of activity as an attachment)**

Clontz Park is located off of North Church Street on the northern banks of the Pagan River. The Town of Smithfield requests funding from the Recreational Fishing and Advisory Board (RFAB) of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) for the construction of a publically accessible, double boat ramp for its saltwater fishing residents and visitors. Smithfield Foods has agreed to donate the park property to the Town for the purpose of constructing the boat ramp. The Town specifically requests funding to cover the cost for the design and construction of a double boat ramp, access driveway and parking. The park currently has accessible fishing pier, gazebo, riverfront boardwalk, picnic tables and expansive lawn area open to the public, and is maintained by the town under a License Agreement with Smithfield Foods.

**EXPECTED BENEFITS: (Describe how your project directly benefits the average Virginia recreational angler)**

The Clontz Park boat ramp will serve as the Town’s first publicly accessible access to the Pagan River providing greater saltwater recreational fishing opportunities for the Town’s residents and visitors. Access to the Pagan River will play an important role in the local economy through additional tourism revenue which will result in additional saltwater fishing licenses purchased annually. The addition of the boat ramp will enhance the use of the existing fishing pier and adjacent park facilities.

**SUMMARY COSTS: (Please attach a detailed budget including all sources of recipient funding)**

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<b>Requested VMRC Funding:</b>	\$253,815
<b>Recipient Funding:</b>	\$300,900 (Assessed Land Value)
<b>Total Costs:</b>	<b>\$554,715</b>

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## **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY**

Currently there is a lack of available public water motorized boat access in the Town of Smithfield. The Town of Smithfield and Smithfield Foods, Inc. have agreed to pursue development of a boating access facility on the Pagan River. Smithfield Foods owns the property known as Clontz Park and the Town currently operates and maintains the park. **Clontz Park** is located off of North Church Street on the northern banks of the Pagan River. This quiet little hideaway park boasts a premier view of the Pagan River. The site includes a gazebo, boardwalk, picnic tables, fishing pier and expansive lawn. The park is named after noted artist, Robert S. Clontz, a longtime resident of Smithfield.

Currently the population of Isle of Wight County and the Town of Smithfield are 36,007 and 8,220 respectively. Out of this population there are currently 1,647 saltwater fishing license holders. (Complete license holder information for FY 15 are included below) It is anticipated the primary users of this boat ramp will be local to these areas, however, due to the limited facilities in Surry County (304 license holders), we anticipate license holders from this adjacent area to use the boat ramp as well.

Jones Creek currently serves as an overflow for the existing boat ramp in Newport News (5,746 license holders) and anglers from surrounding areas such as Suffolk (2,419 license holders) and North Carolina will travel there for access to fish the James River. However, the extensive mud flat on Jones Creek between the existing public boat launch and the Battery Park/Rescue Bridge continues to be filled with sediment. There are no plans for any entities to perform dredging of this noted problem area in the foreseeable future. The Pagan River on the other hand provides unhindered access to deep water which is becoming a scarcity in the area. Currently within the town limits there is only one small shoal (Bob Shoal) and the Pagan River channel remains on the Army Corps of Engineers maintenance list all the way into the Smithfield Foods Corporate Headquarters on Commerce Street. There is deep water from there to Clontz Park, where there is an established No Wake Zone for enhancement of safety. Thus a Clontz Park boat ramp will provide a better, well utilized long term alternative for boaters than the singular dependence on Jones Creek.

Smithfield Foods has agreed to donate the park property to the Town for the purpose of enhancing the existing fishing opportunities on the Pagan River and waterways beyond by adding a dual access boat ramp and adequate parking. This project will consist of engineering design and construction of the following components:

- Double access boat ramp
- Access Driveway from North Church Street
- Parking for 28 vehicles/boat trailers
- Site lighting and landscaping

- Stormwater management

The Town of Smithfield would own, operate and maintain the boat ramp and facilities.

**Proposed Schedule**

November 2015 – Award of RFAB Grant

November 2015 - February 2016 – Design and permitting of boat ramp facility

March 2016 – Advertise for Construction

April 2016 – June 2016 – Construction of boat ramp facility

July 2016 – Open for public use

**DETAILED BUDGET**

<b>Smithfield Boat Ramp</b>				
<b>Cost Estimate</b>				
Item	Quantity	Unit	Cost	Total
<b>Construction Costs</b>				
Parking Lot (VDOT 21-A)	17,600	SF	\$ 1.90	\$ 33,440
Road (VDOT 21-A)	20,500	SF	\$ 2.75	\$ 56,375
Boat Ramp	2	LS	\$ 25,000	\$ 50,000
Pier	1	LS	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
Construction Administration	1	LS	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
	<b>Construction Cost Total</b>			<b>\$ 219,815</b>
<b>Design Costs</b>				
Site Survey	1	LS	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Geotechnical Investigation	1	LS	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,000
Civil Site Design	1	LS	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
	<b>Design Cost Total</b>			<b>\$ 34,000</b>
	<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 253,815</b>

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## SALWATER FISHING LICENSE DATA

(SOURCE – VMRC)

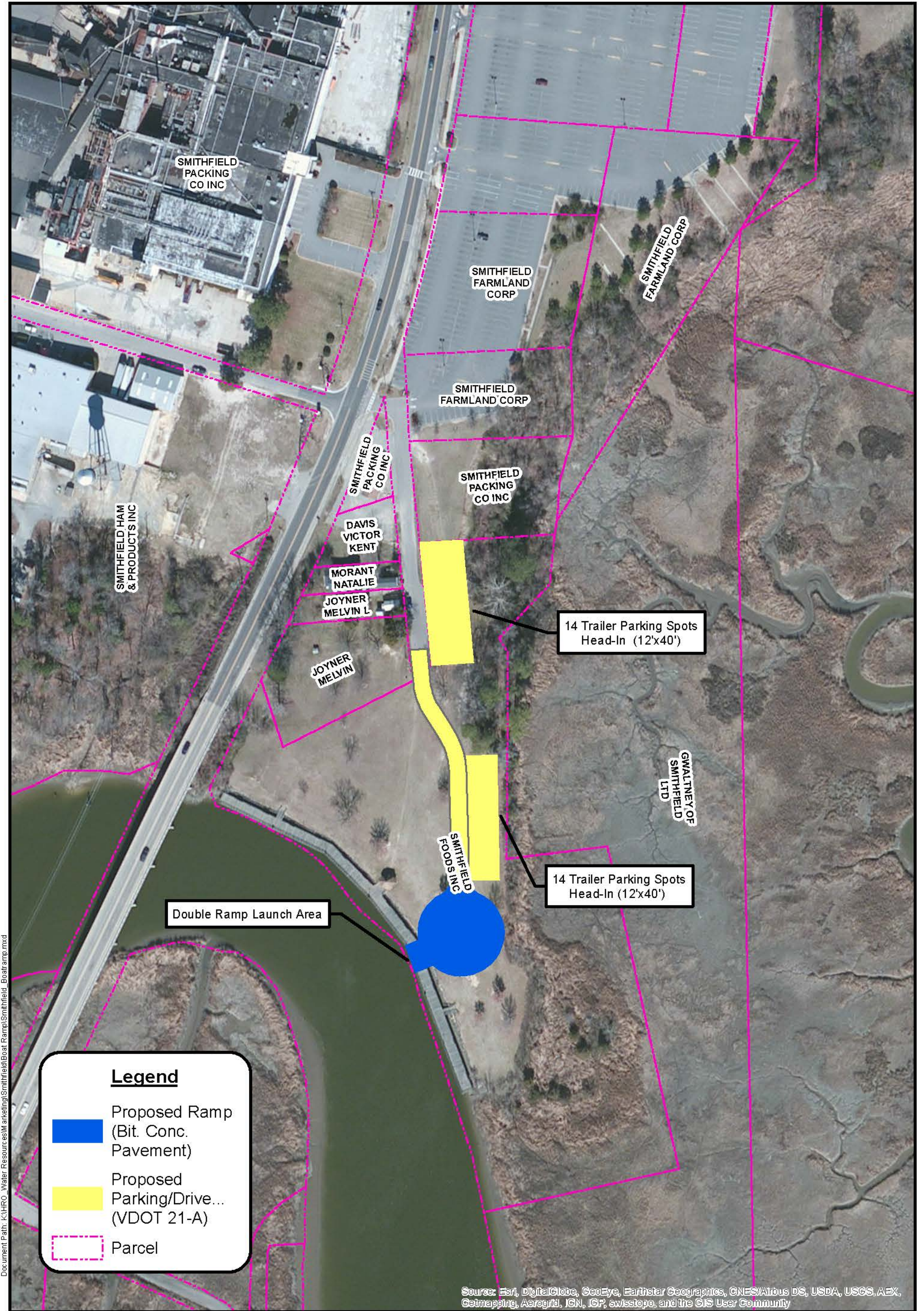
Sold Number			Fiscal Year
FIPS	County	License	2014
093	Isle of Wight County	611 - Resident Individual Saltwater Fishing	739
		612 - Non-Resident Individual Saltwater Fishing	2
		613 - Resident 10-Day Saltwater Fishing	26
		614 - Non-Resident 10-Day Saltwater Fishing	2
		615 - Resident Saltwater Boat Sport Fishing	412
		651 - Saltwater Recreational Use Fish Cast Net	3
		653 - Saltwater Recreational Use Five Crab Pots	7
		654 - Saltwater Recreational Use Crab Trotline	1
		656 - Saltwater Recreational Use 300 Ft Gill Net	5
		657 - Saltwater Recreational Use Two Eel Pots	
		701 - Resident State Fresh/Saltwater Fishing	440
		703 - Resident 5-Day Fresh/Saltwater Fishing	1
		715 - Resident Tidal Boat Sport Fishing	9
<b>Isle of Wight County Total</b>			<b>1,647</b>
<b>093 Total</b>			<b>1,647</b>
181	Surry County	611 - Resident Individual Saltwater Fishing	122
		613 - Resident 10-Day Saltwater Fishing	6
		615 - Resident Saltwater Boat Sport Fishing	62
		651 - Saltwater Recreational Use Fish Cast Net	
		653 - Saltwater Recreational Use Five Crab Pots	1
		654 - Saltwater Recreational Use Crab Trotline	2
		656 - Saltwater Recreational Use 300 Ft Gill Net	
		701 - Resident State Fresh/Saltwater Fishing	110
		702 - Non-Resident State Fresh/Saltwater Fishing	
715 - Resident Tidal Boat Sport Fishing	1		
<b>Surry County Total</b>			<b>304</b>
<b>181 Total</b>			<b>304</b>
700	City of Newport News	611 - Resident Individual Saltwater Fishing	3,569
		612 - Non-Resident Individual Saltwater Fishing	27
		613 - Resident 10-Day Saltwater Fishing	122
		614 - Non-Resident 10-Day Saltwater Fishing	4
		615 - Resident Saltwater Boat Sport Fishing	562
		651 - Saltwater Recreational Use Fish Cast Net	5
		652 - Saltwater Recreational Use Fish Dip Net	1
		653 - Saltwater Recreational Use Five Crab Pots	5

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	654 - Saltwater Recreational Use Crab Trotline	7
	656 - Saltwater Recreational Use 300 Ft Gill Net	9
	701 - Resident State Fresh/Saltwater Fishing	1,421
	703 - Resident 5-Day Fresh/Saltwater Fishing	2
	704 - Non-Resident 5-Day Fresh/Saltwater Fishing	1
	715 - Resident Tidal Boat Sport Fishing	11
<b>City of Newport News Total</b>		<b>5,746</b>
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<b>700 Total</b>		<b>5,746</b>
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<b>800</b>	<b>City of Suffolk</b>	
	611 - Resident Individual Saltwater Fishing	1,090
	613 - Resident 10-Day Saltwater Fishing	84
	614 - Non-Resident 10-Day Saltwater Fishing	2
	615 - Resident Saltwater Boat Sport Fishing	531
	651 - Saltwater Recreational Use Fish Cast Net	5
	652 - Saltwater Recreational Use Fish Dip Net	1
	653 - Saltwater Recreational Use Five Crab Pots	14
	654 - Saltwater Recreational Use Crab Trotline	3
	656 - Saltwater Recreational Use 300 Ft Gill Net	23
	657 - Saltwater Recreational Use Two Eel Pots	1
	701 - Resident State Fresh/Saltwater Fishing	660
	702 - Non-Resident State Fresh/Saltwater Fishing	1
	715 - Resident Tidal Boat Sport Fishing	4
<b>City of Suffolk Total</b>		<b>2,419</b>
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<b>800 Total</b>		<b>2,419</b>
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<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>10,116</b>

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**Legend**

- Proposed Ramp (Bit. Conc. Pavement)
- Proposed Parking/Drive... (VDOT 21-A)
- Parcel

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