

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1993 SESSION

CHAPTER 663
SENATE BILL 1663

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF THIRTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS OF STATE PARKS BONDS OR NOTES AND TO APPROPRIATE THE PROCEEDS OF THESE BONDS AND NOTES FOR SPECIFIC STATE PARKS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND LAND ACQUISITION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. **Legislative authorization to issue bonds.** – In accordance with the requirements of Section 6(d) of Chapter 542 of the 1993 Session Laws (the "Bond Act"), the General Assembly hereby authorizes the issuance of thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000) State Parks Bonds authorized by the Bond Act and approved by the qualified voters of the State who voted on the question the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November 1993. The proceeds of State Parks Bonds and notes, including premium thereon, if any, except the proceeds of bonds the issuance of which has been anticipated by bond anticipation notes or the proceeds of refunding bonds or notes, shall be placed by the State Treasurer in a special fund to be designated "1994 State Parks Bonds Fund" and shall be disbursed as provided in this act.

Sec. 2. **Appropriation of bond proceeds.** – In accordance with the requirements of Section 6(d) of the Bond Act, the General Assembly hereby appropriates the proceeds of the thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000) State Parks Bonds and notes for specific projects as provided in this act and subject to change as provided in this act. The proceeds of State Parks Bonds and notes shall be used for the purpose of paying the cost of capital improvements for new and existing State parks and recreation areas including, without limitation, land acquisition and the repair, renovation, and construction of visitors' centers, parking lots and access roads, dams, picnic areas, ranger residences, tent and trailer campsites, boat and canoe launching areas, rental cabins, boathouses, swimming facilities, trails, exhibits, storage buildings, water and wastewater systems, electrical systems, and underground fuel tanks. No more than thirty percent (30%) of the proceeds of the State Parks Bonds and notes, however, may be used for land acquisition.

Any additional moneys which may be received by means of a grant or grants from the United States of America or any agency or department thereof or from any other source for deposit to the State Parks Bonds Fund may be placed in the State Parks Bonds Fund or in a separate account or fund and shall be disbursed, to the extent permitted by the terms of the grant or grants, without regard to any limitations imposed by this act.

The proceeds of bonds and notes may be used with any other moneys made available by the General Assembly for the cost of State parks and recreation facilities including the proceeds of any other State bond issues, whether heretofore made available or which may be made available at the session of the General Assembly at which this act is ratified or any subsequent sessions. The proceeds of bonds and notes shall be expended and disbursed under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Budget. The funds provided by this act shall be disbursed for the purposes provided in this act upon warrants drawn on the State Treasurer by the State Controller, which warrants shall not be drawn until requisition has been approved by the Director of the Budget and which requisition shall be approved only after full compliance with the Executive Budget Act, Article 1 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes.

Sec. 3. **Allocations of funds for specific projects.** – The proceeds of thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000) State Parks Bonds and notes shall be allocated and expended for paying the cost of State parks capital improvements, to the extent and as provided in this act and subject to change as provided in this act, as follows:

PARK	PROJECT	ALLOCATION
Carolina Beach State Park	Visitor Center	\$ 1,236,200
Cliffs of the Neuse State Park	Park Office	150,000
	Bathhouse and	
	Concessions Building	562,200
Crowders Mountain State Park	Visitor Center	1,470,600
Duke Power State Park	Community Building	332,500
Eno River State Park	Picnic Area Improvements,	
	Cole Mill Road	145,000
Fort Fisher State Recreation Area	Visitor Contact Station	329,300
Fort Macon State Park	Fort Restoration -	
	Phase I	879,500
	Design Funds for	
	Visitor Center	110,000
Goose Creek State Park	Visitor Center for	
	Environmental Education	
	Center	1,618,100
Hammocks Beach State Park	Maintenance Area	
	Improvements	118,400
Hanging Rock State Park	Visitor Center	1,799,400
Jockey's Ridge State Park	Concession Building	434,900
	Visitor Center	446,200
Jones Lake State Park	Water, Electric, and	
	Sewer Repair	146,500
Kerr Lake State Recreation Area	Development at	
	Kerr Lake	4,000,000
Lake James State Park	Maintenance Building	156,600
Lake Waccamaw State Park	Visitor Center	1,362,800
	Weir Control Structure	15,000

Lumber River State Park	Development at Princess Ann	1,013,000
Medoc Mountain State Park	Park Office, Campground, Maintenance Buildings	1,486,700
Merchants Millpond State Park	Picnic Area	306,400
Morrow Mountain State Park	Maintenance Area Improvements	357,600
	Campground Improvements	817,489
Mount Jefferson State Park	Picnic Shelter	95,800
Mount Mitchell State Park	Handicap Access	277,100
	Capital Projects and Renovations	216,800
New River State Park	Development at Site #3	450,000
Pettigrew State Park	West End Access Development	90,600
Pilot Mountain State Park	Sewer, Electric, Telephone, and Lake Study	246,800
Raven Rock State Park	Composting Toilets and Utility Repair	169,800
	Maintenance Complex	399,600
South Mountains State Park	Horse Camp Trailer Parking	163,900
	Picnic Shelters (2)	171,100
Stone Mountain State Park	Picnic Area	811,400
Waynesborough State Park	Grounds Improvement and Storage Building	95,776
Weymouth Woods State Nature Preserve	Exhibit Renovation	90,735
William B. Umstead State Park	Visitor Center	1,526,200
Statewide	Trailwork	400,000
	SUBTOTAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 24,500,000
Bushy Lake State Natural Area	Land Acquisition	220,000
Crowders Mountain State Park	Land Acquisition	235,000
Duke Power State Park	Land Acquisition	415,000
Eno River State Park	Land Acquisition	2,350,000
Goose Creek State Park	Land Acquisition	55,000
Hammocks Beach State Park	Land Acquisition	275,000
Hanging Rock State Park	Land Acquisition	545,000
Jockey's Ridge State Park	Land Acquisition	275,000
Lake James State Park	Land Acquisition	77,000
Lumber River State Park	Land Acquisition	1,093,000
Medoc Mountain State Park	Land Acquisition	465,000
Merchants Millpond State Park	Land Acquisition	700,000
Morrow Mountain State Park	Land Acquisition	275,000

Mount Mitchell State Park	Land Acquisition	350,000
New River State Park	Land Acquisition	550,000
Raven Rock State Park	Land Acquisition	440,000
South Mountains State Park	Land Acquisition	1,090,000
Stone Mountain State Park	Land Acquisition	<u>1,090,000</u>
SUBTOTAL LAND ACQUISITION		<u>10,500,000</u>
GRAND TOTAL		\$ 35,000,000

Projected allocations set forth above may be adjusted to reflect the availability of other funds.

The Director of the Budget is empowered, when the Director of the Budget determines it is in the best interest of the State and the North Carolina State Parks System to do so, and if the cost of a particular project is less than the projected allocation, to use the excess funds to increase the size of that project or increase the size of any other project itemized in this section, or to increase the amount allocated to a particular State park or recreation area within the aggregate amount of funds available under this section. The Director of the Budget may consult with the Advisory Budget Commission and the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations before making these changes. In addition, the particular capital improvements and the amount of the projected allocation therefor set forth above may be changed from time to time as the General Assembly may decide.

Allocations to the costs of a capital improvement or undertaking in each case may include allocations to pay the costs set forth in Section 3(4)c., d., e., f., and g. of the Bond Act in connection with the issuance of bonds for that capital improvement or undertaking.

Sec. 4. The Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources shall provide quarterly reports to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and the Chairs of the Senate and House of Representatives Appropriations Committees, and the Fiscal Research Division on the expenditure of moneys from the 1993 State Parks Bonds Fund.

Sec. 5. **Effective date.** – This act becomes effective 1 July 1994.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 5th day of July, 1994.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives